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HSE's cut and paste reply rejected

Cllr. Michael McBride has rejected correspondence from the HSE which he says has failed to inform residents of Kilmacrennan and Churchill why the health centres have remained closed without any public consultation.

A petition carried out locally had 1,000 signatures reflecting the level of concern about the GP services that were available for over seventy years.

He said that at the end of January, the health centre in Kilmacrennan closed and all the while, the HSE continues to exclude the public and their representative from knowing the facts. The Churchill GP service has not operated since the pandemic.

Following the public meetings prior to Easter, Cllr. McBride wrote to the HSE seeking responses which he had hoped to convey to public meet-

ings in the village and in Churchill.

The bullet points of queries from Michael McBride were clear and unmistakable. Imagine his shock on receiving what he calls 'a cut and paste' reply. It totally ignored each point and instead headed off on a public relations tangent of positivity that failed the community in its response. If this is the best that the HSE can deliver to rural Donegal it's

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Funding for Mevagh projects may be lost : claims

As major concerns arise over lack of progress on the Carrigart-Downings Greenway and the delays over the installation of a new pontoon at Mevagh Pier - community spokespeople have told the Tribune, they fear that these projects may be lost because of undue delays.



The new Mevagh pontoon - two years on dry land.

We are told that the 2.6kms Carrigart-Downings Walkway has been in the pipeline for over ten years, yet there is no sign of any work on the ground and amid growing concern that it seems to have fall-

en off the political radar.

Sources using Mevagh Pier say the new pontoon was delivered for installation over two years and it remains on dry land: locally there are few answers for these de-

lays.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Charlie McConalogue visited the site two years ago to discuss ongoing works on the project for which funding of €150,000 was an-

nounced by the Minister in 2021.

McConalogue said, "I was delighted to secure €150k last year [2001] for pontoons at the pier. It was great to meet with the Mevagh Boatyard team again

too and to see first hand their current work on the Arranmore Ferry which is an integral amenity for the island community."

It is understood that the new pontoon is being placed on a location that was the subject of reclamation works and as such it may not be on the marine map required.

The proposed development is a floating pontoon and associated tide-leveling gangway and access within a working harbour. The development as such will

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Euro MEP Maria Walsh pictured on a visit to Letterkenny on Wednesday with Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and Martina McGinty, manager Cara House.

Diagnostics funded service to GPs cut

This week the HSE has issued a notice to GPs advising them that diagnostics funded under the GP Direct Access Scheme have been significantly reduced.

It is reported that all X-rays and DXA scans previously available for GPs to access for their patients have been cancelled and will no longer be available via Affidea.

As a result, patients will either have to attend the emergency department or wait for an X-ray on the public system which can take up to two weeks. (see page 35)

MAG anger about delayed report

This week the Donegal Mica Group has written to Darragh O'Brien Minister for Housing and Geraldine Larkin CEO of NSAI to ask if they are deliberately withholding critical information from the public with regard to undeniable research results into the defective concrete issue, and why they have failed to act given they have been party to such clear information for months. (see page 35)

New owners for Archview Lodge

After 23 years as the operators of the Archview Lodge Nursing Home in Letterkenny, Majella and P.J. Sweeney has confirmed that the 30-bed unit is set to have new owners. The Sweeney's will remain on for a transitional period to assist the new owners father and son Garry and Luke Gavigan of Riada Care who acquired the Hillcrest Nursing on Letterkenny's Long Lane last year. The Sweeney's were informed about the change that will be coming," Mr Sweeney said.

will continue to be a family run operation.

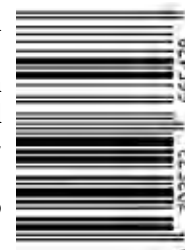
"We took over Archview in August 2001. It's been a good journey looking after so many people and families. We will be staying on for a while to help with the transition which is good for the residents and their families and also the staff. That is something that Majella and myself are very happy about. Last week all P.J. and Majella Sweeney were informed about the change that will be coming," Mr Sweeney said.

May Eve at Doon Well

The annual May Eve celebrations will be held this year on Tuesday the 30th of April at Doon Well.

People are invited to gather at Termon Church at 11pm for the hour long walk to the Well where the Rosary will be recited at 12 midnight.

Everyone is invited to come along and keep the tradition alive.



Jubilation for Ramelton's Jason McCahill after winning Glór Tíre on TG4 on Tuesday night.

See Page 2.

Glór Tíre glory for Ramelton's Jason

Ramelton's Jason McCahill put on a winning performance to be crowned the 2024 TG4 Glór Tíre champion on Tuesday night.

by Eamonn McFadden

He claimed the title after performing The Dublin City Ramblers classic "The Ferryman" and after a tense wait for all the contestants a clearly delighted Jason was named as this year's series winner.

His historic victory makes him the 20th Glór Tíre winner.

Speaking on his way home from Galway on Wednesday, Jason said he was bowled over with the strong support that he had in recent weeks that saw him top the voting poll twice in successive weeks.

He said his victory still hadn't sunk in as he headed homewards but he was looking forward to joining all his family and friends for a celebration.

He stated: "To be honest I was very, very shocked. I know I said beforehand that to get on the show itself was a win for me and after last week I thought that was my win when I got voted into the final. I couldn't have dreamed or imagined that I'd be sitting here today as the winner of the full thing. It's just surreal."

He added: "The show was all about the votes in the end and really it's the people that won it for me. I'll be in their debt for a long, long time and can't thank them all enough for all the support. It means so much."

Jason proved a big hit throughout the series for his sense of fun as well as his singing talent that he brought to each of his performances in the early rounds and live events.

Presenter, Aoife Ní Thuairisg, even demanded that the man "with the floating hips" teach her the now famous 'JC Wiggle', which he said had to be studied closely during his performance as many people would "pay good money" to learn his patented move!

He said he told the presenter he was very grateful for all the support he received, particularly last week when he faced an elimination round in the semi final, but added that he was hoping for one final push of support for his final performance.

"I'm so glad to be in the final after last week and I thank everyone at home and hopefully I'll come through this week too, but I'll give it a good bash and give a good account of myself".

The fans were clearly listening and to round off the 20th season of the popular show, as is tradition he was invited back on stage one final time



Jason McCahill with presenter, Aoife Ní Thuairisg and Claudia Buckley after the announcement.

to perform again before an audience that contained a large number of family, friends and supporters including his parents, Paul and Brenda, grandmother Rose, brother Corey and his girlfriend Shannon; sister Tanya and her husband John; aunt Bernadette Patterson; uncle Anthony; friends Gwen Hunter, Linda and Frances Boyce and Grainne Gallagher.

His mentor Claudia Buckley said he was great to work with throughout the series and he was "the best in the world" who had the "great county of Donegal behind him".

Fellow finalist, Dunfanaghy's Chelsea Evans, said she spent the week before the final performing in the local community in the run up to the event.

She told the audience the Glór Tíre show was a wonderful experience and as it was her final performance she decided to sign the opening bars of her chosen song, Bring on the Good Times, as Gaeilge to connect with the many Irish speakers watching the show.

Her mentor Jim Devine said she was a great person who was "immensely talented".

He said he advised her to sing a song that she was comfortable performing as well as meaning

something to her.

Chelsea said after much soul searching she was happy with the song choice and she had the audience up dancing and clapping along.

She stated: "The week has flown in and I can't believe I made it to the final. I spent the weekend going around the local community and singing for everyone in the schools and nursing homes. All the support I have received has just been second to none, so no matter what way the voting goes I already feel like a winner because I definitely have fantastic support".

Like Jason, Chelsea has also won a new legion of fans following her strong performance throughout the series.

Ards Friary tree planting

The Capuchin Franciscans of Ireland and the team at Ards Friary have a special tree planting ceremony on Friday, May 3rd 12-2pm. It's the planting of Irish trees in their new sanctuary woodland.

LIS funding welcomed

News of a funding allocation of €2.6million for the Local Improvement Scheme in Donegal and €200,000 for the islands has been widely welcomed. The money will go towards the repairs and improvement works on non-public rural roads and laneways under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS).

Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh said the funding will contribute to development of rural communities in Donegal. Cllr Donal 'Mandy' Kelly said the County had been allocated €2,588,444 which is double the amount received last year.

Cllr Kelly has welcomed one significant change that has been made to the scheme this year and that is that the applicant now only has to pro-

duce one herd number and a single map. "This is a change I lobbied for at our recent MD Meeting in February where I tabled a motion asking that the list application process be simplified to allow more people to qualify for the scheme. I wanted a more level playing field for everyone and I'm glad to see this change has now been made" he said.

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh said: "The LIS, is particularly beneficial to our rural and agricultural communities, ensures that everyone in Donegal can access their properties on well-maintained roads. I am particularly pleased with the adjustment to the LIS criteria. This amendment will substantially increase the number of eligible fam-

ilies and farms, facilitating broader access to this crucial funding."

Kilmacrennan based Cllr. John O'Donnell said he was delighted with the announcement and he hoped that the Milford Electoral Area would get its fair share of the funding.

Milford Fine Gael candidate Aaron Sweeney said, "This allocation is a game-changer for our rural communities. It signifies a profound commitment to enhancing road access to homes and farms, which is fundamental for the daily lives of our residents."

"The scheme, particularly beneficial to our rural and agricultural communities, ensures that everyone in Donegal can access their

properties on well-maintained roads.

"Furthermore, the extension allowing local authorities to utilise their funding allocation across both 2024 and 2025 provides the necessary flexibility to schedule works during favourable weather conditions, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in improving our rural infrastructure."

"I encourage all eligible residents in Donegal to engage with their local authority to benefit from this opportunity. This investment not only supports our current needs but also lays down a robust foundation for the future prosperity and accessibility of Donegal," concluded Sweeney

Toilet facilities needed for Errigal carpark - Harkin

Calls for permanent toilet facilities at the Errigal carpark to help cope with the growing numbers visiting to climb the famous peak, have been made.

Aontú Glenties Electoral Area candidate, Mick Harkin has expressed his concerns over the "total absence" of toilet facilities for visitors at the foot of Mount Errigal, and says they should look beyond temporary.

He said the recent completion of the €630,000 path to the summit of Donegal's highest mountain means there are more walkers than ever and a desperate demand for permanent public conveniences at the bottom of Errigal.

He said: "Down through the decades, tens of thousands of hikers have climbed Donegal's highest mountain. Yet here we are in the 21st century in Donegal and still

expect the massive volume of tourists to endure dire toilet facilities on par with what the first Stone Age settlers experienced. There have been calls for portaloos to be installed adjacent in the small car park but these would look so unsightly at such a beauty spot and would take up valuable space in the busy, pocket-sized car park. I have personally enquired regarding the cost of providing such a facility (Watson Hire in Letterkenny would supply and service a portaloos for



€50 per week and €15 for any extra service at busy times). However, I believe that's a short-sighted approach and we should be looking at a long term strategic plan for maximising the tourist potential of Mount Errigal rather than a quick-fix, shoddy solution. It would be far better to invest in a permanent centre similar to the one at Fanad Lighthouse, incorporating a small tourism shop with tearoom, toilets and possibly basic first aid provision for hill walkers." Mr Harkin added: "Also any building must be constructed with local materials to blend into the

natural topography, alleviating any environmental concerns and have little impact on the scenery of which Donegal is renowned. Furthermore, Glenveagh National Park is only a short drive away attracting visitors from all over the world. I'm certain this project I'm proposing could couple with Glenveagh's huge success as a tourist destination and entice sightseers to make the journey that bit further along the road to what is an iconic symbol of Donegal, Let's think big. Mount Errigal attracts visitors all year round who feed the local economy.

They deserve more fitting facilities and Donegal deserves this type of investment. I will continue to press Donegal County Council to improve the distinct lack of toilet amenities and parking spaces at the foot of Mount Errigal."

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LUH Remembrance Service

Letterkenny University Hospital is inviting parents and their families who have experienced bereavement through the death of a child or who have lost a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, still birth or neo-natal death, to a remembrance service which will take place in Conwal Parish Church in Letterkenny on April 28th.

Ahead of the service a tidy up of the Little Angels burial ground in Leck cemetery will take place on Thursday, April 25th to remove old flowers and any broken items. Families are invited to participate in the clean up of the grave.

As part of our programme of care for the Little Angels' grave regular maintenance work will be carried out in order to keep the area in good condition.

Lorna Sweeney, bereavement midwife at LUH said, "We know how important the Little Angels grave is to all families who have suffered the loss of a baby. We want to ensure the grave is well maintained out of respect for those who rest there and also for families who visit the plot to remember their loved ones."

"Our remembrance service also offers parents who have experienced bereavement an opportunity to reflect on their grief journey through symbol, music and prayer. Parents who have attended this service in the past have shared with us that they have found it to be a time of healing and comfort."

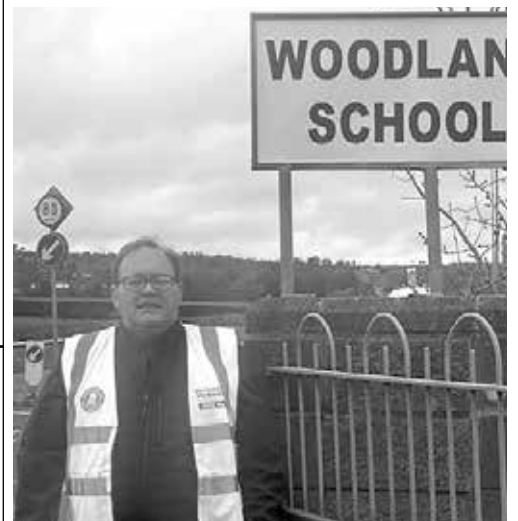
The Non-demoninational remembrance service will take place at 4pm on Sunday, 28 April in Conwal Parish Church and families are welcome to join other families for light refreshments afterwards.

Families who wish to take part in the tidy up can do so by contacting Lorna Sweeney bereavement midwife on 0873606850 or by email - lornasweeney1@hse.ie

Plant Sale Now On!

Vegetable and Flower Plants/Seedlings now on sale at Cill Ulta in our Annual Plant Sale. You can purchase online in our shop at <https://cillulta.ie/collections/diolachan-plant-sale> or call in to the glasshouse (F92WF60) 9am to 4pm Mon-Thurs, 9am to 12pm Fri. Our Open Day Plant Sale is on Saturday 4th May 10am to 2pm. Beidh fáilte romhat!

Road Safety concerns at Woodlands



After a recent canvass in the Woodlands area Independent Cllr Michael McBride says he has received a clear message from local residents that there needs to be more safety measures put in place. "After an extensive canvass and discussing this matter with the residents, more safety measures need to be introduced" said Cllr McBride who is a candidate in the Letterkenny Municipal District area.

"The speed limit is 80 km h and this in my opinion is too high for the stretch of road outside a school. There is also a need for an extension of the footpath on both sides of the school to allow children to safely walk to and from school. This is an extremely busy road and these concerns must be acted on sooner rather than later. I will be bringing these and other issues in this area such as the condition of roads and street lighting to the Council chamber and making representations on behalf of the local residents in the Woodlands area," Cllr McBride concluded.

Letterkenny Reunion is back

It's been a three yearly feature on the local calendar ever since a couple of local lads came up with the idea after meeting up on Letterkenny's Main Street one day back in 1991. Not quite every three years because as it did with so many events, the Covid Pandemic forced the cancellation of the popular Letterkenny Reunion back in 2021. But now it's back – or will be come the first week in August when local and visiting townies get together once again. The traditional variety of events will be staged to keep the patrons entertained but plenty of the entertainment will be provided by the townies themselves as stories and anecdotes abound over the four days and nights – some of them perhaps even true! This year's Reunion is being pruned down from its traditional six days but nevertheless will pack in the fun and festivity associated with this unique event.

Opening with the traditional welcome Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Sunday 4th, the Reunion will also host the re-enacted fair day and the magical mystery tour. This year, the busloads of townies will be heading to – oh wait, no good taking the mystery out of it! Suffice to say the craic will be mighty wherever it ends up. Many other events are also being organised and the Devlin Hall will be opening for business – that is, the business of dancing and music. Meanwhile, both the opening and closing dances (Wednesday 7th) will be staged in the Station House Hotel. "After we had to miss the Reunion in 2021, it'll be good to be back," says committee chairperson, Dessie Kelly. And so say all who are keenly anticipating it – including those two gentlemen, Johnny Joe McCollum and Jimmy Sweeney whose brainchild on the Main Street sparked the whole event off all those years ago.

RNLI News

Many thanks to everyone who shops and supports the Tesco Community Blue Token initiative and the RNLI Fundraisers were delighted to receive €680 last week from this fund, when we were a nominated recipient during December /January last. Thank you Tesco and Tesco shoppers for this amazing contribution. As usual, May Day is fast approaching and is the major time of year when the Lifeboats push out all efforts to fundraise for this wonderful charity.

What can you do to answer the May Day Call? Any small amount will help our much needed funds to keep this wonderful 200 year old institution afloat. Aldi supermarkets throughout Ireland are 'doing their bit' by allowing Fundraisers hold bucket collections in their stores throughout the month of May. The local Letterkenny store collections will take place next weekend over Friday 3rd May and Saturday 4th May and we'd appreciate your continued support at that time, as every little helps.



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Big 'Tango' in Letterkenny

Letterkenny's Cathedral Quarter and the celebrated American actor, Robert Duvall have, according to Cathedral Quarter spokesperson, Donnan Harvey, something big in common, and it's a dance - the Tango. Duvall, who is known for playing hard men in films, has a much softer side in private life and is a frequent visitor to Argentine night clubs not, as he points out, for women or drinking but to dance the tango. He describes the tango as "my obsession". And the good news is that Duvall's obsession soon could be yours.

Donnan Harvey stated: "We, in the Cathedral Quarter, are delighted to announce our big event to celebrate our tenth anniversary is really something special especially for all dance enthusiasts. Argentine Tango performers Elizabeth Cordone and Matias Rivas will be holding a demonstration and workshop in Letterkenny Community Centre on Wednesday, 8 May at 8pm. And he's delighted: "As far as we are aware this will be the first ever such event held in Ireland and we are really looking forward to bringing a bit of South American culture to Donegal."

So, if you fancy embracing the tango, Elizabeth and Matias will offer an unforgettable Buenos Aires night in the heart of Donegal next month. "Tickets cost for the event costs €15 that can be bought on Eventbrite or on the night. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tango-workshop-and-demonstration-tickets-873913838817>"

Letterkenny Memories

The line up for this months Letterkenny Memories in the Station House Hotel has just been announced. The monthly event is on this Monday the 29th of April and starts at 7:30 sharp. There is at least sixteen artists and guests on the night and the MC will be Brian Walsh. Artists taking to the stage include The House Band with Alex Black, Raymond McDonald, Jim Nicholl, Dan McAteer, Thomas Black and Malcolm Patton and guests will include Danny Carlin, Mervyn Russell, Maria McCormack, John Brown and Laura, Mary Haret, Mary Dunne, Hugh P. Doherty and Marie. Admission is as usual free so come early and enjoy a great nights entertainment and meet and have a chat with some old friends.

Planning permission of former Argos site granted

A well-known sport retail company has been granted planning permission for alterations to the former Argos retail outlet in Letterkenny. Permission was granted to John David Sports Fashion (Ireland) for work at Unit 11/12 Letterkenny Retail Park (formerly Argos), Paddy Harte Road, Letterkenny. It allows for alterations to the shop frontage including the new replacement shopfront signage, installation of a second shop front entrance at the southern canopy location. Also a new internal glass fixed signage, internally illuminated fascia panels, an internal security shutter and all other associated shopfront development works.

Planning permission granted for LPG storage tank

An Bord Pleanála has granted planning permission with revised conditions for an LPG storage tank and other facilities at Bunagee, Letterkenny. In May, 2023, conditional planning permission was granted by Donegal County Council to Flogas Ireland Limited for the installation of a bulk LPG storage tank and road tanker filling facilities, fire suppression gantry with associated water storage tank and pump house and ancillary site services at Bunagee. In June, 2023, a planning appeal was lodged by Bernard Whoriskey on the grounds of traffic and environmental concerns. Granting the permission with revised conditions the board detailed that traffic could be accommodated at the location and the development would not "adversely affect the integrity of the Lough Swilly Special Area if Conservation".

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Stardust verdict proves campaigning works

The verdict in the Stardust Inquest proves campaigning works.

Tragically, it took the families 43 years. There were significant downs in their campaign. Any reasonable person could have forgiven them for giving up.

Unfortunately, there is conventional wisdom out there that says 'there is no point'. It is pessimistic.

This was a victory for campaigning families, other campaigners, and campaigning journalists.

This was not an easy struggle. First of all, the families were up against the owner of the Stardust. He was rich. He also had very strong political connections. The cause of the fire was wrongly given as being arson. Thus he was paid sizeable compensation.

The verdict did not bring their loved ones not back to life. Those injured did not make any miracle recoveries. This makes it clear the victims were not to blame for the fire. Far worse, the verdict made it clear the tragedy could have been avoided.

The first inquest had more than a hint about working-class young people. That is, they are in some way savage. That's how the Establishment views them, when the mask slips.

Tragically, the late Charlie Bird did not live to see this verdict. Charlie, we all know, was a leading RTE journalist. He remembered where he came from. I used to sometimes take a drink with Charlie back in the early 1970's. That was when he was pushing a trolley round the library in the Irish Times. This was a step up from his previous job, collecting the glasses in a pub. Charlie was one of the first journalists on the scene. He supported the families until his own untimely death. In that, he was one of several.

Christy Moore was another support-

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er. Christy wrote 'They Never Came Home' in response to the tragedy. This was effectively banned. The Stardust's owners claimed the song was a contempt of court. That was because legal actions regarding the tragedy were still before the courts. Christy and his record company had withdrawn the album containing it from sale the day after it was launched.

The case went to the High Court. Nobel Peace Prize winner Sean MacBride was barrister for Christy. Despite that, he was found in contempt of court. Justice Frank Murphy's judgement was that the lyrics of the song contained statements or comments calculated to prejudice the fair trial of matters already before the courts. He singled out the reference to fire exits being chained. However, he ruled the Court was to impose no direct punishment. Christy had made the statements complained of unintentionally.

However, Christy did suffer punishment. He had to pay legal costs. He also had to scrap thousands of singles and albums. The whole cost him IR£100,000. (This was before the Euro came in. The sum was €116,000).

Indirectly, that was also punishment for the Stardust families. There was a censorship of their case. All media outlets had to be careful.

However, they kept campaigning. They also made sure to employ a good legal team. Human rights law has developed. They employed Daragh Mackin as their solicitor. The Belfast-based Mackin is seen as one of the best solicitors in the human rights area.

What makes everything worse is that the authorities should have known. Similar events had happened before.

One had happened in the history of the (Southern) Irish state. In 1926, 48 died in fire in Drumcollogher Co Limerick. That was 10% of the small town's population. They were watching a film in the upstairs loft of a hardware store. There were only two exits. One was down steep stairs. The other was through a narrow barred window.

Official (Southern) Ireland came out in force to express sympathy. Then it forgot the victims.

There was an even greater cover-up than at the Stardust. At the start, three men were charged with manslaughter. They were the hardware store owner; the projectionist, who showed the film; and a local wheeler and dealer, who organised the film show. The charges were not proceeded with. There was no public inquiry of any sort.

Only eight years before there was the Summerland Fire on the Isle of

Man. Fifty people died there. The Isle of Man has big connections with Ireland. They were bigger then, when it was a much bigger holiday place for the Irish.

I remember when I found out about it. I was going into work on a fine summer's morning around 7am. I bought the Irish Times. The disaster was the front page lead.

There were similarities. Flammable materials were used in the construction. They shouldn't have been. The fire spread catastrophically. There was a failure to evacuate immediately. There was a delay in calling emergency services. As with the Stardust, some exits were locked. And, of course, Summerland was supposedly 'state of the art'.

Eleven years before there was the Ibrox disaster in Glasgow in January 1971. Sixty-six people were killed in a crush at the end of an Old Firm match between Rangers and Celtic. The match was in Rangers' ground. A judge later ruled it was due to the 'fault and negligence' of Rangers. Again, there are close links between Scotland and Ireland. Celtic and Rangers really mean something for



By Anton McCabe

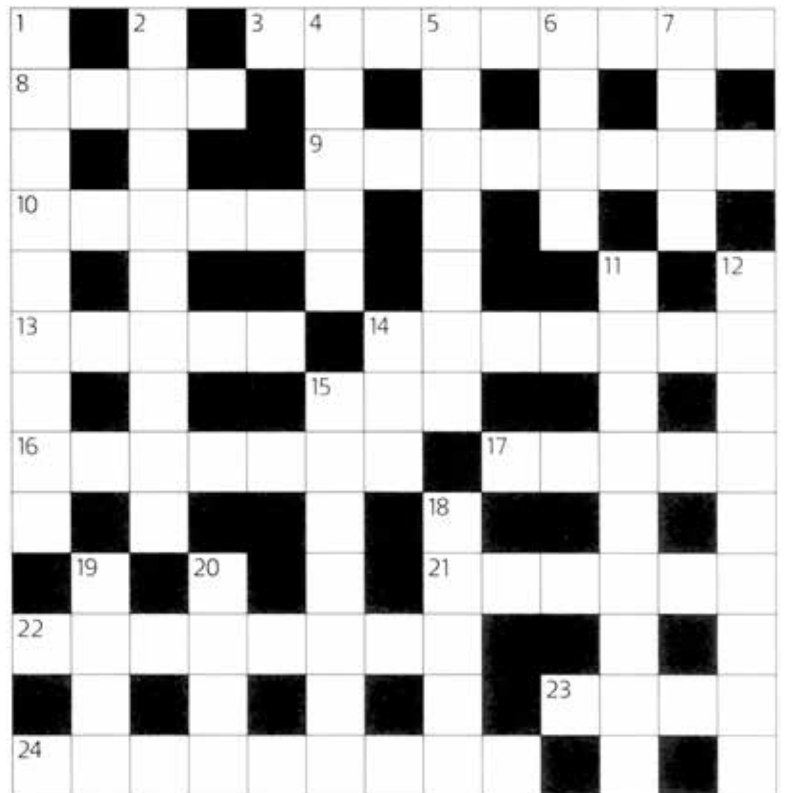
people in this country. Thus there is no excuse for not being aware of possible dangers. The (Southern) Irish Establishment is now complimentary about the Stardust families. Simon Harris has met them. To be fair, all reports agree he was sympathetic. He is issuing a statement about the unlawful killings. Again, to be fair, he was not even born at the time of the fire.

The families have also appeared on the Late Late Show. That is the centre of the mainstream.

How different is this to the situation after the fire.

Yes, the families have achieved some justice. However, all those who presided over the injustice have died, or are long retired.

Tribune Crossword No. 1061



Across

- 3. Noisy, Interfering (9)
- 8. Finest (4)
- 9. Strong-willed (8)
- 10. Star of The Boy Friend (6)
- 13. Groove (5)
- 14. Acrobat (7)
- 15. Enemy (3)
- 16. Suspense (7)
- 17. Ancient (5)
- 21. Insist on (6)
- 22. Desire for food (8)
- 23. Metal money (4)
- 24. Distasteful (9)

Down

- 1. Stubborn (9)
- 2. Helper (9)
- 4. Novelist, ___ Bainbridge (5)
- 5. Remainder (7)
- 6. Retailer (4)
- 7. Prohibit (4)
- 11. Roman fighter (9)
- 12. Pomegranate syrup (9)
- 14. Weight (3)
- 15. Alien (7)
- 18. Popular name for a cinema (5)
- 19. Church recess (4)
- 20. Indian ox (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1060

Across 1. Waist, 4. Blimp, 10. Litre, 11. Seminar, 12 Threaten, 13. Borg, 15. Austin, 17. Burden, 19. Falk, 20. Dreadful, 23. Recline, 24. Idiot, 25. Snack, 26. Cycle. Down 2. Altar, 3. Scenario, 5. Lump, 6. Manhood, 7. Old Trafford, 8., Aster, 9. Originality, 14. Audacity, 16. Silicon, 18. Tried, 21. Frill, 22. Zinc.

