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## Government at the heart of mica failure

In the ongoing controversy over the delivery of the Mica Remediation Scheme, sources in construction have told the Tribune they believe the full 100% Redress Scheme may be abandoned in favour of a piece-meal partial demolition instead of the complete clearance of the infected structure.

**By John McAteer**

Fears have grown that a 'partial demolition' deal will apply to new applicants. This measure, it is claimed, will reduce the State liability and will leave homeowners without the full remediation costs for years. The existing scheme has six stages of payment.

Deputy Pdraig MacLochlainn said he's aware of the speculation to delay remediation works and payments and it is a matter of serious concern. He says that Sinn Fein has had misgivings about the scheme ever since the current Government returned to power under the leadership

of Micheál Martin. He referred to data from the Attorney General's advice to the government in 2021 that "It is also important that no concession is made that the State has any liability."

He said: "Mica is at the very heart of



government failure. At this point, the vast majority of mica homeowners are locked out of the scheme because they cannot afford the costs involved. They are totally depending on the banks for finance and that is not where people want to be.

Amid the volumes of data, safeguards and broken hopes, the construction trade says it is more wary than ever of be-

coming involved in tendering for remediation jobs. Some say they've been left waiting for an unacceptable length of time for the final payment.

Deputy MacLochlainn stated: "The reality is that after all these years of

broken promises and false dawns, there is a high level of mica fatigue and anxiety in Donegal and only by overwriting the current legislation with a new scheme will those affected have trust that it can work for them."

He added "The government has been engaged in political manoeuvres to delay further the remediation of seriously damaged homes ever since taking office in

**- MacLochlainn**

2020. You only have to look at the budget allocation of 'tens of millions' annually at a time when that figure should be in the hundreds of millions. "There have been unacceptable delays since day one and the government

is just engaged in a political haze of denial when they should have been working to increase the number of homes in need of remediation in Donegal."

"The Ditch' website reported: "In September 2021, months before the government announced an adapted mica scheme, attorney general Paul Gallagher wrote to housing minister Darragh O'Brien with legal

advice. He suggested ways of reducing the number of applicants and ensuring claims were kept as low as possible."

MacLochlainn said: "I have no doubt that a new system is "under consideration for delaying payments to distraught homeowners. Many have suffered government neglect on the mica crisis for years and it could easily worsen under a new government.

Sinn Fein has sought since day one to have a general State run scheme similar to the pyrite deal for Dublin in 2011" he commented.

As the EU begins legal proceedings against Ireland over its failure to comply with regulations on construction materials, a spokesperson stated: "According to the commission's findings, the Irish authorities limited their monitoring activities to finished buildings or finalised civil engineering projects."

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## Devlin Hall : where love stories began...



Over sixty years since they first met in the Devlin Hall, Charlie and Nellie McHugh were back at the venue where it all started for them.

**By Paddy Walsh**

It was Charlie who first noticed the young Nellie Price across the packed hall - he a native of Ballybofey and she from around the corner at nearby Ballymacool.

"I was 18 at the time and back then there were two dance halls that my friends and I would go to on a regular basis - the Butt and the Devlin."

And it was on one of those nights at the Lower Main Street venue that he took a fancy to the woman who would become his wife.

His good friend, Charlie Bon-

ner from Ballybofey, told Nellie she had an admirer and they immediately hit it off.

So was it love at first sight? "Nearly," laughs Charlie.

"We went out for two and a half years and then got married in 1965," Nellie relates.

Married in St. Eunan's Cathedral and now 59 years on they're back at a dance in the old Devlin Hall in the company of fellow patrons of the Letterkenny Reunion.

"Aye, I had to come all the way from Ballybofey to the Devlin to get myself a wife," Charlie smiles.

Fortunately, Nellie wasn't on board the night Charlie and his friends hired a car to travel to the Devlin Hall. On the return journey to Ballybofey, the

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Members of the local RNLI covering the coastline from Arranmore to Letterkenny pictured at the Fanad Lighthouse last Thursday as they began celebrations to mark their 200th anniversary. From left, Hazel Russell (Rathmullan), Heather McBride (Downings), Deirdre Crossan (Kerrykeel), Susan Shields (Downings), Pete McBride (Downings), Fiona McNutt (Downings), Moses Alcorn (Dunfanaghy) and Peter McNutt (Downings).



# Govt. at the heart of mica failure

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Ditch' the Attorney General advised the government in September 2021, months before it introduced its revised mica scheme, he stressed the State shouldn't concede any liability, MacLochlainn added: "Correspondence that has been released by 'The Ditch' between the Attorney General and the Minister for Housing from September 2021 that reveals what we in Sinn Féin suspected from the beginning. A concerted effort was at the very heart of government to block and limit financial support for these homeowners as their homes and lives crumbled before their very eyes. The contents of the Attorney General's letter to the Minister for

Housing are shocking. An unwavering focus on ways to reduce the number of applicants to the redress scheme.

"He claims that any improvements to the scheme would likely increase the number of applicants to the scheme. An insinuation that affected homeowners would, in the Attorney General's words, 'pitch' their 'claims on the most generous basis that can be credibly advanced' – Rather than recognising that victims of this crisis were facing financial ruin and hardship and only ever wanted fairness, justice and a safe home for themselves and their children.

The AG called into question the competence of certified engineers, questioning their expertise, and even claiming that they would be pressured by homeowners to recom-

mend anything other than what was right. He also questioned the expertise of local authority staff.

The contents of this correspondence are shocking – with the Attorney General providing not just legal advice, but policy advice on an issue that has destroyed the lives of so many.

The government accepted much of this advice, which limited financial support to so many homeowners. The disastrous consequences of this decision are known only too well by the victims of this scandal.

Only 61 properties have been fully remediated – and that includes under the old scheme which was announced in 2018.

The government has failed homeowners affected by the defective concrete block scandal. The financial distress and mental anguish

they face each and every day is proof of that failure.

The Attorney General said in his advice that it was important to urgently engage with local solicitors to pursue wrongdoers – quarries and block manufacturers. He said there was considerable urgency with this.

The reality is that after all these years of broken promises and false dawns, there is a high level of mica fatigue in Donegal and only by overwriting the current legislation with a new scheme will those affected have trust that it can work for them, he stated."

The top remediation figure is expected to be increased by 10% in the near future as the government examines increased construction costs.

## Remembering LUH floods a decade on

On August 5th, 2014 a torrential summer downpour resulted in a huge emergency operation swinging into action at Letterkenny University Hospital as it was engulfed in a serious flood.

This came just a year after another major flood caused over €25m worth of damage to the facility.

Now a decade on, one of those who responded to both these emergencies, looks back at what it took to help remove thousands of gallons of foul flood water from the hospital in an effort to get essential services up and running as soon as possible.

Kilmacrennan's Denis Sheridan, who runs DS Environmental Services in Leitrim, recalls how they played a role in assisting at these "back to back" floods at

the health facility as word began to filter out that a major incident was unfolding a few miles up the road from their base.

He said: "It was five in the evening, and I was just having my dinner when my daughter came in and showed me the video on YouTube of the flooding. I jumped in the truck straight away and went in where I could see the fire engines pumping water so I called the rest of the crew to come in and we began pumping water. The whole crew, who had just clocked off after three days work, dropped everything and were there within an hour"

In a small bit of good fortune the hospital was an existing client of DS Environmental so Denis and the team had knowledge of the pipework and electri-



Above and left - the job of clearing up after the LUH Floods

cal ducts underneath the hospital, which would be invaluable in the clean up operation.

He utilised a large portion of his fleet of specialised vehicles at the scene to assist Fire Services in removing flood water and debris from the scene as the emergency effort continued into the night.

He added: "We had 6 or 7 trucks and hundreds of metres of hoses onsite until 2am helping fire crews pump water. Our Vacuum tankers were also especially useful for pumping debris which had become a big issue. We began by pumping water out of the car park and then moved into the lift shafts which were complete-

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### 80th Birthday Thank You



Pauline Boyle and Irene Johnston, Creeslough would like to thank everyone for making their recent 80th birthday celebrations so special. Thanks to everyone who attended our party in Rose's Bar, Creeslough and to everyone for their lovely messages, phone calls, cards and gifts. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

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vehicle broke down at the Bullock Park.

"We had to get out and push it all the way home. We arrived back at around six in the morning!"

Meanwhile, he didn't have to push himself too hard to talk to the young Letterkenny woman on that first night in the Devlin Hall!

The couple went on to have four children and eleven

ly flooded. There was also an issue with debris being mixed with contaminated water and hazardous waste but fortunately our team is fully trained in the handling of that."

Once the main threats were dealt with the following day revealed a major clean up operation would be required.

He added: "The next day began a weeklong operation with our confined space team to clean out the pipework underneath the campus which had become full of debris and hazardous waste. We were able to collaborate well with Emergency services and the team responded well to the high-pressure situation."

A year after the first flood, another downpour caused havoc for the hospital but this time Denis was contacted directly by hospital officials but the teams response was the same as the year previously where they wasted no time in helping clean up the area alongside the emergency services.

He said it was: "A 'calling all cars' type of situation where the whole team could be deployed quickly to respond."

## MAG demands O'Brien public meeting

Amid reports that the Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien will be coming to Donegal the MICA Action Group has formally requested that he attend a public meeting to hear directly from homeowners impacted by the defective concrete crisis.

MAG said that in response, on the 8th September 2023, Ms Niamh Redmond, Private Secretary, replied at that time; 'the Minister hopes to visit Donegal again in the near future and will take the opportunity to meet directly with homeowners and officials engaged with the scheme.' MAG says that if Minister O'Brien is planning to visit in the near future, he will already have the date scheduled in his diary. "We ask that you demonstrate respect to homeowners by providing due notice of your visit to the county so that arrangements to meet you can be made. We ask that you do not cause additional hurt to already traumatised homeowners by visiting the county unannounced and meeting with officials and other small groups behind closed doors."

MAG has written this week to Minister O'Brien again. "Given that in excess of a year has passed since the receipt of this correspondence from

your office; MAG suggests that it is timely that you meet in a public forum with homeowners in Co. Donegal. The importance of your attendance at such a meeting is paramount. Homeowners deserve the respect of having their views and lived experience heard at first hand."

In the letter MAG says homeowners have been continuously held at arm's length by the Department of Housing.

The letter to the Minister continues: "In fact, homeowners are the only stakeholders that are prevented from contributing directly to the reviews of the Defective Concrete Scheme and to a variety of other meetings including that held recently involving the newly established Appeals Panel.

The concerns in relation to the scheme are well documented as are your responses to these concerns. It is not MAG's intention to repeat all of the issues with the scheme herein. We have previously documented the significant barriers to the scheme in correspondence with yourself and your colleagues. Officials point to the increase in the cap as a success of the scheme. The reality is that the cap is irrelevant to people if they are

unable to access the scheme in the first instance."

MAG also states in the letter that a huge number of homeowners are also having the recommendations of their original chartered engineers downgraded and being assigned a cheaper, unscientific recommendation option than the full demolition required. They say the use of the cap as evidence of success of the scheme is disingenuous in light of the numbers of people who are unable to access the scheme in the first instant due to a myriad of reasons, not least of which is the government's failure to make practicable its policy solution to provide for upfront costs.

In the letter MAG also address other issues. "Minister, you hold the number of applications to the scheme (1,970 as of 11/04/24) as a criteria of success. The latter is an extremely blunt instrument. Applications of homes to the scheme are very different to completion of homes, of which, over the duration of two Defective Concrete Schemes; we have 43 completed in this county and 16 in Mayo. Taking the presumably hugely underestimated official number of 7,500 houses, the number of homes completed to date represents 0.57% of the total"

MAG have also highlighted comments made in the Dáil on 11/04/2024, when Sinn Deputy Eoin Ó Broin asked Minister O'Brien for his views on the growing concerns of homeowners relative to the scheme. "You stressed that you were 'committed to working through the concerns'. If you were truthful and genuine in that response, you will make yourself available to meet in a public forum with affected homeowners.

MAG believes that if you are planning to visit in the near future, you already have the date scheduled in your diary. We ask that you demonstrate respect to homeowners by providing due notice of your visit to the county so that arrangements to meet you can be made. We ask that you do not cause additional hurt to already traumatised homeowners by visiting the county unannounced and meeting with officials and other small groups behind closed doors. Given your political status, MAG are sure you are in agreement that transparency and accountability are of paramount importance.

MAG anticipate your timely response, in order that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

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## Letterkenny Reunion in full swing

A list of those deceased members involved in the Letterkenny Reunion over the years read out by Fr. Stephen Gorman at the mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Sunday evening added a touching poignancy to the opening event. It was also a tribute to all those who have participated in the Reunion since it came into existence in 1991.

**by Paddy Walsh**

In his introductory remarks at the outset of the Mass, Fr. Gorman, himself a native of Letterkenny, who described it as an honour to have been asked to celebrate it, said they were gathering as friends to reminisce about the past and think about all the decent people from the town who had gone to their rest. "I think especially of Dessie Kelly who was a fundamental part of Letterkenny and of this Reunion. We pray for all the dead and ask the Lord to grant them a place of light, happiness and peace."



Groups pictured at the Letterkenny Reunion Fair Day on Bank Holiday Monday. Photos by Danny Nee.

In his homily, Fr Gorman revealed that when the Reunion started in 1991 he was only five years of age. "So I don't recall too many memories from the early days. God rest my own father, Seamus Gorman, he would just love to be here at an event like this evening."

The celebrant went on to list the names of all who had made an impact on the community and town including Dessie Kelly, James McMonagle, Johnny Gallagher, Patsy James, Patsy Shiels, Nelius Doherty, Rebecca McFeely McLaughlin, Goretti Donnelly Peoples, Jim Lynch, Barry Lynch and Noel McGroarty and those other men and women who had contributed to the Reunion.

Fr. Gorman said they would always look back at the many memories that had been made over the past 33 years including the re-enactment of the Fair Day, the mystery bus tour, dancing in the Devlin Hall and the various football matches that had taken place.

"The traditional variety of events will be staged to keep the patrons entertained but plenty of the entertainment will be provided by the townies themselves as stories and anecdotes abound over the four days and nights – some of them perhaps even true!"

He went on: "Let us pray that many memories of joy will be made. The importance of these days is coming together to reconnect with our heritage of this town, to share stories, to socialise together, to reminisce, to be grateful for the blessings that we have."

"I know this is the last Reunion but I am sure in twenty years time, this tradition might start anew," predicted Fr Gorman.

The music for the opening Mass was provided by Patrick Doherty and the Cathedral Folk Choir. And later in the night, more music courtesy of Martin Orr and the Honky Tonk Heroes at the opening dance in the Station House Hotel where the Reunionites gathered to get re-acquainted with one another and in some cases meet up for the first time in decades at this the last ever Letterkenny Reunion.

## First Letterkenny Guide Dogs Puppy Raiser



Jennifer Doherty Irish Guide Dogs Donegal Branch with Asena and her dog Becky

All the money raised for the Irish Guide Dogs Donegal Branch was made even more satisfying for John Wilkie when he met up with the lovely lady Asena, the first Puppy Raiser in Letterkenny. Asena is working with Becky and John says the dog is one of the best behaved that he has ever met.

"As they say, it's nice to see where your money goes! From Barefoot Walks to Coffee Morning, selling tickets for a Holiday Voucher and not forgetting our Trip to Kilimanjaro.

Had a lovely afternoon, myself and Jennifer Doherty meeting our first Puppy Raiser in Letterkenny Asena and I have to say, Becky is one of the best behaved dogs I have ever met. If anyone wants to get involved just contact the Irish Guide Dogs Donegal Branch."

## St. Conal's plans big staff reunion



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

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



# Omagh Bomb Inquiry gets underway

The Preliminary Hearing of the Omagh Bombing Inquiry took place on Wednesday of last week. This was in the town's Strule Arts Centre. The Bomb exploded down the street. There was a care for victim families. There was an opening statement. Then relatives were given a couple of minutes to go outside if they wished. Then Counsel for the Inquiry read the names of the 29 dead. A minute's silence followed. All in the room who could, stood for this. Counsellors from the Wave Trauma Centre were present.

The Bombing is now almost a generation past. Trauma and hurt remain. Breda Devine and Maura Monaghan were the two youngest victims. Both should now be approaching 30. The Bombing of August 15th 1998 was the worst single atrocity of the Troubles. Twenty-nine were killed, and unborn twins. There was a forgotten 30th victim. Gareth White was killed in East Belfast when an ambulance rushing a critically ill victim to hospital struck his car.

The Inquiry will not include his death. The Chair of the Inquiry is senior Scottish judge, Lord Alan Turnbull. The Inquiry will examine whether the Bombing "could reasonably have been prevented by UK state authorities."

Families were present, but there is no such body as 'the Omagh families'. Twenty-seven families lost members. Two-thirds were from outside Omagh. They are scattered across Tyrone, Donegal, England and Spain. They come from a variety of religious backgrounds. There is a spectrum of political backgrounds. Most, though, are like most in people in the North (or anywhere). They are not particularly political.

Two groups represent some families. One is the Omagh Support and Self-Help Group. The other is the Families

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Moving On group. Most families are in neither group. No-one speaks on behalf of all, or even a majority of, families.

The preliminary hearing was the first time in well over 20 years either all families, or at least representatives, were together.

Unfortunately Laurence Rush did not live to see the Inquiry. He died 12 years ago. The Bombing killed his wife, Libby. Laurence was a friend. I have several times drove him to Belfast for Court hearings.

Laurence was always angry at the Real IRA. He had no doubts they were, first of all, responsible for the Bombing. But he also had questions about security service involvement.

There was an Inquest on the victims in 2000. There, Michael Mansfield represented Laurence. Mansfield is one of the top criminal defence and human rights barristers in Britain. I listened to his careful questioning of witnesses. Mansfield's questions established no police were on duty in Omagh town centre on the day of the bombing. Nearly a quarter of a century on that remains explained.

Laurence began legal action against the Secretary of State and Chief Constable for negligence. This was not a popular stand at the time. There was a campaign to marginalise and discredit him. He was expelled from the Omagh Support and Self-Help Group. Then, it was the only group

representing victims. It was also significantly larger than either of the current groups. In his statement at the Preliminary Hearing, Mansfield explained: "... in this quest (for truth and accountability) Laurence Rush stood alone, steadfast, undaunted and undeterred, even though by obvious questions, by the barbs of criticism and outright hostility he faced in public, in private and in the courtroom. That's a reference to the inquest."

Laurence had a long fight to have his case heard. His son, Anthony, is continuing that.

While Laurence was taking his case, the Support and Self-Help Group was sidetracked. This was into a Civil Action against members and alleged members of the Real IRA. This took pressure off police on both sides of the Border. They have the skills and resources to catch the bombers. That is not the job of a bunch of relatives.

One of those promoting this Civil Action was the late Sean O'Callaghan. He worked for Irish and British security services inside the IRA. He worked for Irish and British security services. In 1985 he murdered an alleged Garda informer, John Corcoran from Cork. At the time, O'Callaghan was himself a Garda agent. O'Callaghan was never charged with this murder. I spoke to him twice. He found him sinister.

The Civil Action was hailed as ground-breaking. There was fund-raising. There was a media

circus. Nothing was achieved. The Courts made findings against some individuals. Damages were awarded. These were meaningless. The individuals had no assets. Subsequently at least one family involved raised concerns about legal fees charged.

Many who should have known better were swept along with the hype. I remember a prominent journalist telling me all was now over. That was worrying. He was high profile. He should have known better.

Then in 2001 Police Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan issued a report. This found police had knowledge from two sources. On August 4th a man rang Omagh police to say there would be an attack in the town on August 15th. He named three men and a family as involved. The other warning came from Peter Keeley. Keeley had told police a bomb was being made in the Dundalk area. Keeley was a Newry man who had joined the British Army. He was recruited into its intelligence wing. As an agent he infiltrated the Official IRA, (Provisional) IRA and

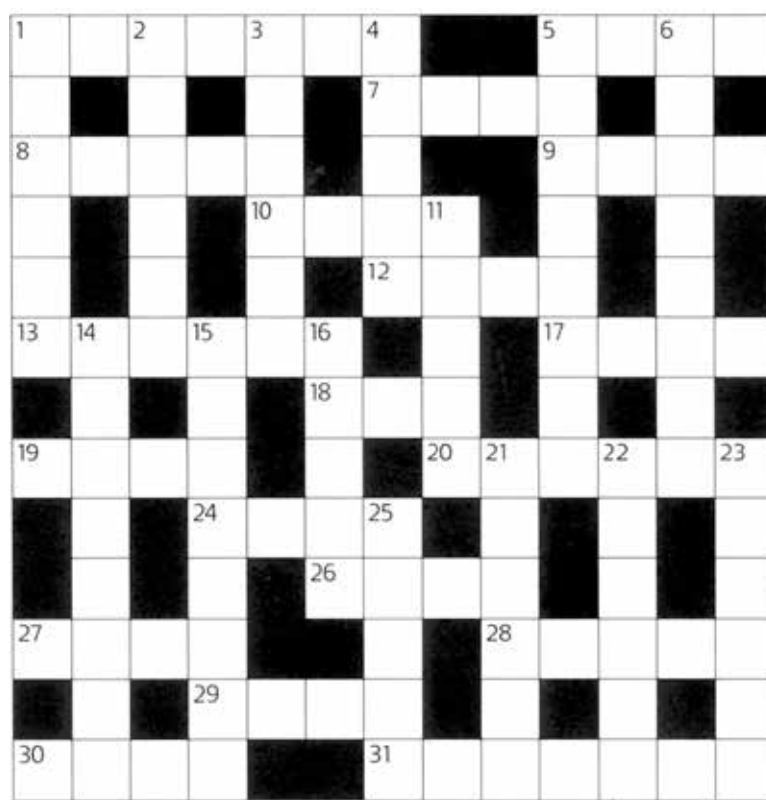


By Anton McCabe

Real IRA. As Laurence's case trundled on, others also took action. The Secretary of State said he would not grant a public inquiry. In 2021 the High Court overturned that decision. Mr Justice Horner ruled "that there was a real prospect of preventing the Omagh bombing"

The Inquiry proper will begin on January 27th next year. Certainly, I expect the security services to hide evidence. I will only judge the inquiry when it is over. No ruling will change the reality that the Real IRA planted the bomb. Nobody forced them to do so. They allowed themselves to be tools of the British security services.

