

New agri flagship programme a fiasco

As farm fury grows payments." over what's described as the fiasco over payments from the new flagship agri-environment hill farmers, is scheme (ACRES) it in disarray due has emerged that red to what she calls tape and delays in the disastrous payments have added to the chaos.

By John McAteer

And there is widespread bemusement ing leaving the Joe Sweeney, Donegal IFA Chair. with Simon Harris talking up the role of the farmer while failing to see the deficits his government has created for them.

"Harris has played in a 'scoring process' more gigs than the Wolfe Tones this summer, but they gave us good value for our money," said one irate farmer this titlement or when it week.

And that's pretty obvious amongst the Donegal cattle sector with many still owed money. Farm organisations believe there officials in the Dept are an estimated of Agriculture decid-8,000 applicants still awaiting 'balancing own scoring system

Deputy Marian Harkin says that cash-flow for many, especially management of the scheme. Hundreds

> thought to considerbe scheme, but if they do, they will have to return any grants already paid. The Dept of Agriculture has engaged to measure payment levels and there are complaints that recipients don't know the level of their en-

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might be paid. Joe Sweeney, Chair of Donegal IFA said the situation is totally confused and that happened because ed to carry out their



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when it was far too late in 2023.

He said: "The lodown, as it now is," said Mr. Sweeney. cal rep planners for 'Acres in Donegal' completed their scores for wildflow-€7,500. ers and grasses last summer and that should have been the end of the story.

However, Dept inspectors carried out their own scores in costs. This has althe autumn when there was no vegetation left. As a consethe scheme. Howquence farm holdings were marked down with no scores and that has led to huge anger and deensure the scheme creased payments.

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cannot deliver but for the IFA is adamant that it must be made to work and common sense must prevail." Deputy Marian Harkin said farmers have made plans on the basis of these pay-

ments and find their cash flow is in disarray thanks to this

certainty. She states: "Payments scheme bogged for involvement are supposed to be based environmenon He said the scheme tal improvements was expected to pay through a process of farmers as much as scoring. However, many farmers are yet He stated: "ACRES to find out what their is a costly failure scores are, and are with too many left uncertain about their strapped for cash payments. with bad weather To add to the mayand increasing input

hem, in the absence of finalised scorready seen numbers ing, last March the decide to opt out of department made contingency payever, we are told the ments to the farmlevel of bureaucracy ers. Now, with the sought by the Dept of scoring completed, it Agriculture will only has been found that Contd. Page 2

GAE 12.00

Senator Nikki Bradley and John McNulty who were selected to run for Fine Gael in the general election pictured at the convention on Monday night. Photo by Declan Kerr.

122 Donegal pubs close since 2005

New figures show that 122 pubs have closed across Donegal since 2005.

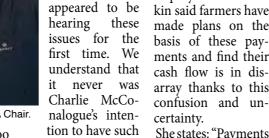
The report from the Drinks Industry Group of Ireland (DIGI) shows a continuing decline in the number of pubs in Ireland with 2,054 fewer pubs nationwide today than in 2005. It also details that an average of 114 pubs have closed annually over the past 18 years.

All 26 counties have experienced a decline in pub numbers since 2005 with the lowest number of pub closures over the period in Dublin which has seen a decline of 3% in pub numbers. Counties Limerick (35.6%), Roscommon (31.9%), Cork (31.4%), Tipperary

(31.2%) and Laois (30.6%) have seen the highest declines. This latest analysis comes on top of recently published data by the Restaurants Association of Ireland which found that 283 food-led businesses such as restaurants, cafés and gastropubs closed in the last six months of 2023, with a further 212 such businesses shuttered so far this year.

A recent survey of almost 600 pubs and restaurants, conducted as part of this new report found that almost one in four had seen their business costs increase by 20-30% in the last two years. An additional 15% found that their business costs *Contd. Page 2*

New vessel for Mulroy **Mussels**



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This Friday sees the official launch of a new state-of-the-art aquaculture vessel that is set to travel to its home in Mulroy Bay in the coming weeks.

The 'Lena Quinn' is a specialised state of the art mussel farming boat designed and built for Mulroy Mussels based at Woodquarter, Cranford.

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The well-known company will take delivery of the 16 metre aluminium catamaran, a specialised musin Donegal built with aluminium and that French technology onboard. It's a unique type of propulsion system and it's a one-stop-shop for aquaculture equipment for boats."

"The official launch will take place in Greencastle but we will be taking her up the bay in the next week or two. I have to say the workmanship from Seabound Engineering was second to none. The material was sourced and cut by Inishowen Engineering, the design was done here by ourselves and Shaun Kavanagh, built by Sea Bound, even the electrical works were done here and Sea Quest in Killybegs did all the hydraulics. Apart from the equipment we sourced in France it was fully done in Donegal and nothing else was sourced from outside the county," Johnny said.

A spokesperson for SeaBound Engineering said Mhara (BIM) along with the investment from after rigours testing the vessel's "performance and the company and the work has been ongoing for manoeuvrability far exceeded" their expectations. the last two years. The vessel was part funded by An Bord Iascaigh Now, on Friday at 2pm the vessel will official-



The Lena Quinn undergoing sea trials at Greencastle.

ly be launched in Greencastle before it finds its permanent berth in its home waters of Mulroy in the coming weeks.

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many were overpaid, and the department is attempting to claw back this money either directly or through further payments. It's bad enough not knowing whether you will be paid for participating in a scheme. It's even worse to be in a situation where you are not sure if monies received will be taken from you."

Meanwhile the INHFA said: "Not getting these extra payments totally undermines farmer confidence in these types of environment schemes. It needs to be resolved quickly. If the Department is talking about building on the goodwill of farmers to help the environment, this flagship scheme is a very poor start."

The Irish Natura Hill Farmers' Association has said there is a "huge level of frustration" around the scheme and the Minister must ensure that the bureaucracy must be resolved as a priority.

ICMSA President Denis Drennan says 32,000 applicants have got balancing payments, but the Dept's commitment was that the vast majority would be paid their balancing payout before the end of September.

He said: "They keep changing, the goalposts keep moving - first it was May, then June and now the end of September. Ultimately the farmers need to paid as soon as possible with backto-school cost and also planners have to paid." The Department has estimated that 13,252 of all farmers (29.5%) in tranche 1 of the Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) are still waiting on payments.

The majority of these farmers are co-operation participants - 7,890 - while the number of farmers in ACRES generally awaiting a payment totals 5,362.

In the latest ACRES update Minister McConalogue said that a total of 31,808 participants have been paid to date "with total payments made to ACRÉS participants since last December now amounting to just under €234 million".

However, he also acknowledged that "further balancing payments will continue to be made on a fortnightly basis as cases are cleared".



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Kilmacrennan development refused planning

A planned Kilmacrennan development of housing units has been refused by Donegal County Council.

The application by Stephen O'Donnell sought the construction of eight dwelling houses in the form of four semi-detached units with connection to existing services and all associated site development works at The Racecourse, Kilmacrennan.

Refusing the application the council cited that the development was in contrary to the County Donegal Development Plan to protect rural areas immediately outside towns from intensive levels of unsuitable urban development

Also that the proposal is contrary to County Donegal Development Plan to direct new multiple housing units to those "towns identified in the core strategy/settlement hierarchy set out in the Plan".

Letterkenny development gets green light

Planning permission has been granted for the development of 49 new housing units in Letterkenny.

Conditional planning permission was granted by Donegal County Council to Phil Boyle, care of O'Connor Burke Architects Ltd, Glenturas House, 18 Beraghmore, Derry, for the development.

It allows for the construction of 49 dwelling houses comprising 18 four bed semi detached houses, one 4 bed detached house, 30 three bed semi detached houses and one 3 bed detached house with associated site works at Ballymacool, Letterkenny.

New astro turf pitch granted for Rathmullan

Planning permission has been granted for a new astro turf sports facility in Rathmullan.

Conditional planning permission was granted to Rathmullan District Resource Centre Committee for the development at Rathmullan and Ballyboe.

The successful application was made by Liam McLaughlin, Margaret Todd and Grainne Kelly on behalf of the RDRC Committee

It allows the erection of a new astro turf playing facility, perimeter fencing and floodlighting for the facility and all associated ducting.

It also allows the construction of a new additional entrance and access road to be used in conjunction with the proposed astro turf playing facility and existing recreational playing pitch, tennis court and building on the site.

Pubs closed

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had increased by over 40% in the last two years. It also found that if government support, such as a cut in the excise rate was provided, it would allow the industry to sustain and grow. 23% of business owners would refurbish their business, 18% said they would hire more staff and 13% said they would invest in new offerings or services such as food or accommodation.

Commenting, author of the report, Professor Tony Foley said: "This analysis verifies the consistent trend we have been seeing with pub numbers in every part of the country. There is clearly a variation on closures between counties which broadly sees rural areas adversely impacted. The continuing decline is taking place against a backdrop of societal change and cost of business strains. Consumption of alcohol has notably decreased, how we socialise is changing, the types of drinks we consume are changing, particularly the rise of low-alcohol and alcohol-free products."

New book by James Woods A new book from James Woods will be launched in Ostán Loch Altan Gortahork on Saturday September 7th at 8pm.

The new publication is titled "Opinions. Interviews. Life Stories" and is the author's third book.

He describes his latest work as a "book for all seasons as well as a trip down memory lane for many"

He states: "This is my latest literary offering which coincidentally is my third book. Where does the time go, as it seems like only yesterday that I put pen to paper resulting in my first book which was titled "Hard Times Good Times and the Celtic Tiger? The 2nd was the "History of Dunfanaghy Boxing Club" This latest Book is titled" "Opinions. Interviews. Life Stories". It is a thought-provoking combination which has something of interest for everyone in the audience from the past to the present and all in between. Yes, in its 272

pages, politics is broached upon and more than a few the imagination. Might you be one of those? politicians getting a kick in the shins. There are mul- Contained within the pages are stories of tiple intriguing stories teased from ordinary members those brave enough to carve their own foot-



of the public with discerning tastes and tales to test hold in the business world.

Rathmullan F.C. appoint joint-managers

Eoin Sheridan and Terry McCauley have been forthcoming season which starts on Sunday to be part of previous management teams. They

Rathmullan Celtic FC have confirmed that Sheridan has been a stalwart player for the team will have the full backing of the committee and while Terry McCauley also featured during a those that hold the Hoops close to their hearts. installed as the new joint-management for the successful era for the Flagpole Club. He went on The new men take over from Eamonn Sheridan

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with a local derby at Moyle View Park against are going to be joined by a backroom team that Milford Utd in the Brian McCormick Cup. Eoin will assist them every step of the way, and they

who stepped down earlier this month after nearly four years in the charge of the Premier Division outfit.



Nuacht CLG Na nDunaibh

Senior Ladies

The Ladies had an early start on Sunday morning as they travelled to Malin for the 3rd Round of their championship campaign.

A superb goal from Julie Trearty in the opening couple of seconds got the homeside fired up, Malin retaliated with a goal of their own and a point which saw them go ahead. Malin kept a lead until Lauren Mc Bride blasted the back of the net putting Downings ahead once again. They maintained this lead going into half time. In terrible playing conditions the girls battled until the very end which saw them claim a 12 point victory. The ladies now face Glenswilly next weekend. Downings - Charlie Shevlin, Jessica Roberts, Chloe Hay, Maggie Doherty, Aine O Connell, Meabh O Connell, Nadine Gallagher, Amy McLaughlin, Caoimhe McLaughlin, Aoibhinn O Connell, Julie Trearty, Mary T Boyce, Aobha Pasoma, Shannon McGroddy, Lauren McBride. Subs - Mary B McGeever, Emer Trearty, Aoife McMullen, Katie McGroddy, Danni Shevlin.

Lauren McBride 2- 1, Aoibhinn OConnell 0-5, Julie Trearty 1-0, Caoimhe McLaughlin0-2 Aobha Pasoma 0-2, Shannon McGroddy 0-1, Mary T Boyce 0-1, Danni Shevlin 0-1 Aoife McMullen 0-1

Senior Men

The men travelled to Cloughaneely on Sunday. A crucial goal against a swirling breeze fourteen minutes into the second half proved to be the decisive score for Downings.

Trailing 0-8 to 0-3 at half time, the home side burst into life at the start of the second half with four to leave just one between them. Cloughaneely however were rocked when a cross from Paidin Shields reached Paddy McElwee, who slipped the ball neatly under the goalkeeper.

The goal turned this game on its head and when the final whistle sounded it was the Downings team who were celebrating. Downings - Aaron McClafferty, Hugo Davis,

Ben McNutt, Paul McGroddy, Ronan Pasoma, Ronan Gallagher, Paidin Shields, Ethan

Cullen, Oisin Boyce, Kyle Mc Fadden, Keelan McGroddy, Johnny McGroddy, Conor Boyce, Paddy McElwee, Gary Ban McClafferty. Subs -Dylan McGlone for Paul McGroddy, James Lee McBride for Kyle McFadden

Scorers - Paddy McElwee 1-2, Johnny McGroddy 0-3, Conor Boyce 0-2, Keelan McGroddy 0-2 U12 boys

The u12 boys played St Nauls at home on Friday evening. Well done to all the team on their performance, they now have a final to look forward to in a couple of weeks!

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D'imir gasuraí f12 foireann Naomh Naul sa bhaile oíche hAoine seo caite. Comhghairdeas leo as a mbua. Beidh siad ag súil go mór leis an cluiche ceannais i gceann cúpla seachtain.

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Damage cause to Aura Leisure Centre

Gardaí are investigating a criminal damage incident that occurred at the Aura Leisure Centre in Ballymacool, Letterkenny in the early hours of Tuesday, August 20th.

The incident occurred at approximately 4.20am when damage was caused to a window of the building by a car carrying at least two people. Gardaí stated: "They immediately left the area following the incident. We appeal to road users who may have travelled at Ballymacool and who may have observed a car entering or exiting the carpark of the leisure centre in the early hours of last Tuesday morning to make contact with Gardaí in Letterkenny on 074-9167100. If anybody travelled in the area of Ballymacool with a dash cam between 4.15am and 4.30am, we ask them to please make the footage available to Gardaí."



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Half Marathon race director pays tribute to volunteers

The volunteers and community groups who came out in force to ensure the smooth running of Sunday's Donegal Half Marathon have been commended by race director, Brendan McDaid. The annual event, first staged in 2014, attracted an entry of almost 600, with 480 taking the starter's whistle. Foyle Valley's Gary Slevin secured the Dessie Larkin Perpetual Shield when breaking the tape in 74:13, with Letterkenny AC's Claire McGuigan leading the senior women home in 80:57.

"We're absolutely delighted with how things went," the race director commented.

"We had nearly 500 participating on Sunday morning which is up significantly on last year's finishing field of 384. So, to have around 100 more taking part this year is something we are extremely happy about," he added.

"After the first couple of years, there was a bit of a decline in entries. But there's been a steady rise in numbers over the few last years and Sunday was out biggest entry since 2016. I'd attribute the increase in numbers to a few things. People who are part of the couch to 5K groups are moving up the distance and taking on a different challenge, while the event is also a Donegal Athletics Board championship race which is attracting a bigger club interest. The look and quality of the specially commissioned tops and medals also helped to attract more runners and walkers," Brendan commented.

"So many people played their part in making Sunday's race such a success. The Kernan Retail Group is the main sponsor, and they have been on board since 2019. Having such good support from Kernan's makes things much easier for the organising committee. Optum sponsor the volunteer t-shits and have been with us since the first race ten years ago.

"In recent years, Century Cinemas have teamed up to sponsor the children's 1K fun runs, while Donegal County Council and Donegal Sports Partnership continue to lend their support. John Curran and his team from the Donegal Volunteer Centre are an important part of the setup, while Geard McGinley and Neily McDaid do great work in coordinating the marshals. Garda Sergeant Eunan Walsh and his unit always give great support, while Letterkenny CDP and Fáilte Ireland are also involved. The combined efforts of all contribute to making it the people's race. That was the vision the late Dessie Larkin, who was the driver behind the event, had back in 2014. Ten years on, it is very much the people's race and the people's half marathon," he commented.

Donegal County Councillor, Ciaran Brogan, who was the starter for Sunday's race, said the Donegal Half Marathon is a great example of community effort and community spirit.

"It was a really enjoyable spectacle and despite the damp conditions, there was a great atmosphere out on the course and around the Aura Leisure Centre. Between the Donegal Volunteer Centre and locals, around 100 people were involved in helping with the staging of what is a brilliant race," he commented.

"It's so well organised, caters for all levels and the focus is very much on making sure those taking part are kept safe and enjoy the experience. Congratulations to the organisers and well done to all who completed the distance," Cllr Brogan added.



Rosemary and Bobby Anderson along with Kelsey and Maizie Mae presenting a cheque for €3900 to Isobell Rodgers Chairperson of Donegal Hospice. The money is the proceeds from a recent coffee morning held in memory off Sharon Duggan. A big thank you to all who donated in any way.

Confidential Rotary Shredding

It's confidential shredding time again on Friday, 30th August at the Letterkenny Shopping Centre in association with United Shredding Company and the Letterkenny Rotary Club, and all for just a donation to the Donegal Down Syndrome Association. As usual the USL unit will be situated on right hand side of the car park near the entrance, from 10.30am until 12 midday, so just come along and members of the Rotary Club will also be on standby, to assist if needed. Your continued support of this fantastic venture is very much appreciated.



St. Conal's plans big staff reunion



Friday 6th of September is the date for what is hoped will be a big reunion of past and present staff members from St. Conal's Hospital. It will take place in the Mount Errigal Hotel. It all kicksoff at 7pm with a drinks reception. Tickets are €30. And it's €20 if you are Letterkenny University Hospital Sports and Social Club member. €20 also for Old Age Pensioners. A buffet will be served. Music is by Sailor Bill and there will be spot prizes. Further information can be had by going to the St. Conal's Hospital Past and Present Facebook Page.

It's all about bringing together staff from St.

Conal's Hospital Donegal Mental Health Services Past and Present. Did you work there in the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s or onwards. Did you train here and move away? Have you now changed departments or retired? Are you currently working within Donegal Mental Health Services but yet feel disconnected from your other colleagues. Do you only meet your old colleagues at wakes and funerals? This hospital holds some wonderful memories for the many that worked under its roof from all disciplines. This is a unique opportunity for us now to come together, renew friendships and reminisce.

Visit of Relics

The Relics of St Bernadette will journey to St Eunan's Cathedral this October on their very first pilgrimage to Ireland. The relics will be arriving to the Raphoe Diocese on 11th and 12th October 2024, where they will be hosted in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Saint Bernadette (Bernadette Soubirous, January 7, 1844 – April 16, 1879) was the visionary who witnessed Our Lady in Lourdes.

The relic tour will visit every diocese in the country from September to October. Further information will be released from the

Raphoe Diocesan Office in September regarding the visit of the Relics.

Burglar climbed gate of business premises Gardaí are seeking information on a female bur-

Gardaí are seeking information on a female burglar who climb over the gate of a Letterkenny business before she made off with a number of items. The burglary occurred at a business premises on the Kiltoy Road, Letterkenny on Wednesday, August 21st, between 8.30pm and 8.50pm.

Celine Bradley who had a Hole in One on the 16th Green at Letterkenny Golf Club last week.

Gardaí stated: "A female entered the yard of the premises by climbing a gate. She proceeded to enter a number of unsecured sheds and removed a number of items from them. She then left with these items. We appeal to road users who may have travelled with a dash cam in the area of the Kiltoy Road between 8.15pm and 9pm to make the footage available to Gardaí. Any relevant information should be passed to Gardaí in Letterkenny on 074-9167100."

Sunday marks 20 years of IRA ceasefire

Saturday will mark 30 years since the IRA ceasefire. Yes, they officially came off ceasefire in 1996-7. That new campaign never developed any momentum.

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Within a month of the IRA ceasefire, the Loyalists also called a ceasefire. However, that ceasefire has crumbled. Most of the armed activity has been against people in the Protestant community.

For all that, August 1994 made a big change. The Troubles never returned to the same intensity. Nineteen-ninety four is a good example. Until August 31st there had been 65 Troubles-related deaths. For the rest of the year there were four. The ceasefire was not the result of any plot. The IRA declared a ceasefire because the members wanted to stop fighting.

The campaign had gone on for 25 years. A Provisional IRA Army Council was set up at the end of 1969. (The current IRA was originally called the Provisional IRA). This launched its first attack before the end of the year.

For the next number of years, the (Provisional) IRA threw all it could at the British Army and the police. IRA members showed courage, self-sacrifice and ingenuity. This was not enough. I must add that the campaign also inflicted awful pain on many.

By 1998 the IRA campaign was at a much lower level than 25 years before. Only a few areas had the capacity to keep up regular attacks. There was no sign of British withdrawal.

At the best estimate there were about 440 IRA prisoners. Many were serving long sentences. The wider support base was war-weary. The UVF was targeting families of IRA members. By that stage,

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After all, the North was a disaster from the start. The Catholic minority was discriminated against. The Unionist government made them more disaffected. Many actions were stupidly provocative. Still, it was just short of 50 years before it all blew up.

killed was part of the job description. Their families being killed was different.

For all that, the British State did not defeat the IRA. The British State contained the IRA campaign. When the IRA called the ceasefire Loyalists had little option. The IRA campaign justified their campaign. Loyalists had also had their fill of prisons. They had fewer prisoners than the IRA. Those, though, were concentrated in certain areas of Belfast and North Armagh.

The British Government, too, was glad. Throughout the Troubles, repression had been the main weapon. But the British had also been in talks at various times. Those talks speeded up in the mid-90s.

The IRA campaign was a running sore. Worse, it was an expensive running one.

The settlement has secured the key interests of the British Government. I doubt they planned for Sinn Féin to become the largest party in the Northern Ireland Assembly. They live comfortably with that, though. Sinn Féin members are His Majesty's Ministers. They support the police. They sit on the **Policing Board.**

As time went on, holding on to the North became less important to the British Government. Yes, there are a few Colonel Blimps. However, militarily, Britain is not the power it was. Technology had developed.

most IRA volunteers realised being Newer aircraft could venture way out over the Atlantic without refuelling. Remember the Swilly was an important naval base in World War **One.** Lough Foyle was important in World War Two. So, too, were airbases in the North. Those bases are not needed.