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Packed house for Donal Mandy's launch

This was the night when many supporters and friends got their first chance to give a huge vote of confidence in Donal Mandy Kelly who for the past four years has rarely been out of the headlines: fighting for his own parish, the municipal district... and for the people of Letterkenny.

by Declan Kerr

It was also a night of poignant memories of the legend that was Manus Kelly and the huge legacy he's left in so many of our lives.

It's been a tough time for the Kelly family and in many ways, Donal Mandy's dedication and his hard work has been an inspiration and the stuff of legends. Few among his colleagues in Lifford would disagree that he's the Council's most hardworking Cllr.

That is why so many came to the Station House on Friday night to quietly shake his hand and to wish the family well in the local elections and beyond. This was the night when the collective FF faithful, by its strength and numbers, were saying a very personal thank you to Donal Mandy - and it was about much more than politics.

The campaign launch saw an impres-

sive turnout with well over 150 people in attendance. Donal Mandy said he was looking forward to meeting his constituents on the campaign trail as he puts his name before the electorate. He was co-opted to the Council in September 2020 to replace his father Donal.

It was Manus Kelly who had taken the seat in May 2019 but just a month later he tragically lost his life while taking part in the Donegal International Rally.

On Friday night Donal 'Mandy' paid tribute to his father for taking on the role of Cllr for a year following the sad passing of Manus. He also thanked his wife Aisling and son Donal Jnr for their support over the last three years as life has changed for them with a busy politician often away from home and then there is the responsibility of also keeping a farming enterprise going.

Barry McDaid was MC for the launch and said that Donal 'Mandy' had a very good track record of helping people as a public representative and in his year as Mayor had carried out his duties with total commitment.

Cllr Kelly said housing, education, farming, infrastructure, health and sport were key issues for him currently and he wanted to continue that work if he is success-

ful in the June 7th elections.

He also spoke about the huge Mica problem and that he had been helping constituents. "I will continue to help people but there is no doubt that the scheme can be improved. In terms of accommodation generally there should be a cap on rents because people are struggling with the rises which are very unfair. There is a problem with housing development and the waiting list in Letterkenny is scary.

But the Council has two sites now on the High Road and at Ballymacool which can deliver 300 social houses. S.I. houses are close to my heart and it was used a lot in Glenswilly at one time but drifted away. I think it is a good model to meet demand," Cllr Kelly said.

He is calling for a reform of the Local Improvement Scheme. "At the minute too many applicants are being turned down for LIS grants. I have brought it to the attention of Minister McConalogue. There needs to be a change to the way applications are handled." He told the launch that over the past three years he had allocated €130,000 to 120 community groups. Cllr Kelly said he would also be pressing for progress on the long awaited extension to St. Eunan's College. He also pledged to be a strong voice for farming.

"It's been a diabolical year for farmers. I know Charlie McConalogue has been doing his best to take the pressure off us. The rain has kept us from getting the cattle out to grass.

I am also looking for the abolition of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. We are getting objections from Cork to farmers making applications to build slatted houses here and seriously that has to



Pat Cope Gallagher with Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly

change" Cllr Kelly said.

He also welcomed the badly needed watermains works in Manor adding that he would be keeping the pressure on to ensure that the residents of Bomany, New Mills and Tullgay will get a consistent, plentiful supply by way of an upgraded infrastructure programme.

Irish Water needs to cut fees

"Irish Water needs to reduce their connection fees for new houses. In 2024 it's not good enough that residents in Tullygay, New Mills and Bomany are suffering with poor or no water pressure at times but there is good news coming on that front" Cllr Kelly said.

He spoke about his passion and love of politics. "I love this job and am looking forward to going out on the canvass. There is a competitive streak in me and I like to win. So if you all get behind me, I will take the seat. There is a lot more I want to deliver. I am not afraid to hold the executive to account and am eager to keep that going," Cllr Kelly said.

Among the other speakers at the launch were the Minister Charlie MacConalogue along with Cllrs Donal Coyle and Ciaran Brogan who are both seeking re-election while former Fianna Fail politician Pat Cope Gallagher also took the opportunity to publicly endorse Cllr Kelly's candidacy.

Cllr Brogan said a lot had changed in the last five years since the launch of Manus Kelly's election campaign in the Spring of 2019.

"That support of five years ago is still here tonight. Before that we had James Pat McDaid as a Cllr, then Manus and his father Donal. Donal Mandy came in then and has been passionate about politics since being co-opted three and had years ago.

You always know when he is getting fired up at a meeting. You will hear 'Hold on a minute there' and that could be about water running out onto a road in Glenswilly. Donal Mandy has done so much work since coming on the Council. You would wonder how he gets the time for it all," Cllr Brogan concluded.



Cllr Donal Mandy's mother Jacqueline Kelly with some of his supporters.



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Charity Concert

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

Another Swilly Rovers jackpot winner

Well done Charlie Davis, Loughnagin on winning the Swilly Rovers lotto jackpot last week. €500 for Charlie as the jackpot was also won the previous week when Shaun Dunworth got €550. It was in fact the third jackpot win in the space of five weeks. Numbers drawn last week were 10, 15, 16 and 24. No 3 number winners.

There was that one jackpot winner the week before with the €550 going to Shaun Dunworth. Numbers drawn were 3, 8, 16 and 23. Two 3 number winners.

Stelly/Derek/Jim sharing the three number prize of €70 with Christian Gorney. Thanks for your continued support.

Crochet class started

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

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 27th April. Order from our food pro-



Erin Pyper, The Clooney, Ramelton pictured with Tommy Patton and John Bradley, Milford after they completed the Vienna Marathon on Sunday and their chief supporter Lily Pyper.

ducers 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.

Tennis-coaching

After-school tennis-coaching sessions will resume on Wednesday next, the 24th April at Ramelton Tennis Club. 9 year olds and under from 3.30 to 4.30, and 10 year olds and over from 4.30 to 5.30.

All equipment provided. The fee for the 5 one-hour lessons is €20.00 per junior. Contact Mary at 087 9773957 for further information.

Jive with Paul

Paul McCahill is holding Jiving Classes in the Ramelton Community Centre every Wednesday night from 8pm to 9.30pm. Learn to jive, waltz, foxtrot and line dance with Paul and his team.

Admission is €8 for Adults and €5 for children and all welcome.

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

Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane classes have restarted, call her on 086 8367776 to book or for details or visit Jane Watt yoga on FB Gentle Yoga in the Kerrykeel Oldschool Community Centre began last Thursday from 10-11am for 6 weeks and the cost is €60.

Chair Yoga in the Gallowglass Centre, Milford began last Thursday from 12-1pm for 4 weeks and the cost is €40 (Chair Yoga is also running in Letterkenny on Wednesday evenings)

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

Crochet and knitting craft group

Crochet and knitting craft group has begun again and continues every Monday 10.30am to

12.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre behind the chapel. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your current project or start something new.

Enjoy the craic company and a cuppa. All queries to Myrtle on 0876825387.

Ramelton Community Games

Congratulations to Niamh Cassidy who won the 50m backstroke at the Community Games Swimming Finals in Ballyshannon on Sunday. Congratulations to all who participated and medalled in the Cross-Country and Mixed Relays on Saturday 13th April in Letterkenny and are now through to the National Finals on the weekend of the 25th/26th May.

Mixed Distance Relay U12

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Cross-Country U13

Ella Coyle

Mixed Distance Relay U14

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Marathon U16

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Reminder that the Area Athletics Finals will take place on Wednesday 8th of May in Milford at 7p.m. More details later.

Ramelton Tank Road footpath traffic lights



Work is being completed on a new pavement at St. Mary's Church on the Tank Road, Ramelton with new traffic lights erected as part of the 'Safe Routes to School (SRTS)' programme. The Tank Road is now reverted back to the normal two-way traffic system. A one-way system had been in operation during the period of the

pavement works. The traffic lights are not yet in operation. A permanent one-way traffic system is now in place from Church Street via the Nursing Home and St. Mary's National School to the main Ramelton/Letterkenny Road.



Danny Cullen presenting Johnny Joe McCollum's book "Tales from the Summer Cups" to FAI Development Officer Shane Barr



Odhran Catterson.



The Ramelton Mixed Distance Relay U12



Ella Coyle



Daithi Catterson

'Love Your Coast' Photography Competition open for entries



To mark world Earth Day on Monday, Clean Coasts have announced the return of 'Love Your Coast', inviting photographers to explore and celebrate the beauty of the Irish coast. Now in its 15th edition, Love Your Coast has been attracting thousands of photographers from across the country each year. Among those shortlisted in the Coastal Heritage section last year was this entry (pictured above) of Doe Castle by Michelle Duffy. With a prize fund of €5000, Love Your Coast offers photographers the opportunity to showcase their talent across five distinct categories: Coast-

al Landscape, Heritage and the Coast, Wildlife and the Coast, Underwater and People of the Coast. Photographers are encouraged to submit their best shots capturing the essence of the Irish coast by August 21st. As part of the competition, Clean Coasts will be sharing valuable resources to help participants hone their skills and enhance their submissions. This includes a guidance document featuring tips from the competition judges, informative blog posts, and detailed information on each category. For more information and to submit your entries visit www.cleancoasts.org

Downings seaweed processing facility opened



Minister McConalogue pictured with three generations of the Gallagher family.

A new seaweed processing facility in Downings was officially opened by Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue on Friday. The Seaweed Company Green Turtle, operates one of the largest seaweed farms in Ireland in the waters Mulroy Bay. Speaking at the official opening of the Seaweed Company Green Turtle on Friday afternoon, the Donegal Minister commended the company owners Joost Wouters, Stefan Krann, and Lorraine Gallagher for their hard work and dedication to the seafood sector.



Minister Charlie McConalogue cuts the ribbon made of seaweed at the official opening of the Seaweed Company Green Turtle.

He stated: "Your investment in innovation and this facility reflects your passion and strong commitment to the industry, and indeed the local community here in Donegal. It is always a pleasure to support innovation

lish itself as a frontrunner in the European seaweed market," Minister McConalogue added. Green Turtle cultivates the edible seaweed, Alaria, as a food source that is naturally grown on ropes in the sea and each April needs to be harvested and processed at the new state-of-the-art facility in Downings. Minister McConalogue stated: "The history of seaweed is very much intertwined with so many parts of our culture. That has become less so in recent years like so many other things. It was a big part of our heritage for a very good reason because it is a wonderful product. Like so many other aspects of our lives, we are rediscovering the wisdom of the people who came before us and bringing that back into our lives. And as we look towards ramping up the industry to scaled production, ongoing support will assist the sector in realising its full potential value by 2030."

in the seafood sector. Even more so, to support an enterprise such as the Seaweed Company Green Turtle which is seeking to realise the potential of seaweed as a cornerstone of sustainable aquaculture". "Seaweed is a highly versatile product, yet its potential remains underdeveloped. Ireland, with its rich maritime heritage and vast coastline, is uniquely positioned to lead in seaweed production. We have the resources and, as showcased here today, the expertise and the passion to drive the industry forward. By leveraging those assets and talents Ireland has the potential to estab-

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Happy 60th Birthday - Nuala



Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh

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Change Makers Seeds of Change Cross border collaboration

Rathmullan

Tidy Towns

This year again, we were delighted once again to welcome a different School tranche of Transition School pupils to Rathmullan last Thursday.

The Finn Valley students thoroughly enjoyed their day at the 'Sea side' learning about SDG's, doing documented litter picks and hearing about the wonderful history of the town, but they were utterly taken aback at the reckless on street littering and the amount of waste matter washing up on our shores. Engaging the students in these types of activities is crucial for fostering a sense of community and responsibility towards our environment, and will, we hope encourage them to make a difference in their own school and community, as they gain valuable insights into the impact their actions can ultimately have on the wider world.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the 'Annual Big Spring Clean' last Saturday when all the Approach Roads to Rathmullan, the village itself and all the beaches were well and thoroughly 'cleaned'. Denis our 'man with Van' collected the bags along the routes later in the evening after everyone was 'well fed and watered' at The Beachcomer. It was so nice to have families and little 'uns take part too, especially as the weather was so bright and sunny. Rathmullan was very busy with day trippers enjoying the good weather on Saturday, but most disappointing to notice the wanton littering once again on Sunday morning along the roadsides and pavements. Please do not put domestic waste in the kerbside bins, and remember there are CCTV cameras in operation throughout the town now, and offenders will be prosecuted.

Changemakers / Seeds of Change upcycling classes which were facilitated by Moira McHugh, Perfectly Thrifted Interiors and supported by IDP, have now concluded, ending with a Cross Border collaboration with Culmore Ladies Craft class, thanks to RTWF / IFI Connecting Communities Programme. Rathmull-

lan ladies travelled to Derry on Monday 15th April, and enjoyed a display and demonstration of knitting, crochet and art work by the Culmore Ladies. On Monday 22nd April, Rathmullan welcomed the Derry group to this side of the Swilly for a wonderful day of heritage walk and talk, based around our award winning booklet 'Heritage on the Doorstep', fantastic displays of crafts and upcycling, followed by lunch and workshop led by Moira McHugh. Each of the participants were gifted a 'Goodie Bag' containing a reusable water bottle and information on the benefits of recycling, upcycling, clean water and waste disposal and more, all of which are so vital for the wellbeing of our communities and climate change moving forward.

We're very grateful to Donegal Co Co PPN & Waste Awareness departments and Clean Coasts for these valuable support materials and we look forward to creating similar bonds with other communities in the future.

Such has been the success of this Seeds of Change Project that the Tidy Towns Group can now apply for a Certificate on the 'Reuse & Recycle' section of the Sustainable Passport. Once acquired, we can proceed to work towards other sections, until such times as we have all 5 elements, during which we promote and improve our understanding and actions, both locally and globally of all of the Sustainable Developmental Goals.

Pier Works

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

Rathmullan Makers Market

The inaugural market of the newly formed Makers Market group will take place this Saturday, 27th April, featuring local artists and makers selling beautiful and original handmade items, arts, crafts, food and much more. The Boatyard Sheds are the place to be on Saturday, 12-4, so come along to grab a bargain, support local, and join in the fun. Future market will be last Saturday of each month, as well as mid month dates in June, July and August.

Clean Coasts & Litter Picks

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

Eco Atlantic Adventure

Camps Rathmullan

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

Save the Date - Inch Mile 31 August

Gartan Open Waters Swimmers in association with Swim Ireland and Donegal Sports Partnership are currently taking bookings for this unique event <https://eventmaster.ie/event/nGLJtPH0v> as well as the Kinnegar 500m. More details contact Karen (087 2214988) or Keith (086 0885459).

St Vincent De Paul

This time of the year can be difficult and challenging for many people especially with the recent spate



Taking part in the 'Annual Big Spring Clean' in Rathmullan on Saturday including Cllr. Pauric McGarvey with children Mason, Cody and Hallie.



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

Birr Rally Class win for Gallagher



Oughterlin man Kevin Gallagher won the modified section at the Birr Stages Rally on Sunday in his Darrian T90 with Ryan Moore calling the notes. The overall winner was Josh Moffett and Keith Moriarty in their Citroen C3. Josh's brother Sam Moffett and James O'Reilly were very close behind in second spot with David Kelly and Arthur Kierans completing the top three.



Six weeks to polling day... bets are offered!

Cllr John O'Donnell is to open his election campaign office at the former bank premises in Milford on Friday morning from 9.00am.

Meanwhile, there is renewed speculation in relation to Declan Jordan's election interest in running as a candidate in the Letterkenny area. Political sources in the town said they'd expected his campaign to be up and running in the past two weeks: that's if he was going to join the contest.

Letterkenny may see a number of new candidates entering the race ahead of the close of nomination on May 18th at noon. Fighting his third campaign, John O'Don-

nell says that the issues include housing; mica, emigration and refugees.

O'Donnell's campaign motto is 'Determined to Deliver' and his literature lays out his work and achievements since being first elected in 2014.

He said that having secured almost €4 million in these past ten years, he also points to his delivery of €300,000 in DFI Members funding; it is his ambition to see that increase significantly in the future.

In the EU Elections contest, there is a reported underwhelming response across many areas of the Midlands North and West with six weeks remaining until poll-



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jected some interest for punters as odds are offered: Luke Ming Flanagan is 1/16. Chris McManus SF is at 1/3. Barry Cowen is on 15/8 and Michelle Gildernew SF is 4/7. Nina Carberry FG has odds of 6/5. Aontu's Peadar Tobin and Ciaran Mullooly are at evens. John Waters, Indept. is 2/1 with Lisa Chambers FF at 4/1 and her party colleague in the Seanad Niall Blaney has odds of 18/1.

Falcarragh woman dies following road traffic accident

The woman who died following a road traffic collision in Falcarragh on Tuesday has been named locally as Keyna Barrett.

Ms. Barrett was taken to LUH following the collision on the Ballina Road in Falcarragh.

She had resided at Moyra Glebe, Falcarragh and was predeceased by her husband Jim Barrett, her brothers Peadar and Martin, sisters Olive and Marie.

She is survived by her sons John and Declan, daughters Mairead, Sinead and Paula, daughters in law Vicky and Marianne, son in law Damien, grand children James, Cillian, Ferdia, Thady, Brodie, Daniel, Keena, Fionn and Nainci, her brother John, sister in law Mary, many niece's and nephews, relatives and friends. Keyna's remains will repose at her late residence in Moyra Glebe, Falcarragh from 12pm-9pm on Thursday the 25th April. with Rosary at 9pm.

Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 26th of April at 11am in Teach Phobail Naomh Fionán, Falcarragh. The cortege will then proceed to Athenry where Keyna will repose at Quinn's Funeral Home Athenry from 7-8pm on Friday the 26th. Removal on Saturday for burial in Athenry graveyard at 11am.

Funeral of Josie O'Donnell

The funeral took place on Sunday of Josie O'Donnell, Clachan Mór, Letterkenny. Aged 91 Josie was a native of Castleshanaghan. As a young man he worked in the hosiery factory in Letterkenny and also at the Model Bakery. Josie had farming interests and was a familiar face out looking after his livestock and at the local marts. He passed away on Friday.

Josie is survived by his family, Brendan, Joe, Carol, Sahrina, Paul, Dermot, Kieran, Aidan and Garry, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, daughters-in-law, sister Mary Curran (Ramelton), nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Josie was predeceased by his wife Bida (2017), son Eamonn (Sam), son-in-law Paddy, brothers Paddy and Hughie and sister Kathleen.

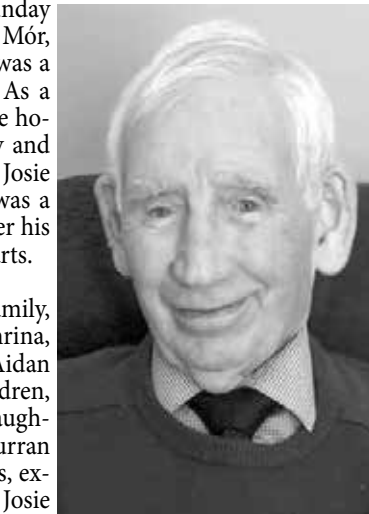
Remains reposed at the residence of his son Aidan and Tara O'Donnell, Loughagannon, Letterkenny. Fr Damian Nejad officiated at the Mass on Sunday in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Symbols of Josie's life including a picture, images of tractor and cow and a tie were brought to the altar by his grandchildren. Readings were by Conor and Caoimhe. Burial afterwards took place in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Margaret Kelly

The death occurred at her home on Tuesday of Margaret Kelly, Stragaddy, Termon. Margaret, a native of Stragaddy, was a well known member of the local community and a very good neighbour. She had a keen interest in the family farm on the Glenveagh Road. Margaret also took great pride in the family home.

She was predeceased by her husband John. Margaret is survived by her sons Danny and Noel, her daughters Marion, Maeve, Margo and Bried, her daughter in law Anne, her sons in law Danny Phillip, Paul and John, her granddaughters Aine, Orla, Cara, Leah, Ellie and Niamh, her cousin Jim McGettigan and his family.

Remains are reposing at her home in Stragaddy. Funeral to St Columba's Church, Termon this Friday, April 26th, at 11am with



burial afterwards to the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Lynda Gallagher

The funeral took place on Saturday of Lynda Gallagher, Bomany, Letterkenny. Lynda passed away at her residence on Wednesday of last week. She is survived by her partner Kieran Crossan, parents John and Patricia Gallagher, sisters Olga and Gemma, nephew Levi and trusted companion Mylo.

Remains reposed at the family home in Bomany from Thursday. Removal was from there on Saturday to the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny for Funeral Service which was officiated by Pastor Trevor Russell. Interment took place afterwards in Gortlee Cemetery where Pastor Russell also officiated. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Kathleen McBride

The death occurred on Friday of at the Hillcrest Nursing Home of Kathleen (Margey) McBride, Killydonnell, Ramelton. Aged 61 Kathleen was formerly a member of the McIntyre family from Convo. She was a former staff member at the Little Angels School in Letterkenny.

Kathleen's remains reposed at her daughter Francesca and son-in-law Gareth Patton's home, Ballyboe, Convo. Funeral was from there on Monday for Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, Convo where the celebrant was Fr. Eamonn Kelly P.P. Burial took place afterwards in New Leck Cemetery, Letterkenny.

Kathleen was predeceased by her husband Declan Margey and her father Pat McIntyre. She is survived by her family Francesca, Jude, Triona and Marc; mother Mary McIntyre sister Edel and brother-in-law Sean. She is also survived by Gerry, Gareth, Grace and her five grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Annie Diamond

The funeral of took place on Saturday of Annie Diamond (née Lagan), Kilrea, Derry and Letterkenny. Annie passed away on Wednesday 17th April.

Annie was predeceased by her husband Peter, parents Mary Jane and Arthur; siblings Bridget, Joe, Anthony and Kate and daughter-in-law Margaret. She is survived by her family Sean, Anna Marie (Rowan), Philomena, Peter and Noeleen; son-in-law of Dessie; grandchildren and great grandchildren. Annie is also survived by her siblings, Mary, Teresa, Arthur, Jean, Philomena.

Funeral was from her late residence in Gorse Road, Lisnagrot on Saturday morning for Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, Drumagarnier. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Michael Green

The death took place of Michael Joseph Green on 16th of April in the Liverpool Hospital, Sydney, Australia. Michael was a native of Buncrana, the home place of his father. His mother was a native of Carrigart and the family moved there later.

Michael was predeceased by his wife Mary (nee Clarke), his parents Patrick and Teresa Green, brothers Eamon and Patsy Green

and nephews Adrian and Peter. He is survived by his son Michael and wife Trisha, daughter Jacqueline and husband Cameron and grandchildren. Michael is also survived by his brother Jack and Marjorie Green, Carrigart, brother Rodger and Anne Green, Creeslough, sister Anne and Gerry Devenney, Fahan, brother Seamus and Helen Green, Dublin, sister Myra and Pat Corcoran, Letterkenny, sister in law Maggie Green, Scotland, nieces, nephews and extended family.

A celebration of Michael's life took place on Tuesday at Forest Lawn Memorial Park North Chapel, Camden Valley, Leppington. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Kathleen Callaghan

The interring of the ashes of the late Kathleen Callaghan will take place this Saturday 27th April following Mass in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan. Kathleen, was formerly a member of the Crossan family, Sockar, Trentagh. Aged 71, she was a long time resident of Philadelphia, USA where she passed away on the 3rd of February.

Kathleen emigrated to Upper Darby when she was 20 years of age and started her own cleaning business before moving on to home health care. Requiem Mass took place on Wednesday, February 7th at Sacred Heart Church, Wilson Avenue, Haverstown followed by interment.

Kathleen is survived by her children Aidan, Shane (Caoimhe) and Kevin, her grandchildren Eoin, Ger, Emmett, Fiontan and Abigail Callaghan. Also survived by her siblings Carmel Boyce (Barney), Patsy Crossan (Pauline), Ann Marie Boyce (the late Joseph), Daniel Crossan, John Crossan (Monica), Bernadette O'Donnell (Daniel), Josephine Callaghan (the late Kiernan) and many nieces and nephews.

Kathleen was predeceased by her husband Gabriel Callaghan, her father Connell Crossan and her mother Sadie (nee Doherty), grandson Liam Michael Callaghan, brother Jim Crossan, brothers in law, Joseph Boyce and Kieran Callaghan, sisters in law, Helen Crossan and Elizabeth Crossan Murtha.

Remains will be reposing at her former home, the residence of Patsy and Pauline Crossan (Trentagh) from 12pm this Friday, 26th of April. Funeral leaving from Trentagh on Saturday at 11:30am for Mass at 12 noon in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan with burial in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Call for HSE to support Lifestart

Donegal County Council to write to the HSE asking them to co fund the Lifestart Programme in Donegal through TUSLA. Independent Cllr Michael McBride had the motion passed at a recent Municipal District meeting. Cllr McBride said that Lifestart in Donegal is currently working with parents of over 550 children. "They also have a waiting list of over 200 children and provide critical early intervention by low paid staff who are taking approximately 2/3 of their referrals from the HSE without any financial support from the HSE" Cllr McBride said. Correspondence will now be sent to the HSE Chief Officer, conveying the support of the members of the Letterkenny & Milford Municipal District for the joint funding of the LIFESTART programme by the HSE.

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Remembering Darragh with special fundraising concert

There will be a Charity Night in the Downings Bay Hotel this Saturday night the 27th of April in memory of the late Darragh Gallagher, Cinema House, Convent Road, Milford. Four year old Darragh passed away on Monday the 20th of March, 2023.

Music will be by Onóir and tickets are available from Darragh's mother Maeve and father Ian. Darragh is a grandson of Phonsie and Eileen McElwee and

another grandchild of theirs Elaine gave a speech on Motor Sports in the ATU in Letterkenny on Wednesday evening. Elaine is studying engineering in Oxford University, England. Onóir said they are looking forward to playing live at the Downings Bay Hotel all in aid of two outstanding Irish charities, Féileacáin and Fairy Footprints who do exceptional work in helping bereaved parents in their most difficult and darkest times.

Milford

Death of Jimmy Crerand

The peaceful death took place at his home of Jimmy Crerand, The Lagg, Milford on Sunday 21st April. Jimmy was 93 years of age and was predeceased by his brothers John, Frank, George and Charlie and sisters Annie, Mary, Nellie and Bella.



Jimmy went to work in America in 1957 before returning in 1969, marrying his wife Mary and building his family home at the Lagg, Milford. Jimmy was a very talented tradesman, turn-

ing his hand to all aspects of the building trade and over the years he worked on various construction jobs and spent a large part of his working life working with Thomas Kearney Drapery and Furniture, Main Street, Milford.

Jimmy and Mary were great dancers and were familiar faces at dances in the Milford Inn Hotel over the years.

His Funeral Mass took place on Tuesday morning in St. Peter's Church, Milford officiated by Fr. Stephen Gorman with many of his family, relatives and friends taking part in the service. Burial took place afterwards in Milford Cemetery.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Mary, daughter Linda, son Martin, daughter-in-law Caroline, grandchildren Aoife and Conor, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Wedding

The wedding of Shelley McFadden and Liam Holian, Mount Marian, Milford took place on Thursday 23rd April in a Civil Ceremony and Reception at the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny. Shelley is the daughter of Con and Grace McFadden, Mount Marian, Milford and Liam is the son of Isaac and Philomena Holian, Barrack, Ballyare. Shelley was attended by her sisters as bridesmaids Tracy Sweeney and Margaret McAuley. Bestman was Damien Holian and Groomsman was Johnny Holian. The couple are spending their honeymoon in the Algarve, Portugal.

