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LUH bus service to Galway

Letterkenny University Hospital has confirmed that they will provide a free transport service for patients to Galway University Hospital three days per week on an initial pilot basis from next Tuesday.

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan said this is good news for Donegal and he recognises that it will take time to monitor its progress and to review the issues that may arise with the new service. He has also congratulated 'The Friends of LUH' for their input.

LUH said the service is being provided with the assistance of The Friends of Letterkenny University Hospital and will run three consecutive days each week with a Monday starting point. The bus leaves LUH at 6.30am and with brief stops in Ballybofey and Donegal Town.

It will service the health needs of Donegal people who have to visit Galway for medical appointments or treatments. The bus will depart University Hospital Galway at 4pm for the

return journey to LUH.

There is no charge, and patients along with one carer or companion can travel for free but must book their seat by calling 074 9741644.

The appointment letter will be required as the bus ticket for boarding the service. The bus is wheelchair accessible. In the coming months the service will be kept under review to ensure that when a permanent service comes onstream, all issues will have been addressed.

Membership rule must apply to all

Fine Gael in Donegal has confirmed that Monday week, August 12th is the closing deadline for nominations to contest the general election.

By John McAteer

The convention is scheduled for the Radisson Blu Hotel Letterkenny on August 26th amid speculation that Simon Harris may preside in an effort to jazz up the party faithful and to create a new spirit of hope and eternal optimism.

In the background, there is a strong reaction from long-term grassroots members who want the FG National Executive to apply the 'two-year membership rule' to all candidates seeking nominations.

They believe their views are not being taken on board by Party Headquarters and in the debate about the selection of general election candidates.

Grassroot members actually claim that the decision on candidate selection is already a 'done deal'... so where's the point in having any membership structure?

Behind the scenes we understand the convention is among the most crucial in the country's 43 constituencies and it's marked in as 'a must win' for the Taoiseach. This is a tough ask, given that at the recent local elections FG first preferences fell by 5,200 to a new



- FG grassroots

strong track record of parachuting in 'celebrity' candidates in their election campaigns. Look no further than recent European Parliament elections.

In 2019, Maria Walsh, the 2014 Rose of Tralee won a seat in Brussels and in June, she retained that seat alongside Nina Carberry, best known in Cheltenham racing circles and Dancing with the Stars.

And who can ever forget the amazing entry of the RTE Economics Editor, George Lee, when he won the Dublin South by-election in 2009: nine months later he resigned

from FG.

At the local elections across Donegal, it was evident that FG lacked feet on the ground in most electoral areas, however numerical strength is a big issue in all aspects of politics. But with FG members the departure of well known workers down the years is seen as an emergency that must be addressed as a top priority in the lead up to the general election.

We understand that numbers of key figures at grassroots level were sounded out for reaction last week - the exercise produced a highly negative and sometimes angry response from long-time

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A young 'smallie' taking part in the Downings Windsurfing Event.

Photo by Martin Fleming.

Boost for Friel's investment firm

Creeslough-born entrepreneur, Cathal Friel, is turning his sights on establishing a carbon credit project that could utilise the bog lands of his native Donegal and it may be helped by a recent €7.3million boost received from the sale of shares.

Friel has become a significant figure in Irish business and investments in recent years and recently sold his shares in Irish clinical trial company, hVivo.

He had a 3.1% stake that he placed with UK investment fund, Octopus Investments, who are now the biggest share-

holder of the company.

The Creeslough native said he will now put the funds "into new projects" run by his Raglan Capital firm.

He assumed the role of Executive Chairman of Poolbeg Pharma in February and is chair of European Green Tran-

sition (EGT).

EGT has been making headlines for Dublin-based Cathal when he recently outlined that he is intending to work with Donegal bog owners in a project that will allow farmers to retain ownership yet provide

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The Turf men from Carrick

The McGrenra family, Trentagh busy on Saturday bringing home the turf from their bog at Craghy, Glendowan.



“Are you for the Devlin?”

“Are you for the Devlin?” – a question posed on countless occasions back in the day. In many ways an unnecessary question because most folk back in old Letterkenny didn't need to be even asked once.

The Lower Main Street venue was a mecca for entertainment and dancing and for years served as the place to go for a night out on the tiles.

Many of those who will attend the Letterkenny Reunion next week will have stepped it out there – many indeed hooked up with their respective spouses in the popular hall. And next Monday with the Reunion in full swing by then, old townies – the young, of course, are also invited! – will pack into the venue for an afternoon of song and dance and memory stirring.

It's thanks to a small but dedicated committee, led by Paddy Delap, that major refurbishment work has been ongoing for the past few years to bring the Devlin Hall back to its former glories.

“We want to get the Devlin name back out there again and the Reunion afternoon will certainly help in this regard,” says Paddy. And the line-up of entertainers and performers scheduled to take to the stage on Monday

afternoon will do likewise.

Not alone an impressive parade of locals taking part but there are those flying in from abroad, not least of which is that man of voice, Frank O'Hara, who is based in Chicago but has his heart in Letterkenny.

The former lead singer of the Dee Jays Showband emigrated to the States many years ago where he set up a new band.

“It will be great to see and hear Frank performing back in his home town. And we have a brilliant line-up of other entertainers as well,” says Paddy.

That line-up includes the Tuscany Showband, Evelyn Gallagher, Maria McCormack, Alec and Thomas Black, Raymond McDonald, Dan McAteer, John Douglas, Malcolm Patton, and Rosemary Moore. And a few other surprise guests pencilled into the bill.

The event will coincide with the Reunion Fair Day which itself will draw the crowds. The entertainment in the old hall will start at approximately 3.p.m. running through to 6.p.m.

Admission is free though a donation box will be on hand should patrons want to contribute to the refurbishment plans.

“Are you for the Devlin?,” that question will



echo back from over the years. And now it can be answered in the affirmative once again...!

Letterkenny Memories video launched

A new Letterkenny Memories video was screened in Dillon's Hotel on Monday night. Among the interviewees were Margaret Tiney talking about how the family bought their house in the Port Road in 1939, which was where McKinney's started making their sweets. Eamon Harkin talks about why we didn't get an Airport in Letterkenny and other important topics.

Neil Gallagher talks about what it was like growing up in Letterkenny in the 60's while

Jean Curran has the story on how her Irish dancing group won the competition at the first Letterkenny Festival. She also talks about what it was like growing up in the Port Road. Hugh Devlin talks about the Oldtown, hundreds of years ago, the only entrance to Letterkenny was through the Oldtown. Donations on the night went to Vision Ireland.



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Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 2nd August from 9.30 – 11.30pm. Music is by James McBride and Martin Duggan, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

Carrigart sale

A Jumble and Clothes sale will take place in the school hall at Scoil Eoin Báiste, Carrigart on Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th August. Proceeds and all donations will go to animal charities, The Donkey Sanctuary and Animals in Need.

Flash Fiction for Letterkenny's Literary Festival



Mary Turley McGrath, Festival Programme Director, Aisling McDaid, Bookmark Letterkenny and Donnan Harvey, Festival organiser (missing from photo - Theresa Ryder, Competition Co-ordinator)

Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter's Donnan Harvey has this week confirmed its Literary Festival is up and running and that he's delighted to announce that its 2024 Flash Fiction Competition is now open for entries. According to the Committee secretary five short-listed writers will be invited to read their entries at the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Literary Festival 17th – 20th October, and the winners will be announced at the event.

Donnan said the competition has become a very popular annual event, and the interest from across the country was something they wanted to acknowledge publicly.

“It really is growing year on year. It's an ideal forum for writers and creative folks to get their work out there.”

He then outlined details of the event: “The competition will be judged by Averil Meehan. Averil writes flash fiction, poetry, and radio drama. Her collection of poetry, Until Stones Blossom, is published by Summer Palace Press. Averil's writing has won and/or been placed in various creative writing competitions, read at festivals and events, and broadcast on RTE Radio 1.”

The full guidelines for work submitted are available on the Cathedral Quarter's website page but the main ones to keep in mind are that the work must not exceed 300 words, be the author's own and previously unpublished, copyright remains with the author and that entry to the competition implies acceptance of the rules.

Without the support of the local community it would be impossible to stage such event so the Festival wishes to thank Bookmark, Letterkenny and Donegal ETB for sponsoring the main prizes. The winner will receive €150 and runner-up €100. Three highly commended prizes will be book vouchers from Himalayan Cafe, Peter Mark Hairdressing Letterkenny and Universal Books

The competition will also feature in a new podcast exploring the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Literary Festival. In a new departure for the festival, “Ink and Inspiration Podcast” is being produced in collaboration with Philip O'Kennedy.

So, final word to Donnan to all prospective entrants: “Please submit your entry as a Word document by email to lkcfest@gmail.com by the closing date of 1st September 2024. The results will be announced by the end of September.”

Donegal Gardaí join Paris Olympic patrols

As Team Ireland battle it out with the best athletes in the world for Olympic glory in France, a number of Donegal based members of An Garda Síochana are also taking part in helping police the games.

A total of 56 Garda officers have been deployed to France for the duration of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, with three Donegal officers joining in the massie security operation.

A garda spokesperson said the Garda officers in Paris are taking part in joint patrols with French police and they are available to assist Irish na-

tionals or other English-speaking nationals attending Olympic events.

They added: “A Sergeant and two Garda members from the Donegal Division were the members deployed. They are there to assure public security, to welcome visitors, to facilitate engagement with local host authorities and to ensure transport security in train stations and metro stations near Olympic venues. We were in touch with one of the Garda members in question yesterday and she said that she and her Garda colleagues are working alongside the French

Police daily and that their time is mainly spent out on the beat and on patrol. They are operating mostly on a community policing style basis and they are continuously interacting with and assisting English speaking tourists from all over the world. They have met lots of Irish tourists who have been shocked and delighted to meet Gardaí on the beat in France! By all accounts it has been a wonderful experience so far and the response they are receiving is very positive. We wish them and Team Ireland the very best of luck in France.”

Council launches Community Newsletter

Donegal County Council has launched of a new community newsletter, designed to promote the latest projects, initiatives, events and funding programmes coordinated, managed and overseen by our Community Development Division and Donegal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

The newsletter will be a biannual publication that provides an insight into the work Donegal County Council does with community groups, community & voluntary organisations, our Local Authority partner organisations, and other sector stakeholders across the county while highlighting opportunities and funding programmes available to empower and support people to enhance their own communities.

Members of the LCDC at the launch of the Community Newsletter L-R: Cllr. Brian Carr; James O'Donnell ICMSA; Liam Ward, Director of Service, Community Development and Planning Services; Margaret Fitzgerald, Community Development; Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy; Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development; Padraic Fingleton, CEO, Donegal Local Development Company



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“100% Redress Party has big ideas”

Cllr. Tomas Sean Devine said that he hopes to open a new office shortly in Letterkenny where people can come together and meet. He estimates that there are close to 3000 houses in Letterkenny town affected.

100% Redress Party held their first cumann meeting on Monday evening in the Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford and 35 people attended.

Among the attendance were three of their four Councillors elected to Donegal County Council in June - Cllrs. Ali Farren, Tomas Sean Devine and Denis McGee who were joined at the top table by Eamonn Jackson, Chairperson of the party and Danny Curran, the vice chairperson.

Eamonn Jackson said the party has big ideas and they won't be able to implement them without having people on the ground. They need to form policies and opinions on various issues and they plan to set up seven cumainn around the county to give angles on topics and develop the party for members and give access to the Councillors.

The meeting was told that the only way forward was for the Government to follow the People's Document, which was published prior to the Local Elections - a thin little book of common sense and this is their mandate which can solve the problem if they implement it.

Cllr. Denis Curran said that he was optimistic that if the science and research coming back is so overwhelming that they have to sort out the problem.

Cllr. Ali Farren said that they set

up the party to give the people with defective blocks a voice and we need more help going forward as a party. We might be planning to run candidates in the forthcoming General Election and we need people to come out and support us. That's the most vital thing to come out of every cumann meeting.

Danny Curran said that the defective blocks has been ongoing for a decade and we have the same politicians in place and we now have a chance with four new councillors elected. "It is very embarrassing for the Government when we got four elected... this is a rising army and the Government will have to do something." He said the Government doesn't want to know how many people have Mica. "This is a minefield to go through. Two people have been appointed as facilitators who can only see ten people a week and at the moment there are over 900 on the waiting list. Red tape and bureaucracy is the problem and it is designed that way.

He said that the Government is feeding through the media a narrative that it is sorted because they have a scheme in place but it is not sorted. There was very little regulation by the Government and no enforcement of the rules in the construction industry. "We want meetings like this



Cllrs. Denis Curran, Tomas Sean Devine and Ali Farren with Chairperson of the 100% Redress Party at their Cumann meeting in the Mulroy Woods Hotel on Monday night.

tonight where the Councillors can tell the people the truth and tell you the way that it is."

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In relation to questions from the floor in relation to their houses being downgraded to Group 3 and what they are

saying now is complete nonsense. They alleged that the Appeals Process is gearing up for them to fail and should they appeal. They were encouraged to lodge an appeal to continue the process but they were told that the appeal process is only there to ensure that the Housing Association has done every correct. That is the sad reality they stated.

Cllr. Denis Curran said that the Council is all new to him as well and if they get a local cumann it will help them to

deal with the issues raised by the general public. He said there are people in the Council in Lifford calling the current scheme a good scheme and its not. He said that if the Government accepted the IS465 which is a standard assessment, testing and categorisation of damaged buildings incorporating concrete blocks containing certain deleterious materials' this would solve the problem and this is stated in the People's Document.

Works started on Convent Road

Works including pavement widening and cycle lanes commenced on Letterkenny's Convent Road last week. While there will be traffic disruptions in the short term Independent Cllr Michael McBride, says there will be a huge benefit to the community when works are completed. He says pedestrians including the many children who walk to school from the housing estates in the Ballymacool area will have a much safer travel route.

Traffic lights will be in operation for just un-

der five months for the 'Active Travel works' on Letterkenny's Convent Road. The Council confirmed the lights will be necessary to allow single-lane traffic and, where possible, two-lane traffic may be workable from time to time. The West Hill to Scoil Colmcille will be completed first, prior to school reopening in September. The Convent Road from West Hill to Paddy Harte road will be reduced to one lane and no parking along this section shall be permitted from the beginning of September.



Works in progress at Convent Road in Letterkenny.

Speed Limit Bye-Law Public Consultation to commence

Donegal County Council will commence a Speed Limit Public Consultation for the Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2024 from August 1st which coincides with Road Traffic Act 2024 and the phased lowering of default speed limits in Ireland.

Phase 1 - Reduction in Rural Local Road Speed Limit to 60km/h unless specified in the 2024 Bye-Law Amendment (Current Public Consultation)
Phase 2 - Reduction in Urban and National Road Speed Limits (Consultation to follow in 2025)
Submissions are invited from the public on the 2024 Bye-Law Amendment, the purpose of which is to

provide for more appropriate speed limits on rural local roads. 2024 Bye-Law Amendment also includes certain national road locations and public roads within nominated housing estates.

Bryan Cannon from the Council said: "This consultation process will help the public make themselves aware of the proposed changes in default speed limits which are to be implemented on a phased country wide basis over the next year. It is important for all road users to understand the proposed speed limit changes for Donegal contained in this Bye-Law Amendment and to utilise this opportunity to make submissions and have their say."

The Draft Speed Limit Bye Laws Amendment 2024 and supporting information will be available for inspection online at <http://consult.donegal.ie> and during normal office hours in the following Council Offices for a period of 30 days beginning August 1st at Carndonagh Public Services Centre Carndonagh; Donegal Public Services Centre; Letterkenny Public Services Centre; Milford Public

Services Centre; Road Section Office at The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar, County House, Lifford; Dungloe Public Services Centre. Any person may also make a submission to the council during this 30-day period via the online portal or in writing to: Road Traffic Special Speed Limits, The County Secretariat Office, Donegal County Council, Lifford.

Starmer has failed first test

Jim Allister has found himself to the left of Keir Starmer. That was on an important issue about child poverty. That says far more about Starmer than about Allister.

Starmer promised he would bring change. There was very widespread relief the Conservatives have gone. There was particular relief in Nationalist Ireland.

Starmer's government will enjoy the benefit of the doubt. That always happens with new governments. Currently, Simon Harris and Starmer are enjoying political honeymoons. I don't know how things will go for either. I know that they will never go as well as they are going now. Last week, Starmer's Government won a vote to keep the two-child benefit cap. That is, parents only get benefits for two children.

The Conservative government introduced this in 2017. The End Child Poverty Coalition says ending the cap would lift a quarter of a million children out of poverty.

Doing so would not be hugely expensive. The Guardian newspaper calculated it would cost £2.5 billion (£2.95 billion).

Meanwhile, Starmer has promised to keep Conservative promises to increase military spending to 2.5% of Gross Domestic Product. That will cost 30 times as much.

Clearly, Starmer wants to make his Government look financially tough. Maybe, instead, it looks petty and heartless. Scrapping the cap was not going to bankrupt Britain.

Incidentally, Boris Johnson kept the cap as Prime Minister. Johnson has at least nine children. There are rumours of several more.

The vote on the cap was in one of those old-fashioned ways the British Parliament works. The Scottish National Party moved an amendment to the King's Speech.

Allister voted for the amendment.

Very importantly, we come to the North. Starmer's government has said it will keep Conservative spending limits. The Executive is also told it must implement 'revenue raising measures'.

That means it must impose higher local taxes.

The North is already the fourth-poorest region of the United Kingdom. There are no signs of improvement.

In Northern terms, he is seen as our most conservative MP.

The DUP also found themselves to the left of Starmer. The DUP's Jim Shannon even signed the SNP amendment. His party colleagues voted for it.

Allister and the DUP have not turned in any way socialistic. They have a feeling for how people on the ground think. In some cases, too, there is a streak of decency. Some, themselves, came from modest enough backgrounds.

All the Northern MPs who sit in Westminster voted to scrap the cap. The others are the SDLP's Colm Eastwood and Clare Hanna, Alliance's Sorcha Eastwood, and the Ulster Unionist Robin Swann. Imposing it on the North has no legitimacy.

Seven Labour MPs lost the party whip for voting against keeping the cap. Two were women of colour. A third was a man of Asian background. This is at a time when racism is worsening. Donald Trump is favourite to win the American Presidential Election. He is certainly able to beat the racist drum. To that background, Starmer's actions do not reflect any credit.

Starmer has now committed to scrapping the North's Legacy Act. That scrapped prosecutions for offences committed during the Troubles. Most importantly, it stopped the holding of further inquests. These represent the most realistic

chance for families to have some answers.

What will replace the Legacy Act is not certain. Starmer has said he will keep the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Truth Recovery. However, some victims are unhappy with this. Getting people in the North to agree often seems impossible. People from every background were unhappy.

There was a belief the Legacy Act was about protecting the security services. And there is a belief the security services see Starmer as 'one of us'. There are rumblings regarding Sue Gray, his Chief of Staff. She ran a rural pub in Co Down for a while. There are allegations she has strong connections to the security services.

Events elsewhere are more important than the North. Starmer's stance on Gaza is extremist. He said Israel had the right to withhold water and electricity from Gaza. "Israel has the right to do everything it can to get those hostages back safe and sound," he said. That puts him agreeing with Benjamin Netanyahu. The families of the Israeli hostages disagree with him. Most of them want a ceasefire. Starmer makes great noise about being a human rights lawyer. He should know Israel's actions are against any notion of international law.

His stand even puts him at odds with Kamala Harris. Harris is a long-time backer of the Israeli regime. However, she has felt the pressure

from Democratic Party supporters. Thus she, too, has shifted to a softer line than Joe Biden's. Well, at least a softer line in public.

Britain is supplying weapons to Israel. American arms are being shifted through airports. There are suspicions that Belfast International Airport is one of them. Britain is certainly helping Israel with intelligence. There is no sign of this being cancelled. His stance has earned Starmer the nickname 'Keir Starver' in some circles.

That's not his only international problem. There are small numbers of British forces now in the Ukraine. They are supposedly helping with training. Britain is sending huge quantities of arms. That War could have been settled. Johnson encouraged the Ukrainians to refuse terms that would have stopped the war. The British and American governments are fighting Putin to the last Ukrainian.

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By Anton McCabe

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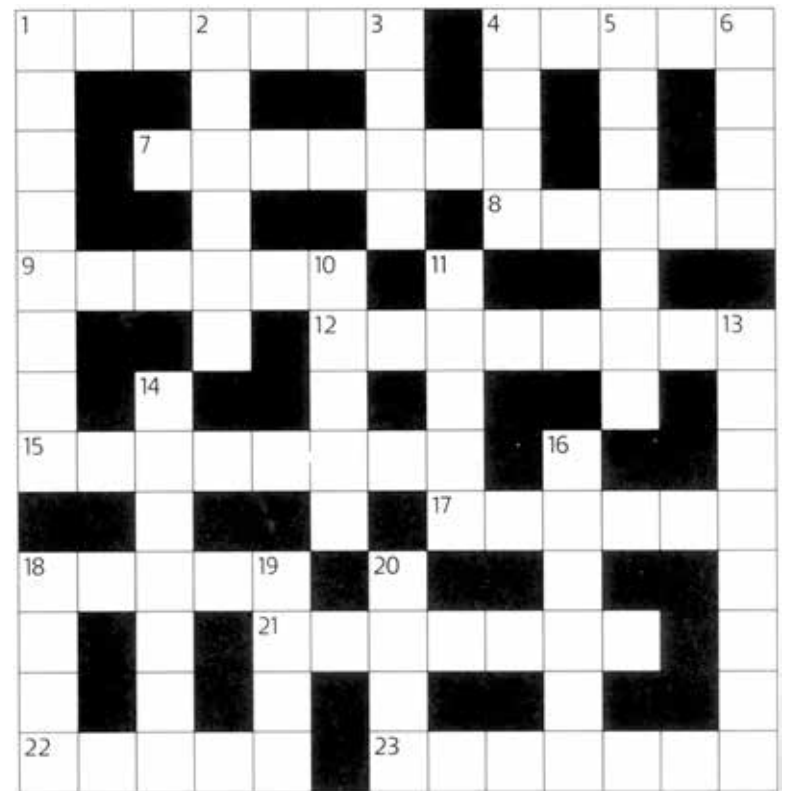
As a speaker, Starmer is spectacularly wooden.

I note Andy Burnham is appearing on the media frequently. Burnham is Labour Mayor of Greater Manchester. I don't think his core politics differ greatly from Starmer's. However, he has a bit more fire about him. (Ok, that wouldn't be hard). He also has an eye for an issue.

Let's remember Boris Johnson was Mayor of London. He used the job to get publicity, and seem a success.

Sooner or later, Starmer will stumble. There will be those rushing to fill his shoes.

Tribune Crossword No. 1075



Across

- 1. Discover (4,3)
- 4. Evil being (5)
- 7. Weather conditions (7)
- 8. Noisy, unruly (5)
- 9. Schoolboy character created by Frank Richards (6)
- 12. Matched (8)
- 15. Adult tie [anag] (8)
- 17. While (6)
- 18. Cauliflower heads (5)
- 21. Circus act (7)
- 22. Cut or clip (5)
- 23. Axle (7)

Down

- 1. Popular sport (8)
- 2. Add water (6)
- 3. Ambush (4)
- 4. Antlered animal (4)
- 5. Mirror Group boss who died in 1991 (7)
- 6. Inquisitive (4)
- 10. Satirical show (5)
- 11. Enticed (5)
- 13. San Diego [anag] (8)
- 14. Frighten (7)
- 16. Ice-cold (6)
- 18. No. 1 hit for Gary Numan (4)
- 19. Celebrity (4)
- 20. Church service (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1074

Across 1. Govern, 3. Scales, 6. Indigo, 7. Seance, 8. Towed, 10. Descend, 14. Carnivorous, 17. Grenade, 19. Pleat, 20. Nausea, 21. Brazen, 22. Astute, 23. Ashore. Down 1. Gaiety, 2. Rigid, 4. Chess, 5. Steady, 9. Whale, 11. Ebon, 12. Elude, 13. Wind, 15. Agenda, 16. Stance, 18. Alert, 19. Paris.

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Annette Kelly who officially reopened the Leckview Park pitch on Saturday prior to the Man Utd legends match. Also included are Annette's daughters Elaine Maguire and Mary Forde, great-granddaughter Amber, Deputy Mayor of Letterkenny Cllr. Ciaran Brogan along with Cllrs Donal 'Mandy' Kelly, Donal Coyle and Jimmy Kavanagh.

The Ephades hit the right note with new single



Up and coming indie rock band, The Ephades, have released their third single to great acclaim. With their roots in Letterkenny and Creeslough, as well as strong links to the Fanad and Dunfahy areas, the group are very popular on the local live music scene and have grown in prominence with their high energy performances. The popular four piece are now bringing their unique sound to music fans with the release of their third single "Giving Out" that will be released online streaming services on Friday, August 2nd. This talented group of 17-year-olds are Grace Murphy on vocals, Grace Nugent on bass, Kyle Warner plays lead guitar and Cahir Doyle is on drums. Kyle and Cahir are students in PCC in Falcarragh while the two Graces are both students of Loreto in Letterkenny. "Giving Out" is described as their their "cleanest and freshest sound" to date. A statement for the band said: "We are thrilled to announce the release of our latest single, "Giving

Out", which is coming out on August 2nd! This song means the world to us, and we can't wait for you to hear it. We absolutely love how it turned out, and we hope you will too! Huge thanks to the incredible Start Together Studios for producing and mastering the track. And a special mention to Michael for his hard work and immense talent in bringing this song to life. A huge applause for him as well for having to deal with us for hours". As well as making waves in their hometowns they have also played to fans in Dublin, Derry and Belfast. Having released their first single "Only Child" in May 2023 with an iconic image of Muckish as the cover art, the cover shot for their latest single follows this unique theme with a stunning shot of the iconic Doe Castle. **To celebrate the release of their new single on August 2nd, the band will play in the Cottage Bar, Letterkenny on Friday at 8pm with support from The Stands and Sombre.**



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Olympic bronze for McSharry

Former Marlins Ballyshannon Club member Mona McSharry won Ireland's first medal at the Olympic Games on Monday evening in Paris. McSharry who is from Grange, Co. Sligo was competing in the 100-metre breaststroke final. Now based in Tennessee, USA she was a member of the Marlins Club in Ballyshannon as a youngster where she was coached by Grace Meade.



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Ramelton

Ramelton Care of the Aged Trip

Ramelton Care of the Aged will hold a Day Trip on Thursday 15th August. The group leave from Boyce Travel, Moorefield at 10.30am and travel to Biddy's Bar, Barnesmore for tea and sandwiches at 11.30am before heading for Donegal Town for a trip on the Donegal Town Boat at 2.00pm.

An hour of walking time around Donegal shops before heading to Highlands Hotel, Glenties for Dinner and Dessert before returning home. Cost is €40 per person and to book please contact Chris 086 0580467 or Anthony 086 0822426 as soon as possible.

Bowling Club

The Ramelton Bowling Club will be running Fun Bowls for during the month of August for school-children aged 7years and upwards in Mackemie Hall starting on next Monday 5th at 6pm to 7.30pm and each Monday during August Junior Bowls available for play and coaching given. Parents are also welcome. Leaders Garda Vetted. Enquiries to 0871355059 or 0874016637.