## Tribune Crossword No. 1076



- Across**
- 1. Speckled (7)
  - 5. 60s pop artist, \_\_\_ Warhol (4)
  - 7. Zulu regiment (4)
  - 8. Viral infection (5)
  - 9. Fissure (4)
  - 10. Utensil (4)
  - 12. Diplomacy (4)
  - 13. Power unit (6)
  - 17. Demolish (4)
  - 18. Twitch (3)
  - 19. Month (4)
  - 20. Come to pass (6)
  - 24. Perished (4)
  - 26. Paper measure (4)
  - 27. Dagger wound (4)
  - 28. Unpaid (5)
- Down**
- 29. Respite (4)
  - 30. Dull pain (4)
  - 31. Pester (7)
  - 1. Mutter (6)
  - 2. Comedian's skill? (6)
  - 3. Pay attention (6)
  - 4. Piece of turf (5)
  - 5. Runway (8)
  - 6. Positive (8)
  - 11. Door fastener (5)
  - 14. Highly-strung (8)
  - 15. Unfit to eat (8)
  - 16. Early anaesthetic (5)
  - 21. Chain-mail (6)
  - 22. Divil (6)
  - 23. Sugar confection (6)
  - 25. Distributed castds (5)

**Solutions to Crossword No. 1075**  
**Across** 1. Find out, 4. Demon, 7. Climate, 8. Rowdy, 9. Bunter, 12. Equalled, 15. Latitude, 17. During, 18. Curds, 21. Trapeze, 22. Shear, 23. Spindle. **Down** 1. Football, 21 Dilute, 3 Trap, 4. Deer, 5. Maxwell, 6. Nosy, 10. Revue, 11. Lured, 13. Diagnose, 14. Startle, 16. Frozen, 18. Cars, 19. Star, 20. Mass.

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# Kinnegar Brewing Summerfest



Twins Milo and June Cadden from Cork master Connect 4 at Kinnegar Brewing's Summerfest, helped by mother Sarah and their grandparents, Eileen and Eugene Cadden from Rathmullan.



Members of Letterkenny's South African community enjoyed Kinnegar Brewing's Summerfest along with their local friends.



Traolach O'Fionnan was amongst the crowd enjoying live music at Kinnegar Brewing's Summerfest on the bank holiday weekend.



Food Coast Donegal member Jon Deary and his son Darragh served up their wonderful Little Mammias Gelatos to Summerfest visitors.



Rick LeVert of Kinnegar Brewing enjoys Summerfest with Willie Doherty, Spike Wolf and Exu from Glenalla.



Visitors to Kinnegar Brewing's Summerfest enjoyed classic American BBQ from The Dirty Soul's horsebox. They serve every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Kinnegar's Ballyraine premises.





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# Ballyare 10k on Friday

The annual Ballyare 10k run and 5km walk will take place on this 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.

## Sheep Dog Trials

Sheep Dog Trials as part of the Ballyare 10k will be held this Saturday the 10th and Sunday the

11th of August at Carr's of the Diamond, Ballyare.

On Saturday from 5pm the local farmers and handlers within the catchment area of Churchill, Termon and Ballyare and surrounding areas will compete while on Sunday from 8.30am the Open and Intermediate Classes take place. There will be no registration after 1pm.

For further information contact Anthony Friel on 086 310 6998 or Paul Wilson on 087 262 4080.

## Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Kathleen, Sr. Irene, Sr. Claire, Fr. Desmond, Raymond and Alan Sweeney Ramelton on the death of their brother-law Jack Lavin, Dreenan, Ballybofey and formerly of Swinford, Mayo. A retired Garda Sergeant, Jack passed away at his home on Saturday. He is survived by his wife Lorna, family Desmond, Irene, Niamh, Lorna Mairéad and Michael, sons-in-law Ciarán O'Driscoll and Michael Ryan, daughters-in-law Maryanne and Frances, grandchildren Michael Kenneth, Ciarán, Jack, David, James, Seán, Patrick, Eilis, Tara and Anna, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Jack was predeceased by his brother Michael and sisters Mary and Nancy.

Remains reposed at his home from Monday. Requiem Mass took place on Wednesday in St. Patrick's Church, Crossroads, Killygordon followed by burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

## Sympathy

The death occurred on Tuesday of Marion McLaughlin, Elm Court, Ramelton. Deepest sympathy is extended to her husband Danny, daughter Martina, son-in-law Joe and the family circle. Funeral will take place on Friday with 2pm Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church Ramelton followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. 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 this Saturday 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.

## Swilly Rovers Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Saturday were: 1, 3, 10 and 21. No jackpot winner. One 3 number winner: Marty McDaid (online sales). This week's jackpot is €850.

## 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.



Members of the Ramelton Tidy Towns committee with their new street sweeper which they took possession of recently.

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 schoolchildren 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

Veted. 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.

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

## 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.

## Damien Friel to manage Swilly Rovers



New Swilly Rovers manager Damien Friel with Marty McDaid

Swilly Rovers Football Club have confirmed that Damien Friel has been appointed senior team manager for the 2024-25 season. He succeeds Laurence Toland who stepped down earlier in the summer. Friel is steeped in the Swilly Rovers soccer from his underage playing days to featuring for the first team in the Ulster Senior League and in more recent in Donegal Junior football winning league medals in both Divisions 2 and 1.

While a student at St. Eunan's College he was a member of an All-Ireland Senior Schools winning side alongside his cousin Kieran Harte. A central defender, he also played with the club's reserve side in the Saturday League. Friel has a big challenge ahead as it is not long now until the start of the

new Premier Division season. It will be Swilly's second season in the top flight. Despite the loss of Conor Gormley and Dylan Hegarty to Australia they started the season well but the form dipped in the second half of the campaign.

The new manager has to try and build a bit of momentum quickly and get to work on assembling a squad in the next couple of weeks. Other names that were linked with the vacancy included Keith Cowan, Michael McHugh, Mark Duffy and Tony McNamee Snr. In a statement Swilly Rovers F.C. expressed delight with the appointment of Damien Friel.

"We are excited to announce that Damien Friel, a beloved and long-standing member of Swilly Rovers FC, has been appointed as our new senior team manager. Damien has been an integral part of Swilly Rovers for a number of years, showcasing his dedication and passion both on and off the field. Damien has been with the club through highs such as playing in the Ulster Senior League and also lows with our club. Now, he brings this wealth of experience and intimate knowledge of the club to the new role as manager. We would like to wish Damien and his backroom team good luck for the upcoming season from all at Swilly Rovers."

**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

## 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.



Some members of the Rathmullan Tidy Towns ChangeMakers craft class with some of the Culmore Ladies group last week, during their collaboration in Derry when visiting the Craft Village & St Column's Cathedral.

# Music legends to gather and remember Denis Curran

Some of the biggest names in the Irish country music scene will gather in Bundoran on Thursday, August 15th, to remember the late Denis Curran from Glen, Carrigart.

Denis was a very well-known and much respected figure in the local music scene having worked in various roles in the entertainment business over many years.

Denis was originally a native of The Roughan, Ramelton, and a well-known member of his local community. He worked in the painting and decorating sector and was also involved with his brother-in-law Paddy Bradley's team at music entertainment events in various venues including the Milford Inn and the Clanree Hotel in Letterkenny.

This also included working in the Allingham Arms Hotel in Bundoran for over 20 years and also spent time working with country star Nathan Carter on his busy touring schedule.

Nathan along with a host of stars including Mike Denver, Mick Flavin, David James, John Glenn, Shawn Cuddy, Jason McCahill, Thomas Maguire & Fhiona Ennis, Rachel McConnell and Paul



Kelly, the Ryan Turner Band and Brian Kerrigan, as well as many of Denis' former colleagues will gather in the Allinghams Arms for a special night remembering their dear friend.

All artists are appearing on a voluntary basis and all funds raised will go to support the work of the Donegal Hospice who assisted Denis in his final days.

Denis sadly passed away earlier this year on April 28th after a brief illness and many tributes were paid to him from his colleagues and figures on the music scene at the time including Michael English. He stated: "I had the great pleasure to work with Denis many times and will miss our chats before the shows."

Denis is survived by his wife Susan, sons DJ, Barney and Maxi, his brothers Charlie, Liam, Peter, Brendan and Kevin, his sisters Eileen, Bridie, and Margaret, and predeceased by his brother Seamus and sister Mary.

Tickets for this special show are available at the hotel reception and on the door on the night priced €20. Doors open at 8pm with the music commencing at 8.30pm.

# Creeslough festival to make welcome return

On Saturday August 17th the Creeslough Fair Day will return with a family fun day with something for everyone.

The event is hosted by the Creeslough Community Association with the support of local business and will take place in the Cope Yard on Creeslough's High Street.

Events get underway at 12 noon and sees a host of entertainment throughout the day.

Special guest on the day will be Donegal Person of the Year, Moya Brennan from Clannad, who will perform the official opening.

Music comes from Glor Tire finalist Chelsea Evans and winner Jason McCahill, as well as The Culprits and will also feature line dancing and jiving where everyone can join in.

It will also feature a sheep show, vintage cars, food and market stalls and much more.

Organiseres stated: "Creeslough Fair Day is back with a full day of activities and family fun with a little bit of something for everyone."

Historically the Creeslough Fair Day's took place on the 10th day of each month and were famous for drawing large crowds to the village where markets and animal trading took place. In more recent years the annual summer fair day has become an opportunity for locals, diaspora and visitors alike to gather to celebrate a taste of rural Irish culture.

A spokesperson for the event said: "It's great to see Fair Day back in Creeslough this August. It's always a great way to highlight the strong community spirit in the area and it will be great to see the Old Cope yard thriving with people once again, just like it would have been on the fair days gone by."

# Remembering Maggie with Croagh Patrick climb

This Saturday, August 10th, the family of the late Margaert 'Maggie' Sweeney will undertake one of Ireland's most famous walks for charity

when they wind their way to the Summit of Croagh Patrick in her memory. Maggie, nee McDemott, late of Ballyboes was a well-known



and much loved member of her local community who sadly passed away on June 16th. Members of her family are not headed to take on 'The Reek' in Co. Mayo with all proceeds raised from the walk going to the Donegal Hospice. They stated they are undertaking the walk as a way of "celebrating her life and in thanksgiving for the care she received in her short illness." Donations can be made to any family member or to Josephine's Hair Fashions, Dunfanaghy.



The wedding took place in St. Mary's Church Ramelton on Saturday of Danielle McNamee, Ardummond Road and David Fisher, Gortin. Fr. Michael Carney officiated at the nuptials. The Maid of Honour was Fiona Keavney, friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Danielle's cousins Melissa and Laura Egan and friend Kerriane Coyle. The Best Man was Mark Wilson, friend of the groom. The Groomsmen were Gareth Fisher, Corey McCahill and Ricky Fisher. Flower Girls were Aria, Elsie and Ebony Fisher. Gifts were brought to the altar by the mothers of the bride and groom Nancy McNamee and Mary Fisher. After Holy Communion a Reflection was read by Rhianna Bolton, cousin of the bride. Music was by Zara Montgomery. The wedding reception was held afterwards in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny.



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RACHEL McCONNELL AND PAUL KELLY  
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## THURSDAY 15 AUGUST

### ALLINGHAM ARMS HOTEL

ADMISSION €20 / DOORS OPEN 8PM / SHOW 8.30PM

*Most of Denis's former work colleagues and management will be there on the night.*

*All proceeds in aid of Donegal Hospice*



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# Creeslough Fair Day



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## SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

FEATURING

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Free Entry

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## The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny

Country Sundays  
Sun. 25th August -

# Mike Denver

Doors Open 8.30pm.

Dancing 9-11pm €15 Pay at door  
followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.

Coming - 1st September - Michael English, 8th Sept. Derek Ryan



# Carrigart Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning will be held in the Parochial Hall (Mevagh Hall) Carrigart on this Sunday 11th August from 12 noon-2pm. Donations welcome at the door and there will be a draw for door prize. Tickets will be on sale for a hamper

and there will be a bric a brac stall as well. Please come along and bring your friends with you to this tea/coffee morning as your support is needed and it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Shannon and baby Aoiha, Sally and Aine representing Churchill Stone who have sponsored fully equipped first aid bags for the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh Community First Responders Group. Kathleen Conaghan accepted the donation on behalf of KTGCT.

# Mevagh FRC AGM

Mevagh FRC will hold their AGM on Monday, 26 August in the centre at 5:30 pm. Everyone Welcome. We 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](mailto:coordinator@mevaghfrc.com) by 19th August.

**Big Fish Little Fish Workshop** - 'Transition School from National School to Secondary School'. This free, fun workshop for local children moving onto secondary school will take place in the centre on Thursday 22 August from 2 - 4 pm. This workshop provides an opportunity to meet new friends and covers all issues that may affect your child moving on. We cover timetables, classroom changes etc. and we hold fun team building exercises. Contact the centre on 0749155055 to secure a place.

**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 independently in their homes. The installation and equipment are free and if you connect to a landline, the monitoring is free for the first year. Charges

apply to alarms set up via sim card. This initiative is part funded by Pobal. Please call in, or contact the centre for more information.

**Other Notes:**

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

**Paint Me Glaze Me Pottery Studio** - located in Mevagh FRC is open from Monday to Friday from 11am to 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 4 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 Saturday mornings at 9:45am in the Resource Centre. Contact Brigitte on 087 0653333 for more information.

# Suspicious van activity in Rathmullan



Above and below - Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh Community First Responders Group with the first aid bags sponsored by Churchill Stone.

Gardaí are investigating reports of a suspicious vehicle in the Kinnegar Road, are of Rathmullan on Wednesday, July 31st. The vehicle in question is a white Mercedes van and the suspicious activity occurred at approximately 3.20pm. Gardaí stated: "We appeal to anybody who has a dash cam and who may have travelled on that road or in the area of Clearwaters, Rathmullan between 3pm and 4pm to make the footage available to Gardaí. If anybody observed this van in the area and can assist with further details we ask them to contact Gardaí in Milford on 074-9153060."



# Arrest in connection to Letterkenny break ins

A man has been arrested in connection to two burglaries in Letterkenny last recently.

One occurred at a business premises in Letterkenny's Market Square on Monday, July 22nd at approximately 3.35pm, where a window was broken on a downstairs window of the premises and entry was gained. The second burglary occurred at a business premises on Castle Street, Letterkenny following a break in some time between lunchtime on Thursday July 18th and lunchtime on Wednesday on July 24th.

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. This week an garda update said one man has been apprehended and has been charged with one of the offences.

They stated: "We issued two appeals last week in relation to two recent burglaries in Letterkenny Town, one at Castle Street and one in Market Square. A man has since been arrested and questioned in relation to these incidents. He was charged to appear in Court in connection with one of the incidents. Further investigation is ongoing in relation to the other. We thank the public for any assistance given."

# Vehicle seized in theft probe

Gardaí have seized a vehicle and arrested a man they suspect were involved in thefts from retail premises in the county

They stated: "As part of Operation Táirge, on 31st July 2024, Gardaí attached to the Donegal Divisional Drugs Unit seized a vehicle suspected to be involved in the commission of retail thefts. A male was arrested and charged in connection with the investigation. He will appear in court at a later date but investigations are ongoing. Gardaí are appealing to anyone who has information in relation to these or similar incidents, to contact Letterkenny Station on 074 916 7100."

# Cars damaged at Clonmany Festival

Gardaí are investigating two incidents of criminal damage that occurred at Cleagh, Clonmany on Sunday August 4th as the festival was taking place in the village.

Two cars that had been parked at a private residence at that location along the R238, Clonmany to Drumfries Road were damaged between 9.15pm and 11.30pm. The owners had parked up to attend the festival only to return to discover that the driver's side had been keyed on both cars. The rear passenger brake light was also damaged on one of the cars, gardaí stated. They added: "We appeal to anybody who may have any relevant information in relation to these incidents to contact Gardaí in Bunrana on 074-9320540."

# Air pistol and cannabis seized

As part of Operation Tara, Gardaí attached to the Donegal Divisional Drugs Unit have seized €2,440 of suspected cannabis, €1,315 cash, an air pistol, and drugs paraphernalia in Letterkenny. They arrested one man during the course of a search at a residence in the Letterkenny area, on July 30th.

Gardaí said the drugs seized will now be sent to Forensic Science Ireland to undergo analysis. The arrested man has since been released without charge and investigations are ongoing.

Gardaí say they are appealing for anyone who has information in relation to the sale and supply of controlled substances in Donegal or the border region, to contact the Donegal Divisional Drugs Unit on 074 916 7100.

# Roisin Hegarty boxes in Bosnia

While it ended in defeat, 12 year old Letterkenny girl Roisin Hegarty did her country proud in the biggest competition of her career so far. Roisin lost to the Russian national champion on a split decision 3/2 at the European School Boys and Girls Boxing Championship in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

She is a member of the Illies Golden Gloves Boxing Club where one of her coaches is Letterkenny man John Elliott. Roisin has received super support from her parents Raymond and Norma along with friends and sponsors who made it possible for the young girl to represent her country on the international stage this week.





# Former Quarry planning appeal withdrawn

A planning appeal lodged with An Bord Pleanála against the awarding of retention planning permission for the site of a former quarry in Mondooy, Manorcunningham, has been withdrawn. Conditional permission was granted to LSH Recycling Limited by Donegal County Council for their application

that detailed: "The site of a former quarry. Permission for restoration of land for agricultural purposes, recovery of inert waste, storage and processing of concrete blocks and all ancillary site development works. The proposed development seeking planning permission will require a waste facility permit which

will be sought through a separate application to Donegal County Council."

A Planning Appeal was lodged by Mabel and Robert Frizzell on June 28th, 2024 but now the planning authority detail the application was withdrawn on July 26th.

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### The late Páraig O'Sullivan

The death occurred on Saturday of Páraig O'Sullivan Coolboy, Letterkenny.



A retired engineer, he passed away peacefully at Letterkenny Hospital. He was predeceased by his sister Patti McHugh. Páraig will be deeply missed by his wife Brid (née McMenamin), his sons Trevor and Sean, their wives Martha and Sarah, his granddaughter Imogen, his sister Maureen, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, niece and nephews, his extended family, friends and his carers.

Páraig was a native of Dublin's north side. His son Sean spoke about his father's life. He played minor hurling for Dublin but was also a good soccer goalkeeper and signed a professional contract with League of Ireland side Shelbourne when he was 19. That led to him featuring on a Republic of Ireland U23 panel. Unfortunately a very bad motorcycle accident left Páraig with a crushed leg that ended his promising soccer career. Páraig went to work with Avery Scales after graduating from Bolton Street College. He worked in various parts of the country including Donegal, a county that he just fell in love with from his visit. And it was there that he was to meet his future wife Brid McMenamin from Rathmullan. Páraig's work took him to West Africa and countries including Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya. Brid moved out and the couple got married in Ghana. He was a good golfer and won many club titles out there and once played a game against the King of Norway.

Páraig was always a great help to Irish people including missionaries arriving in Africa. One of his other great passions was cars. The family returned to Donegal in 1991 and settled in Coolboy. Páraig enjoyed his golf in Letterkenny and Portsalon along with the social outings to Carr's of the Diamond where many a debate was had. He was also a keen fisherman.

Remains reposed at the Eternal Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Monday prior to removal to St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan. Páraig's brother-in-law Fr. Willie McMenamin officiated at the Requiem Mass on Tuesday. Concelebrants were Fr. Eddie Deeney SMA, Dromantine, Newry. Retired P.P. Fr. James Friel and Fr. Martin Collum P.P. Rathmullan. Fr. Deeney proclaimed the Gospel. After Holy Communion the hymn "You Raise Me Up" composed by Páraig's cousin Brendan Graham was sung by the Rathmullan Church Choir under the direction of Maggie McAteer. Burial took place afterward in Rathmullan Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

### Funeral of Dessie Rowan

The funeral took place on Sunday of Dessie Rowan, Tara Court Letterkenny. A retired accountant, Dessie was a native of Marine Drive, Killybegs. He passed away at the Donegal Hospice on Thursday.



Aged 59 he was the eldest of five children. Dessie's first job was in Eamonn Gallagher's grocery shop in Killybegs. He was a good student and after his Leaving Cert he went to study accountancy in Sligo and Dublin. After qualifying as a chartered accountant, Dessie went to work in London. He returned home to settle in Letterkenny working in a local accountancy practice and also with the HSE and firms in Northern Ireland. Dessie had a great love of animals and

was a generous donor to related charities. He was a volunteer worker at the Donkey Sanctuary in Raphoe.

Dessie was a big football fan following the fortunes of West Ham Utd, Finn Harps and his hometown club St. Catherine's in Killybegs. He was one of the many Donegal people who went on the historic Italia 90' World Cup trip to support Packie Bonner and the Republic of Ireland team. That included the famous cruise ship journey.

Dessie's remains reposed at the family residence from Saturday.