> Clearly, the British Government could live with a United Ireland as long as the economic interests are safe. That is not saying such is likely in the immediate future. But let's forget the political picture. Let's get down to everyday life. The ceasefires made a big change for life on the ground. The quality of life improved. You were not running into roadblocks. Journeys were quicker. After a while there were no checkpoints on the Border. For some reason, Aughnacloy was notorious. You could be waiting for over an hour. Then you might not even be searched. A lot of young people in Catholic areas stopped getting hassle from the army. I have to be honest about my experience. Nintey-five percent of the time my only complaint was the delay in getting stopped. The other 5% varied from bad manners to frightening.

Then the numbers of bombings and shootings reduced. These produced fear in the community. All is far from sweetness and light. The racist attacks prove that. Yes, there is more mixing than 30 years ago. People will go to places they

wouldn't have dreamed off. The Casement Park controversy is an example. There is a suspicion that isn't about Gaelic games. It's about concerts. People who wouldn't have driven through Andersonstown would now go to a concert there. Virtually all Unionists would prefer if Michelle O'Neill was not First Minister. However, they live with it. She has twice visited the Shankill Road. Not so long ago there would have been rioting and maybe deaths. There was one small protest.

Deputy First Minister Emma Little Pengelly has tried her hand at camogie. She tweeted good wishes to the Armagh GAA team. Years ago the DUP purged members for far less. Yes, there is discontent. No, there is no open revolt. That reflects a widespread attitude. Many are unhappy with the current situation. But they do not want to go back.

Don't overstate it, though. There is still separation. That is not just the aftermath of the Troubles. There is enough inflammable material lying about. We see that in the racist attacks. They, though, have set off a backlash.



By Anton McCabe

The present situation can go on for a long time. After all, the North was a disaster from the start. The Catholic minority was discriminated against. The Unionist government made them more disaffected. Many actions were stupidly provocative. Still, it was just short of 50 years before it all blew up.

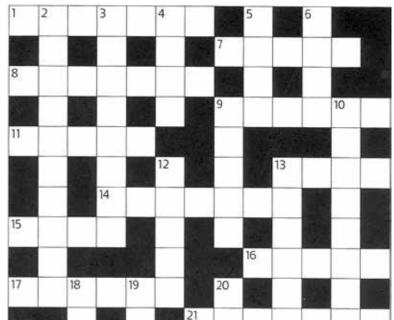
Importantly, too, the British Government had taken its eye off the ball. That is unlikely in the immediate period. And all paramilitaries are riddled with agents.

However, in future years danger always exists. The current peace is not the result of wonderful political settlement. It is the result of all parties to the Troubles having become exhausted.



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Walking through history at Clonbeg Glebe

Last Friday over 60 people took The following years he encountered part in a walk and talk at the ruins of Clonbeg Glebe church and graveyard in Creeslough as part of National Heritage Week.

by Eamonn McFadden

The event was hosted by the Clonbeg Heritage Group and the speaker was archaeologist Kate Robb of John Cronin & Associates.

Guests met at Campbell's farm at Cloone, near the historic site.

Once the group was assembled they were guided on the short walk to the site.

Along the way Kate and Clonbeg Heritage Group member, Bernard Lafferty, gave a rundown of the fascinating known history of the area from a Druid's altar to the bloody folktale of how Clonbeg church came to existence.

One legend has it that the Pagan Prince of Doe, Rudian, had resulted to bloody tactics following the area being concentrated as a Christain burial ground and the destruction of the Druids altar by St. McGeady. Rudian was determined to stop any Christian encroachment at the site and soon faced a group of mourners looking to use the graveyard. As they approached with corpse he lashed out at the body with his sword.

nothing but bad luck and as guilt set in he sought the wise counsel of St Fionian of Rye who imposed the penance of him to build three churches, one at Kildarragh, one at Derryherriff, and one at Clonbeg, the scene of his outrageous act.

Once he completed building all three churches he sought a sign of redemption from the heavens and as he lay in repose at Clonbeg, and after enjoying his first sound sleep in years a robin landed in his hand which St Fionan and himself took as absolution.

Kate added that the site is known to be pre-Columban and was used for hundreds of years as a place of worship and burial ground. A memorial dated 1679 recorded at the site would indicate that the church was in use at that period.

Clonbeg Glebe church was probably a 'chapel of ease' to Clondahorky and present church was built at Ballymore in 1752.

This tranquil area along the shores of Sheephaven Bay also played host to a thriving community at one point with as many as ten houses immediately in the vicinity of the church grounds, but later census records show they were all removed.

She also gave details of the Conserva-



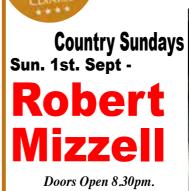
Kate Robb from John Cronin & Associates with Clonbeg Heritage Group member, Bernard Lafferty

tion Management Plan over the next five years conversation about this fascinating or so where they aim to carefully remove the event and the plans in place to conovergrown vegetation and growth, once the area is properly surveyed, and the ruins are staprobably abandoned soon after the bilized to make the area safe for visitors who will eventually be allowed access to the site.

It currently is off limits to the public as access is through a working farm.

to explore the church ruins including the fine have been possible with the support stonework detail that is still in place, as well as some of the tombs and gravestones.

Once the talk concluded guests were invited to the Creeslough Community Hub for tea and refreshments and they got to continue the





Dancing 9-11pm €15 Pay at door followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm. Coming - 8th Sept. Claudia Buckley, 15th. Sept. Michael English

serve the ruins. A spokesperson for Clonbeg Herit-

age Group said the event was a great success.

They added that they would like to thank everyone who attended on Once the talk concluded guests were invited the evening and that it would not of a number of people.

> They extended their thanks to Kate Robb and County Heritage for Donegal County Council officer

Joe Gallagher who also attended the event; landowner Cathal Mc-Gee for allowing access through his farm; John Campbell and family for providing parking; members of the Creeslough Community Enterprise for their support to the project and the volunteers who laid the traffic cones; The Creeslough Community Hub for the reception; Cllr Michael McClaffery and the Council workers; Sgt John Gallagher and Garda James Doran for assisting with traffic management, and the local press for highlighting the event.



Hazel Hay, Brigid Doak, Rev. Skuce, Columba Friel, Mairead McGinley and Rosaleen Ferry at the talk.







Cllr. Michael McClafferty with Garda James Doran and Sgt. John Gallagher



Ramelton

Sympathy

Deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Pettie McLaughlin, Gortaway who passed away on Monday. Pettie's funeral takes place this Thursday morning, 29th August in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton with 11am Requiem Mass followed by burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Swilly Rovers Lotto numbers

In the Swilly Rovers lotto last week Martin McDaid and Aileen Boyce shared the weekly prize. The numbers drawn were 2, 3, 10 and 21. This week's jackpot is €925. Your support is very much appreciated. Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.30noon this Saturday 31st August. Stock up on all your food requirements for all Occasions and Parties by ordering in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability when you get to market on Saturday. The best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and why not pop into our Tearoom for a delicious Cheese Toastie when you have done your shopping. Teas/coffees, scones & sweet treats, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member.

Ramelton Tennis

"After-school" tennis-coaching sessions will resume on Wednesday next, 4th September, 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

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Call: 074 9155055 or text 087 9228944

Check out our Facebook Page - Mevagh

FRC or Website - www.mevaghfrc.com

Mná Mhíobhaigh / Mevagh Women's

Group – are meeting on Monday 2nd September at 7pm at the Mevagh Fami-

ly Resource Centre. New and old friends

Breast & Bottle-Feeding Support

Group - This group, for Mum's and new

babies, and facilitated by the Public Health Nurse runs on the 1st and 3rd

Wednesday of each month. The next

welcome to become members.

further information. Hatha Yoga Class Hatha Yoga Class in the Town Hall Ramelton Starting Dates: 4 Week Block Booking Only: €40

Monday 09/09/2024 6:45pm ~ 8pm

Wednesday 11/09/2024 Men Only Class 7pm ~ 8pm Contact: Nuala 087 6807850 **Ramelton Bowling Club**

Indoor Bowls will begin in the Mackemie Hall on Monday 9th September from 8pm onwards.

League games begin on the first week of October and will be played on Tuesday nights and the club will have a few weeks practice before that. New members always welcome, feel free to come along and try it out and see if it is for vou.

Enquiries to 087 1355059 or 087 4016637.

Ramelton SVP

Mevagh Family Resource Centre

As the cost of living continues many families will face impossible choices. If you are in need of support contact Ramelton SVP on 087 143 6640.

New Yoga Class for beginners Men only Yoga class every Wednesday at

7pm in the Ramelton Town Hall. Block booking 4 weeks €40. For bookings contact: 087 6807850

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.

session €3. For more information on our

Senior Alert Scheme – Mevagh FRC

continue to assist individuals who re-

quire a personal monitored alarm. This alarm is for people aged 65+, of limited

means. It enables older people to live securely and independently in their

homes. The installation and equipment

are free and if you connect to a landline,

the monitoring is free for the first year.

Charges apply to alarms set up via sim

card. This initiative is part funded by Pobal. Please call in, or contact the cen-

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tre for more information.

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Craft Group contact Centre.



Billy Ramsey, Clooney, Ramelton celebrating his 80th birthday with family and friends.



Ella Coyle who competed in 600ts National Community Games finals in Carlow at weekend.

Zach Bradley, Ramelton who took part in the U8 60m at the National Community Games Finals in Carlow at the weekend.

Rhys Irwin on track at Caldwell Park

Kilmacrennan man Rhys Irwin continues

meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th September from 11am to 12:30pm in Mevagh FRC. Call in for a cuppa and a chat. No booking necessary. Tel: 074 9155055 (FRC) or Tel: 074 9155430 (PHN).

DLDC Employment Supports Clinic - Information on CV building, job searching, cover letters and interview skills. An Outreach Clinic will be held on Thursday 5th September 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Mevagh Family Resource Centre. For more information, contact Deirdre on 0873120139 or email resadmin@dldc.org

Mevagh Craft Group - Have you ever thought about sharing your craft skills or learning a new skill? Why not come along to our weekly craft group in Mevagh FRC. Group member's talents include knitting, crochet, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Members freely share ideas with new friends, swap patterns, help one another along and enjoy a cuppa. The group meet throughout the year in a relaxed, comfortable and spacious environment. Our Craft Group are starting back on Thursday 5th September, 10:30am to 12:30pm, new members are always welcome, cost per

Scheme (19¹/₂ 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

Other Notes:

Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am. Contact Fiona directly on 085 1569424 or email risehealthhub@gmail. com

ALONE provides services to Older People to enable them to stay living at home for longer. Volunteers are needed in Downings and surrounding areas for two services: 'Visitation & Befriending Service' and 'Telephone Support & Befriending Service'. If you would like more info. contact Helena on 086 014 5829

Yoga Kindly with Brigitte continues on Saturday mornings at 9:45am in the Resource Centre. Contact Brigitte on 087 0653333 for more information.

to prove his worth at the British Superbikes Championship with a good weekend at Cadwell Park. He has earned the right to race the factory supported Kawasaki Team Green in the Supersport Championship. The racing got off to a wet start on Friday with Rhys showing great form getting his race machine up to P2 followed by a difficult qualifying. Rhys started the race from the fourth row of the grid and fought hard to finish the race day P7.



"Cadwell Park is one of been a hard season so far but I took the my favourite tracks in Kawasaki to the limit finishing the race P7. the BSB calendar. It has I have to thank all the people who help me port racing at Oulton Park UK".

continue my racing dreams. You can watch me live again in two weeks time on Euros-

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No surprises at FG convention



Senator Nikki Bradley with her family at the convention - Jovan Bredell, Vinnie, Jacqui and James Bradley.

Fine Gael has selected Senator Nikki was no contest.

Bradley and John McNulty as their elec-Milford based Nikki Bradley was proposed and seconded by Evelyn McCracktion candidates for the Donegal constituency. The convention on Monday night en and Emma Boylan. Dinny McGinley and Cllr Manus Boyle proposed and secin the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny onded John McNulty. Ms Bradley who is had an estimated ninety in attendance. Senior FG Minister, Heather Humphries a well known disabilities advocate said presided and the event was wrapped up she had been continuing that campaign within the hour. With Cllr Jimmy Kavaoften alone. nagh having withdrawn on Friday, there

"Then out of the blue I received an in-



Donal Haughey Ardara, Oliver McDevitt, Fintown and Pat Nora Gallagher, Dungloe.

vitation from Taoiseach Simon Harris to be his nominee for the Senate. I just knew I had to accept it."

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Since becoming a Senator she said that she had got the Taoiseach to Letterkenny to see the great work being done by the 'No Barriers Foundation', adding that it was a facility that she had greatly benefitted from personally.

Ms. Bradley said the sole reason she wanted to become a TD was to help others. As well as the disabilities issues she also pledged to do more for the Defective Concrete Block affected families and the local fishing industry.

John McNulty focused on the impor- is currently in charge of the Dontance of revitalising rural communities egal Senior Ladies team. And he and supporting small businesses.

"I am self-employed and know the challenges that small businesses face. I want retain the FG seat. to see the creation of more jobs so that people can live in rural communities. I don't want to see small shops and bars general election comes. We need closing in villages. You also have the sit- everyone to work to keep the seat. uation of well educated people seeing no Even those that were thinking of reason to come back home" Mr McNulty. hanging up their hat, we need you

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Michael Ferry, Ramelton at the convention

McNulty is well known in GAA to give it one more go. There is no circles through his management strength without unity. We all have of clubs like his native Kilcar. He to do whatever it takes to keep the Fine Gael seat in Donegal" Mr Mc-Nulty said. used football parlance to stress the

In her address Minister Heather Humphries said Fine Gael had secured two great candidates for the general election. "It's up to us all to get behind Nikki and John. You all have to knock on doors and ask for the vote. Get behind these two exceptional candidates and get them elected," she concluded.





Hugo McClafferty, John McNulty, Paddy Gildea and Joachim Loughrey



Noel McBride, John McNulty, Aaron Sweeney and Eddie Friel



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Donegal at Community Games Finals

A Donegal Community Games group made the journey to Carlow to take part in the National Community Games Finals at the weekend. They had 23 entrants from all over the County and they made Donegal proud. Co-managers Manus O'Donnell and Jennifer Hunter said it was a privilege to be part

Cranford Community Games at the National Finals in Carlow on Sat- in the morning urday with her twin sister Aoife and brother Ronan. Below - Orlagh with her family at the finals.

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Left - Orlagh Cleary, of Team Donegal Team. It was a long day, starting at 10 and running on to 8 o'clock in the evening, with the U10, 80m the last

event of the day. That race saw Żara Friel from Fanad just miss out on a medal. Her sister Megan also got to her final and again just missed out on a medal.

The only medal for Donegal was Elie Duffy from the Rosses who got Bronze in the Javelin.

The Committee wants to thank everyone for taking part in the Finals.



The Friel family from Fanad with Megan in the U8 Girls and Zara U11 Girls.

Parish of Killygarvan & Tullyfern Emigrants & Immigrants Mass

Our Emigrants/Immigrants Mass will take place in St Josephs Church, Rathmullan on Saturday September 14th at 7pm. We invite you to share names of your family and friends that are living abroad that you would like included in our Mass. A box will be at the back of the Church in Rathmullan for you to place the names you want included and the country they are living in. If you have any queries or you would like to take an active part in our Mass please give Carmel a ring on 086 7919945. We will be delighted to welcome you to participate



Top scoring and maximum points students Gabriel Gallagher, John Kealy, Kane Blake and Ben Winters



Teachers with students at St. Eunan's College Letterkenny after receiving their leaving results from left are

with Damien McCrory, Principal at St. Eunan's College Letterkenny after receiving their leaving results. Photo Clive Wasson

Damien McCrory, Principal, Joseph Patton, Finlay Bose, Alva Barrett, Ruben Kavanagh, Patrick McCormack, Una Ní Fhátharta, Odhran Brogan and Aidan Moore. Photo Clive Wasson



Errigal College Leaving Certificate students with Principal Danny McFadden on Friday

received outstanding Leaving Cert results on Friday. They are pictured with Loreto Principal Ms. Gerardine Mullen.



Termon stalwart turns 80 On Friday Termon Club Chairperson Daireann Gibson and Secretary Kieran Gallagher visited their President Patrick Hilferty. There was a significant milestone happening for the Termon Club stalwart who was celebrating his 80th birthday. Patrick was presented with a card and cake and was shown a few video messages from some of the underage teams. Most of all he was delighted to get a personal video birthday wish message from GAA President Jarlath Burns.

Lifesaving World Championships

Bond at global finals in Queensland

Ramelton man Paddy Bond is the Head Coach with the Irish team at the Lifesaving World Championships in Australia where there was a super start on Tuesday with a bronze medal for the senior team and a fifth place for the youth side. The Championships are taking place at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre and Kurrawa Beach in Queensland,

Paddy Bond who resides in Booragh is a very well known figure in swimming circles for many years as an underage competitor with Swilly Seals before moving into coaching with them. He has also competed on the international stage winning gold at the World Ice Swim-

on

The death oc-

Monday of Pa-

tricia (Pettie)

McLaughlin

(née Collins),

Gortaway,

Ramelton. Aged

94, Pettie was

a well known

member of the

local commu-

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Death of Pettie McLaughlin

ming Champi-onships in Ger-Champimany in January 2017. Two years later he won a bronze in Russia. Paddy has been involved in a coaching capacity with the Irish Lifesaving team in recent times and has traveled with them to international competitions. Bond is in Queensland with 15 of Ire-

land's top Senior and Youth Lifesavers for the 2024 Lifesaving World Championships that started

on Friday and continue to the 8th of September. The competition sees lifesavers from over fifty countries across the world compete in pool and sea environments the Gold at Coast Aquatic Centre and Kurrawa Beach in Queensland. The Champion-

ships simulate real-life rescue situations that Lifeguards can expect to

encounter and pits the best Lifesavers from around the world against each other in a series of gruelling water rescue scenarios. The events are being live streamed on YouTube, Facebook and the World Lifesaving Championships website.

The Championships take place every two years and the sport exists to encourage lifesavers to maintain the form lifesaving rescues. skills, drills and physical fitness required for performing their lifesaving duties. The sport is truly multi-dis-

ciplined and takes place in the pool, on the beach and abroad. Training is volin the ocean. It has close ties unteer based and it is a to swimming, athletics, kay-

sport that gives back to aking, rowing, surfing and a community in terms power boating and is based of a skill that benefits

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many people who knew her. He added she will be remembered for her friendly personality, positive attitude and bright smile.

She is survived by her husband Owney, son Christopher (Claire), daughters Donna (Paul) and Kathy (Martin), her grandchildren Shane, Katlyn, Addison, Lexie, Sloan, Oisin, Eoin, Sophie and Andy. Brothers John (Marie), Donal (Jackie), Edward, Paul, Manus (Annelie), sisters Breid (Paul) and Kathleen Ann and sadly missed by her brother-in-law Tommy Dullaghan and sister-in-law Kitty McLaughlin (Seamus), her wider family circle and many friend and sympathy is extend to all.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Funeral of Jim Harris The funeral took place on Sundav of Iim Harris



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friends. Funeral took place on Monday in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Johnstown/Killiney followed by burial in Kilternan Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Mary Rose Dullaghan There was great

on learning of the death of Mary Rose Dullaghan, née Kelly, late of Cashelreagh, Newmills at the weekend.

Mary Rose, known to many as 'Mosie' passed away at Donegal Hospice on Sunday surrounded by her family following a recent illness. Mary Rose is remembered as a warm, kind

on the equipment and skills users of waterways nathat lifeguards use to per- tionwide. a legacy of love, kindness and friendship for the

away at Aras Uí Dhomhnaill

Nursing Home,

Milford. Pettie is survived by daughters Margaret and her husband Declan. Sheila and her husband John, Anne and her husband Donal, sons Daniel and his wife Bríd, Brendan and his wife Julie, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, neighbours and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Dan (July 2020). Remains are reposing at the family home. Requiem Mass takes place this Thursday, August 29th, at 11am in St Mary's Church, Ramelton. Burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Mass can be viewed on Church Services TV St Mary's Church Ramelton at www.churchservices.tv/ramelton. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Death of May Randles

The death occurred on Thursday of May Randles (née Naughton), Johnstown and Killiney, Dublin. She was a native of Drum, Roscommon. May is the mother of Gordon Randles, CEO of Letterkenny Credit Union. She is survived by her husband Con J., sons John, Neil and Gordon. son-in-law Laurent, daughters-in-law Caroline and Adrienne, adored grandchildren Megan, Conor, Cian, Claudia, Oisín and Aoibhín, great-granddaughter Frankie-May, her sister, brothers, extended family, neighbours and

hearted person who was highly respected by all who knew her.

She worked for many years in local media including in the Donegal People's Press and Donegal Democrat newspapers, as well as the Cristeph Gallery in Letterkenny.

Many tributes were paid to her in the local media recalling her as someone who still maintained strong friendships with her former colleagues long after she left the papers.

In her role at the Cristeph Gallery she assisted in organising and hosting many fundraising coffee mornings for the Irish Cancer Society and Donegal Hospice.

Å keen golfer, she was a member of Letterkenny Golf Club and the Drum Bar Golf Society. While she was a keen competitor, the social side of the sport was also important to her to be with friends enjoying the game they loved.

Her Requiem Mass took place on Wednesday in St Columba's Church, Glenswilly with burial afterwards in Kilpheak Cemetery.

Fr. Michael McKeever said Mary Rose had left

Coachmills, Cullion Road, Letterkenny. Aged 85, Jim was well known in the local community. He had farming interests. Jim passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Friday. Remains reposed at his brother William's residence at Coachmills, Cullion Road from Friday. Funeral Service of Thanksgiving took place there on Sunday with interment afterwards in Gortlee Cemetery, Letterkenny.