Ramelton Mariners 5k

The Mariners will hold a 5km road race and walk on Friday the 16th of August at 7.30pm.

Registration is from 6.30pm at Sip and Slice on the Shore Road. Entry for adults and seniors will be €10 while its €5 for Under 16's and you can also register via Revolut on 087 167 9923.

Fundraiser

Brownknowe National School are holding a novel fundraising event at the Ray Community Centre on Sunday the 11th of August. It will begin with a Vintage Car and Tractor Run starting at 2pm with registration from 11am.



RAMELTON MARINERS 5K 2024

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

REGISTRATION 6:30PM RACE TIME 7:30PM

ADULTS & SENIORS € 10 U16 € 5

REGISTRATION POINT - SIP & SLICE, Shore Rd, Ramelton
Register via Revolut : 0871679923

The cost is €20 per vehicle. Then at 2.30pm the BBQ will begin with tickets costing €10 for adults or €20 for a family. There will be music and face painting and for further information contact pabrown-knowe@gmail.com

Swilly Rovers lotto numbers

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers Lotto draw on Saturday in the Lennon Lodge were 7, 12, 23 and 24. No jackpot winner, no 3-number winners. Jackpot this week €825.

Margaret Hamilton's 80th birthday party

An open invitation has been extended by Margaret Hamilton to her 80th birthday celebration in the Ramelton Community Centre on Saturday week the 10th of August from 2-5pm. There will be fun and dance. Additional parking available at the Swilly Rovers grounds and the Quay. Margaret has asked that there be no gifts. It is a charity event and instead donations will be gratefully accepted.

Ramelton SVP

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.

Church car park works

Work has begun on an upgrade of the St. Mary's Church car park. Sections of the car park will be closed off as work continues. As a result access will be restricted. An alternative car parking facility will be available on the grounds of Scoil Mhuire National School at weekends for the duration of the works. It is expected that it will take nine weeks to complete.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.30noon this Saturday 3rd 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.

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Lennon Festival presents €3,500 to RNLI



Anthony McCahill, President of the Lennon Festival and Frances Boyce, Treasurer presenting a cheque to John McCarter of the Lough Swilly RNLI for €3,500 from this year's festival. Included at back are committee members Owen Murray, Craig Veltch, Seamus and Sean Crawford with Eunan McConnell and Gareth Evans from the RNLI.



Help for Nicky.... Nicky O'Hanlon of Sip and Slice on the Shore Road had the help from Billy Blaney to make pizzas during the presentations of cheques from the Vintage Car and Tractor Run in aid of local charities last Wednesday evening.



Jaap Stam a member of the 1999 winning Manchester Utd team with Ramelton fans John Diver and Chris Bryant at the legends match at Leckview Park on Saturday.

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We are also at the Fair Day in Letterkenny on bank holiday Monday 5th of August, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny from 1pm.

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.

Little Ballers

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

Trocaire School Volunteers

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

Crochet class started

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

Ballyare 10k on 9th August

The annual Ballyare 10k run and 5km walk will take place on Friday the 9th August. The 5km fun walk will begin at 7pm while the 10k run starts at 7.30pm. Entry is open from 6pm at the Diamond in Ballyare and details are available from Pat on 086 8904850.

Table Quiz will be held in Carr's of the Diamond on this Friday the 2nd August at 9.30 pm with all proceeds in aid of the Ballyare 10k Charities, M.S. Ireland Donegal Branch and Donegal Down Syndrome

Also the Ballyare 10k Ball Run will take place at Carr's of the Diamond on Sunday 4th August at 7.30pm

Social housing start at Mountain Top



Site works have commenced on a proposed new social housing development on the Kilmacrennan Road at Upper Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny. Donegal County Council has plans to construct 34 energy efficient houses comprising eight 1 bedroom apartment units; 22 two-bedroom housing units and 4 three-bedroom housing units. The construction contract sets a deadline of the second quarter of 2026 for completion.

Letterkenny hotel granted planning for major extension

Planning permission has been granted for the demolition and redevelopment of a former Letterkenny nightclub as well as the addition of a new hotel spa and bedrooms on Letterkenny's Main Street. Conditional planning permission was granted to Dennis McGettigan for a range of works at the site at 100 Main Street, Letterkenny. It allows for the demolition and re-configuration of building elements that previously formed part of the former Milan nightclub area of the hotel. The construction of a new four storey side extension providing an additional 35 bedrooms. A new fifth floor level over the existing bedroom block to provide an additional 26 bedrooms and a new extension at fourth floor level over the ex-

isting bedroom block to provide a new spa facility. It also allows an extension of the main lift to the 4th floor level to provide direct access from reception area to the spa area and all associated site development works. The development as proposed was previously permitted under reg. ref. no. 18/51502 Donegal County Council (abp-304973-19).

Planning granted for concrete yard extension

Planning permission has been granted to Letterkenny Concrete and Quarry Products Ltd for an extension to their storage and production facility.

DOWNINGS Music Festival

2024

FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST

8PM	& DOHERTY-PETRI SCHOOL OF DANCE	GIG RIG
8.30PM	STEVE & THE G'S	GIG RIG
10.30PM	SEAN MAGEE	GIG RIG
10.30PM	TULLAGH	WEE BAR
12 TIL LATE	DJ JASON MCDAID	EMPIRE

SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST

3PM	FESTIVAL PARADE	
3.30PM	STUNT BIKES	
6-8PM	OFTEN WRONG	GIG RIG
8-10PM	HOT WHISKEY BAND	GIG RIG
8-10PM	MARK FERRY	WEE BAR
10PM	ONE FOR THE ROAD	GIG RIG
10PM	FOOLS PARDON	WEE BAR
12 TIL LATE	IRADIOS DAVE DUKE	EMPIRE

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST

6-8PM	RYAN BRADY	GIG RIG
6-8PM	MARK FERRY	WEE BAR
8-10PM	FLAIR	GIG RIG
8-10PM	FOOLS PARDON	WEE BAR
10PM	2 DEGREES	GIG RIG
10PM	KEELAN PRITCHARD	WEE BAR
10.30PM	FIREWORKS DISPLAY	DOWNINGS BEACH
12 TIL LATE	IRADIOS DAVE DUKE	EMPIRE

MONDAY 5th AUGUST

9-11PM	WOLFHOUD	GIG RIG
9-11PM	OFTEN WRONG	WEE BAR
11PM	DAVID CRAIG BAND	GIG RIG
12 TIL LATE	CLOSING PARTY, DJ PADDY HEGARTY	EMPIRE CLUB

Donegal County Council granted conditional planning permission for an extension of their existing storage yard to increase product storage and parking areas with all other associated site development works at Drumnahoagh, Scribly and Cullion in Letterkenny.

24th Rathmullan Festival

2nd - 4th August 2024

Pre Festival Event Thurs 1st August

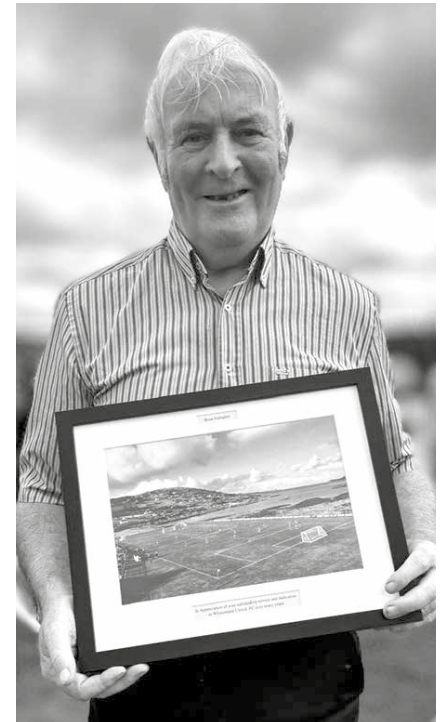
1pm: Children's Nature Trail with Angus Kennedy of Nature North West. Booking essential. Max places 30. Book by contacting kellygrainne50@gmail.com. €3 per children participants to gather at Festival Office from 12.45pm

2.30pm: Teen and Family Treasure Trail - Entries at Festival Office - Entry €5 per family

FESTIVAL WEEKEND		Sunday 4th August	
<p>Thursday 1st August</p> <p>4pm - 6pm Children's Disco in RDRC with DJ Mo. Prize for the best Disco Dancer. 3 euro per child.</p> <p>7pm - 8pm Mic Russell on stage</p> <p>8pm Parade of floats led by Letterkenny Pipe Band.</p> <p>OFFICIAL OPENING</p> <p>STREET MUSIC</p> <p>9pm - 11pm Trevor Loughrey and the Ryan Turner Band</p> <p>Saturday 3rd August</p> <p>10am Watersport and Sailing Watersport Club (RSWC) Fundraiser</p>	<p>Try Sailing and kayaking €10.00pp - approx. 1 hr session</p> <p>11am Junior Soccer at Football Field - All Welcome!</p> <p>Teqlite and TeqSmart Tables - Courtesy of Mark Kelly Come along and have a try at this - at Football Field. Teqball is like table tennis only used with a football!!!</p> <p>1pm - 3pm Inflatable Fun at Football Field. Entry fee €3 per child.</p> <p>1pm Annual Denis Sheirdan 5 a side Memorial Soccer Cup. All teams must have 1 female and 1 over 40 male on the pitch at all times</p> <p>1pm - 4pm Tea Stop in Resource Centre - Teas €4</p> <p>3:30pm Afternoon of Sport & Fun for all ages</p>	<p>4pm Tug of War - at football field - Teams of 5 to include one female. Entry fee €20 per team email kellygrainne50@gmail.com to register your team</p> <p>Street Music & Entertainment</p> <p>4pm - 5:45pm The Odyssey Band 12yrs Year Old Local Band</p> <p>5:15pm - 7:15pm Paul Ward and Humble Earthworm Band</p> <p>7:30pm - 8:15pm The Majestic Magic Show - Audience Participation required. Are you brave enough to take the stage.</p> <p>9pm - 11pm My Generation Band</p> <p>11:30pm - 1:30am The James Peak Band featuring Lucy Peake</p>	<p>12 Noon Putting Competition, The Jim (Slim) McLaughlin Memorial - Registration at Putting Green.</p> <p>12 Noon Sandcastle & Sculpture Competition. Registration at Festival Office, €3 per child. Bring your own buckets and spades etc.</p> <p>2pm Annual Scruffs Dog Show in the grounds of the battery. In aid of small animal welfare. Enquiries to 083-8691409. Registration from 1:30pm - show starts at 2pm.</p> <p>4pm - 4.45pm Odyssey Band</p> <p>Street Music & Entertainment</p> <p>1:15pm - 2pm Carol Wilson Music</p> <p>2pm - 3:15pm The Moon Shiners (Mark, John and Ryan)</p>
<p>Friday 2nd August</p> <p>2:30pm Little Miss Rathmullan and Prince Charming held at Resource Centre - €3 per child.</p> <p>7pm - 8pm Mic Russell on stage</p>	<p>12noon - 2pm Music in the Pier Sheds</p> <p>12noon - 4pm Market Markers at the Pier sheds - Showcasing local arts, crafts and food.</p> <p>2pm - 4pm Drop in screen Printing Workshop with Print Barn.</p> <p>3.30pm - 5.30pm Knotty Pine String Quartet Band (Sponsored by Rathmullan Community Festival)</p> <p>7pm - 9pm The Moonshiners</p> <p>Sunday 25th August Annual Vintage Car Show - 11am at Flagpole Field.</p> <p>(Next Year's Festival dates 1st - 3rd August - 25th Anniversary)</p>	<p>3:30pm - 3:45pm Ciara Herity & Eoin Boyce (Irish Dancers)</p> <p>4pm - 5:30pm Chain & Sprocket Band</p> <p>6pm - 8pm The Outlaws (Country Band)</p> <p>8:30pm - 10:30am Tribute to the Sensational 70's Superstars Band - 7 Piece Band - featuring 30 No 1 hits from the 70's including Smokie, Bay City Rollers etc, so get your dancing shoes on. (Lead singer Mickey Sands formerly from the Chevys)</p> <p>11:30pm - 1:30am Pat Gallagher Band (Goats Don't Shave) Selection of Celtic Folk and Rock.</p> <p>Monday 5th August - Regatta Day</p> <p>11am Onwards Dan Joe Memorial Boat Race Lough Swilly yacht Cup: Keel Boat Racing on the Swilly</p>	<p>12noon - 2pm Music in the Pier Sheds</p> <p>12noon - 4pm Market Markers at the Pier sheds - Showcasing local arts, crafts and food.</p> <p>2pm - 4pm Drop in screen Printing Workshop with Print Barn.</p> <p>3.30pm - 5.30pm Knotty Pine String Quartet Band (Sponsored by Rathmullan Community Festival)</p> <p>7pm - 9pm The Moonshiners</p> <p>Sunday 25th August Annual Vintage Car Show - 11am at Flagpole Field.</p> <p>(Next Year's Festival dates 1st - 3rd August - 25th Anniversary)</p>

Whitestrand Fun Day

Scenes from the Whitestrand Fun Day on Sunday at McGarvey Park.



IFI provides €3.7m for Donegal

€3.7 million has been awarded to 17 projects across border counties and Northern Ireland to deliver peace and reconciliation work.

In Donegal, the Manchester United Foundation has been awarded almost €350,000 for its 'Inspires Programme'. Lifford Clonleigh Resource Centre, the Milford and District Resource Centre and Inishowen Development Partnership have received a combined total of almost €487,000.

Four projects across Donegal have received support through the Personal Youth Development Programme and Communities in Partnership Pro-

gramme.

Milford and District Resource CLG has been awarded €167,288/£148,042 through PYDP for the two-year 'Mulroy Youth Engagement Project/The M.Y.E Future Project'. It will outreach into isolated, rural community areas across north Donegal and intends to recruit 18 young people who will benefit from training and support.

Lifford Clonleigh Resource Centre and Include Youth have received €171,014/£151,339 through PYDP for the 24-month 'Leadership Education for the Appreciation of Diversity' (L.E.A.D) project. It will work with new groups of

up to 35 young people each year, aged 16-20, from communities on each side of the East Donegal-West Tyrone border. Manchester United Foundation have been awarded €349,941 / £309,683 through CiPP for the 24-month 'Inspires Programme' that will connect with young people and inspire them to make positive choices in their lives. The project will connect three schools and communities on a cross-border and cross-community basis by exploring social and cultural experiences, education and the community, and community cohesion.

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Letterkenny included in rail plan

The Dept of Transport in the south and the Dept for Infrastructure (DfI) in the North have published the final report of the All-Island Strategic Rail Review. It includes a vision to extend the rail network from Derry to Letterkenny. The overall report has been developed in the context of the "New Decade, New Approach" agreement. It sets out a strategic vision for the development of the rail system across the island of Ireland over

the coming decades. It also includes the reinstatement of the Western Rail Corridor between Claremorris and Athenry and the extension of the railway into Tyrone (from Portadown to Dungannon, Omagh, Strabane). The Report sets out 32 strategic recommendations to enhance and expand the rail system in Ireland and Northern Ireland up to 2050, aligning with net carbon zero commitments in both

jurisdictions. The recommendations seek to transform the quality of the rail system to the benefit of passengers and wider society on the island, through additional track capacity, electrification, increased speeds and higher service frequencies.

Furthermore, the vision involves the construction of new rail lines, particularly in the North Midlands and North West, widening accessibility

Ramelton man fails to overturn conviction

A Ramelton man jailed for his part in an attack on security staff guarding a repossessed farmhouse in Roscommon has failed in his attempt to have his conviction overturned at the Court of Appeal. Three men jailed for their part in a vigilante "mob" attack on security personnel guarding a repossessed farmhouse in Roscommon committed "the most barbaric violations of human rights", the Court of Appeal has ruled in upholding their convictions.

P.J. Sweeney (pictured right) and two other men had been sentenced to 15 years each in prison after being found guilty in June of last year on a number of charges including aggravated burglary, violent disor-

der and criminal damage.

Mr Justice Charleton, rejected the appeals of Sweeney, High Cairn, Ramelton; Paul Beirne, of Boyle, Co Roscommon and Martin O'Toole, Claremorris, Co Mayo. The three men were also found guilty of false imprisonment and assault causing harm.

Mr Justice Charleton said that the court was dismissing the appeals and affirming all the convictions. In late 2018, High Court proceedings relating to the small farm in Falsk, Roscommon, resulted in a re-possession order for the house and 12 hectares.



Death of Daniel Lehane

The death occurred on Tuesday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Daniel Lehane, formerly of London and Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry. Aged 84 Daniel was a native of Kilgarvan. As a teenager he emigrated to London where he worked as a stonemason. He was never without work as word of mouth spread of his talent, professionalism and honesty. It was there he met his future wife Margaret Coll in the famous Galtymore dance hall in Cricklewood. Margaret was a native of Araheera, Fanad. They enjoyed life together and had many trips back to Kerry and Donegal. Dan and Margaret moved back to reside in Letterkenny 24 years ago. Dan was a quiet man with a strong faith. He was a regular Mass attendee and was dedicated to his time at the Adoration Chapel in Letterkenny for many years. Dan looked after Margaret especially during her illness until she passed away in 2012. He lived the simple life and loved people to call to the house for a chat. He had many friends in London in Letterkenny. When Dan became housebound he was looked after by his niece Sharon and sister in law Una. He was very grateful that he was able to live at home until recently.



Dan was also predeceased by his brother Michael. He is survived by sisters-in-law Una Friel, Sarah McGuinness and Margaret Lehane as well as nieces, nephews and extended family members. Remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Letterkenny on Wednesday. Funeral Mass takes place in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty at 11am this Thursday 1st August followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

The late Richard Ruddell

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the late Richard Ruddell who has strong family ties in the Kilmacrennan area. Aged 55, Richard passed away suddenly on Friday night as a result of an agricultural accident on his farm in the Ballynery North Road area of Lurgan, Co. Armagh. Richard's wife Caroline's parents are Maureen and the late Robbie Burns, Gortnaskeagh, Kilmacrennan. Richard is also survived by his three children Sarah, Samuel and Caleb and brothers George, Clifford and Jonathan.

He was a well-known local businessman. Among those to pay tribute to him were Portadown Rugby Club and Glenavon FC.



Funeral Service took place on Tuesday on his farm at Kilvergan Road, Lurgan followed by interment in Kernan Cemetery.

Death of Patrick Doherty

The death took place on Monday of Patrick Doherty, Gortnabrade, Carrigart. Aged 33, Patrick was well known in the local community. He had worked in the construction sector. Remains are reposing at his home in Gortnabrade. Funeral will be from there on this Thursday to the Church of St John the Baptist for Requiem Mass at 11am followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

The late Carmel Healy

The death occurred on Sunday of Carmel Healy, Killester, Dublin. Carmel was formerly a member of the Coyle family from Letterkenny. She passed away peacefully in Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Sybil Hill. Carmel was predeceased by her husband John. She is survived by her sister Bernadette, her nieces Madeline, Deirdre and Veronica and nephew John along with all her relatives and friends.

Carmel will be reposing at Jennings Funeral Home, Raheny on Thursday 1st August prior to removal to St Brigid's Church, Killester. Funeral Mass takes place this Friday at St Brigid's Church, Killester at 10am followed by burial in St Fintan's Cemetery, Sutton. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Extension granted for Gaoth Dobhair theatre complex

Planning permission has been granted for extension works to Ireland's only Irish language theatre in west Donegal.

Conditional planning permission has been granted to Pól Mac Cumhaill of the Amharclann in Ardnagapery, Derrybeg for a range of works including the addition of two storey enlargement comprising a kitchen and extended restaurant. It also allows permissions for a sound room, toilets, exercise room, office and storage space on the first floor.

Suspicious garage fire probed

A suspicious fire at a vacant property in Letterkenny is being investigated as possible arson. It occurred in the early hours of the morning and gardai are seeking public assistance.

They stated: "In the early hours of Friday July 26th Gardai were alerted to the fact that a garage was on fire in the Lismonaghan area of Letterkenny, near Rowan Park. The garage in question was on the site of a derelict house. The fire services attended the scene and extinguished the fire. It has not been ruled out that the fire may have been started maliciously. We are appealing to anybody who may have travelled in the Lismonaghan area between the hours of 4 and 5.15am to contact Gardai in Letterkenny on 9167100."

Last ever Letterkenny Reunion

Wednesday August 7th will signal the final event of the 2024 Letterkenny Reunion with a closing dance at the Station House Hotel. But this time, the term 'closing' means what it says - as this will be the last ever Reunion.

Over thirty years since it came into existence, it has brought huge numbers of emigrants from abroad back to their home town to join in several days of music and merriment.

But more importantly it has reunited townies over the years that may not have seen one another since before they left these shores for a life in the U.S., Australia or the U.K. and many other destinations.

To that extent there will be a huge degree of sadness when the curtain finally comes down on the Reunion but an added poignancy is lent in that

it will be the first such event without its popular chairperson, Dessie Kelly who, sadly, passed away on June 14th last.

His spirit will be felt over the four days of this year's event which begins with the traditional opening Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral at 6p.m. on Sunday August 4th followed later by the opening dance in the Station House Hotel.

Tradition continues with the very popular Fair Day to be held at Lower Main Street on Monday 5th - an event that will include dancing in the old Devlin Hall.

And where would the Reunion be without its magical mystery tour when a fleet of buses will take off on Tuesday morning from the town to a destination unknown - except to committee members and the bus drivers!

The meeting point before departure is at Scoil Mhuire gan Smal at Sentry Hill at 11a.m. Tickets are available from Clarke's Newsagents; Paddy Gildea's Butchers, or from any committee member. The bus tickets cost €10 but the craic will be priceless!

The last day of the Reunion will feature a Cultural afternoon at the Regional Cultural Centre from 2 to 5p.m. Before that there will be a walking tour conducted by local historian, Kieran Kelly and commencing at the Market Square at 1p.m.

And that night, Wednesday 7th, the final ever Closing Dance of what has been one of the town's most popular events since it started in 1991.

A special booklet is being produced to mark the bowing out of the Letterkenny Reunion and will be available shortly.

Copper cylinder stolen in break in

Gardai are investigating a burglary which occurred at a business premises on Castle Street, Letterkenny following a break in.

It occurred some time between lunchtime on Thursday July 18th and lunchtime on Wednesday on July 24th.

Gardai stated: "A window was broken to the rear of the building and entry was gained. Damage was caused within the building and a copper cylinder and pipe were stolen from it. If anybody observed any suspicious activity in this area between those dates, contact Gardai in Letterkenny on 9167100."

Milford

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Eoin and Annette Sheehy, Magheradrumm, Milford on the death of his father Thomas Sheehy, Artane, Dublin / Ballybough, Dublin on Monday 29th July. His remains will reside at his residence on Thursday afternoon 1st August from 4pm - 6pm and removal on Friday morning 2nd August to the Church of St. Brendan's, Coolock for Funeral Mass at 11am followed by Burial in Balgriffin Cemetery.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Catherine and James Cullen and extended family Carrigart and former proprietors at Dusty Bar, Milford on the sudden death of her son Patrick Doherty, Gort-abrade, Carrigart. His Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 1st August in Church of St John the Baptist at 11am followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Graveyard Mass Parking

The annual Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 4th August at 3pm. Please bring your own bottle of Holy Water with you for the Blessing of the Graves. Parking arrangements this year will be at the Old Milford Tech, Mulroy College and O'Donnell's Field will open across from Graveyard and along access roads, please allow sufficient time when arriving due to large numbers and parking will be assisted by members of Milford United Football Club.

50/50 Draw

The next draw will take place on Sunday 4th August in the Hi-da-way Bar for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

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Tickets on Sale at usual outlets

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go in Milford Hall on Sunday 11th August at 8.30pm in memory of the late Kathleen Hagan. Spot prizes on the night, with all donations going towards the upkeep of the Defibrillator at Milford Hall. Everyone welcome.

Sponsored Cycle

A sponsored cycle led by Paul McGinley, Moyle Hill, Milford and other members of McGinley and Hegarty families and friends will take place on Friday 30th August in aid Donegal Hospice, Letterkenny and Bolton Hospice. The group of ten cyclist will raise money for both Hospices in memory of his late mother Frances McGinley, Moyle Hill and other family members. They will cycle from Donegal Hospice to Belfast Port (170km) then get the ferry to Liverpool and cycle to Bolton Hospice on Saturday morning and then onto the Bolton Football Stadium (80 km), 250 km in total. Paul who is a passionate Bolton Wanderers FC supporter and season ticket holder has made many friends and acquaintances in Bolton over the years and will return their hospitality raising money for their local Hospice and the Donegal Hospice. Sponsorship Cards and fundraising events will take place in the town over the next number of weeks and all your support would be very appreciated.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing in Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday 17th Au-

gust which will be a team scramble format and all members must have their name in by Tuesday 13th August. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows: Sunday 4th August Miss Naomi Dudgeon.

Ballyare10K Events

Ballyare 10K Fundraising Committee will host a Table Quiz in Carr's of the Diamond Friday 2nd August at 9.30pm and on Sunday 4th August the Ballyare 10k Ball Run will take place from Carr's of the Diamond at 7.30pm. All donations from this year's fundraising will go to Donegal Down Syndrome and MS Donegal Branch.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 1st August 10am, Friday 2nd August 10am; Saturday 3rd August at 7.30pm; Sunday 4th August at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 3rd August at 6pm.

Lough Derg Retreat

Fr Stephen Gorman is organising a One Day Retreat to Lough Derg on Saturday 17th August. A bus will be organised from the Parish with more details later.

Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on



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Friday 2nd August from 9.30 - 11.30pm. Music is by James McBride and Martin Duggan, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

Milford Yoga

Drop in to Summer yoga, mixed ability, 90min classes. Tuesdays at 9.15am and Saturdays 9am. Diane Bliss Yoga Studio, Milford.

For info: 0863745972, FB and Instagram.

Credit Union Draw

The Swilly Mulroy Credit Union Prize Draw will take place on Saturday 17th August. Tickets cost €20 and are limited to 1 per member (over 18s). The prizes include 1st prize - €7000; 2nd prize - €2000; 3rd prize - €1000 and there will be other

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Brownknowe fundraiser

Brownknowe National School are holding a novel fundraising event at the Ray Community Centre on Sunday the 11th of August. It will begin with a Vintage Car and Tractor Run starting at 2pm with registration from 11am.

The cost is €20 per vehicle.

Then at 2.30pm the BBQ will begin with tickets costing €10 for adults or €20 for a family. There will be music and face painting and for further information contact pabrownknowe@gmail.com

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Hospitality Sector in Milford Area

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Main Street, Milford, Co. Donegal.

Milford AC News

There was a great turnout of 27 club runners at the John Kilmartin 5km on Friday night and an almost equal number of club helpers and marshals.

Thanks to Barry Browne from Barry Browne cars sales Milford for sponsoring the race and Frank McGettigan, McGettigans Bakery Letterkenny for sponsoring the buns and cakes at presentation.