Funeral was on Sunday for Requiem Mass in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraire where the celebrant was Fr. Dominic Thoomkuzhy. Concelebrant was Fr. Ciaran Harkin P.P. who said the Final Prayers of Commendation. Before Mass symbols of Dessie's life including a football scarf, a calculator and a CD. Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

Dermot was predeceased by his parents, Pat and Patsy. He is survived by his wife Anna Marie, son Chris (Joanne), grandsons Charlie and Cillian, sisters Patricia Dowd, Terry Bruce, Glenda Cunningham (Killybegs), and brother Denis (Killybegs), extended family and many friends.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

### Death of Bernard Collins

The death took place on Saturday of Bernard Collins, Aughnish Road, Ramelton. Bernard passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital. Aged 78, Bernard grew up on the family farm and went to work with the ESB for 40 years. He had a great interest in the open water and swimming. Down at the Quay in Ramelton he introduced a lot of local youngsters to the water. Bernard broadened his interest by getting into deep sea diving and became a member of the Sheephaven Sub Aqua Club. That led to trips abroad to new oceans.



Bernard gave generously of his spare time to be part of local Search and Rescue operations in often very challenging situations but he handled them all with sensitivity.

He cherished the family network and was always a man not to be found wanting when it came to worthy causes. In his homily Fr. Michael Carney spoke about living with Parkinson's for the last 12 years. Bernard didn't complain and lived as independent a life as possible. He was a familiar sight in his high viz jacket on his early morning tricycle trips around Ramelton.

Bernard's remains reposed at the residence of his niece Mary Grumley, Aughnish Road, Ramelton from Sunday. Funeral took place on Monday in St Mary's Church, Ramelton where the celebrant was Fr. Michael Carney P.P. Readings were by Aine and Raphael. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Niamh, Afric, Ronan and Eimear. Music and hymns were by Clare Clayton. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Bernard is survived by his sisters Rosaleen and Annie, nieces Mary and Siobhan, nephews Declan, Stephen and Diarmuid, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, extended family and friends. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

### The late Patsy Greer

The death took place on Sunday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Patsy Greer, Droim Na Mona estate, Umlagh Carrigart. Aged 77, Patsy was a gardener on the Leitrim Estate for many years

The remains of the late Mr Greer reposed at his home from Tuesday. Funeral will be from there on Thursday going to the Church of St. John the Baptist for Requiem Mass at 11 am followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery. Patsy is survived by his brothers Michael (Carrigart), James (Inishowen), Andy (Umlagh) and his sister Anne (Scotland). He is also survived by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends to whom deepest condolences are extended.

### The late Anthony Sheridan

The death occurred on Friday of Anthony (Tony) Sheridan, Kingsfort Crescent, Derry City. Aged 69, Anthony was a native of Rathmullan. He started his working life with Willie Doherty's food distribution business in Cranford. When Anthony moved to Derry he took a driving job with Doherty's Butchers.



In his homily Fr. Michael McCaughey spoke about the shock for the family of Anthony's sudden passing and the huge void it will leave in their lives. While he settled in Derry with his wife Terry a native of Coleraine, Anthony remained a proud Rathmullan man and had been looking forward to meeting up with family and friends for the annual regatta on Monday. And most poignantly it was in the seaside village on the following day that he was laid to rest.

Anthony was a family man first and foremost. He had a great work ethic that helped to provide for his wife and four children. Football was a passion of his not surprising with his late father John a legendary figure in the game. He played with Rathmullan Celtic alongside his brothers Jim and Paddy. He was an avid Chelsea fan. Anthony also loved his cars and always kept them in pristine condition.

Anthony is survived by his wife Terry; children Mark, Gemma, Stephen and Kathryn; daughters-in-law Claire and Emma and sons-in-law Stephen and John; grandchildren Beth, Jude, Rose, Lucas, Darcy and Isla; brothers Jim, Josie and Paddy and sisters Mary, Bridget and Bernice; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Maureen and John, twin brother Gerard and nephew Ciaran.

Remains reposed at the family home in Kingsfort Crescent from Sunday.

Fr. Michael McCaughey PP officiated at the Requiem Mass on Tuesday in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn. Concelebrants were Fr. Neil Loughrey WF Oughterlin/ Templeogue, Dublin and Fr. Peter McLaughlin, retired P.P.

Before Mass symbols of Anthony's life including a football scarf and a family photograph were brought forward by Emma and Beth. Readings were by Colm and Emma. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Mark, Stephen, Clare and Brigid. Gifts were brought to the Altar by Mary and Anne. Music and hymns were by Catherine and Declan.

Anthony was laid to rest afterwards in Rathmullan Cemetery where the graveside prayers were said by Fr. Martin Collum P.P. and Fr. Loughrey. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

### Death of Marian McLaughlin

The death occurred on Tuesday of Marian McLaughlin, Elm Court, Ramelton. She passed away peacefully at the Donegal Hospice surrounded by her family after a long illness. Marion was formerly a member of the Black family from the town. She was a very well known and active member of the local community. Marian had worked in Donoghue's Photography Studios in Letterkenny for many years. Later she took employment at a charity shop in the town. Marian had a great love for that kind work. She also had a keen eye for fashion. Marian was very involved with activities at St. Mary's Church, Ramelton. She was a Eucharistic Minister and was also very talented when it came to flower arranging in the chapel.



Remains are reposing at her home in Elm Court with wake on this Thursday, from 12 noon until

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Marian is survived by her husband Danny, daughter Martina and son-in-law Joe, granddaughters Molly and Susie. Marian will be sadly missed by all her loving family and many friends to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

### Funeral of Margaret McGinley

The funeral took place on Saturday of Margaret McGinley, Magheranan, Letterkenny. A retired nurse, Margaret was formerly a member of the Doherty (Banker), Oughterlin, Rathmullan. She passed away on Wednesday 31st July at Letterkenny University Hospital surrounded by her family.

Margaret was born in Oughterlin in 1944, the daughter of William and Maggie Kate Doherty. Son William spoke about her life and the family moving when she was 16 from Oughterlin to St. Johnston. Margaret then emigrated to Liverpool to learn nursing in Walton. After graduating she was a staff nurse in Jersey and then in Hammersmith, London where she was promoted to Ward Sister. In the late 1970's Margaret moved back home taking up a position at Letterkenny General Hospital before finishing her career at the Ramelton Nursing Unit. In later years she enjoyed the company of her grandchildren and loved her gardening, fashion and social outings. Fr. Ciaran Harkin officiated at the Requiem Mass on Saturday in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraire. Concelebrant was Fr. Neil Loughrey, Oughterlin and Dublin. Readings were by Margaret's granddaughter Eloise and grandson Sean and burial took place afterwards in Rathmullan Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

She was predeceased by her brother Thomas. Margaret is survived by her daughters Yvonne (Gabriel) Bundoran, Laura Jane (Mark) Garriestown, Co. Dublin, sons Edward and William (Letterkenny), grandchildren Eloise, Torin, Raiden, Seán, Davin, Oran and Niall. Brothers John, Hugh, Laurence, Philip, William and sister Caroline, extended family and many friends to whom deepest sympathy is extended.



# Milford

## Death of Patrick McBride

Deepest sympathy is extended to Patrick McBride, Tirhomin, Milford and extended family on the sudden death of his son Patrick McBride, Glasgow. His remains will repose at a Reception and Vigil at St Mark's Church, Rutherglen, Glasgow on Sunday 11th August at 6.30pm followed by the Requiem Mass on Monday 12th August at 9.30am. followed by interment at Linn Cemetery for 11.15am.

## 50/50 Winner

Congratulations to Katie Hunt, Roscommon, granddaughter of Bridget McHugh, Cranford who was the lucky winner of €1000 in the Milford United 50/50 draw on Sunday 4th August in the Hi-da-way Bar.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 1st September. 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.

## Milford Hall Bingo

There will be a Special 10th Anniversary Bingo 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.

## Community Games finals

The National Community Games Regional Athletics finals will take place this Saturday 10th August in Athlone with 37 athletes from Donegal competing including the following representing Milford Community Games – Zara Rose Sheridan, U14 100m; Ryan Peoples U10 200m; Roise Farren, U12 200m; Jack Condon U10 60m Hurdles; Loughlin McBride U-14 80m Hurdles. Best of luck to all athletes.

## Antenatal Class

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

## 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

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## RNLI Fundraising

As many supporters are aware, the RNLI Lifeboats are 200 years old this year being founded 4th March, 1824, and various events have been taking place throughout the UK and Ireland as part of these celebrations; with specially commissioned An Post stamps, as well as a Garden Party at Aras an Uachtarain more recently.

At the recent Kerry Vs Armagh All Ireland football semifinal at Croke Park, Lifeboat volunteers were on field at half time promoting the 'Float to Live' message which is also promoted at airports and ports in Ireland.

Crew and Volunteers were asked to capture an image of the organisation at 200, as close as possible to 18.24 on Thursday last 1st August, entitled 'One Moment, One Crew'. Some members of the local Fundraising Branch headed to the iconic Fanad Lighthouse to capture their 'Moment', and this image along with all other Lifeboat crews and Volunteers is now available online at <https://rnli.org>

## Portsalon fundraiser

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

## Simms wins Six Nations title



Alan Simms, Court, Milford has won 'Champion of the Field' at the Six Nations Ploughing Championships in Scotland. Simms was the winner of the vintage mounted class, and won this title with 208 points in plot 2 on a Massey Ferguson 35 with a Ransomes plough. The competition took place at Peacehill Farm in Fife.

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.

## Donegal League

Milford United Senior and Reserve teams will begin their 2024/2025 season on the weekend of 31st August and 1st September with the Reserves drawn away to Oldtown Celtic in the Voodoo Cup and on Sunday 1st September the Senior team will host Rathmullan Celtic in the Brian McCormick Cup, both games kick off at 1.00pm.

## Golf Society

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

## Ballyare10K Events

Ballyare 10K Road Race will take place this Friday 9th August from Carr's of the Diamond at 7.30pm and walkers will start at 7.00pm.

On Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th August Sheepdog Trials will take place. On Saturday Local Farmers & Local Handlers starting at 5pm at Carr's of the Diamond

On Sunday 11th August will see the Open & Intermediate Classes starting at 8.30am at Carr's of the Diamond. Anthony Friel: (086) 3106998 - Paul Wilson: (087) 2624080

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 8th August 10am, Friday 9th August 10am; Saturday 10th August at 7.30pm; Sunday 11th August at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 10th 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.

## Milford Yoga

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## 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.

## Browneknowe fundraiser

Browneknowe National School are holding a novel fundraising event at the Ray Community Centre on this 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](mailto:pabrownknowe@gmail.com)

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## National medals for Maeve McClean



There was more medal success for young Milford swimmer Maeve McClean who won silver and bronze medals at the Irish Summer Nationals. Maeve is a member of City of Derry Swimming Club and was one of three girls representing them at the Championships. The Mulroy College Milford student took Silver in U17 50m Freestyle and Bronze in U17 100m Backstroke. Maeve also had Personal Best's in both the 50m Freestyle, the 50m Backstroke and the 100m Freestyle.

## Galway winners for Oisin Orr

Oisin Orr rode his second winner at the Galway festival and his third winner at the track in all when partnering the Richard Fahey-trained Reidh to land the seven-furlong handicap last week. Orr had previously ridden two Galway winners for Dermot Weld with Blue For You winning on the opening evening of the festival in 2020.

Luke McAteer also made it two festival winners and three wins at Galway when landing the 12-furlong handicap on the Andrew Kinirons-trained 25/1 shot Hidden Land on Thursday. Dylan Browne McMonagle got in on the winning act when partnering the Natalia Lupini-trained Oriole to take the 12-furlong handicap at Galway on Saturday.

Browne McMonagle also had a dream debut race at Goodwood Racecourse in the UK on Thursday aboard Black Forza who won the Richmond Stakes for trainer Michael O'Callaghan. It was close with the 9-1 shot, Black Forza just getting the better of The Striking Viking.

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Fr. Stephen Gorman CC with concelebrants at the Milford Graveyard Mass on Sunday, Fr. Kieran Harkin, Fr. Willie Peoples and Fr. Raymond McQuarrie.



Singing in the rain... members of the St. Peter's Church Choir at the graveyard Mass.

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## Milford AC News

Rosemarie Gallagher, Creevy (left) a member of Milford AC with her 3 medals that she won at the All-Ireland Master athletic championships in Tullamore at the weekend. She won Gold in the shot putt and discus and Silver in the Javelin in her age group.

She has now done the treble in the discus by winning the Donegal, Ulster & Northern Ireland and now the All-Ireland championship in the discus. She is keeping the famous Gallagher family throwing tradition to the forefront in Masters athletics and is following in her late father Hughs footsteps. Perennial National medal winner, Martin Kerr again added to his collection by winning the men's 0/70 5000mts and finished 3rd in the 0/70 1500mts. Both athletes keeping the club name to the forefront at National masters level.

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Participants in the Football Camp at Moyle View Park last week run by Milford United FC.

# Rathmullan Community Festival



One of the Trump style floats in the Parade.

The Festival Committee worked tirelessly to lay on a good weekend's entertainment and are very grateful to all of the sponsors and local businesses for their continued support, and to all who helped out over the weekend.

There were activities and entertainment to suit all ages and capabilities, from sand castle competitions to late night street entertainment, as well as the entertaining parade and official opening by Fr Willie Deeny.

Unfortunately, due to the dreadful weather forecast on Sunday afternoon, several on stage events had to be cancelled, but overall the Festival was once again a huge success for residents, tourists and many returning visitors especially for the festival.

Full results and coverage of events are available on the Community Festival Facebook page. The Stewarts and Volunteers ensured traffic was well managed and the overflow parking spaces were all well signposted and easily accessed. Congratulations to all of the Volunteers and Scheme workers who looked after litter control over the weekend, and we'll look forward to the 25th Annual Festival next year 1st - 3rd August, 2025 which promises to be bigger and better yet again!

## Scruffs Dog Show

The 2024 Scruffs Dog Show held in The Battery on Sunday afternoon last saw almost 30 enthusiastic canines braving very wet and windy conditions.

However, despite the weather, the event was a resounding success, showcasing a variety of talented dogs. The prestigious Best in Show title was awarded to Lilly, a graceful 6 year old red setter cross.

The Reserve Title went to another Lilly, a charming 3 year old Chihuahua with a long coat, while 16 year old Rosie, an endearing Yorkshire terrier, secured 3rd place.

Congratulations to all the competitors for their impressive performances and to the organisers for another fantastic event.

## Makers Markets

The Makers Markets were open throughout the Bank holiday weekend, with a variety of hand-made arts and crafts on offer.

However, like most other entertainment on Sunday afternoon, business closed early due to the incessant rain, and resumed again on Monday in much better conditions.

The Postcard printing workshop by Moira & Sandra and the face painting by Liz were definitely highly popular with the younger people on Regatta Day.

Next Market Saturday 17th August when nor-

# What ever happened to Eric Liddell?

Paris 1924 - a stunning victory in the 400m, a world record, the world at his feet, an unprecedented and even yet unsurpassed domination of world sprinting from 100m to 400m beckoned. The film of Eric Liddell's Olympic triumph won four Oscars. But what happened to Eric Liddell? The second half of Eric Liddell's life is every bit as inspiring as the first. In the Hollywood version Liddell is heard to say, "God made me fast." But in reality what he said was "God made me for China." He had been born in China, the son of godly missionary parents, and felt that the Chinese people were his people. His motto was: Christ for the world, for the world needs Christ. He returned to China in 1925. It was a bleak time, the country was unstable and in turmoil, experiencing the aftereffects of war and famine. But still Liddell went. He had a message to tell - 'the Great Message' he called it - the message of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and the salvation that Christ brings. In 1934 he married Florence MacKenzie, the daughter of Canadian missionaries, and together they had three daughters (one of whom he would never see). In 1937, his happy life was interrupted by the invasion of the Japanese forces into Northern China. But this didn't stop Liddell. He continued to travel all over the area teaching

people about Christ, and showing compassion to all he met. Liddell's work became dangerous amidst the brutality of the Japanese soldiers. On one occasion he risked his life to make a long detour to pick up two Chinese men he had heard about, victims of a botched execution, and bring them to safety. Liddell and other British nationals were advised by their government to leave China, but in typical sacrificial fashion, Liddell chose to stay - sending his pregnant wife and two daughters on to Canada. In 1943 the Japanese rounded up westerners and sent them to an internment camp. And here again we see the heart of Liddell. He was servant of all - he chopped wood, pumped water, cleaned latrines, saw the elderly were cared for, entertained the children, unloaded supplies, did odd jobs, organised competitions to keep up spirits, preached, taught and set exams for the students. One prisoner said, "Later I realised he did everything." When he found a boy with no shoes in the cold winter, Liddell gave him his pair of running shoes. He treated everyone with dignity and value. A prostitute in the camp told how he had put up a shelf for her, saying, "He was the first man to do something for me without asking for a favour in return." He refused to see the Japanese guards as the enemy, seeing them instead as lost sheep. He called his fellow prisoners not

## Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

to hate the guards, but to pray for and forgive them. This he lived out. As 1944 progressed, his health began to fail, but not his faith. Liddell faced death in early 1945, scribbling a last message in faint pencil on a page, "All will be well". And it would be, not because he was a wonderful man, although he was, but because he trusted a wonderful Saviour - one he saw worth leaving fame and fortune behind for in order that others might know this Saviour too. His race was over. He was with the Saviour he loved and served so well. He was mourned and honoured both in the prison camp and over all of Scotland.

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mal parking facilities will be available again.

## Tidy Towns

The Changemakers Up-cycling Craft class participants travelled to Derry last week to once again meet with the Culmore Ladies Group, and many thanks to SICAP for assisting with the transport costs.

The combined groups attended a tour and workshop at the Fashion & Textile Design Cen-

tre, Shipquay Street which is a 'not for profit' social initiative, set up to support newly graduated designers, established designers and SME's in the Fashion and Textile industry of Derry and the North West. Our hosts, Bridie Mullin and Louise Kelly were very welcoming and delighted to share their many activities and knowledge of the textile industry. Lunch followed at the Holywell Trust Café, Bishop Street, and again it was amazing to discover this 'haven' amidst the hustle & bustle of the city and learn of their inner city works.

St Columba's Cathedral was just a short stroll away where we spent time enjoying the unique 'Festival of Cloaks', the main attraction being the four cloaks of the Four Irish provinces which were created specially to celebrate the 1500th anniversary of the death of St. Brigid of Kildare, when almost 1000 people were involved in their making. There are 80 cloaks on display, loaned by various religious leaders, councils, famous dignitaries and sporting legends, as well as movie heroes. The Donegal collection includes the Creeslough Cloaks, while the Bishop of Derry's magnificent cloak depicts all of the shirt factories of the City in days gone by.

Many of us are familiar with the wonderful hymns written by Frances Alexander, (There is a Green Hill Far Away, Once in Royal David's City, All things Bright & Beautiful & more) wife of Bishop William Alexander while they were based there, and she was subsequently honoured by a Memorial window in the Cathedral in recognition of her charitable work with the poor and sick. The display continues until 31st August and well worth a visit.

Lastly, we visited the Craft Village on Shipquay St., to check out the unique shops and markets prior to heading home again.

This enjoyable trip further strengthened our connection with the Culmore Ladies group and we look for-

ward to enhancing these networks more in the future.

## HER outdoors Sunset dip

Join Donegal Sports Partnership and other keen outdoor activists for a Free Sunset Dip on Tuesday 13th August at 9.30pm on Rathmullan beach.

This initiative along with many others throughout the county, aims to inspire more females to experience the joys and benefits of outdoor activities, while highlighting the many opportunities available for women to get active outside. All levels of fitness catered for and under 18's welcome, with parent / guardian consent. More info [active@donegal.com](mailto:active@donegal.com)

## Heritage Week Free event Wednesday 21 August

Join Aengus Kennedy of Nature North West for an exploration of nature where Rathmullan meets the sea. Starting at the low tide mark, he will explore some intertidal species that thrive in Lough Swilly, followed by a walk to the sand dune forming plants and finishing by walking through the dunes, seeing how the plants change until they give way to woodlands that dominates Batt's Walks. Suitable for 8 years and upwards, please wear good walking shoes as the trails may be wet and rough underfoot. Meet at the Pier 2pm & no dogs please. Booking available on [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie) or turn up on the day. This National Heritage Week event has been organised by Donegal County Council Biodiversity Office with funding support from The Heritage Council, through the County Biodiversity Action Plan programme.

## Lough Swilly Ferry

Please note that the Bunrana Ferry August timetable has first Rathmullan departure at 9.40 am, please see [swillyferry.com](http://swillyferry.com) for full timetable and costs. With the on-going works at the pier, travellers are asked to follow road signs and be patient with other road users, as undoubtedly there will be times of congestion.

# Donegal based Touch Rugby Player at World Cup

The 2024 Touch Rugby World Cup took place in Nottingham recently from 15th - 21st July and there was a Donegal connection to one of the Ireland teams that played in the tournament.

Touch Rugby is six-a-side, non-contact version of rugby which is very popular in Australia and New Zealand where it happens to be the number one participation sport. Here in Ireland, it is growing in popularity with nearly 500 players. Salim Temtem was a member of the Ireland Men's 45s team that came 9th in their division. Salim, who is a native of Paris, has been living in High Glen, near Carrigart since 2022. His wife Nichola Hopkins is a native of Carrigart. Salim previ-

ously played Touch Rugby internationally for Switzerland in 2018 before transferring to Ireland.

He has also refereed Touch Rugby at international level and is a member of Cranford Athletic club in Donegal. Salim showed a lot of commitment to the Ireland Men's 45s team. As most of the World Cup training camps were held in Dublin or Athlone, that meant taking a flight from Donegal airport to Dublin and getting a lift from one of his teammates to training.

Games involving all Irish teams are available to watch on the Federation of International Touch YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@internationaltouch>.