Jim is survived by his brother William and wife Frances, sister Evelyn McKinley and husband Cecil, nephews Geoffrey and Wesley, nieces Lorna and Alyson and extended family, friends and neighbours. He was predeceased by his parents Peter and Dorothy.

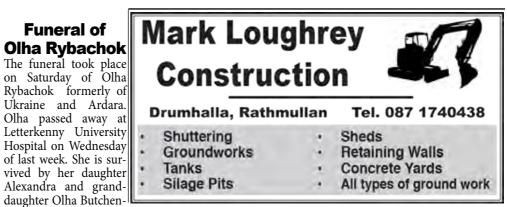
Deepest condolences are extended to the family family circle. circle.

Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 6th September from 9.30 - 11.30pm. Music is by Lakelanders, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

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Olha's remains were removed from Marley's Funeral Home, Drumany, Letterkenny on Saturday for Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral where the celebrant was Fr. Damien Nejad. Burial took place afterwards in New Leck Cemetery, Letterkenny. Deepest condolences are extended to the



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Milford

70th Anniversary at Quay Grotto Fr Stephen Gorman CC Milford will lead The Holy Rosary at Our Lady's Grotto at The Quay, Milford on Sunday 8th September at 2pm to mark the 70th Anniversary of Our Lady's Grotto at Milford Quay. All are welcome.

Care of the Aged Trip

Milford Care of the Aged will be going on their annual trip out to Donegal Town on Friday 30th

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Community Care of the Aged. This was kindly received by Brídín McMahon on behalf of the Milford Community Care of the Aged for their up and coming trip to Donegal Town. Thank you to Victor and the Milford Angling Club for their kind donation.

Park, Milford.

Community Centre.

50/50 Draw

town.

Celtic in the Brian McCormick Cup,

Employment Support Outreach

reach Officer will be in attendance

in the Milford & District Resource

Centre on Monday 9th September

from 2-4pm. No appointment nec-

essary. Further enquiries to Mary

on 087 9926681. This Service is sup-

ported by DLDC and is free and to-

Parish of Killygarvan & Tullyfern

Our Emigrants/Immigrants Mass

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Emigrants & Immigrants Mass

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of August. The bus will be leaving from the Council offices at 10am and heading to Donegal Town for some retail therapy. We will be heading to Harvey's Point for lunch at 2pm and back home by 5.30pm. If you are interested, please contact Brídín 086 8283153 or Fiona (087) 687 0682 to book. The cost of the trip is €20 per person. It will be great to see you all again and every- one welcome. Social Dancing Milford Hall

Social dancing will resumes in the Milford Hall on this Thursday 29th August from 8pm to 10pm with a good mix of Two Hand, Ceili and Line Dancing. Light refreshments. €5 entry. Everyone welcome. Antenatal Class

There will an Antenatal Class held for 4 weeks starting on Wednesday 4th September from 2-4pm; in the Gallowglass Centre, Kilmacrennan Road, Milford. The classes are free and will be facilitated by Public Health Nurses Sinead McClafferty, Milford 074 91 53108, Sandra Ferry, Anne Harkin, Rathmullan 074 91 58322 and Caroline McAteer, Ramelton 074 9151527. **Mission Hall**

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows: Sunday 1st September Rev Chris Matchitt; October No Services; 3rd November Harvest Service with Bishop David McClay. Donegal League

Milford United Senior will begin their 2024/25 season on Sunday 1st September at home to Rathmullan

Milford house attack probed

Gardaí are investigating an incident of criminal damage that occurred at a for 6 week course. (LUH house in the area of Loughfern Heights, Milford. The incident occurred on Friday, August 23rd, at approximately 8.30pm. Gardaí say a number of youths approached the house and kicked the front door causing damage to it.



Masses Mass times in St Pe-DLDC Employment Support can ter's Church, Milford on help long term unemployed to get Thursday 29th August at back into full time employment, 10am; Friday 30th Auidentify training opportunities, gust at 10am; Saturday prepare CV and fill out application 31st August at 7.30pm; forms and much more. So if you Sunday 1st September at wish to avail of our service The Out-

11.00am. Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 1st September at 6pm. **Golf Society**

The Hi-da-way Golf Society next outing is on Saturday 21st September in Sandy Hills, Rosapenna at 11.30am. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details. Milford Yoga

Yoga Beginners Courses starting on Tuesday 17th September at 11am and Saturday 21st September at 10.45am. €60 sports & Social club dis-



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World relay 7th place for Brian Boyce

Milford man Brian Boyce ended his week at the World Championships in Gothenburg as a member of the Ireland team in the M40 relay who secured a hard fought seventh place finish. Brian had also crossed the line seventh place in the World 400m Final against top class opposition on Thursday. He had qualified after finishing third in the semi-finals on the previous Tuesday.



Drop-In Clinic



Jynaid Rayes, Gortmacall winner of the Junior High Gun for Ireland at the National Skeet shooting in the Home Counties International Competition in Wales last weekend.

They asked: "We appeal to residents in that area to make contact with Gardaí if they observed these youths in the area. Anybody with relevant information is asked to contact Gardaí in Milford on 9153060."

count available). To book WhatsApp: contract: 0863745972 or FB: Diane Bliss Yoga Studio, Kilmacrennan Road, Milford.

Cllr. Declan Meehan will be running a public drop-in clinic in the Gallowglass Community Centre from 3-5pm on September 19th. Rags to Riches' Community Thrift shop The community charity shop in Milford is actively seeking volunteers. By joining Lisa and



Prizewinners at the Milford GAA Club Golf Classic at Portsalon Golf club with Cormac Friel, Sean Barrett picking up his 3rd prize; Aidan Cannon picking up 4th Prize; Noel Gillespie picking up 5th Prize and Orla Gallagher picking up her prizes for Ladies Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin.

the team, you'll have the opportunity to meet new people, improve your CV or ease yourself back into the workforce, all while making a positive impact on our local community. Every purchase from the 'Rags to Riches' thrift shop directly supports local initiatives, through the Milford Development Fund.

The Milford Development Fund is a fund which holds the money made from the Rags to Riches Thrift Shop along with the profits of Community Business Services (the social enterprise of MDRC) together for the redistribution to community groups, projects and initiatives in the wider Milford area.



Loreto Community School, Milford congratuled all their students on their Leaving Cert results which they received last Friday. Pictured above left is Rónán Ferry the highest achieving student with his parents Vincent and Sandra and above right Enya Bolton, highest achieving LCA student receiving a distinction with an overall score of 96%, with her father, Adam Bolton and Year Head Maureen Curran. Enya was among six of her classmates to receive a distinction. Pictured below are some of the students who gathered at the school on Friday.

Bridget Wilhare and Bobby Willhare, of Mulroy Bay Mussels, sponsoring a new set of Jersey's to Milford United U14 Girls team. Included are players Megan McGinley, Aoife Kilpatrick and Leanne Gordon and manager Brendan McGinley.



Knockalla Coast Road film show



The story in words and pictures of the building of the Knockalla Coast Road played out to a full house in the SVP Centre in Rathmullan last Thursday. Arthur Lynch made the short film as a tribute to the men who built the Knockalla Coast Road.

Arthur's narrative captured a sense of the great achievement that is the Knockalla Coast Road. That story conveyed something of the challenges of the physical, mechanical and technical work involved in turning a long-cherished dream and

James Logue and Paddy Crerand with Arthur Lynch at the launch of the film on Thursday. hope into the scenic route along that spectacular stretch of the Lough Swilly coastline. The story, combined with the superb scenery captured on film, captivated the audience and led to further reminiscences over a lovely tea and goodies served up by the SVP team on behalf of the Rathmullan History and Heritage Group.

The good news for those who missed it last Thursday is that the film will be screened in the Rossnakill Community Hall on Friday night 6th September.

Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?

"He was a good man with good ideas. If people followed his example the world would be a better place. But God Almighty? I'm not so sure."

Jesus of Nazareth is a man with a lot of admirers. Many of those admirers worship him as the saviour and lord of the world, but there are a significant number who hold out on making the jump from simple admirer to all out worshipper. They think that "love your" neighbour as yourself" is great. They're fully on board with "judge not lest you be judged". They're happy to acknowledge Jesus as a great, influential man who has shaped world history, but they're equally happy to go no further.

Yet in light of Jesus' claims to divinity such ambivalence is simply not logically feasible. It makes rational sense to claim that Jesus was a good man who was also God himself in the flesh. Equally, it makes rational sense to claim that Jesus was neither good nor God. But if we try to sit on the fence we're doomed to wobble off.

A number of prominent writers have made this point over the

showed that the government's housing plan is not work-

The three reports highlight sky high house prices, chronic undersupply and the growing affordability challenge for working people looking to buy or rent a St Eunan's Cathedral this October on their very first pilgrimage to Ireland. The relics

this government's inability to fix the a secure and affordable Fine Gael has been in government for 13 years and Fianna Fáil have been propping them up for the last eight. Last week alone, three During that time, house prices, rents and homelessness independent reports have risen to historic highs. Meanwhile, the delivery of were released by the social and affordable homes has been unacceptably low. touch he and his government are Central Statistics Of- Sinn Féin has an alternative housing plan that will prifice, the Society of oritise the delivery of social and affordable housing to Survey- the required level. We need a general election, a change "The report estimates that the num- ors and Savills. These of government and a Sinn Féin Minister for Housing,"

years, with CS Lewis' characteristically vivid offering being the most famous. In Mere Christianity he described the idea that Jesus was a great moral teacher but not actually God as "patronising nonsense" and wrote, "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse."

He's not wrong. It is absolutely undeniable that Jesus' teachings have had a profound and positive influence on our world, but why on earth should we ever listen to a man who brazenly lied about being the literal creator of the universe? If he wasn't deliberately lying but was merely suffering from delusions of grandeur, that hardly inspires any confidence in his teaching either.

The fact is that Jesus has boxed us into a corner. He didn't come He's a liar, he's a lunatic, to Earth so that we could like him without loving him or

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

admire him without worshipping. He didn't come so we could mine nuggets of practical wisdom from his teachings without embracing the whole. He came to call every single man and woman to fall at his feet in worship and to trust him as the only way of salvation.

If we're not willing to say that this is the response required of us, we must conclude that Jesus was either bad or mad. If we're not willing to cast those aspersions on him, we must conclude that he is exactly who he says he is.

or he's the Lord. Which one do you say he is?

Visit of Relics

The Relics of St Bernadette will journey to

will be arriving to the Raphoe Diocese on

11th and 12th October 2024, where they

will be hosted in St Eunan's Cathedral,

5,583 on social housing lists or in receipt of HAP - Doherty

Sinn Féin TD, Pearse Doherty has said that the government is failing to deliver social housing after new figures showed that 5,583 people in Donegal are on social housing lists or in receipt of Housing Assistance Payment (ĤAP).

He added that the only way to start fixing Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael's mismanagement of the housing crisis is with a change of government, a Sinn Féin Minister for Housing and Sinn Féin's alternative housing plan.

"5,583 people in Donegal are on housing lists or in receipt of HAP according to figures released this week by the Parliamentary Budget Office. This is further evidence of those struggling to put house. housing crisis and their failure to deliver social housing. This report rubbishes the Taoiseach Simon Harris' claim and shows just how out of when it comes to their failures to address the housing crisis.

ber of social homes across the state reports once again concluded Deputy Doherty. must be increased by 56% just to meet the current deficit, yet only last month the Taoiseach inexplicably claimed that a sufficient volume of social housing was being delivered. None of this will come as a shock to

roof over their heads. Chartered

Letterkenny. Saint Bernadette (Bernadette Soubirous, January 7, 1844 – April 16, 1879) was the visionary who witnessed Our Lady in Lourdes. The relic tour will visit every

diocese in the country from September to October. Further information will be released from the Raphoe Diocesan Office in September regarding the visit of the Relics.

TCS back-to-school initiative to help local families





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RECRUITMENT COMPETITION

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Donegal County Council is seeking applications from qualified candidates for the following position:

General Operative - Roads Service

The Council proposes to form a panel of qualified candidates from which it will fill vacancies as they arise.

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: Monday, 16th September 2024.

Application Forms and Further Details are available at www.donegalcoco.ie.

No late applications will be accepted.

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Tata Consultancy Services staff and Life Start Services representatives were photographed at TCS Global Delivery Centre campus with the donated items for the back-to-school initiative

Tata Consultancy Services in Letterkenny has collaborated with local not-for-profit organisation, Life Start Services, on a back-to-school initiative which will support families in need as the new school year approaches.

This initiative was supported by the TCS Letterkenny Global Delivery Centre staff and resulted in the collection of essential school items such as stationery, school bags and lunch boxes which will then be delivered to local children from families in need, ensuring they have the necessary tools to succeed in their education.

Christopher Lynch of TCS Letterkenny GDC said, "This initiative reflects our commitment to giving back to the community and ensuring that every child has an equal opportunity to excel in their academic pursuits. By equipping students with essentials, we aim to alleviate some of the fi-

nancial burdens faced by families during this time of year. Thank you to our staff in Letterkenny for their heartfelt contributions".

The delivery of these school supplies to families' homes has already begun, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Families have expressed their gratitude and joy, with many parents noting that these items will greatly ease the financial pressure of preparing their children for the school year.

Mary Walker Callaghan, Regional Manager at Lifestart Services said, "For many families, back-to-school time can be incredibly stressful financially. This generous donation from TCS and their employees means that children can start the year equipped and ready to learn, without the worry of missing out."

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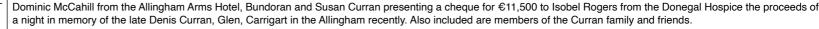
Glebe House to close until 2025

Early next month Glebe House, gallery and gardens will close to allow conservation works and the historic site will not re-open until 2025, it has been announced.

The popular tourist attraction draws many visitors to Gartan each year to visit the former home and gardens of artist Derek Hill. They issued a notice saying while they regretted the closure it was important to have this essential work carried out ahead of their bicentenary celebrations.

They stated: "The Glebe House, Gallery and its gardens will close to the public for a period beginning on the 2nd of September to facilitate a major conservation programme of works.

The grounds will re-open as soon as possible but it is not envisaged that this will be before January. The Glebe Gallery and Glebe House will re-open in phases for the summer of 2025. The site will not be open for Easter. We truly regret any inconvenience this causes our visitors, but we are excited to be able to progress these much needed works in advance of our bicentenary in 2028."



Windyhall apartments site works

The Mayor of Letterkenny, Cllr Gerry Monagle said. McMonagle, has welcomed the ongoing preparatory site works for the construction of 21 social housing units on the Windyhall Road, Letterkenny. The development is taking place just off the main N56 Kilmacrennan Road between Errigal College and the roundabout above it. Mayor McMonagle says that the project had been delayed for a period to allow for the repositioning of ESB cables.

"Machinery has been back on site so that's good news and hopefully the building can start shortly. I very much welcome the plans for the 21 social housing units because we have a severe shortage of accommodation. A start is also being made on the Oran Hill site at the Mountain Top which is also very new. There are around 34 units being built between 3-beds, 2-beds and apartments," Mayor Mc-

In May the Council and the contractors signed a turnkey acquisition contract for the construction of the 21 social homes at Windyhall. It will include 12 one-bedroom apartments, 1 two-bedroom apartment and 8, three-bedroom apartments. The scheduled completion date for the development is the end of next year.

Meanwhile at Oran Hill, Mountain Top site works are also ongoing for 34 new housing units (26 Houses/8 Apartments). The construction period will be 18 months.

Meanwhile, Mayor McMonagle is also awaiting an update on plans to upgrade the Windyhall Road. "It's nearly a year since we met the engineers on site. I would be expecting to get an update on upgrading the Road that is badly needed with so much extra traffic using it," he said.





Teachers return to Summer Courses

While the summer of 2024 may engagement.

not have seen a lot of sunshine, This year the Centre offered courses all over it was great to see a large num- the county from Clonmany to Donegal Town ber of primary school teachers and from Dungloe to Rathmullan. The Eduthroughout Donegal signed up cation Centre hosted CPD courses in Digital for a Summer Course, organ- Innovation with Lego Spike & Beebots and ised by the Donegal Education the Teacher Artist Partnership, a course de-Support Centre. In all, almost signed to support and enhance arts in educatwenty face to face courses tion. Several courses took place in Letterkenwere offered. These courses are ny and the surrounding area which included specifically designed to offer Learning Through Play, Primary Language





Participants in the COGG - Irish Course at St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan.

teachers the opportunity for Curriculum, Digital Innovation and Pupil



Kieran McTaggart, Director of the Donegal Education Support Centre (left) with teachers and course facilitator Derek Brennan at the recent 'Pupil Wellbeing through PE', which took place in Scoil Cholmcille, Letterkenny.

professional learning and devel- Wellbeing through PE. An Grianan Hotel, opment. They are underpinned Burt was the location for the 'Chess for Social by active learning, coherent & Cognitive Skills' course while Gartan NS content, and a focus on pupils' and the Glebe Gallery in Churchill was the learning and enhanced teacher perfect location for the 'Supporting Teachers' Wellbeing through Art'. As always engagement with digital technology to support inclusive learning was popular with courses in Digital Creativity in the Primary Classroom taking place in Creeslough and Buncrana. Teachers who wished to upskill in Special Needs Education engaged in 'A Physiological Approach to teaching Children with Special Needs' (Stranorlar) while those interested in Relationship & Sexuality Education, completed their course in Moville.

Kieran McTaggart, the Director would like to thank all the primary school teachers who participated in their summer course programme this year.

He would also like to thank all the local tutors for their delivery and facilitation, to the Centre staff for their hard work and commitment in organising these courses and to the various venues and schools for hosting these courses. The Education Centre is already planning for next year and is hoping to introduce several M new Summer CPD Courses.

A Rathmullan Woman in exile... **Well done "Stoneman Team Spirit**" at the RDS

I often regretted taking on this job and committing to producing something on virtual paper every fortnight, but then I sit down to do it and I enjoy it.

Then, as in this case, I find that I have no internet service when I'm on nights in a client's home and I'm racing to submit in time. I got lucky the other day when I sat down to write and it started lashing out of the heavens which put paid to any notions I had of vanishing into the garden. It's easier to be indoors doing this when the weather is crap.

The farrier was due to dress the horse's feet that evening at 5pm and by the looks of things we were going to be washed out of it. Two weeks later and the water issues on the rented land weren't over; we were still drawing water to one batch of heifers which was a total nuisance when there's so much of the damned stuff falling out of the sky. Last week I finally managed to get back to doing a bit of wood carving. It had been which were obviously many and varied. My cliages since I had the time, energy and inclination simultaneously and I have a few pieces that I had wanted to get finished before going back to class in September. Then I heard that the tutor is not free to come back till the new year, which was disappointing but I carried on anyway. I was working on a zebra on a piece of kiln dried lime which Joey our tutor had given me. It was a horrible, over dry, dead bit of timber; prone to chipping which was why he had given it away, but I got the piece finished eventually. I love the carving, but it's not always easy to fit everything in, especially when the weather is at least dry, if not exactly summery and I'd rather be outside. Do you remember my trials and tribulations last year when I went to sell a couple of horses; everything that could go wrong did go wrong and I ended up only selling one of them? Well that horse, Stoneman Team Spirit went on to be crowned the Small Hunter Champion at the RDS horse show last week.

I didn't know a thing about it till Rachel rang me with the good news. I'm very glad for Nicola ing, 24/7 for the families. Not easy.

I went for a walk instead to blow out the cobwebs and was struck by the number of trees showing signs of the Ash dieback. You don't notice them so much when you're driving, (probably just as well or a lot more cars would cross the ditch) but there's an awful lot of trees going to have to come down before they fall across the roads...

Perrin that he turned out to be so lucky for her, it's great to see the horses repay the hope and hard work that it takes to get to the top. Congratulations to all involved, including the breeder... little old me. It kind of felt worth it when I was standing in the lashing rain in a Cavan field while the farrier pared the muddy hooves of the mother of champions!

I'm back on the night shift again for my sins ent with dementia has returned from a sojourn in Cavan General and needs help to settle back into the home environment. If the family gets a good night's sleep they can cope with whatever the day throws at them, and that's where a "night sit" comes in.

It's grand because I can get on with my own work in peace without having to sit through Himself blaring Daniel O' Donnell round the parish or bellowing into the phone about the price of cattle. On a peaceful night I can doze in the chair while my client sleeps but on restless nights I find myself in a lot of challenging situations when dementia clients are convinced they're at a mart at four 'o clock in the morning or on a ship to America or arguing with their long dead mother because they want to go home.

That's reality for them at the time and sure you just go along with it. No matter how tough it is for me I get to walk away after my shift and move into another life, whereas it's unrelent-

Himself went away for a couple of days without me last weekend for the first time in the sixteen years I've been here. He brought Conan, his right hand man with him and they headed to Rathmullan to do a bit of work around my site. They seemed to have a grand time of it, if the phone calls from the Beachcomber were anything to go by. I was delighted to see Himself head off independently and enjoy himself. It's high time he took it easier and enjoyed a bit of the country. There's more to life than work and you can't bring the money or land with you when it's over. I had said that I was delighted for them to do the work but that I wasn't going to be in any way involved in it.

I have enough on my plate this year trying to earn a shilling and build a house without undertaking any outside work on the land. It'll still be there next year but I mightn't be if I spread myself too thin. The head would just give up on me altogether. I was under a bit of pressure last week and the top storey was feeling fragile so I made an appointment with Lucy, my counsellor. She's a great one and only for her my remaining brain cells would be in chaotic disarray and I'd be back in the locked ward. I went to work as usual that morning, then brought Himself to Ballinderry hospital in Mullingar for an appointment, then over to Granard to Lucy in the evening for a couple of hours. There was neither yig nor yog left in me by the end of the day but the brain cells were



Kate Carton

back doing their thing in an orderly manner so it was well worth it.