Club results:- 1. Marty Lynch 16.51; 2. Shaun Boyce 17.19; 3. John Whoriskey 17.31; 4. Anthony Doherty 17.55; 5. Barry Coyle 18.00; 6. JP McFadden 18.28; 7. Joe Gallagher 19.54; 8. Damian McBride 19.55; 9. Daniel Cullen 19.57; 10. Danny McLaughlin 20.07; 11. Kevin Logue 20.50;

12. Gerard Marley 20.52; 13. Michael McHugh 20.55; 14. Martin Kerr 21.19 (1st 0/70); 15. Joe McLaughlin 21.20; 16. Kieran McAteer 21.53 Pb; 17. Karen McAteer 22.47 pb; 18. John Fealty 23.34; 19. Chris Doherty 23.35; 20. Francis Diver 23.42; 21. Patrick Sheils 24.44; 22. Hugh Ferry 24.48; 23. Holly Hewett (juvenile) 25.02 pb; 24. Nancy McNamee 26.31 (1st 0/60 ladies);

25. Brendan Little 31.11; 26. Ella Hewett (juvenile) 31.22 pb; 27. Tara Doherty 32.29.

Danny McDaid 15k

The club had 12 athletes running in the Danny McDaid 15km on Sunday. The early morning heat of up to 20 degrees didn't help for faster times

but 3 pbs were realised and Daniel Cullen came within 11 seconds of his pb from 2017. Karen McAteer continued her in form season as she ran a pb and collected 2nd in the ladies 0/40 category.

Club results:- 1. Marty Lynch 53.38 (avg 3.34/km); 2. Peter O Donnell 54.32 PB. (3.38/km); 3. John Whoriskey 57.06 (avg 3.48/ km); 4. Anthony Doherty 58.11 (3.53/km); 5. Shaun Boyce 60.45 (avg 4.02/km); 6. Barry Coyle 60.48 (avg 4.03/km); 7. Daniel Cullen 65.55 (4.23/km); 8. Stephen Devlin 66.24 (avg 4.25/km); 9. Daragh Kelly 69.06 (4.36/km); 10. Karen McAteer 76.34 PB, (5.06/km); 11. Patrick Sheils 84.23 (avg 5.37/ km); 12. Maureen Curran 1.41.20 Pb (6.45/km).

Dungloe 5km

Well done to Anthony Doherty who was the club's sole representative in the Dungloe 5km on Tuesday promoted by Rosses AC. Anthony finished 9th overall from 110 finishers and 3rd 0/50 men.

County 5km

The Club will host the County 5km road Championships on the normal Milford 5km course on Friday evening 6th September at 7.30pm.

Condolences

The Club extends condolences to Eoin Sheehy and extended family on the passing of his father, Tom, on Monday. He was 87 years old and ironically passed away on his 63rd wedding anniversary.

Portsalon Golf Club News

This Saturday, August 3rd, it will be the 10th edition of the Charlie Canning Memorial Trophy and, of course, on the August Bank Holiday Monday we will stage the famous Barton Cup, a unique knockout event. Timesheets are in operation for both, with the Barton Cup nine-hole qualifier taking place on Monday morning.

Portsalon teams progress

Congratulations to Joe Hensey and his Donegal Seniors squad after they overcame Ballyliffin in a close second leg last weekend to progress into the final. They

will now face either Falcarragh or Cruit Island in the final, with dates and times to be confirmed.

Cathal Canning's Donegal League side are also through after edging out neighbours Rosapenna in a close battle in their second leg in Portsalon on Friday. They have yet to learn their semi-final pairing.

Results

Wednesday 24th July - Winner: Gerard Dorrian (19) 43pts; 2nd Billy Walsh (16) 38 pts; Gross: Johnny Shields (3) 29 gross pts.

Saturday 27th July - Lady Captain Noreen McConigley's Prize to Gents - 1st Brian Haughey (19) 45pts; 2nd Martin McFadden (25) 42pts BOT; Gross: Sean Hensey (4) 31 gross pts; Aodh McCormack (22) 42pts; 1st 9 First Nine: Michael O'Hara (23) 23pts; 2nd 9 Teddy Russell (26) 27pts.

Sunday 26th July - Monthly Medal - 1st James Lynch (16) 68 nett; 2nd Johnny Kelly (21) 69 nett BOT; Gross: Jamie Foley (+1) 71 gross; 3rd Stephen Boucher (18) 69 nett.

IFI support for Milford youth project

Milford and District Resource Centre has been awarded €167,288 through the International Fund for Ireland's Personal Youth Development Programme for a two-year 'Mulroy Youth Engagement Project/The M.Y.E Future Project'. The programme aims to outreach isolated, rural community areas across north Donegal and intends to recruit 18 young people who will benefit from training and support in good relations, personal and social development, and employabil-

ity skills.

In total four projects in Donegal are to benefit from the International Fund for Ireland including the Manchester United Foundation who was awarded almost €350,000 for its 'Inspires Programme', as well as the Lifford Clonleigh Resource Centre, and Inishowen Development Partnership, who along with Milford have received a combined total of almost €487,000.

Locals schools join hot meals programme

Two local primary schools have been approved for the Hot School Meals Programme.

Scoil Naomh Fiachra in Illistrin and Brownknowe National School will join the programme as well as Scoil

Phádraig in Drumkeen.

Their inclusion will see students get hot meals from September onwards.

Barn Dance

The Toye Charity Barn Dance, has been hosting charity events for the past eight years, raising over €189,000 for various local charities. Their most recent event in July alone raised €76,256.40.

The second barn dance of the year, scheduled for this Saturday, August 3rd on John Toye's Farm in Manorcunningham, with gates opening at 8pm. This year's dance will benefit the

Donegal Hospice and The Restoration Fund for Drumoghil Chapel.

Attendees can look forward to live music from Thunder Rolls Gareth Brooks Tribute Band and Sailor Bill (Joe Gibson). Tickets are priced at €20 and are available at the door, at local outlets, and on Eventbrite. The event will feature a fully stocked bar including a great selection of draught beers and soft drinks for non-drinkers.

Celebrating 70 years of
Upper Mt. Marian



Calling on all residents, past and present, to celebrate 70 years of Upper Mt. Marian Estate!

Celebrating 70 years of Upper Mount Marian

Upper Mount Marian in Milford opened its doors to 30 new families, August Bank Holiday Monday in 1954 - The Marian year.

It brought much needed housing to the area. The site had belonged to Doaltie McGinley (who owned the Hi-da-way Pub at the time) and in earlier years had been used to hold horse races.

The 3 bedroom house was a palace for many families, inside toilets, baths, beds and front gardens was a new luxury for all the residents. The green in front of the houses was a safe place to watch the children play.

As the years moved on, families left but new families moved in.

Upper Mount Marian residents took great pride in their houses and the upkeep of the estate. It won many awards in the Donegal Tidy Town Best Residential Estate. In 1983 it won the National Best

Residential Estate. With Pasty McCafferty and Cathal Hagan picking up the award on behalf of the residents of Mount Marian in a ceremony in Dublin. The award is erected at the entrance of Mount Marian. Residents took great pride in their gardens and many won best kept gardens in the Donegal County Council Tidy Town Competition.

In 1982, son of Paddy and Mary Peoples, Willie Peoples was ordained a priest. A celebration was held in Mt Marian and over the years he has said Mass and rosaries at the Grotto.

The grotto was built in 1984 by Cathal Hagan and Micheal McCafferty (senior). Our Lady of Mary statue was given to Fr. Willie Peoples, the statue came from the Lagg Chapel and he donated the statue to Mt. Marian for the grotto. Every year in the months of May and October the residents say the rosary every evening at 6pm at the grotto.

Since 1954 to present there are still 13 original families living at their

parents homes with some families onto a 3rd generation.

Upper Mount Marian is definitely one of the friendliest, well respected, peaceful estates in Milford and the County. Everyone comes together in a time of need. This is a true credit to all the residents and families that have lived there over the 70 years.

Some facts about Upper Mount Marian - The first newborn boy was Kenny Bradley 1954, son of Kathleen and John Bradley and the first newborn girl was Mary McCafferty (Friel) 1954, daughter of Madge and Pasty McCafferty.

The first newly weds was Frances Wall and James McFadden in 1954 and the first deceased resident was Mary Sweeney nee Flood in 1955.



Rev Jonny McCollum presenting Milford AC Chairman, James Gibbons with the proceeds of the recent 'Cuppa's and Cakes' teacoffee evening in The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Milford Retail Park. A total of €900 was raised for The Hugo Duggan track Development Fund.

Ray Community Centre news

Condolences

Condolences to Jackie Barrett, Drumacloghan and all the Friel and Barrett families on the recent death of his sister Nancy Friel, The Lagg, Milford.

AGM

The Ray Community Group AGM took place this week. The following are the newly elected officers - Chairperson Declan Meehan, Vice Chairperson Bridgina McFadden, Assistant Secretary Louise Callaghan, Treasurer Fiona Boyle, Assistant Treasurer Joanne Murphy. Other committee members Shaun McFadden, Pierce Harrison, Michael Connolly, Marie Gordon, Caroline McAteer and Charlotte Logue. We are always interested in getting new members to join to support the work of Ray Community

Group. So if you are interested in helping out please contact any committee member. Next committee meeting Monday 26th August at 7pm.

Take Your Pick

Congratulations to Jackie and Martin McBride, Glenalla who won the €450 Take Your Pick jackpot this week. Jackpot next Sunday 4th August is €200.

Couch to 5K

New 8 week couch to 5K starting on 30th July on Tuesday and Thursday's from 7-8pm and Sunday 9.30am. Cost €50 per adult and €20 per child.

Astro Pitch Available to Rent

The Ray Astro Pitch is available to rent over the summer. Why not have your child's birthday party at Ray Astro pitch for only €60 for 2 hours. There is also a

covered picnic area for use with 10 picnic benches so it can cater for small or large crowds. In addition we have the Ray Wonder Woodland where children can explore the wonders of nature. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

Morning Bootcamp Class

Classes are taking a break for August but returning Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 6.15am to 7am. A 4 week block will be €70. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

Daytime Exercise Class

Continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with Wednesday evenings throughout the summer from 7pm-8pm with Amanda throughout the summer from 9.30am to 10.15am. Contact Syria for 2877900.



Jackie McBride receiving her Take Your Pick winnings from Fiona Boyle, Treasurer Ray Community Group.

KILMACRENNAN & DISTRICT SHEEP SHOW & DOG TRIALS
on Sunday 4th August at Termon GAA Field

- Classes for Blackface, Continental & Crossbred Sheep
- Blackface, Pair of Ewe Lambs Open €300 in Prizes
- All Sheep to be Penned For 1.00pm Sharp
- A Young Handler's Section For All Classes
- Dog Trials Open & Intermediate 8.00am Sharp
- Saturday 3rd August at 5.00pm Local Dog Trials North West Donegal Open Confined to Glenswilly to Gweedore

Stock Judging, Guess Stock Weight
The dance and presentations will be in the Glenveagh Inn at 9pm
Music by Josie Cannon

Festival time in Rathmullan

Rathmullan Community Festival has a full schedule of events for all ages throughout the weekend, including children's Arts & crafts, Magic Show, Treasure Trail, Nature Trail, Discos, Little Miss Rathmullan and Price Charming to name a few. Of course, there are adult competitions too including the Jiving Competition, Putting Competition, 5 aside football and the famous Scruffs Dog Show, and much more over the entire weekend, so please check the programme for daily your events.

Live entertainment will commence with Mick Russell on Stage Friday night from 7pm, followed by the Parade led by Letterkenny Pipe Band and Official Opening. Musicians on stage over the weekend includes Carol Wilson, The Moon Shiners, Chain & Sprocket, The Odyssey Band, My Generation Band, Paul Ward and Humble Earthworm, James Peak Band and many more.

Full details of all events right throughout the week of music, fun, laughter and entertainment is available on Page 7, in local establishments and the Festival Office.

This year's nominated charities are the RNLI Lifeboats and Rathmullan First Responder Group. The Committee have worked tirelessly to lay on a good weekend's entertainment and thank all of the sponsors, so please enjoy the various activities, drink sensibly, obey the marshals and support local businesses. Please note that the one way traffic system will be in operation throughout the duration of the Festival, with overflow carparking available at St. Joseph's Chapel grounds.

Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns competition is a lot more than just litter, bins and flower beds, it's about Pride of Place and where you're from. Rathmullan is buzzing with activity at the moment, and looking great, thanks to all the Volunteers, Scheme workers, residents and businesses who are supporting our endeavors and trying to present a clean welcoming place to visit. Therefore, it is most disappointing to notice a discernible increase in the amount of dog fouling recently, and also littering and litter on approach roads, so please clean up after your pets and take your litter to the nearest bin or better still home.

It is vital that we remain 'litter aware' as we are at the height of the holiday season and the Festival weekend so we please ask for your cooperation. If everyone just lifted the litter on the streets in their own area as they walk about, then that would be a great help to us all.

While we have tourists along the WAW, day trippers, holiday makers, ferry users and families visiting town, please help out and 'do your bit' - use the waste and recycling bins. Ditch the Plastics.

Mohan's Amusements will be in operation right up until 5th August, opening weekdays from 6pm -10pm and weekends from 2pm -10pm. Fear not,

there may be traffic congestion at times, but with the overflow carparking available at St. Joseph's Chapel grounds, there will be adequate spaces for everyone.

The Makers Markets are open throughout the Bank holiday weekend Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 12-4pm where there will be a variety of crafters selling their unique locally made Artistry throughout the weekend, which are not available in shops. Drop in for a chat and pick up a bargain. Rathmullan Charters are currently running half day fishing trips with rods and reels supplied, contact 087 2480132 for information and bookings.

Heritage Walking Tours

Deirdre Friel's popular tours of Rathmullan take place every Thursday at 3pm with meeting point at The Putting Green. Extra or private tours can be organised, call 086 2421008 for more details.

Watersports

Rathmullan Sailing & Watersports are offering a wonderful opportunity for a taster session on Saturday morning 3rd August at 10am. Anyone interested in giving it a go, please email your interest to: membership@rathmullansailingandwatersports.ie in advance to book your place. No previous experience is needed and the Fee is only €10 pp.

Rathmullan Celtic 50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Judith McElhinney on winning the July Jackpot €1102, and the bonus €100 prize was won by Ant. Next draw at the end of the month and be sure to get your tickets in good time, available in all the usual locations and online now. <https://paypal.me/RathmullanCelticFC> or Revolut: Enda McElhinney, on 086 401 9256, Cain Connolly on 086 348 9941 or Mark Curran on 086 873 2749. All ticket purchases will be confirmed either by email or text.

The Swilly Ferry

The Buncrana Ferry is fully operational with regular sailings per day, see swillyferry.com for full timetable and costs. With the ongoing works at the pier, please follow road signs and be patient with other road users, as undoubtedly there will be times of congestion.

St Vincent De Paul

This time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, especially with family visits and unexpected household 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 complete confidence, on 087 698 2822. Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, while also stocking a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

Olympic diver has Rathmullan links

A young woman with strong family ties in Rathmullan is a member of the Irish Olympic Diving Team and will compete in the 10m platform event on Monday in Paris. 22-year-old Ciara McGing's late grandmother Pam was a member of the Sheridan family from Market Square in Rathmullan.



Ciara has realised her Olympic dream after missing out on the Tokyo Games. She has grown up enjoying holidays in the seaside village, and has been diving for Ireland for the past six years. Her grandmother Pam Finney who resided in England is the sister of the late Julia McGinley the mother of Irish international golfing star and Ryder Cup winning captain Paul. Pam's other sisters include Philomena Crossan (Rathmullan), Anne Potter (Dublin) and Mary Lally (Ballyboe, Rathmullan).

Their parents were Annie and Tom Sheridan. Pam and her husband Bill Finney were regular visitors to the family home in Market Square over the years. Ciara's mum Elaine was on those trips. She and her husband Tony in turn have brought her family to Rathmullan for holidays and often stay with her aunt Mary at Ballyboe.

Ciara McGing excelled in diving as a small girl in England and at the age of 16 decided to declare for Ireland and moved to Dublin to train with Irish head coach Damian Ball. She has achieved a great deal in the past six years as she competes individually in the 10m platform.

Ciara finished 26th at the World Championships earlier this, improving on her 28th-position finish in 2023. At the European Games in 2023 she backed up her top-10 performance at the European Championships in 2022 with a sixth-place finish and personal best score of 280.10. The London-born athlete initially thought she wouldn't be selected for Paris at the end of June but was announced as part of the team on 4 July. McGing moved to Dublin to be part of the elite diving squad aged 16 and went to college in the United States. She graduated from the University of Ohio in April this year, during her time in the NCAA system McGing won a Big-10 title and reached the prestigious NCAA finals.

She won her first senior Irish title at 17, and debuted for Ireland at the 2019 Junior European championships in Kazan, Russia.

Born in London, Ciara started diving from the age of eight and became Great Britain National Skills Champion at just 11 years. She won various medals at different age group levels and was the GB Junior Elite Champion (16-18yrs) on Platform, training at Crystal Palace. However she opted for Ireland after meeting Irish divers and coach, Damian Ball during competitions. Ciara trained at the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin and competed at the Irish Championships. Then she made the decision to move to Dublin and compete for Ireland.

"Once I had visited the facilities and met the people, I knew this was where I was meant to be. I felt much more at home in Dublin and in that programme, so it was an easy decision for me." As a 16-year-old Ciara moved to Blanchardstown and continued her UK studies online, whilst training as a high performance athlete of the Irish National Sports Campus. Two years ago before her 20th birthday Ciara set a new Irish Record in Women's 10M platform at the Big Ten College meet at Purdue University in Indiana. In Indiana she faced 25 other high-quality divers and achieved a new personal best score of 258 in the preliminaries.

Ciara went on to finish third in the final with a new Irish record and lifetime personal best of 307 - a score which put her only 0.6 points away from second place. Ciara's new record lowered the score of 298.90 that her Irish team mate Tanya Watson set at the British Championships in January 2020.

Ciara is delighted with her decision to compete for Ireland. "Competing for Ireland was the best decision I've made and all the sacrifices have been well worth it, given the world of opportunities it has opened up for me. I'm constantly improving and have a great support team behind me." And her extended family in Rathmullan will be shouting when she fulfills her dream of competing at the Olympic Games in Paris on Monday.

RNLI Fundraising

Many thanks to the various fundraisers and supporters with a few notable events coming up over next few weeks.

Dunfanaghy Annual Bucket Collections in aid of the Lifeboats will also take place this weekend, Friday 2nd August and Saturday 3rd August in and around the village.

Collectors will be highly recognizable wearing the yellow Hi-Vis jackets and donations can be taken by cash or card, so thank you in advance for your continued support.

The Lifeboats are also one of the nominated Charities at the annual Rathmullan Festival along with the Rathmullan First Responders Group. The Festival takes place this Bank holiday weekend, and thanks to the Committee for their nomination and wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Gartan Open Waters group are embracing Irish waters and re-connecting with nature through sea swimming,



and Open water swimming has both physical and mental health benefits for us all. Gartan are hosting their weekly Wednesday night Crab Crawls in Portnablugh at 7pm throughout July and August also in aid of the RNLI & Sheephaven Sub Aqua Search and Rescue service. These are 1k predict your time events with registration from 6.15om on the pier, and thanks to Revive Dunfanaghy for their continued support with the prizes. Contact Karen for more details on this event (087) 221 4988.

Portsalon Community including Michael Alcorn and Seamus Martin who were rescued by Lough Swilly Lifeboat

crew a few weeks ago, are hosting an all-day Fundraising event on Saturday 10th August, with a Walk & Swim on Portsalon Beach, followed by a Taylor Swift Themed music and activities event on the beach, which promises fun for all ages. The evening will conclude with a Pub Quiz in the Light-house Tavern with live music to follow. Further information if required can be obtained by contacting Mary Doherty on 087 6228425.

Do you all know your flags?

1. Pay attention to Lifeguards and their flags. No flags means no lifeguard on duty.
2. As a general rule avoid swimming for at least 48hours after heavy rain fall but pay attention to any specific notices, warnings or swimming bans in place for your local beach. Check out this advice from Wa-

Mitchell on Paralympics team

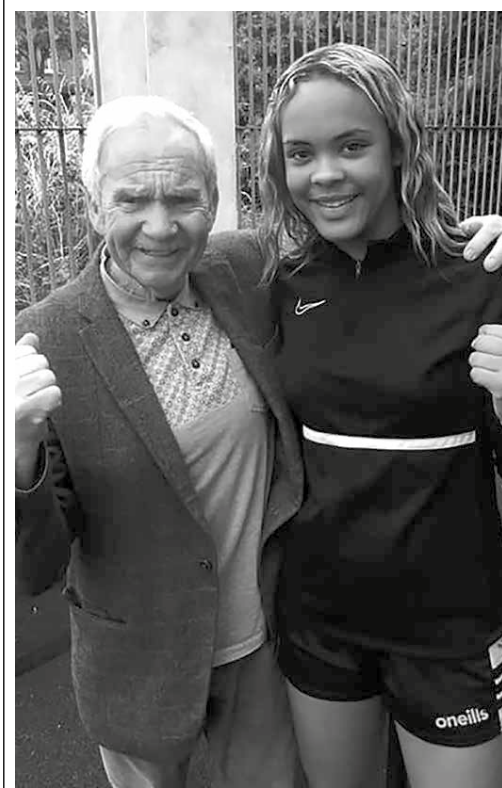


Drumkeen man Mitchell McLaughlin will be one of the able bodied cyclists on the Irish cycling team for the Paralympic Games in Paris. It runs from Wednesday 28th of August until Sunday 8th of September. Cycling Ireland confirmed that McLaughlin had been selected for the Games by Paralympics Ireland. McLaughlin will be a pilot for Kilkenny's Damien Vereker.

Another cyclist Katie-George Dunlevy whose father is from Mountcharles is also on the Irish team for the Paralympic Games. She will compete as a team with her pilot Eve McCrystal.

ter Safety Ireland for more info on safe Open Water Swimming. Open Water Swimming | Water Safety Ireland

Hegarty boxing in Bosnia



Roisin Hegarty with Donegal Boxing Board President Peter O'Donnell.

Young Letterkenny boxer Roisin Hegarty is a member of the Ireland team at the 2024 European School Championships in Banja Luka, Bosnia. Hegarty who fights out of the Illies Golden Gloves Boxing Club in Buncrana will compete in the 60 kilo. The Euro Finals start this Thursday to Saturday week the 11th August. The Irish Team includes 29 boxers made up of 13 girls and 16 boys.

Pontefract winner for Oisin Orr

Rathmullan jockey Oisin Orr had a winner at Pontefract on Sunday on 7/2 shot Cloudy Skye in the Napoleon's Casino Bradford Handicap for his yard trainer Richard Fahey. Also at Pontefract Letterkenny jockey Brandon Wilkie had three horses who achieved top 3 finishes.

Meanwhile Dylan Browne McMonagle was back in the winners enclosure as Magnetic North repeated

last year's success in the nine-furlong claiming race when romping to a seven-length success for County Meath trainer Ian Donoghue at Ballinrobe on Monday of last week. Winning for the second time on just his third start for the Clonalvy trainer, the 11/8 favourite added to his recent Gowran Park victory when racing clear early from before the straight to beat 40/1 chance Quick Blessing in fine style, an

eighth winner for the jockey in as many days.

Luke McAteer was among the winners at Leopardstown on Thursday evening where he took the nine-furlong handicap on the 9/2 shot Tokenomics. Trained by David Marnane, the three-year-old battled well to pip Johnny Murtagh's 11/10 favourite Shamsuddin by a head.

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- 12am **Fanad Sheep Show and Vintage Show** Triallough Community Centre - General Adm: €5
- 1.30-3.30pm **Siamsaíocht leanai - Children's entertainment** (Triallough Community Centre) Adm: €7 per child includes Magic show, Puppet Show and mini disco
- 7pm **Liverpool Fans vs Manchester Utd Fans** in conjunction with Fanad Utd (Triallough) proceeds in aid of Donegal Horizons CLG. followed by refreshments and music by Comhaltas Craobh Fhánada in The Lighthouse Tavern.
- 10pm **Music in The Lighthouse Tavern - by The Bedrockers**

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- 9am, 12am or 3pm **Eco Atlantic Adventures - Family Kayak tour, 2hrs** (children 8yrs+) from Portsalon Pier. *Booking is essential as places are limited.* Contact Hugh: 086 2250599
- 11am **5k Fun run/walk** donations in aid of Gael Fhanada (Registration at 10.30) - leaving Triallough
- 1.30pm **Domhnach Spóirt (Field Day Activities)** (Triallough) Adm: €5pp (Family rate available) Individual races incl wheelbarrow, egg & spoon, three legged races. Mini digger competition, Penalty Shoot out, Pet farm, Pony Ride, bouncy castles, Face Painting, TJ Teddies and much more!
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- 6-8pm **BBQ night at the Stores Bar**, music by Heno followed by Music at 10pm by: **Small Gods**

5TH AUGUST

Dé Luain / Monday

- 8pm - **Bingo**, Triallough Community Centre. Bigl linn

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A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

I looked and smelled like a dung heap on legs

I had to go up to Belfast and have my entire tooth surgery undone. There was obviously a foreign body in my gob (don't ask!) and infection set in and the rest as some smart fella said, is history. I'm almost back to square one, except that at least I have the bridge covering the gaping hole. When the gum has healed we'll start the whole process over again and hope for better results. I'm not in any discomfort and I'm able to eat everything, so things could be a lot worse.

Two days later I brought Himself to Newry to have a chat with his dentist to figure out a game plan for his pearly whites... or lack thereof. There's no doubt about it, they're a painful nuisance when they're coming, a tedious expense to maintain and an expensive nuisance again when they start going.

I shot up to Rathmullan for one night recently to spend a bit of time with Mark and Nicolle, his Glaswegian friend who was over for a couple of days. I had a swim the evening I arrived and I expected to have to wade through jellyfish soup in the middle of July, but I only met one and he was dead. I think the water is not nearly as warm as other years, but perhaps it's just that I'm getting older and colder. We went across on the ferry to Bunrana and toured around the Clonmany/Dunaff area, which I had never previously visited. It was grand to be a passenger for a change, in a comfortable car with a competent driver.

On my return journey to Cavan, I stopped to get a Mullins ice cream at Whoriskey's; my going-away treat to myself. It's just as well that I did because I discovered that I had left my bank cards in Mark's car, and only for my love of good ice-cream I would have been in Monaghan before I missed them. He and Nicolle were walking on the beach in Rathmullan but they obligingly went back home to Kerrykeel via Ramelton and dropped the cards off with me. I always stop in Monaghan on the return journey to buy a mug of coffee and Champion milk with a long date.

We stopped buying Ireland's biggest selling milk

As Lionel Messi said of soccer "You have to fight to reach your dream. You have to sacrifice and work hard for it," and it paid off for Armagh. It's good to see the underdog win for a change.

Next weekend is the Regatta in Rathmullan and that's the hump of the summer; it's shortening days and counting shopping days till Christmas...



Kate Carton

mum of two clear tests. You can't buy in stock or sell them, except to a factory for slaughter. It takes months and it's a bummer.

We hadn't had a fully dry day since god was in nappies but I managed to get a good afternoon to get all the turf footed. We don't have as much as previous years so five hours solid graft saw the whole job completed. I'm glad to have it up off the ground because we've had some torrential deluges since then and it won't be long till the bog is like a sponge again. Today (All Ireland Sunday) is very warm, with a lovely breeze blowing and I'd love to go to the bog this evening to see how the turf's doing. Unfortunately both of my clients are in Cavan General so I'm on night duty tonight with one of them. No bog for me for a few more days.