Milford 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 milfordcommunityplaygrouppltd@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 5th May - Archdeacon David Huss; 2nd June Wills Lynch; 7th July Beach Mission Team.

50/50 Draw

The next draw will take place on Sunday 5th May in the Hi-da-way Bar at 6.00pm for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society held an outing on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th May at the Captain's Weekend away in Westport, Co. Mayo. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford this week are Thursday 25th April 10.00am, Friday 26th April 7.00pm; Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm; Sunday 28th April at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 27th April at 6pm.

Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 28th July at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take places on Sunday 4th August 2024 at 3pm.

First Communions

First Holy Communion in the parish will take place on Saturday 27th April in St. Peter's Church, Milford at 11am and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel at 1pm. for pupils at Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel, Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman and Scoil Mhuire, Milford.

Gallowglass Centre

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

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

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Sub 3 hour London Marathon for Stephen



Steven Devlin has joined the growing number of Milford AC athletes who have run a marathon in under 3hours always a big goal for an aspiring runner from any Club.

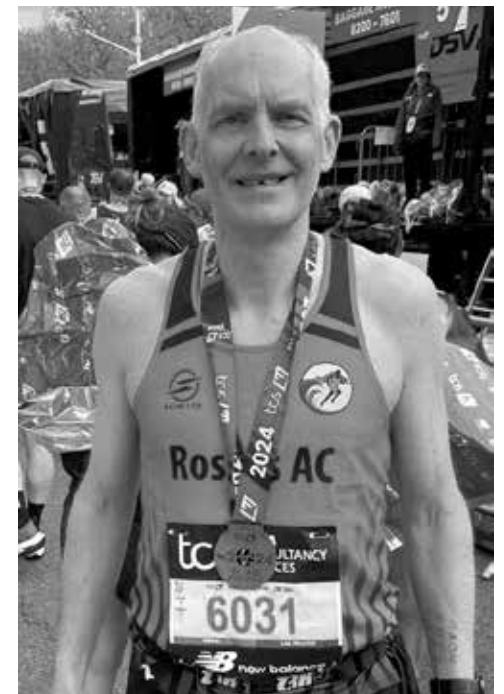
The former Letterkenny native now resident in Milford put in a serious amount of work and commitment over the past 3 months to attain the sub 3 goal when running 2.59.02 around the famous streets of London on Sunday.

His previous best was 3.10.41 from Dublin 2019. From January 2024 he made a definite commitment and went with the basics of increasing the mileage, doing intervals, (mostly on his own or in the company of club colleagues, Paddy Ryan and George Grier).

On Sunday, he stuck to the game plan, going through 5km in 20.46, 10km in 41.49, halfway in 1.28.47, and 35km in 2.28.14.

Like most, he had to dig deep over the last 3km as the rising temperatures and leg cramps were contributing to growing fatigue.

He reached the welcome finish line in 2.59.02 a tired but happy man with the job done, box ticked and the welcome sight of friends and family with no mention of another one.....yet!



Rosses AC member Brendan McBride formerly Main Street, Milford who completed the London Marathon on Sunday in a time of 3hours 24 minutes and 26 seconds.

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The Milford U12 Navy team who played against Red Hughs.

Palestinian Documentary Screening in Milford

Milford & District Resource Centre, in partnership with the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign (Donegal Branch), is hosting a screening of 'Freedom to Run' on Friday, 3rd May at 7.30pm

in the Gallowglass Community Centre. The documentary, filmed in 2018, examines the everyday experience of apartheid by Palestinians in the West Bank.



Martin Roarty, Brendan McBride, Noel O'Donnell from Donegal County Council pictured with Eunan Gallagher (school principal) and members of the Green School Committee in Kerrykeel National School following participation in The National Spring Clean this week



Declan Meehan, Manager of the M D R C handing over the proceeds of this year's Golan Pad Walk, €532, to the beneficiaries, James Gibbons, Milford Tidy Towns and Lesley Newberry, Milford MS support Group. Thanks to all who supported this year's walk.

'Freedom to Run' documents an exchange project between two groups of runners - one Scottish, one Palestinian - who participate in the Palestine and Edinburgh marathons. The marathon becomes a framing device to learn about the Israeli occupation, as you can't run more than 10km in the West Bank without hitting checkpoints, roadblocks, or other obstacles.

"Since October, the devastation in Gaza has once again drawn the world's eyes to Palestine for the wrong reasons" said Declan Meehan, manager of MDRC. "I think most people feel helpless in the face of such destruction and loss of life, so we wanted to do something to provide an outlet for solidarity and action. We wanted to build awareness of the Palestinian experience under occupation, while also raising much-needed funds for the critical work MAP carry out in Gaza, the West Bank and with Palestinian refugees. We hope that many people will join us for a night of film, discussion and solidarity on the 3rd of May."

Tickets cost €15 per person and can be purchased online via MDRC's social media and website. All money raised will go to the charity Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP). MAP provides immediate medical aid to Palestinians in need at times of crisis, while also developing local capacity and skills to ensure the

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long-term development of the Palestinian health-care system. There will be a flavour of Palestine on the night with light refreshments from the region served before the film. The screening will be

followed by a music session in the Travellers Inn. Tickets can be purchased at: https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Milford_and_District_Resource_Centre/TicketSales

Milford Presbyterian Church

Tractor, Vintage & Classic Car Run

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May



Assemble at Church car park for registration at 2pm.

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Refreshments served at the Church Hall afterwards



Loreto Community School Milford student James McAteer was a member of the Republic of Ireland International Schools team that defeated Wales 3-0 at the Briton Derry F.C. grounds on Thursday night. James, a former Milford Utd player and currently with the Finn Harps U20s came on as a substitute in the second half.

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Rosapenna

Gofer of the Year 2024

The first Golfer of the Year event took place on Sunday April 21st sponsored by Raymond Doody Truck Parts and the results were as follows - 1st - Brian Toomey (25) with 66 nett; 2nd - Gabriel Devlin (25) with 67 nett; Gross - Seimi Conner (0) with 73 gross; 3rd - Liam Breen (13) with 68 nett bot; 1st Nine - Joe McHugh (17) with 32 nett; 2nd Nine - Peter Smyth (13) with 33 nett bot. Two's - Shane Doherty, Johnny Connor, Barney Boyce, John McClafferty, Seimi Conner, Charlie McBride, Brian Toomey, Michael Moreton, Sean Boyce, Hugh McBride.

All Gents please note

As you may have seen, when entering your score in the computer on the completion of your round you have been asked to enter a marker first before entering your own score. With the WHS rule changes applied on 1st April 2024, it is now a requirement to specify a marker for their score upon score entry in acceptable for handicap competitions and general play rounds. This cannot be skipped.

Score returns - You are required to return your card for scoring at the end of each round. Failure to do so will result in a penalty score being applied to your handicap.

Rosapenna Ladies

Saturday 20th of April - Winner Deirdre Duncan (16) 41pts; Second Laura McKeague (15) 34pts; Cat A (10-25) Eileen Magill (18) 33pts; Cat B (28-44) Bridin McGuigan (34) 30pts; First nine Aisling Cullen (32) 19pts; Second nine Madge Kelly (22) 20pts

Team News

The Over 50's hosted Portsalon at home last Friday the 19th and won 3-2 on the night. The return leg is fixed for this coming Saturday the 27th at 2.30pm. The Junior Cup team were in action on Saturday the 20th with two matches at home and three away. Rosapenna secured both home

matches and one away to win the tie and now play Bushfoot in the next round.

Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures

Fri 26th April - JB Carr vs Ballybofey & Stranorlar @ 3.20pm
Sun 28th April - Mixed Foursomes vs Dunfanaghy @ 3.30pm
Sun 12th May - Mixed Four Ball vs Ballybofey @ 3.30pm

Dates for your Diary

April - Sunday 28th - Club Competition.
May - Sunday 5th, Sunday 12th, Sunday 19th and Sunday 26th - Club Competitions.

Portsalon

Entries are now open via the CLUBV1 app for our 2024 Club Matchplay tournaments. Entry is €10 for singles events and €10 per player in doubles. You can also enter by giving your name in the shop. Entries for all events will close on Wednesday May 1st. Alongside the Club Singles and Doubles Matchplay events, we are delighted this year to introduce the Club Scratch Matchplay. This 18-hole knockout tournament will be played without handicap allocation and will therefore endeavour to find the best pound-for-pound matchplay golfer in the club each year. We look forward to seeing some excellent golf played and would urge members to support this

competition. Entries now open for: Club Scratch Matchplay, Club Matchplay, Club Doubles Matchplay. Closing date for entries: Wednesday 1st May.

Junior Cup win over Portrush

Congratulations to Kevin McGonagle and his Junior Cup team as they overcame Portrush 3-2 on Sunday afternoon in a tense battle. The split-venue saw Portrush hosting three games with home advantage. Davitt Walsh led out the side for Portsalon on the famous Dunluce layout and he put an all-important point on the board, winning 2&1.

Dermot Shields went down battling 3&2, while Kevin Boyce was in a scrap to the wire but was defeated on the 18th green. Back on home soil, Cian Page recorded a 2&1 success while Daniel Shields was all-square after 18holes and had to go the extra miles, with his victory on fourth playoff hole swinging the tie in Portsalon's favour. Congrats to Kevin and his team on a fine result, with four Portsalon Junior Cup debutants and a teenager lining out!

Wednesday 17th April - Winner: Kevin Hensey (7) 40pts; Runner-up: Hugh O'Kane (23) 38pts.

Saturday 20th April - Winner: Mark Bolton (32) 4pts; Runner-up: Michael O'Hara (23) 40pts; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (2) 33pts; Third: Donal Calla-



Ladies from Rosapenna Golf Club pictured on Saturday the 13th of April enjoying Lady Captain Susanne Gallagher's Away Day to Cruit Island Golf Club.

ghan Jnr (14) 37pts
Sunday 21st April - Winner: Michael Donlon (18) 39pts BOT; Runner-up: Denver Kirk (22) 39pts BOT; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (1) 34 gross pts; Third: Sean Barrett (20) 39pts.

Portsalon Ladies

Paul Doherty Construction Ladies Open Day

This Friday 26th April is the first of the ladies opens in Portsalon Golf Club. It has been very generously sponsored by Paul Doherty Construction. Booking is open either on BRS or calling the club 074 915 9459. Prizegiving is immediately after the last card is submitted. This includes "Up for Grabs", a visitor's prize, and a few surprises for those attending prizegiving! Roisin and her staff have an excellent full menu, and early bird menu available in the club restaurant and bar. Entry: Members €10 including 2's; Visitors €35 including 2's.

Donegal Shield

Congratulations to Lady Captain Anne and members of Letterkenny Golf Club who hosted the Donegal Shield on Saturday 20th April. The excellent organisation behind the scenes, right down to providing blue skies and sunshine for the visiting ladies, was evident from the start of the day. Appreciation also to Noreen and her staff of Hunters Bar and Grill, who were there from early morning providing tasty breakfasts and meals throughout the day. Congratulations to the Letterkenny Ladies team who were victorious on the day and Bunrana Ladies who were runners-up. Well done to the Portsalon ladies team, and particularly to Sarah Nicholl and Aedeon Conway who recorded scores of 34 and 30 respectively.

Medal

This Sunday sees the return of the medal.

Don't forget, it is a Stroke competition on the last Sunday of each month throughout the season!

M a r i e O'Donnell

The draw for the 2024 tournament was made following the Shield results. Portsalon ladies will meet Dunfanaghy Golf Club ladies in June.

Lady Captain's Outing

The notice is up in the locker room for names of those who wish to join Lady Captain Noreen on her outing to Dunfanaghy Golf Club on the 1st June.

Team Golf

The Intermediate Foursomes team will meet Greencastle on Saturday 4th May. There will be two teams at home and two teams away. Support for our ladies is most welcome.

Results 21st April

Congratulations to Lady Captain Noreen who continues her great form - Winner: Noreen McConnigley 36 pts; Runner-Up: Pamela Clinton 35pts. Dates for your Diary: 26th April -Ladies Open Day; 28th April -Medal; 12th May - Play in Pink.

Cloughaneely

Paul Ferry is the master of the recent 9 Hole Competitions winning both Tuesday and Friday 9 Hole Competitions last week. There was a good turnout last weekend for the Club Competition - 1st: Owenie Scotch McFadden (25) 39pts; 2nd Martin Giles (15) 35pts BOT. Congratulations to Owenie McFadden on his Hole in One on the 7th Hole. Rumour has it he had an expensive afternoon last Sunday in the Shamrock front bar! Owenie now joins Captain Vincent the first qualifiers for the Falcarragh Cup which will take place on the October bank holiday weekend. All those who win a handicap counting 18 holes singles competition throughout the year will qualify for the chance to take home the perpetual trophy in October. The 9 hole singles Stableford competitions commence every Tuesday and Friday for the rest of the summer; Handicap counting, Play anytime, Entry €5 members / €10 visitors, Re-entry allowed at €5 for all. Sponsorship opportunities are available for 2024 by contacting Joseph Mangan in the golf club a number

of different packages available. Our 2024 Golf Membership rates can be found on our website new members are welcome. We offer excellent greens, a great test of golf and you will receive a warm welcome from us. Cuireann Cumann Gaif Chloich Cheannfhaola fáilte roimh bhailiúra - fir, mná agus daoine óga. Tá na táilli bliantiúla ó Eanáir go Nollaig iontach réasúnta. Tá plásóga den scoith ar an chúrsa, bainfidh tú súil agus sásamh as é a imirt agus cuirfead fáilte mhór romhat.

Letterkenny

The semi-finals plus final of the Club Quiz takes place on Friday 26th April at 9.30pm in the Clubhouse. Members are invited to come along and support the teams taking part. It would be great to see the other Teams that were involved throughout the year there also.

Jazz evening in Hunter's Bar & Grill, Letterkenny Golf Club on the 27th April from 9 to 11pm. Music by local Artists - Transition Swing. Why not dine before - 2 ~Course meal & Glass of wine only €29.95.

Chris Nee's Ulster Fourball team got the inter-club season underway against Redcastle recently, played over a split venue Letterkenny had two pairings at home and three matches away. Letterkenny came out victors winning 3.5 matches to 2.5. They now await the winners of Fintona GC or Manor House GC based outside Coleraine.

Kevin Roche's Minor League squad hit the ground running with an impressive victory at home to Greencastle. Out of the ten pairings their were seven new recruits from last year, but all five games recorded home wins and will take a 29 hole lead with them to the second leg which is to be played in Greencastle on May 12th.

Also on the same day in splendid conditions for golf, the Piercel Purcell outfit anchored by John Russell progressed to the next round, defeating Narin & Portnoo. The two home matches won comprehensively leaving a minimum of one win to be recorded away from home. True to the above, the away win was secured leaving the last pairing to be called in on the 16th. Letterkenny won overall 3 matches to 1 and now play Faughen Valley tie to be decided by May 26th.

The Junior Cup Team with Kevin Kiely played Newtonstewart also over a split venue format. Letterkenny had two games at home and three away. One match was won on the 18th while the second match narrowly lost out on the 20th hole having been level after 18. In Newtonstewart it was a similar picture with a win and a loss, the 5th and final match went down to the wire and Letterkenny were pipped on the 18th to an overall score of a 3-2 defeat.

Letterkenny Ladies

It was a busy weekend at Letterkenny Golf Club as they hosted the Donegal Shield on Saturday 20th April. The Donegal Shield is a competition that was started by the late Maire O'Donnell from Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh in 1975 to promote social interaction between Ladies' clubs in Donegal. 139 lady golfers from all over Donegal came together representing their 16 clubs took part and the winners were Letterkenny with a score of 156 points, runners up was Bunrana, with 146 points and best overall score was Shiela Breen, Rosapenna with 36 points.

Lady Captain, Anne Flannery would like to extend a huge thank you to the Shield Committee and all the volunteers for making this such a successful and enjoyable event - and not forgetting Noreen and the staff in Hunters Bar and Grill who catered for everyone so well on the day. A very special thank you to Mc Guirks Golf, for their generous sponsorship of the first team prizes. Their support for our ladies club is greatly appreciated. Best of luck to the ladies from Bundoran Golf Club who will be hosting the competition next year.

Challenge Trophy

It was also good news for the Challenge Trophy Team, who defeated Castlerock on the 'away' leg on Sunday and now progress to the next round. Congratulations to Team Captain Mary Fowley and Assistant Team Captain Kay Kelly and a big congratulations to the Challenge Trophy Team members who played in Letterkenny and Castlerock. Thank you to all of the supporters who supported in both venues - a great start to the golfing season in Barnhill for the Letterkenny Ladies.



Owenie McFadden with a Hole in One last Sunday on the 7th Hole at Cloughaneely.



The Letterkenny Challenge Trophy Team pictured at Castlerock : L to R Gillian Dempsy, Kay Kelly, Lorna Reynolds, Mary Fowley, Kathleen Kelly, Mary Gallagher, Lady Captain Anne Flannery and Margaret Harvey



Letterkenny Lady Captain, Anne Flannery proudly holds the Donegal Shield and her winning team and the organising committee at Letterkenny Golf Club.

Mevagh book a memorial to those lost at sea

A new booklet by well-known Downings man, Phrionnsias Mac Giolla Bhríde, has detailed and remembered all those from the locality who died at sea.

by Eamonn McFadden

In an area steeped in maritime history and shaped by its relationship with the ocean, Phrionnsias began the project as a way of honouring those who lost their lives this way and that future generations can do the same.

The new book is dedicated to the memory of those who died at sea locally, local people who died at sea in other parts of the country and those from other parts of the country who died while working or visiting the Mevagh area.

This new work serves to remember those who died tragically and, where possible, give a bit of detail on the lives they lived.

The earliest records in Phrionnsias's research date as far back as 1892 and carry through to as recent as 2019.

He said the new publication is to highlight that the county will never forget their names and that they will live on through these memories for generations to come.

The introduction reads "This booklet was compiled to give some information on all of our loved ones who were lost at sea and whose names are engraved on the Millenium Memori-

al Stone at Downings Pier and some of those names are only in our memory. It is hoped that we will remember them all and that the generations that come after us will have some knowledge of the human and poignant stories behind the tragedies"

Phrionnsias explains the motivation that led him to collect this information and compete in the book. In one case the search for details on one tragic case took 22 years to find.

Speaking to the Tribune he stated: "All the names were on the memorial stone in Downings and I was up there a few times and saw that there were visitors coming from all sorts of different places and they would read the names and you could hear them saying 'I wonder who was that?' or 'I wonder where they were from?'"

There were only the names and no other details. Then two things dawned on me. The first was the history and that in years to come that if anyone from here, or America and Scotland or wherever, went over to the monument and saw a name and they were wondering who they were, then this could answer them. Then I decided that I would do a survey and try to get information from each family, as accurately as I possibly could."

This quest led him to many phone calls to the USA, to London, and all across the island of Ireland, as well as



Phrionnsias Mac Giolla Bhríde at home in Downings.

various parts of Donegal. The idea for the memorial record didn't simply happen overnight and Phrionnsias says, in one case, it took him 22 years to find details

of one of the names recorded.

He stated: "Before I went to write anything I had to be fairly accurate on the details. Before I would put anything in the book I made sure that I got their next of kins permission."

Taking this careful approach he said in some cases, bereaved loved ones did not wish to have their relatives details included to the record, which the author respected. He also used archive material and press records to locate details of some of the cases involved.

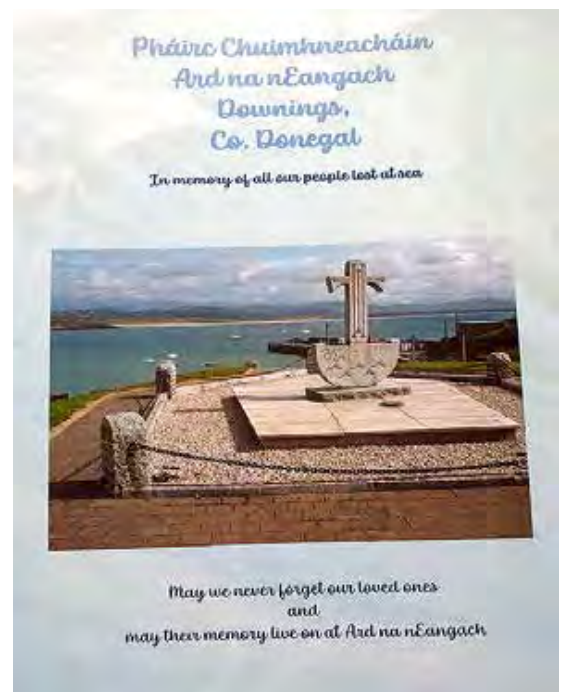
As well as the detail on each person, there are snippets of interesting history in relation to the maritime culture that provided food and work, both on land and at sea for many in the locality.

The famous herring industry and the many thousands it employed are mentioned and gives an insight to a bygone era where life revolved around the rise and fall of the Sheephaven and Mulroy tides.

Indeed, Phrionnsias says his own father, while not a fisherman, still worked within the sector when it was sailboats that were used to fish.

John McBride of Clontallagh was a tailor by profession and would often turn his skilled hands to making new sails for the vessels that would venture into the north Atlantic in search of these valuable fish.

He said he received a great amount of help with putting the booklet together including



The cover of the new book.

local historian Noreen Goulding who helped with some of the research, as well as the translation into the Irish Language.

The Irish language version of the book is complete and now awaiting to be printed.

Phrionnsias still spends a great deal of his time researching and writing on a variety of subjects and is active in documenting many facets of local history so they can be preserved for future generations.



The monument in memory of those lost at sea.

The Family Farm must be protected

Maria Doherty, Sinn Féin Local Election candidate has welcomed the party's legislation to establish a Commission on the Future of the Family Farm. Sinn Féin want to establish a Commission on the Future of the Family Farm, which would bring together stakeholders and experts tasked with bringing forward proposals aimed at allowing our farms not just to survive but to thrive over the rest of this century and beyond.

The establishment of a Commission is a long-standing call from Sinn Féin, and the legislation was developed during TD Matt Carthy's time as party spokesperson for Agriculture. The proposal has also been included in our most recent general election manifesto and subsequent annual alternative budgets.

Maria Doherty said that this legislation that SF have introduced is about protecting the family farm, responding to and planning for the challenges family farms face and bringing forward comprehensive and practical recommendations on how this can be done in a proactive way.

"It is about taking action to sustain family farms recognising their value to our island and to our communities, economically and socially. We cannot and should not leave the agriculture sector to chance, reacting to some crises, leaving some Farmers feeling alone and struggling, with no plan for the threat that some of our family farms feel under especially with rising input costs and in the face of climate action pressures. Our farming families face an onslaught of challenges but Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael representatives, in Ireland and in Europe, add to the burden, expecting farmers to do more while receiving less supports".

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Diarmuid Gallagher with parents Sinead and Paul.



Eric and Lilla Gerwatowska



Orlaith Muffitt and Karen Neely.



Dylan Finnigan and Odhran McGroddy medal winners at the Donegal Track and Field champs.

Cranford shine at Donegal Champs

Letterkenny Athletic Club played host to an exciting day of competition on Sunday, with the sun shining down on athletes from across Donegal. The event, as always, was very well organised. Kicking off the action were the under 14 girls, Olivia Curran and Colleen McCloskey, who showcased their versatility by competing in multiple events including the 80m, long jump, and high jump. Despite the challenge, both athletes demonstrated grace under pressure, making their efforts seem effortless.

In the under 14 category, Oisín McBride dominated the distance events, clinching victories in both the 800m and 1500m races. His stellar performance earned him well-deserved applause and encouragement to continue his impressive work.

Meanwhile, Lilla Gerwatowska showcased her speed and stamina in the under 15 girls' 800m, securing a commendable second-place finish and adding to the day's excitement.

The under 15 boys, represented by Odhran McGroddy and Dylan Finnegan, put on a spirited display, with Odhran claiming second place in the 200m



Caolan McFadden who won both 1500 and 800m U18.

and Dylan securing third. Their determination was evident as they also competed in additional events, including the javelin.

Orlaith Muffitt and Karen Neely represented the under 16 girls, participating in a range of events from sprints to long jumps. Their dedication was evident throughout, setting a high standard for their peers.

The under 17 boys' category saw outstanding performances, particularly from Michael Moore, who impressed with a first-place finish in the 400m and a second-place finish in the 800m. His remarkable debut in the 400m, clocking in at an impressive 52 seconds. Diarmuid Gallagher also showcased his talent with a commendable fourth-place finish in the 1500m.

Moving up the age groups, under 18 athletes Amy Cullen, Miah Fletcher, and Caolán McFadden demonstrated their skills, each securing top spots in their respective events. Amy's triumph in the high jump and Miah's victory in the 800m were particularly noteworthy, as was Caolán's double success in the 800m and 1500m races.

Closing out the individual events, Clodagh Neely represented



Girls U16 who came 4th team Karen Neely, Chloe McGettigan, Lilla Gerwatowska and Ava McGettigan.



Girls U19 relay team that won Gold Amy Cullen, Clodagh Neely, Miah Fletcher and Sophie Muffitt.

the under 19 category with style, claiming victories in both the 800m and javelin competitions.

The relay events added an extra layer of excitement, with notable performances from all age groups. Special mention goes to the under 19 ladies' team, comprised of Amy Cullen, Miah Fletcher, Clodagh Neely, and Sophie Muffitt, who claimed gold in their event, showcasing teamwork and determination. Well done to the under 14 boys relay team Oisín McBride,

Ben McGee, Tarlach Duggan and Matthew Giles who came second. The under 16 girls relay team who came 4th was made up by Karen Neely, Lilla Gerwatowska, Ava and Vhloe McGettigan.

As the day came to a close, it was evident that the athletes from Cranford had once again showcased their talent and dedication on the track.

Thanks to all coaches for their dedication to the the athletes and to the parents for supporting them.



Cranford AC at the Track and Field Donegal Championships in Letterkenny.

Letterkenny AC news

Congratulations to Ann-Marie McGlynn who dominated the 34th Spar Omagh half marathon finishing in a superb time of 1:15:26 securing a win.

Other LAC members who participated include Michael Harkin who ran 1:24:32, Mark Nee who ran 1:34:08, Derek Campbell ran 1:34:58, Gary Kearns ran 1:39:50, Mark McFadden ran 1:40:23, Graeme Michie ran 1:47:55 and Martin O'Donnell who ran 1:50:03.

At the Hugh Gallagher memorial race in Milford Philip McHugh ran an excellent time of 15:54. Sean McFadden ran 18:01, Dessie Shields 18:05, Colly O'Donnell 19:10, Barry Mackey 19:16, Ciaran Hegarty 19:19, Ciaran O'Donnell 20:33, Manus McFadden 20:46, Diane Bustard 26:29, Irene McFadden 26:29, Denise Gallagher 34:16 and Claire Price 34:16.

In the ATU 5km Philip McGee won the race in 16:06, John Foley ran 17:21, Enda McLaughlin while ran 18:03, Dessie Shields ran 18:20, Kieran McFeeley 18:38, Caoloin Sphalt 18:49, Stephen Woods 18:49, Emma Bonar 19:17, Callum Keaveney 19:21, Sarah Henry 19:25, Eamonn McEldowney 19:26, Luke Sweeney 19:29, Fintan Smith 19:29, Anna Russell 19:32, Sean Brophy 19:47, Claire O'Donnell 19:55, Henry Lyons 20:39, Sophia Ward 20:58, Gary Price 21:43, Frances Judge 21:45, Joan Naughton 22:23, Seamus Morrison 22:45, Anthony Farren 22:45, Maria Fleming 23:35, Denis Shields 23:36, Frank Pinder 25:27, Seamus Gallagher 27:01, Con Duffy 28:41, Andrea McFeely 31:13, Noreen Pinder 31:21, Denise Gallagher 33:21, Lisa McMonagle 33:51 and

Claire Price 34:10.