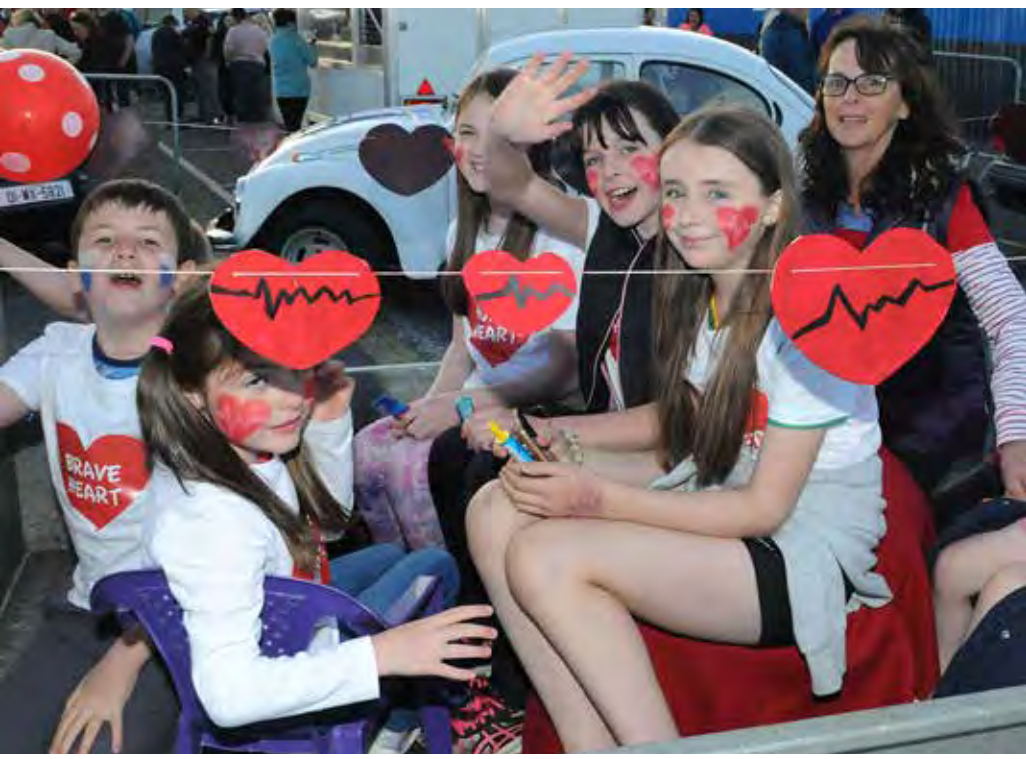


Ireland Men's 45s Touch Rugby Team with Salim Temtem third from the right in the back row.

# Rathmullan Festival



Fr. Eddie Deeny cutting the tape to officially open the Rathmullan Festival on Friday with Grainne Kelly and Liam McLaughlin.



Naomi Kendal, Festival Queen with Gavin Sweeney, The King, Callum O'Donnell, Prince Charming and Hallie McGarvey, Little Miss Rathmullan.



Joe and Paul Thomson as Del Boy and Rodney in the parade.



The Ray Olympic Hopefuls.

# Lenny wins 105th Leitrim Cup

The 105th Leitrim Cup at Rosapenna Golf Club, sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop took place over the Bank Holiday Weekend with one qualifying round on Saturday the 3rd over the Old Tom Morris Links resulting as follows - 1st Mick Gallagher (Jnr) (HI: 6.2) with 69 nett  
2nd John (Jnr) McClafferty (HI: 14.5) with 70 nett  
1st Gross Seamus Connor (HI: 0.3) with 72 gross

2nd Gross Sean Boyce (HI: 3.0) with 75 gross  
3rd Johnny Connor (Jnr) (HI: 13.4) with 72 nett bot  
4th Mark Lenny (HI: 13.0) with 72 nett  
5th Denis Harkin (HI: 14.7) with 73 nett bot  
6th Barry Connor (HI: 3.1) with 73 nett bot

**Sunday 4th**  
Quarter finals over 12 holes (Holes 1-11, & 18)

Mark Lenny def Mick Gallagher (Jnr)

Denis Harkin def John (Jnr) McClafferty

Sean Boyce def Seamus Connor

Johnny Connor (Jnr) def Barry Connor

Semi finals over 12 holes (Holes 1-11, & 18)

Mark Lenny def Denis Harkin

Sean Boyce def Johnny Connor (Jnr)

The 18 hole final took place on Monday afternoon between Sean Boyce and Mark Lenny and was keenly contested with never more than a few holes in the match and was all square at the top of the Valley. Mark eventually prevailed on the 17th by a 3&1 margin receiving shots at the downwind 15th & 17th.

Well done to all the qualifiers and especially to Mark & Sean who played this years final in great spir-

it. Many thanks to all the spectators who came out on the afternoon to follow the final match.

Many thanks to all the members that took part in the qualifying round and to the main sponsor, The Pavilion Golf Shop, for their continued support of the most prestigious event in the annual club calendar.

**Gents Section**

On Sunday the 4th the club competition played over the Old Tom Morris Links resulted as follows -

1st Dermot Ward (15) with 40pts

Two's - Shane Doherty

**Ladies Section -**

On Saturday August 3rd the competition was kindly sponsored by The Downings Bay Hotel.

Winner Mairead Boyle (48) 42 pts

Second Eileen Magill (17) 39 pts

Cat A (-22) Claire Lenny (14) 36 pts

Cat B (23 +) Celie Doran (29) 38 pts

Front nine Marjorie Morrison (43) 20 pts

Back nine Lisa Mc Gee (27) 21 pts

**Gents Past Captains & Presidents Day**

2024 Club Captain Enda McClafferty is planning to host a Past Captains & Presidents competition and dinner on Friday September 13th. Details of the competition etc will be finalised closer to the time. Can those who plan to attend contact Enda direct via mobile 0044 79 216 48727.

**Team News**

Our Donegal Senior Scratch Match-play team hosted Letterkenny last Wednesday and could not secure the necessary matches to advance to round two. Many thanks to Chris Breen and to this panel of players for their efforts.

**JB Carr ULSTER FINAL**

Rosapenna hosted Rossmore on Friday the 2nd at August at home and lost the tie 4-1 on the night. The return leg is set for Friday the 9th, best wishes to Brian Currie and his team.

**Members Tee Times via BRS App**

All Gents competition tee times are now single player sign up, entry via the BRS APP only. Casual tee times for all other 6 days remain as previous, members can add up to four members per tee



Rosapenna Golf Club Captain Enda McClafferty presenting Mark Lenny with the 105th Leitrim Cup sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop.



Enda McClafferty presenting the semi finalist prize to Johnny Connor.



Enda McClafferty presenting the semi finalist prize to Denis Harkin.



Enda McClafferty presenting the quarter final prize to Mick Gallagher Jnr.



Enda McClafferty presenting the runner up prize to Sean Boyce.

time inc themselves. Any member that needs assistance with their BRS App are asked to call into the Golf Shop where a member of staff will be happy to help with any App sign in issues etc. Every member has access to the tee sheet via the BRS App. Sunday competition tee times for Gents will open the Thursday before, the date and time is always displayed at the top of the competition timesheet in the App. If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet, this includes all golf over 9 holes. All tee times are bookable via the BRS App.

**August**

- Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th - Members Weekend
- Sunday 18th - Club Competition
- Sunday 25th - Club Competition
- Saturday 31st - President's Prize

## Letterkenny Golf news

**Donegal Senior Scratch Matchplay:**

Fresh from their exploits in reaching the Golf Ireland Ulster North semifinals and defeat in the foursomes final Letterkenny began their Donegal League journey with a first round match against Rosapenna. This competition is over two legs. In the first leg played in Letterkenny they prevailed 4-1 with the only defeat occurring at the 19th. In the second leg played on the Old Tom Morris course in Downings, Letterkenny went on to the next round by securing victory of a six to three with one match halved margin. They will meet Dunfanaghy in the quarter finals. In the first leg the team was Jamie Foley, Richard Emslie, Sime-

on Stephens, Chris Duffy and David McCormick. In the second leg Darragh McMenamin replaced Richard Emslie.

Letterkenny Pierce Purcell team won Ulster North Title in a hard fought match against a strong Greenisland team in a superb Rockmount golf club.

Pierce Purcell: A match that was played in terrible conditions went right to the wire. Greenisland put 2 points on the board early with wins on the 15th against Darragh Heaney and Rory Kenny and Club Captain Paul Carr and Adrian Flanagan.

Match 1 for Letterkenny Brian O Donnell and

Greenisland support sensing victory 17 and 18 were won to send the match to a tie break. In the play-off hole Darragh Heaney and Rory Kenny were nominated and duly delivered with Darragh putting his 2nd shot to 20 feet and when Rory sunk for birdie it sparked mad celebrations from the Letterkenny support. Letterkenny now play the winners of Connaught in Gort on Saturday 31st August.



Letterkenny Golf Club Classic Fundraiser on 3rd August winners overall on 107 points are Lorna Reynolds, Anne McGrath, Triona Daly, Mary Fowley.



Letterkenny Golf Club Classic Fundraiser on 3rd August 2nd placed team - Anthony McGrath, Brendan Kelly, Lexus Sponsor, Ciaran Herron, Robbie McHugh, Damian McGlynn.

Tony McMonagle had taken a 4 hole lead only to be level on 15, but wins on 16 and 17 saw them win 2/1. Match 4 was a similar story Team Captain John Russell and Michael Nielis were 3 up after 11 but were brought back level on 16, but with the large



Best Ladies Team in the Letterkenny Golf Club Classic Fundraiser on 3rd August Margo Birmingham, Breege McDonagh, Bridie Gildea, Patricia McBrearty.

# Mark and Orla Neely's TAWNEY TRACTOR RUN & Family Barn Dance

**ON SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2024**

@ Tawney Lower Kilmacrenan, F92RF21

Registration 1pm • Tractor Run 2.30pm

€15 entry  
for all day ticket and  
under 12's **FREE**

## Special Guests...

- The Country Boy  
Tommy Rosney 1:30 - 4pm
- Declan Nerney 4 - 6pm
- David Craig 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Mr. Majestic also appearing  
on the day and a few  
more familiar faces???
- Donkey & Stratto will also be there  
with a few "surprises"



The **BIG** Massey Tractor  
draw on the day



... and many more  
fantastic prizes  
**€10 per ticket**  
or 3 for **€20**



Shuttle bus service  
from Church of Ireland  
Car park Kilmacrenan  
from 1pm **Blue Badge**  
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park on site



- TJ's Teddies
- Ideal Farm Models
- Chip Van
- Coffee Van



Children must be accompanied by an  
adult and only Service Dogs allowed • No Bar

**€20 per tractor**  
(includes meal voucher and  
dance admission)

...and much more entertainment on the day

Contact Orla for any enquiries **086 1051 560**



Scan for tickets

# Ray Community Centre

## Condolences

Condolences to Lynda Crawford Glenalla and all the Crawford family Magherahane, Raphoe on the recent death of her brother Derek.

## Take Your Pick

Congratulations to Alma Curran, Bridie Boyle and Layla Kuper who all won €20 in the Take Your Pick this week. Jackpot next Sunday 11th August is €225. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the weekly draw, it's very much appreciated. If you would like to take part in the Take Your Pick to support Ray Community Group please contact Fiona on 087 2514790.

## Ray Camping Night

Our very popular annual Family Camping Night is on Friday 16th August and cost is €60 per pitch. Booking is essential as there are limited number of pitches this year. Check our facebook page for

Klubfunder link or any committee member.

## Couch to 5K

New 8 week couch to 5K started on 30th July on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8pm and Sunday morning 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.

## Daytime Exercise Class

Continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with Amanda throughout the summer from

9.30am to 10.15am. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

## Mixed Circuit Classes

Classes continue Monday and Wednesday evenings throughout the summer from 7pm-8pm with Amanda. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

## Information for Ray notes

If you have anything that you would like included in the Ray Community Centre notes please contact Fiona on 0872514790 with the details.

## Ray Community Group Contact Details

Syria 087 2877900 / Ray community centre fb/ email info@raycommunitygroup.com



Letterkenny RFC's players Grace Simati and Kaitlyn McMorro have been selected for the Ulster U18s girls' squad who will be taking part in the interpros this month. Grace only took up rugby three years ago and the following season she was a part of the Ulster U16 squad. Kaitlyn was also part of the Ulster U16 7s panel last season.



## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL (DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL)

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

#### TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

### Danny Gormley Memorial Knockalla Hillclimb

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to make an Order to have the following roads closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate events being held by Donegal Motor Club.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
9am to 6pm**

#### Road Closed Description

R268/5 Knockalla Coast Road in the Townlands of Carran Lower and Upper, Magherawarden and Bunaton from the Junction R268/6 and L-5392/2 in the townland of Carran Lower and Upper to its junction with L-1172/4 in the townland of Bunaton.

#### Alternative Routes:

R268 Portsalon to Rathmullan Road, R247 Rathmullan to Kerrykeel Road and the R246 Kerrykeel to Portsalon Road.

Persons wishing to object to the closure should submit objections in writing to the Roads & Transportation Section, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford before **4.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

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

**Bryan Cannon**

Director of Service, Roads & Transportation

## Calling All Heritage Week Event Organisers

National Heritage Week takes place from Saturday, August 17th until Sunday, August 25th this year. There are three themed days. New this year is Heritage Open Day that takes place on Saturday, August 17 and invites civic and historic properties to open their doors for public access. Wild Child Day takes place on Saturday, August 24 and encourages children and families to make the most of the outdoors to enjoy and explore the heritage and biodiversity in their locality. Water

Heritage Day takes place on Sunday, August 25th and celebrates Ireland's water, our connections with it and how our history and heritage has been shaped by the sea, rivers, lakes and wetlands.

"There are more than 80 events organised for Heritage Week in County Donegal to date" said Joseph Gallagher, County Donegal Heritage Officer. "The Heritage Week programme in County Donegal is shaping up thanks to the work of people from heritage organisations, community groups, museums, heritage centres and the Culture Division, Donegal County Council.

This year's theme is 'Connections, Routes & Networks' and celebrates how we connect to each other and the links between people and communities. These connections could be physical routes such as roads, paths, rivers, pilgrim paths and rail tracks. They symbolise journeys undertaken for farming,

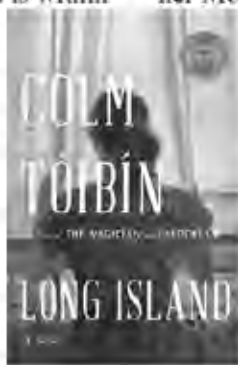
trade, discovery and seeking new adventures. There are a variety of activities planned to include built heritage open houses, traditional skills demonstrations, guided walks, heritage site visits, fieldtrips, exhibitions, illustrated walks, workshops, nature displays, garden tours, commemorative and launch events, historical re-enactments, storytelling, genealogy events, traditional music, children's activities and much more. More information on all events taking place across the county, some of which require booking taking can be found on the National Heritage Week website ([www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)). The County Donegal Heritage Office will compile a County Heritage Week Event Guide to be published in local newspapers. If you are planning an event for Heritage Week, please contact the County Donegal Heritage Office by e-mail at [heritage@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:heritage@donegalcoco.ie) or by telephone at (074) 916 3824.

## Book Review by Connie McGranaghan

### Long Island Colm Toibin



If you, like myself loved Brooklyn by Colm Toibin you will surely love this sequel, Long Island. The novel again centres around Eilis. It is 20 years on, and she is now living in Long Island with her husband Tony and their two children. She is within a close proximity of all Tony's tight knit Italian family. She is literally surrounded by them. Tony, it turns out has been unfaithful to his Irish wife and Eilis is trying to come to terms with his disloyalty and that of his family as they all discuss what should be done with the imminent arrival of the child resulting from his fling. Eilis decides to return to Enniscorthy after a 20-year absence. She returns just in time for her Mothers 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and on arrival she figures that there has been little change in the village. One thing that has not changed is the feelings that she has for her former love interest Jim. Jim Farrell is still living in Enniscorthy and unbeknownst to Eilis is now seeing



her childhood school friend, widowed Nancy. The narrative is shared from the perspectives of not just Eilis, but Nancy and Jim also. We get to see how Eilis family has gotten on over the last twenty years, her Mother and her brothers. The relationship with her mother is a fraught one but when Eilis's children join her in Ireland, we get to see a softer side of her Mother.

There are lots of strong characters within this lovely book, the women in particular most definitely take the lead. Eilis is a very complex character but spontaneous in a way that brings the drama to the story. The book ends with uncertainty and leaves and left me wanting to know more about what will happen to Eilis. There had better be a follow up!

This is a quiet novel, though beautiful and strong. My only regret is that I read it too quickly and I would love to read it again. Highly recommended.



## Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

### COMÓRTAIS EARCAÍOCHTA

Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar lorg iarratas ó iarratasóirí cáilithe do na poist seo a leanas:

#### • Feisteoir Meicneora

Tá sé beartaithe ag an Chomhairle painéal d'iarratasóirí cáilithe a chruthú óna líonfar folúntais de réir mar a thiocfaidh siad aníos.

Is é an dáta deiridh fá choinne foirmeacha iarratais comhlánaithe a bheith linn ná 12 meán lae: **Dé Luain, 26 Lúnasa 2024.**

Ní ghlacfar le hiarratais a gheofar mall.

Is fostóir comhionannas deiseanna í Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall.

### RECRUITMENT COMPETITION

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

#### • Fitter Mechanic

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

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday, 26th August 2024.**

No late applications will be accepted.

Donegal County Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer.





# Last Letterkenny Re



Tony and Teresa Gorman



At the Letterkenny Reunion Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Sunday were Gerald Forde, Annette Kelly, Celine Kirwan and Mary Forde



Pat and Mary Kennedy

The last Letterkenny Reunion Mass took place in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Sunday evening where the celebrant was Fr. Stephen Gorman. Concelebrant was Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Fr. Gorman remembered the long time Reunion Chairperson Dessie Kelly who passed away last month. It was a lovely occasion as natives of the town came back to meet old friends and share mem-

ories of growing up in a very different Letterkenny. 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. On Wednesday night, the final Closing Dance of what has been one of the town's most popular events since it started in 1991. A special booklet was produced to mark the bowing out of the Letterkenny Reunion.



Marette Mackey and Hilda Flood



Caroline Mackey, Brenda Lynch, Paschal Blake, Donna Kilcawley (nee Bianconi Dolphin Cafe) and Margaret Madden



Kathleen and Cornie Brennan (Monaghan and Letterkenny)



Letterkenny Reunion Chairperson Brian Kelly and committee member John Blake with Anna Shiels, Brigid and Kathy Kelly

# union Mass



Margaret Doherty, Ita Birch and Mary Crossan



The McGranaghans Brid, Sue, Paul and Dickie



Right - Frank Harkin, Minnesota, USA and formerly of Main Street Letterkenny with Ellen and Brendan O'Donnell

**Photos by Declan Kerr**

Left - Agnes and Eamonn Callaghan. Eamonn was a native of Ard O'Donnell now resident in Monaghan



The Westhill men Frankie Doherty and Paddy Delap



Amanda and Ciaran Larkin



Grace and James Friel



Hughie Cannon with Eileen and Josie Gallagher



Letterkenny Reunion Committee member Jim Ferry with Imelda Callaghan and Alice McMenamin.



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Harney reacts with typical bravery as...

# 300 jobs axed at Unifi

The troubled Unifi textile plant at Letterkenny is to shut down leaving the 300 remaining workers without a job. The news was given to the employees when they were called to a special meeting in the factory on Wednesday afternoon amid speculation that around fifty more redundancies were to be announced.

The closure will become effective at the end of October and in the intervening period the company will wind down its polyester yarn production.

And underlying the loss of jobs in Letterkenny the local Chamber of Commerce has warned that the factory closure will mean a deficit of fourteen million Euro to the town per year. Eamon Stevenson said that as a consequence of this loss he feared that other elements of employment would also face difficulties in surviving.

The Tanaiste Mary Harney reacted with typical bravery. She expressed dismay at the losses saying it would be a severe setback for the local economy. These remarks will obviously be a huge boost to the body politic in Donegal.

The stark news from Unifi Textured Yarns was another black day for Donegal where our employment base has suffered one hammer blow after the other as jobs cuts have become common place over recent years.

However workers have been assured they will get 3.9 weeks pay for each year of service in redundancy payments. Long term staff leaving the Kilty plant at the end of their shifts last

evening said they had lost faith completely in the company and in the political process.

At the same time the politicians are now churning out a chorus of criticisms of the failure of the government to take appropriate action to address the jobs crisis in Donegal.

It is being claimed once again that the Minister for Enterprise and Employment Mary Harney had failed to sell the industrial potential of the county. However it must be pointed out that politicians do not create jobs: otherwise they would not be in politics and they best they can hope to achieve is to create a climate that might entice industrialists to locate here... that is not about to happen and despite political aspirations jobs continue to be lost at an alarming rate with the inevitable results.

Dr. James McDaid described the news as 'a sad day for the town'. He said: "This announcement marks a sad day for the workers and their families. The closure of Unifi is further evidence of the worldwide downturn in the textile industry and the increasing competition from cheaper labour abroad. Similar industries in the North have also borne the brunt of this decline. Unifi was a good employer in Letterkenny and will be greatly missed by the town and its people." concluded Minister McDaid.

Extending his sympathy to the workers, Senator Joe McHugh said: "The tragedy of this whole debacle is that Unifi has been in trouble for the last few years. Even though its closure was



4 months old Nessa Louise Irwin who won the overall Bony Body in the Kilmacrennan Festival.

clearly imminent, the Government did nothing to prepare for its shut-down. At best the Tanaiste Mary Harney will probably set up a task force. She has had years to take preventative action, but opted instead for her usual laissez faire approach: doing nothing. At best, a few former Unifi employees would benefit from a task force. At worst, it would be an expensive talking shop."