I probably should have gone this morning instead of going shopping in Lidl first and then on for a walk by the lake at Crover House Hotel with Jim. Crover is only a mile or two from Mountnugent and it's a beautiful place for a stroll and a coffee if you're short on time. I was back just as the match kicked off and it went my way, with Sam going to Ulster. Himself was up for Galway (probably because they have nicer sheep or something) but it just wasn't his day.

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last year because we found it consistently had a horrible, chemical taste since it changed its name. I take very little milk; just a drop in coffee and tea, but Himself uses a lot and was fed up with the foul taste of the other milk. If I get milk in Monaghan it's right beside the creamery and always fresh for longer.

The department rang last Sunday week and sprang a spot TB herd test on us, giving only twenty four hours notice which was impossible to comply with. All the cattle are out and the farm is very fragmented so there wasn't a hope of gathering well over a hundred head of stock within the time frame.

He got it put back for one day and we spent the whole of Monday rounding up and coaxing reluctant cattle into pens to be transported to the slatted sheds for testing on Tuesday morning. In the middle of the whole shebang didn't the little whiskery fella land in to clean the chimney which had been smoking like Mount Vesuvius for a couple of weeks. I had been obliged to come downstairs in the middle of several nights to open the flue damper to stop the range belching noxious fumes up the stairs. It's fortunate that I sleep with both windows and the door well open for air. Himself's room is so tightly sealed up that not even smoke can slither in. I don't know how the poor old dog wasn't kippered, sleeping on her bed on the kitchen floor.

The little whiskery fella was told he'd only get a cheque for the turf if he cleaned the chimney so he shot up onto the roof like Santa on steroids and battered his way through the hard

baked layer of tarry stuff that had accumulated and blocked all. The resulting cascade of soot and cinder down the chimney half filled the wheelbarrow and coated the whole gaff with a mantle of black dust; that's on top of the permanent layer of brown dust from the turf ashes. Anyway, the chimney was cleaned, the craic was had and the cattle were gathered before sunset. Helen, the department vet who was testing the herd is a brilliant stock woman but damnably slow at the job. She's calm with the animals and knows how to handle them quietly but you need a lot of time for the job when she's on. In saying that, the sun belted down on the yards and the whole job went without a hitch or a cross word. There was also a trailer load of the last of the lambs to be got into the mart in the evening and they just skidded in with minutes to spare before the ring opened. Luckily prices were good, the lambs were both "bred and fed" and they made the top of the mart.

After all the housed cattle were fed and foddered late that evening I looked and smelled like a dung heap on legs and I was rarely so glad to stand under the shower for a serious scrubbing session. I wasn't taking the chance of any further jobs being tacked on to the end of a long day so I skipped real rapid and went over to Jim for a cuppa and a natter in peace. A grand day all round. Then, three days later when the test was read we had two reactors and two inconclusive which means that the herd is restricted and no cattle can enter or leave the herd until there have been a mini-

McPaul wins Milford 5km

The John Kilmartin Memorial 5k race took place on Friday evening in Milford. A total of 88 people finished the race and it was a very exciting finish with Letterkenny AC's Mark McPaul just holding off his Clubmate John McCallion on the line. Third place went to Finn Valley's Tristan Kelly. The ladies race was won by Saoirse McNulty from Giffnock North ahead of Ita Kelly, Finn Valley and Leah Ward, Rosses AC.

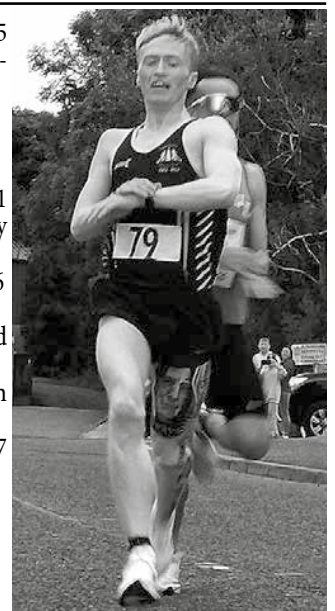
The race was in memory of the late Milford garda John Kilmartin who had a great interest in athletics and was a coach of the Long Jump where he mentored the late Hugo Duggan.

- 1. McPaul, Mark Letterkenny A.C. 15:38
- 2. McCallion, John Letterkenny A.C. 15:38

- 3. Kelly, Tristan, Finn Valley A.C. 15:51
- 4. O'Donnell, Charlie Rosses A.C. 15:59
- 5. Boyce, Callum 16:35
- 6. Lynch, Martin Milford AC 16:51
- 7. Bradley, Liam Inishowen A.C. 16:59
- 8. Ward, Mark Rosses A.C. 17:17
- 9. Foley, John Letterkenny A.C. 17:18
- 10. Boyce, Shaun Milford 17:19
- 11. Whoriskey, John Milford 17:31
- 12. Trimble, Patrick Rosses 17:31
- 13. Doherty, Liam Cranford 17:48
- 14. Scully, Gary 17:54
- 15. Doherty, Anthony Milford 17:55
- 16. Coyle, Barry Milford 18:00
- 17. McNulty, Saoirse Giffnock North 18:23

- 18. McFadden, JP Milford 18:28
- 19. Mackey, Barry LAC 18:31
- 20. Boyce, Aidan 18:46
- 21. Coyle, Curley 19:14
- 22. Gallagher, Joe Milford 19:54
- 23. McBride, Damian Milford 19:55
- 24. Cullen, Daniel Milford 19:57
- 25. McNulty, Michael 19:59
- 26. McLaughlin, Danny Milford 20:07
- 27. Ferry, Conor Star of the Sea AC 20:08
- 28. McBride, Stephen L.A.C. 20:09
- 29. Ferry, JJ 20:25
- 30. Kelly, Ita Finn Valley 20:26
- 31. Ward, Leah Rosses 20:28
- 32. McFadden, Manus L.A.C. 20:45
- 33. Penrose, Michael Finn Valley 20:48
- 34. Logue, Kevin Milford 20:50
- 35. Marley, Gerard Milford 20:52

- 36. McHugh, Michael Milford 20:55
- 37. O'Donnell, John B Lifford Strabane ac 21:08
- 38. McLaughlin, Jack 21:11
- 39. Kerr, Martin Milford 21:19
- 40. McLaughlin, Joe Milford 21:20
- 41. McCollum, Eugene Melvin 21:21
- 42. Dunleavy, Martin City of Derry 21:23
- 43. McBride, Brendan Rosses 21:26
- 44. Mooney, Michael 21:48
- 45. McAteer, Kieran Milford 21:53
- 46. Reid, Georgina Run 4 Fun 22:16
- 47. McAteer, Karen Milford 22:47
- 48. Trearty, Shane Rosses 22:49
- 49. OMahoney, Steve 22:58
- 50. Blaney, Harry 23:14
- 51. Fealty, John Milford 23:34



Right - Mark McPaul winning.



Mark Kilmartin presenting Mark McPaul and Saoirse McNulty the male and female winners of the 5km on Friday with their prizes. At back are John McCallion 2nd, Tristan Kelly 3rd and 2nd lady Ita Kelly with Milford AC chairperson James Gibbons.



Prizewinners at the John Kilmartin Memorial 5km were seated Eva Blaney, Martin Kerr and Jack McLaughlin. At back are Desmond Brownlie, Ton Bangert, Gloria Donaghy, Nancy McNamee and Mark Kilmartin.

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The Ramelton Vintage Car and Tractor run was again a great success this year and cheques totalling €5,315 presented to the six benefitting groups on Wednesday evening last at Sip and Slice Ramelton. The RNLI received a cheque for €1,500, the Ramelton Care of the Aged a cheque for €1,550; Ramelton Community Playgroup €700; Ramelton S.V.P €565; Ramelton Tidy Towns €500 and Ramelton Christmas Lights €500.



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Ciaran O'Donnell and Billy Blaney from the Ramelton Vintage Car and Tractor Run presenting a cheque for €1,500 to John McCarter of the RNLI on Wednesday evening at Sip and Slice Ramelton. Also included are committee members James Blaney, Craig Veitch, William Gallagher, Denis Orr, Richard Aiken, Stuart Edwards, Margaret Blaney, David Love, Sharon Mullan and Derek Stewart with Eunan McConnell and Gareth Evans from the RNLI.



Billy Blaney from the Ramelton Vintage Car and Tractor Run presenting cheques for €500 to the Ramelton Christmas Lights and Ramelton Tidy Towns to Sean and Seamus Crawford from the Light and Patricia Roache and Joe Birney from the Tidy Towns on Wednesday evening at Sip and Slice Ramelton. Also included are committee members James Blaney, Craig Veitch, Owen Murray, Richard Aiken, William Gallagher, Stuart Edwards, David Love, Margaret Blaney, Sharon Mullan and Ciaran O'Donnell.



Clare and Mervyn Hutton presenting a cheque for €241 to John McCarter, Eunan McConnell and Gareth Evans from the RNLI the proceeds of their recent Open Garden. This was additional monies that came in after the event which has already raised €1,800.



Billy Blaney and Ciaran O'Donnell from the Ramelton Vintage Car and Tractor Run presenting a cheque for €565 to Denis McHugh from the Ramelton SVP on Wednesday evening at Sip and Slice Ramelton. Also included are committee members, James Blaney, David Love, Richard Aiken, William Gallagher, Stuart Edwards, Margaret Blaney and Sharon Mullan



Billy Blaney from the Ramelton Vintage Car and Tractor Run presenting a cheque for €1,550 to Patricia Roache and Chris Bryant from the Ramelton Care of the Aged on Wednesday evening at Sip and Slice Ramelton. Also included are committee members Denis Orr, James Blaney, Richard Aiken, David Love, William Gallagher, Derek Stewart, Stuart Edwards, Craig Veitch, Margaret Blaney, Sharon Mullan and Ciaran O'Donnell with Anthony McCahill and John Stewart from the Care of the Aged.



Billy Blaney and Ciaran O'Donnell from the Ramelton Vintage Car and Tractor Run presenting a cheque for €700 to Liz Bryant and Nora Wilson from the Ramelton Community Playgroup on Wednesday evening at Sip and Slice Ramelton. Also included are committee members, James Blaney, David Love, Richard Aiken, William Gallagher, Stuart Edwards, Margaret Blaney and Sharon Mullan

Clerical sex abuse - urgent need for cold case review

And is it true that there are parishes in Ireland where the broadcast of the Celebration of the Mass has been stopped for some time? And are there any parishes in Donegal where monies donated in envelopes each week are no longer notified in the weekly newsletter.

*Is it no longer true that the people are the church?
Or is that claim off the agenda?*

Even at this remove, the most recent hidden legacy of clerical sex abuse has shocked the country. And as it's laid bare in the national media, there is an urgent reset for a cold case review as a matter of urgency.

And apart from the damage inflicted by Bishop Eamonn Casey and many others, it's very possible that the coverup is equally as grave because the failure to ensure the protection of innocent children is a criminal act.

Truth be known we simply do not know because the Church has created a vacuum of information by their stone walling to own up to the reality of their failures that may well be generations old.

The Catholic Church has been an institution in denial, in crisis about its own inability to confront the obvious sins of their colleagues hiding behind the clerical garb of the most heinous of abuses and unbelievable pain inflicted on an age of innocence. While many of these abusers escaped the rigours of the law, one has to question those priests, many still alive, who were part of a campaign of coverup, denial, ignorance, self-importance and shameful behavior.

There are legacies of Fr. Eugene Greene being escorted away from the parochial house in Kilmacrennan under the cover of darkness by three able-bodied priests on two identified occasions. But where was the communication with the congregation?

Perhaps, this is best summed up by Fr. Brian Darcy in his response to the unfolding allegations about Bishop Eamonn Casey's hidden life of criminal activity. But who knew? Who covered up his criminal actions

and decided to remain silent?

Those are questions that have a primacy of importance in this diocese because it was stated by Bishop Philip Boyce that we may have had the worst abuses in Ireland. However, very little evidence emerged. That too was miraculous.

Fr. Brian Darcy's response on Casey are pertinent, He said: "My biggest fear is that after 30 years of dealing with abuse and causing ordinary Catholics to be shamed and embarrassed, victims are still ignored and abandoned while clerical abusers are protected. The institutional church is systemically incapable of doing the right thing. How pathetic is that?"

Fr. Darcy is one of the true clerics with passion and belief in his own vocation. In the recent past, Fr. John Joe Duffy had that same courage when he responded to the sentencing of former PP. Fr. Con Cunningham when he was found guilty of abusing young girls.

Every time we pass the parochial house in Fanavolty there is the ever present reminder that Fr. Cunningham was curate here for over a decade. The presence of such houses used for cover by members of clergy will always stand as a monument to the crimes committed but also a powerful symbol of the denial of the Church in its own failures. And there are other instances in Donegal. Perhaps it symbolises the Church is more important than the faithful.

And is it true that there are parishes in Ireland where the broadcast of the Celebration of the Mass has ceased? And are there any parishes in Donegal

where monies donated in envelopes each week are no longer accountable in the weekly newsletter?

Is it no longer true that the people are the church? Or is that practice off the agenda?

The issue of clerical abuse and the denial by the Church is a continuing saga that has caused serious harm to so many innocent people who put their absolute trust in the round collar, the fanciful vestments and those black clothed evil forces in our midst.

Bishop Eamonn Casey of Galway was a revered figure, charismatic, and charming who left a deep imprint on Catholicism in Ireland with the Pope's visit in 1979. Here was a cleric in whom there was trust, passion and now accused of abusing his own niece from when she was five years of age. It really is absurd and outrageous that nobody shouted stop. And the same applies to all other instances of similar behaviour.

And it's more shocking that his body reposes beneath the Cathedral in Galway.

The sad fact is that the leadership of the church here, and more particularly, in Rome, were hypocrites; they ignored the pain of the victims of clerical abuse. What was the safeguarding model practised by the Church in the Diocese of Dublin, Wexford, Cork, Galway, Raphoe and wherever else the community was exposed to this monstrous behaviour?

The Vatican should have defrocked the bishop and should have laicised him so that he could not masquerade as a cleric. They should have ensured he was thoroughly investigated by police forces where the accusations arose. Furthermore, they should, at the very least, have published the fact that there were accusations of abuse against Bishop Casey.

How correct can it be to defrock a priest and leave the community in ignorance? We are reminded of a former bishop defrocking Fr. Con Cunningham when he was parish priest in Falcarragh. And the revered PP was sent back home to Carrick to reside next door to the primary school and he felt free to arrange sports for the girls, until he was stopped. However, nobody in Carrick was made aware that this was a man deemed a risk in the presence of young girls. This was not the distant

past when priests were the overarching centre of parish life and those that dared to challenge that edict, faced eternal hell damnation and no way of appealing the round collar circus.

Mystified parishioners contacted the Tironaill Tribune in an attempt to establish their PP's whereabouts and why they were left in the darkness about his departure. No answers were ever forthcoming.

Fr. Cunningham was a founder member of the Community Games in Donegal.

In October 2002 the Diocese of Raphoe was rocked with revelations by a BBC Spotlight programme "Sins of Omission" that Bishop Philip Boyce was told in 1995 about complaints against Fr. Eugene Greene from Annagry. The Bishop confirmed this meeting to the programme, but said his subsequent inquiries found no complaints or records of complaints against the priest.

Fr. Greene remained in active ministry until 1998, when the Gardai began investigating his alleged activities. The programme also claimed that senior priests were informed of complaints against Fr. Greene on at least four other occasions dating back to 1971, but the complaints were never recorded in diocesan files.

Fr. Greene who served in eight parishes in the Raphoe Diocese was jailed for 12 years in 2000 after pleading guilty to 41 sample charges of sexual assault against children in Donegal between 1965 and 1982. He was originally charged with more than 100 counts of sexual assault, mainly against altar boys who said they were subjected to repeated assault and buggery.

In his weekend homily when Con Cunningham first pleaded guilty to sex abuse charges in 2018, Fr. John Joe Duffy begged all those who've been abused to report their trauma to the Gardai or Tusla and to be reassured their voices must be heard. He said these clerical sex abusers must never be allowed to function in our Church because their acts are evil, vile and anti-Christ like... he said.

Fr. Duffy said that the Church we all believe in must never protect or defend these betrayers of our children and of our faith.

"There will never be a hiding place for them in our Church," he told his congregation in St.



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Michael's Church in Creeslough.

He said that suspicions, concerns or allegations that a child is being or has been abused must be reported.

"Such acts against the young and innocent have the potential to affect and in some occasions, can lead to the total destruction of life."

He said these priests who abused children were not followers of Jesus Christ, they gave themselves over to Satan. They entered into darkness when they perpetrated such vile evil heinous crimes against the vulnerable. They used the Church and their roles to groom and build a fake trust with their victims and the families of victims.

He said that at times these abusers deluded others into the falsehood that they were victims of Bishops who dismissed them. They tried to build up support that led people to believe that those twisted, suspended and defrocked priests were innocent and 'hard done by' through the actions of their Bishop. He said all our prayers must be for those who have been hurt by any such vile and gruesome acts, and for their healing, to free them from their pain and mental torture, for their families and their loved ones.

Former Justice Minister and Attorney General, Michael McDowell said, 'So many of my suspicions were confirmed' when he heard the allegation against Bishop Casey, adding: 'I had no difficulty in believing it. I always thought he was a bit of a showman. After the Annie Murphy thing, I thought his mask was snatched from his face. He played the jolly extrovert.'

Senator McDowell said the allegations against Bishop Casey were a 'frightening revelation of the shocking double standards in the Ireland of its time'. 'The disgusting hypocrisy exhibited by Eamonn Casey in outwardly appearing to be friendly but conformist, while inwardly acting as a cruel predator of vulnerable women and children,' he said.

In "The Buried Secrets" documentary on RTE, Ms Donovan talked about feeling like she was in love with Bishop Casey when he was abusing her, and feeling like he loved her too. We would find that with children, and especially with children who have been abused by a family member or by a parent, there's that struggle,' she said.

Fr. Brian Darcy noted and wondered if Bishop Casey's priest friends knew he was an abuser and predator. If they knew and said nothing, how can they sleep at night? "How could they trust the leaders who kept Casey's criminal behaviour a secret? Many of them, in ignorance, defended Casey and made fools of themselves. I was one of them," he added.

However, the black cloth that gave those clerical abusers cover to walk the land in search of their prey has left the darkest of stains on Ireland: on the Faith of our Fathers.

To this day the Church stands accused of coverup and denial because these tragic abuses of altar boys and schoolgirls in the local parish choirs were endemic.

And the Church was not stupid because, despite being only a faith-based concept they became more embedded in local parishes, in seminaries, in sport, in community games and in all family issues and they were trusted implicitly.

However, trust comes at a price. In that respect the Catholic Church has failed too many of its victims. But it also begs the question... how many of the abused remain scarred and too frightened to come forward and reveal their hurt and pain?

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Glenalla Garden Fete

The annual Glenalla Garden Fete took place on Saturday in aid of St. Colmkilles Church, Glenalla at Franklin's Estate and pictured are groups enjoying the afternoon.



Elizabeth Roulston, Margaret Blaney and Ruth Mackintosh.



Caite, Aine and Casel Fealty with Timber.



Leona McGarvey with Carol Delap.



Ian, Madeline and Laura Franklin with Oscar Jones.



Nollaig Crombie, Ellie and Heather O'Donnell and Sadie Logue.



Rosaleen Black with Cora and Sonia Keeney.



Saoirse McHugh at the Fete



Cllr. Declan Meehan with Edel Gallagher.



Eoin Meadows, Mary, Francie and Kathleen McAteer.



Joyce and Marion McNutt in the gardens.



Jim Dill with Sarah Friel.



Jonah McAteer having his face painted by Sarah Black.



James Keyes and Aibhin O'Donnell with Kathleen Nicholl.



Bridie Crerand with Michael Brogan.

A Failure of Olympic Proportions

That was a bit rubbish wasn't it? A few moments aside, the Olympics opening ceremony wasn't great. I can't decide what sums up the evening best: the whole damp squib being played out under a dismal Parisian drizzle or the supposedly triumphant moment the Olympic flag was accidentally hoisted upside down.

Perhaps the most obvious problem with the ceremony was the sheer ugliness of it all. Paris' iconic status is in large part built on the beauty of its architecture. Yet the designs that are rightly feted are centuries-old at this point and against their backdrop we saw something with a more modern flavour on Friday evening. Amidst an opportunity for beauty and elegance much of what was served up was, well, ugly.

You could make a strong case that opening ceremonies reflect the cultures of their hosts cities and nations. 2024's edition certainly shone a light on France's radical and supposedly "progressive" secularism. If this is the fruit of that worldview it doesn't make for a great advertisement.

By now you'll have probably seen some of the controversy that has erupted over a segment that appears to invoke Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples being replaced by a "fat acceptance" campaigner and a group of cross dressing men.

The organisers have issued a rather mealy mouthed apology, but the performers' own social media output strongly suggests a deliberate attempt at religious satire.

What exactly was the intent behind this segment? Was it a quintessentially French attempt to flaunt its secularist credentials by showing that religious ridicule is never off limits? If so then it was an epic failure: in the city where twelve were gunned down in revenge for a cartoon of Islam's most revered prophet the organisers picked on a softer target, safe in the knowledge that when Christian sensibilities are offended reprisals don't tend to feature assault rifles.

Was the intention to take the sacred and make it scandalous? If so, it failed dismally once again because they've managed to miss the point.

Consider the context of Jesus and his disciples' last supper. That famous meal took place on the night when Jesus

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

was betrayed and arrested, sparking off a chain of events that are infinitely more jaw-dropping than anything a choreographer could ever dream of concocting.

Following his arrest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the creator of heaven and earth, was stripped naked, beaten to a bloody pulp and subjected to the cruellest, most humiliating spectacle that mankind was capable of inventing. Unlike Friday's failed extravaganza, this wasn't mere outrage for outrage's sake; it was an essential part of his mission because if his people were to be spared the judgement they deserve then the divine Saviour must take it in their place.

Ultimately the opening ceremony was an artistic failure, not because its satire went too far, but because it would be impossible for it to go far enough. €120 million and months of rehearsals could never top the scandal of the cross.



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Fanad beach access like Fort Knox: Seamus Gunn

The public right of way to Drumnacraig beach in the Fanad peninsula has been likened to Fort Knox by Seamus Gunn of McCloughan Gunn Solicitors during a Circuit Court hearing this week in Donegal Town.

Mr. Gunn was addressing the court during consideration of the case taken by the Houston attorney Maureen Wharton: she was seeking an injunction on three counts preventing members of the Drumnacraig Action Group from trespassing on her lands in a dispute over a right of way.

Mr. Gunn said it was important to remember that this case was not about creating a right of way. It is about the preservation of a historic right to a public amenity that predates Famine times, he added in his submission.

M/s Wharton was told by Justice Matthew Deerey that her actions in erecting gates would not be justifiable if the purpose was to restrict public access.

And in a new twist to the story Cllr. Liam Blaney has put down a motion at next Monday's electoral area meeting in Milford calling for a compulsory purchase order to make the right of way into a public road with proper car parking.

At the same time M/s Wharton may now face a counter claim to have all the gates on the road removed and the action group is meeting later this week to discuss their next move in the saga.

The plaintiff withdrew the application for an interlocutory injunction restraining the three named defendants from trespassing on her land or attempting to construct a roadway on the site.

She agreed to withdraw the injunction application proceedings after the defendants agreed that no further work would be carried out on the path or the creation of a car park.

Justice Deerey said that the actions of the defendants in putting a hard core surface on the pathway were hardly justified. However, the putting up of fences and gates by Ms Wharton was justified if the purpose was to contain cattle but would not be justifiable if the purpose was to restrict access, he said. It would not be justifiable in circumstances where people were maintaining a traditional right of way, he added.

Legal arguments in the case were heard by Justice Matthew Deerey. The injunction by M/s Wharton sought to restrain the men from entering or trespassing on the plaintiff's lands and sought to restrain them from building a roadway or car park or entering the land with any vehicle.

The action was taken against local men John Kelly, Ignatius McIntyre and Michael Carr with an address in Nevada. He was born three miles from Drumnacraig beach and has postponed surgery for cancer to come back to his native Fanad claiming that the historic rights of access to this beach are under threat.

Deputy Niall Blaney who was in court to hear the arguments in the case has strongly criticised Maureen Wharton over her actions. Deputy Blaney said: "M/s Wharton's actions are disgraceful since it is difficult enough to attract tourists and any attempt to restrict any of our historic amenities must be strongly condemned. I would seriously

Fathers support group meets Bob Geldof



Bob Geldof speaking with Paul Anderson of the Forever Fathers (FOF) Group who represent the rights of separated, divorced and unmarried fathers in Donegal. Also pictured at the Holiday Inn on Friday evening is Phil Mac Giolla Bhain who is preparing a research document for FOF which will examine the social and economic impact on men who find themselves separated from their children.

Forever Fathers (FOF) the group representing the rights of separated, divorced and unmarried fathers in Donegal held a very successful meeting with Bob Geldof prior to his concert in Letterkenny's Holiday Inn on Friday night. The former lead singer with the pop group Boomtown Rats and high profile Third World charity campaigner has in his personal life experienced similar issues in relation to separation and children.

The Forever Fathers group have expressed their delight at the solidarity and support shown for their work by Geldof and thanked the Irish pop icon for giving time to them despite a busy schedule. FOF was set up in Donegal in 2001 by Paul Anderson and Paddy Hannigan as a forum giving support and advice to separated, divorced and unmarried fathers in the county.

The group who meet approximately once a month in Ballybofey are planning to host an information

seminar in November where a research document will be launched on the social and economic impact on men who find themselves separated from their children. The researcher for the project is Phil Mac Giolla Bhain. These initiatives are being funded by Comhairle and the focus will be on the issues surrounding the plight of fathers who experience difficulty in getting access to their children. FOF in Donegal is an informal support network which has contact with but is not directly affiliated to national organisations such as AMEN or the Unmarried Fathers of Ireland.

According to FOF spokesman Paul Anderson there is a problem in achieving a united front nationally in stepping up their campaign and it hasn't yet become a political issue. Anyone interested in participating in the survey or seeking information on the FOF group can contact Paul Anderson or Paddy Hannigan.



Young jockeys of the future at the Race Meeting at Claragh, Ramelton on Sunday in aid of the Donegal Down Syndrome Association Oisín and Conor Orr, Ballyare and Emma Carton Rathmullan at the races.

questions the motives of

M/s Wharton and her reasons for seeking this injunction," he added. In her defence M/s Wharton said the precautions taken were to protect her lands for grazing. However the Drumnacraig Action Group disputed this claim and Mr. Carr says that if the access was not protected hundreds of similar 'rights of way' in Ireland would be closed down with future generations denied access to these amenities.