I had to feed a few batches of cattle each evening before going on night duty while Himself was away and it was a handy way to get the bit of fresh air and exercise, which can get lost when the sleep routine is disrupted. I wasn't long off the nest when the lads got back from Donegal on Sunday at about 4.30pm. I had just come in from bringing the dog round the yards to empty herself and I had a steak on the pan for my meal before work. I very rarely eat red meat but I'm always conscious of eating well to keep my energy up when I'm on a run of nights. Himself decided that he'd feed the cattle that evening so I went for a walk instead to blow out the cobwebs. I was struck by the number of trees showing signs of the Ash dieback. You don't notice them so much when you're driving, (probably just as well or a lot more cars would cross the ditch) but there's an awful lot of trees going to have to come down before they fall across the roads. You can bet your pension that as soon as all the trees are felled the feckin Green Party will bring in a ban on burning timber. It's as sure as god made little green apples. I always thought that was a nonsensical statement; why little green apples above all the things he's alleged to have made? They make grand apple jelly if you gather them and give them to your mother, but the most certain thing I know about little green apples is that eating a feed of them guarantees you a pain in the innards and a hefty dose of the scuthers.

Cross Border events in the 7th Century - a new lease of life! Déjá vu all over again

Cowan Duff now living in Donegal after a lifetime in Sunderland has drawn comparisons between events in the 7th Century and that of today in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

by Cowan Duff

He writes "Cross Border events between Britain and Ireland in the 7th Century, have taken on a new lease of life.

A simple law was constructed by the Donegal ambassador / churchman, Eu-

Wearmouth and Jarrow monasteries, Ceolfrith. The event which promoted these two men into action was hearing of the dreadful events which occurred during a battle in Ireland.

Today's events in both Ukraine and the Holy Land have taken a major relevance for this ancient law. This law was set up to give non D combatants, especially women and children, special protection in warfare.

cult to see in English as the Law of the Innocents. They arranged that this new law should be discussed in what would be seen today as an international conference. Birr in todayÕs Co Offaly was chosen as the venue, being central in Ireland and at a junction of the Kingdoms of the North and South Ui Neils. Here in 697AD the gathering was given the posh name, Synod. Somehow, and with-

name: Lex Innocentium; not too diffi-



nan and the Northumbrain Abbot of

The two old friends, Eunan and Ce- out telephone or internet, every major olfrith called their new law by the Latin kin, senior Churchman and significant



Rembrandt belshazzars feasta - The writings on the wall.

lay person was summon to Birr under the King of Tara, Loingsech mac Oengusa. The outcome was universal agreement regarding humanitarian treatment of civilians in war. At the end of the Synod, 97 senior Irishmen and Britains (!) signed a declaration to act as guarantors.

My conclusion is that treatment of non D combatants. it was clever lawyers. Here we are again witnessing two Probably Druids who, at countries, Russia and the entire that time, had construct- Holy Land (both should know beted among the very first ter), killing and maiming women books of law with pen- and children, the elderly and those alties for each and every in hospital through illness; all unoffence D were responsi- der the pretext of war. ble for Lex Innocentium Both should have copies of the

being largely forgotten even more ancient book, that of for centuries. Daniel, around 540BC, a captive in It was not until the hor- Babylon (Iraq today) taken in war

rors of WW2 had come from his own country, being suminto full international moned by the evil ruler, to interpret

gaze, that the new body, some graffiti on a wall: the Geneva Convention, "Yes, he said, this is in the dialect in 1949 revived the con- of Galilean fisherfolk, it says, your cept of humanitarian majesty, your days are numbered,

Cowan Duff and his wife Katy.

you will be weighed in a balance and found wanting".

Today while there are very large walls intact in both Moscow and Jerusalem, it would be difficult to find any such construction, still standing in Gaza. But, even so, there would be a big enough slab of concrete on which to write the ancient words:

mene, mene, tekel, u-pharsin Anyone got such a magic pen? Cowan Duff, now living in Donegal after a lifetime in Sunderland. Contact via my wife, Catherine on 00447951960715 or katyduff@hotmail.co.uk or cowan.duff@glen-villa.co.uk

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Don't forget. it's on this Mark and Orla Neely's Saturday TAWNEY TRACTOR RUN & Family Barn Da

ON SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2024

The

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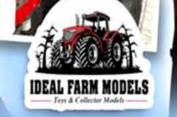
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Tirconaill Tribune Thursday 29th August 2024 A Milford lady and her scrapbooks



February 1984 Sr. Miriam from Loreto College Milford pictured receiving the keys of an Open Corsa car from John Riches, Marketing Director of Opel, Ireland at McMahon's Garage, Milford. The car is the main prize in a draw limited to 600 members of the Loreto 600 Club confimed to parents, past pupils and friends of Loreto Milford. Also pictured are John Forde, Opel, John McHugh, salesman McMahon's Garage, Sr. Marie Celine, Principal, Sean O'Donnell, committee chairman, Derek McMahon and Mary McAteer, committee secretary.

Eileen O'Sullivan was a teacher in Scoil Mhuire in Milford and lived in the house beside the Milford Garda station with her sisters Winnie and Eithne. The house also doubled as the GP Surgery in the town where her brother Dr. Sean T. was based. During her life she collected newspaper cuttings and her family plan to lend the scrapbooks to the local community to view and copy them. Her nephew Tim writes

My aunt Eileen O'Sullivan, who died twenty years ago, kept scrapbooks for many years, from the 1950s to the 1990s, and they provide a fascinating glimpse into life in Milford and surrounding areas over these decades. They are an important record of local events and of a now departed Ireland and cover a time of optimism and progress for Milford. Eileen was the daughter of two teachers, Timothy, originally from Co Kerry, and Brigid Winifred from Derry, who met while teaching in Milford school, and she lived for many years with her family on the main street in Milford. She too became a teacher after studying at Coláiste Bhríde in Falcarragh and Carysfort Teach-

er Training College in Dublin. She taught in Bridgend and in Carndonagh before returning to Milford where she taught alongside colleagues such as her father, Jim McGettigan, Molly McBride, Mae Blaney and others. Eileen had a great love of teaching and was known for her command of Irish, her love of music and her artistic abilities - as well as for her insistence on neatness in handwriting!

Her scrapbooks cover a wide range of themes, from Church life to politics and education, church and school openings, weddings and funerals, death notices and memoriam cards, recipes, song lyrics and house sale notices, local tragedies and events of global

importance relating to famous personalities such as President Kennedy or Princess

Diana. The scrapbooks offer an interesting record of progress and new developments,

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particularly in education. In 1959, the Derry Journal reported on the opening of a new national school in Milford, by the then Minister for Education and future Taoiseach, Jack Lynch TD. Teachers at that time included Jim McGettigan, Stella Ward and Eileen O'Sullivan. There are also cuttings on the opening of the new technical school in 1958 and of the new Loreto secondary school in the 1960s.

Developments in the Catholic Church locally are another theme of the scrapbooks. Thus, there are cuttings on the building of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Kerrykeel in 1958 and St Peter's Church, Milford in 1961 and on the erection in the 1960s of a Memorial for the Bunlin Scalan

strong interest in Church life, in priests and in clerical changes and appointments. Dramatic or tragic moments are also covered, such as the sudden death of Fr Arthur McLoone, former Presi-

> dent of St Eunan's College, Letterkenny, at its 50th anniversary celebrations in 1956.



Eileen O'Sullivan (left) in Scoil Mhuire Milford with fellow teachers Mae Blaney and Mary Agnes O'Donnell



IN August last, Sister Margery Therese Harkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harkin, of Golan, Milford, made perpetual pro-fession of yows in the confession of vows in the con-gregation of Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate. This contemplative mus-

sionary congregation is based in Monroe, New York, in the United States. The Sisters live a contem-

plative life and bring the fruits of this life out to the people for whom they were

founded... the rejected and neglected, those allenated from God and from His Church and all who they meet in their door-to-door visitation and catechetical instruction. They work under the direction of the pastor of the parish in which they labour for souls. Sister Margery Therese met the Sisters of this con-gregation at a Charismatic gregation at a Charlsmatic prayer meeting in Brooklyn, New York. She is presently serving

as an eighth-grade cate-chist, doing door-to-door visitation, and is a Euchar-istic Minister to shut-ins, all in St. Paul's Parish, in West Haven Connecticut

Haven, Connecticut. Pictured with Sister Margery Therese are her two sisters, Mrs. Ann Kelly and Mrs. Mary Bernard.

Ann, husband Sean and their family travelled from Milford to New York for the occasion and Mary, with her husband, Serge; and their sons from Canada also attended.

Sister Margery Therese Harkin with her sisters Mrs. Mary Bernard and Mrs. Ann Kelly after her profession of vows in 1984.

gratulated on reaching his 101st

The scrapbooks cover endings as well as beginnings. The Creeslough Hotel closed in 1956 and Colaiste Bhríde in Falcarragh in 1961. It had been a highly respected Irish language preparatory college for the education of female primary school teachers and had been run since the 1920s by the Loreto Order. Many pu-Cuttings about friends or pils, including Eileen herself, neighbours from other started out there on the path to teaching and benefited from its election leaflets. Neil Blaney was the major figure in Donegal politics for much of the period and the scrapbooks cover developments during his time as a Minister and later, as well as election material relating to Fine Gael and later Sinn Féin and other parties. Tragic events are also included, such as road or farm accidents or the Arranmore tragedy in 1951, when three people were lost after a boat capsized off Arranmore. Although it had happened back many sports cuttings, although there is an item about the wedding of the noted runner, Danny McDaid to Milford lady Kathleen Gillespie!

The scrapbooks were intended primarily as a family resource and include many private family items, such as postcards from relatives, but they also reflect Eileen's a passionate interest in her local community in North Donegal.

Knowledge of history, including local history, is important to

ORTHCOMING MARRIAGES MR. N. T. BLANEY. T.D.-MISS E. CORDUFF.

MISS E. CONDUPT. The marriage arranged between Neil T. Bisney. T.D. Minister r Local Government, and Miss Eva-rduiff will take place in Univer-tr. Church. St. Stephen's Green. ublin. on Wednesday. 7th Octo-it, at 9.30 a.m. Reception after-ards at the Shelbourne Hotel.

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Mass Rock outside Milford. Eileen was a committed Catholic and her scrapbooks reflect a birthday. the ordinations and funerals of

Blaney-Corduft - President de Blaney-Corduit - President de was in Valera and the Taolseach. Mr. Father Lemass, attended the marriage in University Church, Dublin, of Crowe Mr. Neil T. Blaney, Minister for Mrs. J Local Government, son of the bridey late Mr. and Mrs. N. Blaney, and J Rossnekill, Letterkenny, to Miss Mary Eva Corduit daughter of Mrs. Mary Was performed by Father Andrew Church St. assisted Crowe, C.C. Univer Father Mrs. John P bride) was man and Master Eva Corduff, daughter of Mr. and The best M. Concerent The cerent I Pa Corduil, Rossport, Mrs (brother Ballina Title The ST Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing.

Neal T. Blaney gets married in October 1959 and above the announcement of his marriage.

Christian churches also Mr David Graham, who was described in a cutting as an active member of the Ramelton Presbyterian community, was con-

feature. In March 1970, excellent education, notably in the Irish language. There are also cuttings from 1984 on the departure of the last two inhabitants from Innisfree island.

Politics features strongly in the scrapbooks, notably through

in the 1920s, the Creeslough Owencarrow train disaster was also recalled in a cutting from the 1950s, which looked back at that tragic episode.

There are some gaps in the scrapbooks! Eileen did not have much interest in sport so there are not

community identity so Eileen's family now plans to lend the scrapbooks to the local community so that material of interest can be copied as a community resource.

Tim O'Sullivan



The opening of the Milford Technical School in September 1958

Ignore the bleatings of Simon Harris who has proclaimed that "As long as I'm Taoiseach, no active farmer is going to pay a residential land tax – simple as." So where's Harris been since 2021 when as a Member of the Cabinet, the government voted this measure into a legislative process? The reality is that successive governments have made quite the balls out of property taxes and it all started with Fianna Fail in 1977. They won the general election on a promise to abolish local domestic rates, car taxes and what the hell not. Of course they won and County Councils have not made up the deficits in their budgets ever since.

Over eighteen months ago when the Tribune first reported on the Residential Zoned Land Tax, concerns had arisen in Letterkenny that tracts of land for development could be the subject to compulsory orders if it was not developed for residential use.

The new tax is to prevent land hoarding and seems more applicable to south Dublin rather than the wilds of Donegal. In real terms this could add up to multiples of the 3% market value in this tax, but if the land is simply green fields, how can the government expect to levy a fee in excess of at least €60/75,000 annually? What if farmers are forced to sell parcels of land to pay the tax?

Surely, with this proposal dating back to 2021, the Government had ample time to iron out the official wrinkles? And Simon Harris, as a Government Minister never said a word in public in support of the farmers facing big bills. Ignore the bleatings of Simon Harris who has proclaimed that "As long as I'm Taoiseach, no active farmer is going to pay a residential land tax – simple as," the Taoiseach added.

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"To saddle genuine farmers with huge tax bills in an attempt to be seen to solve the housing crisis is very cynical," he said.

IFA is calling on the Minister to announce this exemption before Budget 2025 to alleviate the fear and anxiety felt by many farmers who have farmland that falls under residential zoning development plans But now with an election on the horizon, the government, seemingly, has taken cold feet and rather than fall into a row with landowners, the Finance Minister has decided to postpone the tax for another year. And this has led to complaints by members of the Green

the tax was being deferred. But how could it go ahead right in the shadow of an election that could cost the government dearly in rural constituencies? Given that the land tax was

Given that the land tax was legislated for back in 2021, and deferred in last year's budget so that everyone could grow more turnips, nevertheless this was a stunt to keep the farmers happy. And with derogation, wetting of big tracts of the countryside, I'd say that by now the realisation has dawned. There is not a chance of any more land being created on this part of the Universe.

This tax measure is promoted by the Government to incentivise landowners to use existing planning permissions for housing. Jack Chambers said he is working on proposals to defer the residential zoned land tax for a further year, and this is to exclude active farmers from this tax. Really: I thought farmers farmed the land and that was it!

His comments came after Taoiseach Simon Harris said it is "offensive" to describe farmers as land-hoarders and defended plans to defer the tax. But when did the government listen to the farmers? "This land tax is absolutely about making sure people can't hoard land. It was never meant to be about penalising an active farmer," said the Taoiseach and he might not realise that farming eats up so much of Ireland's land mass. But that's his promise which is more than a tall order because the IFA has warned that the new land tax will have a significant impact on many farmers with lands adjoining towns and villages throughout rural Ireland. As expected, the new tax is viewed with trepidation by landowners and the farming community who are concerned that private farmland may be brought under the scope of the tax. The Irish Farmers' Association said that it has engaged senior counsel to examine if the measure is unconstitutional.

The Association said that it wants to examine all potential aspects of the new legislation, including its implementation, the operation of the tax, and constitutional issues.

The Tax replacing the Vacant Site Levy was introduced in the Finance Act 2021 as a way of activating zoned, serviced residential lands for housing. It is going to be an annual tax, with owners of zoned, serviced land liable

The aim of the tax – which was supposed to apply from 2024, according to the government - is to activate land for residential development throughout the country rather than to raise revenue. Who ever heard of a government tax whose principal objective was not to raise money? Otherwise the proposal would be baseless. In the last ten years or so, successive governments have introduced three property taxes: namely the local property tax (LPT): the vacant homes tax (VHT) and the residential zoned land tax (RZLT).

The controversial Tax that has already been identified in new 'supplemental maps' but does the government know if that would make any difference or lead to thousands of hectares being freed to allow the track machines to cut out the foundations of new developments. Minister for Finance Michael McGrath and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien originally announced the publication of supplementary maps by a number of local authorities. Commenting on the release, Minister McGrath said: "This is an important step in the RZLT implementation process whereby, following the draft map publication, additional land within the scope of the tax has been identified by a number of



local authorities and third parties. Residential properties, while they might be on the map, are not liable for the tax if they are subject to Local Property Tax. Replacing the Vacant Site Levy, the RZLT is an annual tax, with owners of zoned, serviced land liable. Where land becomes both zoned and serviced, tax is chargeable in the third year after the year in which it comes within the scope of the tax. Land that is liable for the new is shown on maps prepared by the local authorities. Draft maps were initially published but objections and challenges - primarily to do with owners of farms and agricultural land - meant that the revised maps were delayed, to January 2025. This meant that the first liability date, initially May 2024 is now February 2025. Maps will be updated annually to reflect changes in the zoning and servicing status of land.

It is almost a year since the Members of the Council were told of a significant change to the controversial land tax that was being mooted.

Here in Donegal the land tax first featured in the Tribune noting that Councils were to be contacted by the Government about applications in the farming community.

Cllrs were told that the Local Authority has been notified that lands zoned as 'Strategic Residential Reserve will not now be liable for the tax. Last year the Government was called upon to end confusion over the new tax and who it applies to due to concern and anger it was causing in particular to members of the farming community.

The IFA and politicians from all persuasions were emphatic in their call that farmers should not be liable for the 3% tax and that they should be contacted by local authorities about de-zoning their land to ensure they didn't receive a bill that could cost them tens of thousands of euro per year. However, the amendment now introduced means that only lands zoned residential will be liable for the tax. Farmers on the outskirts of town simply earning a living and who were in no way sitting on vast swathes of land that could be used to build houses had been facing the fear of an exorbitant tax bill. In the case of the 'Letterkenny Town Plan' the policy clearly provides that lands zoned as 'Strategic Residential Reserve' will not be developed during the lifetime of the Plan. Therefore, these lands will benefit from an exclusion from the scope of the tax and should not be placed on the RZLT map. The land will be required to be revalued every three years from the initial valuation date. It remains to be seen how much revenue these property taxes will actually raise or what effect they will have on housing supply or on the cost of purchasing land. What we can be more certain about is that the issues of taxation and housing and health will be two of the priorities in Budget 2025. Rather oddly, it's been like that for forty years or more.

Party that they were not aware





Brendan Tiny Vaughan home on holidays from London took a trip to the Creeslough Fair Day.

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Andrea McGarvey making a presentation to Noreen Ellis to mark her retirement

Noreen Ellis retires from HSE

Friday saw Noreen Ellis close one big chapter of her life. The official working career has come to a conclusion after a remarkable 44 years service with the HSE. When Noreen started in 1980 her employer was the North Western Health Board. Back then she was working in administration on the St. Conal's Hospital Campus. But, for the last 28 years Noreen has been the first point of contact with the Drug and Alcohol Counselling/Advisory Service at St. Eunan's Court on Letterkenny's Back Road.

Staff past and present came along to wish Noreen well in retirement at a farewell function in her honour. Among those in attendance were Hughie McBride, a founding member of the Addiction Counselling Services at St. Conal's Hospital

over 40 years ago. Other retired colleagues present that Noreen would have worked with included Bridgeen Doherty, Josephine Stewart,

Mary Blake and Roisin McBride. On behalf of the local HSE management Rosemary Hannigan acknowledged Noreen's long and dedicated service. Cora Harvey, the Head of the Donegal Addiction Counselling Services also paid tribute to Noreen's hugely important administrative role that was so important to allow other staff to get on with their jobs in an efficient and effective manner. So no more early morning drives from Fintown for Noreen. More time to spend with family and friends. More time as well to follow the fortunes of Naomh Conaill. Noreen is wished good health and happiness to enjoy her retirement.



Noreen Ellis with her husband James, son Cathal and Teresa White, daughter Edel and Mickey O'Donnell, son Seamus and Eimear Quigg.



Noreen Ellis with Donegal Addiction Service staff Louise Foy, Adrian Daly, Cora Harvey, Marie McCool and Carol Corcoran



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Noreen Ellis with Roisin McBride, Hughie McBride and Josephine Stewart

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Ballymacool controversy not resolved

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The Ballymacool Development Group has expressed disappointment at the outcome of Tuesday night's Letterkenny Town Council meeting which had been called to discuss the rezoning of lands in the area.

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A planning application for 571 houses is under consideration by the Council after they agreed to a material contravention last May.

This week's meeting heard that the members did not have the authority to revoke an earlier decision in the present circumstances. They also heard if the decision was ever overturned it could have serious legal and financial implications for the Council.

A spokesperson for the Ballymacool residents said the Council had failed to grasp the importance of the unique and historical nature of the landscape adding that focus seemed to be on residential development only.

A proposal to have the rezoning decision reversed was ruled out of order on Tuesday night. Five of the eight councillors present voiced concerns about the variation of the Letterkenny & Environs Plan prior to the local elections.

As a consequence of the decision more than sixty acres has been zoned as residential in Ballymacool.

The Town Council is to invite the de- ter for needs of the whole veloper Sean McWilliams to a meeting community rather than to discuss the plans, which includes a allowing blanket building twenty acres public park. of houses and apartments

The planning application is now un- which only benefited the der consideration by Donegal County developer. Cllr. Gerry Mc-Council. Only a small strip of the land Monagle said that already concerned is in the Town Council there were 360 houses in the Ballymacool area and

During this week's meeting called the numbers could now at the behest of the Ballymacool resi- rise to over 900. He said dents, Cllr. Neil Clarke requested the there were other developsuspension of standing orders for a ments also mooted in the debate on the revoking of the decision: area including the new he was told that under the Local Gov- Leisure Centre that would ernment regulations his proposal was lead to a crisis situation. Cllr. Jean Crossan said not allowed.

Town Mayor Dessie Larkin said that a people's views had to be resolution with the signatures of five taken into account on the Councillors could be brought forward application. to begin the process of having the decision changed.

Later in the meeting Cllr. Clarke failed to have the matter raised under urgent business. He claimed a decision on the planning application could be made in the next couple of weeks. He said there was little consideration given in the plan for the construction of footpaths, upgrading of roads and improving sewerage services. He added that the local authority should be endeavouring to make decisions that ca-

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Princess Grace Kelly and Prince Karl Harvey at the crowing of the Prince and Princess of the Park for the Friends of the Letterkenny General Hospital Garden Fete with Miss Ireland Natasha Nic Garbheith. Photo-Clive Wasson

Carrigart Riding School presents cheque to Oncology Unit



The total money raised at the Carrigart Vintage Rally and the Creeslough Festival of "Guess the Height and Weight of the Mare" in aid of the Patients Comfort Fund in the Oncology Unit at Letterkenny General Hospital was €2000. The event at both venues was organised by The Carrigant Riding Centre and thanks to them for their hard work and also to all that took part and helped out on both days. The winners at the Creeslough Festival was Height (15 and half hands) Helen Montgomery, Dunfanaghy; Weight (689 kilos) - Ciaran Duffy, Creeslough. The cheque of €2000 was handed over to Angela McGinley, Oncology Unit at Letterkenny by Kenneth Buchanan, Carrigart Riding Centre. Kenneth with friends are pictured above with the Mare during the Creeslough Festival. Photo by Brendan Vaughan.