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan has described the news as 'a devastating blow for the workers: for Letterkenny and Donegal'. He said it was really the end of the line for the textile industry in the county and more focus must be put on job creation by the government. He emphasised that despite the hammer blow there were positives as well including the availability of a big land bank for the creation of industry in the town. However, Brogan agrees that we face an uphill battle with the industrial giants opting to locate in Asia and India where costs are rock bottom and workers are employed for a pittance of the salary structure here in Ireland.

The news has come as a devastating blow to the general Letterken-

ny area where the giant textile firm once employed over 800 people.

Adding to the woes is the fact that many of those already made redundant have been unable to find other jobs. Some are opting for computer training but some that we contacted last night say they have little hope of finding alternative jobs at this point in their lives.

Deputy Niall Blaney has once again criticised the Tanaiste Mary Harney. She's already announced she wishes to leave her ministry in the September reshuffle. Blaney said that he'd already met with Harney earlier this summer to discuss the unemployment crisis in the county. He said the officials from the IDA and IBEC were present and the meeting had been positive. However he said last night that not enough was being done to deal with the problem and he was now seeking a further meeting with Harney and government ministers to increase the pressure for action.

Unifi has already put a substantial portion of their property at Kilty on the market including land and over 44,000sq. feet of industrial plant space.

## Sensory garden opens at Letterkenny Rehab Unit

A sensory garden funded by the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital at the medical rehab unit in Letterkenny was opened on Friday and it is the culmination of much hard work and planning by the team involved.

Staff from the unit, health promotion, horticultural advisor

and gardener estates staff, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and consumers have ensured that this garden has been designed to meet the many needs of patients within rehabilitation programmes. It provides a supportive environment to address not only the treatment of illness but also the promo-

tion of positive health. For patients of the unit there will be many advantages of the sensory garden: Therapeutic gardening activities: Ease transition from home to hospital and hospital to home: Privacy to learn to walk on the many different surfaces and levels within the garden: Enhancement of all the senses through sight, sound and smell: Memorabilia garden area for older people and a private area adjacent to the garden to practice car transfer

Through the generosity of the Friends in funding this garden it is hoped that all patients will benefit from the privacy of the garden, with the option of going outdoors and spending quality time with family and friends in a sensory, environmentally friendly ambience.



At the opening of the Sensory Garden in St. Conals Letterkenny are members of the project committee from left are Clare McAleer, Dr. Mulpeter, Domic Roarty, Martin Carbury, Mary Kelly and Soina McGarvey. Photo- Clive Wasson

## SF: not into riding camels

Fancy a weekend in Gibraltar courtesy of Donegal County Council? Throw in an optional ride on a camel: a trip to Bomb House Lane and a study tour to North Africa. Sun, sand and medieval architecture await the weary travellers from Ireland.

It's a mouth-watering prospect in mid October but Sinn Fein does not agree. And at €1,858 they say it's tossing good money after bad: a disgraceful waste of scarce money out of the public purse. But does travel not broaden the mind and Sinn Fein is well known for ending up in some exotic spots, albeit in the best interests of democracy.

A proposal by the Council to send Cllr. Francis Conaghan of Fianna Fail down for the three day Rock Fest at the Confederation of European Councillors met with a hostile reaction in Lifford on Monday.

Pearse Doherty of SF said it was a junket and his party was proposing that no delegate be sent... no way and no need for this nonsense at a time when the Council

is completely strapped for a few cent. "What positive political benefit is there for Donegal?" asked Padraig MacLochlainn. They argued that they could not see any appreciable benefit to the Council or the electorate by going on this junket.

Cllr. Thomas Pringle said these junkets should be scrapped and this remark irked Jimmy Harte of FG who retorted that Pringle as an Independent for five years had no difficulty going to conferences. Pringle said they had nothing whatever against going to conferences as long as they might be of some benefit to Donegal: but Gibraltar is a trip too far.

The SF proposal was defeated by 21 to 4 with Ian McGarvey abstaining.



Gavin Shevlin aged 7years son of Michael and Gerilyn Shevlin, Bomany, Letterkenny and a member of the Quigley School of Irish Dance, Letterkenny who won the Melissa Greene Memorial Cup for the most promising dancer under 8 years of age in the Dome at the Mary from Dungloe Festival on Saturday last



Anne McGowan from the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital accepting a cheque for €2,660 from some of the cyclists who completed the Dublin to Cranford cycle over the June Bank Holiday weekend. The presentation took place on Friday night in Loques of Cranford.

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## Council debates worsening housing crisis

The crisis on Donegal's waiting list for houses is close to three thousand applicants and that, historically is the worst case scenario ever faced by the local authority.

During a lengthy and often critical analysis of the Council's performance in Lifford on Monday evening almost every member in the Chamber had their say and the County Manager intervened on several occasions before consensus was reached on allowing a report to be sent to the Dept of the Environment seeking approval for a five year funding plan for 1,230 new starts along with a range of other measures to address the crisis.

However with ninety new applicants per month coming on to the Council's books the members were quick to point out that by the end of 2008 things will have got substantially worse.

Councillor sought to have the demand upped considerably and the County Manager agreed that when the plan was submitted he would be pur-

using this objective. However it was not clearly specified as to why a county with such a disastrous waiting list was only seeking 1230 new starts. It was pointed out that at the end of the five-year plan the existing waiting lists would not even be cleared.

Donegal at the moment has 2,814 seeking rehousing and there is a gross need of 2,655. When the overlap between the urban and rural areas are analysed the net need runs to 1858. And it is believed that in the town council areas a further need of around one thousand exists.

Donegal County Council already has 2092 rented houses on 159 estates in the county. In addition there are 845 Specific Instance houses individually located in rural areas.

Monday's meeting heard that the council is paying out seven million a year in rental subsidy and Sinn Fein in particular said this was a disgrace since that money could be providing substantial new starts.



Seamus Sweeney and Gerry Mallon enjoying the Kilmacrennan Festival Parade on Saturday.



Róise Ní Laifeartaigh making a presentation to Bishop Philip Boyce after the Aifreann i nGáinne Chapel, Downings last Thursday as part of the Irish Course run by the Ulster Council of the GAA.

## N56 motor way to open in 2006

It may even come as a bit of a shock to Donegal County Council and the local NRA office in Donegal Town but the N56 motorway from the Mountain Top in Letterkenny to Illistrin is due for opening in 2006; that's according to the latest NDP Report. The July bulletin is both colourful and informative and a copy dropped through the Tribune's mailbox the other day. It is simply called 'In Progress'.

In the report for the month of July there is a map outlining the indicative status of 55 key routes including the N56. At the same time during the AGM of the Milford electoral area on Monday the Cllrs. requested that the NRA engineer, Damien McDermott should attend the next meeting in September to give a resume of progress on the Illistrin road. Obviously they were oblivious to the good news as conveyed by the NDP bulletin.

## Stabbing incident in Fanad

At the moment it would appear that works on the Mountain Top have ground to a complete standstill; but apparently looks can be very deceptive and misleading. While there is a 2006 opening date we have yet to be told when that actual works will commence and it was assumed that no funding was provided to allow the project to go to construction before the end of 2004.

The NDP bulletin is a fifteen-page blurb of high-powered publicity and every Christian home deserves to have at least one copy.

Gardai have arrested one man in connection with a knife attack near Portsalon Pier shortly before one o'clock on Saturday morning. One local youth received serious stab and slash wounds and he was treated at a Dublin hospital for his injuries; he was released from there on Tuesday afternoon.

A second youth was also treated for head wounds.

It is understood that the assault occurred during a fracas and a number of shocked holidaymakers witnessed the incident. Gardai at Milford are continuing to investigate the motives for the assault.

The man arrested has an address in the Belfast area and he was later charged and released. A file is being sent to the DPP.



Members of the Blue Ribbon Group from Letterkenny who performed at the Kilmacrennan Festival over the weekend.



Libby Carton talking part in the Rathmullan 5k and below Tommy McNaught and Maurice Kelly after the run.



Four to Seven year olds who were taking part in the Mulroy Soccer Academy last week.



# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Tá fáilte roimh achán duine ar ais, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh uilig go hiontach. Thainig mé ar smaointe- nil mé ag gabháil caint faoin aimsir arís an Samhradh seo! Bhí cara ag stopadh liom an deireadh seachtaine seo caite agus bhí orm an teas a chuir ag obair chomh fuar agus a bhí sé- i mí Lúnasa.



Go n déana Dia trocaire orainn! Mar sin, tá mé cníochnaithe leis an aimsir i mbliana. An spórt is fearr atá agam na laethanta seo, 's é nuair a deireann an Aip Aimsire gur chóir dó a bheith ag cuir fearthainne agus nach bhfuil, sin bua morálta dom!

Níor chréid mé ar dtús é ach seo eagrán uimhir 75! Nach bhfuil sin ar fheabhas? Caithfidh mé a admháil go bhfuil mé iontach bróidiúil faoi sin. Tá mé go domhain buíoch as an deis seo atá agam le teagmháil a dhéanamh leis na Gaeilgeoirí den cheantar seo, agus siamsa a thabhairt do dhaoine. Mar a dúirt mé riamh, tá béim ar leith agam ar an Ghluais; mar sin ag an bomaite seo tá teacht suas le 1500 foclaí luaite agus aird dírithe orthu- foclaí neamhchoitianta a mbaineann le bia agus cócaireacht, mar is foclóir spéisialta agus ar leith atá ann, agus is maith an rud é an ciste focail a fhorbairt. Agus is é an athrá fosta atá tábhachtach agus tú ag iarraidh eadar teagasc nó ag foghlaim. Cosúil le achán rud eile. Aithnim sé sin go spéisialta mar is ceoltóir mé, agus is iad an áthsheinm agus cleachtadh atá i gcroílár an cheoil.

Feicimid, mar gheall ar sin, go bhfuil sé bunúsach agus suntasach an bheirt cairde sin a bheith in éineacht leat ar do aistear. Agus tá mé sasta go bhfuil Bia ag Caint ag déanamh go maith, ag tabhairt breith ar an méid sin daoine a labhraíonn liom faoi dtaobh don alt- cuid acu ag gearán agus cuid eile ag moladh. Is cuma liom chomh fada agus atá siad ag tabhairt aird don alt, agus, de bharr sin, ag smaointiú faoin Ghaeilge. Sin réiteach atá sásúil domsa. Is é mo bhariúil nach bhfuil cuid mhór altanna scríofa as Ghaeilge go seactainiúil sa Tír ar an abhár. Nach maith sinn!

Chonaic mé go bhfuil bialann iontach suimiúil ar fad i ndiaidh teacht go dtí An Craoslach darbh ainm BRAAI. Ní raibh mé ann go fóill ach

léigh mé an biachlar atá ann agus tá cuma galánta air. Tá béim ann ar bhia ón Aifric Theas, meascithe go foirsteánach le cathú a chuir ar gach blas agus ciste. De réir mar atá an biachlar leagtha amach tá rogha leathán agat, agus achán rud a bheith san áireamh, ag bráth ar do ghoile féin. Is breá liom go mór ithe mar sin- blasanna agus roghanna ag do rogha. Tá mé ag súil go mór tábala a fháil ann go moch.

Tá sé furasta a fheiceáil fosta go bhfuil caighdeán iontach ard le fáil inár gceantar féin. Tá cóir a bheith achán duine eolaithe ar bia, i bhfad níos mó ná mar a bhí, agus is rud maith é sin. Tá eolas fórléathán agus rogha ó achán cearn den domhain le fáil. Ó thaobh an Fion de fosta bíonn, eadar eolas agus rogha feabhas ollmhór i ndiaidh teacht. Agus ná déan dearmad, tá an tairge anseo in Éirinn, eadar feoil, iasc, glasraí agus torthaí, den chéad scoth agus iad inchomórtais le Tír nó ceantar eile ar bith. Ba chóir go raibh muid iontach bróidiúil ar fad faoin caighdeán earraí agus cócaireacht anseo againn, agus mar sin is ceart dúinn na scileanna seo uilig a chleachtadh.

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## Annual Donegal Vintage Rally at Drumbarnett

The Donegal Vintage Club are holding their annual vintage rally on Saturday 17th August. This event which will be held by kind permission of Colm Dillon car sales at Drumbarnett, Manorcunningham, is expected to attract a large crowd and a vast number of exhibitors showing various items including vintage cars, tractors, stationary oil engines and all kinds of collector's items and machinery.

There will also be a number of trade stands selling different items and auto-jumble where parts can be bought for vintage cars, tractors and machinery, another very interesting part of the rally is a craft tent where a selection of crafts will be on show and for sale. There will be tractor events during the day in the main arena. Children sports will be held with a play area for younger children. The rally will start at 11am and will run to 5pm (approx).

The Donegal Vintage Club is very grateful to Colm Dillon for giving the land for the event. Enquiries to club secretary Kieran O'Donnell Tel. 087 2562611.



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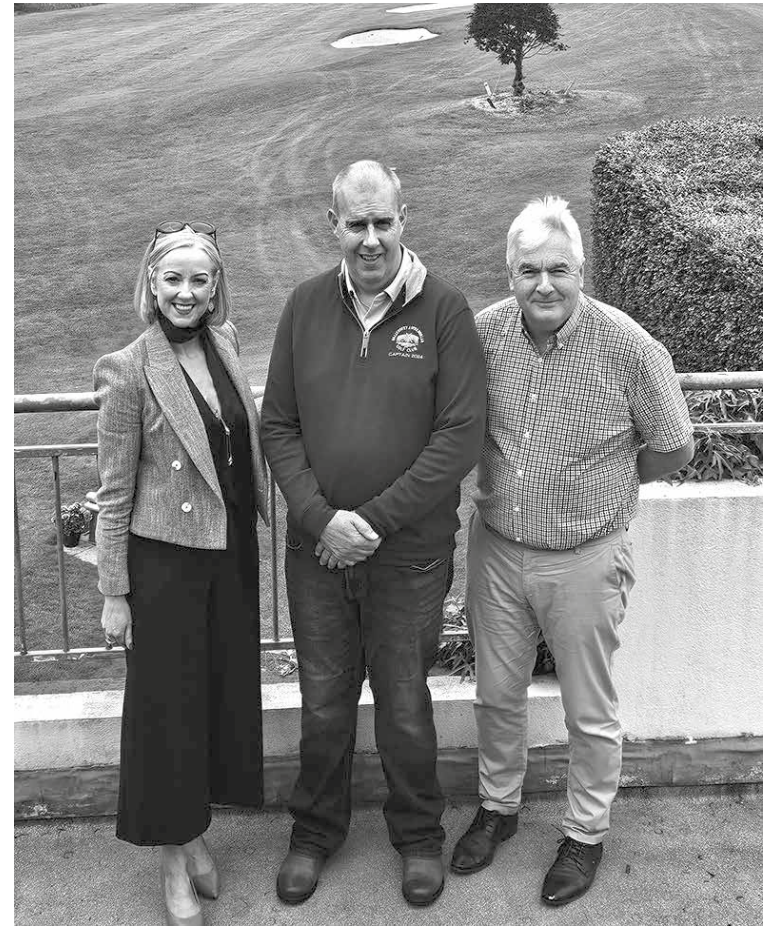
# Murphy looking for Wexford result

Finn Harps are back on the road this Friday as they leave Ballybofey early in the morning for the long trip to take on Wexford Youths (kick-off 7.45). It will be another big challenge for Darren Murphy's men whose record away from home in recent months has been poor. The last three were narrow 1-0 defeats to Cork City twice and a fortnight ago in Limerick against Treaty. However, Harps do have a good record against Wexford so far in the 2024 campaign with two victories. The first was on Friday 15th March at Ferrycarrig Park when it was a late win thanks to veteran midfielder David Cawley. It completed a super comeback by Murphy's side who were slightly fortunate to be only a goal behind at the break. The manager made a double substitution at the interval and one of those replacements Patrick Ferry got the visitors back on level terms in the 49th minute. The 2-1 result left Harps joint second in the table.

It was Wexford's first home game of the season and for manager James Keddy he was left wondering just how his side didn't get at least a draw from this clash. Murphy had made three changes from the Cobh loss. Conor Tourish, Luke O'Brien and Mark Mbali all started for the first time in 2024 in place of Max Hutchinson, Shane McMonagle and Patrick Ferry. Two of those players Mbali and McMonagle are no longer with Harps. The second win over Wexford came at Finn Park on Friday 31st May with another man now departed Sean O'Donnell getting the all important goal on 19 minutes for a 1-0 result. Harps moved up to fourth in the First Division after the hard earned home win. However, the visitors will have been disappointed not to have got a share of the spoils. Harps were boosted by the return of both David Cawley and captain Tony McNamee who had got married the previous week-

end. It's a huge match for Wexford as a victory would bring them level with Murphy's men. They also have the away backlog match against Athlone next Monday night. Even a draw there along with a Harps win would leave them in a decent position for the final ten matches of the campaign. The other games this Friday night sees in-form fourth placed Bray hosting third in the table UCD. At Turners it's first against second as Cork City take on Athlone Town. In Tralee its Kerry FC against Cobh Rammers who will be looking for a win to stay in the hunt for a play-off spot. On Saturday night Longford Town host Treaty Utd, another team who can still make the play-offs with a decent finish to the season. On Monday next night the backlog game between Athlone Town and Wexford Youths takes place in the Midlands.

# 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](mailto: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 McMennamin & 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



Success Edogun in action for Finn Harps against Bray Wanderers on Friday evening.

# Harps poor patch continues

## Finn Harps 1-3 Bray Wanderers

The poor run of results recently continued for Finn Harps on Friday night as they lost to fellow promotion play-off hopefuls Bray Wanderers in Ballybofey. The visitors did deserve their victory although Harps were good in patches. Afterwards manager Darren Murphy bemoaned the concession of two goals from set-pieces describing the Bray winner as akin to hitting the self-destruct button.

Murphy made three changes from the loss in Limerick with Noe Baba, Max Hutchison and Max Johnston coming in from the start with Luke O'Brien, Gavin McAteer and Gavin Gilmore dropping to the bench. New signing Bruce Strachan was not in the match day squad as his international clearance paperwork wasn't completed in time.

On Friday, Bray exacted revenge for their defeat at Finn Park earlier in the season and the victory puts them four points ahead of Harps with ten matches remaining. Murphy's men are for the moment at least trying to hold on to the final play-off spot with Bray, UCD and Athlone above them in the other

three places while Cork City remain on course for automatic promotion.

The hosts were on the back foot early on as the visitors applied a high press making it hard for Tim Heimer to play the ball out from the back. The impressive Almirall cut in from the right wing to unleash a sweet left foot strike that came back off the crossbar in the third minute. Another nice move saw Kieran Cruise denied by a splendid last ditch tackle from Conor Tourish at the expense of a corner.

At the river end Jamie Watson and David Cawley both had long range efforts that didn't trouble the Bray keeper. The visitors went in front on 25 minutes when a Max Murphy cross from the left was flicked on by ex-Harps man Killian Cantwell for John O'Sullivan to head home off the underside of the bar. A cheeky back heel from Sean Patton went just inches wide of the post as Harps battled to get back on level terms.

The equaliser did come on 41 minutes following an excellent passage of play down the right wing before Watson cut in and shot with his left foot from the edge of the penalty area to the

bottom right corner of Jimmy Corcoran's net. The hosts were most unlucky not to go ahead at the start of the second half as a David Cawley close

range strike came back off the post and his rebound attempt went wide. The Bray winner came on 67 minutes after Noe Baba needlessly conceded a corner. The resultant set-piece from Cruise found Guillermo Almirall Peñalver who steered the ball home on the second attempt after his initial strike was blocked. In the closing stages Harps failed to seriously test the visitors goal and instead it was the Wicklow outfit who had the best chance from another set-piece opportunity but on this occasion Paul Murphy headed over the bar.

Finn Harps - Tim-Oliver Hiemer; Noe Baba (Patrick Ferry 88), Matthew Makinson, Conor Tourish,

Jamie Watson; David Cawley (Aaron McLaughlin 82), Max Hutchison, Max Johnston (Luke O'Brien 67), Tony McNamee; Success Edogun, Sean Patton (Gavin McAteer 88). Subs not used: Oisín Cooney, Kevin Jordan, Gavin Gilmore, Stephen Doherty, Ryan Rainey. Bray Wanderers - Jimmy Corcoran; Killian Cantwell, Kieran Cruise (Conor Knight 89), Max Murphy, Paul Murphy, Zach Nolan; Guillermo Almirall Peñalver, Darren Craven (Cole Omorehiomwan 90), Harry Groome, John O'Sullivan (Zayd Abada 81); Ben Feeney (Peter Grogan 65). Subs not used: Stephen McGuinness, Evan Osam, Luke Smith, Alain Kizenga, Josh



Tony McNamee controls the ball against Bray on Friday.



The Kilmacrennan Celtic squad who lost out to Aileach F.C. on Friday night in the Letterkenny Community Centre Cup

# Downings Festival



Enjoying the Downings Festival parade on Saturday.



Members of the Cloughaneely Band in Downings on Saturday.





Portsalon Golf Club

# Back-to-back Barton Cups for Callaghan

The August Bank Holiday Monday saw the latest staging of the Barton Cup, one of Ireland's oldest matchplay events, and it was a familiar face that came out on top as Donal Callaghan Jnr retained the crown he won 12 months ago to add a third Barton Cup win to his collection. Donal was one of eight qualifiers from the morning nine holes, scoring 25 points after completing the Barton Nine in level par.

The quarter finals saw Jack Patton (1) defeating Harry Brown (7), while Cathal Roarty (9) saw off Cathal McGettigan (10) and Odhran McGowan (10) took out Daniel Shields (4). Ducky started his journey with a win over Michael McCormick (2).