Three LAC athletes made the journey to London last weekend to participate in the marathon. Paul Cullen crossed the line in 2:39:48, Aidan McKenna ran 3:16:21 while Darren Beecroft ran 3:41:52.

Congratulations to Claire McGuigan who won the women's race at the Larne 10 miler in a time of 60.48. On a day of wind and rain it was a comprehensive victory with the 2nd place finisher Elisoa Crawford finishing in 63.51

Congratulations to Donal Farren who ran 14.59 at the IUA Track and Field championships.

Last week Errigal College hosted its annual 5km road race. First LAC runner home and in second place overall was Philip McGee in 16:48, Michael Black ran 17:25, Kevin McGee 18:43, Sean McFadden 18:54, Caolan Spratt 19:07, Luke Sweeney 19:31, Sean Brophy 19:56, Manus McFadden 21:20, Frank Pinder 25:02, Conor McDaid 26:09, Katie McGee 26:29, Molly Shields 28:58, Mary Gallagher 29:15, Diane McGarrigle 31:11, Noreen Pinder 31:54, Linda Cronin 32:39, Katrina Doherty 33:03 and Katherine Weston 37:36.

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

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

Donegal Track and Field at the Aura Leisure Centre

Letterkenny Athletics Club hosted the U14 - U19 Track and Field event in the Aura Leisure Centre on Sunday 21st April 2024. Our club had over 40 athletes taking part in events such as sprints, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, high jump, middle distance, shot putt, javelin, walk and relays.

Along with some fine weather, we had some fine performances from our athletes on the day, with Letterkenny Athletic Club getting a large contingent of medals. Training paid off for a number of athletes, with Daragh Naughton, Oisín Cuskelly, Emma Bonar, Reuben O Domhnaill, Paddy Haslette, Kathryn Davison,

Anya Duffy, Katie Elliott, Clodagh Gallagher, Maeve Doherty, Sophia Ward, Harry McIllwaine, Danny McKinley, Nina Nwankwo, Senan Shields, Luke Sweeney, Philip McGee, Sarah O'Keeney, John Devlin, Josh Speer and the U14 boys relay team made up of Oisín Cuskelly, Paddy Haslette, Adam McAuley and John Devlin, all winning gold medals in their respective events. There were also numerous silver and bronze medals in a variety of events. All the participants were a credit to themselves and the club. Many thanks to all the coaches who give up their time to help out and make day a very successful event.

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Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Go mbéidh sibh uilig breá agus folláin, a chairde Ghaeil, agus an ghrian i ndiaidh í féin a thaispeaint. Buíochas mór ag cibé dia a chreid-eann tú ann. Bhí achán duine, gan eisceacht, ag cailleadh a chiall ag stánadh amach lá i ndiaidh lá, seachtain i ndiaidh seachtain, ar an aimsir fuar, fluich agus gránna, le drochlá i ndiaidh drochlá. Is taispeáint foirfe í an tionchar atá ag an aimsir ar mheobhairshláinte. Ba léir é sin go mór le fada an drochaimsir atá, le cuidiú Dé, inár ndiaidh. Agus an difir a dhéanann sí, an tsoineann! Bhí mé ábalta an gairdín a lomadh, agus tá cuma níos slachtmhaire ar an áit ar fad, rud eile a chuidíonn leis an mheobhairshláinte. Chomh luath agus a thagann an feabhas bíonn daoine ag bogadh níos gaiste, cuma diongbháilte orthu- rud atá galánta a fheiceáil. Agus chomh luath agus a thainig an biseacht aimsire, thosaigh mé ag smaointiú ar an bia ón Lár-Oirthear, rud a tháitníonn go mór liom.



cha de dhíth ort. Mar shampla, POMEGRANATE MOLASSES, atá bunúsach, suntasach sa chócaire seo. San áireamh fosta atá meascáin spíosraí-ZAATAR, RAS AL HANOUT agus SUMAC. Tá siadsan uilig riachtánach sa scéal; tá siad uilig le fáil i PETRA. Cuir céist ar an foireann agus tabhairfidh siad lámh cuidithe duit. Agus ná déan dearmad!!! CLEACHTADH, agus bí misniúil agus féinmhuineach, déan an taighde agus cuir na céisteanna. Is fiú go mór é, a chairde Ghaeil.

KOFTA UAINEOLA FOIRFE Perfect Lamb Kebabs



Comhábhair

- 2 oinniún beaga
- 1 dornán peirsil
- 1 dornán mionta
- 750g uaineoil mionaithe
- 50g cnó péine gearrtha go garbh
- 1 tsp cainéal meilte
- 1 tsp ilspíosra meilte
- 1 tsp ilspíosra meilte
- 1 tsp piobar dubh
- 1 tsp salann

MODH:

Grátáil oinniúin agus brúigh amach an leacht. Cuir i mbabhla le mionta agus peirsil; cuir gach rud eile isteach agus meascaigh le chéile go maith, cuir sa chuisneoir le 6 uair a chloig. Crúthaigh an meascán mar ispiní thart scibhéar agus ar fhriochtán, grideall nó Fulacht go bhfuil siad deas donn.

IÓGART le GAIRLEOIG's LIOMÓIDE Yoghurt with Garlic and Lemon

Rinne mé cuairt eile go PETRA, an siopa Phailistíneach i Leitir Ceannain, áit a bhfuair mé mo rogha spíosraí ón Lár-Oirthear-ZAATAR, RAS AL HANOUT, SUMAC agus a leithead. Labhair mé faoin siopa spéisialta sin riamh, agus molaim go mór díobh cuairt a dhéanamh ann. Tá sé go han-mhaith ar fad. Níl amhras ar bith ann go mbéidh ort taighde a dhéanamh maidir leis na hearraí uilig, agus iad chomh neamhchoitianta agus atá siad ach, ar m'anam is fiú go mór é léargas a fháil ar an domhan seo atá stairiúil agus a chuirfidh faoi draíocht thú. Tá tionchar ag an cócaireacht ón ceantar seo ar An Spáinn, an Aifric Thuaidh agus an réigiúin uilig thart timpeall. Sampla maith ná go n'úsáidíonn siad cnónna de achán sort go flúirseach agus go minic, eadar bia milis agus blasta, rud atá iontach suimiúil ar fad. Mar a dúirt mé riamh, nuair atá tú ag foghlaim faoi rud éigean nua, ní mór ach taighde agus cleachtadh a dhéanamh agus tiocfaidh tuiscint agus eolas leis an am atá caithe agat. Fosta, gabh ar líne agus fáigh oidis agus earraí ansin agus Bain triall astu. Ní bhéidh díoma ort, agus béidh gliondar ort nuair a fheiceann tú do aoianna ag baint sult as an bia galánta atá curtha amach agat. Oibríonn an bia seo ag an am seo de bhliain ach go hairithe mar gheall ar an aimsir ag éirí níos fearr agus an deis agat ithe amuigh faoin spéir. Bíonn sailéidí éagsúla mór sa chócaireacht seo agus blastán speisialta ag gabháil leo. Mar gheall ar sin, béidh cúpla earraí airíthea-

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- 200ml iógart
- 1 tbsp ola olóige
- 1 tbsp sú liomóide úr
- 1 ionga gairleog brúite
- 1/2 tsp salann

MODH:

Meascaigh achán rud le chéile. Tig leat 2 tbsps

uisce a chuir leis má's mian leat.

- É féin a thaispeáint. Show itself
- Eisceacht. Exception
- Ciall. Sense
- Ag stánadh. Staring
- Gránna. Ugly
- Drochlá. Day of bad weather
- Taispeáinteas. Exhibition, example
- Meobhairshláinte. Mental health
- Bá léir é. It was obvious, clear
- Tionchar. Influence
- Soineann. Good weather
- Lomadh. To cut (grass)
- Slachtmhar. Tidy
- Níos gaiste. Faster
- Diongbháilte. Determined
- Biseach. Improvement
- Go mórmór. Especially
- Rogha. Choice, variety
- Lár-Oirthear. Middle-East
- Molaim go mór. I really recommend
- Taighde. Research
- Neamhchoitianta. Uncommon
- Cuir faoi draíocht. Mesmerise
- Cnó, cnónna. Nut, nuts
- Tuiscint. Understanding
- Díoma. Disappointment
- Blastán. Flavouring, dressing
- Bunúsach. Basic
- Suntasach. Prominent, distinctive
- Riachtánach. Compulsory
- Misniúil. Courageous

4,311 cancellations at LUH not acceptable – SF

Sinn Féin's Pádraig MacLochlainn and Pearse Doherty said that the Government's lack of a plan for overcrowding was impacting directly on waiting lists through cancellations. They said that the Government was shifting the problem from emergency departments to waiting lists, leaving patients waiting longer for access to care.

They also said that Sinn Féin has a plan to improve the health service by delivering 3,000 hospital and community beds nationwide, ending the recruitment embargo, training more healthcare professionals, and investing in local health services.

Pádraig Mac Lochlainn said: "This Government is failing to tackle hospital overcrowding which is leading to record levels of cancellations at Letterkenny University Hospital. There were 4,311 hospital appointments cancelled in 2023, up significantly from the previous year. It is a worrying increase.

13 years of Varadkar, Harris, and Donnelly have made the health service worse. They have decimated local health services and created a crisis in our hospitals. They don't have a plan for hospital overcrowding, and this is forcing hospitals to rely on cancellations.

This is shifting the problem from overcrowded EDs onto lengthy waiting lists. This solution is not sustainable."

Award for TCS

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) a global IT services, consulting and business solutions organisation has been awarded the Investors in Diversity Silver accreditation by the Irish Centre for Diversity. Supported by the employer representative body, Ibec, Investors in Diversity is Ireland's premier Diversity and Inclusion accreditation mark.

Commenting on the award Leeanne Patterson, Head of Human Resources, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Letterkenny Global Delivery Centre said "Investors in Diversity Silver accreditation affirms that we have prioritised embedding Diversity & Inclusion into our company culture in the TCS Global Delivery Centre. As part of the process to gain this accreditation, we had to complete a rollout of an Equity Diversity and Inclusion survey for all employees. "We look forward to building on the work that has been done to date and strive to receive Gold accreditation from the Irish Centre for Diversity."



IT'S ANOTHER MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE!
I'LL BE WORTH A FORTUNE WHEN I
RETURN MY BOTTLES TO THE NEW
15c REFUND BOTTLE MACHINE.

A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

Stretch: a gifted friend has passed away

I was annoyed to hear recently that there are dogs on the loose around Rathmullan and they're slaughtering sheep. There's a saying among sheep farmers that "we don't mind your dogs, as long as you DO".

The moment your dog leaves your property without you, you are in breach of the law. We work long, hard days and nights, in the worst of weather, to rear our sheep and lambs and then you let your dogs savage them to a gruesome death. If we terrorised you for money you would be straight to the guards, and rightly so.

It's the same when your dogs kill our sheep; you're stealing our income, and causing untold suffering and distress to very defenceless creatures, to say nothing of the stress to the farmer who must deal with the bloody aftermath. It doesn't matter if your dog is a Chihuahua, a Rottweiler or a fluffy mongrel... all dogs kill sheep and all dogs must be enclosed. Lock up your dogs.

I had to return a bit early from Rathmullan last time to avail of the mammogram I had been offered at short notice. It usually takes longer to find the relevant bits of my anatomy than to carry out the procedure because as one friend said, two bee stings or two fried eggs would be bigger. I'm certainly not in danger of suffering black eyes from running down the stairs. The same friend of mine had told me earlier in the day that a mutual friend was in the Cavan General, in a bad way.

After the mammogram I chanced my arm and blagged my way into the ward outside visiting hours and found Stretch propped up in the bed, holding court. Stretch (he's tall & slim) had been our neighbour in the Corpo' flats in Dublin, where he lived with his woman and four sons. When we moved from Dublin to Cavan in 1998 Stretch came on the moving lorry to give a hand and he just never went back. He lived with us for a couple of years, helping

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to build our house and working on the country with my partner, Paddy. He was eventually housed by Cavan county council in one of what he referred to as "the old farts" homes in Cavan town where he continued to do anything and everything, brilliantly. He was a very gifted person and could fix anything from a car engine to a leaking roof to a toaster.

He and Paddy were great mates and partners in crime until I found Paddy dead in bed in April 2002. Stretch gave me a lot of help then and did some of the work on a new house I was building to sell. We kind of drifted apart after that although we did keep in sporadic touch over the years.

A life of hard drinking and heavy smoking has taken its inevitable toll and Stretch, at 64, is now on oxygen and declining rapidly. I was particularly glad to see two of his sons when I visited. One of them had lived with myself and Mark for quite some time in Dublin when things were difficult in his home. We had a great chat and I was very glad to hear that he had got clean of the heroin and turned his life around.

I had a job interview last week, which is an event that I'm not one bit keen on. I was on the dole for a couple of months last year and I didn't want a full time job because of travelling up and down to Rathmullan

for the house build. I answered a HSE job advertisement, knowing full well that they had a recruitment embargo so I was in no danger of actually having to take a job. Then, out of the blue about seven months later I got an email inviting me to interview for the aforementioned job. I went along to the Kilmore Hotel with an open mind and had a grand time with the two women. It was this modern sort of interview where you had to include certain words like "empower" and "escalate" and know the names of a heap of HSE policies.

I told them out straight that I have all the policy certs and I use the policies every day but I haven't an iota of a clue of the names of them. Bit like doing history at school; I'd know the events but not the dates when they happened. In the heel of the hunt they said they were offering me a 35 hour contract with every second weekend off. I didn't want to be tied to that so I told them I'd decline their offer, thanks very much.

They then asked if I would consider taking a 20 hour contract, same deal, every second weekend off. Weekends are no good to me because I can't do any business with builders or banks. The upshot of the whole outing was that I asked to be removed from the process and they thanked me for my honesty and we all parted friends. I just don't want to



Kate Carton

go back on the country, going house to house for thirty minute calls and then avoiding the phone calls from everyone who gets "sick" or has "car trouble" on my weekend off.

Before anyone gets up on their high horse about me turning down a good job offer, just let me be clear that I'm not in receipt of one cent from the State, nor do I have a medical card or any other benefits. I do as much work as I need to live, between bits and pieces of private care work, farming and whatever else I fall in for. When the time is right the perfect job will come along for me.

I had an early start last Friday, leaving the house at 5.30am to get up to Belfast for my long awaited and much anticipated dental surgery at 8.30am. It was a grand morning, although drizzly for some of the journey. I took Google Maps advice and went up via Dundalk and found my destination no bother. I arrived half an hour early and was dead to the world in the car when the staff and other patients came to the clinic.

They eventually woke me and I spent three and a half long hours in the dentist's chair. He took quite a bit of blood from me and separated the platelets and plasma out of it to use in the bone graft. I left with a peg in the cavity in my jaw bone, a bone graft, a temporary tooth, a gobfull of stitches and a monumental hole in my bank balance. The surgery itself wasn't painful, thanks to modern anaesthetics and the skill of Greg the surgeon, but I had a terrible pain in my

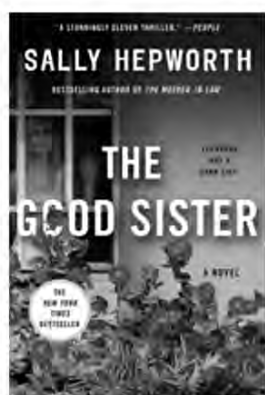
Book Review by Connie McGranaghan

The Good Sister Sally Hepworth



Fern and Rose are twin sisters. Rose is an interior designer and Fern works in her local library. Fern appears to rely very heavily on her sister Rose with whom she has dinner three nights a week and who she turns to when her sensory processing issues sometimes get out of hand. Fern is portrayed as straight talking, a little innocent and naïve but is very much liked in the library environment and her character is very likeable and even relatable (I loved her!)

The bond between the girls runs deep but is shrouded in secrets from their past. We discover that they had a very painful upbringing by a cruel Mother who always favoured Rose over Fern. When they were young Fern mistakenly did something very bad and when Rose covered up for her this led to Fern believing that she will always need Rose by her side to look after her. To repay her for protecting her Fern decides to get pregnant and give her baby to Rose who is unable to conceive but desperately wants a baby.



This idea becomes troublesome when Fern unexpectedly comes across a chance at love after she meets a man in the library who comes in to use the shower. She mistakes him for a homeless guy although Wally' as Fern christens him has chosen to live in van. The love story that develops between Wally and Fern is a joy to read and the interactions between the likeminded pair is just perfect. This story tackles themes such as mental illness and family dynamics and while it is described as a thriller because of Wally and Fern's relationship, I felt it was much more of a love story.

There were some thrilling elements to it also, particularly in the way one of these sisters wants something so badly that she will do just about anything to get it! This is when we discover which one of the two really is 'The Good Sister'. The book is a little bit predictable, but it was still a lovely engaging read which I would thoroughly recommend.

face from having my mouth open wide for hours on end. That wouldn't be an issue for Himself because he's a relentless chatterbox, so his mouth is always wide open. I returned via Ballygawley and Monaghan, just to look over a different ditch. It was a nicer trip, although no difference in the journey time.

The weather picked up that afternoon and by evening I was considering making a start on setting the spuds. As a precaution I first enquired whether Himself was going to live long enough to eat them and the response wasn't very encouraging... from the spud planting point of view. He was knocked on the slats by a cow a couple of weeks ago and suffered badly bruised ribs, then to put the tin hat on it, he took a reaction to the painkillers and was as sick as a parrot.

He's been pretty banjaxed and sore for a while and is about as much use around the farm as tits on a bull. With a bit of luck we'll get the first cattle out this week and that will lighten the load around the yards. Farming is a risky job and the accidents happen in a split second, with far reaching consequences. Still... onwards and sideways! The summer appears to be coming at long, long last. Yippee!

Since writing this piece, Stretch has passed away and life has lost one more of its most colourful characters. May he rest in peace, and may his gods brace themselves for some almighty craic in heaven.

Stardust: 43 years on - Nobody accountable for 48 deaths

Five options were open to the jury last week in the Stardust inquests: unlawful killing, accidental death, misadventure, an open verdict or a narrative verdict. In Irish law, a verdict of unlawful killing can only be returned when there is gross negligence taken in the interest of preserving someone's life. Dr Myra Cullinane, who oversaw the inquests, said of the victims "it is their lives that we've sought to vindicate by means of these inquests."

I was driving out towards Letterkenny as the inquest into the Stardust tragedy was into its final hour last Thursday afternoon and the Joe Duffy Show was covering every last detail of the 48 lives lost.

It made for gripping yet very poignant listening as the lives, the hopes, the dreams and the talents of those young lives were revisited. So the reality became clear that the verdict would be one of 'unlawful killing' in all cases.

It was the early hours of Valentine's Day, February 13/14th 1981 when over 800 young people made a valiant attempt to escape through fire exits when a blaze broke out the Stardust nightclub in Artane in the early hours of St. Valentine's Day. Most people of a particular vintage will know exactly where they were on that following morning 43 years ago when news of the tragedy filtered out on national radio.

Forty three years ago on Valentine's Day 1981, I was on the same road to work in Letterkenny and at first it was difficult to grasp the immensity of the tragedy because news was delivered very differently in that era and RTE was our main source for the news. It was long years before there were rolling bulletins or breaking news. Before the verdict was read out, a questionnaire was asked of the jury. The jury established that the fire started in the hot press of the club, and the cause of the fire was an electrical fault in the hot press.

The jury also established the carpet tiles on the ballroom walls contributed to the spread

of the fire. Exits were locked, chained or otherwise obstructed and victims of the fire were impeded in their ability to access exits and go through the exits.

The inquests into their deaths began in April 2023; the inquest was the longest in Irish history. The jury heard 95 days of direct evidence from 373 witnesses. The seven women and five men on the jury deliberated for 11 days.

These have been forty three dark years for the heroic families of the victims: all had been failed by the State for over four decades. But had it not been for the courage and the determination of these families, the real truth would never be known. These families are the true heroes who fought that good fight to exonerate their loved ones and their battle for justice, while the stuff of an epic, the truth is that it is quite shameful that it did not happen forty years earlier.

Now a formal apology has been offered.

Somehow, after 43 years, they deserve more. After all those years, nobody has been held accountable. There is something fundamentally wrong in this country when families have been forced to wait in agony, not for justice alone but for the bare truth to emerge.

The inquest verdict of 'unlawful killing' should mean a criminal enquiry, justice alone will never fill the gaping hole in the families lives. This verdict surely means culpability and in that alone the relevant institutions of the State need to be revisited to examine how and why earlier

verdicts failed to address the vacuum of four decades in denial of the truth.

In many ways, Ireland back then was in a state of denial, high unemployment, rising inflation ... controlled by State and Church, all powerful institutions because of their overarching self-righteous legacy down the generations.

The jury heard 95 days of direct evidence from 373 witnesses.

Following the marathon hearings, the jury said they could not reach a unanimous verdict but they delivered a majority decision.

The seven women and five men on the jury deliberated for 11 day.

While this is a clear vindication of the victims and their families, it has been a long and difficult road to get to last week's verdict. Two inquests, a Tribunal of Inquiry, a compensation tribunal, and a number of investigations and reports, as well as countless hours spent campaigning, have led to the Taoiseach's formal apology.

At the time of the fire, Charlie Haughey was Taoiseach as well as a local TD in the area. Keen to be seen to act swiftly, a tribunal of inquiry was established within days of the blaze.

The Tribunal delved into the fire in huge detail, working through a huge amount of testimony and eyewitness accounts and examining many facets of what led to the fire. The tribunal was highly critical of the safety measures at the nightclub, and criticised the dangerous safety practices in place.

However, after 122 days, Mr Justice Ronan Keane concluded in his 1982 findings that the blaze was caused by 'probable arson' rather than an accident.

Then in 1986 the Victims Compensation Tribunal was held in order to group together a number of claims that had been brought in relation to the blaze.

Chaired by Mr Donal Barrington, it laid out in detail the horrific injuries and causes of death for the 48 who died in the place, as well as the devastation to the families, survivors and the local community.

"We were struck by the devastation which the tragedy

appeared to have caused to a local community," the Tribunal concluded.

Nevertheless, following the Tribunal, the Government did not act and the matter was seen as officially closed. But, the families were left without closure and deep anger over the findings of the first Tribunal and their treatment by the State.

The victims kept fighting: John Keegan, whose daughters Martina and Mary died in the blaze, set up the Stardust Victims' Committee in 1985.

Keegan died in 1986, the same day he lost a Supreme Court case for personal injuries following the deaths of his daughters.

But the group continued to campaign for a new inquiry for decades. An independent report by Geraldine Foy, a researcher for the Stardust families, was handed to the Department of Justice in 2003 that contained expert evidence disputing the original tribunal's findings.

Finally in 2008, the government commissioned an independent examination of new evidence, chaired by Paul Coffey SC. The investigation also did not lead to a decision on the cause of the fire.

However, Coffey said that the original verdict from the 1981 Tribunal - that the fire was likely caused by arson - was in grave doubt. Significantly, the investigation recommended that the verdict of the 1981 tribunal be struck from the public record. In later times the Government appointed retired judge Mr Justice Pat McCartan to examine potential new evidence into the circumstances surrounding the tragedy.

He was asked to make a recommendation on whether a commission of investigation into the fire was warranted. In November that year, Judge McCartan said in his report that no new investigation was warranted.

"Having considered all the material evidence submitted to the committee there is no new or updated evidence disclosed in the meaning of the terms of this assessment and no new enquiry is warranted," he stated.

In 2018, Taoiseach Leo Varadkar told the Dáil that the attorney general would look "afresh" at a request to

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hold a second inquest. In March 2019, an application was made to the attorney general for new inquests. A submission of 37 pages was filed by Phoenix Law on behalf of Antoinette Keegan and relatives of 42 of the 48 people who died in the fire.

Finally, in September 2019 the attorney general Seamus Woulfe SC directed that fresh inquests should be held into the deaths.

He said at the time "This is because I consider that in the original inquests there was an insufficiency of inquiry as to how the deaths occurred, namely, a failure to sufficiently consider those of the surrounding circumstances that concern the cause or causes of the fire."

As the inquest continued over the past year, the Coroner heard that exits were locked, chained or otherwise obstructed and victims of the fire were impeded in their ability to access exits and go through the exits.

In 1985 Christy Moore's song about the Stardust tragedy was banned. Alongside their painful battle for compensation, relatives of the Stardust victims campaigned tirelessly to ensure that their loved ones would never be forgotten. It would take more than a decade before successive governments would make good on a promise to provide a permanent memorial to the victims. The campaign to honour the Stardust dead is a story of political inaction, broken promises and much disappointment.

It is also a story of censorship. Christy Moore was in Thomastown, Kilkenny with Moving Hearts on the night of the tragedy. No stranger to controversy, Moore's emotive ballads about the hunger strikes of 1981 had been banished from the airwaves. One of his most popular songs, 'Back Home in Derry', was banned after the authorities realised it was written by the late Bobby Sands, who died on hunger strike three months after the Stardust tragedy.

The reaction on that occasion was no surprise to him. But little did the singer realise how much trouble he would be in over a song about a fire in Artane. The High Court action, which was successful, was based on complaints that the song would prejudice the outcome of litigation concerning over 200 compensation claims resulting from the Stardust fire.

It's the song that talks to all generations and it always will, in tribute to those fortyeight lives lost in the Stardust on Valentine's night 1981....

*"When St. Valentine's day comes around once a year,
Our thoughts turn to love,
as the time it draws near,
Sweethearts and darlings,
husbands and wives,
Pledge love and devotion for the rest of their lives.
As the day turns to evening
soon night time does fall,
Young people get ready
for the Valentine's Ball,
As the night rings with laughter,
some families still mourn,
The 48 children who never came home."*

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Crux over Hospice funding

As the cost of running the Donegal Hospice in Letterkenny continues to rise dramatically the voluntary fund raising committee headed up by Noel O'Connell is to seek talks with the NWHB to have its contribution of 20% reduced significantly.

The Hospice opened with a four bed compliment in February of last year and the voluntary contribution including the funding of the home nursing service for 400 people has run to €386,000.

That contribution is set to increase dramatically this year, says Mr. O'Connell and he sees clearly that in the immediate future their voluntary contribution will be expected to exceed half a million Euro.

"It simply is no longer feasible for that expectation to be realised," he says. The overall cost of running the Hospice for 2003 ran to around two million Euro with the local health board contributing 80% of the finances.

"Next year the costs could be as high as €2.5 million and I can no longer guarantee that our committee is capable of raising 20% of that amount," adds Mr. O'Connell.

He fears that the voluntary contribution for 2004 could well be over €400,000. "The capacity is just not there for such an

enormous voluntary commitment to be met and we would hope the Board can understand that and that there will be no cut backs should we fail to reach our 20% of the contribution. We are now seeking to have talks with the health board to alert them that extra provision must be made by them to address any deficits the voluntary sector may have in future years," says O'Connell.

He raised these concerns in public at Rathmullan this week when he accepted a cheque from a New Year's Day swim.

The Donegal Hospice Committee has been the most dynamic and successful group ever in Donegal and ever since 1983 Noel O'Connell has spearheaded a series of successful fundraising campaigns and he's deeply involved with the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital at the moment.

Back in 1988 the Hospice Committee was established and until '97 their finances went towards funding the home care nursing facility. One nurse was originally employed and today there are four with an urgent demand for another such post. Last year the home care service catered for 400 people and the Hospice committee provided funding of €150,000.

The committee made a commitment to fund twenty per cent of the running costs

of the new Hospice and that figure is now presenting a serious difficulty due mainly to escalating costs of medical and provision of services to the centre. Adding to the cost is the opening of the remaining eight beds in the building and Noel O'Connell has now expressed serious reservations over the ability of his committee to continue meeting their original commitment.