St. Michael's captain Danny Langan receiving the Northern League Cup following their victory over Fanad Gaels in Milford.

250th Anniversary Service in Ballymore

John's Church Ballymore for the Spe- Stanley Johnston. cial Anniversary Service to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Church, The Preacher was the Bishop of Derry and the readers were Vi Thorbourn **ago** which was held on Sunday night last. & Raphoe the Rt. Rev Ken Good, who and Margaret Campbell. Vears years ago :: 20

A large crowd was present in St. The Service was conducted by the Rev. also dedicated Gifts and the Work of There were clergy from all over the di- were served in the Parish Hall during the refurbishment of the Church. The organist was Elizabeth Lawrence

ocese present including the Rev. Noel which Rev. Stanley Johnston made Moore a past Rector of the Parish presentations to Bishop Goode and to

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Following the service refreshments

the Organist Elizabeth Lawrence.



The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe The Rt. Reverend Ken Good pictured with neighbouring clergy and clergy from throughout the Diocese at the service to mark the 250th Anniversary of St. John's Church in Ballymore on Sunday.

Reverand Stanley Johnston and Reverend Shiela Johnston cutting the cake to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of St. John's Church in Ballymore.



light the inadequacies of the roads and footpaths in the town has asked the Town and County Councils to make the areas more user friendly to wheelchair users. As part of the fundraising for

the Mental Health Services Jimmy Kavanagh a participant in the Prince of the Park, came up with the idea. As well as highlighting the problems for wheelchair users they collected over 600 Euro for the fund.

Cllr Harte said "It was an eye opener for me to experience the practical problems that wheelchair users encounter when attempting to negotiate the town. In the four hours that I was in the wheelchair I learned more about the state of the roads and footpaths in the town than I would learn

I will be asking that the two disabled parking spots at the Market Square be reinstated . I have concluded that the type of brick used in the pavements are unsuitable as the eventually become loose and this can cause a problem for wheelchair. There are parts of the High Road that I found impossible to negotiate without the assistance of Jimmy Kavanagh.

"It took me almost 45 minutes to get from the Hospital car park to the main street." Cllr Harte has asked the Town Engineer to accompany him around the various spots that are a problem "I appreciate that much work has been done over the years but it is imperative that we look at these problems so that the elderly, those pushing prams

As a local authority we have signed up to the Barcelona Declaration to promote disability awareness and ensure the rights of people with disabilities to be different and their right to receive personal attention. We must strive to achieve this" concluded Cllr Harte.

What happened to the Oldtown Link Road?

What ever happened to the Letterkenny UDC plans to link Dunne's Stores at Oldtown Bridge with the main Glenties Road near O'Donnell Park? That was the question posed by SF's Gerry McMonagle at a town council meeing this week.

McMonagle claimed that plans for the bypass had been shelved by the previous Council after the Sallaghagraine site

Brogan said that the Oldtown link road had not been scrapped.

Cllr. McMonagle asked for an update on plans for the route which he said would ease the traffic congestion at Ballymacool where an application for 571 houses has been made. Then on Wednesday Mc-Monagle said he had been told by Town Clerk Paddy Doherty that plans for the relief route were not dead in the water and that a strip of ground was still available at the rear of the new Leisure Complex which would allow the link road to proceed. "The relief road shouldn't have been scrapped at the of the time the new Lei-

sure Complex site was agreed. It would be of immense value now with the proposed Ballymacool development and

Cllr. Jimmy Harte who spent Friday afternoon in a wheelchair in Letterkenny

pictured with Jimmy Kavanagh and John Mangan. coming on stream along the Paddy

would ease the traffic pressure with Harte Road. Now because of a lack other commercial developments of funding the bypass looks a long way off," he said.

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The latest plan involved putting a life sized mural on the pebble dashed gable wall of the GAA centre and it was a very daunting task due to the uneven terrain and not too many had previously attempted such an undertaking. Noel Bradley undertook the plan knowing that it was something that would challenge the mettle of all concerned but he had the confidence that it would work.

group had showed tremendous commitment and success in any project undertaken. The job involved a huge amount of talent and creativity and the finished mural is testimony to the skills of all involved.

A professional artist, George Roddy from Fahan was



Some of the workers on the murals in Downings.

He said that over the previous couple of years the men's Downings GAA club lent their full support and to say that finished the work adds immensely to the building is a huge understatement.

Local Cllr. Noel McBride provided help with the painting costs while scaffolding was brought in from SamHire in Letterkenny: and so the scene was now set to start on the project. It was a truly community effort with empty barrels and planks being sourced locally and of course the local pubs all lent a big hand. The job took six days to finish and the main players included Tony O'Reilly: employed to lend his ex-Prionnsias Mac Giolla Bhride: Joe McBride (Earagail): Denis Sweeney: Mark pertise and the real life McGreevy: Paddy Fenie McBride: Finian McClafferty along with George Roddy dimensions of this mural and supporters and advisers.



and Cian on their return to Milford on Sunday night. Gold medalist Amber Barrett (below) pictured on her return to Milford on Sunday

night with cousins and friends





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Bia ag Cai with Noel MacLiam

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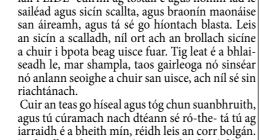
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go leor citheanna a sheasamh linn go bhfuil an corr dealán tuillte againn!

Ó a dhia na haimsire, cá bhfuil tú in uair an ghátair seo? Ach caithfidh muid a bheith dóchasach, a chairde; tá rudaí níos measa ag titim amach ins an domhan mhór. Gan íontas ar bith níl mé ag fáil mórán seans an fulacht deas, nua atá agam a úsáid, cé gur chuimhin liom nuair a bhí mé ag cócaireacht le fulacht uair amháin nuair a bhí sé ag cuir sneachta go trom, rud a bhain mé an-sult as!

Maidir le cócaireacht na laethanta seo, níl sé fómhair go leor le bheith ag ullmhú rudaí níos troime gó fóill, agus mar sin tá mé ag gabháil le sailéidí go fóill. Thit mé i ngrá leis an arán PITTA atá le



I ndiaidh 12 bomaite nó mar sin béidh sé déanta go maith. Fag go n'éiríonn sé fionnuar agus gearr i slísíní, agus béidh sé íontach i gceapaire nó le sailéad deas. Éiríonn an PITTA galánta brioscach ag an imeall, rud atá an-deas.

Fuair mé iasc galánta deas úr ó JACK, agus a veain a théann ó áit go háit gach seachtain le caighdéan éisc in airde aige, agus rogha forlea-than aige i gcónaí; fuair mé píosa deas colmóra agus bhí sé galánta deas.

Rinne mé GOUJONS leis an colmóir, úr agus blasta. Rinne mé scallógaí fosta agus bhain mé úsáid as modh friochta faoi thrí, a úsáidaíonn na bialainn mór le rá. An rud a dhéanann tú ná na Chomh cliste agus a mbéidh tú! Caithfidh mé a scallógaí a bhánú ar feadh 6 bomaite, agus ansin tóg amach as an ola iad; i ndiaidh tamaill ardaigh eile, agus tóg amach arís, ansin ardaigh an teocht

arís agus cuir isteach iad go dtí go bhfuil siad deas órdhonn.

Déanta mar seo, bíonn na scallógaí brioscach ar an taobh amuigh agus deas bog ar an taobh istigh. Ó, píosa eolais aisteach díobh: an focal GOUJON, téann sé ón focal Francach ar GUDGEON air i mBéarla. Mar sin, an chéad uair eile a ordaíonn tú GOUJONS béidh tú ábalta a rá: An bh- Comhábhair fuil a fhios agat an áit as ar thainig an focal sin?



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Cuir ola olóige sa fhriochtán, craiceann síos. Déan le 2bom, cuir píosaí ime thart timpeall air, tiontaigh thart agus ar aghaidh le 4bom eile agus tóg amach. Cuir im sa fhriochtán leis an sú líomóide. Meascaigh go maith agus cuir amach leis an iasc.

ANRAITH PISE le SERRANO agus MIONTAS **Pea Soup with** Serrano and Mint



Comhábhair 4tbsp ola olóige 1 oinniún gearrtha go mín 1 meachán dearg gearrtha go mín

> 2 duilleog labhrais 2 ionga gairleoga 150g Serrano gearrtha go mín 1 dornán beag miontais 500g píseanna úr nó reoite 1 ltr stoc sicíne Salann agus piobar

MODH:

Cuir ola i bpota agus oinniún isteach ann, agus cuir meachán agus duilleog labhrais leis, ansin an gairleoig, dhá thrian Serrano agus leathchuid miontais. Cuir píseanna ann agus i ndiaidh 5bom eile an stoc. Suanbhruith le 5bom eile. Cuir isteach sa leachtaitheoir agus déan deas mín é. Cuir ar ais sa phota leis an Serrano agus Miontas atá fagtha agus cuir amach.

JOHN SHERIDAN MEMORIAL VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW





changed to Saturday 31st august, all welcome. teas and music on the day. 11 am to 4 pm.



Rathmullan Flagpole Field, F92 XR71



Gealltanas. Promise Break, respite Sos. Cith. Shower of rain Dealán Sunny spell Seasamh le. Endured Uair an ghátair. Hour of need Odd Corr. Dóchasach. Hopeful Fómhair. Autumn, autumnal Sicín scallta. Poached chicken Riachtánach. Necessary Brioscach. Crispy I would eat Íosfainn. Pleasant, gentle Lach. Suáilceach. Pleasant, agreeable Bánú. Blanche Golden brown Órdhonn. Teanga iasachta. Foreign language Dhá thrian. Two thirds Leachtaitheoir. Liquidiser Colmóir. Hake

Slevin and McGuigan win Donegal Half Marathon

Gary Slevin took victory in the Donegal Half Marathon in Letterkenny in a time of 73 minutes and 14 seconds. The Foyle Valley man was just over a minute ahead of Letterkenny AC's Ciaran McGonagle (1:15:16) in second, over with Ciaran McGonagle of Letterkenny AC, with Charlie O'Donnell from Rosses AC third (1:16:02).

Letterkenny AC's Claire McGuigan led the senior women home in 1:20:57, from Fiona Stack of Raheny Shamrocks AC (1:20:50) and Maria Ní Mhaolagáin from Rosses AC (1:23:09).

The wet and windy conditions did nothing to dampen the spirits of the field of almost 500 competitors who were set off by race starter, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, shortly before 9.30.

Speaking after the race, Gary Slevin, who is targeting the Valentia Marathon on December 1st, said he was delighted with his win.

"I've just started my marathon training block last week and I used today to get a good run out see to where I am at. I have 14 weeks to get ready for the marathon so it's all about progressing from here. Conditions were absolutely awful out there today. The guys went off very, very quick and I let them go early doors - the pace was bit too fast for what I wanted today. But I worked my way back into it, had a bit left at the end, and passed Ciaran about five or six miles from the end. I kept pushing from there and I knew he was coming behind me, so I was running on fear more than anything and had to keep going.

Clare McGuigan was equally pleased with what was her first Donegal Half Marathon success.

"It's a tough enough course. In through the town was flat, there were a few rolling hills on the way out the back road. It was tough, too, in the wind,

but there was good running on the main road on the way in. I was on my own for a good part of the race and managed to get up in behind a group at around six miles, so it was a matter of hanging on with them and getting a bit of shelter. I felt good and enjoyed the race," she said.

Donegal Half Marathon Committee Chairman, Myles Sweeney, was extremely happy with how Sunday's event went.

"It's been another wonderful success, and it's great to see such a big turnout. It's great to feel the buzz, and it's great to see the support. The conditions were poor, but it hasn't deflated the event in any way and hopefully, everybody enjoyed it," he commented.

"It's hard to believe it's ten years since the first race was held. The event is going from strength to strength, and I'm delighted with the community effort because it is a community event. The biggest number taking part are at participation level and are there to achieve their own personal goals. We also have the elite runners at the front of the field and it's great to see that as well. This event shows that there is no reason elite and participation can't work together.

"We've seen a runner here today start the Letterkenny AC Fit4Life Programme maybe a year ago. And all of a sudden, here he is running in a half marathon. That's a huge achievement, so obviously he's got the running bug. That's what you want to see - more people participating and taking their health more seriously and getting involved in sport and physical activity," the chairman added.

The main sponsor of this year's Donegal Half Marathon is the Kernan Retail Group.





The first lady home Claire McGuigan and first man Gary Slevin with Danny McDaid



Paul Skinnader, Stephen Sheridan, Annette Sheehy, Nancy McNamee and Eoin Sheehy





Runners in the rain in the Donegal Half Marathon on Sunday.

Rathmullan news

John Sheridan Memorial Classic Car show Due to the inclement weather last weekend, The John Sheridan Memorial Vintage Car Rally did not take place last Sunday, but has been rescheduled for this coming Sunday, 1st September at the Rathmullan Flagpole Field. All cars welcome and it's sure to be a great day out for all the family with Craft makers, teas and music by 'The Odysseys', 11am to 4pm, all welcome. Enquiries to 086 8784890.

Tidy Towns

Huge thanks to everyone for their support this year, but with so much happening in Rathmullan with the Uisce Eireann works and the refurbishments at the Pier, we must all remain vigilant and keep on top of the litter situation. So if you notice something where it shouldn't be, then just pick it up and take it to the nearest bin, it's up to us all to play our part. If the bins are full, then simply take the rubbish home, and thank you in advance for 'doing your bit'. However, the waste bins are not for domestic waste, so take yours home. Offenders will be reported to the relevant authorities and can face fines if prosecuted. Dog Feces can contain harmful bacteria which are highly dangerous for humans and especially for children, so it is especially offensive to notice the increase in dog waste along our streets and footpaths once again. A recent study has also now identified dog feces washed into storm water as a significant contributor to water pollution. It is an offence not to clean up after your pet, so use the poo bags, which are available at the beach entrance, and any bin will do. The Makers Market & closure of the Wee Gallery Again, the end of the season has come for the Wee Gallery as it will be closing its doors this Friday afternoon. Thanks to our many customers throughout the summer and the work of the featured artists will also be available at the last summer Makers Markets taking place this Saturday 31st August, at the Boathouse Sheds, from 12 noon until 4pm. There will be a chance to obtain amazing arts and crafts, home baking, hot food, treat the children to face painting, or have your fortune told; and much more, so come along and enjoy the summer vibes. Follow them on

Facebook Rathmullan Makers Markets. **Community Games Finalists**

Best wishes to the young people from Rathmullan and surrounding areas who are off to the Community Games Finals in Carlow during the next few weekends. Safe travels to you all.

Heritage week events

Both Heritage Week events last week were very well supported. Huge thanks to Donegal County Council Biodiversity Office with support funding from The Heritage Council, through the County Biodiversity Action plan programme for facilitating the Nature North West Walk & Talk event led by Aengus Kennedy. Despite the inclement weather, it was a very informative afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants some of whom travelled from Killygordon and Letterkenny to enjoy our fabulous coastal heritage. There was also an overwhelming attendance at the 'Building Knockalla Coast Road', which was a fitting tribute to the men involved in its construction, with spectacular photography, again highlighting the magnificent coastal scenery. Congratulations to Rathmullan History & Heritage group and presenter Arthur Lynch for reviving these memories and documenting this important section of our local history.



Frita Friday

These hugely popular evening performances are coming to an end unfortunately. The Frida's Finale 30th will feature the popular & mesmerising Victoria Geelan, who will be accompanied by the amazing talented pianist, Dee Doherty. The evening is hosted by Carole Wilson Music in An Stad, from 7pm where you can consume Sandra's delicious tapas accompasome of the best entertainers available. However, due to the popularity of the venue, food, the 'craic agus ceoil, it is advisable to book in advance to ensure your attendance.

Inch Mile

The annual Inch Mile Swim takes place this Saturday 31st August and is fully subscribed, but there full timetable and costs, with the service moving

Hazel Russell accepting donation of €140 on behalf of RNLI Lifeboats, from Jane Watt, part proceeds of her summer 'Beach Yoga on Kinnegar' which included participants from Rathmullan, Ray, Kerrykeel and Milford.

are still places available on the 500m swim.... see eventmster.ie. for registration details. This is a competitive timed event, when Swimmers will be taken out on the Swilly Ferry to Inch island to swim back of the Summer this coming Friday evening, August to shore. Each participant will receive a silicone Swim Ireland hat and finishers medal, while there will also be category prizes for both wetsuit and skins swimmers. Limited T Shirts available on the day. The event is being hosted by Gartan Open Water Swimmers and Donegal Sports Partnership in nied by a glass of wine, while being entertained by association with Swim Ireland and supported by local Rathmullan businesses, and spectators especially welcome on the day.

The Swilly Ferry

The Buncrana Ferry is fully operational with regular sailings per day, and has been very busy throughout the summer months. Please see swillyferry.com for

to the September timetable from Sunday onwards. With the ongoing works at the pier, please follow road signs and be patient with other road users, as undoubtedly there will be times of congestion. Lifeguards

Many thanks to our Lifeguards who have been on duty throughout the summer months. Please note that their Monday to Friday service will be ceasing, and they will only be on duty at weekends going forward.

St Vincent De Paul

This time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, especially with family and household costs, and children shortly returning to school costs, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need. Please feel free to contact any member of the Chapter in confidence, on 087 698 2822.

25th September is #LoveDonegal Day



This years' #LoveDonegal day will take place on Wednesday, 25th September and let's work together to make it bigger and better than ever! Last year's #LoveDonegal broke the internet and became a world-wide phenomenon, reaching a global audience of 85 million across 24 hours and rising to nearly 125 million throughout the weekend!

#LoveDonegal is an important day in the calendar as it brings all of those with a connection to our beautiful county, from all corners of the world, together to proclaim their love for Donegal.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Niamh Kennedy is urging everyone to celebrate #LoveDonegal this year, saying that this is a great opportunity for people from Donegal as well as those people who have a great affinity for the county to share their thoughts with the rest of the world.

"I'm calling on all the people of Donegal near and far to give a huge shout out to the place they call home and to support Love Donegal Day on Wednesday, 25th September".

"Over the last number of years, we

well known Donegal people who are only too pleased to support their county and highlight what makes it so unique. Last year's response was incredible, and we hope to continue that momentum in 2024".

All you have to do is use the #Love-Donegal or #DúnnanGallAbú in your social media posts (across twitter and Instagram) on Wednesday the 25th September.

Don't forget to tag us on Instagram through @Donegal_IrelandsDNA! Look out for competitions and more information in the weeks to come. Tweets and posts can include:

· Visiting, travelling and exploring Donegal.

 \cdot The people of Donegal.

The landscape, coastline, islands, landmarks and scenery of Donegal. · Music, Arts, Sport, Marine, Culture, Food.

· Local Businesses based in Donegal, working remotely and the Working Holiday Campaign.

· The Gaeltacht region and the Irish language.

More information on how to get involved in the campaign are available



Class 1A Errigal College 1st Years on their first day with staff Marisa Roarty, Deirdre Markham (Deputy Principal), Danny McFadden (Principal), Marie Crossan (Yearhead) and Phyllis Gallagher, SNA. Photo Clive Wasson



Class 1C Errigal College 1st Years on their first day with staff Rosemary McHugh, Deirdre Markham (Deputy Principal), Danny McFadden (Principal), Marie Crossan (Year head), Elaine McGettigan and Joan Brannigan, SNA. Photo Clive Wasson





100% Redress Party to Establish Local Cumainn

Class 1B Errigal College 1st Years on their first day with staff Frank Keaney, SNA, Deirdre Markham (Deputy Principal), Danny McFadden (Principal), Marie Crossan (Yearhead), Elaine McGettigan and Conor Bradley, SNA. Photo Clive Wasson

In an effort to strengthen the 100% Redress Party, two more information evenings have been announced, aimed at establishing local cumainn. These events will provide an opportunity for supporters



committed members who can influence policy and contribute to the Party's ongoing efforts, we can bring about change meaningful which is so desperately needed." Cllr Tomas Sean

and interested people to learn more about the Party's mission, goals and how those attending can actively contribute to its growth at grassroots level.

Although not focussed on one issue, the Party has principally been advocating for a genuine 100% redress scheme for all property owners affected by the defective concrete crisis.

Cllr Joy Beard (Buncrana), commented: "With a strong network of

Devine (Letterkenny), said: "There are so many issues that need to be redressed. I urge everyone to come along to our information meetings, get involved and meet the team." Details of events

Monday 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Buncrana Youth Club, Castle Avenue, Buncrana

Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm in the Villa Rose Hotel, Ballybofey.

Details of further meetings will be announced in due course.



Class 1D Errigal College 1st Years on their first day with staff Eileen McGeever, SNA, Cora Higgins, Deirdre Markham (Deputy Principal), Danny McFadden (Principal), Marie Crossan (Year head), Moira Gillespie, SNA and Melissa McCormack, SNA. Photo Clive Wasson.

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Portsalon Golf Club Horkan wins Presidents Prize

Donal Callaghan Snr held his Presidents prize on Saturday, the final Major of the summer for gents and ladies, and it was Garrett Horkan (30) that won the top prize with a fine score of 41 points. Heavy showers throughout the day ensured that playing conditions were often testing. Diarmuid Logue (6) took next-best with a superb 40 pts, while Sarah Nicholl (21) was also able to tally 40 pts for third place ahead of Giles Kilpatrick (21), also on 40 pts. The gents gross went the way of former Captain Eamonn McConigley (5) with 30 gross pts, while Claire McGonagle (5) won the Ladies gross with 27 gross pts. Paul Armstrong held off the competition to take the not-to-be-sniffed at distinction of Best Past President.