In the semi-finals, Cathal Roarty got the win over Jack Patton, with Donal Callaghan edging out Odhran McGowan.

The final was a tense and quality battle, with Ducky leading 2up early on before Cathal fought back to level the match. They were inseparable after nine holes and teed off up the first again, where a birdie-three from Donal took the measure of Cathal's par and got the win.

Another fantastic renewal of this Portsalon original, which as always saw a large crowd following the action across the day. Thanks to all that supported the Barton Cup this year and congrats to our winner, the finalists and all those that played in the knockouts.

**Upcoming events**

Donal Callaghan's Presidents Day will take place on Saturday 24th August, the timesheet will be available for member booking on Saturday 17th August from 6.00pm.

**Donegal League team to face Bundoran**

Best of luck to Cathal Canning and his Donegal League panel as they play the first leg of their semi-final with Bun-

doran this Sunday afternoon, with tee-off at the south Donegal venue at 2.00pm.

**Andy Boland wins the Charlie Canning Memorial**

The sun shone in Portsalon on Saturday for the 10th anniversary of the Charlie Canning Memorial Tournament and it was long-standing Portsalon member and former club captain Andy Boland who took the honours with a terrific score of 39 points.

Andy was a very popular winner and spoke fondly of Charlie and what the trophy means to him as he collected the trophy off Charlie's sister, Nana, in the clubhouse on Saturday evening.

Andy narrowly pipped last year's winner, Sean Forbes and Enda McElhinney on the break-of-tie while Claire McGonagle claimed her second women's title with 32 points.

The Canning family were delighted to welcome Charlie's sister Nana to present the prizes to the winners and look forward to doing it all again next year! Huge praise also to the Canning family, as their fundraiser to coincide with the 10th anniversary raised €710 on the day for CRITICAL.

**Charlie Cannon Memorial Trophy**

Winner: Andy Boland (17) 39 pts BOT  
 Runner-up: Sean Forbes (7) 39 pts BOT  
 Third: Enda McElhinney (15) 39 pts  
 Gross: Paul Whorton (2) 33 gross pts  
 Best Lady Claire McGonagle (5) 32 pts  
 1st Nine: Sarah Nicholl (21) 21pts  
 2nd Nine: Mick Leonard (13) 21pts

**Club Results**

**Wednesday 31st July**

Winner: Martin Duffy (23) - 43 pts  
 Runner-up: Brian Forrest (22) - 41 pts  
 Gross: Kevin Hensey (4) - 36 gross pts  
 Third: Brian McAleer (13) - 39 pts  
 Sunday 4th August  
 Winner: Daniel Shields (7) - 37 pts  
 Runner-up: Brian Boyle (24) - 35 pts

BOT  
 Gross: Shaun Strain (8) - 26 gross pts  
 Third: Kieran Barron (12) - 35 pts

**Portsalon Ladies**

After the excitement and bustle of last weekend and Lady Captains Day, this week has been somewhat a little quieter! Congratulations to Claire McGonagle (5) who was the best of the ladies in the Charlie Canning Memorial with 32 points. Her second time to win the ladies section. Also, well done to Sarah Nicholl (21) who won the front 9 with 21pts.

As the lady beginners Introduction to Golf scrambles are drawing to a close, appreciation to all those who came to help on a Friday evening, giving up their time or contributing is appreciated.

The last Major of the year is Sat 24th August for President Donal Callaghan's day.

Congratulations to Eileen McLarnon, winner of the July Monthly Re-entry. There was no valid competition this weekend.

**Results**

**July Month**

Winner - Eileen McLarnon  
 Runner-Up - Deirdre Hensey Letterkeny Ladies

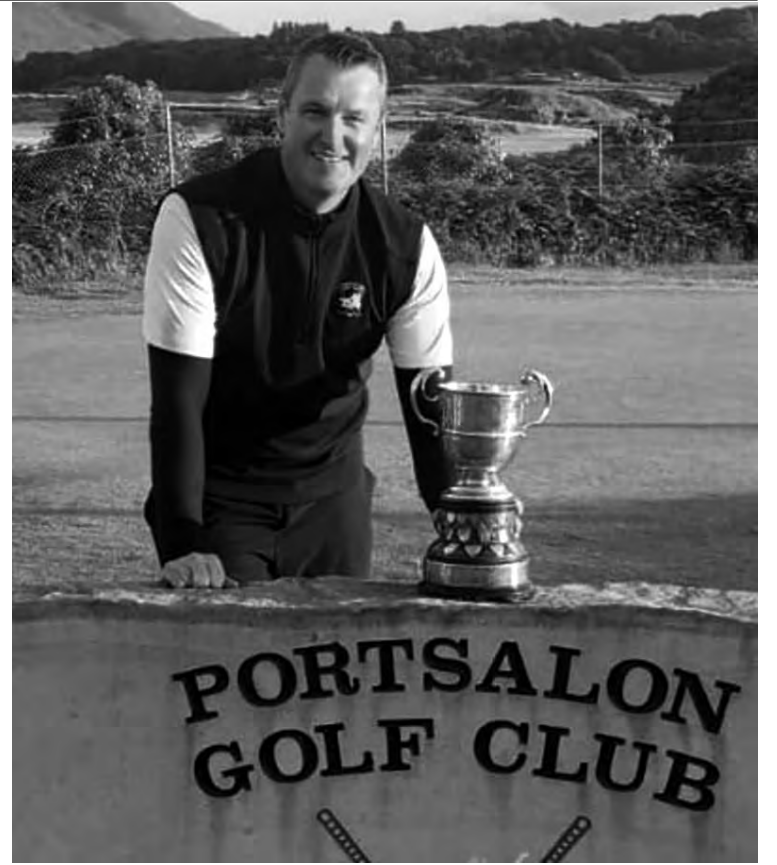
The highlight of the golfing year has finally arrived and Lady Captain Anne Flannery is looking forward to hosting her Lady Captain's Day on Saturday 10th August. An action packed week of golf started for the Ladies on Tuesday 6th August with a club competition sponsored by Susan Stevenson Travel Counsellor and the exciting Lady Captain's Shootout took place on Tuesday evening at 6pm. On Thursday 8th August, the Ladies took to the fairways for a 13 hole Waltz Competition for an evening of socialising and fun and there is a mixed scramble on Friday 9th August.

Lady Captain's Charity is Cancer Care West and all donations are very welcome for this very worthy cause.

On Lady Captain's Day on Saturday 10th August, Lady members past and present are invited to call in for tea, coffee and treats in Bella's Garden Bar during the morning and tray bakes are always very welcome too!

Lady Captain Anne is looking forward to welcoming you on the day and here's hoping that the sun will shine for the big day.

Competition sponsored by Ciaran O Sullivan on Tuesday 30/7/24 - Winner Kay Kelly (32) with 39pts; Runner up Monica McDonagh (21) with 38pts; 3rd Angela Bradley (14) with 37pts BOT; 4th Leala Curran (35) with 37pts; Front 9 Ann Kelly (45) with 26pts; Back 9



Donal Callaghan Jnr winner of the Barton Cup 2024 at Portsalon Golf Club.



Andy Boland, winner of the Charlie Canning Memorial Trophy, collecting his prize from Charlie's sister, Nana McGinley.

Rena O'Herlihy (35) with 19pts BOT. Thank you to Ciaran O Sullivan for his sponsorship all the way from Perth, Australia  
 Results of Competition sponsored by Hunters Bar and Grill on Thursday 1/08/24 - Winner Mary Gallagher (43) with 41pts BOT; Runner up Gillian Dempsey (37) with 41pts; 3rd Catherine Cooke-Harkin (28) with 38pts; 4th Mary Fowley (46) with 37pts; Front 9 Bridget McClafferty (33) with 23pts; Back 9 Bridie Gildea (30) with 20pts BOT.

**Cloughaneely Golf**

The club had a number of inter-club teams in action last weekend. Minor League were away in Redcastle leading 5-0 with just a half match required. Owenie and Owen Jnr were dormy 6up and called in with some wonderful golf.

The Junior Scratch team were defeated last Saturday to a very strong B&S team. Well done to Ballybofoey thanks for the hospitality and best of luck in the next round.

Donegal league match was conceded against Redcastle and are into the next round.

The 9 Hole competitions continue every Tuesday and Friday please book on clubnet.



Portsalon Golf Club Seán Barrett, Conal Drislane, Noel McCormick, Lady Captain Noreen McConigley and Teddy Russell after play on Lady Captain's Day.



3rd placed team at the Letterkenny Golf Club Club Classic Fundraiser on Saturday were Shea O'Gorman, Johnathan Doherty, Shaun Harley, Mark Glacken with Brendan Kelly, Lexus Sponsor and Captain Paul Carr.

## RNLI Fundraising

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

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



a Pub Quiz in the Lighthouse Tavern with live music to follow.

Further information if required can be obtained by contacting Mary Doherty on 087 6228425.

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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



## Fanad Festival 2024

Scenes from the Sheep Show, the Puppet Show and the football match at this year's Festival at Traialough at the weekend.

(More photos next week)

Right - Kayleigh Sweeney, the Fanad Festival Queen with Little Princess Lucy McAteer.



The combined Man United and Liverpool Fans teams who took part in a charity match on Saturday evening as part of the Fanad Festival. Match ended 7-4 in favour of the Manchester United Fans. The match was in aid of Donegal Horizons CLG with a total raised of €563. There was also a raffle for a signed Manchester United jersey which was won by Paul McGovern. Thanks to all the players and everyone who donated money and entered the draw.

## FANAD FUNDRAISER DAY

for the  
**LOUGH SWILLY RNLI**

10th  
August  
2024



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

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| Beef or Shrimp Taco           | Baked Brie - Cranberry Sauce |
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| Homemade Vegetable Soup       | Sweet & Spicy Chicken Wings  |
| Garlic Mushrooms - Garlic Dip |                              |

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**MAIN COURSES**

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

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**DESSERTS**

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

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# Fanad

**Angling Competition**  
 The Annual Mulroy Bay Angling Competition will take place on next Saturday 17th August. Boats will leave the pier, Kerrykeel at 12 noon and return at 5pm. Entry fee €25 per adult. €15 Juvenile. To book : call 087 4103292. Life jackets must be worn at all times. Proceeds in aid of the RNLI.

**Glen News**  
 The Committee of Coiste Forbartha Ghleann Bhairr are running a refresher course in the use

of the defibrillator will be held in the school on 25th August. If interested please contact Teresa 086 3342346. Numbers are limited.

**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.

**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.

**Vacancies at Fanad Lighthouse**

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

Be continuously unemployed for 12 months or more. Be in receipt of Job-seekers Allowance. People on disability allowance are also eligible to apply. Please contact Áine on 0872366912

**Masses**  
 Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 10th 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.

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

**Summer Schedule at the Old School Community Centre, Kerrykeel:**

## Eamonn Scott

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Portsalon Pier opened to the public at 4.40pm last Friday and pictured right is the work crew and left is Nathan cutting the ribbon and declaring it open.

## Man jailed for Donegal rape of new mother

A man who raped a woman as she slept in bed beside her boyfriend and newborn baby at a house in Donegal has been jailed for eight years at the Central Criminal Court.

Shaun O'Donnell, 34, of Woodlands Way, Whinmore, Leeds, UK was found guilty by a jury of one count of rape and one count of sexual assault at the property on March 26th, 2021, following a trial.

A previous hearing heard that O'Donnell had been staying over with the woman and her partner for drinks the night before and the following morning, climbed into bed where the couple was sleeping beside their newborn baby and raped the woman.

The woman initially thought it was her partner, before she turned around and realised it was O'Donnell. When confronted, O'Donnell said he did not remember anything and denied the allegation when interviewed by gardai.

O'Donnell, who works in construction in the UK has

several previous convictions including for assault and dangerous driving.

The victim said her body had not fully recovered from having her baby when she was raped adding it was the worst experience of her life and deeply affected her and her family.

Mr Justice Keane described the victim impact statement as "impressively written and deeply affecting". Justice Keane noted O'Donnell has previous convictions, but none for violent or sexual offending and imposed a sentence of eight years on the rape count. He did not suspend any part of the sentence, noting that O'Donnell declined to take part in victim-focused work saying there was "no realistic prospect" of encouraging rehabilitation.

O'Donnell also received a concurrent sentence of two years and eight months in relation to the sexual assault charge.

## English set for Olympic semi-final

The Donegal sporting public will be hoping to see Mark English advance to the final of the 800m at the Olympic Games in Paris this Friday morning. The Letterkenny man goes in the semi-final after an outstanding performance in his heat on Wednesday morning. The Finn Valley AC member finished second in a time of 1:45.15. The 31-year-old was just pipped on the line by Gabriel Tual of France. The top three from each of the six heats qualified automatically for the semi-finals. English was just 0.02 seconds behind Tual, who clocked 1:45.13. Third across the line was Tshepisio Masalela (Botswana) in a time of 1:45.58.

## Moore for Scottish U17 championships

Cranford AC's Michael Moore and Stephen Slevin (Finn Valley AC) will be taking part in the U17 Scottish Championships from August 16-18 in Grangemouth, Scotland. Moore will go in the 800m event. Slevin has been selected to take part in the High Jump event.

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**In Memoriam**

**Herraghty Downings**



**Jimmy**  
10th Anniversary  
11th August 2014



**Peggy**  
5th Anniversary  
15th March 2019

Mum and Dad

*Their face is always before us  
Their voice we would love to hear  
A smile we will always remember  
Of our parents, we loved so dear  
Deep In our heart lies a picture  
More precious than silver or gold  
It's a picture of our parents  
Whose memory will never grow old.*

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by your loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren xxxx

*Treasured thoughts of ones so dear  
Often bring a silent tear  
Thoughts of scenes long past  
Years roll on but memories last.*

Sadly missed and loved by Bridie, Molly, Nellie and Tess xxx

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

Sadly missed and loved by Bríd, Kit, Joe and all the family in Derryconnor and Glasserchoo xxx

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Monday 12th August at 10am.**

**Acknowledgement**

**Gallagher Mary Rosnakill**



We, the family of the late Mary Gallagher, wish to express our deep gratitude to all who supported us in our recent bereavement. Thank you to everyone who attended the wake and funeral. Thanks also to all those who sent Mass and sympathy cards, or who expressed their condolences through phone calls, messages and online, or who made a donation. Thank you to our neighbours and friends who organised the wake and to those who brought food to the house. Thanks to JJ and the ambulance crew; the NowDoc service; the ED and ICU staff and Dr. Moran at LUH. We would like to thank Fr. Anthony Briody for his guidance and support, and for officiating the funeral Mass which was a beautiful and fitting tribute to Mum's faith and life. Thanks also to his co-celebrants: Fr. Francie McAteer and Fr. Liam Boyle. Thank you to Michael Shiels for the Church music and to the grave diggers. Thanks also to Patricia, Brid and the girls who provided refreshments after the funeral Service. Thank you to Undertakers Colin McAteer and Harry McGrenaghan for their professionalism and support throughout. And finally, a special word of thanks to both the staff and Mum's friends at the Fanad Day Centre for making her Tuesdays and Wednesdays "great days" and to Ellen for all her care and support over the years.

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

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**The Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday 9th August at 7pm in St. Columba's Church, Massmount.**

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council**

We, Sue and John Morison, intend to apply for permission for development at this site at An Scott, Gallagher's Cottage, Derryreel Upper, Falcarragh, Co Donegal, F92XC58. The development will consist of an extension to the side of the dwelling for the purposes of providing bedroom accommodation and all ancillary site works. The planning



**Boyce Julie Ann**  
Tullagh, Carrigart  
16th Anniversary

In loving memory of a darling daughter, sister and aunt who died on 15th August 2008.

*God needed an angel in Heaven to stand at the Saviour's feet  
His choice must be the rarest a lily pure and sweet  
He gazed upon the mighty throng then stopped and picked the best  
Our child was His chosen one with Jesus she is now at rest.*

Loved and sadly missed wee Julie, Mum and Dad xxx.

*Our sweet angel Julie though you've grown wings and flown to Heaven  
You'll forever remain in our hearts.*

Sorely missed and cherished always, Martin and Noreen xxx.

*In our hearts you will always stay  
Loved and missed every day.*

All our love aunty Julie, James, Kayden, Enda and Kelsey xxx.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 10th August at 6pm.**

application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Donegal County Council**

**Castlewray, Letterkenny**  
I, Adam O'Donnell intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Castlewray, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Castlewray. The development will consist of the erection of a one and a half storey style dwelling, a detached domestic garage, with a new wastewater treatment system and all associated site development works, in lieu of



**Blaney Henry**  
Rosskirk, Fanad  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle who died on the 11th August 2019.

*Deep in our hearts are treasured memories of a dear brother we love and never forget  
you always had a smile to share a laugh, a joke and time to care  
A loving nature warm and true these are the memories we have of you  
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 and sadly missed rest in peace with Mom and Dad, William, Mary, Anna, Joanne, Jimmy John, Debbie and grandchildren.

previously being granted under planning reference no. 19/51822. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

**Donegal County Council**  
**Hornhead Road, Dunfanaghy**

I, Darren Tease, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for an extension to the side of my existing Apartment previously granted under planning reference number: 23/50115 including all other associated site development works at Hornhead Road, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Dunfanaghy. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council**  
**Dundoan Upper, Downings**

I, Nicole Reid am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a permanent dwelling house with septic tank and all other associated site development works at Dundoan Upper, Downings, County Donegal in the townland of Dundoan Upper. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council**  
**Leck Road, Oldtown, Letterkenny**

We, Patrick McGranaghan and Grainne McGranaghan,



**Diver John**  
Gortmacall, Milford  
7th Anniversary

Treasured memories of John, husband, father and grand father whose anniversary occurs on the 8th August.

*Quietly today your memory is kept  
no need for words I will never forget.*

Sadly missed by your loving wife Agnes, Rest in Peace.

*We think of you with love today but that is nothing new  
We thought of you yesterday and days before that too  
We think of you in silence and often speak your name  
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame.*

Always in our thoughts, never to be forgotten, Francis, Peter, Carmel and partners.

*Your life was one of kindly deeds,  
a helping hand for others needs  
Sincere and true in heart and mind,  
beautiful memories left behind.*

Always remembered by your grandchildren Mark, Toni, Joey, Jynaid and Dhahi.

In loving memory of our dear brother John

Sadly missed by Kathleen and Rosaleen and families.



**Friel Sheila**  
Ballynakilly, Churchill  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a cherished wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother whose third anniversary occurs on 15th August.

*If I should ever leave you whom I love  
To go along the Silent Way, grieve not  
Nor speak of me with tears,  
but laugh and talk Of me as if I were beside you there  
I'd come... I'd come, could I but find a way!  
But would not tears and grief be barriers?  
And when you hear a song or see a bird I loved  
Please do not let the thought of me be sad  
For I am loving you just as I always have  
We cannot see Beyond...  
But this I know; I loved you so...  
'Twas heaven here with you!*

Dearly loved and missed, your husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and extended family at home and abroad.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly on Sunday 11th August at 11am.**

intend to apply to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for 2 no. studio apartments with lean to domestic garage to the rear of our existing Millview B&B premise including all other associated site development works at Leck Road, Oldtown, Letterkenny, County Donegal, in the townland of Oldtown. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council**

I, Thomas Coyle am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct extension to North elevation of existing dwelling house including associated site works at Ramelton, Co. Donegal in the townland of Bridge End or Drummonaghan. 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.



**Mallon Patrick Joseph**  
17 An Sruthan, Ramelton  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband and father who died on 13th August 2023.

*A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best  
Remembering you is easy we do it everyday  
But missing you is a heartache that never goes away.*

Loved and sadly missed by your wife Mary and family.

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



**McFadden Charlie**  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle who died on 7th August 2022.

*We miss your smile, your joking ways  
We miss the things you used to say,  
When old times we do recall it's then we miss you most of all  
No farewell words were spoken, you did not say goodbye.*

Always loved and remembered by brother Danny, sister-in-law Julia, niece Elaine, Rachael and Azari, nephews DJ, Jason, Emmett and Ezra.

**Anniversary Mass is on Friday 9th August in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly at 7.30pm.**



**McFadden James**  
Chestnut Grove, Ramelton  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, father-in-law and Granda who passed away on 13th August 2023.

*Lonely is the home without you life to us is not the same  
All the world would be like Heaven if we could have you back again  
We no longer hear your laughter our willing hands are still  
The one who worked so hard for us is resting at God's will  
The happy days we once enjoyed how sweet their memory still  
But death has left a vacant place this world can never fill.*

You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure by your family Frances, Mary, Cahal, Pauline, Daithi, Grace, Aodhain and Cara.

In loving memory of a dear brother.

*Our time together was special so were the memories we made  
And although you live in Heaven now those memories never fade  
I bow my head in silence and remember my brother with love*

*And I know that you are up there watching from above  
Every day is a struggle and nothing feels the same  
And my heart breaks a little more everytime I hear your name  
You'll always be remembered and time may heal my heart  
But a piece of me is missing since the day we had to part.*

You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure by your sister Rosemary.

*The memories are so precious, your presence missed so much  
You will always be remembered and loved by all of us.*

Always remembered by Kathleen, Dom and family.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Saturday 17th August at 6.30pm.**

**In Memoriam**



**Black**  
Martha  
Croaghan,  
Ramelton  
30th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on 13th August 1994.

*Remembering you is easy we do it everyday  
But missing you is a heartache that never goes away.*

Loved and missed so much everyday, George, sons, daughter, daughter-in-laws, son-in-law and all the grandchildren.



**Harper**  
Paddy  
St. Mary's Terrace,  
Ramelton  
36th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who died on 7th August 1988.

*We miss you from your fireside chair  
Your loving smile and gentle air  
Your vacant place no one can fill  
We miss you Dad and always will.*

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



**McGinley**  
Kathleen  
Main Street,  
Dunfanaghy  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Mother and Grandmother who died on 12th August 2023.