Obviously such a hefty amount of finance being raised on a purely voluntary basis is posing headaches and many of the committee members have also made a massive contribution both in their own time and personal finances to meet their targets in recent years.

Noel O'Connell has now gone public on the issue saying that he is providing advance notice to the health board to enable them to make provision in their budget for additional funding beyond the 80% commitment agreed.

He comments that for 2005 and onwards he will be asking that their contribution be lowered to 10% or less since he cannot visualise them having the future capacity for raising as much over half a million on an annual basis.

He says the people of Donegal have been magnificent in the support and generosity towards the Hospice but the com-



John McHugh, Forquar, Milford and John Campbell, Letterkenny, both successful heart donor recipients pictured at the annual Milford Good Friday Golan Pad Walk. The walk this year was in aid of the Irish Heart and Lung Transplant Association. Also included is walk organiser Patrick Shiels, Milford.

mittee has now reached a position where it is not possible for them to guarantee such a hefty contribution. And he fears that if they do not do so cuts might be inevitable if the health board does not make provision for extra funding.

He has guaranteed that his committee will continue funding the home nursing service. They already have a number of well established

and lucrative fundraisers in place including coffee mornings: the sunflower day and the annual church gate collections across the county. "Therefore that end of our commitment presents no problem. However I am now highlighting our difficulties with the Hospice contribution to allow the health board enough time to address the situation," he said.



Catherine Ann McGroddy pictured cutting the tape to open the newly refurbished North Star Lounge, Carrigart on Saturday night. With her husband Dominick they recently purchased the landmark premises and are now completing a major renovation programme. Also included are family members and friends.

McDaid launches EU campaign

Dr. James McDaid will officially launch his EU campaign at Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey on next Monday night when Sports and Tourism Minister John O'Donoghue will preside at the function billed for 8.30.

Hundreds of FF supporters from across Donegal are due to attend the high profile launch as McDaid bids for the big time in the EU parliament. His running mate in FF is Galway based Sean O'Neachtain who is already in the field big time.

John O'Donoghue is the FF national director of elections in the EU campaign and the party will be going all out in the new North West constituency to have their two candidates elected to Europe.

Commenting on the campaign McDaid said this week: "The European and Local Elections are extremely important. In the north-west there are many issues that need a strong and committed voice at local and European level. Fianna Fail has a strong team and record of proven ability. Many decisions taken which are at EU level do affect our daily lives. If elected to the European Parliament, I will do all in my power to ensure that decisions taken in Europe do promote and protect the interests of the people of the North West region and county Donegal." The McDaid backroom team is appealing for the biggest turnout possible to be in Jackson's Hotel on Monday night.

Salmon imports: decision is months away

Irish salmon farmers remain optimistic that protective measures will be sanctioned later this year by the European Commission to save their livelihoods from being wrecked by cheap imports.

While the EU has agreed to investigate the case to have restrictions put in place to protect the industry within the EU it may take nine months for a decision to be made.

The crux of over-production began in September of 2001 because of the over-production in Norway and the industry within the EU market has been in difficulties ever since. This was compounded further in May of last year when the minimum import price was removed and it led to Norway flooding the markets due to excess production.

Here in Ireland the industry has been attempting to ride out the storm but in Scotland the situation is at crisis point due, mainly to many more jobs being involved. Over 200 jobs in the processing end of the industry in Scotland were lost last

year and at least four companies in the Shetlands have gone into receivership. Marine Harvest has shed seventy jobs with the closure of their processing factory in Stornoway and the industry there has reduced by 30% the number of smolts being sent to sea.

The announcement that an investigation is to be made is seen as a major breakthrough and evidence will now be sought to establish the strength of the case against Norway who are accused of swamping the markets with these cheap imports.

The British and Irish governments have made their case on the basis that imports to the EU have increased by almost fifteen per cent in 2003 as compared with the previous year.

Salmon farmers in Ireland and the UK were safeguarded by a minimum import price that was put in place in 1997. Then last year the European Commission removed that sanction and this opened the floodgates for dumping.



Patricia McAteer presenting a cheque for €2,175 to Noel and Alisa O'Connell of the Donegal Hospice the proceeds of the New Year's Day Swim at Rathmullan. Also included are Mary McAteer, Jimmy Joe Morrison, Noel McCormick, Robert Scott and Liam McLaughlin. They also presented the same amount to St. John's Ward in Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin and to Brendan McGinn.

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Kilmacrennan woman gets diploma: fifty years after leaving school

Congratulations to Maire Nic Suibhne of Kilmacrennan who has successfully completed a Diploma in Irish from Magee University: and that has been achieved after she decided to return to education a year after she retired from the Naonaira in Termon. Maire is no stranger to the Gaelic language and coming from Downings she has a traditional blas that is a part of her life.

She had lived in Dublin after marrying her husband, Brian but soon afterwards he was transferred back home. They returned to Downings for a while but eventually settled in Kilmacrennan. That was forty years ago and Maire confesses she's still a Downings woman.

She was reared with Irish and it was all Gaelic they spoke until she went to school and even then the only time English was spoken was when they did it a different subject.

Maire explains "We weren't allowed to speak English in the schoolyard. I can't count properly or say my prayers in English. If I was adding up a bill, I would do it in Irish. I never worked outside the home while the children were small. Then 10 years ago, when they were all gone, a job came up in the Naoinara in Termon. I applied and got it. It's all Irish that's spoken to the children. I worked there for nine years. When it started in 1994, there were six children. Now there are 36 this year and they are booked up for 2005. I only go in the odd day now, to cover sickness or holiday relief. I

love going back for the few days, but I'm glad I'm not working full time, as it is tiring work and you have to be vigilant all the time. I'm taking life easy and enjoying my retirement.

The Diploma in Irish came up in Downings and a few people were saying to me do it and so I did. It was hard work, but enjoyable. Since I left school, I had only done a few week-long courses here and there with the Naoinra and nothing else.

So this course was the big one after 50 years as far as formal education was concerned. When we were given our first essay, I thought, Oh my God, will I ever get started I asked my daughter for help, but she said it was 20 years since she had written an essay, so I said sod it, I'll do it myself.

I found it very hard to put my thoughts into written form. After three weeks I said to the tutor I was stopping because I couldn't handle the grammar. She assured me that as I speak Irish, write it and read it, that it would eventually come naturally to me.

We had a brilliant tutor, Noirin Goulding. She said if we wanted extra help, not to be afraid to call her at home, there's not many would do that. Before the exams, she took us for written and oral mocks, which I thought was great and it really prepared us. The course was only two nights a week, but when you add in homework, it was really five nights a week, but it flew and it was worth it. The whole class was supportive and very help-



Maire Nic Suibhne with her husband Brian and tutor Noirin Goulding and Brian O Domhnaill at her graduation. Apart from all the work, we had great crack. We didn't need an excuse to go the pub. When we got the Easter holidays we had a night out and of course when the exams finished we had a great celebration."

"The course has given me more confidence in myself to speak out, to stand up and be counted. Before that if I was asked a question I would wait for someone else to answer it. As a result of having the Diploma I taught for a week on an Irish

summer course in Downings. It was all adults and great fun. When we'd get stuck for something to teach, some one would sing a song or recite a poem. From the course, I've become involved in Trath na gCeist which is a pub quiz in Downings every Thursday night. Ceim Aniar is the local committee in Downings which I am also involved in and through that we have started a newsletter." And she admits being in love with the Irish language.

Rathmullan: like Easter in the Sahara

The traditional Easter season in North Donegal was marked once again with cuts in the public water supplies. And this time around, the seaside town of Rathmullan was hit: last year it was the Atlantic Drive area of Downings.

"Its as if we are living in the middle of the Sahara desert," confessed one distraught lady who said

she was suffering from severe anxiety syndrome after not being able to share a hot bubbly Easter bath with her partner.

The town had a big influx of visitors and many of these have holiday homes locally.

And there are reports of visitors booking out of accommodation when the supply was cut off.

Angry residents in Rathmullan have once again blamed the Council (who else) for this catastrophe and they are calling for money to be made available replacing the old asbestos system that is leading to much of the grief: according to locals on the spot.

However the Tribune has been reliably informed that this sort of loot is not easily come by and the Council has now prioritised Rathmullan... as a priority, one presumes.

What purpose that is going to serve is hard to quantify but the local community are more than sceptical about the whole carryon.

And we are also reliably told that a big heap of cash has already been spent on the water supply in Rathmullan over the past couple of years. However this did not prevent a major problem over four days at Easter. And the calamity continued on Wednesday when the main line into the town close to the Water's Edge restaurant broke down

and it took the hard working local water services team a number of hours to have the supply restored.

We are told that the original mains was replaced with an asbestos system about thirty years ago. And it is pointed out that the area has one of the most modern and up to date storage and treatment systems in Ireland. The trouble is that whenever the pressure is increased the croaking old pipes network cannot handle it and bursts develop.

Over one million pounds has been spent on the town's water supply and while steady progress has been made the town's population has grown out of all recognition with many new homes: chalets: and hundreds of extra people spending much of their leisure time in this popular seaside resort.

And if people need reminding we are actually living in 2004 and not 1904 when we blamed the British government for all our woes.



Members of the St. Vincent De Paul in Dunfanaghy who undertook a BedPush in aid of the Ozanam Centre in Dunfanaghy on Easter Monday last.

August start for Leisure Complex

August 10th is now opment is earmarked for November the projected starting 2005.

date for the proposed Tendering for the new facility has new Leisure Complex been re-advertised because of the at Salaghgraine. An lengthy delays and Phase 1 will in-update on the project clude swimming pool, sports/events was given to Members hall, running track, all-weather pitch of Letterkenny Town as well as junior and senior pitches. Council on Tuesday Cllr. Ciaran Brogan welcomed the night by Jim Murphy news and said the proposed new development had gone through difficult Architects who said that times with a number people actually completion of the devel-

approval to seek tenders. John Murphy responding to Maloney said that as far he was aware everything was in place for the Salaghgraine project.

Cllr. Maloney said it was only a commitment and the process still had to go through a number of hoops. "This is a big bluff to get over the local elections. According to my discussions with the Dept the Sports Complex still depends on funding becoming available." Maloney also pressed project manager Paul McGill on the funding issue and was told that the financial package was given the green light in February.

County Manager Michael McLoone said approval for the five million Euro loan had been given with the balance coming from local funding and added that the contract documents had been approved.

Blaney explains delay over Fanad road repairs

Cllr. Liam Blaney of Independent Fianna Fail has moved to allay fears in the Fanad area over the condition of some roads especially in the Portsalon and Ballynashannagh areas.

It was expected that repairs to some of these roads would have been carried out in 2004, said Blaney and funding was in place to allow this to happen. However those plans have been thrown up in the air due to the delays in laying a new water main.

The Portsalon area is particularly affected since the new water pipes are passing through this part of the parish and the Council has delayed upgrading of the roads in the meantime. "It would have been a waste of money upgrading the roads in question and the works would be no sooner completed when the contractors on the water scheme would come along and hash the whole thing up again," he said.



Members of the Donegal athletic teams who will compete at the British Sportshall Championships in Birmingham this weekend. The McGeehin sisters Shauna (U-15) and Eimear (U-13) from Letterkenny who will be representing Donegal at the British Sportshall Championships this weekend in Birmingham. Milford athletes Dan King (U-15) and Adam Friel (U-13) who will be on county duty.

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St. Eunan's man Conor Moore is tracked by Derry's Emmett Bradley.



Shane O'Donnell (St. Eunan's) gets by Chrissy McKaigue to win a penalty at Celtic Park.

Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final

Donegal's Celtic Park masterclass

Derry 0-17 Donegal 4-11

Very few were predicting a Donegal win at Celtic Park on Saturday evening and nobody was making the bold call that Jim McGuinness's men would knock out reigning back-to-back Ulster champions Derry with a six-point victory. After a slow start the visitors settled very well and should have been leading by more than a point at the break. Daire O'Baoill's second goal just after the restart was a crucial score psychologically but it was Oisín Gallen's 46th minute penalty that effectively ended the quarter-final as a contest. It means that McGuinness is now finalising the game plan for the provincial semi-final against Tyrone at Celtic Park on Sunday (throw-in 2.00) while Mickey Hart's men go into the hat for the backdoor qualifier series. Derry made the better start on Saturday evening before a full house at Celtic Park. They played with the breeze advantage but faced into a strong sun. The hosts were patient and got the opening two points and had another effort come off the upright before Donegal opened their account in the seventh minute when Caolan McGonagle's goal attempt was

turned out for a 45m free which Oisín Gallen converted. That score settled the visitors big time. Derry did get the next point but Donegal then hit a purple patch with 1-3 between the 11th and 18th minutes. Ryan McHugh popped over two points and O'Baoill registered 1-1 that included a superbly executed lob over the retreating keeper Odhrán Lynch. Two more times the keeper ended up picking the ball after similar absentee escapades. Hart's side broke that momentum briefly with an Ethan Doherty score. Donegal responded with an Oisín Gallen free to leave the home side trailing 1-5 to 0-4 with 20 minutes gone. Paul Cassidy and full-back Chrissy McKaigue landed points to close the gap as Hart made two substitutions demonstrating the concern over his side's first half performance. Meanwhile, there was concern for Jim McGuinness with his keeper Sean Patton clearly in difficulty with a leg injury. It was a little bit of a shaky patch for the visitors who also posted a couple of wides. At the other end Shane McGuigan posted a poor

line at the Brandywell end of the ground. The killer third goal came on 46 minutes when another St. Eunan's man Shane O'Donnell made a great break in from the left forcing Chrissy McKaigue to pull him down for a penalty that was confidently converted by Oisín Gallen. Donegal were now ten points in front. Just after that Niall O'Donnell received a black card but it had no effect on the game. Sub and captain Paddy McBrearty registered from a free before another replacement Jamie Brennan rattled the Derry net for a fourth time with keeper Lynch marked completely absent this time having gone up to contest a Donegal kick-out by Gavin Mulreany who had come on for the injured Patton. With just seven minutes of normal time McGuinness's outfit was 4-9 to 0-13 in front. Ciarán Thompson and a Gallen free finished the Donegal scoring while Derry tagged on three consolation points with their hopes of a three-in-a-row Ulster title long since gone. Donegal sub Odhrán Doherty received a black card near the end of the game.

Derry - Odhrán Lynch; Conor McCluskey, Chrissy McKaigue 0-1, Diarmuid Baker; Conor Doherty 0-1, Eoin McEvoy, Pádraig McGrogan; Conor Glass, Brendan Rogers 0-2; Ethan Doherty (2f) 0-4 each, Ciarán McFaul, Paul Cassidy 0-2; Niall Loughlin, Shane McGuigan (2f) 0-4 each, Lachlan Murray 0-1. Subs: Niall Toner 0-1 for Loughlin 28 mins, Gareth McKinless 0-1 for McGrogan 29 mins, Emmett Bradley for Murray 52 mins, Donncha Gilmore for McKaigue 58 mins, Eunan Mulholland for McFaul 66 mins. Donegal - Shaun Patton; Mark Curran, Ciarán Moore 0-1, Peadar Mogan 0-1; Ryan McHugh 0-2; Caolan McGonagle, Shane O'Donnell; Ciarán Thompson 0-1, Michael Langan; Brendan McCole, Niall O'Donnell 0-1, Daire O'Baoill 2-1; Jason McGee, Oisín Gallen 1-3 (1-0 pen, 3f), Aaron Doherty. Subs: Gavin Mulreany for Patton 55 mins, Jamie Brennan 1-0 for Doherty 57 mins, Paddy McBrearty 0-1 (f) for N. O'Donnell 58 mins, Odhrán Doherty for McGee 66 mins, Kevin McGettigan for Curran 69 mins. Ref: David Gough (Meath).



St. Michael's Mark Langan with his parents Mark and Mary.

wide and Donegal got another point. But their opponents got two more courtesy of Cassidy and a McGuigan free to trail by just a point (1-6 to 0-8) in the last minute of normal time. There was time still for a point each with St. Eunan's man Ciarán Moore sending over his first ever Ulster Senior Championship point while momentarily Brendan Rogers had a possible goal chance but he was closed down quickly and opted for the safer option of a point to lead it 1-7 to 0-9 at the interval. O'Baoill's second goal came on 37 minutes as the back tracking Lynch was unable to keep the ball from crossing the



Ciarán Moore with his parents Laurence and Nuala, sister Anna and brother Conor



Donegal goalkeeper Sean Patton with his parents Peter and Anne-Marie



Jason McGee, Cloughaneely with happy supporters after the game.

Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final

McGuinness gets ready for Tyrone

After the high of the Celtic Park win, Jim McGuinness and his backroom team were in Breffni Park on Sunday to take a look at their potential semi-final opponents. And they certainly got plenty of time to analyse Tyrone who emerged victors after a big battle with Cavan. The physical exertions of that game will surely show to some extent with just six days to recover for the game against Donegal at Celtic Park on Sunday (throw-in 2.00). After the marathon extra-time win by just a point at Breffni, Tyrone joint manager Brian Dooher said that he had been hugely impressed by the Donegal display against Derry. He acknowledged that the challenge will be very big for his side with the shorter turnaround and after the very physically challenging game against Cavan. On Sunday Tyrone eventually ran out winners by a single point on a scoreline of 1-23 to 3-16 after extra-time to book their semi-final place. In contrast Donegal had their last four place secured before the midway point of the game against Derry at Celtic Park on Saturday evening. That should leave them a bit fresher for the Tyrone contest but McGuinness will have to be fully switched on to having players mentally right for the semi-final. That's a task he rarely fails in doing. Donegal will be slight favourites and rightfully so after the Derry win. Safe to say they are unlikely to get similar goal opportunities afforded to them by Derry keeper Odhran Lynch. It's unlikely too they will get four goals on Sunday but the way they are playing you wouldn't be surprised if they netted a couple and Tyrone did

concede three against Cavan. Brian Dooher's men do offer a greater points from open play threat than Cavan with the Canavan brothers Darragh and Ruairi and Darren McCurry. So McGuinness will be looking to the man marking roles here. Brendan McCole will get one of those posts and probably Ciaran Moore. Dooher will look to the experience of Mattie Donnelly and Pdraig Hampsey in defence to keep the team composed at the back and hope that younger legs can deliver enough scores to get them into an Ulster Final against either Armagh or Down who play on Saturday in Clones (5.15p.m.). McGuinness is unlikely to make many changes for Sunday but might look at an extra tight marking defender in form of Jaic McKelvey or Stephen McMenamin with the potential threat of the Derry front three. The big concern for the management is the fitness of Sean Patton who was clearly struggling with a leg injury picked after 23 minutes of play at Celtic Park. The St. Eunan's man played on and didn't come off till the 55th minute when he was replaced by Gavin Mulreany from the St. Nauls Club.

Four players on Team of the Week

Four Donegal players were named in the GAA.ie Team of the Week for their performances against Derry on Saturday evening. And additionally Daire O Baoill was named as one of the three nominees for 'Player of the Week'. Named on the 'Team of the Week' were Shaun Patton, Brendan McCole, Ryan McHugh and Daire Ó Baoill.



Milford's Rory O'Donnell with his parents Bernie and Joe, brother Eoin and Carr's Cathy, Niamh and Evelyn.

Second Women's Only Multi-Sport Fun Event

Donegal Sports Partnership along with sponsors Team Donegal Oil, founded by Arthur McMahon from Donegal Oil Company will host the second Women's Only Multi-Sport Adventure Challenge at Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre this coming Saturday 27th April. This event is aimed to encourage participation in outdoor activities for all age groups and fitness abilities for everyone, throughout County Donegal. 250+ Women have registered to take part, with the majority having never done anything like this in their lives before. "After a hugely successful first event last year, we were approached again by a large number of women in the county who participated and to get them back out training and have something to look forward to with their friends and work colleagues. After several discussions with Myles Sweeney of Donegal Sports Partnership, Rory Kennedy, Grace Ann McGarvey and Shaun Stewart and Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre, we were delighted that we could again host the event again this year. Shaun Stewart is our Course Director and he has designed the route that will consist of a 4km Walk/Jog/Run, 20km Cycle and a 1km Kayak. The ladies who completed the event last year gave us feedback that they really enjoyed this un chipped event and the fact that they completed the event, many for the first time ever gave them a sense of achievement they never felt possible. Hence once we opened registration, we couldn't believe that over 250 women signed up in the first week.

We're not talking about mad stuff here, just getting out in the fresh air and getting the blood pumping a bit. It really can do wonders for your head. Every single one of these ladies are amazing," said Arthur McMahon, Managing Director of Donegal Oil and sponsor of the event. Donegal Sports Partnership (DSP) Co-ordinator Myles Sweeney added "Sports events which provide opportunities for women to participate are a key focus of Sport Ireland and the Donegal Sports Partnership and forms part of the the National Women in Sport strategy. We are delighted to partner with Team Donegal Oil for this event this Saturday April 27th again this year and our team are look forward to supporting as many women as possible that are taking part in what will be another fun event at Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre." Every single cent raised from Registration Entry fees and donations will go directly to two Donegal Women's Charities, Donegal Women's Centre and Donegal Women's Domestic Violence Service - DWDVS. Both charities were delighted to benefit from last years event and they were able to provide hours of additional counselling services to women in both centres. The registration starts at the Boathouse at Gartan from 8-9am and the first wave of ladies will leave at 10am. It is anticipated that the last wave will be completed by 1pm. All spectators are welcome to come along and cheer the ladies on. Details of the parking restrictions www.facebook.com/TeamDonegalOilAdventureChallenge

Assisted Dying?

Euthanasia, or 'assisted dying', is back in the headlines. An Oireachtas Joint Committee has recommended the introduction of assisted suicide and euthanasia legislation. The recommendations are to allow for assisted dying for those with incurable, terminal and irreversible diseases who have just six months to live, or for those with neurodegenerative conditions and 12 months to live. It is an emotive subject. Anyone who has watched a loved suffer wants to do all they can to limit or even end that suffering. My own mother passed away after a long battle with MS, and at the end, a growing tumour. Death isn't kind, nor good. But I am firmly convinced that there is a better way to face death than euthanasia. There are many problems even with the definition above - how often have we known someone given weeks to live who outlived the prognosis considerably. My mother was given between two days and two weeks to live, and lived another 8 months - seeing her eighth grandchild, holding him, and he will have those pictures to treasure, and we had all that extra time with her. We are not the first country to consider going down this path. We can learn from other nations who have gone before us. At least three things stand out: First - The scope inevitably widens. There were reports last month from the Netherlands of a 28-year-old woman suffering from depression who is to be euthanised after being told by her psychiatrist that there's

nothing else that can be done to treat her. Heart-breaking. I want to tell her there is always hope. But it isn't a massive step from assisted dying for a physiological condition like cancer to a psychological condition which is also causing acute distress and despair. The same argumentation works; the same 'right' will be sought. Second - The vulnerable are made more vulnerable. In a study of 66 Dutch cases of euthanasia carried out on psychiatric grounds found cases of eating disorders, autism spectrum disorder and a healthy woman whose reason was "prolonged grief" over her husband's death a year prior. In a case in Canada an army veteran was offered an assisted death while she was fighting to have a wheelchair ramp installed at her home! Many things leave us vulnerable and despairing of life. It is not helpful to have assisted dying as an option to even have to consider. The vulnerable are left exposed. Third - the right to die becomes an expectation to die. When it is an option it can become a pressure - perceived or actual. In a survey of 13,102 Canadians who availed of assisted dying in 2022, more than one-third said their decision was, in part, informed by a feeling they were a perceived burden on family, friends or caregivers. That is a tragic statistic. One of Ireland's great strengths is our sense of community - we care for each other. Caring for

Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

each other is what makes a society. We are meant to be interwoven and interconnected. This is what caring is. And such caring and honouring gives dignity to those who suffer. This was my mother's experience - carers and friends brought dignity as her disease sought to diminish it. We need assisted living, not assisted dying. Life is precious in all its forms. These recommendations, however well-intentioned, undermine the preciousness of life, and suggest that some lives are not worth living. Life is a gift from God. Death is an enemy. God offers triumph over death through his Son Jesus Christ. With him there is always hope.

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10k supports Letterkenny Community Childcare

As momentum builds towards the 27th North West 10k one of the charities that will benefit this year is a Letterkenny-based childcare charity that has had to turn away hundreds of families in need, due to a lack of space. The demands for childcare are being strongly felt at the Letterkenny Community Childcare in Lisnenan, where there are over 465 children on the waiting list. The charity has been selected as one of the beneficiaries of this year's NW 10K alongside Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh Community First Responders and Cara House. Since February, the groups have been out in force fundraising together for their individual goals with final events coming up including 'A Night at the Races' this Saturday in the Swilly Inn, the Trentagh Tractor Run on Sunday 5th May and a Ladies Night in the Radisson Hotel on May 17th. More than 100 of the children on the waiting list for Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre are under 1 years of age, with parents wishing to return to work between now and September. Many families who access the service are low income and depend on childcare to get to work, education and training. The lack of capacity is having a direct impact on local employment, says Eoin Gildea, charity chair. "We cannot accommodate any more children, nor can any other provider in Letterkenny due to lack of capacity, resulting in families having to defer returning to work, at great cost to them and their employers," he said. "All the major international companies in the county are located close to our service, however, we do not have capacity to provide childcare for their employees." Emergency cases are also being turned away, Eoin said. "We are the only full day Community Childcare Centre in the town the size of Letterkenny and the only childcare provider in the Ballyrairie area. We work with Tusla on Child



Letterkenny Childcare Geraldine Burke and Eoin Gildea.

Protection cases, Surestart assisting families struggling with parenting and SVP for families in crisis," he said. "At present we have such a small space that we have to turn away some of these cases." There are 180 children aged from 6 months to 12 years attending the centre daily, with 28 staff. The charity is a Centre of Excellence and holds the highest Siolta quality mark from the Dept. of Education. After 40 years in operation, the time has come to move to a larger premises. A fundraising campaign has been launched to secure over €1.2m to get the project off the ground. The proposed new build is in the region of €2.8m plus €350k for the site. "Currently we rent facilities from Donegal County Enterprise Business Fund, one building since 2003, the second since 2012," Eoin explains. While we have in the recent past, and currently making attempts as best we can, pressured the Government for funding a move/new premises, we are under no illusion that we will need some help from local fund raising as well as the private sector to make it happen. "The new proposed building will allow child care capacity to increase. We have no doubt everyone is aware of the childcare shortage both locally (and nationally). Any additional spaces would have a potential to facilitate more workers' journeys back to the workforce. We hope you can understand that the project, an absolute necessity for the community, probably won't happen without the help of people and businesses local to the facility" Mr Gildea said. The event takes place on Bank Holiday Monday the 6th of May in Letterkenny, the event has raised a combined €932,000 for almost 40 local causes. People are now being urged to get registered, get training and get the word out to support the Northwest 10k charities of 2024. Online entries at www.njuko.net/nw_10k_2024 where runners and walkers will find all the information required.

"I'm The One For You" in Creeslough



Marjorie Rodden, sorting out the dirty washing of John McClafferty with Margaret Rose McFadden shocked during rehearsals for I'm the one for you which the Muckish Drama Group are performing this weekend.



Gerald Duffy and Declan Breslin getting physical in rehearsals.



John Doak with Marjorie Rodden and producer Ellen Druce and right, Bridget Doak and Marjorie Rodden enjoying a cuppa and a chat.

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Sound job with film music festival

This May a Letterkenny-based festival returns that celebrates the art of music and sound in film. 'Sound!' is curated by Derek O'Connor and Jeremy Fitz Howard, and is presented by Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny in association with An Grianán Theatre, from the 2nd to 5th May

This year's highlights include special screenings of a series of choice celluloid classics, presented with live musical scores, including the silent classic *The Passion Of Jan Of Arc* (1928) with a new score composer Matthew Nolan and Charlie Chaplin's comedic masterpiece *The Kid* (1972), with live accompaniment from Gemma O'Doherty of acclaimed folk duo Saint Sister.