The defendants claimed that problems first arose two years ago when boulders followed by gates and fencing were erected on the right of way. Mr. Carr says that in fact he was asked to remove his car from the area as far back as nine

years ago. In her defence M/s Wharton said the precautions taken were to protect her lands for grazing. However the Drumnacraig Action Group disputed this claim and Mr. Carr says that if the access was not protected hundreds of similar 'rights of way' in Ireland would be closed down with future generations denied access to these amenities. Mr. Carr is aged 68 and was formerly an officer in the United States army and he's a veteran of the Korean war. He's had a life long interest in Drumnacraig beach describing it as 'an oasis of perfect peace and happiness'. He returns here year after year and says it is the most beautiful place on God's earth and he's prepared to go to jail, if necessary to protect the 'inherited right of access' there.

The Action Group based part of their defence to retain the right of way on the Ordnance Survey map of 1902 and they say the original right of way is marked out in black legend by the many generations of Fanad people who have used this access route to the beach to collect seaweed and periwin-

kles. They are now battling to have this original right of access restored. The row over whether or not a public right of way exists to Drumnacraig Strand on the Fanad Peninsula came into the public domain two years ago and it was anticipated that Donegal County Council would have been asked to carry out an engineering report as a prelude to a compulsory purchase order declaring the right of way to be a public road.

In the interim that has not happened and this week Deputy Niall Blaney said that immediate steps must now be taken to address this deficit.

Ms Wharton came back from Houston to attend this week's court proceedings. She initiated the action against local men John Kelly, Ignatius McIntyre and Michael Carr, a cancer patient, originally from the area who now lives in Nevada, USA, after they carried out re-surfacing work on the track which leads from the road to the beach.

Richard Lyons, counsel for Ms Wharton, whose late husband's family were English and purchased the land in 1964, claimed that the actions of one

of the defendants had been 'fuelled by xenophobia'. It was totally untrue that she was trying restrict pedestrian access to the beach. She wanted to promote safe and secure access to the beach and preserve the scenic beauty of the area, he said.

Solicitor, Seamus Gunn dismissed the allegations of xenophobia and told the court that his clients took the action of putting loose stone surface dressing on the deteriorating path to preserve a public right of way which had existed since 'time immemorial'. They believed that the right of way was being 'eliminated by stealth' over the past two years when gates and fencing were erected and that the beach would be privatised.



Contestants for this year's Kilmacrennan Festival Queen at the selection on Sunday night in the Anglers Haven.



Kilmacrennan Festival Queen 2004 Rachel Stuart receiving her prizes from last year's Queen Dena Patterson on Sunday night in the Anglers Haven.

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Milford estate celebrates 50th birthday

On the August Bank Holiday Monday in 1954 the first residents of the new Mount Marian estate in Milford took up residence in the first of the thirty houses being constructed for Donegal County Council

It may be long ago and far away; but it is not and this August Bank Holiday Monday those residents still there will join in celebrations to recall this landmark occasion in their lives.

The Mount Marian estate has prided itself over the intervening years as a community living in peace and harmony and they say this is due to the fact that since the very start they were close neighbours. Everyone knew everyone else and they were all locals mainly employed in the Milford Bakery and Flour Mills or McMahon's Garage at the foot of the town. But there were exceptions: Mary Peoples recalls her late husband Paddy was a taxi driver, as was the late Charlie Ferry.

Most of the nameplates are familiar to Milford: Doogan: Ferry: McTaggart: McGlynn: Peoples: McCafferty: Gallagher: McBride: Cannon: Ferry: O'Donnell: Bradley: McDaid: Sweeney and Walls. The estate sits on the outskirts of Milford on the Carrigart Road and the most striking feature is the green and spacious layout of the place. This estate has won numerous awards in the Tidy Towns and indeed back in 1983 they were awarded the Bord na Mona plaque for the best kept estate in Ireland. They've been awarded numerous accolades in the County Council Tidy Estate Competitions

over the years and great pride is taken in keeping the estate up to a state of maximum presentation. Community spirit is crafted on obtaining such honours and when one drives into the place it is immediately obvious that this place is held dearly in the hearts of the community.

Thirty homes rather than thirty houses is what has set the place apart as a model example of community living down the years and that is why they are looking forward with pride to Monday week and this landmark occasion in their lives.

The houses were constructed by Paddy Barr and Sons of Buncrana and work began in the early fifties and took almost three years to complete. The main blocks are constructed in a semi-circular fashion with a large green area out in front to allow for breathing space. Estates today are not constructed with the same attention to layout: green areas and a design that allows them to be vibrant breathing spaces with proper space for recreation and fun.

And the sporting successes of individual skills and teams in national and community games are also remembered. Native sons Hugo Duggan and Mickey Ferry became local legends in their fields of athletics and soccer and they would have crafted their early skills up here in Mount Marian.

The residents recall fifty children playing on the green at Mount Marian in former times and it was a football field: a soccer academy and a community gathering point, all rolled into one.



Maggie Ferry, Hugh McGlynn, Mary Peoples and Madge McCafferty, original keyholders at the Upper Mount Marian Estate in Milford. Celebrations will take place on Monday August 2nd to mark its 50th birthday.

Hughie McGlynn recalls moving into his new home. An employee of the Milford Bakery he'd previously lived in a room rented from the late Peter Boyce above in Gortmacall. August Monday was the day for moving because the bakery was closed and families had time to shift their belongings up to the new estate. Looking back

one can see the care with which the houses were constructed. There is not a blemish in their design: not a crack in a wall and despite the ravages of the severe winters these houses have weathered the test of time rather well. The white painted two-storey houses are fitted with brown tiled roofs and they have character: solid construction: layout or whatever it takes to give a place its own sense of individuality is clearly evident.

Out on the green the copper beeches: the pines and shrubs sway gently in the summer's breeze as the residents gather round to reminisce and to tell the tales of family life here in this quiet oasis of county Donegal.

On Sunday evening I stood with four of the original keyholders as they recalled the good old days in Milford and how they had looked forward to moving into their new homes. The echoes of children's laughter from long ago was recalled with fond memories of the epic sports battles on the green. Some of those children are now in Canada: Australia and many other parts. But what binds them in the memory of history is their growing up here in this historic town.

Madge McCafferty: Mary Peoples: Hughie McGlynn and Maggie Ferry chatted to me about the early years. There were few mod cons and most homes had a wash board and a jaw box and Monday was the traditional wash day. Hard work: earning a living and a huge degree of happiness was crafted here in Mount Marian and

the lived for each other sharing in the cares and woes of everyday life.

It was before the place had a secondary school: a mart or a superstore. But Milford was a hive of active commercial life with work a plenty for everyone. At a time when few other towns had industry Milford what thriving with several hundred jobs down on the quays or in the motor trade. There was a busy fair day on the 23rd of every month and livestock vied with the stall holders seeking the best price for second hand clothes, delph, hardware or indeed a woman telling your fortune and how you'd meet the love of your life.

Milford was then a very commercial crossroads for the peninsulas of Rosguill and Fanad and into the bargain the town had a fine dance hall: a cinema and a good hotel, cafes, renowned pubs and a fine array of shops along located on the very busy main street.

On Monday evening August 2nd the community will celebrate fifty years of community living in Mount Marian. Fr. Willie Peoples will be joined by Fr. James Gillespie and a big congregation for the celebration of open air Mass at six o'clock. The past generations will be recalled and afterwards there will be food and refreshments for all. And to end the evening there will be a session of music.

Right now the anniversary preparations are going full steam ahead and it is hoped that many of those now living away from Mount Marian will return for the happy event.



Michelle Wilkin making a presentation to Donegal Person of the Year Jim McGettigan, who opened this years Churchill Fair last Friday night with committee members Kathleen Callaghan, Victor Wilkin, Charlie McClafferty, Mick Quinn, Kathleen O'Brien, Martin Conaghan and Charlie Gallagher representing the Donegal Down Syndrome Association recipients of this years festival proceeds

Swilly Rovers celebrate 1962 Cup win

42 years ago Swilly Rovers defeated Castleview from Cork in Dalymount Park to win the FAI Junior Cup for the first time. It was Rovers' third attempt and that victory has gone down in history and football folklore.

The memories: the games and the great figures that have been a part of the Swilly Rovers era will be recalled this weekend during the celebrations and big things are planned. Now that Swilly Rovers have installed their new manager it is hoped that once again the famous team will begin to capture some of the magic and glory of the past. On Saturday the surviving members of both teams will reunite to rake over the events of May 13th, 1962.

And in the intervening years the Swilly club has been there at the forefront of Donegal junior soccer. Sad to relate Brendan Duffy has passed to his eternal reward. He was one of the most gifted midfielders ever to come out of Donegal and his name is revered in soccer circles for his silken talents and outgoing personality both on and off the field.

The victorious Ramelton squad from that day included Bobby Toland, Johnny Moran, Fr. Dan Doherty, Mick McGuinness, Fr. Willie McMenamin, Ian McGarvey, Brendan Duffy, Mickey 'Hutton' Doherty, Joe Duffy, Gerry Bradley and Liam Blake. Brendan Duffy who played a leading role in that famous year sadly passed away in December, 2001 but it is hoped to have as many as possible of the ten surviving players plus Paddy Sweeney will be in attendance on Saturday evening.

The celebrations will continue later in the night at the Lennon Lodge lounge which will include a slide show.



Clinton's Gala Shop Tamney was officially opened by Mickey Harte on Thursday. He is pictured with Teresa Clinton and her team of helpers, Freda Coyle, Sandra Carr, Marie and Michelle McHugh, Shauna McBride, Catriona McHugh, Nadine Clinton and Margaret Reid and at front Ciaran Coyle.

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Bhuel, a chairde Ghaeil, tharla sé dom arís! I mo sheasamh ag an cuntar iocaíochta i Lidl, ag caint Gaeilge mar is gnáth le duine de na Gaeilgeoirí a oibríonn ann. Bhí cáilín óg agus a mathair ag teacht i mo dhiaidh, chuala siad an Ghaeilge agus bhí an bhéirt acu ar bís! Thosaigh an leanbh Gaeilge galánta deas a labhairt liom, agus bhí sé furasta a fheiceáil an méid bhróid a bhí ar an mathair! Sin an rud a dhéanann an Ghaeilge do dhaoine, go hairithe ag an am seo de bhliain, agus an méid cuairteoirí atá thart timpeall an áit.



Tharla sé domsa agus do chúpla cairde ins na Dúnaibh an lá faoi dheireadh fosta. Bhí muid díreach i ndiaidh teacht amach as an Coircal Chomhrá atá againn ann agus inár seasamh taobh amuigh den foirgneamh ina raibh muid ann ag iarraidh siob a shocrú do chara agus bhí scaifte cuairteoirí ag siúl thar bhráid, Meiricán- aigh de réir na blasanna.

Stop siad uilig le chéile agus thosaigh siad ag stánadh orainn, béil oscáilte acu, ag éisteacht le achán focal! Thug muid uilig é seo faoi deara, cinnte le Dia, agus chuir muid seó beag ann dóibh! Bhí muid ag iarraidh gach seans a thabhairt dóibh an Ghaeilge a chluinstin, agus bhí gliondar an domhain orthu, caitheadh mé a rá! Bhí an cháilín óg ag freastáil ar chúrsa lán-Ghaeilge in Eadarnaigh i gContae Fear Manach, agus bhain sí an- sult as.

Dúirt sí go raibh thart ar 300 páistí ag glacadh páirt ann! Mar sin, tá teachtaireacht tabhachtach agam díobh go léir:- labhair Gaeilge in achán áit agus a thig leat; ní bhéadh a fhios agat cé atá ag éisteacht leat, agus a thiofadh leo a bheith spreagtha ag do eiseamlár. Agus ná déan dearmad, is í ár dteanga dhúchais í, an Ghaeilge agus cuid den dlúth agus inneach na beatha dúinn.

Cluinim go bhfuil feabhas ag gabháil a theacht ar an aimsir! Créidfidh mé sin nuair a fheicimse é! Áfach, mar atá a fhios againn, caitheadh muid buail ar aghaidh, a chairde-béidh sé níos fearr i Mí Lúnasa..... (mar dhea). Caitheadh mé a admháil, áfach, go bhfuil mo ghairdín ag fás go spleodrach.

Cheannaigh mé triúr phlandaí anuraidh, a bhí costasach, chuir mé i bpotáí iad agus chnoc mé suas iad in áit feiceálach, agus ní dhearna siad faic ná fríde. Bhí díoma orm mar bhí mé ag iarraidh clúdach ins an áit ina raibh siad ann. Cúpla seachtain ó shin chonaic mé duilleog ag spleacadh thar thaobh pota amháin, agus anois tá an triúr acu beo agus bríomhar le neart bláthanna le feiceáil iontu.

Ní bhíonn scamall gan gealán. Diomaite de na plandaí sin, tá achán rud eile ag déanamh go maith fosta. Rud amháin eile atá agam a bhí ag fás go flúirseach i mbliana ná an Visteária

galánta atá agam. Le bheith macánta is beag nar mharaigh mé é roimhe, mar níor thuig mé an réim prúnala in aon chor.

Bhí a fhios agam go raibh rud éigean ar siúl nuair nach raibh sé ag fás agus ní raibh rath air. Sa dheireadh, fuair mé amach go bhfuil ort prúnáil dhian a thabhairt don phlanda gach bliain. Thainig feabhas díreach uirthi nuair a rinne mé prúnáil ceart uirthi agus anois maireann na bláthanna níos faide agus, anois, i ndiaidh na bliantaí, tá sí ag tabhairt clúdach maith don spás amuigh.

Is maith an rud é rud beag taighde a dhéanamh ó am go h-am, agus tá an eolas le fáil go h-éasca na laethanta seo. Agus anois, agus mé ag amharc amach fríd an doras go dtí an gháirdín, an griain ag solsiú agus boladh na bláthanna, eadar milis agus cumhrachtach, aithním cé chomh galánta agus atá an Samhradh nuair a thagann sé. Tá tráthnóna ciúin ann. Tá sé te go fóill, le gaothín dea-mhúinte agus gach rud foirsteánach don nóiméid.

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Tharla sé. It happened



Mar is gnáth. As usual
An méid bhróid. The degree of pride
Thart timpeall. Around
Siob a shocrú. Arrange a lift (car)
Cinntle le Dia. As sure as God
Gliondar. Joy
Ba chóir. It was correct to
Sult a bhaint as. To enjoy
Spreagtha. Inspired
Eiseamlár. Example, exemplary
Dlúth agus inneach. Part and parcel
Mar dheá! As if!
Feiceálach. Visible, conspicuous
Clúdach. Coverage
Ag spleacadh. Peeping, glancing
Ní bhíonn scamall gan gealán
Every cloud has a silver lining
Is beag. Almost
Réim prúnála. Pruning regime
Cumhrachtach. Fragrant
Gaothín. Breeze

Government was told banks should contribute to redress scheme

- Doherty and Mac Lochlainn

Deputy Pearse Doherty and Deputy Pádraig Mac Lochlainn have commented on the leaking of the Attorney General's advice to Government regarding the Defective Block Redress Scheme.

Published by The Ditch, Attorney General Paul Gallagher, in correspondence regarding the government's scheme, suggested that, as a matter of legal principle, it would not be unfair to require that the banks make some contribution to the scheme in respect of the benefit they would receive.

Payments from the state to affected homeowners would help banks secure their loans because the value of affected properties would be maintained.

Deputy Doherty said: "This latest leaking of the Attorney General advice to government is further evidence of what we have always said: the banks should be contributing to the government's defective blocks redress scheme.

"It seems government have no interest in even asking them to do so. We now must ask why this is. Why was our advice and the advice from the Attorney General not listened to?"

"Why was so much of the Attorney General's other advice regarding saving the state money listened to and not this?"

Deputy Mac Lochlainn added "Sinn Féin have been calling for banks to contribute in some way to the redress scheme given how much they will benefit from it. As far back as March 2021, I called on the then Minister for Finance to ensure that the banks made a contribution to the cost of the Defective Concrete Block redress scheme. It now turns out that he ignored both me and his own Attorney General. The government must now explain to us why this was the case. What is their justification?"

Sound of Silence

Hello darkness, my old friend
I've come to talk with you again
Because a vision softly creepin'
Left its seeds while I was sleepin'
And the vision that was planted in my brain
Still remains . . . within the sound of silence

In restless dreams I walked alone
Narrow streets of cobblestone
"Neath the halo of a street lamp
I turn my collar to the cold and damp
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light
That split the night . . . and touched the sound of silence

And in the naked light I saw
Ten thousand people, maybe more
People talking without speaking
People hearing without listening
People writing songs that voices never share
And no one dare . . . disturb the sound of silence

"Fools", said I, "You do not know
Silence like a cancer grows
Hear my words that I might teach you
Take my arms that I might reach you
But my words, like silent raindrops fell
And echoed in the wells of silence

And the people bowed and prayed
To the neon god they made
And the sign flashed out its warning
In the words that it was forming . . . and the sign said,
"The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls
And tenement halls" . . . and whispered in the sounds of silence

. . . the sound of silence

This song, written by Paul Simon in 1962, is reflective of the silence of todays world leaders' to the slaughter and genocide taking place in Gaza.

"No one dares ... disturb the sound of silence"

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Man Utd legends at Leckview Park

There was a big turnout on a sunny Saturday for the visit of a Manchester Utd legends team for the first game on newly upgraded Leckview Park grass pitch. The ground was officially reopened by Annette Kelly whose late husband Dessie was lifelong member of Letterkenny Rovers Football Club. Dessie was a founding member of Rovers in 1962, managed the club to back-to-back Donegal Junior League titles and only stepped down as Chairperson in March after 25 years service. It was also an occasion to remember many other

club stalwarts like Dick Duffy, the Blake brothers Eunan and Liam, Billy Doherty, Stanley White, Liam Collins, Patsy Collins and many others who had either graced Leckview Park as a player or worked off the field to promote football in the town. Members of Dessie Kelly's family were in attendance for the reopening and his daughter Mary Forde spoke on their behalf. The Manchester Utd legends were in Letterkenny for the weekend. Some of them took part in the Letterkenny Rovers Golf Classic in Rosapenna on Fri-



Keith Gillespie tries to go past Chris Malseed.



The Man U legends at Leckview Park on Saturday - front row - Paul Parker, Keith Gillespie, Brian McClair, Clayton Blackmore, Chris Eagles. Back row - Karel Poborsky, Frank Stapleton, Tony Blake, Eric Djemba-Djemba, Jaap Stam and Lee Martin.

day. They also did a 'Meet & Greet' at the Voodoo on Saturday before the game. On Saturday night they were special guests at a dinner in the Mount Errigal Hotel. In attendance were Jaap Stam, Paul Parker, Brian McClair, Keith Gillespie, Karel Poborsky, Frank Stapleton, Clayton Blackmore, Lee Martin, Chris Eagles and Eric Djemba Djemba. It was all part of a fundraising drive for Letterkenny Rovers who want to develop the club facilities further to benefit the town and the many teams that have to accommodate. Saturday's friendly fixture ended in a 6-6 draw in front of a good crowd, with Pajo Rafferty providing a fine finish from a Terence Shiels assist to put the host in front before a foul on Clayton Blackmore resulted in a

penalty which Keith Gillespie blasted past Liam Grant. It was 2-2 at the break after Pauric Gilsenan restored Rovers lead only for 68-year-old Stapleton to make it all square getting the final touch from a Chris Eagles free-kick. Former Republic of Ireland captain Stapleton confirmed that the Leckview game would be his last time to be part of the Man Utd legend tours. Darren 'Macca' McElwaine and Eagle got goals at either end before Gareth Gorman now resident in Galway netted twice for the home team. Back came the legends with goals from Chris Bradley and a second from Eagles to make it 5-5. Mark Connaughton for Rovers and a late second from left the final score 6-6.



The Letterkenny Rovers team who played the Man U legends on Saturday.

Man Utd Legends and guests - Frank Stapleton (Captain), Clayton Blackmore, Jaap Stam, Paul Parker, Brian McClair, Keith Gillespie, Karel Poborsky, Lee Martin, Chris Eagles, Eric Djemba Djemba, Tony Blake, Stephen McConnell, Odhran Grant, Jason Daly, Chris Bradley, Joe McLaughlin and Paul Kiernan.

Letterkenny Rovers: Liam Grant, Anthony Gorman, John Gregg, Pauric Gilsenan, Colin White, Ronan Curran, Pajo Rafferty, Mark Connaughton, Seamus Chovelin, Paddy McDaid, Johnny Baird, Chris McCallion, Eric Roberts, Michael Lynch, Gary Heaney, Darren McElwaine, Terence Shiels, Gareth Gorman, Ciaran Greene.

Match officials included James Malseed, Stephen Gregg and Seany Houston.



Charlie Shiels also set to watch the Man Utd Legends match at Leckview Park where his son Terence was playing for Letterkenny Rovers



John Gregg, Letterkenny Rovers looks to get a tackle in on Frank Stapleton during the Man Utd legends match at Leckview on Saturday



Bryan Harkin in the crowd for the legends game where his son-in-law Tony Blake was the goalkeeper for the Man Utd team.



Rameilton Man U fans Brian and Enda Boyce with Dom McFadden who was supporting Letterkenny Rovers!

Aodh Ruadh no match for Termon

Termon 5-13 Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon 2-04

Pre-match favourites Termon lived up to that tag on Sunday in the Ladies County Senior Football Final at MacCumhaill Park. Termon were much too strong for a gallant Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon side who shipped an 18-point defeat in the decider.

The side managed by cousins Adrian and Kevin



Young Termon fans Shea McMenamin and Brian O' McCafferty at the Ladies County Final on Sunday in Ballybofey

McGettigan had the firepower with Geraldine McLaughlin once again the stand-out player finishing with a total of 1-6. Aodh Ruadh's best spell was in the second quarter when they netted two goals but still found themselves 4-9 to 2-2 behind at the break.

On a near perfect afternoon for football Termon were to triumph despite the absence of Eimear Gallagher and Shannon McLaughlin due to holidays. Before a very disappointing attendance, the Ballyshannon outfit deployed Sara Gallagher on McLaughlin but the sharpshooter fired past keeper Niamh Hoey inside the first minute. It was not the start the underdogs wanted but to their credit they did have a fair share of possession and worked the ball into good areas a couple of but there was no end product.

Gillian Dufficy missed an easy free that certainly didn't help her but she did make amends on eight minutes to open Aodh Ruadh's account. As well as posing the bigger threat offensively a bigger and physically stronger Termon side were also well organised defensively. Forwards like McLaughlin were back helping out when the opposition were in possession. She set up Ciara McGarvey for

the second goal at the river end on 11 minutes. Meabh Brady netted the other two goals with McLaughlin and Roisin Friel among the point scores.

Aodh Ruadh did have that mini-purple patch in the second quarter with Dufficy converting a 23rd minute penalty after Termon keeper Orla Corry had been sin binned for a foot block. Roisin McCafferty, no stranger to the No.1 jersey took over between the sticks. Four minutes later Dufficy had her second goal of the final doing well to block down an attempted clearance from the stand-in keeper to steer the ball into an empty net.

The Burn Road women weren't fazed by that double whammy and despite being a player down finished the half strongly rattling off four unanswered points with McLaughlin on target three times with McGarvey the other scorer. There was no way back for the Ballyshannon ladies who were trailing by 13 points. They managed just two points in the second half while Termon notched 1-4 which included a Jodie McFadden goal.

Termon - Orla Corry; Rionach Giles, Roisin McCafferty, Jenny McGettigan; Niamh Bonner, Eve-



Termon joint captains Ciara McGarvey and Aoibhe McDaid with Donegal senior team manager John McNulty

lyn McGinley 0-1, Aoibhe McDaid; Jodie McFadden 1-2, Megan Ryan; Lauren Gallagher, Roisin Friel 0-2, Anna Gallagher; Ciara McGarvey 1-1, Geraldine McLaughlin 1-6, 3fs, Meabh Brady 2-1. Subs: Meabh McDaid for Giles h-t; Sophie Curran for Brady and Kate McCafferty for Lauren Gallagher both 38 mins; Cayla McFadden for Friel 50 mins; Chelsea Gorman and Ava Friel for Bonner and A Gallagher both 55 mins.

Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon - Niamh Hoey; Niamh Barrett, Sara Gal-

agher, Katie McGowan; Roisin McGloin, Anna Rafferty, Aoibhinn McGarrigle; Anna Lisa Rabitte, Orla Keon; Andrea Moore, Cait Gillespie, Siofra Hughes; Gillian Dufficy 2-2, Terri Gallagher, Caoimhe Keon. Subs: Eimear McMahan 0-2 for Terri Gallagher h-t; Caoimhe Devine for Rabitte 46 mins; Ciara Larkin for Hughes 55 mins; Cayla Dolan for McGowan 57 mins; Aoife Travers for McGarrigle 59 mins.

Ref: Paul Clifford; Linesmen: Joe O'Donnell and Gerard McHugh.



Aodh Ruadh's Anna Rafferty being tracked by Termon defender Rionach Giles during Sunday's County Final

McFadden does the double at Nationals in Tullamore

On Saturday two of our 1500m athletes made their journey to the All Ireland Nationals hosted in Tullamore Harriers, Tullamore.

First up was Oisín McBride running U14, Oisín had a brilliant race with a new PB of 4.37.31 and crowned 5th in Ireland. Well done Oisín one to keep an eye on in the future and always gives his race 110%.

Our next athlete to take to the field was Caolán McFadden who ran a very tactical race and with 300m to go Caolán kicked crowning himself the Under 18 All Ireland champion. Well done Caolán who has done



Caolán McFadden who won the National U18 1,500m title at Tullamore on Saturday with Oisín McBride who was 5th in the U14 1,500m and Club Coach Eamonn Giles.



The Termon squad and young supporters celebrate after Sunday's County Final triumph at MacCumhaill Park

the double in both the 800M & 1500M.

We at the club are all very proud of you. That brings our track & field season to an end for another year. The club is now going to take a well deserved break. Please keep an eye on our facebook page for the return of the cross country season. New members are always welcome.

The club would like to thank all the team leaders and helpers who helped out in the boot camp last week. This would not be possible without your help and support. Each child had a great week and gained confidence in so many events and making new friends.

Thank you as always to all the coaches for so given of their time and dedication to our athletes during the season and to all the parents who support each and every athlete.

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Portsalon Ladies

May Blaney wins Lady Captain's Day

Lady Captain's Day was Mae's day in Portsalon on Saturday and to a rousing standing ovation, Mae Blaney was presented with the Lady Captain's Prize of 2024 by Noreen McConigley. The applause became more prolonged as Mae quipped that it was her first ever Lady Captain's Prize to win, in all the years she is playing golf. Mae has served as Lady Captain and still works diligently on the ladies committee to promote ladies golf in Portsalon. She recorded a tremendous score of 42 points and acknowledged her playing partners especially for willing her final putt to go in on the 18th!

Vice Lady Captain Roisin was the compere for the night and spoke of the work and effort Noreen has put into everything she does in the club, in particular with the lady beginners introduction to golf on a Friday evening. These sentiments were echoed by Captain Pat Horner and President Donal Callaghan.

Lady Captain Noreen gave a heartfelt speech thanking everyone in Portsalon who made her day so special and enjoyable. Proud of her family, their unwavering support, and of course Sean who gets everything sorted and happily goes for everything! She gave a particular thanks to her committee, Vice Lady Captain Roisin, Hon Sec Anne, Treasurer Claire, H/Cap Sec Aedeon, Comp Sec Iris and members Deirdre, Mae, Frances, Roseanne and Tracey who all do an amazing job behind the scenes to keep the ladies branch to the fore within the club.