*Softly in the morning  
You heard a gentle call  
You took the hand God offered you  
And quietly left us all.  
The day you left us Mother  
Our hearts just broke in two  
The smallest part is still with us  
And the biggest part with you  
For the rest of our lives*

*We will miss you Mother  
Our secret tears still flow  
Oh, how we really loved you  
No one will ever know.*

*We miss your smile, your joking ways  
We miss the things you used to say  
And when old times we do recall  
It's then we miss you most of all.*

*Look around your garden Lord  
And when she turns and smiles  
Put your arms around her  
And hold her for a while.*

Loved always and sadly missed by daughters Teresa and Sally, sons, Danny, Bernard, Neil and Shaun, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law and by all your grandchildren.

**Bried's Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 11th August at 10am in Holy Cross Church, Dunfanaghy.**



**McHugh**  
Mary Ellen  
Church Street,  
Ramelton  
21st Anniversary

*No matter how life changes, no matter what we all do  
There's a special place in all our hearts which is always kept for you.*

Forever in our hearts and prayers, your loving family.

**Hagan**

Kathleen  
Mount Marian,  
Milford  
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of a wife, mother and grandmother

*Memories are precious that don't fade away  
We think of you always especially today.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving husband Cathal.

*The moment that you died my heart was torn in two  
One side filled with heartache the other died with you  
Remembering you is easy I do it everyday  
But missing you is heartache that never goes away*

Love and missed always by your daughter Una, son-in-law Gerard and grandchildren Cian and Kaylagh.

*If Roses grow in Heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me  
Place them in our Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me  
Tell her I love her and miss her  
And when she turns to smile  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for a while  
Because remembering her is easy  
I do it every day  
But there's an ache within my heart  
because I am missing her today.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your son Hugo, Suzanne and Killian xxx

*Death took you from our grasp but not from our hearts  
Ten years later we continue to carry your memory with us  
Like a cherished gem that sparkles even in the darkest nights.*

Always remembered and loved by your daughter Marguerite xx

*If roses grow in Heaven  
Lord please pick a bunch for me  
Place them in my mother's arms  
and tell her they are from me  
Tell her I love her and miss her  
and when she turns to smile  
Place a kiss above her cheek  
and hold her for awhile*

Loving and missing you always from your daughter Sinead and granddaughter Katie xx

*We only wish that we could say  
We are going to see Mammy today  
To hear her voice, to see her smile  
To sit and talk to her for a while.  
Those who think of Mammy today,  
a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Missed terribly by your daughter Elaine, son-in-law Hughie, grandchildren Hayden and Erin xx

*Mum  
The world changes from year to year  
Our lives from day to day  
But the love and memory of you shall never pass away.*

Miss and love you always, Noelle, Marcus and Luke xx

*It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.*

Love PJ and Steph

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 11th August in St. Peter's Church, Milford at 11am.**

**Friel**

Oliver  
Glen Lower, Ramelton  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather Oliver, who passed away on 9th August 2023.

*We thought of you today but that was nothing new*

*We thought about you yesterday and days before that too  
We think of you in silence we often speak your name*

*Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame  
Your memory is a keepsake with which we'll never part  
God has you in His keeping we have you in our hearts*

*Gone from our home, but not our hearts.*

Sadly missed by wife Susan.

*Memories are the loveliest things they last from day to day  
they can't get lost they don't wear out and they can't be given away  
So when our hearts are heavy and our hearts are filled with tears  
We can focus on a memory and travel through the years.*

Forever in our thoughts and prayers, Siobhan and Fergal.

*You always had a smile to share, a laugh, a joke, time to care  
A wonderful nature warm and true those are the memories we have of you*

Always loved and dearly missed Paul, Regina, Reece and Daithí

*Your memories are so precious, your presence missed so much  
You will always be remembered And loved by all of us.*

Sadly missed Noel and Stephen, grandchildren Kelsey, Emmett and Tristan xxx

*May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear  
How much we love and miss you and wish that you were here*

Sadly missed by Ollie and Shauna, granddaughters Evie, Rebecca and Olivia xxx

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 11th August in St. Peter's Church, Milford at 11.00am.**



**Devenney**  
John Noel  
The Pans,  
Cranford  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died 12th August 2021.

*I don't need a special day to bring you to my mind  
The days that I don't think of you are very hard to find  
Each morning when I awake I know that you are gone  
And no one knows the heartache as I try to carry on  
My thoughts are always with you  
Your place no one can fill  
In life I loved you dearly  
In death I love you still*

Loved always and sadly missed by your wife Bridget xx

*There are no words to tell you Dad what losing you has meant  
But now each day brings memories of happy years we spent  
You'd want us to smile again and that's just what we do*

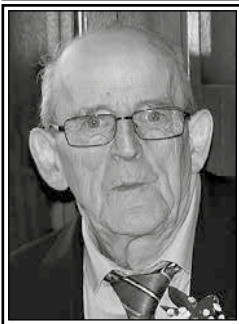
*Every time we reminisce with loving thoughts of you  
You're with us when each day dawns and when we say goodnight  
Our guardian angel here on earth and Heaven's shining light.*

Loved always and sadly missed by daughters Bridgeen and Brian, Helena, Roisín, Michelle, Nicola, son John Noel and their partners xx.

*Gentle Jesus up above give our  
Gaga all our love  
Although he is not here to watch us grow we know  
He's here with us wherever we go.*

Loved always and sadly missed by grandchildren, Amelia, Gemma, Callum, Courtney Jane, Ruby, Real-tin, Cillian, Robyn, Aurora Noelle, Rian and Franky Jonathon xx

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 11th August at 9.30am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Coole, Cranford.**



**McElwaine**  
Michael  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grand father Michael who died on 13th August 2019.

*We are sending a dove to Heaven with a parcel on its wings  
Be careful when you open it it's full of beautiful things  
Inside are a million kisses wrapped up in a million hugs  
To say how much we miss you and to send you all our love  
We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain  
To walk with us through our lives until we meet again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Grace, Ka, sons and daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, Fanavoltly on Wednesday 14th August at 7pm.**



**Harper**  
Angela  
St. Mary's Terrace,  
Ramelton  
34th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister who died on 7th August 1990.

*Your memory is so precious  
Your presence missed so much  
You will always be remembered  
And loved by all of us.*

Sadly missed by your brothers, sisters, sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews.



**Leavy**  
Mary  
2nd Anniversary

Treasured memories of a dear sister and auntie who died August 7th 2022.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving family.

**Anniversary Mass in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Thursday 8th August at 8.00am.**

**Email:**  
tribune15@gmail.com

**Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards**



Contact  
Tirconaill Tribune  
074 91 53600

**Planning Notice**

**Donegal County Council**  
Magheraroarty, Creeslough, Letterkenny PO  
We, Sharon & Gregor McClean are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following developments; (1) Construction of a domestic garage with attached granny flat and permission to install a new sewage treatment plant to serve same, (2)

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

**Friel**  
Oliver  
Glen Lower,  
Ramelton  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle who died on the 9th August 2023.

*Gone yet not forgotten although we are apart  
Your spirit lives with us forever in our hearts.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving sister May, Marie, Caitlin, Ballyare.

construction of a polytunnel, potting shed & greenhouse for garden hobby, (3) construction of 2 no. sheds for bikes and wood storage, (3) permission to erect a garden room to the rear of the site and all associated site development works at Magheraroarty, Creeslough, Letterkenny PO, Co. Donegal in the townland of Magheraroarty. 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, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority, in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee of 20 euros within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by



**Carr**  
Leverock, Tamney  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother Sarah Jane, grandmother and great-grandmother who died the 7th August 2018.

*As each day dawns we think of you  
As each night falls we think of you  
And throughout our lives no matter where*

*In our hearts you are always there  
Sincere and true in heart and mind  
Beautiful memories left behind.*

Ever remembered by the family circle in Ballycallon, The Leverock, Croaghross and Killinchy.

the Planning Authority.

## Dunfanaghy

### Garden Fete/Vintage Display

There will be a Garden Fete on the grounds of Ballymore Rectory on Saturday the 24th August from 2 until 4pm. There will be the usual stalls of home baking, bric-a-brac and teas and coffees etc. Johnny Haughey will also be playing from 2 to 4pm and there will be a Vintage Display with the Registration from 12 noon. Everyone is welcome for what should be a good afternoon's entertainment.

### The Workhouse

Come join the Fairy Godmother Sing Along 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.

### Mollys Pop-Up Market

Molly's Pop-up craft market is running every Sunday in the month of August. Open. This market will be situated in Molly's beer garden under the cover of their gazebo. Access to the beer garden will be from Main Street. All producers are local and all their products are handcrafted. The Market has varied crafters every week

to exhibit some of the wonderful handmade produce available on our back door. All proceeds raised will be donated to the winter lights.

### Dunfanaghy FRC

The 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.

### St. Michael's Mini Lotto

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### 50/50 Winner

Congratulations to Sarah Ann Alcorn who won €360 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

## Building the Boat in Dunfanaghy

Building the Boat performs the creation of a Dunfanaghy Currach in poetry, contemporary dance and soundscape. It celebrates the community of the 'meitheal', the Irish language associated with the craft, and its connection with currach builders stretching back generations. The event ties in strongly to this year's National Heritage Week theme. It will take place on Saturday the 24th of August at 12noon and 3pm.

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse hosts home to a Dunfanaghy currach, which lends itself to a transformative performance, placing the audience at the center of the experience for a meaningful and lasting exchange. BUILDING THE BOAT ensures the survival and diversification of a native tradition in a space where everything is possible.

It will be performed by Cork native poet Keith Payne, contemporary dancer Inma Pavon and sound artist Mick O'Shea. This project is completely one of its kind. It is taking a traditional Irish heritage craft and showcasing it through a modern and creative lens.

Tickets can be purchased at €10 each at The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy or call The Workhouse at 074 913 6540 to purchase over the phone.

For more information about this event running during National Heritage Week please do not hesitate to contact The Workhouse on 074 913 6540.

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.



Dunfanaghy August Fair Treasure Hunt joint second place winners Andrew and Hazel Alcorn, Drew and Kerry Alcorn and family and the Murrays.



The Team with the funniest Answer Jacqueline Alcorn and Tom Corrigan with the organiser Berncie Alcorn



The winners of the Visitors Prize - The McCleary's Rathmullan with their prize.



The winners of the Treasure Hunt Alan and Rosaleen McElhinney with Berncie Alcorn

## Cloughaneely

### Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Band lotto last week and the numbers were 1-6-9-12-17-20. There were two Match 5 winners Grace McCarry and Barney Murray who won €50 each. This week's jackpot will be €8000.

### Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations Maddison McFadden, Arduns who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1160.

### Tusla

Tusla are seeking Foster Carers who may be interested in caring for children with additional medical / special needs. See notice is church porch.

### Pobail Le Cheile

Siopa Pobail Summer opening times: Monday 1-5pm Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 11am-5pm.

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 wonderful

opportunity to learn about sculpture making from a very talented artist. Spaces limited. Contact Leanne 086 339 5268

### 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 Pranic Healing and Healing Clinic. Learn about 'non-touch' energy healing system.

### Thursday Café

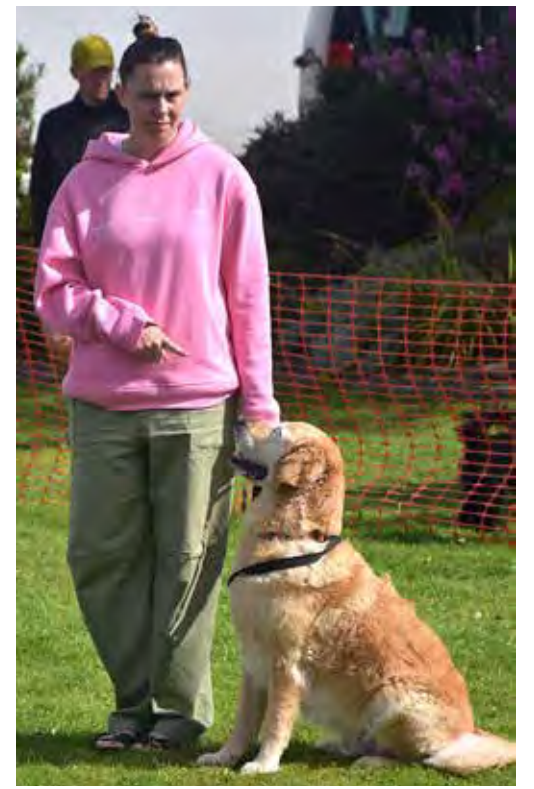
Come in for a coffee or a cup of tea in Aras Begley 10-11.30am every Thursday.



Members of the Cloughaneely Senior Band who took part in a Bed Push between Dunfanaghy and Gortahork on Saturday.



Winners at the Dog Show are 1st- Ralphie with Emily of the Fergus Family, 2nd- Willow with Maisy, 3rd- Tiny with Charlie.



Overall winner at the Dog Show Tosh with owner Grainne



Scenes from the Dunfanaghy August Fair Dog show on the Green in the town on Saturday.

Photos Moses Alcorn.



Entries in the Pups Category at the Dog Show including 2nd place - Bella, 3rd -Mollie and 4th -Mittey



Entries in the Large Dog Category including winners 1st -Max, owner Ona & Eva; 2nd - Seamus, owner Alison McGee; 3rd - Bella, owner Clara.



Best Trick Dog winner Bamba at the Dog Show



Dogs in the Best Obedience Category including winners Tosh with Grainne and 2nd Place Willow with Maisy.

# Creeslough News

## Mass in Doe

The annual Mass was in Doe cemetery on Sunday and the weather warnings indeed gave cause for worry in case it might have to be cancelled. However, it certainly did not dampen spirits because a huge congregation was in attendance - seems to get larger every year. Despite the warnings, Fr. John Joe Duffy was able to go ahead as planned and thankfully no rain appeared until after the Mass ended. Mass was celebrated for the dead in Doe cemetery and other local resting places, The Readings were by Margaret Anne O'Reilly and Claire Campbell, Responsorial Psalm by Brigid Sweeney, who also sang beautifully throughout the Mass. Fr. John Joe thanked everyone involved in the preparations, all who took part, the people who attended and prepared their family graves so nicely and a special thanks to the priests from Ards Friary who attended and went around to bless all the graves. It was a special occasion for everyone and thanks to Fr. John Joe for his organising.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to the Wild Atlantic Camp, Creeslough on being awarded 4Star classification from Failte Ireland. The Wild Atlantic Camp is now one of the newest 4Star rated Glamping accommodation sites in Donegal.

## Patrick McIntyre Walk

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

## 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.

## Creeslough Fair

Creeslough Community Association is organising a Creeslough Fair in the Old Cope Yard on Saturday August 17th. There will be Live Music, Sheep show, Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Line Dancing, Jiving etc. The music will be provided by Moya Brennan, Chelsea Evans, Jason McCahill and The Culprits. If you would like to get involved contact info@creesloughcommunity.com or 0872923102.

## Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine is on Saturday 17th August. The Pilgrimage will be led by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Schedule of Ceremonies: 2pm - Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession; 3pm - Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica with Anointing of the Sick. The choir for this year's pilgrimage is from Kilmacrenan.

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## Diocesan Mass

The Diocesan Mass for Expectant Families will take place in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Thursday 5th September at 7pm. Celebrant: Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan Administrator

## Cursillo

Cursillo is a movement of ordinary lay women and men who share their faith in their everyday lives, bringing the love and hope of Jesus into ordinary events. The joy of the Good News that God loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done, is central to the Cursillo weekend. It is expressed through talks, discussions, prayer, laughter and friendship.

The next weekends will be held in Ards Friary in Creeslough under the direction of Fr Laurence



Boys with their Dog at the Dog Show in Durfanaghy last weekend.

Kettle, the men's weekend from Thursday Oct 24th to Sunday the 27th and the women's weekend from the Oct 31st to Nov 3rd. If you would like more information or to book a place on a weekend please contact Martina on 0873749024 or Pat on 0879374001.

**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.

“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.

## Ag Fás le chéile

### launched in Creeslough

DLDC together with Sláintecare Healthcare Programme brought Mens Sheds and Day Centres together under a collaboration called 'Ag fás le chéile'. The project involved 8 mens sheds and 9 day centres where each shed built 3 raised beds for the day centres in their communities. The mens sheds participating are Ards Mens Shed, Scioból na bhFear Cloich Cheann Fhaola, Rosses Mens Shed, Scioból na bhFear Ghaoth Dobhair, Mevagh Mens Shed, Scioból na bhFear Oileán Thoraí, Scioból na bhFear Oileán Aírainn Mhór, and Scioból na bhFear Baile na Finne. The participating Day Centres are Creeslough, Falcarragh, Maghery, Gaoth Dobhair, Fanad, Toráí, Aírainn Mhór, Baile na Finne and Anagaire.

The raised beds are wheelchair accessible and have a variety of aromatic plants which not only give a burst of colour but some are edible as well. Plants such as Rosemary, Thyme, Coriander, strawberries, cabbages, parsley and chives are some of the edibles growing in the raised beds. Through the project the day centres have also been supplied with small hand tools which will allow their clients get involved in the planting, weeding and caring for the plants. Day Centre clients attending the events have also received booklets giving information on healthy eating for older people as well as Action Men booklets for the Mens Sheds members.

They would like to thank all the sheds and their members, the staff, management and the clients



Members of Ag Fás le chéile pictured at the launch in Creeslough Day Centre.

of the day centres for embracing the project and working so willingly with us on this initiative.

A series of appreciation events are currently taking place throughout the participating Day Centres to

show their appreciation to all the groups for getting involved in the project.



Scenes from the Launch of Ag Fás le chéile at the Creeslough Day Centre on Wednesday last. The Day Centre Residents enjoyed looking at the new Raised Flower Beds and afterwards they enjoyed music and dancing to John Cannon and refreshments in the Day Centre.



Donegal Senior Football Championship

# Downings debut in Ballyshannon

It will be a big occasion for the Na Dunaibh Club who make their first appearance in the Donegal Senior Football Championship. The only downside is that the opening group game is not a home fixture in the seaside village. Instead, Maxi Curran's side must travel to play Aodh Ruadh in Ballyshannon on Sunday (throw-in 4.00).

The hosts had a disappointing league season ending in relegation to Division 2 after losing to Termon in a playoff last month. Still, Downings won't be underestimating on home turf. Conal Cunningham stepped down as manager in the closing stages of the league campaign and he has been replaced by Maurice McLaughlin, an experienced figure who will bring a fresh approach to an important opener for the hosts.

Na Dunaibh will be looking for big performances from Ronan Gallagher, Paddy McElwee and the McGroddys' Kealan and Johnny in order to have a real opportunity to make a winning start to the group stages of the campaign. They will miss the influence of Lorcan Connor who emigrated to Australia at the start of the year.

But, the Rosguill outfit had a decent Division 1 league campaign and comfortably kept their place in the top flight which is no mean achievement given the calibre of high profile opposition that they encountered.

There's a big match in the O'Donnell Park on

Saturday afternoon where two potential title contenders clash. St. Eunan's will be aiming to make home advantage pay in their round 1 opener against Kilcar. Barry Meehan's men face an even tougher match against Naomh Conaill in Glenties. Eunan's got their Division 1 campaign comfortably enough without their County players apart from Caolan Ward who made a couple of appearances in the latter stages of the campaign as he was coming back from injury. Shaun Patton will be back in goal while the O'Donnell brothers Niall and Shane will return to bolster the attack. On the other side Kilcar will have Ryan McHugh and Paddy McBrearty available again. The first game is always a bit unknown as teams try to feel their way into the championship mode. But, one thing is for sure Eunan's really needs to make home advantage pay.

In Falcarragh at 5pm on Saturday, Cloughaneely will host the reigning champions Naomh Conaill. It will be a big ask for the hosts to come out of it with a win. Jason McGee should be in the lineup but even with that the Glenties outfit should be too strong.

There's a 7pm throw-in at the Bridge for the meeting of St. Michael's and Killybegs. Again the home side need to make the most of their familiar turf and it will take a really big performance to get the better of the visitors who should have Hugh Mc-

Fadden on board while they will be hoping that Eoghan. Ban Gallagher is fit enough to play after suffering a leg injury in the Donegal/Galway game at Croke Park last month. The hosts will need leadership from Michael Langan and his quality to bring the rest of the team along to give them the best chance of making a winning start to the championship group stages.

In Mountcharles at 7pm Glenswilly face an interesting test against St. Nauls who had two outstanding players on the Donegal senior team this year in Brendan McCole and Peadar Mogan. No doubt Glenswilly manager Gary McDaid will be assigning special duties for at least one of his players to curb the attacking threat of Mogan. Likewise, the Nauls management will have a tactical plan formulated to try and minimise Michael Murphy's influence on the match.

But, the Glen have plenty of other excellent players who can step up to give them a decent chance of victory. Kealan Dunleavy, Daithi Gildea, Gary 'Copper' McFadden are talented attackers who will do damage with the right supply of the ball.

In Senior Football Championship action on Sunday Glenfin will host Dungloe at 2pm while in Donegal Town at the same time Gweedore are the visitors to take on Four Masters. In Ballybofey its MacCumhail's up against Ardara with a 4pm throw-in.