Our Closing Presentation sees Belfast DJ Phil Kieran present *The Strand Cinema* live, an audio-visual spectacular celebrating the legendary Bel-

fast venue, featuring live music from members of the Ulster Orchestra. Filmmaker Paul Duane and musician Ian Lynch (from Lankum) will be present to introduce a screening of their new folk horror movie *All You Need Is Death*, and participate in a workshop on creating the film's atmospheric soundtrack.

The duo will also join celebrated author Sinead Gleeson to discuss her new novel *Hagstone*, and the mysterious sound that features in her acclaimed tale of art, spirituality and desire on a small Irish island.

Other screenings include the Oscar-winning animated film *The Boy & The Heron*, a family screening of the acclaimed new documentary *Birdsong*, complete with a workshop for budding ornithologists

See <https://regionalculturalcentre.com/sound2024/>



Irish Wheelchair Association, Carrigart ROC received a fantastic donation for the sum of £2,000. Donation presented by Michael McFadden, C/O Donegal Golf Society, London. The cheque was received by our Carrigart Service Users and Service Co-Ordinator, Owen McFadden.

Swilly Res look to secure promotion

It's going to be an exciting final Saturday League Division 2 round of games with three teams still in the frame for automatic promotion. Swilly Rovers Reserves will be hoping that a home win over Gweedore Celtic will clinch their place in Division 1 but in order to do that they will also need their neighbours and newly crowned champions Ramelton Mariners to do them a favour by taking at least a point of Drumbar Utd who are currently second in the table and a point ahead of them going into the final games of the season this Saturday. Drumbar are at home for the Mariners match while fourth placed Dunlewey are still in contention for automatic promotion. They are a point behind Swilly so would need a lot to go their way in order to get into second spot. The team that finishes third will still have a chance of promotion via the play-offs. All games kick-off at 1.00.

Forde finds Glencar winner

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One
Glencar Celtic 2-1 Keadue Rovers Reserves
In a tight game it was Glencar who got off the mark first when some great work down the right hand side saw Joe Baker get on the end of a great cross from Peter Doherty to put Glencar 1-0 up. That didn't last long as within 60 seconds Keadue broke up the park and equalised with a well worked goal. In the second half Glencar were the stronger team and came close when a Russell Forde header was excellently saved by the keeper. Forde did get his goal straight after when he got on the end of another cross and the keeper couldn't do anything about this one. Keadue put the pressure on to get the equaliser and thought they did in the final moments only for a great block on the line from Barney Mc Menamin. The game ended 2-1.

Brian McCormick Cup - Gweedore Area

Reigning champions Kilmac bow out

Kilmacrennan Celtic 1 v 4 Keadue Rovers
There will be no back-to-back Brian McCormick Cup triumphs for Kilmacrennan Celtic after bowing out in the Gweedore Area semi-final on Friday night at the Letterkenny Community Centre. It brings the curtain down on what has been a disappointing season for Kilmac. Shane McDevitt was their scorer on Friday night.
Kilmacrennan Celtic - Niall O'Regan, Terence

Shiels, James Doherty, John Sandilands, Gerard McGrenaghan, Conor Black, Caolan Curran, Paul Bradley, Chris Flanagan, Shane McDevitt, Sam Harvey. Subs used: Danny Sandilands, Odhran Gallagher, Michael McLaughlin, Oisín Harkin.

Keadue Rovers - Caolan Bonner, Matthew Smith, Maurice McGee, Paul Boyle, Martin Ferry, Brendan McCafferty, Aidan Brennan, Michael Green, Mark Forker, Peter McGee. Subs: David Ward, Jordan Saville, Matthew McComiskey.

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Rafferty nets Glencar equaliser

Glencar Celtic 1-1 Arranmore United
Tough game in the heat down at the Aura and Arranmore got off to the better start when they caught Glencar on the counter attack and slotted home to make it 1-0. Glencar equalised in the second half through Pajo Rafferty. They had a few chances to get the winner then but just couldn't put the ball in the net, full time 1-1

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Home point for Milford Res

Milford Utd Res 0-0 Drumbar Utd
In their second last game of the season the Milford Utd Reserves ended up with a share of the spoils against second in the table Drumbar Utd who are in the frame for automatic promotion. Milford remain fourth from bottom and that is likely to be their finishing spot even with an away win over Copany Rovers in their final game of the season on Saturday.

Milford Utd Reserves - John Matthews, Adam Campbell, Shane McFadden, Jordan Ryan, Ciaran Gibbons, Alec McConnigley, Killian McBride, Darren McLaughlin, Niall, Murray, Conor Meakin and Aidan McGettigan. Subs used Darren McAteer, Ryan Canning, Ultan Blaney.

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Promotion for Bonagee

Bonagee Utd 5-0 Letterbarrow Celtic
The home side were one up after fifteen seconds when Sean Hume played the ball down the line to Aaron Wasson who set up Dean Larkin who hammered home ten yards. It was goal number two one minute later when Michael Funston's strike from thirty yards was well saved by the keeper but the ball rebounded to Arron Was-

son who headed home from six yards. Wasson saw his strike from the edge of the box on twelve minutes saved by the visitor's keeper. The visitors first real chance of the game came on fifteen minutes when Christy Mc Laughlin shot over from the edge of the box. The third goal came on thirty minutes when Jordan Armstrong crossed into the box and Taylor Russell tapped into the net from six yards. The visitors had several key players missing but the eleven on the day did not lie down and were always a threat on the break. The home side squandered several easy chances in the first half. The fourth goal came on forty-three minutes when a Wasson cross into the box was headed home by Shaun Hume at the back post. The final goal came on fifty minutes when the ball fell to Dean Larkin on the penalty spot and he hammered home. Bonagee made several changes midway through the second half and Peadar Shallows in the visitor's goal made a number of great saves from Fintan Hassan, Ricky Guntrip and Ultan McMonagle.

Kevin McBride was unlucky to see his header hit the post and go wide for a goal kick from a Letterbarrow corner on seventy minutes. Team efforts from both sides. Referee: Con Mc Laughlin.

McCarry nets for champions

Cappry Rovers 0-1 Letterkenny Rovers

Letterkenny had a chance early on to score but Lee McMonagle failed to convert from close range. Cappry went close a few minutes later when Kyle Ruttledge had an effort from distance go wide. Cappry defended well throughout the first half and almost took the lead on the stroke of halftime but Peter Sweeney's effort was saved. Letterkenny took the lead early in the second half when Dean McCarry scored from close range after his initial header was well saved by Brendan Gallen. Cappry, to their credit, kept going but couldn't find a leveller.

Gweedore Utd win local derby

Glenea Utd 1-2 Gweedore Utd

The final game of the season was played in perfect conditions and Glenea took the lead on 25 minutes when Shane Coll finished from the edge of the box. Gweedore got an equaliser with 20 minutes to go which brought the pace of the game up a level with both teams pushing for a winner. Gweedore took the lead with five minutes

DONEGAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

Fixtures

Saturday 27th April
Arranmore v Kilmacrennan Cel Res
Glencar Cel v Fintown Harps
Glenea Utd v Kildrum Tigers
Oldtown Cel v Strand Rovers
St. Catherines Res v Keadue Rvs

Saturday Div 2 1pm
Ballybofey Utd v Cranford Res
Copany Rovers v Milford Utd
Drumbar Utd v Ramelton Mariners
Dunlewey Cel v Castlefin Cel
Swilly Rovers v Gweedore Cel

Voodoo Cup 12 noon

Drumoghill v Bonagee Utd

Sunday 28th April

Brian McCormick Premier 1pm

Kildrum Tigers v Fanad Utd

BMC Cup Gweedore 1pm

Keadue Rovers v Glenea Utd

Results

Wednesday 17th April

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Gweedore Utd 2-1 Letterkenny Rovers

Lagan Harps 0-3 Donegal Town

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Friday 19th April

Brian McCormick Cup - Gweedore Area

Kilmacrennan Cel 1-4 Keadue Rovers

Saturday 20th

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

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Cappry Rovers Res 0-1 Donegal Town Res

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Milford Utd Res 0-0 Drumbar Utd

Sunday 21st April

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Bonagee Utd 5-0 Letterbarrow Cel

Cappry Rovers 0-1 Letterkenny Rovers

Donegal Town 5-0 Convo Arsenal

Glenea Utd 1-2 Gweedore Utd

Lagan Harps 3-2 Cranford United

Brian McCormick Cup - Letterkenny Area

Swilly Rovers 3-0 Milford United

to go leaving Glenea chasing an equaliser but the visitors held on for all three points. Good performances from both teams on the day. Referee: Mick Lagan



Kevin O'Donnell Player of the Year receiving the Patsy Sheridan Memorial Trophy from Patsy's grandson Pete Davis and Eamonn Sheridan.



Conor Temple receiving the Player of the Year award from Eamonn Sheridan at the Rathmullan Celtic presentation night.

Rathmullan Celtic F.C. Awards night

O'Donnell first winner of Patsy Sheridan Memorial Award

The Rathmullan Celtic Football Club held their annual end of season presentation night in the Beachcomber Bar. Players, committee and more came together to celebrate another campaign, sometimes tough but always enjoyable.

The main award was won by Kevin O'Donnell, who was voted Players' Player of the Year and became the

first man to receive the Patsy Sheridan Memorial Trophy, collecting it from Eamonn Sheridan and Pete Davis, Patsy's grandson.

Kevin has become a key part of the Hoops jigsaw over the last good number of seasons and impresses everyone with his endeavour, talent and complete commitment. Despite being knocked unconscious at one point this season, he had an impressive time of it and was duly respected by his teammates.

The vote was incredibly close and so it was no surprise that the management team selected Conor Temple as their Player of the Year. Conor joined us last summer and has really established himself in the team over the course of the season. The management team were fulsome in their praise for the Letterkenny man, in terms of his application, eagerness to learn and engage at training and his readiness for matchday.

The Young Player of the Year award was won by Charlie McAteer. His talents are really starting to shine through of late and he's adapting to the demands of senior football,

scoring a fine goal against champions Fanad United in our penultimate game. The future is bright and a more prominent role in the team surely awaits. Charlie was absent, so his cousin Mark McAteer lifted the award from manager Eamonn Sheridan.

Of course, Sparky is a hard man to keep down at an awards night, just as he is on the field, and so it wasn't long before he was up to collect one of his own!

For the second season running, he finished as the Hoops top goalscorer. A huge talent, and he appears only to be getting better. The much-coveted and oft-debated Goal of the Season award went to Oisín McMenamin for his strike in the win over Fanad. It was a typically cool Tosh finish, something he seems to do more often than not, after a clever team move, and the Bhoys seemed to have no qualms with this choice!

Thanks to everyone that turned out. Thanks especially to the Beachcomber staff for the superb meal and hospitality and to John T for his continued support.

Harps Super 4 Lotto Result

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 18th April. The numbers drawn were 4, 8, 12, 14. The next draw takes place on Thursday 25th April and the jackpot is €10,000. There were seven match 3 winners this week each winning €30 each. Maurice McMullin, Drumenny, Donegal Town. Marie McGarvey, Cappry, Ballybofey. Brian McGlynn, Knock, Ballybofey. Annie Doherty, Stragally, Cloghan. Pat Bonner, Bonners Bar, Ballybofey. Gary Harvey, Ballybofey. Mary McNulty, Killross, Stranorlar. Thanks to everyone who supports our lotto! Enter online today via finn-harps.ie



Martin Roarty, Brendan McBrid and Noel O Donnell from Donegal County Council pictured with Eunan Gallagher (school principal) and members of the Green School Committee in Kerrykeel National School following participation in The National Spring Clean this week.

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Check out our Facebook Page – Mevagh FRC or Website – www.mevaghfrc.com

Finance Administrator – Mevagh FRC is seeking to recruit a Finance Administrator who will be responsible for controlling and monitoring the overall financial expenditure of the project and organise the administration of its service. The post is 35 hours per week. Shortlisting criteria will apply. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 26th April 2024 at 12noon. Job description available on request. Curriculum

Vitae along with a cover letter, outlining your suitability for the post, can be emailed to mfrcrecruitment@gmail.com

Busy Bees, Parent, Baby and Toddler Group for babies to 5-year olds – meet every Friday morning from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Why not bring your little tots along for a morning of fun? Cost €3 per family.

Mevagh Gardening Group – a few plots are available at our Community Garden at Magherabeg, Downings. Consists of one bed inside polytunnel & one raised bed outside. Reasonable annual fee applies. If interested in joining our group

please contact Pauline at Centre.

TÚS Community Employment Scheme (19½ hrs) Administrative Assistant - A vacancy exists at Mevagh FRC for an Administrative Assistant. Experience an advantage. Candidates must be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance for at least one year. To confirm eligibility or for further details, contact Áine Uí Rabhartaigh on 087 2366912 or email a.uirabhartaigh@udaras.ie

Do you need support on how to use your smart phone, tablet or laptop? Donegal ETB are offering free one-to-one support for individuals on Tuesday afternoons

from 2pm to 4pm. Contact the centre on 074 9155055 for more information or to secure an appointment. **Other Notes:** ALONE provides services to Older People to enable them to stay living at home for longer. Volunteers are needed in Downings and surrounding areas. We recruit, train and support Volunteers for two services:

Visitation & Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer gives an hour a week of their time to provide companionship to an Older Person; and a Telephone Support & Befriending Service, where a volunteer makes friendly calls to Older People once a week for a 2-hour shift. We currently have older people in this area looking for both of these services. If you'd like more info. you can sign up at <https://alone.tfaforms.net/.../ALONE-Volunteer-Expression> or contact Helena on 086 014 5829. Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11.45am, Men's Mobility & Stretch - Wednesdays at 7pm. Contact Fiona directly to book your place. Tel: 0851569424 or Email: risehealthhub@gmail.com

Yoga Kindly with Brigitte continues on a Saturday morning at 9:45am in the Resource Centre. Contact Brigitte on 087 0653333 for more information. **Social Dance in Carrigart Hall**
The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 3rd May from 9.30 – 11.30pm. Music is by Wee Tom, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.



Joe Gatins, President of the Donegal Historical Society, came to present the children, along with their teacher Ms. Kingston, with 'The John McCreddie Memorial Shield' as part of their project around an old photograph. This was done with the help of parents, uncles, aunts, neighbours and the St. Garvan's grandparents.



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The sun shone brightly on Churchill on Saturday and there was a fantastic turnout of volunteers who collected a massive amount of rubbish from the roads all around the village. Thanks to Victor and Michelle at Wilkins for the refreshments and also included is Cllr. Michael McBride.

Irish Guide Dogs for the blind Donegal Branch **BINGO NIGHT!**



**Friday 26th April, 2024
Mickey Stephens Bar,
The Carrigart Hotel
Starting at 7:30pm**

A fun evening of bingo with great prizes to be won!

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Fanad

Funeral of Michael Boyle

The funeral took place on Saturday of Michael Boyle, Newcastle, Co. Dublin, and formerly of Whitehall Road, Walkinstown and Fanad Lighthouse and late of Aachen International, Greenogue. Michael passed away on Tuesday April 16, peacefully surrounded by his family, at Tallaght University Hospital. Removal to the Church of the Holy Family, Rathcoole for Requiem Mass. Funeral took place afterwards to Mount Jerome Crematorium. Michael is survived by his wife Maureen; children Michael and Katherine; sisters Sheyla, Cáit, Áine and Moya, Katherine's partner Bart, daughter-in-law Denise, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, grandchildren Ella, Theo, Mía, Lucy and Christopher, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends. He was predeceased by his brother Brian. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.



Tamney Health Centre
The staff of Tamney Health Centre and Fanad health wish to publicly acknowledge and thank the community for their generous response to two local fundraisers for the Tamney Patient Comfort Fund. The idea for this fund was born out of the day to day struggles we have witnessed with patients and care givers in difficult times in their lives. Nearly all of us will at some stage become care givers or recipients of that care and it nice to know that as a community we are rallying around each other. The first event was the walk on March 17th organised in association with MOWI and who kindly matched the amount raised on the day. The second was the excellent day of events on Easter Saturday by Mary Doherty and her team of helpers. Both events were excellently ran and really well attended. From everyone in the community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Go raibh mile maith agat.

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.

Scread na Bealtaine – Shine a Light on Summer
Teach Solais Fhánada – 3rd 4th and 5th May
Fri 3rd: Oíche Airneáil The Fanad Gaeltacht community get together for comhrá, ceol agus damhsa. Venue: Fanad Lodge at 8pm, - Saor in aisce, Free event
Sat 4th: Lighthouse Tours available all day.

Drumhalla film show



Short Film by Arthur Lynch on the life of Nurse Kate McConlogue, Binn, Rathmullan will be shown on Thursday the 25th of April at 8pm in St Garvan's NS, Drumhalla. She was mother to the late May Deeney, Inniskill, and Rosene McConlogue, Binn. A jubilee nurse who gave her life tending to the Spanish Flu victims in Glencolmcille where she herself succumbed to the flu and died in 1918 at the age of 31.



Tiernan Kerr, Ballymagowan who won gold and bronze medals at the County Athletic Championships at the weekend.

11:00 Turas Gaeilge agus Tae Beag
A chance for anyone with any level of Gaeilge to practice their cúpla focal. Guided Tour of the Lighthouse with an Afternoon Tea afterwards. €25pp by booking only.
12:30 Stúilóid Cois Farraige - Coastal Heritage Walk 12.30pm (1.5hrs) Suitable for children (7+) and adults
10:30 and 14:00 Ceardlann Crios - Traditional Crios Belt Making Workshop €75. This workshop will teach you how to weave your own unique Crios Belt. Tools and materials will be included and participants will take home their own Crios belt, heddle and shuttle to continue their new traditional Irish craft. Spaces are very limited so book your space in time.
Sun 4th
13:00 - 16:00 Taiscumar - Children's Corner Crafting traditional toys and games for children big and small with Laura Diver
16:00 An Seó Páistí 'Preab sa Cheol' Cead isteach saor in aisce. Kids Concert at 4pm - Free Admission
Day Prices - includes lighthouse tour and all other events Adult: €12.00 Family (2 adults+ up to 2 children) €34 1 Parent Family (1 adult + up to 2ch) €22 Child (ages 5-17, under 5 free) (must be 1.2m)
Fanad SVP

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

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

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

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

Grinds don Ghaeilge
Grinds available for all levels of students. Group rates available. Contact 086 357 8503 for more information.

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

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Blaney: 'I'm in it to win it'

Euro election candidate, Senator Niall Blaney says he has been inundated with messages of support in the past few weeks.

He says endorsements have come from prominent serving and former Fianna Fáil figures as well as scores of Councillors.

Senator Blaney handed in his nomination papers at the Court-house in Galway on Wednesday and told supporters: "I'm in it to win it!"

He continued: "I'm receiving wholehearted endorsements which I deeply appreciate. I've already been supported by Frank Fahey from Galway, Sligo's Eamon Scanlon, Pat 'the Cope' Gallagher ad former Tánaiste Mary Coughlan. "Now, with nomination papers lodged, we can move up a gear. We'll be holding meetings in Galway, Clones, Donegal and Cavan, next Thursday, when former Taoiseach and leader of Fianna Fáil, Bertie Ahern, will be our guest speaker. An extensive



Senator Blaney with Bertie Ahern. canvass will be carried out in the Midlands-North West constituency.

"We will leave no stone unturned in this long campaign. Posters are going up and a fleet of branded vans is on the roads to underline my determination to win a seat for Fianna Fail."

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Creeslough's Bea makes her mark at World Surfing Champs

Creeslough surfer, Bea Greenberg, managed to make it through four competitive rounds of the ISA World Longboard Surfing Championship in El Salvador before she bowed out of the event on Wednesday afternoon. Current Irish longboard champion Bea made her debut at the world event last year where she competed in two rounds before she exited, but this year has put on a much improved performance having earned a second place finish in round one to advance. Round two saw her finish 4th and move to the repechage rounds where she went on to put a strong performance in tough conditions to get another second place finish and advance yet again to the next round. On Wednesday afternoon, in her fourth heat of the event, she faced tough competition from surfers from Puerto Rico, Portugal and Can-



ada and despite catching a number of good waves bowed out of the competition in 4th place. Her surfing this year won the praise of the event commentators who highlighted the improvement she had made in the last 12 months. Overall the Irish team put on a much improved performance with Waterford's Tom Breen and Kerry's Ruby Knox also advancing through a number of rounds to ensure Team Ireland were well represented on the world stage. Waterford's veteran Wes Hannigan, a three time Irish longboard champion, also took part and exited after two rounds. 20-year-old Bea is the daughter of Eric Greenberg and Siobhan Bigger, Craig, Creeslough and is a student at University of Ulster.



Race against time... with the new deadline of the end of April 2024 for the completion of works at Portsalon Pier, the job seems far from complete and according to sources it will also miss the June Bank Holiday as well. Progress on the pier has been extremely slow and all previous deadlines including Halloween, Christmas, Easter and April all missed.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Drumnahoagh, Letterkenny

I, Michael Donaghey am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to allow construction and demolition materials as well as tar planings to be imported for the purposes of filling the existing fill site and leave the area as a yard when filled, to include all other associated site development works at Drumnahoagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumnahoagh. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Ballyconnell, Falcarragh

I, Vincent Collum on behalf of Cumann Gaifl Chloich Cheann Fhaola am applying to Donegal County Council to remove existing temporary buildings and erect a new Clubhouse which will contain a members bar, kitchen, reception area, changing facilities, toilets, office and store along with a waste water treatment system and all other associated site development works at Ballyconnell, Falcarragh in the townland of Ballyconnell. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Woodpark, Letterkenny

We, Grovefield Construction are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to make alterations to existing grant of permission 2251960, the alterations are 1. To replace 4 No dwellings with 1 No apartment block consisting of 6 No apartments, 2. Increase size of house type C. 3. all other associated site development works at Woodpark, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Woodpark. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Carrick, Derrybeg

I, Aisling McGinley am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to extend existing dwelling house and all other associated site works at Carrick, Derrybeg, County Donegal in the townland of Carrick. 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 Planning Authority

Further Environmental Information (Natura Impact Statement) & Revised Plans Killult, Falcarragh, Letterkenny

I, Laura Doogan have submitted Significant Further Information and Revised Plans including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)) to Donegal County Council in relation to Planning Application Reference Number 23/51328 for permission to demolish existing dwelling house & outhouses and erect a replacement dwelling and also to decommission existing septic tank and install a new waste water treatment system

with all associated site development works at Killult, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Killult. The Significant Further Information and Revised Plans including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact System (NIS)) has been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase 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 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 Gortnavern,

Coolboy, Letterkenny
We, John & Christopher Mc Daid are applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for existing slatted cattle shed and for permission to erect a slatted sheep shed with all associated siteworks at Gortnavern, Coolboy, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Gortnavern. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee

not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Clondavaddog, Churchill

I Anna Stewart am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to extend and refurbish existing dwelling house and install a new waste water treatment system with all associated site development works at Clondavaddog, Churchill, County Donegal in the townland of Clondavaddog. 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 Magheradrumman Td, Fanad North

We Ronan and Wendy McElwaine are applying to Donegal County Council for full planning permission to erect extension onto rear of existing dwelling and use of existing services at Magheradrumman Td, Fanad North, Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Ballyboe, Falcarragh

I, Elaine Ferry am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for a Sunroom and domestic garage at Ballyboe Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Ballyboe. 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

Friel

Ballymagowan, Upper, Kerrykeel



Eileen
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on the 29th of April 2020, and treasured memories of a dear father and grandfather who died on the 10th of April 2021.

In memory of Mammy and Daddy

*We look back in fondness every day
at the joyful times we had
No one could wish for such a perfect pair
as our special Mammy and Daddy
We are grateful for what you taught us
and we're grateful for your love
And we know that you watch over us
from the Heavens up above
Although you're missed so dearly
and so many tears we've cried
It is so sweet and fitting
that you softly sleep side by side
You shared your love, you shared your life
many precious times together
Now you spend eternity hand in hand forever.*

Sadly missed by Eamonn, Anne-Marie and Liam-Anthony; son-in-law Darren and daughters-in-law Martina and Kathleen.

In memory of Granny and Granda

*In Our Hearts
We thought of you today
but that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
and days before that too
We think of you in silence
we often speak your name
Now all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame
Your memory is a keepsake
with which we'll never part
God has you in His keeping
we have you in our heart.*

So loved and missed by Jordan, Caolin, Conor and Odhran.

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Columba's, Massmount on Saturday 27th April at 7pm.



Dermot
3rd Anniversary



Friel
Maurice
Drumhalla,
Rathmullan
22nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away on the 24th April 2002.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by all the family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin on Sunday 28th April at 11.00am.



Shields
Mary
Devlinmore
18th Anniversary

*Your presence we miss
Your memory we treasure
Loving you always forget you never.*

Always remembered by niece Ann and John.



McConigley
Patrick
Doaghbeg, Fanad
16th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, Daddy and Grandad who died on 27th April 2008.

*A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest
It broke our hearts to see you go
but we know God only takes the best
We love and miss you every day!*

Love Annie and all your extended family.

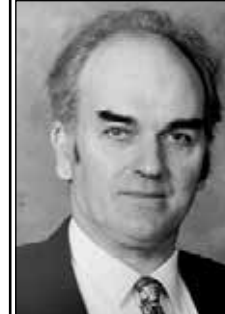
Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 28th April at 11am in St Mary's Church, Fanavolty.

Sweeney Helen Araheera 2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of Helen, a dear aunt and great aunt who died on 28th April 2022. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for her. R. I. P.

*Words are few thoughts are deep
But memories of you will always keep.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by the McGlynn, Friel and Ford families, Glasgow and Fanad.



O'Brien
Ronnie
Kilmacrennan
4th Anniversary

Treasured memories of my husband who died on the 25th April 2020.

*When God was making husbands as far as I can see
He made a special soulmate especially for me
He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind
With more love and affection than you could ever wish to find.*

*He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold, only my heart can hold
He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace
He was someone I could laugh with till tears ran down my face
Next time we meet it will be at Heaven's door
When I see you standing there, I won't cry anymore
I'll put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face
Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.
Ronnie -*

I Miss You So Much!