Appreciation of all the work our Greens staff to keep the course in absolute pristine condition summer and winter was also acknowledged by Noreen. The meal provided by Roisin and her staff was as always superb, and members danced off the calories long into the night.

Revive Team

After very tough matches against Newtonstewart on Sunday, the journey for the Revive team ended. Appreciation to the entire team and panel for all their time, travelling, and effort to get this far against some very tough opposition. Thanks also to Roseanne Logue whose Captaincy of the team has been excellent as always.

Results
Lady Captain's Prize: Winner - Mae Blaney 42 pts; Runner-Up - Sarah Nicholl - 40pts Bot; Gross Claire McGonagle 25 gross pts; 3rd Mary Barret 40 pts; 4th Deirdre O'Toole - 39pts; Past Captains Anne Speedie 38 pts Bot; Committee Roisin McCormack 36pts Bot; 5th Eileen McLarnon 36pts Bot; 6th Geraldine Hickland 36pts Bot; 7th Tricia Bradley 36pts Bot; Front 9 Claire Ferry 19pts; Back 9 Kathleen McCormick 20pts; Longest Drive Roisin McCormack; Nearest the Pin Claire McGonagle.

Guests - Ladies: Winner Fiona Boyle; Runner-Up Marian O'Sullivan Letterkenny.

Gents Guests: Winner - Hugh Kelly; Runner Up - Jackie Barrett; Best of the Bunch - John Joe McGowan

Gents: Winner - Brian Haughey 45pts; Runner-Up Martin McFadden 42pts; Gross - Sean Hensey 31 gross pts; 3rd Aodh McCormack 42pts; Front 9 Michael O'Hara 23 pts; Back 9 Teddy Russell 27pts; Nearest the Pin - Darren Murray; Longest Drive - Ronan McAteer.

Letterkenny Golf Club

On Saturday the 3rd of August is Club Classic sponsored by Lexus Letterkenny in association with the Kelly family who have sponsored the event for the last number of years. Members and visitor support is vital for the success of this classic and booking is now available through the Clubnet app. Visitors should book through the Club shop by ringing (074)9121150. A prize fund of €2500 is on offer again this year



Pictured below at the launch of the Lexus Letterkenny Club Classic are Ed Margey President, Anne Flannery Lady Captain, Brendan Kelly dealer principle Lexus Letterkenny and Paul Carr Captain.



Pictured are representatives from Letterkenny Golf Club, Teresa Sweeney from the The Silver Tassie Hotel and Breast Centre North West at the launch their Annual Charity Golf Event. The Champagne Scramble will take place in Letterkenny Golf club on Friday 16th August. please support this worthy cause by booking your tee time on 074 9121150. For anyone who would like to offer assistance towards prizes for the event please email sales@silvertassiehotel.ie. (Thanks to Ivan Fuery for the photography).



Pictured is Lady Captain Noreen McConigley presenting her 2024 Lady Captain's Prize to Mae Blaney in Portsalon Golf Club on Saturday.

Join Us for a Special Celebration!

Letterkenny Golf Club invite all members and visitors to celebrate the life of long-standing member, Ciaran Gilcreest, on Sunday, August 4th for a Ladies and Gents Open Competition. Special Raffle for a Scotty Cameron Putter and a New Trolley Bag, raffle runs for the next two weeks Presentation at 9pm in the Clubhouse with Music by Gerry O'Sullivan and all raffle proceeds will be donated to Pieta House, the chosen charity for the evening.

Juniors

Junior Captain's Lewis Mulligan & Cassie Lambe hosted their day to Juniors during the week. Forty juniors took part where golf and a fine meal at Hunters was enjoyed by all. Alan Kenny won the 5 Hole 200yds boys and Myles McCabe came out on top in the 7 Hole 200yds competitions. In the senior Girls Hazel Daly played wonderful golf to lift the Junior Girls Captains Cup. In the senior boys Kayden McKenna had a fine 37pts to pip Daniel McClafferty on a bot. It was great for the younger juniors to look at the leadership shown by Lewis and Cassie who have been excellent ambassadors for the club down through the years. Well done to all & fabulous to see the youthful buzz at the club when the Juniors play.

Letterkenny Ladies

Anne Flannery is looking forward to hosting her Lady Captain's day on Saturday 10th August. The Lady Captain's prize to the Gents took place on Sunday 28th July with Brian Mullen taking the honours.

An action packed week of golf ahead for the ladies will start on Tuesday 6th August with a club competition sponsored by Susan Stephenson, Traveller Counsellor and the exciting Lady Captain's Shoot Out taking place at 6pm.

On Thursday 8th August, the ladies take to the fairways for a 13 hole Waltz Team competition where all lady members are encouraged to join in. Please ensure your name is on the list in the locker room by 5pm on Tuesday 6th August for the draw. Lady Captain's Charity for this competition is Cancer Care West and all donations are very welcome.

Golf continues with a mixed 2 person scramble on Friday 9th August so don't forget to put your name on the list in the locker room for this also.

On Saturday 10th August, Lady Captain's Day, Lady members



Lady Captains Day Winners in Portsalon Golf Club Left to Right. Back Row - R. McCormack, A. Speedie, G. Hickland, C. Ferry, C. McGonagle, K. McCormick. Front Row Left to Right - E. McLarnon, S. Nicholl, Lady Captain Noreen McConigley, Winner - Mae Blaney, M. Barrett



Guest and Gents winners Portsalon Golf Club Lady Captains Day Back Row - Left to right - F. Boyle, A. McCormack, M O'Sullivan. Front Row - J.J. McGowan, J. Barrett, Lady Captain Noreen McConigley, B. Haughey.

past and present are invited to call in for tea, coffee and treats in Bella's Garden Bar during the morning. Tray bakes are very welcome too! Lady Captain, Anne is looking forward to welcoming you all on the day and here's hoping for lots of sunshine for the busy week ahead.

Results - Jimmy Gallagher Golf Shop Tuesday 16th July - Winner Mary Gallagher (45) 42pts; Runner up Anne Cannon (13) 40pts; 3rd Marian O'Sullivan(10) 39pts; 4th Kate Gallagher (19) with 37pts; Front9 Ann Kelly (46) 26pts; Back 9 Breege McDonagh (48) 19pts.

Results of Bleom Coffee Competition on Thursday 18th July - Winner Breege McDonagh (48) 37pts; Front 9 Bridie Gildea (30) 22pts; Back 9 Kathleen Kelly (42) 19 pts

Results Tuesday 23rd July Sponsors Paul and Elaine Taylor Open Competition - Winner LC Anne Flannery (29) 40pts; Runner up Anne Cannon (13) 37pts; Gross Marian O'Sullivan (10) 23 gross points; 3rd Vera Kearney (27) 36pts BOT?; 4th Deirdre McCarron (33) 36pts; Front 9 Sandra McMonagle (19) 23pts; Back 9 Anne McGrath (18) 19pts; Visitor Rosaleen McGuinness (22) 32pts? Two's Anne Cannon 8th hole. Healthwise Pharmacy

Alternate Day - Winner Anne Cannon (12) 35pts; Runner up Catherine Cooke-Harkin (28) 35pts BOT; 3rd Mary Obrien (53) 35pts BOT; 4th Mena Breslin-Delap (34) 34pts; Front 9 Breege McDonagh(48) 21pts; Back 9 Anne McGrath (18) 18pts? BOT.

Team News

The Challenge Trophy Team, under the captaincy of Mary Fowley and assisted by Kay Kelly made it to the semi-final against Ballycastle on Thursday 25th July. Unfortunately, the Letterkenny Ladies lost out to a strong Ballycastle Team on the day. It was a great achievement to make it so far in the competition and Mary Kay and the team would like to thank everyone for their support on their journey to the Semi Final.

Rosapenna

Gents Section Results Sunday 28th July - Old Tom Morris Links - Cat A (<12) - Peter Smyth (12) with 41pts bot; Cat B (13-18) - John Lindsay (13) with 38pts bot; Cat C (19+) - Darragh McClafferty (19) with 37pts; Gross - Seamus Connor (0) with 35 gross pts. Two's - John Boyce, Seamus Connor, PJ Gallagher, Paddy Ban McClafferty, John (Junior) McClafferty, John Lindsay

105th Leitrim Cup

The 105th Leitrim Cup sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop will take place this coming Bank Holiday Weekend with one qualifying round on Saturday the 3rd over the Old Tom Morris Links. Sunday the 4th will see the quarter & semi finals, both played over 12 holes (1-11 & 18th) and then the 18 hole final will be contested on Monday the 5th at 1.00pm. All entries will

be via the BRS App from Wednesday 31st July at 7.00pm.

Ladies Section

Saturday 27th of July stroke competition kindly sponsored by Annek Foods Ltd - Winner Sheila Breen (15) 65 nett; Second Helena Mc Bride (18) 68 nett; Cat A Carmel Barry (12) 71 nett; Cat B Mary Devlin (23) 69 nett; Front nine Susanne Gallagher (22) 35 nett (BOT); Back nine Celie Doran (28) 33 nett.

Gents Past Captains & Presidents Day

2024 Club Captain Mr Enda McClafferty is planning to host a Past Captains & Presidents competition and dinner on Friday September 13th. Can those who plan to attend contact Enda direct via mobile 0044 79 216 48727.

Team News

Donegal League team lost to Portsalon last Friday night when the home team secured the necessary matches. Many thanks to the Team Captain Mr Joe McHugh and to his panel of players for their efforts.

Donegal Senior League team travelled to Letterkenny on Saturday past and lost 4-1 on the night in the first leg of round one. The return leg is set for Wednesday the 31st at 5.30pm with home support welcome.

Fixtures

JB Carr ULSTER FINAL vs Rossmore - Home August 2nd / Away August 9th

August - Sat 3rd - Mon 5th - 105th Leitrim Cup sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop; Sunday 4th - Club Competition; Sunday 11th - Club Competition; Sunday 18th - Club Competition; Sunday 25th - Club Competition; Saturday 31st - President's Prize.

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Barrett new Rathmullan FC Chair

Rathmullan Celtic FC has confirmed that Sean Barrett Jnr has been elected to the position of Chairperson following their recent AGM. Barrett succeeds Cormac Fegan who stepped down after 10 years. He is no stranger to the club and has been back involved at committee level for the last number of seasons, taking the position of vice-chairman in July 2023. It's fair to say he has been a loyal servant to the club for the most part of his adult life.



Sean has never been far from the club and has always made himself available to help when the opportunity has arisen. Since re-joining the committee he has become a strong voice and is very much a 'lead by example' operator in terms of getting things done. The club are delighted that he has accepted the role as Chairman going into the 2024/25 season and know that he will bring expertise, enthusiasm and a steady hand to his position.

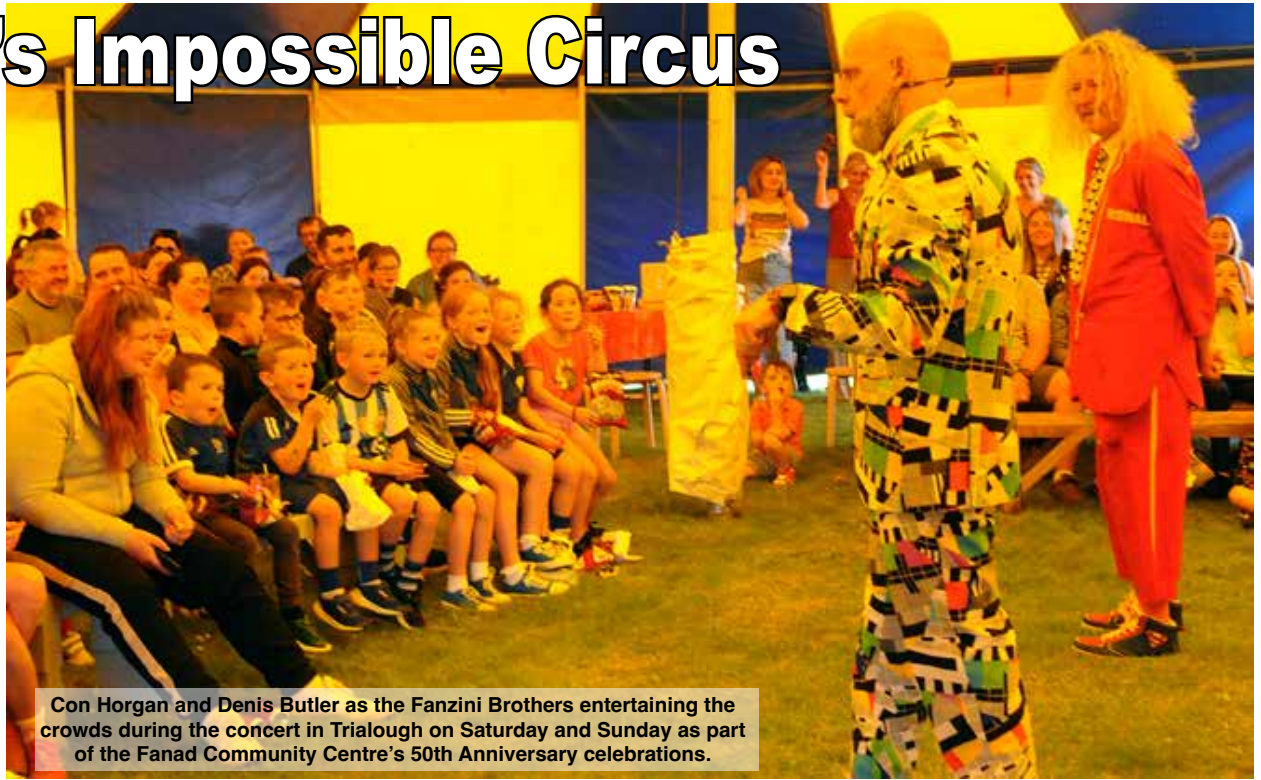
A tough-tackling defender in his playing days, he marshalled the defence over many long and testing seasons when times were tough. He captained the team and, when backs were against the wall, even took on the manager's role in his late 20s for a spell. He was still around in his playing days for the club's famous first titles in 2011 and 2012 and was part of the Brian McCormick Cup-winning squad in 2013.

Committee
 Chairman: Sean Barrett; Vice-Chair: Ollie Dunne; Treasurer: Cain Connolly; Vice-treasurer: Seamus Gavaghan; Secretary: Enda McElhinney; Vice-secretary: Gavin O'Donnell; Referee Liaison Officer: Mark Curran; Committee Members: Enda Sheridan, Matt Harwood, Eoin Sheridan, Ian Gallagher, Seamus Morrison, Paul Patton, Darragh Boyce.



One of the first ever Fanad Ladies teams from the early 1970s - Back row: Nancy Dorrian, Margaret Sweeney (RIP), Monica Coll, Mary Morning (RIP), Resa Sweeney, Mary Sweeney. Front Row: Fia Gallagher, Delia Dorrian, Margaret Dorrian, Helen Clinton, Mary Coll, Graine Friel.

Fanzini's Impossible Circus



Con Horgan and Denis Butler as the Fanzini Brothers entertaining the crowds during the concert in Trialogue on Saturday and Sunday as part of the Fanad Community Centre's 50th Anniversary celebrations.



Fanad Festival Weekend

The Fanad Festival organised by the Fanad Active Group will begin this Friday. On Thursday the 1st of August the selection of the Little Miss Fanad and Prince Charming will take place in the Community Centre at a Children's Disco from 7-8.30pm and the admission is €5.

Then on Friday the 2nd at 12noon there will be a Sandcastle Building Competition at Dins Shore. Suitable for builders of ages to come along. At 7pm there will be a Tea Party in the Community Centre with proceeds going to the Fanad Development Association. In the Fanad Lodge the Presentation of the Festival Queen will begin at 10pm with music by Two Bucks.

Its up early on Saturday the 3rd with Eco Atlantic Adventures holding a Family Kayak Tour which takes two hours at 9am,

12noon and 3pm from Portsalon Pier. Its suitable for children from 8 years of age and contact Hugh on 086 2250599 and the cost is €20 per person.

At 10am at the Community Centre the Mulroy Soccer Academy will hold a football blitz. Also at 10am there will be a History and Folklore of the Swilly Walk. Leaving from Malachy O'Doherty's Shop at Doaghbeg.

At 12noon the Fanad Sheep Show and Vintage Show will be held at the Community Centre while from 1.30 to 3.30pm there will be Children's Entertainment at the Community Centre including magic and puppet shows and a mini disco. At 7pm the popular Liverpool fans v Man Utd fans match takes place at Trialough with proceeds in aid of Donegal Horizons

followed by refreshments and music by Comhaltas Croabh Fhánada in the Lighthouse Tavern.

On Sunday the 4th of August the Family Kayak tours take place at Portsalon Pier, the same as Saturday.

At 11am there will be a 5km color run/walk leaving the Community Centre in aid of Gael Fhanada. From 1.30pm all afternoon Trialough is the venue for the Field Day Activities. The admission is €5. At 3pm there will be a Fun Dog Show and a 5pm the Car Treasure Hunt leaves the Community Centre. At night there will be a BBQ at the Stores Bar in Portsalon from 6-8pm with music by Heno followed by music at 10pm by Small Gods. Monday the 5th rounds off the weekend with Bingo in the Community Centre at 8pm.

Credit Union Draw

The Swilly Mulroy Credit Union Prize Draw will take place on Saturday 17th August. Tickets cost €20 and are limited to 1 per member (over 18s). The prizes include 1st prize - €7000; 2nd prize - €2000; 3rd prize - €1000 and there will be other prizes on the day to be won.

Nóta buíochais:

Bá mhaith le Comhar Fhánada & Ghleann Bhairr ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a chuidigh linn in aon slí le rathúlacht an tsorcais ag an deireadh seachtaine. Éagraithe ag Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr, le taicócht fhlaitiúil ó Michelle Nic Phaidín OPT Thuaisceart Dhún na nGall, Gaeltacht Bheo Fhánada agus Teach Solais Fhánada déirigh thar barr leis mar imeacht don phobal. Mile buíochas go háirithe do na fir a chuidigh leis an bpuball a chur suas, do Choiste Forbartha Fhánada a bhí

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 Poached Fillets of Sole - Shrimp Au Gratin Sauce
 Roast Stuffed Turkey & Baked Gammon - Roast Gravy
 Pan Fried Fillets of Salmon - Lemon & Butter Sauce
 Roast Sirloin of Beef -Yorkshire Pudding - Gravy
 Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

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

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

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FANAD FUNDRAISER DAY

for the **LOUGH SWILLY RNLI**

10.30am Walk & swim at Portsalon Beach (meet at the carpark)

12.00pm Taylor Swift themed music & dance on Portsalon Beach

8.00pm Pub quiz at the Lighthouse Tavern followed by live music

10th August 2024



Lifeboats
Fundraising in aid of the RNLI

Contact Mary on 0876228425 for more details



Scenes from the 50th Anniversary Concert to mark 50 years of the Trialough Community Centre on Saturday night featuring David James and his band with local artists. Photos by Noreen Gibbons.

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who helped in any way to make the circus such a success at the weekend. The event was organised by Gaeltacht Fhánada & Ghleann Bhairr with support from Michelle Nic Phaidín, Language Planning Officer for North Donegal LPT, Gaeltacht Bheo Fhánada and Fanad Lighthouse. Many thanks especially to the men who helped set up the tent, to the Fanad Development Committee who were a great help despite the fact that they were also organizing the 50th Anniversary concert, to Gaeil Fhánada CLG for the use of the pitch and their assistance, to Colin McAteer, to the local venues who sold tickets for us, to the people who volunteered their time on both days and most especially to those who attended the event or who made donations. We are truly grateful to you all. Finally, we would like to wish the Fanad Festival Committee every success this weekend and to thank them for the effort and organisation that goes into this event for the parish every year.

RNLI Fundraiser

Mary Doherty and her gang in Portsalon are organising the Fanad Fundraiser Day for the Lough Swilly RNLI in Portsalon on Saturday next the 10th of August. It will begin at 10.30am with a Walk and Swim at Portsalon Beach - meet at the car park.

Then at 12noon there will be Taylor Swift themed music and dance session on Portsalon Beach followed at 8pm by a Pub Quiz in the Lighthouse Tavern followed by live music.

More details are available from Mary on 087 6228425 or just call into any of the events.

Graveyard Mass Parking

The annual Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 4th August at 3pm. Please bring your own bottle of Holy Water with you for the Blessing of the Graves. Parking arrangements this year will be at the Old Milford Tech, Mulroy College and O'Donnell's Field will open across from Graveyard and along access roads, please allow sufficient time when arriving due to large numbers and parking will be assisted by members of Milford United Football Club.

Two Hand Dancing

Two-hand Ceiligh dancing will take place in Fanavolty Hall on Tuesday 6th August at 8pm.

Letterkenny AC News



Danny McDaid with some of the LAC runners on Sunday.

In the Danny McDaid 15k the first LAC athlete to cross the line was Danny Mooney in a superb time of 51:12 followed closely by Eoghain McGinley in a time of 52:11. Ciaran McGonagle ran 52:44, Philp McHugh 53:27, Martin Devenney, 56:40, Paul Cullen 56:42, Kieran Crawford 57:06, Cian Friel 59:46, Michael Black 59:56, Liam Tinney 59:56, Stephen Woods 1:00:02, Mark Nee, Mark 1:04:51, Sean McFadden 1:05:27, Eimear Gormley 1:07:14, Ciaran O'Donnell 1:08:51, Peter Gallagher 1:09:17, Gary Kearns 1:09:17, Robert Kavanagh 1:09:18, Manus McFadden 1:10:45, Ray McDermott 1:13:17, Paul Lee 1:14:43 Frank Pinder Snr. 1:16:42, Graeme Michie 1:17:07, Margaret Shiels 1:18:28, Conor McDaid 1:21:40, Alicia McNulty, 1:23:06 Con Duffy 1:23:07, Liam Wiseman 1:23:18, Stella McCole, 1:25:01, Claire Price 1:34:32 and Denise Crawford ran 1:41:43.

Congratulations to Philip McGee on winning a bronze medal in the U19 1500m in National Championships.

In the Burtonport 5k the first LAC member home was Michael Harkin in a fantastic time of 17:00. Mark Nee ran 19:18, Adrian Callaghan 20:16, Ciaran O'Donnell ran 20:33 while Brian McBride ran 23:22.

In the John Kilmartin Memorial 5k in Milford, Mark McPaul ran an outstanding time of 15:38, John McCallion ran 15:38, John Foley 17:18, Barry Mackey 18:31, Stephen McBride 20:09 while Manus McFadden ran 20:45.

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

Mevagh News

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Meitheal Mhiobhaigh CTR will be held on Monday, 26 August in the centre at 5:30 pm. Everyone Welcome.

Mevagh FRC are seeking new members for our voluntary Board of Management. Ideal candidates will have a passion for community development, experience in the community/voluntary sector and an understanding of community needs in the Mevagh parish.

Expressions of interest can be sent to coordinator@mevaghfrc.com by 19th August.

Workshop

Big Fish Little Fish Workshop Transition from national School to Secondary School - Thursday 22nd August 2-4 pm Mevagh Family Resource Centre. This is a free, fun workshop for local children moving onto secondary school from the Mevagh area. Providing an opportunity to meet new friends and covers all issues that may affect your child moving on. We cover timetables, classroom changes etc and hold fun team building exercises. To book a place please ring centre. Call: 074 9155055

Senior Alert Scheme

Mevagh FRC continue to assist individuals who require a personal monitored alarm. This alarm is for people aged 65+, of limited means. It enables older people to live securely and in-

dependently 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 centre for more information.

Yoga

Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11.45am. Contact Fiona directly to book your place. Tel: 0851569424 or Email: rise-healthhub@gmail.com

Pottery Studio

Paint Me Glaze Me Pottery Studio will be held in Mevagh FRC, Monday to Friday at 11am - 3pm, throughout July & August. Paint your own pottery and t-shirts. Choose from a selection of pre-made ceramic figures, mugs and t-shirts to paint in your own unique way. Facebook: 'Paint me Glaze me Pottery Studio Downings'. Tel: 00 44 7866510852. Walk in or book for parties of four or more.

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 a Saturday morning at 9:45am in the Resource Centre. Contact Brigitte on 087 0653333 for information.

Revised Plans in relation to the Application have been furnished and submitted and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Significant Further Information including information in relation to effects on the environment, (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)), and Revised Plans may be made in writing on payment of fee, €20.00, except in the case of a person or body who has already made a submission or observation, not later than 5 Weeks after receipt of the Newspaper Notice and Site Notice by the Planning Authority, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council

We, Donna & Robert Thompson are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to renovate existing derelict cottage, construct extension to rear of cottage and connect to approved septic tank at Creeslough, Co. Donegal in the townland of Cashel. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

In Memoriam



Martin Susanna Devlinmore, Carrigart 5th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on 7th August 2019.

*Five years later
No one could
prepare us for a
time when you're
not here
The silence of your
absence, the loud-
ness of our loss
A mother, wife,
sister, daughter
but so much more as
well*

*A teacher, a friend
a confidant
The person I reach
for to share my good
news*

*The breathless
awareness that
you're not there
it never leaves us
Memories help to
keep you close and
comfort comes from
knowing that you're
watching over us
from above.*

Loving you always
and forever Frank,
Kerry, Tony, John,
Keely, Neve, Hugo
and Boyd.



McFadden John 'Pat' Roscad, Creeslough 1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a husband, father and grandfather who died on August 2nd, 2023.

*Sadly, missed
along life's way
Quietly remembered
every day
No longer in our
lives to share
But in our hearts
You are always
there.*

Much loved and sadly missed by wife Mary, daughters Maria and Angela, sons Eamonn, Shaun, Enda and Peter, son-in-law Martin, daughters-in-law Laura, Kathy, Maeve and Úna. Grandchildren Killian, Connor, Amelie, Clara, Tanya, Darcey, Felim, Peter Jnr, Will and Sarah.

Also missed by his sisters Sadie, Eileen, Martha, Kash, Margaret and Agnes, brothers James and Brendan, wider family circle and many friends.

Anniversary Mass in St Michael's Church, Creeslough on Saturday, August 3rd at 10am.

Prayer for Publication

Novena to the Sacred Heart to be said six times a day for nine days. Never known to fail.

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified throughout the whole world forever and ever, Amen. Publication must be granted. - ET

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



Contact
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Acknowledgement

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Mary Newmill, Ramelton



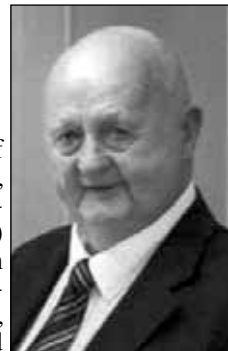
We the family of the late Mary Durning, Newmill, Ramelton who passed away suddenly on 8th July 2024 would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy in our time of grief. Thank you for your love and support. Your thoughts and prayers after Mary's passing were felt by us all. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Paramedics, the Gardaí, Fr. Carney, Patrick Sweeney and everyone who assisted us in our time of grief.

Thank you to our neighbours, friends and family for all your kindness. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest for the removal and to St. Mary's Church where Mary reposed overnight. The large turnout at Mary's funeral was a testament to how well known Mary was and how many good friends she amassed during her lifetime.