Donal thanked everyone that played on the day for turning out and for the continuing courtesy that is shown to him Longest Drive Ladies: Rachel Hall. by everyone in the club. He also paid a special debt of thanks to his predecessor, Paul Armstrong, and Club Manager Daragh Lyons for their invaluable assistance across recent years in his various roles within Portsalon GC.

gathering that Donal has held almost Cormac McIntyre in the final, with

every position imaginable within the club, with great distinction, while Lady Captain Noreen McConigley paid tribute to Donal for the excellent steering job he has done in recent years as the popularity of our President was clear for all to see.

Donal Callaghan's Presidents Day -Saturday 24th August - Winner: Garrett Horkan (30) 41 pts; Runner-up: Diarmuid Logue (6) 40pts BOT; Third: Sarah Nicholl (21) 40pts BOT; Fourth: Giles Kilpatrick (21) 40pts; Men's Gross: Eamonn McConigley (5) 30gross pts; Ladies Gross: Claire McGonagle (5) 27 gross pts; 1st Nine: Ger Hardiman (34) 21pts; 2nd Nine: Francis Shanahan (26) 22pts; Past President: Paul Armstrong; Nearest The Pin Men: Joe Ferry; Near-

est The Pin Women: Geraldine Hickland; Longest Drive Men: Sean Hensey;

Juniors enjoy Major day in Portsalon Thursday was 'Major day' for the juniors in Portsalon with the annual staging of the Kernaghan Cup and Shaw Shield.

The Kernaghan Cup - for junior golfers without an official handicap - was Captain Pat Horner told the assembled won by Jack Sweeney after he defeated

> Christian Givan and Ruairi Hull the defeated semi-finalists. Well done to all and definitely some bright talents on display. The Shaw Shield - for under-18's with an official Golf Ireland handicap - was won by Charlie Patton playing off 12 with a superb tally of 38 points as he pipped 14-handicapper Harry Brown on the break-oftie.

Thanks to Junior Convenor Eamonn McConigley and Club Manager Daragh Lyons for their invaluable help today and all year - without them it wouldn't be Hugh Gallagher winner of the Ed Margey's possible – and to all that President's Prize at Letterkenny Golf Club with assisted on the course, in



Portsalon Ladies

Congratulations to Garrett Horkan who won the President's Prize and to the ladies who featured on the day. Sarah Nicholl returning 40pts BOT to take 3rd and Claire McGonagle taking the Ladies Gross with 27 gross points.

Frances Shanahan carded a very respectable 22 pts to take the Back 9 and Geraldine Hickland made the Closest to the Pin on the 10th for the ladies. The 11th produced the Longest Drive from Rachel Hall. Well done to all for 35. battling through exceptional wind and

The poor weather continued into Sunday, and the August medal was the casualty as members chose the warmth of home to watch the Women's Open on TV over being blown to the far end of

Mary McDaid

The qualifier for the annual Mary Mc-Daid interclub day will be held on Friday 30th and Sunday 1st September. the locker room. The tournament will be played on the 14th September.

Condolences

Lady Captain Noreen and the ladies branch extend their deepest sympathies to Bernard and all the O'Kane family in Derry on the passing of Sally, who proudly served as our Lady Captain in 2016. Sally passed away peacefully at home on the 20th August. Sally's warmth, kindness and generosity of spirit will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Golf Club

Prizegiving was held in Hunters Bar & Grill on Wednesday night for the following competitions;

Wednesday Open 7/8/24: Dermot Rainey (22) 40, Winner. Hugh Hamilton (23) 38, Runner Up. Darragh Mc Menamin (scratch) 35, Gross. Eddie Harvey (17) 37, 3rd. Ruairi McGlinchey (10) 37, Cat 1. Adrian Daly (13) 37, Cat 2. Paddy Shiels (37) 35, Cat 3.

Saturday Open 10/8/24: 1st Pete Kavanagh (21) 36, 2nd Seamus Lynch (15)

Carpet Interiors Open 11/8/24: 1st Philip Gillespie (19) 44. 2nd Ian Daly (15)39. Gross Kevin Rafferty (1) 38. 3rd Garvan McGahey (23) 38. Cat 1 Oisin MacLochlainn (6) 35. Cat 2. Martin Kelly (15) 38, Cat 3. Tim Fletcher (23)

C & M Embroidery Open 14/8/24: Greg Sullivan (21) 43, Winner. Michael P O'Donnell (14) 42, Runner Up. Darragh McMenamin (-1) 34, Gross. Tony Logue (14) 40, 3rd. Martin Gallagher Don't forget to sign the entry sheet in (8) 40, Cat 1. Laurence Duggan (19) 37, Cat 2. Gerry O'Sullivan (24) 38, Cat 3. Fit20 Open 17/8/24: 1st and Gross Liam Sweeney (8) 38; 2nd Darragh McGrath (18) 38, 3rd Michael Nelis (10) 37, Cat. 1 Paddy Hannigan (10) 36, Cat. 2 Paul Carr (13) 35, Čat 3. Garvin McGahey (22) 37.

> Sunday Stroke Monthly Medal 18/8/24: 1st David McCormick 75-1=74 Nett, Winner. Mark Friel 90-15=75 Nett, Runner Up.

The results of Mr. President Ed Margey's day from 24/08/24 were : Hugh





Garret Horkan, winner of Donal Callaghan's President Prize at Portsalon Golf Club on Saturday last with 41pts receiving his prize from Donal

Gallagher (15) 42, Winner. Kenny King (8) 40, 2 & Nearest The Pin. Kevin Rafferty (1) 37, Gross. Kieran Sweeney (4) 39, 3rd. Enda Mannion (14) 38, Cat 1. Pat Browne (17) 38, Cat 2. Mike Sneddon (26) 37, Cat 3. Pj Nee (7) 37, Committee. Michael O'Donnell (13) 36, Veteran. Paul Ferry (30) 43, Non Qualifying. Gerry O'Sullivan (20) 35, Past President. Brian Carney (20) 21, Front 9. Robbie McHugh (16) 22, Back 9 & Longest Drive.

Cloughaneely Golf Club

President Pádraig O'Grady would like to thank everyone for their support last week with his 2024 President's Prize. A special thank you to Michael Mc-Clafferty form the Strand Road Bar & Kitchen for all his help. Congratulations again to Shaun McGarvey on winning his first major.

Play in Pink Raffle excellent prizes to be won draw on Sunday evening of

the Golf Classic. 1 ticket €5 or 3 for €10. You can enter down at the clubhouse, by contacting anyone from the Ladies Committee.

The Club Classic is on this Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September €120 per team including bbq burger. Thank you to all our Sponsors. Tá an galfchúrsa ar cheann de na háiseanna is lárnaí agus is tábhachtaí sa phobal seo, tá sé ag croílár phobal na Gaeilge sa cheantar agus tugann muid dóchas, comhluadar agus tacaíocht do sciar mór den phobal



rain on the day! Ballymastocker Beach!

President's Day

37, Ċat 3.



President Ed Margey presents Catherine Cooke Harkin and John Russell with the at Mixed Prizeprize at Presidents night at Letterkenny Golf Club



President Ed Margey presents Kieran Sweeney 3rd place with 39pts and Kevin Rafferty, Best Gross Winner 37pts at Presidents night at Letterkenny Golf Club.



The Cranford Golf Society held a fundraiser day in Cloughaneely Golf Club in memory of Francie Doherty in aid of Pieta House. €1,418 raised on the day. Thanks to all who donated on the day



Scenes from the Coffee Morning in the Fanavolty Hall on Sunday in aid of the Parish of Clondavaddog to support the parish in raising funds for the repair and upkeep of the parish churches.



Funeral of Michael (Mickey) Shiels The funeral took place on Sunday of Michael (Mickey) Shiels, Ballylar, Fanad.

Aged 83, Mickey passed away last Thursday at his home surrounded by his family. He was a well known and highly respected member of the

local community. Mickey joined the Gardai as a voung man where he served for six years. He went to be a bus driver for 40 years. Mickey also had farming interests. He was a humble man who enjoyed the simple way of life. Mickey enjoyed card playing. He was a lifelong member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association and was very proud of the Gold Pin he received in recognition of that.

He was predeceased by his son Patrick (2014). Mickey is survived by his wife Sheila, sons Michael and Brian, daughter Kathleen, daughters-in-law Mary, Pauline, and Collette and his son-in-law Alan. He is also survived by his granddaughters Lauren, Aideen, Aoife, Caitlin, Eimear, Niamh and Aisling, his extended family, neighbours and many friends.

Mickey's remains reposed at the family residence from Friday. Requiem Mass took place on Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty where the celebrant was Fr. Anthony Briody who also officiated at the burial afterwards in the adjoining graveyard. Fr. Liam Boyle C.C. Glenswilly was also in attendance for the graveside prayers. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Oíche shóisialta i sean scoil Ghleann Bhairr an tseachtain seo caite.

Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr

Death of Elizabeth (Dot) Carr



nad. Aged

88, Dot

passed away peacefully at the Blackrock Hospice surrounded by her loving family.

She was predeceased only two months ago by her husband of 67 years Barney Carr a native of Ballinacrick. Dot was also predeceased by her son Seán in April 2014.

Dot is survived by her sons Paddy and Eilish (Roestown, Ardee), Brian and Elaine (Shankill) and her daughters Mary and Martin Costello (Knocklyon), Carol (Kilmainham) and Elish and Colin Kelly (Stepaside) and her brother Ger, sisters Laura, Kathleen and Mary.

She is also survived by her grandchildren Kate, Dermot (Sofia) and Maeve, Daniel (Lorraine), Evelyn (Daniel) and Robert, Shane and Ciaran (Megan) and her great-grandchildren Murphy and Lenny, Lois and Alice, and C.J., together with her extended family, neighbours and many friends.

Remains reposed at the family residence at Wooldands Road, Cabinteely from Monday. Removal from there on Tuesday morning for Requi-

em Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Cabinteely. Dot's remains then travelled to St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty to repose overnight. Interment took place in the adjoining graveyard after Scenes from the Social night last week in the old school, Glenvar organised by Mass

Wednesday. Fr. Anthony Briody officiated at the Mass and also at the graveside afterwards. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Fanavolty Ceiligh

Two hand ceiligh dancing will take place in Fanavolty Hall on Tuesday the 3rd September at 8pm. Everyone welcome for a good night's enjoyment and exercise.

Gaeltacht Bheo Fhánada AGM Beidh Cruinniú Cinn Bliana ar siúl dé Máirt 3ú Meán Fómhair 8i.n. in Ionad Phobail Tráigh a'Locha. Bhí bliain iontach againn le neart dul chun cinn, ag cur Gaeilge chun tosaigh sa cheantar, le himeachtaí den scoth m.s. Seachtain na Gaeilge, campaí samhraidh, tráth na gceisteanna, oícheanta áirneáil, sorcas, agus go leor eile. Cad atá romhainn in 2025? Bígí linn. Fáilte roimh achan duine. Gaeltacht Bheo Fhánada's AGM will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 8p.m. in Trialough Community Centre. We had a great year with lots of progress, promoting the use of Irish in the area, with lots of great events e.g. Seachtain na Gaeilge, summer camps, quizzes, social evenings, circus, and much more. What's ahead in 2025? Please join us. All welcome.

Vacancy at Fanad Lighthouse Retail Supervisor

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated person to join our team at Fanad Lighthouse as Retail Supervisor. This is a full-time post. Responsibilities will include overseeing day-to-day operations of our gift-shop and coffee station and implementing the vision and strategy of Teach Solais Fhánada.

For more information please contact: eimear@fanadlighthouse.com This post is supported by Pobal and preference will be given to someone who meets the criteria but is not currently employed. The Closing date is

Friday the 30th of August. Part-time Maintenance and Caretaking Workers required at Fanad Lighthouse under the Tús scheme. In order to be eligible, you must meet the following criteria.

Be continuously unemployed for 12 months or more. Be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance.

People on disability allowance are also eligible to apply. Please contact Áine on 087-2366912 Knockalla Coast Road

The story in words and pictures of on



ty Hall on Friday night The Fanad St. Vincent de Paul Society can be contacted on 0877003732.

The Society is a voluntary organisation available Social Dancing in to help anyone in Fanad who may be experiencthe Milford Hall will ing long-term or short-term difficulties.

re-commence on this The Society is forever grateful to all those who Thursday 29th August donate to our collections. All monies collected in from 8 to 10pm. There Fanad are spent in Fanad.



6th September.

Social Dancing







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Gaeil Fhánada who defeated Na Rossa in the Donegal Intermediate Championship on Saturday evening.

Thursday 29th August 2024

World Junior Sea Angling Championships

gling Championships took place in the Station Juniors (16 to 21 years) takes place from August House Hotel, Letterkenny on Sunday afternoon. 24th to 31st, in Rathmullan / Downings

The official opening of the World Junior Sea An- The 23rd World Championships Boat Angling





Lough Swilly Junior Sea Angling Committee members Paddy Donaghey, Lisa John and Hugh McLean at the Official Opening.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Urbalshinny, Milford

We Eileen Bradley & John Bradley, are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a home office/store, auxiliary to our existing dwelling house, with connection to an existing onsite wastewater treatment system and all other associated site works, at Urbalshinny, Milford, Co. Donegal in the townland of Urbalshinny. 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, $\in 20.00$. 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 Tirhomin Td, Milford

We, William Peoples and Sarah Mulgrew are appermission to erect dwelling house, with wastewater treatment system and percolation area at Tirhomin Td., Milford, Co. Donegal in the townland of Tirhomin. 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, $\in 20.00$, 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.

egal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house, domestic shed and install septic tank at Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal in the townland of Carlan Lower. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of $\in 20$, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

Donegal County Council Clonbara, Falcarragh

I, Donal McGee am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a domestic garage and including making alterations to the existing house at Clonbara, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Clonbara. 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 peof the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.



Pictured Above: Caolan and Odhran Harkin at the opening

Pictured right: Charlie Devlin with Cllrs Ciaran Brogan and Jimmy Kavanagh at the Official Opening on Sunday afternoon

Pictured Below: National Youth Officer Cornie Devlin with two members of the Lough Swilly Junior Sea Angling Club James Donaghey and Hannah John who represented Ireland this week at the World Championships which took place in Downings.



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 obser vation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, $\in 20.00$, 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**

Stackarnagh, Churchill

I, Stephen McDaid am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission of commercial yard and storage unit with all other associated site development at Stackarnagh, Churchill, County Donegal in the townland of Stackarnagh. 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, $\in 20.00$, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date plying to Donegal County Council for planning riod of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered Kilconnell or Glebe. The planning application may by the Planning Authority in making a decision on be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the application.

Acknowledgement

Greer Patsy **Umlagh**, Carrigart

The Greer family would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who sympathised with us on the recent death of Patsy.



Thanks to everyone who attended the wake,

Requiem Mass, gave Mass cards, sympathy cards, messages of condolences and to those who travelled long distances. Our sincere thanks to all those who brought food and helped during the wake. A special word of thanks to Patsy's carers, district nurses and to the doctors and nurses in Letterkenny University Hospital and the I.C.U. Thanks to all those who did readings and participated in the Mass. Our immense thanks to Susan Gallagher for the lovely music.

Thanks to Fr. Charlie Byrne who celebrated the beautiful Mass. Thanks to Gallagher Funeral Directors for the caring and dignified manner in which they carried out the funeral arrangements and thanks to the Carrigart Hotel for the refreshments afterwards.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation.

Patsy's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Friday 30th August in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.



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of Derryconor. 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, $\in 20.00$, 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 Kilconnell or Glebe, Kilmacrennan

I, Liam McGettigan am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to raise existing ground levels of my landholding to improve it for agricultural purposes including all other site development works at Kilconnell or Glebe, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of 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, $\in 20.00$, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

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

Donegal County Council I, Michael Patrick Mc Devitt am applying to Don-

Donegal County Council Drumnatinny, Falcarragh

We, Kevin & Kathleen Corley are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect an extension to the side of our existing dwelling house and construct flat roof dormer window and erect domestic garage at Drumnatinny, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Drumnatinny. 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, $\in 20.00$, 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 Ray, Ramelton

We, Sidney McDaid and Paul McDaid are applying to Donegal County Council for permission of an agricultural shed with all other associated site development at Ray, Ramelton, County Donegal in the townland of Ray. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding

Donegal County Council Rinclevan, **Dunfanaghy**

We, Tommy Martin Doherty & Denise Shine, intend to apply for permission for development at this site at Rinclevan, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Rinclevan. The development will consist of the erection of a dwelling house and installation of a wastewater treatment system with all other associated site development works. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, 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 Derryconor, Gortahork

I, Brid - Siobhan Greene intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a Dwelling House with Septic Tank and all other associated site development works, at Derryconor, Gortahork, County Donegal in the townland

Donegal County Council Drumenan, Breenagh, Letterkenny,

I, Michael McDaid intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a domestic garage with all other associated site development works at Drumenan, Breenagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumenan. 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, $\in 20.00$, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

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Casey, Dunfanaghy

2nd Anniversary

The moment that

you died our hearts

split in two

the one side filled

with memories

the other side died

with you.

In Memoriam



Coll Teresa Breaghy, Port-na-blagh 8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Mother.

The moment that you died my heart was torn in two One side filled with heartache and the other died with you.

I often lie awake at night when the world is fast asleep And take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheeks.

Remembering you is easy I do it everyday But missing you is heartache that never goes away

I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain Until the joyous day

arrives that we will meet again. Loved always and

sadly missed by your daughter Marie and son-in-law Charles.

Teresa's Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 31st at August at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church Creeslough.



McFadden Kathleen Cairn High, Ramelton 2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of Kathleen who died on the 28th August 2022

Your life was one of kindly deeds A helping hand for others needs Sincere and true in heart and mind

Beautiful memories left behind. Always remembered

by your sister Margaret, niece Geraldine nephews Gregory, Damian, Niall, Ray and their families.



Wilhare Sally

Devlinmore, Carrigart 6th Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear wife Sally who died on 2nd September 2018.

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways *Of happy times and* laughing times

of bright and sunny days I'd like the tears of these who grieve to dry before the sun *Of happy memories*

that I leave when life

is done.

Loved and missed

every day by your

Bravely you fought

the battle and in

death we mourn vou

In our hearts you

remain forever.

Fondly remembered

Wilhare

the

by

family.

husband Joseph.

McFadden Paul

Creeslough 2nd Anniversary In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on

In loving memory of a dear husband

2nd September 2022.

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new I thought of you yesterday and days before that too I think of you in silence I often speak your name All I have are memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart.

Loved and dearly missed, your loving wife Annie.

In loving memory of our dear Dad and Grandad

> Precious memories never grow old like winter leaves they turn to gold.

Always remembered by your son Michael Bernie, Michelle and Yvonne.

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

Loved and sadly missed by your son Patrick Helen, Chris, Samantha, Zoe and Mark.

> Though your smile is gone forever and your hand we cannot touch We have so many memories of the father we loved so much Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part

God has you in His keeping and we have you in our hearts. Forever loved and missed by your daughter

Kathleen, son-in-law Anthony, grandchildren Amy, Anthony, Darren and his wife Sharon great grandchildren Jack, James, Niamh and Emer.

> A father's love is so special it's a gift beyond compare You only know the meaning when he is no longer there A special time, a special face, a special father, we can't replace With an aching heart

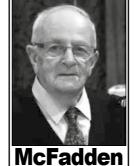
we miss you and love you so. Missing you Daddy and Grandad on your anniversary.

Tenderly we treasure Love you always your daughter Mary Teresa Dave, Daniel and Shannon. memories that will

We think of you in silence We often speak your name but all we have are memories and your picture in a frame

Your resting place we visit, we put flowers there with care, but no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there.

Loved and missed by your daughter Sadie, Danielle, John, Maysie and Leo.



Paul

Creeslough 2nd Anniversary In loving memory of a father, grandfather and great grandfather.

could turn to

good or bad

One of the greatest

blessings the man

I called my father.

Loved and sadly

missed by Margaret,

Though the tears in

my eyes don't glisten

and my face is not

always sad

There is never a

night or morning

but I think of

the Dad I had.

Not a day do I forget

you, in my heart

you're always here

for I loved you and

I miss you as it

ends the second

year.

Always remembered

and sadly missed by

son Paul and daugh-

the past with

always last.

grandchildren Aaron,

Keelan and Lorean,

great grandchildren

Cara, Rose and Shay.

missed by

ter-in-law Mag.

Sadly

Joe and family.

He never looked for praise He was never one to boast

We often lay awake He just went on quietly working for at night when the the ones he loved world is fast asleep the most. And take a walk

down memory His dreams were lane with tears upon seldom spoken our cheeks. His words were very

Remembering you few and most of the times his worries is easy, went unspoken too. we do it every day But missing you is A true friend we a heartache that never goes away. when times were

> We hold you tightly within our hearts and there you will remain.

Life has gone on without you but it will never be the same.

in Forever our thoughts and prayers from your loving husband Leslie and family.



McDaid Alexander (Lexie) 8th Anniversary

Time slips gently by Love and memories never die In our hearts and prayers You will always stay Loved and remembered

every day. Your loving wife Margaret, sons Alexander and Paul, daughter-in-law

Elaine and grand-

Anniversary Mass

will be held in St.

Ramelton at 9.30am

on Sunday

Church,

8th

Acknowledgement

Ashenhurst Frances (nee Burns)

Kilmacrennan, Donegal / Ontario, Canada. Robbie Burns, Anna

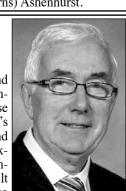
Gamble and family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who called to the house, sent messages, sympathy cards, flowers



and rang on their recent bereavement of their sister Frances (nee Burns) Ashenhurst

Boyle Edmond Port-na-Blagh

The family of Edmond Boyle would like to sincerely thank all those who attended Edmond's wake and funeral and those who sent and expressed heartfelt condolences at this difficult time. Special thanks to Jennifer and her staff at



the Lake House Nursing Home, Port Na Blagh. We thank Fr. Martin Doohan for funeral Mass and unwavering attendance to Edmond during his time in the Nursing Home and to us, the family, extended family and friends during the wake and funeral.