Always loved by your wife Rosemary.

~~~~~

To my Dad love your Daughter

*You held my hand when I was small,  
you caught me when I fell  
The hero of my childhood and of latter years as well  
Everytime I think of you my heart just fills with pride, and though I will always miss you Dad I know you're by my side.  
In laughter and in sorrow, in sunshine and in rain I know you're watching over me until we meet again.*

Sadly missed by daughter Laura, son in law Connor and grandchildren Alfie and Holly.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by sisters Maureen and Brenda and all their families.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Sunday 28th April at 11.00am.**

## No joy for Boyce and English

Mark English and Brendan Boyce were both competing on the international stage over the weekend. On Saturday English finished 12th at a Diamond League in China where he was competing against the elite 800m athletes from around the world. while Boyce was in Turkey at the Race-Walking Championships where his hopes of being on the plane for Paris and a fourth Olympic Games received a big setback as injury forced him to retire early in his race walk on Sunday. Disappointingly the Finn Valley AC man had to drop out after 8km. He was aiming to get hit the qualifying standard for the Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay along with Kate Veale from West Waterford. The Milford man had competed at the 2012, 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games in the 50km distance. It was removed from the global games after the 2020 Finals

### Carrigart shop extension works granted

Planning permission has been granted for work to the Centra shop on Carrigart's main street.

Conditional planning permission was granted to Shaun Boyce for the work that includes the construction of a single storey extension to the front of the shop to accommodate internal alterations, a draught lobby area and a new front entrance.

It also allows the construction of slated pitched roofs to replace part of existing flat roofs with traditional dormer windows and projecting feature wall, all works to be completed with the associated internal renovations, repositioning of existing solar panels and associated site works.



## In Memoriam

### Hunter

Michael  
Fananoughan, Milford  
16th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on 1st May 2008.



*Nothing on earth can ever replace the sound of your voice, the smile on your face*

*No verse, no flowers, no tear can say how much I miss you every day.*

*Memories keep one by one things you have said, things you have done They bring a smile and many a tear always a wish that you were here.*

*No words I write will ever say how much I miss you and love you each day.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Molly.

*Sore are the hearts that love you silent the tears that fall Living our life without you Daddy is the hardest part of all. God took your hand, we had to part it eased your pain, but broke our heart.*

Sadly missed by your son Michael and Natalie.

*It does not take a special day to bring you to my mind, a day without a thought of you is very hard to find.*

*Time may hide the sadness like a smile that hides the tears We miss you and love you daddy and will throughout the years.*

Sadly missed by your son Sammy and Inga.

*We think of you in silence, we always speak your name, all we have are memories and a picture in a frame.*

Sadly missed by your son John and daughter-in-law Karen.

*Your painful days are over Dad your restless nights have passed God gently closed your eyes and gave you peace at last.*

*You gave us years of happiness and then sorrow came with tears You left us lovely memories we will treasure through the years.*

*We wander to your graveside and place your flowers with care no one knows how much we miss you as we turn and leave you there. So take his hand sweet Jesus, don't leave him on his own, love him up in Heaven the way we did at home.*

*Sweet is the sleep that ends all pain, we would never want you to suffer again. God took your hand we had to part it ended your pain and broke our heart.*

Loved and sadly missed by daughters Ann-Marie and Susan.

*A whisper on this May day Daddy heard a gentle call he took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all.*

*As it is your anniversary, you would not want a fuss, just to be remembered and loved by all of us.*

*Will those who think of Daddy today a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Always remembered and loved by your daughter Sharon and Willie.

*To a special Grandad*

*There is a man in Heaven so precious and so rare, that man is our Grandad the best beyond compare*

*So little angels dressed in white Kiss our Grandad every night Tell him that we miss him so and wonder why he had to go.*

Sadly missed and loved by all your grand children.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church Ramelton on Wednesday 1st May at 10.00am.

## McGettigan

Gortmacall, Milford



Phil  
19th Anniversary  
26th April 2005



Margaret  
4th Anniversary  
13th February 2020

In loving memory of a dear father, mother, grandfather and grandmother whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Always loved and remembered by the family.



McBride  
Josie  
Main St, Ramelton  
5th Anniversary

Also remembering her son Michael, Scotland whose Anniversary occurs on the 18th May.

In loving memory of a dear aunt.

*Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on And cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone Those we love can never be more than a thought apart For as long as there is memory they'll live on in the heart.*

From Friel, McBride and Boyce families.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 28th April in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton at 11.00am.



Toye  
Darren  
26th Anniversary  
28th April 1998

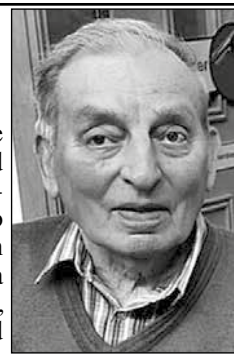
*Of all the special gifts in life however great or small To have you as my brother was the greatest gift of all A special time, a special face A special brother I can't replace With an aching heart I whisper low I miss you Darren and love you so.*

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

## Acknowledgement

### Fisher

John  
Umlagh, Carrigart



We, the family of the late John Fisher would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss of a much loved husband, father, grandfather and friend. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and family who attended the wake and funeral. To those who travelled long distances, telephoned, sent cards and messages of condolences and support. Our thanks also for the many donations in lieu of flowers for the Donegal Hospice. We appreciate all those who brought food and made tea during the wake also the Mevagh Fire Brigade who managed the traffic.

A very special thank you to Dr. Lannon and the whole team at Carrigart Health Centre and the Carrigart Pharmacy also the Palliative Care Team and Doctors and nurses on Medical 4 Ward at Letterkenny University Hospital and all our Home Helps. A sincere thank you to Rev. Tommy Bruce for conducting the lovely Service of thanksgiving for John's life. Thank you to Seamus Gallagher for his professional service with John's funeral arrangements.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation and gratitude.



Sweeney  
Helen (Ellen)  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of our Mammy, Granny and Great Granny who died on 28th April 2022.

*You left us precious memories Your love is still our guide And though we cannot see you You are always at our side.*

Always loved and sadly missed by Charlie, Anne and Davaddog, Julie and Manus.

*As we look upon her picture sweet memories we recall Of a face so full of sunshine and a smile for one and all Sweet Jesus, take this message to our dear Granny up above*

*Tell her how we miss her and give her all our love.*

Loved and sorely missed by Sarah, Christy, Eimear, Christopher, Caoimhe and Aine, great-grandchildren Christopher and Sadie Ellen.

*Queen of the Holy Rosary Pray for her*

Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Church, Fanavolty on Saturday 27th April at 10am.

In loving memory of our dearest mother and grandmother, forever in our thoughts.

## Boyce

Brigid  
The Pans, Cranford



We, the family of the late Brigid Boyce, would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad bereavement. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to our extended family, friends and neighbours who supported us in every way.

Thank you to those who travelled long distances to attend the funeral. To those who sent messages of condolences, Mass cards and gave donations to the Donegal Hospice, thank you all so much.

Thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff of Carrigart Medical Centre and Surgical 2, Letterkenny University Hospital, to Carmel Browne and all the Palliative Care Team who attended Mammy at home and ultimately the wonderful staff of the Donegal Hospice for their impeccable care and support given to us all.

We sincerely thank Fr. Martin Chambers for celebrating a beautiful funeral Mass and for providing support to all the family and to Fr. Séan Ó Gallachóir for his assistance. Thank you to Patrick Shields for the lovely music provided during the ceremony.

Many thanks also to Seamus Gallagher Undertaker, for his professional and compassionate handling of all arrangements. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Brigid's Month's Mind Mass will be held on Sunday 28th April at 9:30 am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Coole.

## McFadden

We the family of the late Cahal McFadden, Market Square, Milford would like to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with us on our recent sad bereavement.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our family, friends and great neighbours and to all who visited our home to attend the wake and to those who attended the funeral Mass and burial. To all who brought food especially the Narrow Quarter and McGettigan's Butchers, and to all who made tea during the wake. Thank you to all who phoned and sent Mass cards.

A special word of thanks to Ann and Philip McGilloway and all the staff at Aras Uí Domhnaill Nursing Home, Milford for the loving care which they showed to Cahal during his illness and the kindness they showed us his family during this time.

Thanks also to Dr Walsh and Dr Alli at Milford Health Centre and to Carmel Brown the Palliative Care Nurse.

A special word of thanks to Father Stephen Gorman not only for the funeral Mass which celebrated Cahal's life so fittingly but also for the support you gave us during Cahal's illness. Thanks to Sinead Black for her beautiful singing at the funeral, to Eamonn Scott, Funeral Director for their professional and sensitive handling of all arrangements and to the grave diggers.

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

Cahal's Month Mind Mass will be held in St Peter's Church, Milford on Friday 26th April at 7.00pm.

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# Dunfanaghy

## Prayer Meeting

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

## Sympathy

The sympathy of the community is extended to Peggy Coll and family, Breaghy Portnablugh on the recent death of her brother John Kelly, Gortnalaragh, Termon.

## The Workhouse

The Board of Directors and Team at The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy would like to thank Patrick McMullan, James McMullan, Alie McKemey, Josephine Keaveney and all those who took part in the "Arrive and Jive" nights that took

place in the Outback, Patsy Dans. A total of €722.50 was raised over a 6-week period to help with maintenance and repairs of the community playground. The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from 10am until 4pm at Figart featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground and the team welcome everyone over the coming months.

## DLDC Employment Support Outreach

DLDC Employment Support can help long term unemployed to get back into full time employment, identify training opportunities, prepare CV and fill out application forms and much more. The Outreach Officer will be in attendance in The Family Resource Centre on Wednesday 1st May from 10am-12noon. No appointment necessary. Further enquiries to Mary on 087 9926681. This Service is supported by DLDC and is free and

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

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

## Country Markets

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

**Election Candidate in local Elections June 2024**

## Cllr Michael McClafferty

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## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 1,8,13,15,19,20. There were no Match 5 winners. 22 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The winner of the €100 was Michael Kelly Log Cabin. This week's Jackpot will be €6200.

## 50/50

Congratulations to Oisín Breslin who won €330 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## Clondehorkey Mothers' Union

The members of Clondehorkey Mothers' Union would like to thank family and friends who supported the Annual Sponsored Spring Walk and Soup Lunch on Saturday 20th April. The event raised the amazing total of 905 euro and this will go to the Mothers' Union Literacy and Numeracy Programme in Burundi and Sudan.



Aibhlinn Gallagher, Scoil Cholmcille Máigh Rua, Murroe National School Dunfanaghy, winner of the Donegal Road Safety Working Group, Finn Harps Road Safety Art Competition after she was announced as winner at her school on Wednesday morning. Also included are Anne Sweeney, Principal, Chris Harley, Road Safety Engineer, Pamela Smullen, Road Safety Active Travel Officer Donegal County Council and Kevin McHugh, Finn Harps. Photo Clive Wasson

## Dunfanaghy Youth's win U12 League Cup

Callum Friel Park hosted the U12 Division 1 League Cup Final between Dunfanaghy Youths and Glenea on Sunday. The game was played in perfect conditions in front of a large crowd.

In a very competitive 1st half Dunfanaghy Youths looked the more dangerous team but Glenea were solid in defence. Cian Langan and Oisín Sweeney were always a threat for Dunfanaghy while Glenea's Cormac Duggan was dangerous on the counter attacks. It remained scoreless at half time.

Dunfanaghy Youths upped the intensity in the second half and the pressure paid off in the 37th when Matthew McFadden controlled the ball outside the box, beat one defender, and finished coolly into the bottom corner.

Despite a few chances at both ends and a few good saves by both keepers, Dunfanaghy held on to win the title. The referee Sean Ferry had a very good game.

Dunfanaghy were best served by Player of the match, Anthony Wilkinson along with captain Oisín Sweeney, Seve Roarty, Caolan Sweeney and Rory Boyce, Oliver Ferry, Oisín Nelis Cian Langan and Matthew McFadden Liam McFadden. Odhran Sweeney, Alfie Roarty and Dylan Robinson.



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Dunfanaghy Youths who won the Letterkenny and District U12 League Cup defeating Glenea in the Final 1.0 last weekend.



# Creeslough

## The late Michael Green

Sympathy is extended to Roger Green, Anne and family, Roscad on the death of Roger's brother, Michael which took place on April 16th in the Liverpool Hospital, Sydney, Australia. Predeceased by his wife Mary (nee Clarke), his parents Patrick and Teresa Green, brothers Eamon and Patsy Green and nephews Adrian and Peter. Sadly missed by his son Michael and wife Trisha, daughter Jacqueline and husband Cameron and grandchildren. Brother Jack and Marjorie Green, Carrigart, brother Rodger and Anne Green, Creeslough, sister Anne and Gerry Devenney, Fahan, brother Seamus and Helen Green, Dublin, sister Myra and Pat Corcoran, Letterkenny, sister in Law Maggie Green, Scotland, nieces, nephews and extended family. A celebration of Michael's life took place at 2pm on Tuesday at Forest Lawn Memorial park North Chapel, Camden Valley, Leppington.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Dylan McGee, Creeslough who completed the Connemara in Galway at the weekend. He ran the scenic 42.2km (26.2 miles) marathon in aid of the Children's Health Foundation, a charity that raises funds to support sick children and their families. Dylan, who is recovering from leg injuries sustained in the Creeslough explosion saw the marathon as a celebration of how far he has come since the explosion.

## May Eve

On May Eve there will be Rosary at Doon Well on Tuesday April 30th. Gather at the Well for 11.45 p.m.

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## Social Saturday

Creeslough Community Association will host a Social Saturday afternoon on 11th May at The Hub, Creeslough from 2-4pm. You can relax with a cup of tea, have a chat and play a little Bingo. We welcome in particular anyone who has not had the chance to visit the Hub so far and now is your time to enjoy the facilities at the Hub.

## Furniture & Jumble Sales

Creeslough Community Association is having the first Furniture & Jumble Sales of this year on Sat-



Participants who took part in the Mother's Union Spring walk followed by a soup lunch on Saturday last 20th April at the Ballymore Parish Centre. All proceeds were in aid of Mother's Union overseas literacy funds.

urday, 18th May from 11am-4pm and Sunday, 19th May, from 1-4pm at the Cope Yard, Creeslough. If anyone has items to donate, we will have the Yard open nearer to the time. No clothing or electrical items please.

## Day Retreat

Day Retreat for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will take place at Ards Friary on Saturday 18th May, led by Philip McParland. This day will begin at 10.30 am and finish at 4 pm. It will include some input, silent time, social time and a full lunch. To book, phone: 074 9138909/ email: info@ardsfriary.ie.

## Muckish Drama Circle

Muckish Drama Circle will present their recent production "I Am the One For You" a 3 Act Comedy by Jimmy Keary in the Massinass Hall on this Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April in the Massinass Hall in Creeslough with the cur-



Members of the 24th Donegal Dunfanaghy Scouts pictured at the Bed Push between Creeslough and Dunfanaghy on Easter Monday

tain up each night at 7.30pm. Admission is €10 and tickets are on sale now. These promises to be three nights of great entertainment and everyone is welcome

## 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 contact info@creeslough-community.com or 087 292 3102 for information or to register for a course/class.

## Two Hand & Line Dancing

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

## Shop and Coffee Dock

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

## 2024 Spring Covid-19 Boosters

Covid booster vaccines will be available

in the surgery for eligible patients of the practice from Thursday 2nd May. You can check your eligibility on www.hse.ie. Please email creesloughprimarycare@gmail.com to register your interest.

## Dance in the Ballymore

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



Young St. Michael's GAA players who took part in a Blitz at O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny recently.



Patrick Ryder S.N. Gort a Choice who was a runner up prizewinner in the Donegal Road Safety Working Group, Finn Harps Road Safety Art Competition.



Deirdre Greer presenting Ann O'Donnell from the Falcarragh Bluestack Foundation Branch with €1215 from the Donal McGinley Memorial event held at Cloughaneely Golf Club.



# Cloughaneely Community Awards Celebration Evening

"So often we hear just the negatives. It is a brilliant idea for a community to hold up a mirror, to reflect all the many good things that it can celebrate and take pride in. In every age there is nothing more important for the health of a society than proclaiming the good news..." the words of Brian McKean, a member of the Cloughaneely Angling Association, in an email to the organisers of this event.

our native language. Thanks to O'stán Loch Altan, Moses Alcorn, photographer, Aoibhe and Emer from Maureen Byrne's Dancing School, and to PCC students Darren and Niamh for their beautiful music. We greatly appreciate raffle prizes donated by local sponsors, detailed on our Facebook page, Cloughaneely Community Awards Celebration.

## Cloughaneely News

### Junior Band Notes

There was no jackpot winner in the Junior Band Lotto last week. The evening numbers were 1-6-8-13-16-17. Hannah McGee, Ballina was the winner of €100. This week's jackpot is €7200.

### Band Fundraiser

This year Cloughaneely Junior and Senior Band are entering a team into Relay for Life Donegal in May. On Tuesday 30th April, they are holding a 5km fun run/walk at 7pm, registration from 6pm in Ionad Naomh Fionnán. €5 person, All monies raised going towards Relay For Life and the Irish Cancer Society. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Hall.

### Coiste Glas agus Glas

Coiste Glas agus Glas are delighted with the support they are getting this Spring and the next Clean up is on Sunday 28th April concentrating mainly on the approach road from Muckish from the Song House into Falcarragh. The more the merrier with all help appreciated for just an hour from 12 noon. Ag teacht le chéile ag Halla Naomh Fionnán ar 12. Fáilte romhaibh uilig.

Coiste Glas agus Glas, Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee are continuing with their work on Biodiversity in the Green Area below the Strand Bar. As quite a lot of the old trees in the garden are diseased with Ash Dieback they will have to be removed.



Ladies from the Falcarragh Folk Choir with their award pictured at the Cloughaneely Community Presentation evening in the Ostan Loch Altan on Friday evening last

This will take place within the next few weeks. They will be replaced with new trees, hedging/plants over a period of time in order to help increase biodiversity. Beimid ag súil le tacaíocht ón phobal amach anseo.

### Deireadh Seachtaine Siúil Oidhreacht

Tullaghbegley Heritage Walking Weekend takes place this year on the 4th and 5th May. There will be an interesting walk in the Creeslough area on Saturday visiting Noreen Bawn's Cottage, learn about Niall Mac Giolla Bhríde and his association with Pádraig Pearse, walk to the site on Muckish where sand was taken after the war to be exported for making glass. Bus leaving Seanbheairic Falcarragh 11am. Tullaghbegley Walk on Sunday from Seanbheairic 12 noon.

### Spring Covid 19 Booster Campaign

Falcarragh Medical Centre will be holding a Covid 19 Booster campaign on Friday the 17th of May. The campaign is aimed at patients aged 80 years and older or patients with the following long term chronic health conditions includ-

ing but not limited to Diabetes, Obesity, COPD, Asthma, Chronic heart disease, kidney disease etc. Please contact Falcarragh Medical Centre on 07491 35491.

### Diólachán Plandaí - Ar Siúl Anois!

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

### Pobail Le Cheile

Drama Group for children with Nora Kavanagh on Mondays from 6-7pm. To celebrate Bealtaine Arts Festive there will be a special Cumann Cairdeas trip on Tuesday 7th May. A trip with traditional music at the Leabharlann Gweedore followed by a two course meal at the Waterfront Hotel in Dungloe. €25 PP includes bus and meal. To book call / text 086 455 7519.

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

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

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

### Pobal Eascarrach

Alzheimer's tea party in the Resource Centre on Thursday May 2nd, from 10.30a.m. until 2.30p.m. Cruinniú Cinn Bliana ar 14 Bealtaine ar 7in in Ionad Acmhainne Bhéal an Átha, F92 XH70 - Fáilte roimh an phobailuilig! Annual General Meeting on the 14th of May at 7pm in the Ballina Resource Centre - all welcome.



Fr. Donnach O'Baill receiving the award for Cor Coiste Forbarta on Fhálcarragh from Edel ní Chuireáin. Chuireáin.

Martin Ferry receiving the award on behalf of Christ Rí Gorta'Choirce from Edel ní Chuireáin. Chuireáin.

Grace Deeney receiving the award on behalf of Mná Eascarrach from Edel ní Chuireáin

Vincent Collum and Róisín McGee from Cloughaneely Golf Club receiving their award from Edel ní Chuireáin



Seamus McGee on behalf of the Tourists and Traders Association in Falcarragh receiving their award from Edel ní Chuireáin.

Gerry O'Donnell receiving the award for the Cloughaneely Junior Band from Edel ní Chuireáin.

Members of the Cloughaneely First Responders with their Award.



Members of Errigal Cycling Club with their Award.

Steven Cannon, Edel Ni Chuireáin, Caitríona Kelly, Helena McClafferty, Cllr Michael McClafferty, Bearnai Ó Gallchóir, Joe Friel, Front row Paul McFadden, Gearóid Ó Smoláin, John Curran, John Sheamus Ó Fearraigh, Murt Collins pictured at the Cloughaneely Community Presentation evening in the Ostan Loch Altan on Friday evening last.



# GAA Club News

## An Tearmainn

### Senior Men

There was double delight for both senior men's teams at Tir Chonaill Park in Donegal Town on Sunday against Four Masters. The senior men took a 0-13 to 0-10 victory with Enda McCormick contributing 0-6. Steve McElwaine hit 0-3 while Patrick Fegan, Jamie Grant, Mark Gallagher and Ryan McFadden also got on the score-sheet. They will now go in search of a fourth win of the Division 2 campaign on Saturday against Cloughaneely at the Burn Road.

The reserves started the day by leading the way, taking the win in the opening game. Jamie Gallagher's side were 2-9 to 1-7 victories. John James Sweeney scored 0-4, Caolan Curran 1-1, Oisín Harkin 1-2, Jack O'Neill and Paul Mallon 0-1 each.

### County Players

Well done to Ciaran Conaghan and Fionn McGrenra who played for Donegal U16's against Tyrone at the weekend. Cayla McFadden also lined out for the ladies U16's in their championship win over Fermanagh.

### Ladies Board

U14's had their first outing of the season in the Fiona Doherty Memorial Tournament, organised by Letterkenny Gaels. They played Gaels, but unfortunately we're unlucky on the day, next up is a trip to Glenfin on Saturday.

Mothers & Others continues Friday evening at the pitch, 7-8pm.

### Fixtures

25/04/2024 U16 Boys V. Gaoth Dobhair @ 7.00pm (Home)

26/04/2024 U12 Boys V. St.Eunans @ 6.30pm (Home)

27/04/2024 U14 Girls V. Glenfin @ Time TBC (Away) - Fiona Doherty Memorial Cup 2024

27/04/2024 Reserve Men V. Cloich Cheann Fhaola @ 17.30pm (Home)

27/04/2024 Senior Men V. Cloich Cheann Fhaola @ 19.00pm (Home)

28/04/2024 Senior Ladies V. Aodh Ruadh BAS @ 10.30am (Away)

### Lotto

Lotto Results 21/4/2024 - No's drawn 7, 11, 19, 26. There was no winner of the €1700 Jackpot. There was one winner Match 3, Josephine Lackey won €80. This week's €10 Quick Pick winners were John McDaid and T McLaughlin. Next week's Jackpot is €1750 and the draw will take place on Sunday 28th April.

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

### Comhghairdeas

Congratulations to Jason McGee and the rest of the Donegal team on a great win and also to our local junior and senior marching bands who led the teams around Celtic Park before the match.

An tSraith Roinn 2 - Sinsir

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 3-14 (23) Na Rossa: 2-5 (11)

Cluiche Leathcheannais Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Faoi 14

Cloich Cheann Fhaola 5-9 Gaoth Dobhair 3-9

### Buíochas

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Martin Duggan agus James McCrossan a bhí amuigh ag díol lotto ag an deireadh seachtaine.

### Sraith Faoi 14 an Tuaiscirt

D'éirigh leis na leaid an bua a fháil ar Ghleann tSúilí i Roinn 1, 5-5 go dtí 1-16. Bhí droch ádh ar na leaid in éadan Ghaeil Fhánada i Roinn 3.

### Lotto

Uimhreacha na seachtaine 1,4,7,11,14,17. Bhí deichniúr ann le ceithre uimhir. Comhghairdeas le Donna McGee a bhaineann €100. Tá €6,650 sa phota óir anois.

### Sraith Faoi 16 na gCailíní - Roinn 4

Our U16 girls had a great win over Naomh Ultan.

### Help needed

The club will be hosting Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Thír Chonaill between the 4th-6th of May this year. We are looking for volunteers to help us over the weekend. If you feel you can help in any way please send your name to 0863233813.

## Glenwillilly

### Up for the Match

A great night of analysis and entertainment was held in the club hall. We were delighted to have Derry legend Tony Scullion, journalist Cahair O'Kane, Michael Murphy and Neil Gallagher on stage to discuss all things Donegal v Derry ahead of the Quarter Final clash! Thanks to MC Charlie Collins, our panel: Michael, Neil, Tony and special mention to Cahair who stepped in as a last minute replacement! Well done to Gary McDaid and all the senior team and management for organising a fantastic event. Thanks to Gerard, Ki-

eron, Eunan and Stephen who warmed up the crowd with some music before the main event!

Thanks to Dietmar for all the sound and lighting equipment. Thank you to the Value Centre who sponsored the two hampers for the raffle on the night.

### Senior Men

Both the Seniors and Reserves teams suffered defeats on Sunday to St Eunan's. Division 1b result St Eunan's 5-10 Glenswilly 1-5. Division 1 result St Eunan's 2-13 Glenswilly 0-9

Both teams will be hoping to bounce back when we host Kilcar on Saturday the 27th April at 5.30pm and 7pm.

### Minor Board

Well done to the U16 Div 1 team who defeated Gaoth Dobhair in Magheragallon on Sunday 1-16 to 4-7.

The U12 boys will travel to Ballybofey on Friday evening to take on Sean MacCumhaills at 6.15pm. Well done to Harry Callaghan who represented Stramore NS and the Allianz Cumann na mbunscol Donegal team at half time in the Donegal vs Derry championship game in Celtic Park.

### Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies got back to winning ways when they travelled to Muff on Sunday for a 4-9 to 10 point win.

Good luck to Sarah McGinley and the Donegal Minor Ladies in the Ulster Platinum Final on Saturday 27th April!

### Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

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

### Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start! Over €2000 in prizes guaranteed every week. 50/50 draw occurs every Wednesday night Congratulations to last week's winner Brendan Friel who won €455.

## St. Michael's

### All County League

Both teams were at home to Malin on Sunday at the Bridge. Unfortunately, both teams lost. The Seniors lost 0-7 to 2-6.

The Team was: Mark Anthony McGinley, Jamie Hunter, Chris McElhinney, Paddy McGinley, Eoghan Kelly, Ciaran Kelly, Antoin McFadden, Michael McGinley, Colin McFadden, Michael Cannon, Martin Breslin, Martin McElhinney, Paul Johnson, Max Roarty, Andrew Kelly. Subs: Carlos O Reilly for Max Roarty, Eddie O Reilly for Eoghan Kelly Stephen Doak for Ciaran Kelly Ethan Ferry for Martin Breslin.

Scorers: Carlos O Reilly, Eddie O Reilly (1f) Mark Anthony McGinley (1f) Chris McElhinney Michael Cannon, Michael McGinley Colin McFadden 0-1 each.

The Reserves also lost 1-17 to 3-14.

Both teams are at home to Naomh Conaill in Glenties on this Saturday at 5.30pm and 7pm.

### Mini Lotto

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### Well Done

Well done to the Donegal Team and Management on their great victory over Derry. Good luck to Michael Langan and the rest of the St. Michael's Donegal Team and Management including Jim McGuinness, Colm McFadden and Antoin McFadden against Tyrone this Sunday.

### Under 16 Girls

Well done to u16 Girls on a great result against Killybegs at The Bridge winning 8-07 to 1-07.

### Under 14's

Our u14 had a great game up in Glenfin, losing 3-14 to 5-6.

### Boys Under 14's

Well done to our u14 boys who travelled to The Banks winning 1-06 to 1-09

In a thrilling match-up on Sunday, St. Michael's U14 squad embarked on a journey to Aodh Rua Ballyshannon for a friendly.