Mary's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 4th August in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton at 11.00am.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Loughrey

Thomas Kerrykeel



On this weekend of our graveyard Mass, Thomas's sisters, Kathleen and Bla (Sr. Isobel) and brothers, Joachim and John wish to acknowledge, with thanks, those who supported him during his life and illness and to those who paid their respects after his death.

Members of his prayer groups in Derry and Letterkenny who were very much part of his life and who visited and comforted him during his illness.

Dr. Gilligan and all at Tamney Health Centre who cared for Thomas over many years. Medical, nursing, administrative and catering staff at Letterkenny, Galway and Sligo University Hospitals. Post surgical specialists who cared for him in hospital and at home. Donegal Hospice who helped Thomas and all of us during his last few days.

Phonsie McElwee, cousin and undertaker, who carried out both roles with sensitivity. Fr. Stephen Gorman who received Thomas at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel, conducted the funeral service and attended at Milford Graveyard. Those who attended at one or all of the above. A special word of thanks to cousins formerly of Glenties and Milford. Also, to Columban Sisters from Wicklow and to all who travelled long distances to support us. Those who offered their sympathy in so many ways ranging from texts to Mass Cards. We will remember you all during this special weekend and ask that you remember Thomas.

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Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

'Further Environmental Information

(Natura Impact Statement) and Revised Plans' I, Sarah Mc Hugh, have submitted Significant Further Information including information in relation to effects on the environment, (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)), and Revised Plans to Donegal County Council for Planning Application Reference Number 24/50040, for Erection of a New Dwelling House and Connection to Existing Sewer Pump House and Final Discharge to Main Public Sewer @ RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, Letterkenny, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Significant Further Information including information in relation to effects on the environment, (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)), and

decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Massreagh, Kilmacrennan

I, Brendan McGlynn, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with domestic garage, wastewater treatment system and all other associated site development works, at Gortmacall Beg, Milford, Co. Donegal in the townland of Gortmacall Beg.

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

plication.

Donegal County Council

Casheleenan, Kilmacrennan

I, Pauric Tinney intend to apply to Donegal County Council for Permission to erect a Dwelling House with Septic Tank and all other associated site development works at Casheleenan, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal, in the townland of Casheleenan.

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

In Memoriam



Doherty
Bridget
Creevy, Carrigart
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Mum and Granny, who died on 6th August 2019.

Always remembered and sadly missed by all her family and friends.



McBride
Celine
Cranford
17th Anniversary

In loving memory of Celine who died on 31st July 2007

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on her soul.
St. Pio pray for her

Sadly missed by your sons, daughter, son-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass will take place in Coole Chapel on Sunday 11th August at 9.30am.



McFadden
Declan
23rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a darling son, brother and uncle who died on 7th August 2001.

Deep in your hearts your memory is kept to love, to cherish and never forget

In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain In God's own time, we'll meet again.

Loved and sadly missed by your daughter Coby and Jamie, Mum and Robert, sister Sharon and Gerard, brothers Patrick and Mary, James and Teresa, Hugh, Daniel and Magda and also your nephews and nieces.

Anniversary Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Wednesday 7th August at 7.00pm.



Friel
Thomas
Oughterlin, Rathmullan
10th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a dear friend Tommy who died 31st July 2014.

Along the road of memories that leads us back to you Thinking of the happy times that all of us once knew Somehow dear Tommy we seem to find the way, we wander back to meet you on that road to yesterday.

Always in our thoughts never to be forgotten, Charlie, Mary Kate and Aoife O'Donnell, Letterkenny and Anita and Paul Cavanagh, Ramelton.



Friel
James
Maghernalaght, Kindrum, Fanad
22nd Anniversary
2nd August 2024

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather.

Your life was love and labour Your love for your family true You did your best for all of us We will always remember you Your resting place we visit We place flowers with care But no one knows the heartache As we turn and leave you there.

Always remembered and sadly missed by all your family, Eileen and Ray, Roisin, Martina and Denis, Teresa and Noel, Nuala and Steve, Kevin your grandchildren Aine and Catherine, Nicholas and Owen.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 11th August in St Mary's Church, Fanavolty at 11.00am.

Planning Notice

Donegal County Council

Cranford, Letterkenny
We, Deirdre and Billy

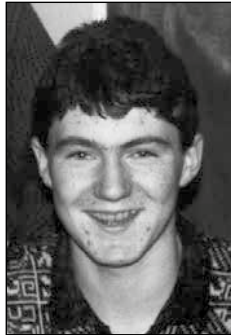
Friel
Oughterlin, Rathmullan



Tommy
10th Anniversary

Those special years will not return When we were all together The loving memories in our hearts will stay with us forever.

Always remembered and sadly missed by wife and mother Katie and all the family, Oughterlin.



Eamonn
34th Anniversary

McBride
Kerrykeel



Myles
17th August
4th Anniversary

Frances
23rd July
3rd Anniversary

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me I wish you wouldn't cry the way you did today While thinking of the many things we did not get to say I know how much you love me as much as I love you Each time that you think of me I know you will miss me too When tomorrow starts without me Don't think we're far apart for every time you think of me I'm right there in your heart.

Always remembered and missed by sons, daughters and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 3rd August at 6pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel.



O'Donnell
Tony
Ballykeeran, Kilmacrennan
30th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear father Tony who died on the 5th August 1994.

We only wish that we could say We are going to see our Dad today To hear his voice to see his smile To sit and talk to him a while Those who think of Dad today A little prayer to Jesus say.

Always remembered by your sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

McCooley, are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Cran-



Scott
Robin
Ballyscanlon, Kilmacrennan
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and brother who died on the 25th July 2017.

Gone yet not forgotten although we are apart Your spirit lives with us forever in our hearts. No farewell words were spoken no time to say goodbye You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife Gretha and family, brothers and sister.

ing permission for development at Cran-



McGinley
Connor
Milford
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a son and brother who died 5th August 2023.

Remembering you is easy we do it every day Living without you is a heartache that will never go away Your laugh and cheeky smile Memories of your precious life With which we will never part God has you in His keeping We have you in our hearts Goodnight, God bless Munchkin xx

Forever in our hearts and missed dearly Mum, Dad, Dennis, Caitlin and extended family

The light remains There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone the light remains We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain until we meet again.

Remembered and loved always your aunt and Godmother Caroline, cousins Danny and Jack.

1st Anniversary Mass to be held in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 3rd August at 7.30pm.



McAteer
Jackie
Carland, Kerrykeel
6th Anniversary
22nd July 2018

Loving thoughts of you from your girls in Clydebank and John in San Francisco.

ford, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Cranford.

The development will consist of the construction of a detached dwelling house with connection to new wastewater treatment system and all ancillary site works, boundary treatments, site access, connection to public services and all associated site works and landscaping.

The planning appli-



McDaid
Mary Alice
Letterfad,
Kilmacrennan
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother Mary Alice who died on 5th August 2015.

Sweet is your memory, precious your name Deep in my heart you will always remain.

Sadly missed and loved by your husband Jim.

God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be He closed his arms around you and whispered "Come to me". In tears we saw you sinking, we watched you fade away It broke our hearts to lose you you fought so hard to stay. But you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you Home.

Love always your daughter Mary.

The memories are so precious, your presence missed so much You will always be remembered and loved by all of us The happy times we once enjoyed, how sweet their memory still But death has left a vacant place this world can never fill.

Always remembered by your son Patrick and family.

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Chapel, Kilmacrennan on Saturday 3rd August at 6.00pm.

ation may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Acknowledgement

Gallagher
Sally Phat
Meenlaragh
5th July 2024



We, the family of the late Sally Gallagher wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has sympathised with us on the recent and very sad passing of Sally.

We wish to thank all of you who travelled from near and far to attend Sally's wake and funeral. Thank you to all who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and flowers.

Thanks to Dr. Sarah and the staff at Falcarragh Medical Centre and to all the staff at Letterkenny University Hospital. Also thanks to Yvonne and the staff at Healthwise Pharmacy, Bunbeg. Special thanks to the nurses who called to Mum at home, Sharon, Lynn and Kathleen.

A very special mention to all our family, friends and neighbours who brought in food and refreshments throughout the wake and to all the girls who were in charge of making the tea morning, noon and night.

Thank you to Fr. Sean, Fr. Donnachadh and Fr. Brian for officiating at the funeral Mass. To all the priests who called to see Mum in the last few weeks we are eternally grateful to you all. Thanks to Paula and Pat for the lovely music in the Church. Thanks to Bernard Toland for the lovely music at graveside.

Thanks to Meave and Denis Herrity of Gallaghers Funeral Directors for their help, guidance and professional service during the wake and funeral. Thank you also to the gravediggers. Thanks to Ostan Loch Altan for the food after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. Go raibh míle maith agaibh uilig.

Sally's Month's Mind Mass will be held in Christ the King, Gortahork on Saturday 3rd August at 11am.

Ashenhurst
Frances Elizabeth
(née BURNS)



Passed away peacefully on July 14, 2024 at Saint Luke's Place in Cambridge, Ontario at the age of 82 years. Beloved wife of Paul Ashenhurst for nearly 52 years. Cherished mother of Fiona Ellison (Grant), Lisa Ashenhurst, and Jason Ashenhurst. Proud Nana of Hannah and Georgia. Dear sister of Anna Gamble (Co. Donegal) and Robbie Burns (Co. Donegal) and sister-in-law to Eileen Burns and Peter Ashenhurst. Predeceased by her parents Joseph and Elizabeth Burns and brother Sammy.

Born in Kilmacrenan, Co. Donegal, Ireland, Fran came to Hamilton, dedicating 30 years as a labour and delivery nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, touching countless lives. As a Girl Guide leader and commissioner, she inspired many young girls. Her green thumb was evident in her volunteer work with the horticultural society and her beautiful gardens. Fran also served her community through Meals on Wheels and played a role in developing midwifery in Ontario. She found joy in cross-stitching, knitting, baking, and travelling. Georgian Bay and the family cottage held a special place in her heart. Above all, Fran cherished time with her grandchildren, and friends who became family. Her love and warmth will be deeply missed.

In keeping with Fran's wishes, her ashes will be spread over a wildflower garden at Mount Hamilton Cemetery, Canada with a Celebration of Life to follow on Tuesday, August 27.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to Saint Luke's Place Welcome Home Fund, would be appreciated by the family. <https://tinyurl.com/SLP-Welcome-Home> Messages and condolences may be left at www.tricitycremations.com.

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Dunfanaghy

The late Edmund Boyle

There was widespread regret in the local community on hearing of the death in the Lakehouse Nursing Home of Edmund Boyle, Portnablagh and formerly from Creeslough. As a businessman Edmund played a major part in the development of tourism in the area where he was well known by locals and tourists alike for his involvement in the legendary Pier Hotel in



Portnablagh and Boyles Chalets. In his earlier days he was also the local Undertaker, a role he carried out with great dignity and support for bereaved families in the area.

Edmond was the son of the late Eddie and Winnie Boyle. Edmund began working as an Apprentice Carpenter in 1950 before emigrating to the USA and began working on Oak Floors and Skyscrapers. He was to spend many years in America where he met his future wife Anna in Chicago. The couple moved back to Ireland and built their home and holiday homes in Portnablagh although Edmund would still travel to and from the States to work during this time.

In 1980 Edmond purchased and refurbished the Pier Hotel in Portnablagh later opening the Mermaid Club in the venue and during this time the young and the not so young from the northwest and far beyond would travel to the Disco's on a Saturday night or to dance to the top bands of the era. Edmond was also a man of faith who would in the words of Fr. Martin Doohan in his Homily at his Funeral Mass get down on his knees and pray. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in Holy Cross Church Dunfanaghy on Monday by Fr. Martin Doohan P.P. Edmond was laid to rest in Doe cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to his wife, Anna, son Edmond, daughters Deborah, Irene and Michelle, sons-in-law John, Patrick, and Paul; daughter-in-law Harriet; sister Irene Johnston; grandchildren, John E., Kevin, Lauren, Christopher, Finn, Lucy, Christopher and Matthew; sister-in-law Sarah Anne, nephews, nieces and relatives and the entire family circle.

Dunfanaghy August Fair on Bank Holiday Monday

The annual August Fair Festival Week continues and there are number of events leading up to the annual Fair Day on this Bank Holiday Monday 5th August.

Thursday 1st August will see the Car Treasure Hunt leaving the Parish Hall at 7pm. Saturday the 3rd August the Crufts Dog Show takes place on the Green opposite Arnolds Hotel. The registration is from 2.30pm and this is always a very popular event. Sunday 4th August the annual Service in Clondehorkey Cemetery at Kill at 4pm.

Bank Holiday Monday will see the Dunfanaghy August Fair Day at the Parish Grounds on the Hornhead Road from 12miday until 4pm. This is

HOLY TRINITY DUNFANAGHY AUGUST FAIR

MONDAY 5th August 12pm - 4pm

Various Stalls including Jewellery & China

Auction 2pm Start

Craft Stalls

Kids Fancy Dress

Home Baking

Burger Stall

AND MORE

FREE ENTRY IN TO FAIR

Held At the PARISH GROUNDS, HORNHEAD ROAD

Thursday 1st August 2024
Car Treasure Hunt - 7pm Sharp leaving the Parish Hall.

Saturday 3rd August 2024
Crufts Dog Show
Green Opposite Arnolds Hotel - Registration 2.30pm.

Sunday 4th August 2024
Service - 4pm
in Clondehorkey Graveyard, Kill

Monday 5th August 2024
August Fair
12 Midday till 4pm

always a very popular event and events on the day will include various stalls including Jewellery and China, Craft Stalls, Kids Fancy Dress, Burger Stall and Home Baking. The Auction will start at 2pm and there will be much more on the day with free entry to the Fair.

Bed Push

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Family Fun Day

There will be an unforgettable day of fun, laughter, and family bonding at the Family Fun Day on Sunday 4th August at 2pm at the Bridge, Dunfanaghy. An exciting lineup of activities for all ages including Under 6 and Under 8 Mini Games, Obstacle Races, Tuck Shop and much more. Bring your family, friends, and neighbours – everyone is welcome.

The Workhouse

Cup Cake Making Workshop with Sian takes place at the Wild Fuschia on Tuesday 6th of August at The Workhouse at 10.30am-12pm for children ages 9+. Come make, bake and decorate your own cupcakes. To book, please contact The Workhouse on 074 913 6540.

Come join the Fairy Godmother at The Workhouse Cinema Room in a disney inspired sing along experience for all the family to enjoy on Thursday 8th of August. There will be singing, dancing to all your favourite disney classics and fun with a bubble machine! The time slots available are: 11am-12pm and 1-2pm. Suitable for kids 3+ - please note parents must be in attendance with their child at all times. To book, please book directly by ringing Anna Devine on 085 112 1264.

Building The Boat

Building The Boat performs the creation of a Dunfanaghy Currach in poetry, contemporary dance and soundscape on Saturday 24th of August at The Workhouse at 12noon and 3pm. It celebrates the community of the 'meitheal', the language associated with the craft, and its connection with currach builders stretching back generations. Building The Boat will be performed by poet Keith Payne, contemporary dancer Inma Pavon and sound artist

Mick O'Shea. The show will take place on Saturday 24th of August at 12pm and 3pm (2 shows) – during national heritage week. Tickets are €10 each. To book, contact The Workhouse on 074 913 6540.

RNLI/Irish Lifeboats

The annual Collection in aid of the RNLI/Irish Lifeboats will take place in the Dunfanaghy area on Friday and Saturday the 2nd and 3rd of August and all donations will be greatly accepted for this worthy cause which this year is celebrating its 200th Anniversary. All proceeds raised will go towards the Downings and Carrigart Branch of the RNLI which covers this area and supports the work of the Lough Swilly Lifeboat Station.

Mollys Pop-Up Market

Molly's Pop-up Craft Market is running every Sunday in the months of July and August in Molly's beer garden under the cover of their gazebo. All proceeds raised will be donated to the winter lights.

Summer Kids Club

The Olympics are coming to Dunfanaghy from the 7th to the 11th of August from 10am until 12.30am each day. There will be sports, games, crafts and bible studies and much more. Come along and enjoy the fun in Holy Trinity Hall. Sign up at Dunfanaghy and Carrigart Bible Club on Facebook.

Mass in Doe

The annual Graveyard Mass will be in Doe Graveyard on Sunday August 4th at 11a.m.

Dunfanaghy FRC

Dunfanaghy FRC Quiz Nights in Arnolds Hotel on Tuesday evenings at 9.30pm for August in aid of supporting, improving and enriching the lives of children, families and individuals in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas.

Quiz Nights

Quiz Nights in The Outback at Patsy Dan's Bar in Dunfanaghy every Thursday commencing at 9pm during August.

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50/50

Congratulations to John Patrick O'Donnell who won €320 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Prayer Meeting

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

The Workhouse

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

Wellness Café meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon at The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy.

Gardening Workshop Series - Summer / Autumn 2024: August 12th - Setting Goals for your Garden: Exploring Purpose and Vision; September 2nd - Making a Plan: Practical Methods for Drawing, Documenting, and Design; September 16th - Gardening for Nature in Northwest Donegal Life On The Coast on Mondays from 2pm-4pm - 12th August Coastal bird life Presented by Birdwatch Ireland; 19th August The herbs and flowers of the Machair Presented by LIFE on Machair and Margaret Chití Ní Bhaioill. Booking essential - Limited numbers per workshop. Contact Dunfanaghy Family Resource on 0749136548 for payment and meeting point. Full program 25 euro or 5 euro per week.

Clean Coast Camp

Would you like to know more about Ireland's incredible marine and coastal biodiversity, then come along and join "The Sea Collective" - two highly trained marine biologists, to learn more about our wildlife through a combination of interactive, fun and engaging indoor and outdoor sessions, including an exploration of the biodiversity found on your local beach! Takes place, on Wednesday 21st August (12-2pm) - meeting at The Green across from Arnolds and on Thursday 22nd August (12.00-2.30pm) - meeting at Trinity Hall, Horn Head Road. Cost:€5 per child (This covers the 2 day camp). Suitable for ages: 7-14. Contact us: 07491 36548 or Email dunfresource@gmail.com for more info.

St. Michael's Launch of the North West Coastal Challenge



Jim McGuinness and Michael Langan along with members of the North West Coastal Challenge committee and members of St. Michael's underage and LGFA at the launch of the North West Coastal Challenge Adventure Race.

Cloughaneely

Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Band lotto last week and the numbers drawn were 2-4-6-11-12-16. Match 4 winner was Kathleen Martin, Dollar Row €100. This week's jackpot will be €7,950.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Cloughaneely Junior Band who won the Junior Miscellaneous section on Sunday at the Ulster Fleadh in Co Tyrone. Next Sunday 11th August they will travel to Fleadh Cheoil Na hEireann in Wexford to hopefully retain their All Ireland status. Along with the Cloughaneely Senior Band both bands are hoping to make history and make it 2 in a row this year for both bands. We wish them every success next week at the All-Ireland Fleadh.

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Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations Moya Mulhern, Falcarragh who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1008.

Tusla

Tusla are seeking Foster Carers who may be interested in caring for children

with additional medical/special needs. See notice in church porch.

Pobail Le Cheile

Siopa Pobail Summer opening times: Monday- 1-5pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm Sunday Closed. Cloughaneely Food Bank has a collection box in Siopa Pobail. Thanks for all the donations so far this year, at the moment they are low on coffee, teabags, sugar, tin fruit, peas, beans, pasta and cereals. There is also a collection box in the Cope Falcarragh or drop in at Ards Begley Hall on a Thursday morning

Youth Activities

Join artist Leanne McLaughlin for a FREE 2 day art workshop at Garradh Cholmcille on August 17th and 18th 10am-3pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about sculpture making from a very talented artist. Spaces limited. Contact Leanne 086 339 5268

Dates for your Diary

Graveyard Sunday will be on Sunday 4th August, 1pm.

Pobail Le Cheile

Free Art Club for 10-12 year olds with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Garradh Cholmcille. 6-7pm. Get Creative and meet new people. Booking on 086 455 7519. Introduction to Pranik Healing and Healing Clinic. Learn about 'non-touch' energy healing system.

Thursday Café

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

Falcarragh Summer Cup raises €12,000



Pictured is the presentation of funds from the Falcarragh CSC Summer Cup on Friday night which raised a total of €12,000 with Falcarragh and Gortahork National Schools receiving €6,000 each. The presentations were made to the principals of both schools, Patricia Harley and Stephen Cannon along with Margaret and Amy Doohan, representing the main tournament sponsor The Shamrock Bar and committee members. The 2024 Falcarragh CSC Summer Cup has been the most successful, in terms of money raised, since the tournament began a few years ago. The Falcarragh Summer Cup Committee want to say a final thanks to sponsors, volunteers, referees, teams and anybody who donated money this year and we know it's not easy in current times but your generosity is very much appreciated. Go raib maith agaibh uilig. We look forward to seeing you all next year.



Pictured are the Cloughaneely Junior Band's who performed at the Ulster Fleadh in Dromore in County Tyrone on Sunday



Scenes from the Opening of the ArtsSpace Art Exhibition in Pobail Le Cheile on Friday evening
Photos by Moses Alcorn.



Dunfanaghy image showcased as part of outdoor exhibition

A Donegal man's photo, 'Northern Lights at Dunfanaghy', has been selected to be showcased as part of an outdoor exhibition in the 2024 Reach for the Stars astrophotography competition run by the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies.

'Northern Lights at Dunfanaghy', taken by Ozgun Ozdemir from Letterkenny captures the Northern Lights on the western horizon at New Lake, Dunfanaghy. The photographer grabbed their camera and captured the extremity of the solar storm back in May.

Mr. Ozdemir's image has been on display at DIAS headquarters at 10 Burlington Road, Dublin, from Friday, 26th July. The 23 top-rated images from the competition will be displayed alongside Mr. Ozdemir's. The exhibition is free to attend.

Taking the winning prize in the 'Back on Earth - Landscape' category, was an image of May's spectacular aurora borealis over Fanad Head Lighthouse. The image, 'Fanad Head - Aurora 2024', was taken by Patryk Sadowski, from Derry City.

The winners were selected by a judging panel following a judging process of over 200 entries. The judging panel included Prof. Peter Gallagher, Head of Astrophysics at DIAS, Brenda

Fitzsimons, former Picture Editor, The Irish Times; Michael McCreary, President, Irish Astronomical Society; and Niamh Breathnach, Director, Alice Public Relations.

Commenting on the success of the competition, Dr. Eucharia Meehan, CEO and Registrar of DIAS said: "I would like to extend my congratulations to the winners of the competition on their spellbinding entries. Each year I am blown away by the talent and creativity of astrophotographers in Ireland. What is most important is that the images are a window into what is happening in our universe, and they can contribute to our understanding of the night sky."

"It's exciting to see such high numbers of engagement with the competition this year in both entries and the public vote. We hope that more people stop by to visit the physical exhibition at Burlington Road over the coming weeks to appreciate the images in person. I'd like to thank all of those who entered for sharing their passion and creativity with us. I hope that the night sky continues to be a source of inspiration, creativity and wisdom going forward."

The winning images are all available to view now online on www.reachforthestars.ie



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Creeslough

Patrick McIntyre Walk

The annual Patrick McIntyre Walk is on 17th August in aid of Donegal Hospice. Leaving Muckish Sand and Gravel at 11. Registration from 10.30. Walk is 10k along the railway line.

John Nelis Memorial

There will be a football game on Sunday August 4th for the John Nelis Memorial in the field behind the Log Cabin Bar at 3p.m. There will be refreshments afterwards in The Log Cabin for everyone. Please come along for a good day's fun.

National Title

Congratulations to Caolan McFadden, Cranford AC who won the All Ireland 1500m U18 title last weekend at the national finals in Tullamore, running the race in a time of 3:55:25 to claim Gold.

Secular Franciscan Order

The Secular Franciscan Order Mass is in Ards Friary on Wednesday 14th August at 7.30pm. Rosary at 7.10pm and all are welcome.

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Gaeltacht Mary

Good luck to local girl Leah McDauid, who is the 2024 Gaeltacht Mary for the Mary from Dungloe Festival which takes place this week culminating in the Crowning Cabret on this Sunday evening.

Day of Prayer

The Relics of St Philomena are returning to Emmanuel House Clonfert, Co. Galway. Bus leaving Letterkenny Wednesday 7th August at 7am sharp. Day of Prayer consists of Holy Mass and Confession, Blessing with 1st Class Relic of St Philomena Talks on the Life of St Philomena Virgin, Martyr and Wonder Worker. Contact Sarah 086 8856254. Please bring a packed lunch (Tea is provided).

Cursillo

Cursillo weekends will be held in Ards Friary in Creeslough under the direction of Fr Laurence Kettle, the men's weekend from Thursday October 24th to Sunday the 27th and the women's weekend from the October 31st to November 3rd. If you would like more information or to book a place on a weekend please contact Martina on 0873749024 or Pat on 0879374001.

Creeslough Community Association

Fused Glass Workshop: (Ages 5-12) 10am-11.30am / (Ages 13-18) 11.45am - 1.15pm. August 6th.

Kids Musical Instrument Making Workshop: (Ages 12-18) 10am - 1pm August 14th - 16th.

'Last Week of Summer' Camp for Teenagers: (Ages 13-17) - August 21st - 23rd.

To Register for the Workshops/ Camps Please Text or Email the CCA: info@creesloughcommunity.com / 087 292 3102.

Ards Friary Shop

Opening Times : Monday - 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.

Mass in Doe

The annual Graveyard Mass will be in Doe Graveyard on Sunday August 4th at 11a.m.



The St. Michael's Under 12 Team that played Fanad Gaels recently



The Doohan family from Falcarragh at the Earagail Arts Festival Tumble Circus performance in Gaoh Dobhair at the weekend. Photo by Declan Doherty.

Paul Harrigan performs in Gweedore

A unique event is taking place in Gweedore on Saturday 4th August, a multi-disciplinary arts event is finishing off the Cairdeas na bhFidilíirí fiddle summer school. This final event connected to fiddle week but at a different venue is a live performance of the 7 waves suite of music, composed by Paul Harrigan, to provide a soundscape to accompany the 7 waves art installation, which is currently on display in An Gailearaí in Gweedore until the end of August. The performance will be at 8pm on Saturday 3rd August. The musicians performing will be Paul Harrigan with Roisin and Ella McGrory. Also performing will be Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair reading her translations into Irish of the 7 waves poems by George Mackay Brown, which inspired the artworks and Aobha Ní Áragáin reading the poems in English. Tickets can be bought through the An Gailearaí website or see the links on The Fiddle Music of Donegal facebook page.

GAA Club News

Milford

Lotto: 23/7/24

11-13-20-23 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Kate Greer, Ramelton

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 3rd August: Whoriskeys, Ramelton.: U14 Girls.

Sympathy

The Club wish to express our sincere sympathies to the Friel and Barrett families on the sad passing of Nancy on Saturday 20th July. Ar dhéis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Senior Men

Focus now shifts to the Intermediate Championship where we have been drawn against Fanad Gaels (away) on Saturday 10th August - throw-in at 5.30pm for Reserves and Seniors at 7pm. They then host Letterkenny Gaels on Saturday 17th August - at 5.30pm and 7pm, then we play Bunrana (away) and Na Rossa (home).