We also thank Fr. John Joe Duffy very much for attending at the burial Service. Also thanks to Ashling and the staff of Arnold's Hotel for the funeral lunch.

We are truly thankful to James and Leo Harkin, Funeral Directors, for their professional services.

Edmond's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 1st September at 10am in Holy Cross Church, Dunfanaghy.



The family of Eugene McGettigan wish to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement.

We also send our eternal gratitude and appreciation to all the staff of Letterkenny University Hospital, O'Donnell Funeral Directors, Fr. Hartnett and the clergy at St. Eunan's Cathedral, for their help and assistance in making what should normally have been a difficult time into a wonderful celebration of Eugene's life.

The Month's Mind Mass in memory of Eugene will be held in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan, next Saturday evening, September 7th at 6.00pm. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Notice

An Chuirt Duiche The District Court Licensing (Ireland) Act 1833 Section 6 Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1960 Section 29 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER OF A LICENCE **District Court Area of Letterkenny District No. 1**

4th Anniversary In loving memory of our dear mother grandmother and great grandmother who died on 19th August 2020.

Sheila

Ballure, Fanad

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

Also remembering our father Eddie and brother John whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Always remembered and sadly missed by all your family.

MEMORIALS Mark Daly DALYSTONE Headstones, Inscription, Restoration Accessories & Chipping BALLYARE, RAMELTON 074 - 9116712 / 087 2244882 Web; dalystone.ie Email; dalystone@live.ie

Life is always filled with ups and downs and since you've been gone, we have learned death leaves a heartache no one can heal but love leaves memories no one can steal.

Your daughter Martina, son-in-law Gerald. grandsons Johnny and Joey.

Second Anniversary Mass in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough on Sunday 1st September at 11.00am.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Ballyness, Falcarragh, LetterkennyF92 P8N0 I, Mauread Bray am applying to Donegal County on the date of receipt of Council for planning permission for the follow- the application by the ing developments; (1) Raise the level of existing Planning Authority. roof to create new first floor accommodation. (2) Construction of an extension to the rear & new porch to the front of existing dwelling. (3) Minor elevational changes & all other associated site development works at Ballyness, Falcarragh, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 P8N0 in the townland of Ballyness. The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the Applicant: reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Callan, Kill, Carrigart, at a fee not exceeding the Planning Authority, County House, The Dia- Co. Donegal. Planning mond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public Register No. 23/51960 opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a The development apsubmission or observation in relation to the appli- plied for consisted of Authority during its cation may be made to the Planning Authority, in the construction of public opening hours. site notice by the Planning Authority.

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part single storey dwelling house with writing, on payment of attic accommodation the prescribed fee of 20 with provision of a euros within the period wastewater treatment of 5 weeks beginning system and all associated site works. That significant further information including information in relation to the effects on the environment, (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)) in relation to the appli-**Information** (Natura cation has been submitted and is available for

Dean inspection or purchase the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning

Brian McBride as Nominee. Applicant TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Applicant Brian McBride as nominee of Brian McBride of McBride's Bar, Rossnakill, Letterkenny, Donegal intends to apply to the Annual Licensing Court to be held at the Court at Letterkenny District Court on the 23-Sep-2024 at 10:30 for the TRANSFER to the Applicant of the Publican's Licence (7-Day Ordinary) licence attached to the premises known as McBride's Bar and situate at Rossnakill, Letterkenny, Donegal in the court area and district aforesaid.

Dated 25 Jul 2024

Signed McGinley Solicitors LLP, Solicitor for Applicant, Milford, Donegal

To the Garda Superintendent, at courtpresenters. milford@garda.ie, Milford Garda Station, Milford, Donegal

To the Fire Officer, at fireservice@donegalcoco.

ie, Fire Service Headquarters, Letterkenny, Donegal, F92 XV50

To the Health Service Executive Official, at EH-SAdminDonegal@hse.ie

To the District Court Clerk, Letterkenny District Court

That a submission or observation in relation to the further information including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)), may be made in writing on payment of fee of $\in 20.00$ not later than 5 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 7th September at 6pm.

Thursday 29th August 2024

Sympathy

The death has taken place in the Lake House Nurs-ing Home of Mrs. Terry McGlade, (nee Walsh), Rock Cottage, Marble Hill. She was a well known and respected member of the community and in the tourism sector. Terry was predeceased by her hus-band, Bernard. They purchased the Shandon Hotel in 1957 and, over the years, turned it into one of the best known Hotels in Donegal.

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They were good employers and gave work to many people in the area. Mass was celebrated in Holy Cross Church, Dunfanaghy by Fr. Martin Doohan, Fr. Paul McGinn and Fr Charlie Byrne. Terry was laid to rest in Doe cemetery. Sympathy is extended to her family: Dermot, Anne, Barney, Afric, Nina, Mary, Catherine, John and Elizabeth. grandchildren, great grandchildren, and extended family. Prayer Group

The St. Pio Prayer Group will meet in Ards Friary on Thursday August 29th. Rosary at 7.10p.m. followed by Mass at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

Reading of the Bible

A prayerful reading of the Bible at Ards Friary will be held on Tuesday nights from 7.30p.m. until 9p.m. beginning on September 24th with Brother Jeremiah Henehan. This year we will begin with the letters of St. Paul. Non-academic and in the Catholic tradition. If you have a Bible please bring it.

Creeslough Community Association

Please note the CCA will be closed from August 26th to September 1st - any queries please contact 087 292 3102 or info@creesloughcommunity.com.

Anam Cara

Online Bereavement Information evening for Bereaved Parents on Tuesday September 3rd from 7p.m. until 8.30p.m. Guest Speaker Bryan Nolan. Register on www.anamcara.ie or call 01 4045378. 5K Fun Run and Walk

St. Michael's 5K Run and Walk on this Saturday. August 31st at 9am starting at Corner Brew / Post Office. Thank you to McFadden Performance for organising this event.

Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every



Fr. Tom Ford OFM Cap. and historian Charlie Gallagher (Faugher) who delivered a talk on the history of the Ards Peninsula at Ards Friary on Sunday as part of Heritage Week. The talk was hosted by the County Donegal Historical Society.

Cuntion Darren Kerr from the New Edition Food Van in

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Dunfanaghy sponsoring the match ball to St. Michael's Chairman Liam McElhinney for the match against Dungloe on Sunday

Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. No partner needed. Dance teacher is Celine. Beginners are very welcome.

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 4,9,11,12,13.18. The match 5 winners were Alice McGowan, Dromore, Letterkenny, Peter Sweeney, Creeslough and Hughie McLean, Surrey who won €35 each. Peter and Hughie bought their tickets online. This week's Jackpot will be €3100. 50/50

Congratulations to Edmund McTeague who won \in 310 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week. Cursillo

The national Cursillo pilgrimage to Knock shrine is taking place on Saturday September the 7th. There

will be a bus leaving Letterkenny at 8am and stopping in Stranorlar, Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Bundoran. To book a seat please contact Clare on 0871375567.

Ards Friary Shop Opening Times : Mon-day – Saturday 12 noon until 5p.m. Sundays : 12 noon until 7p.m. Closed during evening Mass from 5.30 p.m. until 6.15p.m.

Retreats at Ards Friary Welcoming Autumn Reflections on Retirement. Wednesday 25th



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Last Date for Applications - Saturday 31st August 2024

September 10.30am to 4pm. Cost: €45. Day includes a full lunch. The Path to Self-Acceptance. Friday 27th to Sunday

29th September. Cost: €220. Both retreats led by Philip McParland. For enquiries and bookings contact Årds T: 913 8909; E: info@ardsfriary.ie.







Heritage Weel



Building the Boat Event at The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy on Saturday as part of National Heritage Week.





Dunfanaghy

The Workhouse

The Workhouse would like to thank everyone that took part in Heritage Week from the 19th to the 24th of August at the Work-house this year. The Centre had a great week of events that included a candlelight tour of the Workhouse, a demonstration with John Heena of a traditional weaving loom, a Book Buddies Book fair, a baking demonstration with Wild Fuschia, and the performance of Building the Boat with Keith Day 2024 Cancelled Payne, Mick O'Shea and Inma Pavón. We were delighted to have been able to host these unique events at the Workhouse, and we want to pass on our thanks to our visitors that attended, the hosts of these events and our team for running them. These events would not have happened without the now take place as we look forward support of the Heritage Council to seeing everyone in Convoy giv-and Creative Ireland, and we're ing the boys all the support they looking forward to hosting even more in the future.

ETB Classes

The Workhouse will be hosting several classes with the ETB in September during the daytime and evenings, starting from September 4th. These classes include: Musical Theatre Course - 6 Weeks, starting September 18th at 6:30pm. €30 per person; Traditional Storytelling Course - 4 Weeks, starting September 9th at 7pm. €30 per person; Patchwork

starting September 4th at 1pm. €25 per person. Equipment will be provided for use. For more information contact The

Workhouse on 0749136540. 5K Fun Run and Walk

St. Michael's 5K Run and Walk will take place on Saturday, August 31st at 9am, starting at Cor-ner Brew / Post Office. Everyone is welcome! Thank you to Mc-Fadden Performance for organising this event.

St. Michael's Family Fun

St. Michael's GAA Club are delighted to say that the U16 boys have reached the All County U16 Div 3 Cup Final against Malin fixed for Sunday 1st September at 5.30pm in Convoy.

Unfortunately, this means that our refixed Family Fun Day cannot deserve. The Family Fun Day will return in 2025 bigger and better. Trip to Oakfield Park

Dunfanaghy FRC has organised a lovely day out to Oakfield Park on Friday 30th August leaving Ozanam Community Centre at 10am. Get in touch with them to book your place on the trip. Cost is €35 per person - to include, Transport (Paid for by DLDC), Entry to the park, Refreshments on arrival, Train around park, Guided Garden tour, Main course lunch, Af-

and Quilting Class - 4 Weeks, ter Lunch musical entertainment, Return bus to Dunfanaghy for 6 pm. Booking essential - payment required in advance. To Book a place or make additional enquiries please contact the Office Landline on: 0749136548, Office Mobile on: 0830730714.

Dunfanaghy FRC Regional Employment Service Esupport including CV prepara-tion, Call Mary on 0879926681 or email: mhiggins@dldc.org. Wellness Café - 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon @ The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy. Meetings for Sep-tember Monday 10th and 24th. Gardening Workshop Series -Summer / Autumn 2024 continuese on Monday 16th September - Gardening for Nature in Northwest Donegal

Citizens Information Service clinic at Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre every second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am to 12.00pm. It's Free , independent, confidential and impartial. Next dates: Tuesday 10th Septem-ber, 8th October,12th November, 10th December 2024. **DLDC Health Support**

Outreach Drop-In Need help with form filling such as Medical Card, application / re-

newal or updates. Next clinic is on Wednesday 11th September from 10 am-1 pm. Contact Georgina on 0860133203 to book an appointment.



Kevin and Kathleen Tougher from Greehill Dunfanaghy who won the hamper DFRC run for care of the aged for the meals on wheels service, thank you to all that supported this good cause, monies raised are 860 euro in the picture is Vanessa Sharkey and Bernie Sweeney meals on wheels committee. **Counselling Services.**

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Thank you to everyone who came out on this bad day to support our Vintage Display/ Tractor Run and Garden fete. We really appreciate your support. Thank you to everyone who over the last few weeks and today bought tickets for the Link box donated by Johnathan Stewart (JS Farm Machinery). The winner of the link box was Evelyn Montgomery Horn Head. Congratulations Evelyn.

The Prize-winners at the Ballymore Fete on Saturday last were: Link Box Evelyn Montgomery, Hornhead, Deborah Hunter won the flower Pot, Rosali Gallagher won Danos Pet Shop Voucher, Peggy Jacob the Candle and Megan Mclaughlin Montgomery the bottle of wine.

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The Workhouse

The Workhouse would like to thank everyone that took part in Heritage Week from the 19th to the 24th of August at the Work-house this year. The Centre had a great week of events that included a candlelight tour of the Workhouse, a demonstration with John Heena of a traditional weaving loom, a Book Buddies Book fair, a baking demonstration with Wild Fuschia, and the performance of Building the Boat with Keith Payne, Mick O'Shea and Inma Pavón. We were delighted to have been able to host these unique events at the Workhouse, and we want to pass on our thanks to our visitors that attended, the hosts of these events and our team for Unfortunately, this means that our running them. These events would refixed Family Fun Day cannot not have happened without the support of the Heritage Council and Creative Ireland, and we're looking forward to hosting even more in the future. **ETB Classes**

The Workhouse will be hosting several classes with the ETB in September during the daytime and evenings, starting from September 4th. These classes include: Musical Theatre Course 6 Weeks, starting September 18th at 6:30pm. \in 30 per person; Traditional Storytelling Course - 4 Weeks, starting September 9th at

€25 per person. Equipment will be provided for use. For more information contact The Workhouse on 0749136540.

5K Fun Run and Walk St. Michael's 5K Run and Walk will take place on Saturday, Au-gust 31st at 9am, starting at Corner Brew / Post Office. Everyone is welcome! Thank you to Mc-Fadden Performance for organising this event.

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Dunfanaghy FRC has organised a lovely day out to Oakfield Park on Friday 30th August leaving Ozanam Community Centre at 10am. Get in touch with them to book your place on the trip. Cost is €35 per person - to include, Transport (Paid for by DLDC), Entry to the park, Refreshments on arrival, Train around park, Guided Gar-7pm. €30 per person; Patchwork den tour, Main course lunch, Af-

and Quilting Class - 4 Weeks, ter Lunch musical entertainment, starting September 4th at 1pm. Return bus to Dunfanaghy for 6 Return bus to Dunfanaghy for 6 pm. Booking essential - payment required in advance. To Book a place or make additional enquiries please contact the Office Landline on: 0749136548, Office Mobile on: 0830730714.

Dunfanaghy FRC Regional Employment Service Esupport including CV prepara-tion, Call Mary on 0879926681 or email: mhiggins@dldc.org. Wellness Café - 2nd and 4th

Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon @ The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy. Meetings for Sep-

tember Monday 10th and 24th. Gardening Workshop Series -Summer / Autumn 2024 contin-uese on Monday 16th September - Gardening for Nature in North-west Donegal

Citizens Information Service clinic at Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre every second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am to 12.00pm. It's Free, independent, confidential and impartial.

Next dates: Tuesday 10th Septem-ber, 8th October,12th November, 10th December 2024. **DLDC Health Support**

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Club News GAA

Glenswilly

Senior Men

Our Senior men made it three wins from three on Saturday evening when they defeated Four Masters in a cracker of a game in Tir Chonaill Park. The boys came from 7 points down to overcome the hosts by 2. The draw for round four fixtures is yet to take place.

The Reserve game was postponed due to the weather and is now refixed for Saturday the 31st of August at 5pm in Donegal Town.

Ladies Board

The ladies continue their championship campaign when they make the trip to Downings next Sunday with throw in at 10.30am.

Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

Nuair atá an aimsir maith beidh an ciorcal comhrá ag dul ag siúl oíche Dé Máirt. Ag bualadh le chéile ag an chlubtheach ar 20:00 agus ag fágáil ar 20:10. Bígí linn do chraic, chomhrá agus shiúlóid bhreá cois súilí!

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 during the Bingo. Well done to last weeks winner Thomas Simmons who won €560 and bought his ticket on the club app.

Coaching Camp

The club ran a successful three day coaching camp lastweek with some guest coaches. Thanks to Rodger Keanan (Ulster GAA), Paddy Hegarty (Donegal GAA) and Tony Scullion (Ulster GAA) for giving their time to speak with and coach the players. Well done to the coaching committee for organising and to the players who took part over the three days.

Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Lotto

The numbers drawn were 2,8,9,11,13,19. We had 2 match 5s. Congratulations to Anna Marie Coyle and Noirin Maguire who win €50 each. The jackpot is now €5,150.

Dillon Quirke Foundation

45 of our underage players underwent screening recently with the Dillon Quirke Foundation. We would like to thank Blaine Mulligan and Stephen Doohan for organising the screening, Ionad Naomh Fionán for providing the venue and the Dillon Quirke Foundation for providing the screening.

Comhbhrón

Déanann muid ár gcomhbhrón le Mary, Ciaran ár mbainisteoir Faoi 10, Michael Lynch, bainisteoir ar an fhoireann tacaíochta agus clann Mhic Pháidín uilig ar bhás Connie. Thug sé tacaíocht dhílis don chlub i gcónaí agus bheadh sé féin agus Mary i láthair ag go leor cluichí baile agus b'iomaí áit a thaisteal siad le tacaíocht a thabhairt dár gcuid foirne fosta. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam uasal Gaelach.

Buíochas

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le James McCrossan, Shaun Maguire, Caolán Ferry, Aine Doogan, Éadaoin Boyle agus Denise Ní Laoire Uí Cheallaigh a bhí amuigh ag díol lotto ag an deireadh seachtaine.

St. Michael's

Senior Championship

The Seniors were at home to Dungloe on Sunday in atrocious at The Bridge. Club volunteers had worked all day to ensure that the Senior match could go ahead and it was a game of two halves. St. Michael's playing with the wind led 0-8 to 0-1 at half time and they withstood a second half comeback by Dungloe to win 0-9 to 0-8 with a late Michael Langan point sealing the victory.

The Reserve match had to be postponed. Scorers: Michael Langan 0-5, 2f; Colin McFadden 0-1; Carlos O'Reilly 0-2; Jamie Hunter 0-1 St Michael's: Mark Anthony McGinley; Jamie Hunter, Liam Pól Ferry, Patrick McGinley; Andrew Kelly, Ciaran Kelly, Michael Cannon; Kyle Dé Sathairn, 31ú Lúnasa McGarvey, Colin McFadden; Oisin Langan, Martin McElhinney, Stephen Doak; Edward O'Reilly, Michael Langan, Carlos O'Reilly. The Reserve game will now be played on this Sat-

urday at 6.30pm.

The Ladies were defeated by MacCumhails losing 1-1 to 1-9. They are away to Red Hughs this Starting Sunday 1st September for Four consec-Sunday at 10.30am.

Well Done

Well done to St. Michael's Players Brian McLaughlin and Stephen Coyle who were part of the Donegal Masters Team which beat Kildare in the Semi Final of the Masters Plate on Saturday. Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 4,9,11,12,13.18. The Match 5 Winners were Sweeney, Creeslough and Hughie McLean, Surrey who won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3100.

North West Coastal Challenge

The North West Coastal Challenge is taking place on Saturday, 5th October in Dunfanaghy. The race is a Run, Cycle & Kayak covering 36km. Entries are now open on www.nwcc.ie. Gaelic 4mothers and Others

Gaelic4mothers and others takes place at The Bridge every Wednesday at 8pm. For information contact Maureen on 0876471647. Well done

Well done to Mark Antony McGuinness who that concluded this week with two squads of players from across the province playing in a series of games against the Dublin GAA Academy at the Box-It Athletic Grounds, in Armagh. Great work, Mark Antony.

New Date for 5K k

The 5K Run and Walk will take place on Saturday, September 14th at 9am starting at Corner join us for a morning of fitness, fun, and community. See you there. Thank you to McFadden Performance for organising this event.

Family Fun Day 2024 Cancelled

We're delighted to say that our U16 boys have Ladies pipped by a point reached the Div 3 Cup Final against Malin fixed for Sunday 1st September at 5.30pm in Convoy. Unfortunately, this means that our refixed Family Fun Day cannot now take place as we look boys all the support they deserve.

Under 12's

Our u12 boys played St. Eunan's on Friday evening away in O'Donnell Park in Division 1. Both teams played some very entertaining football and we came away with the points in a fine win.

Fixtures

St Michael's vs. An Clochán Liath @ 6.30pm Sunday, 2nd

Senior Ladies Junior B Championship: vs. Red Hughs @ 10:30am

U16 Boys D3 Cup Final: St Michael's vs. Malin @ St. Mary's Convoy @ 5:30pm.

Fanad Gaels

Lotto Results 25/08/2024 Numbers: 2, 9, 10, 12, 22. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Annie May McGlynn. This week's

Jackpot: €1,900. Cluichí na Seachtaine

Craobh Idirmheánach Reserve

Gaeil Fhánada v Bun Cranncha @ 7:00

Dé Domhnaigh, 1ú Meán Fómhair

Peil na mBan - Gaeil Fhánada v Gaoth Dobhair @ 10:30

Parish League

utive weeks from 10.30am - 12pm for U6's, U8's, U10's, U12's (Boys & Girls)

Trip to Magheragallon

The ladies are back on the road again this weekend for Round 3 of the Intermediate champ to take on Gaoth Dobhair at 10:30am in Magheragallon.

Reserves make the trip the Scarvey

Good luck to Declan Coyle and his reserve team as they travel to the Scarvey to face Buncrana in Alice McGowan, Dromore, Letterkenny, Peter their Intermediate Championship game on Saturday at 7pm.

Gaelic 4 Mothers and Others

Our G4MO side will be playing in the National Festival of Football Day on Saturday 7th September in Naomh Mearnóg and St Sylvester's GAA Clubs in Dublin. Training continues on Wednesday's at 6:30 in Portsalon.

Seniors beat Na Rossa

Gaeil Fhánada 0:08 Na Rossa 0:06

In what was a must win game for Finbar O' Neill's side on Saturday, three points in the final ten minutes courtesy of Seán Carr, Mark McAteer and Darren McElwaine swung the result in the way of Gaeil Fhánada. They now have a week was part of the Ulster U15 Football Academy off, before their final group game against Letterkenny Gaels, which will be played in Portsalon on the weekend of September 7th/8th. Thanks to sweeneyrenewables.com as sponsors of our senior and reserve sides. Mark McConigley, Shaun Kerr, Odhrán Shiels, Brandon McClafferty, Jimmy Coyle, Calum McAteer, Eoghan Carr (0:01), Paddy Carr (0:02), Oisín Shiels, Seán Carr (0:01), Liam McGrenaghan (0:02), Ronan McAteer, Dar-Brew/Post Office. Everyone is welcome.Come ren McElwaine (0:01), James Kerr, Paddy Heraghty. Michael Sweeney for Eoghan Carr, Mark McAteer (0:01) for James Kerr, Eoin Logue for Liam McGrenaghan, Bernard McGettigan for Seán Carr.