# Donegal Football Club Championships

## Fixtures

Saturday 10th August

Senior B Champ Round 1

St Eunan's v Chill Chartha 3.00

Senior B Champ Round 1

Cloich Cheann Fhaola v Naomh Conaill 3.30

Junior B Champ Round 1

Naomh Mhuire Conmhaigh v Urris 4.00

Senior Champ Round 1

St Eunan's v Chill Chartha 4.30

Senior Champ Round 1

Cloich Cheann Fhaola v Naomh Conaill 5.00

Senior B Champ Round 1

St Michael's v Na Cealla Beaga 5.30

Intermediate B Champ Round 1

Red Hughs v Malin 5.30

Intermediate B Champ Round 1

Gaeil Fhánada v Milford 5.30

Senior B Champ Round 1

Naomh Náille v Gleann tSúilí 5:30

Intermediate B Champ Round 1

Letterkenny Gaels v Gleann tSúilí 6:00

Senior Champ Round 1

St Michael's v Na Cealla Beaga 7:00

Senior Champ Round 1

Naomh Náille v Gleann tSúilí 7:00

Intermediate Champ Round 1

Letterkenny Gaels v Bun Cranncha 7:00

Intermediate Champ Round 1

Gaeil Fhánada v Milford 7:00

Intermediate Champ Round 1

Red Hughs v Malin 7:00

Junior B Champ Round 1

Carndomhnaigh v Nh Pádraig 7:00

Junior B Champ Round 1

Naomh Ultan v Naomh Bríd 7:00

Sunday 11th Aug

LGFA Senior Championship 1 10.30

St Eunan's v Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon

Naomh Conaill v Naomh Muire

Moville v Naomh Náille

An Tearmainn v Gleann Fhinne

LGFA Junior A Champ Group B 1 10.30

Downings v Four Masters

LGFA Junior B Champ 1

Sean Mac Cumhail v Letterkenny Gaels 10:30

Senior B Champ Round 1

Four Masters v Gaoth Dobhair 12:30

Senior B Champ Round 1

Gleann Fhinne v An Clochán Liath 12:30

Intermediate B Champ Round 1

An Tearmainn v Naomh Columba 12:30

Intermediate B Champ Round 1

Realt na Mara v Burt 12:30

Intermediate Champ Round 1

Realt na Mara v Burt 2:00

Intermediate Champ Round 1

An Tearmainn v Naomh Columba 2:00

Senior Champ Round 1

Four Masters v Gaoth Dobhair 2:00

Senior Champ Round 1

Gleann Fhinne v An Clochán Liath 2:00

Senior B Champ Round 1

Sean Mac Cumhail v Ardara 2:30

Senior B Champ Round 1

Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon v Na Dúnaibh 2:30

Intermediate Champ Round 1

Na Rossa v Naomh Muire 3.00

Junior A Group A Round 1

Robert Emmets v Naomh Bríd 3:00

Junior A Group A Round 1

Naomh Colmcille v Nh Mhuire 3:00

Junior A Group A Round 1

Pettigo v Carndomhnaigh 3:00

Junior A Group B Round 1

Nh Pádraig v Urris 3:00

Junior A Group B Round 1

Nh Pádraig Leifear v Naomh Ultan 3:00

Senior Champ Round 1

Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon v Na Dúnaibh 4:00

Senior Champ Round 1

Sean Mac Cumhail v Ardara 4:00

Donegal Intermediate Football Championship

# Fanad Gaels host Milford

The Donegal Intermediate Football Championship kicks-off this weekend including a local derby in Portsalon on Saturday evening where Fanad Gaels host Milford (7pm). While the visitors might be slight favourites by virtue of a superior Division 2 league finishing position, the hosts have a very good championship winning record at home. It will be manager Finbar O'Neill's first championship match in charge of Fanad so a victory would be a major confidence booster for him going into the other group games. The execution of the game plan will be critical to their hopes of

a winning start. Paddy Carr, Darren McElwaine and Mark McAteer will need to be at their best while Michael Sweeney is still a threat wherever he plays.

A lot will depend also on who is fit to play with injuries a concern in both camps. Milford manager Jamsie McGinley will be looking for leadership from the likes of Kane Barrett, Darragh Black, Rory O'Donnell and Cathal McGettigan to get off to a winning start. Also in action at 7pm on Saturday evening is Letterkenny Gaels who take on Buncrana at the Glebe. The visitors will fan-

cy their chances of victory here with county star Caolan McGonagle back on board. On Sunday at 2pm one of the Intermediate Football Championship favourites Termon clash with Naomh Columba at the Burn Road. If Cian McMenamin, Bobby McGettigan, Enda McCormick and Daire McDaid can produce their best form then bagging the two group points is realistic. However, the Glencolmcille outfit with Philip and Aaron Doherty on board are formidable opposition who reached the county final two years ago only to lose to Dungloe.

# GAA Club News

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Cranncur Míosúil/Monthly Draw

Iúil/July

€500 - Cormac McGarvey

€100 - David Geaney, Martin Duggan, Aidan

Dooan, Denis Ferry, John Joe McGeever

Comhghairdeas libh uilig agus tá muid fíorbhuíoch as bhur dtacaíocht.

Cupa Faoi 18 an Chontae - Roinn 1

Scór Lán Ama

Cloich Cheann Fhaola 2-10 An Clochán Liath

2-5

Lotto

Uimhreacha na seachtaine 1,3,6,10,12,18. Bhí duine amháin ann le sé uimhir. Comhghairdeas le Eileen O'Donnell a bhain an pota óir de €7,350.

Tá €5,000 sa phota óir anois.

Cúl Camp

We held our annual Cúl Camp recently and all

the children had a very enjoyable week. We are

very grateful to all the coaches and camp co-ordi-

nator, Paddy McClafferty.

Sciath Faoi 14 an Chontae

Cluiche Leathcheannais Roinn 1

Scór Lán Ama

CCF: 4-11 Naomh Adhamhnáin 4-9

Congratulations to the girls who are now through

to the shield final.

Cupa Faoi 14 an Chontae - Roinn 5

Bhí droch ádh ar na leaids in éadan Seán Mac

Cumhail aréir.

Cupa Faoi 14 an Chontae - Roinn 1

Scór Lán Ama

CCF: 2-15 An Clochán Liath: 1-8

Buíochas

We would like to thank Caolán Ferry, Seamus Ó

Domhnaill, Martin Duggan, Dan Dooan and Dar-

renn McGeever who were out selling lotto tickets at

the weekend.

## St. Michael's

Senior Championship

The Senior Championship gets underway this Saturday evening with the Seniors and Reserves both at home to Killybegs in their first games at 5.30pm and 7pm.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our young ladies player Leah

McDaid who done us all proud as the Gaeltacht

Mary from Dungloe.

Mini Lotto

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Diamond and James Toye who bought his ticket on-

line. This weeks Jackpot is €3250.

Gaelic4mothers and Others

Gaelic4mothers and others takes place at The Bridge

every Wednesday at 8pm. Get out and get active. For

more information contact Maureen on 0876471647.

North West Coastal Challenge

The North West Coastal Challenge is Donegal's newest adventure race taking place on Saturday, 5th

October, at the Bridge, Dunfanaghy. The race is a Run, Cycle & Kayak covering 36km over the rug-

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

Minor Ladies

Well done to the minor ladies who played against Termon on Tuesday. Despite falling behind early in

the game, their resilience and teamwork could not be questioned, never giving up and playing some

great football throughout the match. It had all the making for an exciting and hard-fought contest.

Under 12 Boys

The U12's boys kicked off their Division campaign with a resounding victory over St. Naul's. The young

team showcased exceptional teamwork and discipline throughout the match, leading to a well-

deserved win. The match highlighted the strength and unity of St. Michaels' squad, with every player con-



Eileen O'Donnell being presented with her jackpot winnings of €7,350 from Cloughaneely GAA Club officers, Martin Duggan, Seamus Ó Domhnaill and Denise Ni Laoire Uí Cheallaigh recently.

tributing.

Under 14 Girls

St Michael's 0.4 Four Masters 4.11

This match was played at the Bridge on Bank

Holiday Monday, our U14 girls faced Four

Masters. Despite battling for every ball and giving it their all, the scores just wouldn't come

our way. A huge well done to all the girls and coaches - John and Phyllis McNulty, Stephen Black,

Josie Gallagher, and Joe Harkin.

Under 16 Boys

On Friday evening, our u16s lads received their

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# GAA Club News

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new training tops and jumpers from sponsors, Thomas Gallagher from Quantum Surveyors (training tops) and to Denis Ferry from Ferry's Garage and Raj Singh from Gusto's takeaway for sponsoring the jumpers.

## Fixtures

Thur 8th U10 Boys Away v Glenswilly 6.30pm  
 Fri 9th U12 D1 Home v Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon 7pm  
 Sat 10th U14 Boys 7 aside Tournament in Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon.  
 Mon 12th Minor Boys Home v Rober Emmets 7.30pm  
 Tues 13th Minor Ladies Home v Naomh Padraig 7pm.

## Naomh Adhamhnáin

### Division 4 league final:

Well done to Pauric Ryan, Declan O'Donnell along with the rest of the management team and players who won the Division 4 final on Saturday in O'Donnell Park. In a tough battle with Naomh Conaill the boys came out on top after a solid second half performance.

Final score Nh Adhamhnáin 2-13 : 1-11 Naomh Conaill

Naomh Adhamhnáin: Niall Forde; Ruairí Kavanagh, Sean Breen, Thomas O'Donnell; Dara Morrison, Cormac Finn, Conor Harley; Brandon Jordan, Conal McGinley; Phillip Doherty, Eoin Doherty, Sam Harvey; Lorcan Harvey, Conor Gibbons, Brian Drumm. Subs: Cian McMonagle for Lorcan Harvey; David Horgan for Kavanagh, Eoin Farren for Brian Drumm, Harry Blake for Eoin Doherty. Scorers: Conor Gibbons 0-6; Sam Harvey 1-1 (1f), Eoin Doherty 1-1, Conor Harley 0-3 (3fs), Cian McMonagle and Brian Drumm 0-1 each.

### Senior Men

This weekend the Senior football championship begins. We start our campaign with a home game this Saturday against Kilar in O'Donnell Park. Both teams would love if you could come out and support them.

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

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

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

### Upcoming Championship fixtures:

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.

### 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.

### Minor Board:

#### U18 upcoming fixtures:

Monday August 12th All County U18 Division 1 – Naomh Adhamhnáin v Cloich Cheann Fhaola 7:30pm in O'Donnell Park.

Monday August 12th All County U18 Division 4 – Naomh Mhuire Iochtar Na Rosann v Naomh Adhamhnáin 7:30pm in Na Meilte, Mullach Derg.

### U16 Results:

Monday August 5th U16 Division 1 Quarter final - Nh Adhamhnáin 3:11 : 2:10 Gleann tSuiil  
 Monday August 5th U16 Division 4 semi final - Nh Adhamhnáin 4:7 : 4:13 Sean Mac Cumhaill.

### U16 Upcoming fixtures:

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

### Hurling

Saturday, July 27th - Junior Championship - Letterkenny Gaels 0-13 : 0-14 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

Saturday, July 27th - Senior Championship Group B - Burt 1-13 : 0-16 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

### Upcoming fixtures:

Friday, August 2nd – Junior Hurling Championship – Letterkenny Gaels v Naomh Adhamhnáin 6:30pm in Burt.

Friday, August 2nd – Senior Hurling Championship – Burt v Naomh Adhamhnáin 8pm in Burt.

### Underage Hurling Academy

The Hurling Academy will take a break for a few weeks, but we look forward to seeing you all again August. Watch this space and the club's social media channels for the resumption date.

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results 04/08/2024

Numbers: 2, 3, 7, 13, 15. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Mary Friel. This week's Jackpot: €1,750.

### Double Hop - 2 x €500

1 ticket, 2 chances. We're switching up the format of our monthly draw and you will now have two chances at winning a €500 cash prize. If your ticket wins the first €500, your ticket then goes back into the drum for the second draw. Tickets on sale Friday lunchtime.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

#### Dé Sathairn, 10ú Lúnasa

Craobh Idirmheánach (Cluiche Tacáíochta)

Gaeil Fhánada v Baile na nGallóglach @ 5:30

Páirc Uí Shíadhail

Craobh Idirmheánach (Sinsear)

Gaeil Fhánada v Baile na nGallóglach @ 7:00

Páirc Uí Shíadhail

#### Dé Luain, 12ú Lúnasa

Craobh - Buachaillí Faoi 18

Gaeil Fhánada v Aodh Ruadh Fr. Tierney Park

### Championship Opener

Gaeil Fhánada and Milford will do battle on Saturday evening in what's a bumper fixture to kick off this year's championship campaign. Milford, back in Intermediate ranks this term after several years playing senior football, have enjoyed a positive league campaign in 2024, but Gaeil Fhánada saved their best form for the championship campaign last term, and will be hoping to repeat the trick this time around. This will be the first championship meeting between the sides since 2016, where Milford took victory in Traigh a Locha. Seniors at 7pm and reserves at 5:30.

### U14 Girls fall short

#### Mac Cumhails 1:14 Gaeil Fhánada 1:04

The u14 Girls travelled to Mac Cumhaill Park in Ballybofey to take on Seán Mac Cumhails in their Division 1 semi final clash on Monday.

Credit to the Gaeil Fhánada girls for battling well and working hard over the course of the sixty minutes. It's fantastic to see 24 girls toggled out for an away fixture on a Bank Holiday Monday.

### Colour Fun Run

Well done to everyone who braved the blustery conditions on Sunday morning to take part in

# "People don't realise how much history is attached to New Mills"

- Donegal Half Marathon Ambassador



Donegal Half Marathon Ambassador, Danny McDaid, pictured with New Mills Corn and Flax Mill staff members, Tony McHugh and Aimee Grimes.

Donegal Half Marathon Ambassador, Danny McDaid, is hoping the highlighting of the New Mills Corn and Flax Mills through the staging of this year's race will help promote its historical significance.

The New Mills Corn and Flax Mill, located at New Mills on the outskirts of Letterkenny, has been selected as the centrepiece for the finishers' medal by the Donegal Half Marathon Committee.

"People don't realise how much history is attached to New Mills," commented Danny, whose home is located next to the well-known tourist attraction.

"It was the hub of Glenswilly back in the day. Friday was always the big day at the mill as it was shopping day - a bit like how the people from the area come to Kernan's at Tullygay now. As I child, I can remember the corn mill and the big water wheel which is quite amazing. Anybody that is

coming to the area should pay it a visit, because the history of the mill is unbelievable," the double Olympian added.

The Donegal Half Marathon Committee has been working closely with Fáilte Ireland to highlight iconic sites along the Wild Atlantic Way in Donegal. Over the last three years, Malin Head, Sliabh Liag and Fanad Lighthouse have been on the t-shirts and medals.

"We've developed a great partnership with Fáilte Ireland with the aim of promoting the various signature points along the Wild Atlantic Way in our own county. It's something different and provides those taking part in the event with a collectors' item," Danny said.

This year's race takes place on Sunday, August 25th in Letterkenny at 9.20 am, with headquarters based at the Aura Leisure Centre.

To enter, <https://eventmaster.ie/event/9qPqh-w5HWJ>

the Gaeil Fhánada Colour Fun Run in conjunction with the Fanad Festival. Well done to Darragh McElwaine who was the first male home, and to Eva Blaney, the first female over the line. Comhghairdeas also to Darragh Wilson who was the first primary school student to cross the line. Thanks to the Fanad Festival Committee, and all our participants. Buíochas also goes to Shiels Bus Hire who sponsored the spot prizes for the race.

### Comórtas Caisleán Gainimh

Bhí ócáid dheas ag Traigh Din ar an Aoine nuair a bhí Comórtas Caisleán Gainimh ar siúl. Bhí Gaeil Fhánada ag comhoibriú le Gaeltacht Bheo Fhánada chun an ócáid a reáchtáil mar chuid d'Fhéile Fhánada 2024.

Cé nach raibh tuar na haimsire ró-dhearfach don tréimhse ama a bhí i gceist, bhí an t-ádh orainn sa deireadh agus níor chuir an cith fearthainne amháin a thit isteach ar dhuine ar bith agus iad dírithe ar a gcuid oibre.

Bhí caisleán d'ard chaighdeán le feiceáil in achán áit i ndiaidh uair a chloig agus ní raibh sé furasta na buaiteoirí a roghnú. Ar mhuíochas le Clare Ní Fhríl, imreoir Ghaeil Fhánada agus Dún na nGall, a bhí ansin mar mholtóir don chomórtas. Go raibh míle maith agat, Clare as a bheith i láthair. Bhí Coiste Gaeilge Ghaeil Fhánada thar a bheith sásta a bheith páirteach agus duaiseana a bhronnadh orthu siúd a rinne sár-iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt agus iad ag tógáil na caisleáin inné. Maith sibh uilig a bhí i láthair, bhí sé iontach scoth na Gaeilge a chloisteáil agus cruthaíocht dochreidte a fheiceáil, idir pháistí agus daoine fásta. Tá moladh mór tuillte agaibh uilig!

### Ciorcal Comhrá

Beidh Ciorcal comhrá agus seisiún ceoil ar siúl arís ar an Déardaoin sa Lighthouse Tavern ag 8 a chlog. Is deis iontach é seo do chúpla focal a chleachtadh agus píosa ceoil a chloisteáil ag an am céanna.



The St. Eunan's squad and management after winning the Division 4 league final in O'Donnell Park on Saturday. The defeated Naomh Conaill in the decider 2-13 to 1-11 and Mary Coughlan presented the cup.

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Monday 19th Aug - **Hogg Show & Sale** 7pm  
Wed 21st Aug - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am  
Wed 28th Aug - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

**Annual General Meeting**  
Monday 12th August at 8pm  
in Mulroy Woods Hotel.

**Rathmullan Cup**  
**Final on Friday night**  
Hosts Rathmullan Celtic and Kilmacrennan Celtic will contest the Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup Final this Friday the 9th of August at the Flagpole. Rathmullan defeated Over the Hill while Kilmac overcame Kerrykeel. The final will kick-off at 7.30

**Illness impacts**  
**McGing's Olympics**  
There was huge disappointment for Ciara McGing on Monday morning in the 10m Platform diving event at the Paris Olympics. Ciara's preparations had been thrown into turmoil over the previous 48 hours due to an illness that saw her being put on an intravenous drip for a period. Indeed the young woman with strong family ties in Rathmullan was close to having to pull out at a stage. Fortunately by Monday morning she felt well enough to take her place but clearly wasn't near her best because of that sickness

ordeal. 22-year-old Ciara McGing's late grandmother Pam was a member of the Sheridan family from Market Square in Rathmullan. Ciara, who was a Team Ireland member, had realised her Olympic dream after missing out on the Tokyo Games. She has grown up enjoying holidays in the Rathmullan seaside village, Her grandmother the late Pam Finney resided in England and that's where Ciara was born. She declared for Ireland six years ago and has been part of an elite Irish diving squad competing at numerous international events while based at college in the USA.

**Letterkenny RFC gears up for new season**  
Letterkenny Rugby Club's Firsts are starting preparations for the new season in Qualifying 2 with upcoming friendly fixtures. The first is a home game against Lurgan at Dave Gallaher Park this Saturday afternoon. The Kenny First will then travel to play Castlebar on Saturday week the 17th of August. The first competitive

game in Qualifying 2 is away to Carrick on Saturday, 31st of August. The opening home fixture in the league is against CYMS on Saturday, 7th of September.

**Griffin at Golf Home Internationals**

Ryan Griffin is a member of the Irish male team for the R&A Women's and Men's Home Internationals taking place in Scotland this week. The action got underway on Wednesday at Murcar Links and concludes on Friday. There was big disappointment just a fortnight ago for the Convoy man Ryan who has played his Senior Cup and Barton Shield golf in Rosapenna. After two excellent days golf the Ballybofey & Stranorlar Club member was forced to withdraw from the South of Ireland Amateur Open due to a back injury sustained after a fall at Lahinch. Griffin is joined on the team by Paul Coughlan (Castletknock), Hugh Foley (Royal Dublin), Thomas Higgins (Roscommon), Josh Hill (Galgorm Castle) and Luke O'Neill (Connemara).

**Cranford AC News**

Silver for Giles at the Under 23 Nationals Aoiife was our only athlete to compete on Saturday in Tullamore at the Under 23, in the weight for Distance event and earning herself a well deserved silver medal. This is a new event for Aoiife. Great to see club members trying out new events, well done Aoiife we at the club are proud of you.

**Big Beach Clean 2024**

Registrations are now open for the Big Beach Clean 2024. Clean Coasts are asking people to register to join the campaign. From September 20th to 22nd, volunteers across the country will gather to contribute to a global effort to combat marine litter. In 2023, over 400 groups registered to host a clean-up, with 7,700 Clean Coasts volunteers removing a staggering 46 tonnes of litter all across the country. After signing up, participants will receive everything they need to conduct a successful beach clean and carry out a marine litter survey, by filling in the Marine Litter Data Cards or using the Clean Swell App. As part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, individual and group efforts in Ireland will have far-reaching effects, contributing to global data and influencing environmental policies worldwide. For more information and to register visit [www.cleancoasts.org](http://www.cleancoasts.org).



Prizewinners at the Sandcastle Competition organised by Gaeltacht Bheo Fhánada and Gaeil Fhánada as part of Féile Fhánada 2024. Winners of the 'Comórtas Caisleán Gainimh' on the White Shore. Included in the photos are Roisín Ní Cheallacháin, Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr, Maggie Friel, Gaeil Fhánada, and Gaeil Fhánada and Donegal Ladies County Player Clare Friel, Judge of the Competition



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**Conserve water**  
Uisce Éireann is continuing to experience high levels of demand in the Letterkenny area and has called on customers to conserve water and protect supply. The surge in demand for water supply has affected reservoir levels with some customers experiencing outages and low pressure. As a result, homes and businesses are being asked to be mindful of their water usage to allow supply to catch up with demand and enable reservoirs to fully replenish. "We are appealing to customers in the Letterkenny area to conserve water to give the reservoirs time to replenish. Any reduction that customers can make in their usage can result in significant supply improvements for all customers."

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