Minor Girls

Our Minor girls had a great victory against Robert Emmetts last Tuesday night on a 0-12 to 0-10 scoreline. They now travel to Burt this week.

U14 Boys

Our U14 boys start their Championship campaign this Wednesday with the Red team making the long journey to Glencolumbcille to play Naomh Columba at 7.30pm and our Blue team host Red Hugh's at home with a 7pm throw-in.

U14 Girls

Our U14 girls host Aodh Ruadh in the Division 2 Shield final next Monday, (5th August) at 6.30pm.

U12 Boys

Our U12 Blue team lost out to Glenfin at home on Monday evening. Our Navy team are at home to Cloughaneely on Friday (2nd) at 7pm.

Club Golf Classic

Time is running out to get involved in our Club fundraising golf classic in Portsalon Golf Club on Friday 9th of August. Teams cost €300 and tee and green sponsorship is €100.

Contact - Aodh Mc Cormack 0878131565; Donall Barrett 0868353701; Aidan Cannon 0876784787; Shaun Strain 0879013504; Roisin Mc Cormack 0879188795; Tracy Peoples 0863777458

O Reilly's Club Shop

The Club Shop at O Reillys is open again if you want to get some new Club gear at www.oireillysofficial.com

Cloughaneely

Lotto

The numbers drawn were 1,5,8,9,19,20. We had 1 match 5. Congratulations to Linda McGinley who wins €100. The jackpot is now €7,350.

Buiochas

We would like to thank Josh Scanlon, Eibhlín Uí Scanláin, Karen McElhinney and Marjorie Uí Dhubhgáin who were out selling lotto tickets at the weekend. Cluiche Ceathrú Ceannais Sraith Faoi 14 an Chontae LGFA - Roinn 1

Our girls were unlucky this morning against Naomh Conaill.

Club 100+/100+ Club

Aibreán/April

€500 - Seamus McGee

€100 - Ciaran McFadden, Murt Collins, Eamon Shiels, Mary McClafferty, An tAthair Seán Ó Gallchóir

Bealtaine/May

€500 - An tAthair Seán Ó Gallchóir

€100 - Karen Sweeney, Martin Ferry, Cormac McGarvey, Joe McClafferty, Neily McGee

Meitheamh/June

€500 - Shaun Maguire

€100 - Hughie McCreedy, Brian & Cara Nolan, John Joe McGeever, Dan Doo-han, Bridie Sweeney

Cupa Faoi 18 an Chontae - Roinn 1

Scór Lán Ama

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 2-10 An Clochán Liath : 2-5

Glenswilly

Seniors

The senior and reserve men will begin their championship campaign on Saturday the 10th of August with a trip to Mountcharles to take on St Nauls. Throw ins at 5.30pm and 7pm.

Minor Board

Congratulations to our u14 Boys team and management who won the NRB Div 1 Final after defeating St Eunans last Wednesday in Milford, brilliant achievement again from this group, well done to all!

Well done to our Gleann tSuili U16s Boys who had a tough game against St Eunans in Div1 Round 7 of the Championship on Friday evening. Mathew McGinley stepping up to kick the winning pt of play with a minute to go on the clock!

Our u9's played a series of games on Monday against Letterkenny Gaels. There were some great skills on show from both sides which was good to see and topped off with well earned treats for both sets of players afterwards. Thanks to all the coaches and parents from the Glen and Gaels.

U12 Division 6 team travel to Ballyshannon on Friday at 7.30pm.

Ladies Board

Well done to the U14 girls team who progress to the semi final of the league after defeating Milford at home on Saturday. The girls now travel to Killybegs on Monday, throw in 11am.

The senior ladies will begin their Championship on Sunday the 11th of August with a trip to Malin at 10.30am, Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSuili

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

Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start!

St. Michael's

Family Fun Day

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Under 8 Mini Games, Obstacle Races, Tuck Shop and much more. Bring your family, friends, and neighbours - everyone is welcome!

Senior Championship

The draws for this year's Senior Championship have been made and St. Michael's have been drawn at home to Killybegs in their first match on the weekend of the 10th and 11th of August whilst we have been drawn away to Ardara a week later.

Mini Lotto

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North West Coastal Challenge

The North West Coastal Challenge Committee welcomed Jim McGuinness along with Michael Langan to the launch of the inaugural North West Coastal Challenge Adventure Race on Wednesday evening.

The Challenge is Donegal's newest adventure race taking place on Saturday, 5th October, at the Bridge. The race is a Run, Cycle & Kayak covering 36km over the rugged northwest coastline.

It is a fundraiser for Youth Development of all underage players in St. Michaels. Entries are now open on www.nwcc.ie

Under 12 Girls

Well done to the u12 girls who played Fanad away on Wednesday. The team welcomed back Aisling Alcorn and were also delighted to have Cassie Sheridan supporting them.

Under 14 Girls

Well done to our u14 girls on hard fought victory over Gaoth Dobhair to reach the Co Div 2 semifinal. The girls ran out winners by 6 points 4:03 to 1:06. The semi-final is on Bank Holiday Monday at home to Four Masters at 11 am. All support is welcome.

Under 12's

The U12's were away to a strong Merville side on Friday in the Division 1. They suffered a narrow 1-point defeat. Next game is home to Aodh Ruadh on Friday the 9th August.

The u12's play St. Naul's away in division 7 this coming Friday.

St Eunan's

Summer Skills Camp

Naomh Adhamhnáin will host their Summer Skills Camp in association with GFL Distribution on August 19th to August 23rd for primary school children. The camp runs from 10am to 2pm each day and costs €80 per child and €55 for each subsequent child from the same family.

Senior Men

Saturday, August 10th - Senior Football Championship Round 1.

Senior B Championship - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Kilcar 3pm in O'Donnell Park.

Senior Championship - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Kilcar 4.30pm in O'Donnell Park.

Sunday, August 18th - Senior Football Championship Round 2.

Senior B Championship - Naomh Conaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin 3pm in Davy Brennan Memorial Park.

Senior Championship - Naomh Conaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin 4.30pm in Davy Brennan Memorial Park.

Rounds 3 and Round 4 draws will take place in August/Sep-

Gallen and Mogan on Team of Year

Oisín Gallen was named at full-forward on The Sunday Game Team of the Year.

Gallen was one of two Donegal players - alongside Peadar Mogan - to be announced on the team.

The team was revealed after the highlights of the All-Ireland SFC final in which

Armagh defeated Galway.

Sean MacCumhaills forward Gallen scored 2-33 in the Championship

this year, including six points in the Ulster final, when Donegal defeated Armagh on penalties after extra time. Gallen remained injury free and the Ballybofey man had a fine campaign during which he played 19 games.

Mogan was the Player of the Month for May and June and was also included.

They were the sole two players outside of Armagh and Galway named on the XV.

tember, after Round 2 and Round 3 fixtures.

Division 4 league semi-final:

Well done to our division 4 team who beat Sean Mac Cumhaills in the Division 4 semi-final last weekend.

Final score Naomh Adhamhnáin 2-13 : 0-12 Sean Mac Cumhaill.

They will now play Naomh Conaill in the Division 4 final this Saturday August 3rd at 1pm.

Minor Board:

U18 Results:

Monday July 29th All County U18 Division 1 - Naomh Conaill 3-15 : 2-5 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Monday July 29th All County U18 Division 4 - Naomh Adhamhnáin 2-8 : 2-7 Convoy

U16 Results:

Friday July 26th All County U16 Division 1 - Gleann tSuili 0-11 : 2-4 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday, August 5th All County U16 Division 5 Semi Final - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Sean Mac Cumhaill 7.30pm at St Eunans.

Hurling

Hurling Results:

Saturday, July 27th - Senior Championship Group B - Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-19 : 0-11 Sean Mac Cumhaill.

Team: Dara McBride; Conor Parke; Brendan Horgan; Lorcan Heavey; Sean Halvey; Kevin Kealy; Ryan Hilferty; David Horgan; Fergal Delaney; Peter Kelly; Brian MacIntyre; Sean McVeigh; John Kealy; Brendan Gaffey; Cormac Finn. Subs used: Cathal O'Brien and Johnny Lambe.

Scorers: Peter Kelly 0-9, (7f); Brian MacIntyre 0-5; John Kealy 1-2; Cormac Finn 0-2; Fergal Delaney 0-1.

Upcoming fixtures:

Friday, August 2nd - Junior Hurling Championship - Letterkenny Gaels v Nh Adhamhnáin 6:30pm in Burt.

Friday, August 2nd - Senior Hurling Championship - Burt v Naomh Adhamhnáin 8pm in Burt.

Gael Fhanada

Lotto Results 28/07/2024

Numbers: 2, 4, 13, 17, 20. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Hugh McGinley. This week's Jackpot: €1,700.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Luain, 5ú Lúnasa

Cailíní Faoi 14 - Cluiche Leathcheannais

Gael Fhánada v Seán Mac Cumhaill 11am Páirc Mhic Cumhaill

Semi final beckons for u14 Girls

Gael Fhánada 4:06 An Clochán Liath 3:08

The u14 Girls made the journey to Páirc na Rosann on Saturday to play in the Division 1 League Quarter final against the home side, An Clochán

Finland success for Kelly

Frosses man Eamon Kelly won his class and finished seventh overall in the HYA Centre Rally in Finland at the weekend. Kelly and co-driver Conor Mogan in their Ford Fiesta Rally 3 are continuing their preparations for Rally Finland this weekend.

Injury pain for Griffin

There was big disappointment on Friday for Convoy man Ryan Griffin who has played his Senior Cup and Barton Shield golf in Rosapenna. He was forced to withdraw from the South of Ireland Amateur Open due to a back injury sustained after a fall at Lahinch. In the morning the Convoy man had secured a victory over Ballybunion's Senan Carroll. However, he was unable to return to the course for his second-round match with James Walsh of Douglas.

On Thursday evening, Griffin who is also a member at Ballybofey & Stranorlar finished the stroke play qualifying with a four-shot lead. The 24-year-old Maynooth University student had super opening rounds of 66 and 71 on Wednesday and Thursday.



The Milford Minor girls team who defeated Robert Emmetts last week.

Beating Bray a Harps priority

Finn Harps will have their first home league game in a month when they host Bray Wanderers in Ballybofey this Friday night (kick-off 7.45).

It's a welcome break from the three long trips that included two times to Cork and last Friday night to Limerick. It's only a brief rest from the marathon journeys as Harps head to the south-eastern corner of the country to take on Wexford Youths next weekend.

But, as of now the priority for Darren Murphy is to make home advantage pay against Bray to keep his team in the promotion play-off places.

Harps are down a place to fifth in the table after the loss to Treaty with their

opponents on Friday night Bray leapfrogging them after their home victory over Wexford Youths last weekend. So for now Murphy's men occupy the final play-off spot. It means this a big match for Harps who are now a point behind the visitors.

The Co. Wicklow outfit will certainly want to take something from this trip to Finn Park to strengthen their claim to be in the play-offs come the end of the season.

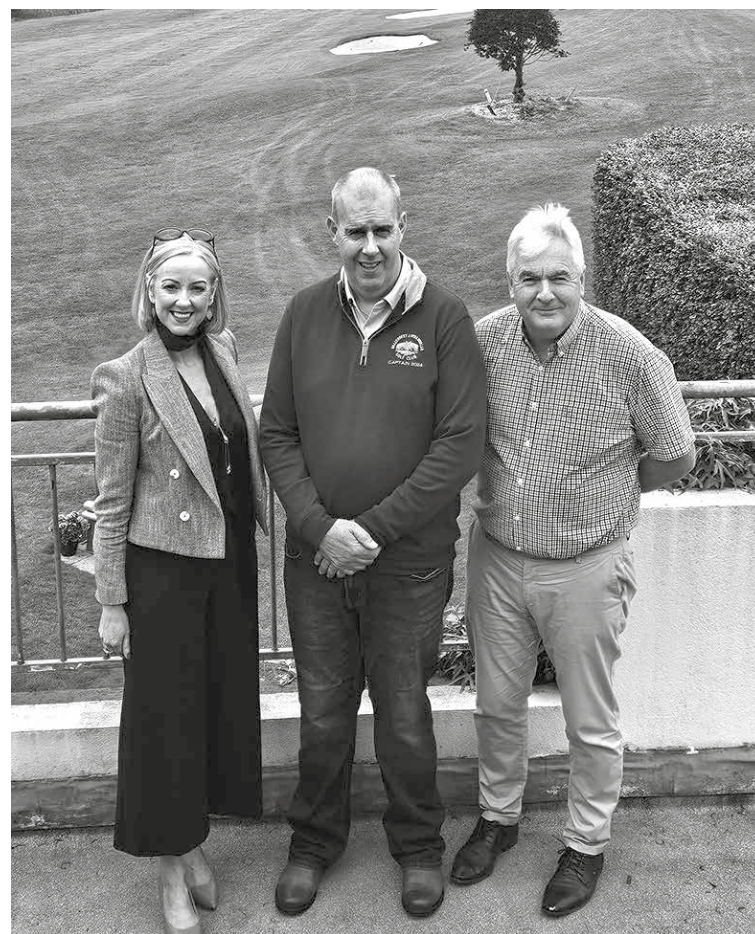
When the sides met for the first time this season on the Bank Holiday Monday at the beginning of April Harps won 2-0. David Cawley in first half stoppage time. Captain Tony McNamee doubled

that advantage. It was only Harps second home win of the season. The three points against Bray who were struggling at the time put Murphy's side second in the table just behind Cork City.

It was a different story on Monday 6th May, when Bray exacted revenge at the Carlisle Grounds on a Bank Holiday evening with a win thanks to the game's only goal coming from Shane Griffin just before half-time.

The three points secured saw the Seagulls leapfrog Murphy's side to go fourth in the First Division table. And while Harps did regain fourth place again for a spell, Bray now occupy that spot after last weekend's results.

Finn Harps Academy Golf Classic



Aisling Dignam, Dermot O'Neill and James Rodgers at the golf launch.

The annual Finn Harps Academy Golf Classic will take place on Sunday 18th August in Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club.

James Rodgers, the Academy Chairman stated "The event is a very important fundraiser for the Academy as it allows us to support all of the young players in our Development Squads and in our National League teams. The Academy consists of three development squads, and four national league teams; Boy's Squads.

The recent Golf Classics have proved to be very successful events thanks to the support of our sponsors and the many teams who took part. This allied to the fabulous setting of the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club makes for a very successful and enjoyable day.

Anyone interested in taking part or in sponsorship can contact our office in the Base Centre in Stranorlar on Tel: 0876264009 or by email at admin@finnharpsacademy.com Speaking at the launch; Aisling Dignam, Administrator of the Acade-

my stated "The Classic is an integral part of the Academy's fundraising programme. We appreciate the way the event is supported by golfers throughout the county and the support shown by the commercial sector in sponsoring the event.

Thank you to our main sponsors :- Lafferty's Buses, Joseph McMenamin & Sons, G. Browne Tool Hire, McNulty's Mace and Marley's Coaches. The winners of the Classic will claim a Round of Golf and an overnight stay at the K Club in Kildare. Other prizes include a four ball at Newlands Cross GC in Dublin, A four ball in Letterkenny, Dunfanaghy, Greencastle, Portsalon and Bundoran Clubs.

The format of this year's Golf Classic will be a Champagne Classic with Stableford Points scoring for teams of four.

The entry fee for the competition is €100 per team and includes a €5 meal voucher. Teams can be booked by contacting the Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club on 074 9131093

Harps second best in Limerick

Treaty Utd 1-0 Finn Harps

For the first time this season Finn Harps were beaten by Treaty Utd and deservedly so at the Markets Field on Friday. Harps boss Darren Murphy offered no excuses afterwards saying that his side were second best for most of the match. It was the third defeat on the trot for Murphy's men and sees them drop a place to fifth but fortunately for them both Wexford Youths and Cobh Ramblers lost. However, those two sides along with Treaty could still overtake Harps with 11 First Division games remaining. Wexford have 12 left.

It was the third long trip in a row for the Donegal team but there was optimism that they could get at least a share of the spoils in Limerick. Murphy made four changes from the Cork FAI Cup loss with Gavin Gilmore making his first competitive start while recalled were David Cawley, Luke O'Brien and Sean Patton who had been on trial with Portsmouth. Dropping to the bench were Ryan Rainey, Patrick Ferry, Max Johnston and Noe Babe.

Harps had won their two previous league games against Treaty this season both 1-0 with Tony McNamee netting on both occasions. However, this time at the Markets Field, Murphy's side were on the back foot from early on with the manager acknowledging that the hosts wouldn't have been flattered by at least a 2-0 victory in the end. But, it was only to be veteran striker Enda Curran's 50th minute penalty that separated the two sides at the final whistle.

Treaty had two shots cleared off the goal-line in quick succession on 16 minutes. The Harps defence then survived another onslaught with keeper Tim Hiemer the hero with three saves. Lee Devitt and Lee Lynch were both denied while Curran drilled a shot inches past the upright. The visitors only goal chance of the half came after youngster Gavin McAteer forced a corner just seconds before the interval. Tony McNamee's in-swinging set-piece found Mattie



Success Edogun on the attack for Finn Harps against Treaty United in Limerick on Friday night.

Makinson but the English man's header went narrowly wide. After the restart Patton probably should have done better in a one-on-one with Treaty keeper Corey Chamber but his effort was straight at the netminder. The home side finally made the breakthrough in the 50th minute as ref Rob Hennessy pointed for a penalty following a Makinson foul with Curran making no mistake from the resultant spot kick. Harps did push for an equaliser in the closing stages with Patton hitting the side netting while Jamie Watson also went close. At the other end Thomas Considine missed a good opportunity to ease the home side's nerves.

Treaty United - Corey Chambers; Mark Byrne, Stephen Christopher (Thomas Considine 81), Enda Curran (Yoyo Mahdy 71), Lee Devitt; Fionn Doherty, Steven Healy, Lee Lynch, Robbie Lynch; Evan O'Connor, Ben O'Riordan. Finn Harps - Tim Hiemer; Jamie Watson, Matthew Makinson, Conor Tourish, Luke O'Brien (Patrick Ferry 60); David Cawley (Max Hutchison 79), Tony McNamee; Gavin Gilmore (Ryan Rainey 60), Gavin McAteer (Stephen Doherty 60), Success Edogun (Aaron McLaughlin 79); Sean Patton. Subs not used: Oisín Cooney (Gk), Kevin Jordan, Max Johnston, Noe Baba.

Ref: Rob Hennessy

Harps lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 25th July. The numbers drawn were 2, 3, 17, 29. The next draw takes place on Thursday 1st August and the jackpot is €10,000. There were four match 3 winners this week winning €50 each.

Pauric Gallinagh, Drumboe, Stranorlar; Kevin Boyce, Burt; Seamus Campbell, Carrick on Suir; Kym & Finn Doherty, Stranorlar.

Thanks to everyone who supports our lotto! Enter online today via finnharps.ie



The Over the Hill side who missed out on a place in the Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup Final after losing to Rathmullan Celtic.

Harps sign Scotsman Strachan

Finn Harps have added a young Scottish midfielder to their squad for the final 11 games of the 2024 season. Manager Darren Murphy will be hoping that Strachan who is attack minded will help Harps to get the necessary points to remain in the play-offs as the First Division prepares to enter the home straight. He will be in the squad for Friday night's league game against pending international clearance.

Strachan is coming from Ayr United

where he was the top scorer with the U18 team last season. He was previously on the books of the Rangers FC Academy. Manager Murphy said "Bruce has been in with the group since last week and has been very impressive. He is eager to test himself at this level and gives me and my coaching staff more options in that area of the pitch. We want young, hungry players and Bruce definitely fits that bill. I'm excited to work with him over the coming weeks."

Former Harps president passes away

Patrick Breen a former president of Finn Harps P.C. was laid to rest on Monday in Stranorlar. A well known club stalwart Patrick was a lotto and half-time ticket seller for Harps over many years. He also served on the committee and later as club president. A resident of Woodlawn, Stranorlar, Patrick passed away on Friday. He was laid to rest on Monday following Requiem Mass in the Church of Mary Immaculate Stranorlar.



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Membership rule must apply to all - FG grassroots

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These same members are still waiting for the results of why their local elections vote fell to 11% on June 7th. However, it's reported there is no investigation and there are no plans to address the crisis after the dust settles on the general election.

We're being told that in all respects it is 'business as usual' despite the claims that the party infrastructure has virtually crashed in Donegal at a time when other constituencies are vibrant and doing really well.

The convention delegates have been invited to the Radisson Blu Hotel in Letterkenny by the FG Constituency Organiser Pat Finneran, Milford as grassroots members complain bitterly that they are being kept in the dark about plans for the future and particularly the selection process for candidates.

It's predicted by FG sources that the date of the general election will be Friday November 15th.

Deputy Joe McHugh has been the key figure in

rebuilding Fine Gael since he became a Councillor in 1999. Two years earlier, their TD of 36 years, Paddy Harte lost his seat: He was first elected to the 17th Dail in 1961 and at the following eleven general elections.

After that 1997 defeat, FG was left without a TD in Donegal NE until Joe McHugh entered the battle in 2007: he's been in the Dail ever since. That era of over 22 years in the Oireachtas is now reaching an endpoint for him.

He was elected to the Seanad in 2002 on the Administrative Panel in a barnstorming campaign and in 2007 he topped the poll in Donegal North East with 8,711 first preferences. He quickly rose in Government ranks being appointed a Junior Minister in 2014 and in 2017 he became Government Chief Whip with responsibility for the Gaeltacht. Conradh na Gaeilge welcomed the appointment and said the Irish language and Gaeltacht have a voice at the Cabinet.

He served as Minister for Education and Skills from 2018 to 2020 but in the 'Grand Coalition'

that welded together the Civil War enemies of Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, sadly there was no place in the Cabinet for McHugh. His portfolio in Education went to the newly elected FF Deputy Norma Foley.

McHugh fought bravely for a decent deal for families in affected homes with defective blocks but his work was shattered by those who held the reins of power...

We've been assured down the ages that politics is not about choosing empty shells of political traditions from a bygone age or, worse still in Ireland, the parish pump recycling bank for lost interests and dreamers.

However, the parish pump is gone and so too are good politicians of the calibre of McHugh.

He may prove a hard act to follow having grown up in an environment steeped in political legend. Fine Gael is about to close the door on another chapter in its history.

What happens next may be decided at their constituency convention at the end of August.

Downings Windsurfing Event

As usual this annual windsurfing event where the National Championship is contested is well supported by the windsurfing, foiling and wing foil community from all over Ireland.

The colourful spectacle of sailors across Sheephaven Bay was a welcome sight for visitors and a great opportunity for all our local home grown talent here in Donegal.

This is promoted as a family event where the 'smallies' under the reassuring guidance of John Boyce from Gartan Outdoor Education Centre start their journey of their love of water from as young as 1 years. Racing categories start at under 6 to Gold Fleet where the National Championship is awarded.

The progressive Silver Fleet get a chance to practice their skills in a more challenging course with formal starts and finishes. The camaraderie in this group is always positive with these sailors supporting and encouraging each other whilst have the best of craic.

The Alan Harris Memorial Trophy

is much sought after in this group and was well earned by Ruby Hood (Newtownstewart) who raced in every event.

The Gold fleet of advanced sailors perform their moves out in the safe waters of Sheephaven bay, with the challenge of chasing the wind this year along with highly competitive racing tactics, these sailors demonstrated great skill and dedication.

The committee ensure that every young racer receives a prize to encourage participation and a specially designed T shirts were included in the prizes. There was also a raffle with some excellent prizes to help raise funds.

As always the event promotes the RNLI and all proceeds go towards the RNLI, the Committee would like to thank our very generous sponsors: McBride Fishing; McNutts of Donegal; Chris and Kathy Loughridge; Beach Hotel Downings; The Harbour Bar Downings; Frank Casey-Rosapenna Hotel; Centre Carrigart.



Gold Fleet prize winner Dave Garvey with Nick Fletcher in Downings.

The results are as follows with lots of local talent performing to their best.

Gold Fleet prize winner Dave Garvey, 2nd Hannes Lout Feisser, 3rd William Revels
Silver Fleet and awarded The Alan Harris Memorial Trophy Ruby

Hood, 2nd Lucy Backus, 3rd Isaac McNutt
Junior Fleet Aimee Bassett, 2nd Senna Mercer, 3rd Darcie Boyle
Junior Fleet 'Smallies' Sadhbh O'Brien, 2nd Cuinn Boyce, 3rd Flynn Laxon

Donegal well represented in Paris

Donegal is well at the Olympics Games in Paris between competitors, coaches, a Head of Nutrition, a team manager and Downings native John Cronin is there in his capacity as President of Athletics Ireland. On the track Letterkenny native and Finn Valley AC man Mark English will go in the 800m heats on next Wednesday with the start time scheduled for 10.45 a.m. It will be his third Olympics having also competed in Rio (2016) and Tokyo (2021).

Tirconail AC's Kelly McGrory is a member of both the women's 4x400m and 4x400 mixed relay teams. The mixed relay team will be on the track on Friday evening at 6.10pm. On Friday morning one of Ireland's best medal hopes Rhasidat Adel-ke goes in the 400m heats at 10.55am. Raphoe woman Rachael Darragh is with the Irish Badminton team. Rachael is the niece of three time Olympian Chloe Magee and the granddaughter of Audrey Magee formerly from Cratlagh, Milford. She lost her first group game on Tuesday. Rachael's uncle Daniel Magee is a coach with the Irish Badminton team.

Ciara McGing, the 22-year-old diver with strong family ties in Rathmullan, goes in the 10m Plat-



Mark English, Sharon Madigan, John Cronin, Ciara Mageean and Teresa McDaid.

form on Monday morning after 9am. Ciara is the granddaughter of the late Pam Finney formerly of Market Square Rathmullan. Finn Valley AC member John Kelly is in Paris in a coaching capacity with Markus Thomsen, a Norwegian who will be going in the Shot Putt category. Mona McSharry who was a member of the Marlins Swimming Club in Ballyshannon as a youngster has already made her mark in Paris with a brilliant bronze medal in the pool. She is a native of Grange, Co. Sligo and went secondary school in Ballyshannon.

Letterkenny native Dr. Sharon Madigan is Head of Nutrition for Team Ireland. She also held that post with the Irish Team at the Tokyo Olympics. Letterkenny AC's Teresa McDaid is the Irish Track and Field Team manager for the second successive time having also been in Tokyo. Last but not least John Cronin, a native of Dooley, Downings is in Paris as the President of Athletics Ireland. And what an honour that is for Cronin who is based in Tullamore. He was an official at the Tokyo Olympics. Cronin is coming to the end of his second two-year term as President.

Charity football match

As part of the Fanad Festival there will be a charity football match on Saturday 3rd August at 7pm, when Manchester United Fans take on Liverpool Fans. All proceeds from the game will go to Donegal Horizons CLG. Fanad Utd player Seamie Nanny works with Donegal Horizons who provide support to adults with learning difficulties. Any players interested in playing can contact Seamie Friel.

Boost for Friel's investment firm

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Cathal is the son of the late John and Tessie Friel and he started his career in the family business, Ford dealership Friels of Creeslough.

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