Ard an Rátha 1:11 Gaeil Fhánada 1:10

In extremely difficult weather conditions, Gaeil Fhánada and Ardara did battle, but it was the visitors who edged it by a single point on Sunday. forward to seeing everyone in Convoy giving the Rosheen McGinley, Shauna Howe, Tori Gallagher, Maggie Friel, Maireád Coll, Aoife Gibbons (0:01), Siobhan Sweeney, Eimear Sweeney, Iseult Ní Mhathúna, Rachel Sweeney (1:02), Lauren Carr (0:03), Caoimhe Barrett (0:03), Hannah Shiels, Clare Friel (0:01), Rachael Friel. Eiméar Gibbons for Rachael Friel, Jessica Coll for Hannah Shiels, Michelle Doherty for Maireád Coll, Méabh Sweeney for Eimear Ní Mhathúna, Méabh McAteer for Maggie Friel, Maggie Friel for Tori

Letterkenny Gaels on Monday. The next game is a trip to Glenfin in a fortnight. Killian Friel, Eoghan Logue, Conor Callaghan,

Jamie Mc Ateer, Caolan McElwaine, Harry Blaney, Shane Carr, Declan Brougham, Christian Gibbons, Cormac Dunleavy, Niall Toland, JP Gallagher, Evan McDaid.

Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 20/8/24

3-11-16-22 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Raymond Mc Donald. LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 31st August: Maple Milford.: U10 Girls. **RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

Senior Men

Our Senior men ground out a draw away to Buncrana on Sunday 1-6 to 9 points - with Peter Curran scoring the goal. The boys do not have a match this weekend - they then host Na Rossa on the weekend of 8th/9th of September.

The Reserve game was postponed. They host N Muire this weekend.

Generous Sponsorship from Lynch Plumbing

Thank You to James and Karen Lynch of Lynch Plumbing who have sponsored training jerseys for our U8, U10,U12 and U13 girls groups. This amounted to over 100 jerseys. The Club are very fortunate to have James and Karen involved in the club. They also coach the U10 group and all their sponsorship and coaching is greatly appreciated. **Club Fundraising Golf Classic**

Congratulations to all the winners of our Golf Classic at Portsalon Golf Club on Friday 9th of August. Thank you to all the teams that entered and to all the sponsors that supported the event, especially O Neill and Brennan who sponsored the course for the day.

1st (sponsored by Aidan Cannon) - Fairytales: (Patrick McBride, Paul McDaid, Joe Logan, James Duffy)

2nd - O'Neill and Brennan: (Roisin McCormack, Fiona Boyle, Mary Barrett, Noreen McConigley) 3rd - Drumhalla House : (Sean Barrett, Deirdre O'Toole, Hugh Doherty, Charlie McFadden)

4th (Sponsored by Portsalon Golf Club and Golf Club Restaurant) - Aidan Cannon, James Friel, Ben Folan, Charlie McCahill)

5th (Sponsored by Value Centre) - Milford United: (Peter Doherty, Noel Gillespie, Donal Mc-Cafferty, Eddie McCleary)

6th (Sponsored by O'Reilly Sports) - Creative Landscapes: (Paddy McDermott, Ciaran McDermott, John McClafferty, Orla Gallagher)

All sponsored by Magees Chemist:

Men's Nearest to Pin: Patrick McBride Ladies Nearest to Pin: Orla Gallagher

Men's Longest Drive: James Lynch Ladies Longest Drive: Orla Gallagher

County U13 LGFA Player Development

Well done to our U13 girls, Ava Greer, Aoife Kilpatrick, Kayla Molloy, Emma Naughton, Leanne Gordon, Cora McCrossan and Lucia Cannon, who represented Donegal in the U13 Ulster PDP blitz in Garvaghy recently.

St Eunan's

Hurling We want to wish all the best to our Junior Hurlers who are in the County final this Saturday August 31st. The final is with Four Masters in O'Donnell Park at 1pm.

Senior Men

Last weekend saw Round 3 of the Senior A & B football championship take place. Gaoth Dobhair travelled to O'Donnell Park last weekend. Senior B Team

Saturday, 31st

U8: Thomas Maguire Memorial Tournament in Gallagher. Ardara

Senior B Championship

Minors succumb to Letterkenny Gaels Hard luck to our minor side who were defeated by



Runners-Up in the Milford GAA Golf Classic at Portsalon GC - O Neill and (Jnr), Pauric Boyle, Lee Brennan Team with Club Treasurer, Cormac Friel - Roisin Mc Cormack, Mary McMonagle, Eoin McGee-Barrett, Noreen McConigley and Fiona Boyle Contd. Page 34

Our Senior B team lost out on the first game of

the afternoon 1-07 to 2-05. Senior A Team

In a tightly contested contest throughout Gaoth Dobhair came away with the championship points with a one point win 0-09 to 1-07.

Scorers: Conor O Donnell (Jnr) (0-03), Lee McMonagle (0-02), Eoin Dowling (0-01), Kieran Tobin (0-01), Anthony Gallagher (0-01), Conor O Donnell (Snr) (0-01),

Team - Shaun Patton, Anthony Gallagher, Conor Parke, Ciaran Moore, Conor O Donnell (Snr), Kieran Tobin, Caolan Ward, Eoin Dowling, Shane O'Donnell, Kevin Kealy, Conor O Donnell

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1st Prize Winners in the Milford GAA Golf Classic at Portsalon GC - Fairytales Team with Club Treasurer Cormac Friel. (Paul McDaid, Patrick McBride and Joe Logan)

Donegal Senior Football Championship

Gweedore get the better of Eunan's

St. Eunan's 0-9 Gweedore 1-7

It was very close as the final scoreline shows but this time it wasn't the favourites St. Eunan's who came out on top. Instead it was Gweedore who edged it at a windy and sometimes wet O'Donnell Park on Saturday. Barry Meehan's men had come into the game on the back of two victories. Their opponents had a defeat and win from their previous two group fixtures. In a low scoring game a goal will more often than not have a critical bearing and so it proved as Eoin de Búrca's 11th minute goal gave Ronan MacNiallais's side a hugely important win.

Meehan made some personnel changes from the previous game with Niall O'Donnell ruled out with an injury while also absent were Conor Morrison and Darragh Mulgrew. Eunan's played with the breeze in the first half towards the river end. However, Gweedore defended well and were dangerous on the counter attack. They did have decent opportunities for two more goals in the first half. Eunan's who had a lot of the

play throughout the game were forced to shoot from well out the park in those very challenging weather conditions so inevitably there were a number of wides. That led to understandable frustration from the home fans with calls from the Stand to let the ball in or even take on more shots from distance. Gweedore goalkeeper Daithi Roberts was not tested on a day when the Letterkenny outfit really needed a goal to take the victory. Ref Marc Browne's decision making at times proved frustrating for the home team.

But, Saturday afternoon was an opportunity for Meehan to give some players more game time and Eunan's are still in a good place when it comes to automatic qualification for the quarter-finals. For Ronan MacNiallais who had two cousins Nessan and Donal McBride playing this was a great result and sets them up nicely for the fourth and final group game. Like all the teams they won't know their opponents until the draw is made next weekend. MacNiallais has

former Termon Ladies and Men's Senior team manager Francie Friel on his backroom staff for a second year. The two men work together at Stramore National School in Glendowan.

Report and photos by Declan Kerr

Points from Lee McMonagle and captain Kieran Tobin had the hosts 0-2 to 0-1 in front before the game's only goal arrived in the 11th minute. Eoin de Búrca cut in from the right, rounded Shaun Patton before tapping the ball into an unguarded net. Eunan's responded well to that to regain the lead with points from Eoin Dowling, Shane O'Donnell and Conor O'Donnell Jnr. Still Gweedore were dangerous on the break with Ethan Harkin having a goal chance with Patton way off his line but fortunately the ball took a nick off a defender and went out for a 45 which keeper Roberts converted to for the final score of the half to leave it 1-3 to 0-6 at the interval. moment prior to that when Gweedore 1-5 to 0-8. broke at speed but experienced defendcrucial time.



Gweedore's Eoin de Búrca about to slip past St. Eunan's goalkeeper Shaun Patton for the goal and the decisive score of Saturday afternoon's championship match at the O'Donnell Park.

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hin. Subs: Eamonn Doherty and James Kelly for Gallagher and Dowling, Brian McIntyre for Parke, Kevin Winston for Kealy. Ladies Senior Championship

Our Senior ladies had a good win on Sunday against St Nauls in O'Donnell Park 1-06 to 0-07. **Club** Lotto

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

Minor Board: **U18 Results:**

Monday August 26th U18 Division 1 - An Clo-

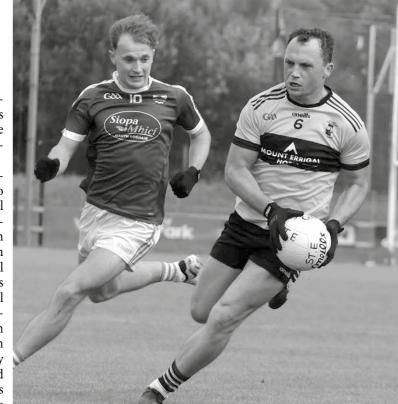
chan Liath 0-5: 3-9 Naomh Adhamhnáin Monday August 26th U18 Division 4 - Naomh Adhamhnáin 2-9: 2-17 Red Hughs Sunday Morning Skills Academy

The Sunday Morning Skills Football Academy continues this Sunday from 11am to 12.15pm. This is for Boys and Girls aged 4 to 10. **Underage Hurling Academy**

The Hurling Academy is back this Friday at 6.30pm to 7.30pm. New players always welcome. Hurls and Helmets provided.

Contact

Anyone wishing to get matters included in the at pro.steunans.done-Club notes please email them to The PRO by gal@gaa.ie



Conor O'Donnell Snr of St. Eunan's gets ahead of Gweedore's Fionnan Coyle.

Eunan's had also survived another nervy opening that went abegging before McMonagle tied the scores up again at

But, under pressure from Donal McBride, Shane O'Donnell shot another er Danny Curran lost possession at the Eunan's wide. A successful Harkin free was followed by Stephen Donna McFadden landing what turned out to be the winning score with two min-Eight minutes after the utes of normal time remaining. Shane O'Donnell was wide again before his break the visitors cre- brother Conor drove over a super point from distance to cut the deficit to ated another decent just one. There would be another chance for the hosts to get a share of the spoils when O Baoill fouled Pauric Boyle on the right side. But with the Baoill's pass just didn't left-footed free-taker Eoin Dowling having been substituted the decision was to go short. Conor O'Donnell Jnr took on the responsibility from play pery surface. Eunan's but his attempt went the wrong side of the upright.

went ahead again when St Eunan's - Shaun Patton; Anthony Gallagher 0-1, Aaron Deeney, Conor Gallagher Parke; Ciaran Moore, Conor O'Donnell Snr 0-1, Kieran Tobin 0-1; Eoin latched onto a Shane Dowling 0-1 (f), Caolan Ward; Conor O'Donnell Jnr 0-3, 1f, Kevin Kealy, O'Donnell pass to split Shane O'Donnell; Pauric Boyle, Lee McMonagle 0-2, Eoin McGeehin. Subs: the posts. The sides were Eamonn Doherty and James Kelly for Gallagher and Dowling (45); Brian level again courtesy of MacIntyre for Parke (52)

a fine Ethan Harkin ef- Gweedore - Daithi Roberts 0-1, 45; Aidan Breathnach 0-1, Gary McFadden, fort. On 46 minutes the Danny Curran; Kieran Gillespie, Fiachra Coyle, Neasán Mac Giolla Bhríde; impressive O Baoill got Domhnall Mac Giolla Bhríde, Michael Roarty; Fionnan Coyle, Stephen onto a Roberts kick-out Donna McFadden 0-1, Adam Mac Iomhair; Eoin de Búrca 1-0, Daire Ó to finish to edge the vis- Baoill 0-2, Ethan Harkin 0-2 (f). Subs: Eamonn Collum for Fionnan Coyle, itors ahead. There were (48), Cian McEntee for Roarty; James Ó Baoill for Gillespie (52), Cathal wides at either end and Gillespie for S McFadden (60) another Gweedore goal Ref: Marc Brown (Four Masters).

Langan and O'Donnell in frame for Ulster All-Stars

Michael Langan (St. Michael's) and Niall O'Donnell (St. Eunan's) are among Donegal players nominated for the 2024 Irish News All-Star awards. The others are Buncrana's Caolan McGonagle, Oisin Gallen (MacCumhaills) along with two St Naul's players Peadar Mogan and Brendan McCole. Donegal has one hurling nominee in Setanta's Steven McBride. The winners will be announced on the 27th of September.

Asokuh and McLaughlin in Ulster All-Star mix

Two Donegal team members captain Niamh McLaughlin, Moville and Abigail Temple Asokuh (Sean MacCumhaill) are among the nominees for the Irish News Ulster All-Star Awards. The 2024 Ulster All-Stars Awards are taking place on Friday 27th September at the ICC, Belfast

10pm on Sunday night

McGuinness in Ulster U15 Academy



Brian Trearty from the Termon GAA Club Bingo Committee presenting a cheque for €9,500 to members of the local Community First Responders Group. They have thanked everyone involved in organising the charity bingo.



Mark Anthony McGuinness from the Naomh Micheál has been selected for the Ulster GAA Under 15 Academy. Mark Anthony is the son of Jim and Yvonne McGuinness, Creeslough. Two other Donegal players Mark Wilkinson (Red Hughs) and Ronan O' Donnell (Dungloe) have also been picked for the same Ulster Academy age group. The three boys also played in the Donegal GAA U15 academy team who won the McLarnon Cup recently.



It has been a tough time for the Finn Harps team men lost 1-0 0-1. It was a flat Finn Harps perand management so a little bit of cheer in the form of a win over Cobh Ramblers in Ballybofey this Friday night (7.45) would be very welcome. But Darren Murphy's outfit does not have a good record against Cobh this season losing all three league games. After a good start to the campaign Harps lost for the first time when going down 1-0 to the Cork side at Finn Park in early March. In the middle it was a 2-0 loss at St. Coleman's Park and at the same venue in early June it was also a 2-0 defeat. So three games - zero points and no goals should certainly be enough ammunition for Murphy to motivate his players to give everything in search of three points. So just maybe this is the chance for Harps to get back on track towards securing a play-off spot. Currently they are seventh in the table

When the two sides met for the first time on Friday 8th March in a reversed fixture Murphy's

formance that saw Harps suffer their first league defeat of the new 2024 season. Cobh Ramblers made the long journey south with a deserved first three points of the campaign thanks to a fine 24th minute Jack Larkin strike. Despite an improved second performance after emptying the bench Harps rarely tested the Cobh keeper. The narrowing of the pitch on both the Stand and Stranorlar sides of the ground appeared to work against the hosts on this occasion. No real explanation had been given for the alteration to the pitch dimensions other than it is within the specifications laid down by the FAI.

But as a result of the narrow pitch it was Cobh who benefitted putting Harps under a lot of pressure from long throw-ins and it led to the game's only goal.

When the two teams met again on Friday 19th April it was Cobh again. This time it was 2-0 at St.

Murphy's men lose again

Coleman's Park with Matthew McKevitt putting the hosts in front on 11 minutes. David Bošnjak doubled the advantage on 37 minutes and that's the way it stayed until the final whistle. When the sides locked horns again on Friday 7th June it was another home victory for Cobh. Liam Kervick got the opener on 31 minutes with David Bošnjak getting a very late second in the third minute of injury time at the end of the First Division match.

For the third time this season Harps had lost to Cobh Ramblers. Murphy's side had made the marathon journey down south that morning and the exertions of that allied to playing three games in the space of a week took its toll.

The other games sees Bray Wanderers hosting Treaty United. Leaders Cork City are at home to bottom of the table Longford Town. Kerry FC take on UCD; Wexford welcome Athlone Town to Ferrycarrig Park.





Murphy put on Kevin Jordan and Bruce Strachan for the closing stages as the visitors tried in vain to get something from the game. On 72 minutes Patrick Ferry should have scored but keeper Kian Moore was equal to the task. Max Johnston and Gavin McAteer also came on for the final ten plus minutes but there were no more chances for Harps who now turn their attention to a home fixture against Cobh Ramblers in Finn Park this Friday night.

Finn Harps - Oisin Cooney; Jamie Watson, Conor Tourish (Gavin McAteer 80), Noe Baba, Luke O'Brien (Kevin Jordan 60); Ryan Rainey (Aaron McLaughlin 31), Max Hutchison (Bruce Strachan 60); Patrick Ferry, Tony McNamee, Success Edo-gun; Sean Patton (Max Johnston 80). Sub not used: Tim Heimer (Gk).

Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 22nd August. The numbers drawn were 4, 13, 19, 29. The next draw takes place this Thursday and the jackpot is €10,000. There were three match 3 winners this week winning €70 each - Terry Lynch, Railway Road, Buncrana; Eilis McGlynn, Corlecky, Ballybofey and Aoife Conahan

UCD 2-0 Finn Harps

For the first time this season Finn Harps lost to UCD and it was a significantly negative result with Wexford Youths defeating Treaty Utd to go six points clear of Darren Murphy's side. Wexford are in the final play-off spot with eight league games remaining. On Friday night at the Belfield Bowl, Harps crashed either side of half-time when conceding the game's only two goals.

Murphy made three changes from the Wexford game with young keeper Oisin Cooney coming in to make his first start of the season. Regular netminder Tim Heimer who had been in good form despite the poor run of recent results was on the bench. Patrick Ferry and Ryan Rainey were also recalled for David Cawley who was listed as injured and the suspended Matty Makinson. The day before for the game it was announced that Stephen Doherty had left Harps by mutual consent due to work and travel commitments.

It was a very good result for UCD's Buncrana born manager William O'Connor on Friday night as they moved up a place to second after Athlone lost to Bray Wanderers. Cooney was definitely the busier keeper in the early stages, stopping efforts from Jake Doyle and Michael Raggett. Murphy was dealt an early injury blow when Rainey was forced off in the 31st minute due to injury to be replaced by Aaron McLaughlin. Despite not creating a clearcut chance the visitors looked like going in level at the break but then disaster struck four



Finn Harps Success Edogun in action against UCD on Friday night

minutes into added time when a Harry Curtis Finn provided another assist this time for Raggett header gave Cooney no chance following a good cross from former Dundalk and Shamrock Rovers player Ronan Finn.

Three minutes into the second half Harps hopes of even a draw had practically disappeared when

who executed the perfect finish. The visitors were most unlucky not to pull a goal back when central defender Conor Tourish's powerful 50th minute drive rattled the underside of the crossbar. At the other end Cooney denied Doyle again.

Junior League season starts Donegal

The first competitive action of the new Donegal Junior League season kicks-off this weekend with the first rounds of the Voodoo Venue and Brian McCormick Cups. The Voodoo starts on Saturday and Sunday sees the commencement of the McCormick competition. It's a straight knock-out so there is little margin for error. The McCormick Cup is returning to its traditional time in the Donegal Junior League calendar. The League itself will get underway later in Septem-

Fixtures

Milford United

Swilly Rovers

Fanad United

Erne Wanderers

Keadue Rovers

Strand Rovers

Cranford FC

Lagan Harps

Bonagee United

Ballybofey Utd

Cappry Rovers

St Catherines FC Daniel Carlin

Gweedore Celtic Sean Ferry

Saturday 31st August

Voodoo Cup Oldtown Celtic v Ramelton Mariners v Glencar Celtic v Donegal Town v Drumbar FC Dunlewey Celtic v Arranmore Utd v Glenea United Gweedore United v Castlefin Celtic v Drumoghill Drumkeen Utd v Copany Rovers v

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Referee

Gerald Devine

Thomas Ferry

Matthew Hull

Seimi Ferry

Mick Lagan

George Clinton

Leo Devenney

John Shiels

John McGlanaghey

Marty McGarrigle

Raymond Gallagher

Plenty of good contests potentially on Sunday with reigning champions Letterkenny Rovers at Rabs Park. New Swilly Rovers manager Damien Friel gets his reign in charge underway against Whitestrand Utd in Ramelton. Rathmullan Celtic are the visitors to Moyle Park to take on Milford Utd while there is a big clash at Traighalough where back-to-back Premier League champions Fanad Utd host newly promoted Bonagee

Kilmacrennan Celv

Swilly Rovers

Fanad United

Kerrykeel 71

Milford United

Curragh Athletic v

Ballybofey United v

Dunkineely Cel v

Convoy Arsenal v

Gweedore United v

Keadue Rovers

Cappry Rovers

Kildrum Tigers

Raphoe Town

Lifford Celtic

Sunday 1st September

Brian McCormick Cup

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Utd who are expected to be challenging Arthur Lynch's side for that silverware in the upcoming campaign. Another interesting McCormick Cup meeting will take place at Central Park where Kilmacrennan are the visitors to lock horns with Keadue Rovers. Down at Carrickboyle, Glenea Utd make the short trip to take on Gweedore Utd. All these first round cup ties kick-off at 1.00 with extra-time and penalties on standby to decide the outcome.

Letterkenny Rvs Vincent McLoughlin

Referee

Whitestrand Utd Seimi Ferry Rathmullan Cel Patrick Martin Bonagee United Vincent McLoughlin Letterkenny Rvs Diego Rainey Letterbarrow Cel Paul Murphy St Catherines FC George Clinton Tony McNamee Donegal Town Drumkeen Utd Gerald Devine Drumoghill Marty McGarrigle Deele Harps Barry Tourish Castlefin Ĉeltic Frankie Early Lagan Harps Sean Ferry Glenea United Alister Gourley Kilmacrennan Cel Mick Lagan



Fanad Utd boss Arthur Lynch; Kerrykeel 71 manager Hughie Walsh; Damian Friel, Swilly Rovers manager andGerard McGranaghan, Kilmacrennan Celtic





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