### Boys Under 12's

St. Michael's U12s showcased their talent on the field during their Div 3 match against Gweedore. The team was: Mark McFadden, Myles Byrne, Hugh McNulty, Luke Gallagher, Caolan Sweeney, Tiarnan McGinley, Cian McCaul, Odhran Sweeney, Niall Monaghan, Micheal Sweeney, Dinnie Sheridan, Ryan Moore, Ryan McBride, Conor Langan and Riley Sweeney.

### Girls Under 12's

St Michaels u-12 girls played Gaoth Dobhair on Friday at the Bridge. It was another great team performance. Clodagh Stewart was a formidable force at full-forward. At the other end of the pitch, Roisin Browne had a strong performance in nets. Clara Ward also defended exceptionally well at full back. Cara Sweeney had a fine performance, intercepting a lot of Gaoth Dobhair's runs through the middle. Well done to all the girls on the great teamwork with impressive flowing football on display.

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

### Under 10's Boys

The U-10s Boys travelled to O'Donnell Park on Saturday to play a mini blitz, against St. Eunan's and Glenswilly. With three 9 a side teams it was an action-packed morning.

### Senior Ladies

Our Senior Ladies traveled to Convoy on Sunday losing 1-12 to 1-08.

### Fixtures

### Friday 26th

U12 Boys v Gaoth Dobhair Home 6.30pm D1

### Saturday 27th

Senior/Reserve Men Naomh Conaill Away 5.30pm/7pm

### Sunday 28th

Senior Ladies v Burt 10.30am

## Milford

### Lotto: 16/4/24

Numbers : 6-8-31-32 Numbers drawn at Bingo in Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is John McMenamin,

### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 27th April - Minor Girls.

### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

### Senior Men

Our Seniors fell to a disappointing 1 point defeat at home to Killybegs on a scoreline of 0-13 to 2-8. The Reserves were well beaten 5-13 to 2-9 They now travel away to Dungloe next Saturday at 5.30pm and 7pm.

### U16 Boys

Our U16 boys had a disappointing performance away to a strong Ardara team, losing on a 5-9 to 2-3 scoreline. Next game is on May 6th at home to Buncrana.

### U16 Girls

Our U16 girls had a good win at home to Moville last Tuesday.

### U14 Boys

The U14 Red team won 8-10 to 3-5 at home to Convoy last Wednesday, while the blue team were unlucky against Buncrana losing on a scoreline of 4-6 to 3-5.

### U12 Boys

Our U12 navy team played Red Hugh's at home on Friday in their opening league game. After a poor first half, the boys came back in the second half and were unlucky to lose out by a narrow margin in the end. Our blue team is playing this Friday away to Fanad Gaels at 6.30pm in Portsalon. Training continues in Ray Astro on Mondays from 5.45 -7pm. New players welcome.

### U10 Girls

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

### Congratulations and Good Luck

Comhghairdeas to Rory O'Donnell, Luke Barrett and Donall Barrett who are involved with the Donegal Senior Men's team on their great victory against Derry on Saturday and wishing you the best of luck against Tyrone on Sunday.

## St Eunan's

### All County League

It was a good weekend for our Senior men's teams with the Reserves starting the day with 5-10 to 1-5 victory over Glenswilly in O'Donnell Park followed up by a win for the Senior team as well.

### Senior Men's Update

Glenswilly started brightest going 2 points to no score up in as many minutes before St Eunans opened their account with a goal from a well taken score from Noah Barrett who calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner of the net. This was followed up by points from Eoin McGeehin, Connor O'Donnell and James Kelly. Glenswilly did close the gap to 2 points but two frees from Conor O'Donnell and Eoin McGeehin along with a well-executed goal by Conor O'Donnell left the score at the break St Eunans 2-06 to 0-04 Glenswilly.

The teams traded scores at the start of the second half with the industrious Jake Whelan scor-

ing two impressive points for the home team. Caolan Ward entered the game after 38 minutes. Goalkeeper Ronan McGeehin carried the ball up the field untouched and when he got inside the Glenswilly 45 he calmly slotted the ball over the bar before sprinting back to his own goals. Eunans had 3 more scores from Oran Winston, Eoin McGeehin and Jordan O'Dowd to close out the game. St Eunans won 2:13 to 0:9

St Eunans scorers: Conor O'Donnell 1-3 (1f); Noah Barrett 1-0; Eoin McGeehin 0-3 (1f); Jake Whelan 0-2; Oran Winston 0-1; Eoin Dowling 0:1(1f); Eoghan Dowling 0-1(1f); Jordan O'Dowd 0-1; Ronan McGeehin 0-1.

This weekend our Seniors and Reserves play Aodh Ruadh (Ballyshannon) on Saturday at 2pm with the Reserve match on at 3.30pm.

### Club Lotto

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

### Minor Board

**Under 18 (Boys) Upcoming fixtures Under 18s:** Wednesday April 24th Division 3 - St Eunans V St Michaels 6.30pm in O'Donnell Park.

### Under 16 (Boys) Results:

Tuesday April 16th All County U16 Div 1 Round 1 - St Eunans 1-12 to 2-4 Carndonagh

### Senior Ladies

Our senior ladies had a good win away in Downings last Sunday 2-5 to 1-14.

St Eunans senior ladies are away to Ardara this Sunday April 28st at 10.30am - Best of luck.

### Senior Hurling (Men)

St Eunan's Senior men lost out to Buncrana on Friday in a game played in O'Donnell Park. Final score St Eunans 1-14 to 3-16 Buncrana

St Eunans scorers; Gavin Forde 0-7 (6f); Kevin Kealy 1-1; Matt Ahern 0-3. Brendan Gaffey 0-2(1f); Cormac Finn 0-01.

### Minor Hurling

St Eunans are away to Dungloe/Gweedore on Thursday April 25th in Dungloe at 7pm.

### Contact

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

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results - 21/04/2024

Numbers: 7, 12, 14, 17, 22. €6000 JACKPOT WINNER Eve McAteer, Shannagh. Next week's Jackpot: €1000

### April Grab a Grand

Tickets are currently on sale for our April Grab a Grand. Please check our online platforms to buy your ticket.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

### Dé Máirt, 23ú Aibreán

Cailíní Faoi 16

Aodh Rua Cúil na gCuirridín v Gaeil Fhánada @ 7:00

### Dé Sathairn, 27ú Aibreán

Cailíní Faoi 12

An Tearmann v Gaeil Fhánada @ 12:30

### Sraith Roinn 2 - Cluiche Tacaíochta

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Muire @ 5:30

### Sraith Roinn 2 - Sinsiar

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Muire @ 7:00

### Dé Domhnaigh, 28ú Aibreán

### Peil na mBan - Roinn 1

Na Dúnaibh v Gaeil Fhánada @ 10:30

### Dé Máirt, 30ú Aibreán

Cailíní Faoi 16

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Colmcille @ 7:00

### Senior Ladies

Gaeil Fhánada 1:13 Bun an Phobail 3:07

Midway through the second half, and six points in arrears, most of a Gaeil Fhánada persuasion would have been delighted with a share of the spoils, but after a resurgence and a goal and six points on the trot, it was Moville who required the late green flag to rescue a draw in what was a very entertaining encounter played in great conditions on Sunday. The team showed one change from last week's side, Hannah Shiels returning for the unavailable Clare Friel. Moville lined out with Niamh Hegarty at midfield and she proved to be the main driving force for the visiting side. Gaeil Fhánada: Rosheen McGinley, Shauna Howe, Tori Gallagher, Méabh Duffy, Maggie Friel, Aoife Gibbons (0:01), Niamh Mc Devitt, Eimear Sweeney (1:01), Iseult Ní Mhathúna, Jessica Coll, Lauren Carr (0:06), Siobhan Sweeney, Hannah Shiels, Eibhlin Shiels, Mairead Coll (0:03). Caoimhe Walsh (0:01) for Hannah Shiels, Rachel Sweeney (0:01) for Eibhlin Shiels, Michelle Doherty for Tori Gallagher, Eiméar Gibbons for Maggie Friel, Hannah Shiels for Iseult Ní Mhathúna. Méabh McAteer, Rachael Friel, Grace Begley, Erin Carlin, Méabh Sweeney.

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# GAA Club News

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## Seniors men defeated by St. Naul's

St. Naul's 0:13 Gaeil Fhánada 0:10

In a game that never really got going in the glorious sunshine of Páirc Uí Shíadhail on Sunday, it was ultimately a sense of disappointment from a Gaeil Fhánada perspective as St. Naul's continued their good start to the season with a three point win.

Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley, Paddy Heraghty, Jimmy Coyle, Odhrán Shiels, Calum McAteer, Shaun Kerr, Conor Heraghty, Paddy Carr, Liam McGrenaghan (0:02), Darren McElwaine (0:03), Mark McAteer (0:01), Brandon McClafferty (0:01), Alan McAteer (0:02), James Kerr (0:01), Paul Coyle. Eoghan Carr for Conor Heraghty, Fergal Friel for Paul Coyle.

## Another victory for U16 Girls

The U16 girls made the trip to Newton on Tuesday, and came away with maximum points. Ní McDaid (0:01), Sarah Peoples (0:01), Erin Logue (0:01), Kara Friel, Eabha Doherty, Caoimhe Kerr, Orlaith McGrenaghan, Amy McAteer (0:01), Grace Begley (1:00), Etaine Sheridan (0:01), Meabh Sweeney (0:01), Erin Carlin (1:02), Lilly Gallagher (1:00), Cara Gibbons (1:00), Aisling Duffy (2:02), Aine Doherty (1:02).

## U14 Boys chalk up their second victory

A super first half performance gave the lads the perfect platform, and from there, they went on to seal their second win of the season on Wednesday. The Gaels got a dream start with three goals in the first seven minutes with Oisín Lynch, Jack Dunleavy and Ollie McAteer all finding the net. Shaun Ward, Conn McLaughlin, Ronan Wilson, Patrick McConigley, Ruairí Kerr, Michael Peoples (0:01), James Anthony Peoples, Cillian Gilmour, Oisín Lynch (1:00), Tyler McAteer, Tiernan Kerr (3:00), Colin McBride (0:01), Rian Jackson, Jack Dunleavy (3:01), Ollie McAteer (2:02), Ciaran Carr, Ronan Gibbons (1:00), Donacha Dorrian, Aaron Gallagher.

## U8 Training

U8's training will be on at the earlier time of 11-12 on Sunday next, due to the Donegal v Tyrone Ulster semi final clash.

## Well done Erin & Grace

Well done to Erin Carlin and Grace Begley who made their debuts for the senior ladies team against Naomh Muire recently.

## Cúl Camp

Bookings for the Cúl Camp are currently live on the kelloggsculcamps.ie website.

## U14 Ulster Festival of Football

Hard luck to the Donegal side who were defeated by Down in the silver final. Clodagh McAteer, Aoibhinn Callaghan and Amy McAteer represented Gaeil Fhánada and manager Aidan McAteer.

## Na nDúnaibh

### Torthaí Lotto

Torthaí lotto ó oíche Luain is chuaigh thart. Na huimhreacha a tarraingíodh ná: 2 18 23 agus 26. Char bhain duine ar bith an pota óir agus bhí na trí uimhir acu seo: M Boyce, John Ó Dubhthaigh agus Cookie Ó Gallchóir. Gheobhann siad €50 an duine. Tá €6,300 sa phota óir don chéad tarraingt eile. Thig na ticéidí a fháil ar líne ag: <http://ly/NDLotto> nó sna gnáth áiteacha.

### Peil na Sinsir.

### Foireann na mBan.

Thug foireann na mban aghaidh ar Naomh Adhamhnáin maidin Dé Domhnaigh. Cha raibh na cuairteoirí ach pointe 'un tosaigh ag leath am ach déirigh leofa an bhearna a mhéadú sa dara leath agus bhí buaidh de 7 bpointe ag Naomh

Adhamhnáin ag deireadh. Bhéarfadh na girseacháí aghaidh ar Ghaeil Fhánada maidin Dé Domhnaigh.

### Foireann na bhFear.

Bhí na Dúnaibh sa bhaile in éadan Bhun Dobhráin tráthnóna Dé Domhnaigh. Bhí na foirne cothrom ag leath-am ach d'imigh na Dúnaibh 'un tosaigh go luath sa dara leath ach tháinig Bun Dobhráin ar ais le dhá chúl gasta, rud a d'fhág nach raibh eatorra ag deireadh ach an t-aon phointe amháin. Beidh na Dúnaibh in éadan Ghleann Fhinne ina gcéad chluiche eile sraithé.

### Traenáil.

Liosta iomlán de laetha traenála agus amanna le fáil ar líne: <https://nadunaibh.ie/amchlar/>

### Downings GAA Floodlights Fundraiser.

On 26th of October we will be dropping 5 footballs from a helicopter and you might become €25,000 richer! Buy a ticket for the CLG Na nDúnaibh Helicopter Drop and you will get a square on our pitch. If the ball lands in you square, you're the winner!

Funds raised will be going towards floodlights so our youth teams can play and train. A total of 10 prizes are up for grabs with a total value of €35,000. The top prize is €25,000 cash! The website is now live and open for orders—helicopter-drop.ie

### Ticéidí.

Ticéidí don chluiche idir Dún na nGall agus Tír Eoghain i bPáirc na gCeilteach ar an Domhnach 28 Aibreán. Duine ar bith a raibh ticéad uafa bhí orthu a bheith i dteagmháil le Gráinne, an Rúnaí roimh nó ar an 12 meán lae inniu an Mháirt 23ú Aibreán. Cha ghlacfaí le horduithe ar bith i ndiaidh an ama sin.

## Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior and reserve footballers are back in action this weekend with a home tie against Naomh Brid. Fixture details to be finalised.

The senior ladies had no game last weekend and welcome Malin to Páirc na nGael on Sunday morning. Throw in 10.30am.

The senior hurlers had a hard fought victory over Loughbeg of Antrim last weekend in the last Group game of the Ulster Junior League. The lads are now through to the semifinal stage with the game fixed for weekend of the 5th May. Opposition to be decided.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Boot & Gear, Drop & Swap Sustainability event last Sunday morning at Páirc na nGael. Thanks to the parents for volunteering to run the event and to all the parents and children who took part in the raffle.

### Underage Hurling/Camogie

U14 & U12 Hurling at Pairc na nGael Thursday 6:15pm, contact Stephen 086 0763903.

U10 Hurling & Camogie at continues at Pairc na nGael on Thursdays at 6:15pm, contact Brendan on 087 2845307.

U8 Hurling & Camogie continues at Pairc na nGael every Thursday 6:15pm, contact John on 086 0669942.

U6 Gaelic Games Nursery, introduction to Hurling & Gaelic Football at Colaiste Ailigh Thursday 6pm, contact Vinnie 087 7925270. All New players welcome and beginners from neighbouring Non- Hurling clubs are welcome to come along and give it a try. All equipment supplied. Bingo continues every Monday evening at the Arena 7 and online. Books can be purchased every Thursday evening at A7 from 6.30-7.30pm and Saturday from 11am to 12 noon. This Monday we have €2,260 up for grabs.

## League of Ireland First Division

# Murphy's men host league leaders

Finn Harps are back in action this Friday evening with another early kick-off as the floodlights problem at the grounds has yet to be rectified. The game against league leaders Cork City has a 6pm start. After such a positive run of results in the early part of the season there has been a dip in form with just a point from the last three games which has included back-to-back away defeats. The game against Cork is a reversed fixture as Turners Cross is closed for time being following serious flood damage to the pitch. Tim Clancy's outfit have been in flying form in recent weeks and had a comfortable 4-1 victory over bottom of the table Longford Town on Saturday night. They are now eight points clear of UCD and Harps who are third on goal difference. It's significant that in recent weeks UCD, managed by Buncrana man William O'Connor, have been moving up the table. It means that the

two teams that were relegated from the Premier last year are now top and second in the First Division table. With the poor run over the past three weeks Darren Murphy's men are now looking over their shoulder at Bray, Wexford and Athlone who are all three points behind. So another couple of losses could see them drop outside the top five and out of the promotion play-off places. Harps fans will be hoping that their team can turn the corner on Friday evening but that will be a tough ask against a Cork side that is yet to suffer a defeat this season. Their record so far is seven wins and four draws. Murphy hasn't a lot of options in terms of freshening things up the big. After the loss in Athlone he did make personnel changes for the Cobh game but it didn't work. Matty Matkinson had to come off at half-time on Friday so the defender has to be a doubt for the Cork clash.

## First half goals hit Harps



Success Edogun on the attack for Finn Harps in Cobh on Friday night.

### Cobh Ramblers 2-0 Finn Harps

The fine Finn Harps winning on the road has been seriously derailed in the past week with two defeats. The latest came on Friday night at St. Colman's Park where Darren Murphy's outfit lost to Cobh Ramblers. Harps had won the opening three away matches before losing to Athlone Town on Friday week past.

And there have been no goals in those last two matches. Getting back to winning ways won't be easy as Murphy's men host league leaders Cork City in a reversed fixture on this Friday night in Ballybofey.

After the game in Cobh the Harps boss said he had no complaints with the final result pretty much similar to his post-match comments fol-

lowing the loss in Athlone although on that occasion he focused very much on his disappointment with the first half performance. On Friday night Harps were second best for much of the game and the result dropped them to third in the league table.

Ironically, Cobh have been struggling all season and were second bottom with just one win this season, which was against Harps in the reversed fixture in early March. Friday night's three points moved up a place in the table swapping with Kerry F.C who lost at home to Athlone Town. Bottom of the table Longford lost 4-1 at home against Cork City. While there was a moment of applause for the passing of Cobh legend Frank O'Neill, the visitors did not don memory black armbands in memory of longtime Finn Harps Director Derek Wilkinson who had been laid to rest earlier in the week.

The hosts took an 11th minute lead early when Matthew McKevitt steered home Larkin's cross. Harps rarely threatened the Cobh defence in the first half and got it worse for them eight minutes before the interval when David Bošnjak's took a wicked deflection, leaving Tim Heimer with no chance of keeping the ball out. After the break Harps continued to struggle in terms of creativity. On 64 minutes Success Edogun did manage to latch onto a pass from half-time substitute Sean O'Donnell curling a shot narrowly wide. A late header from another sub Luke O'Brien also went the wrong side of the upright.

Finn Harps - Tim Heimer, Jamie Watson, Conor Tourish, Matthew Makinson (Ryan Rainey 46), Noe Baba, Patrick Ferry (Max Johnston 57), Success Edogun, Darragh Coyle (Sean O'Donnell 46), Luke O'Brien, David Cawley (Mark Mbuli 73), Tony McNamee. Subs not used: Chris Loteafa, Shane McMonagle, Conor Walsh.

Referee: Aaron O Dowd.

## Harps hosting Special EGM

Finn Harps FC are launching the fundraising strategy that will secure the club's future and complete its long awaited move to the new stadium in Stranorlar. Working with their partners and stakeholders including the FAI, County Council, Department of Sport, Finn Park Trustees and main contractor the club says it now has a clear path forward to recommence construction. The club has secured €5.8 million in external funding and is now launching various initiatives to deliver the stadium at €7.3 million.

The new membership model will be presented to current shareholders at a Special General Meeting on this Sunday April 28th at 7pm in the Villa Rose Hotel. The funding gap will be covered by a combination of donations including a limited number of stadium patrons donating at least €1,500 each, fan organised events, a proposed move to an annual membership model, the sale of commercial and other assets related to the stadium and the eventual sale of Finn Park once the stadium is

completed. The club has secured a tax exemption from revenue meaning donations of €250 or more attract a 45% top up from revenue.

As a club Harps say they are facing a major fork in the road - either get this project over the line or we have little future as a senior club. "We are asking our community, our diaspora and the wider football world to be part of history in helping us get the stadium built."

Shareholders, 500 Club Members, season ticket holders, supporters and other stakeholders are being invited to review the detailed plan available on the club website and to take part in a survey to feed back questions and opinions to the club.

The number of young supporters coming to enjoy live football at Finn Park is increasing year on year and the Northwest continues to produce an outstanding pool of young men and women striving to play at senior level, to build careers in football and to represent their country on the field. Now is the time for a huge collective effort to deliver a

sporting legacy for future generations.

At the SGM of Finn Harps Cooperative Society this Sunday 28th April at 7pm in the Villa Rose Hotel shareholders will be updated on the new stadium project and votes taken on motions to facilitate a move to an annual membership fee. The proposed new ownership model which will be presented which involves closing of the existing shareholder category and introducing a new share class.

The current share category of a single payment for a share in perpetuity will be replaced by a new share class which is in the form of an annual membership. For these new members the first 12 months of payments are considered their share purchase, and following this they are shareholders. Holders of the original share class will remain part owners however they will no longer have voting rights or attend general meetings unless they join the annual membership.





The All Ireland Jiving Championships were held at the weekend in Ballinasloe and Donegal claimed two titles. In the over 50s section Kevin Robinson, Glennalla and Joanne Sweeney Gweedore were the winners while in the open over 18s section Alanna O'Leary Letterkenny and Dominic Sharkey, Dungloe lifted the title.

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**McBride welcomes road repairs at Trentagh**

Cllr. Michael McBride has welcomed ongoing works this week to repair the road at Trentagh Church where flooding has been a persistent issue for some time. The flooding has led to the local community being forced to make a detour to work and school and it became a damned nuisance for car owners. Cllr. McBride said there are substantial materials being used to raise the road to prevent flooding while restoration works will make this stretch of road more user-friendly and that is to be welcomed.

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## Calls on HSE to reverse decision to defund scans

This week the HSE has issued a notice to GPs advising them that diagnostics funded under the GP Direct Access Scheme have been significantly reduced: that's according to Declan Meehan who is contesting the local elections in the Milford area. He told the Tribune that it's his understanding that all X-rays and DXA scans previously available for GPs to access for their patients have been cancelled and will now not be available via Affidea. As a result, patients will either have to attend the emergency department or wait for an X-ray on the public system which can take up to two weeks. Mr. Meehan added: "DXA scans (for the diagnosis of osteoporosis) will now effectively have to be paid for by the patient, or face a trip to Manorhamilton. MRI scans have been curtailed to six per day for the HSE scheme at Affidea and Meehan understands there are currently thousands of people waiting in Donegal for an MRI under this scheme.

This scheme was designed to allow GPs direct access to tests like x-rays, MRIs and DXA scans without having to put patients on long public waiting lists. It was also used by their consultant colleagues to speed up access to those tests. This will undoubtedly result in more patients being referred to an already over-crowded ED. It just makes no sense," Meehan says.

"At a time when our EDs and hospitals are under severe pressure, it is incredible to think that the HSE is reducing funding for tests which were quick and which reduced referrals to secondary care. It's another HSE decision based on money and not patient care. I'm calling on the Minister for Health to intervene, especially here in Donegal where we have limited access to diagnostics due to geography, and where our hospital is already one of the busiest in the country. The current wait

time for an MRI on the public system is approximately two years and must be requested by a hospital doctor and not a GP - meaning a wait for an outpatient appointment first and then a longer wait for the scan itself after that" Meehan says.

"In a communication to GPs this week, the HSE is calling this cut a "rebalancing of activity" and are planning events in the coming weeks to "assist GPs to reduce the amount of tests requested".

Local GPs have told Meehan they are really angry about this cut in resources. It has been used effectively by GPs to speed up diagnostics for their patients, for their consultant colleagues and to reduce ED and hospital referrals. They will have no choice now in some cases than to refer patients to ED and face long waits to get access to tests they would previously have been getting in the community.

## HSE's cut and paste reply rejected

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no surprise the system is constantly being called a basket case!  
The main points from Michael McBride's queries were:

- Two meetings were very well attended and the tone of our meetings were clear. We want our GP services restored.
- The local communities will not accept the closure of the primary care centre in Kilmacrennan and the withdrawal of GP services in Churchill because they are a lifeline for our communities.
- Many issues were raised at our meetings and as a public representative, I'm asking you to meet with a delegation from each community. We note that the ARC medical centre, advertises a service on a Tuesday in Churchill on its web site but that service does not exist.
- We are asking what contracts exist with GP services and the HSE and we are asking you to provide us with copies of whatever agreements are in place so we can consider those agreements.
- We would also ask for the minutes of all meetings that have taken place that relate in any way to the closure of the primary care centre in Kilmacrennan and of any conversations/meetings that have taken place with any outside bodies relating to the

closure.

- The Churchill centre has not provided GP services post Covid and I am asking for a definitive answer why service remains cancelled?
- Can you please provide us with the number of service users at each facility for the last three years while offering a full service?
- Why has there been no consultation with the local communities in the decision making process?

Cllr. McBride said the HSE's Head of Service Primary Care failed to address a single one of the issues raised. Instead we got a list of alternative options that were already rejected.

He said the very idea of elderly people being away from home for more than five hours and getting a bus to the Milford Health Centre was already rejected. The HSE outlined how the face of modern general practice has changed significantly in recent years and the introduction of the Chronic Disease Programme by the HSE has seen a significant shift in how they, as GPs, are expected to manage long-term illness in general practice. The HSE will attempt to continue to negotiate with the practice to see how a service can be reinstated to Churchill in the near future. The HSE failed to respond to the queries raised. However, we will try other alternatives for answers including FOI queries," he said.

## MAG anger at delayed report

The Mica Action Group has expressed their anger over the delay in informing the public of crucial data received last year by the National Standards Authority of Ireland. Just last month MAG got a response from a FOI that the primary cause of the defective blocks issue is an internal sulphate attack as a result of excessive pyrrhotite in the concrete aggregate.

Chairperson of MAG Lisa Hone said, "We sought information about the status of the on-going research via FOIs as we are increasingly exasperated and concerned about seeing homeowners in Donegal pushed towards inappropriate remediation recommendations, particularly partial remediations, based on the now discredited IS465 as opposed to the latest science."

MAG wrote to both Darragh O'Brien Minister for Housing and Geraldine Larkin CEO of NSAI to ask if they are deliberately withholding critical information with regard to undeniable research results into the defective concrete issue, and why they have failed to act given they have been party to such clear information for months. The question comes after MAG recently obtained the pyrrhotite information as a result of a freedom of information request made in March to the Department of the Environment which sought "a copy of all interim and final results, conclusions and statements submitted to the NSAI as a result of research commissioned by the GSI into the issue of defective

concrete in Ireland.

The FOI request saw a response statement from the Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) sent to the NSAI in the final months of 2023.

The contents of the statement reveal that all research partners agree that their scientific evidence concludes that the primary cause of the defective concrete issue in Donegal as internal sulphate attack as a result of excessive pyrrhotite in the concrete aggregate.

It goes on to state the pattern of building damage within Donegal properties are consistent with test results from properties in Mayo and are characteristic of blocks affected by internal sulphate attack (ISA). The statement also details that pyrrhotite has been consistently identified within the strip foundations examined from affected buildings. Lisa Hone said the importance of the statement the FOI request has yielded is unequivocal and agreed by all the research partners involved in the investigations into the issue of defective concrete in Donegal. "Both the NSAI and the Department of Housing know how urgent and critical the research is given that the scheme is already live. It is utterly shameful that the NSAI has had this since the end of 2023 and has not acted upon it given that their CEO Geraldine Larkin stated that they would issue interim guidance should this be considered useful or proportionate.

## Funding for Mevagh projects may be lost - claims

have a minimal footprint with no significant habitat decline.

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in a busy tourist area. This poses safety risks and because of congested spaces, people out exercising have to cope with a big volume of traffic. Therefore, the delay in getting the Greenway is vital and there is no sign of any works starting this year."

It is suggested the delay is even more alarming given that other similar projects are already completed.

A statement to the Tribune said: "The prolonged delays in these two important projects are a matter of concern for the parish of Mevagh. It would seem that we've been overlooked in favour of bigger towns and villages

and we demand equal treatment and action in the coming weeks as the area prepares for a busy season for tourism. The pontoon has been sitting in a car park for more than two years despite the obvious need for safety to have a primary consideration. Mevagh Pier has a large number of charter boats, leisure craft and visitors. The current situation is far too dangerous as people try to manouvere from larger crafts and the safety of these people cannot be overstated.

In contacts and correspondence with the Tribune in recent weeks, the voice of the community talks of the concern

that there are serious delays could see these projects shelved.

Both projects are seen as vital for the safety and well-being of the community. It is recognised that there has been unacceptable delays and no significant progress in sight for 2024..

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tion being rejected.

Cllr. John O'Donnell has called on the Council to get the pontoon installed as a matter of urgency. He said there is a real fear the funding will be removed from Downings due to the delay in the issuing of a foreshore licence.

He said: "€200,000 has been allocated for the pontoon. Unfortunately it looks like the foreshore licence won't be given this year. I fear they could be taken away from Downings which would be unfortunate", said Cllr O'Donnell. The Council stated that the installation needs a foreshore licence... he added.



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