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Fine Gael top post goes to Olwyn Enright

Olywn Enright has been appointed Fine Gael's Director of Organisation by the Taoiseach and the decision gives a new urgency to Fine Gael's plans for an early election.

By John McAteer

The party has also confirmed that September 22nd is the final deadline for their selection conventions in the 43 constituencies.

Enright, who was a TD for nine years, will hold one of the most powerful posts in the FG headquarters structure and the responsibilities will include election planning and campaign strategy. She will have control of driving the organisation as they prepare to ramp up their general election campaign.

She will also be responsible for candidate strategy and among her first challenges will be to field two strong people in a bid to retain her

husband Joe McHugh's seat. He's among seventeen FG deputies not contesting the general election in the Autumn. And this week the disability rights advocate Nikki Bradley has been appointed a Senator by the Taoiseach. She lives in Milford and could be in the frame as a candidate.

However, M/s Bradley told the Tribune seven months ago that she would not be running for FG in the general election, but she would not mind playing a role as a backroom worker.

She denied speculation that she was approached by them to run in the general election.

Last week, the FG regional organiser, John Lohan was in Donegal to meet Cllrs and members of the executive.



Former Laois-Offaly TD Olywn Enright.

We understand the name of John McNulty from Kildare is the favourite choice of the grassroots to contest the election. Therefore there was a sense of disbelief that Simon Harris had appointed Bradley without prior consultation within the constituency. "We were left totally in the dark," one member said.

Fine Gael is riding high in the opinion polls right now and the big challenge facing Olwyn Enright

is to build on their local election percentages and win extra seats in a number of key constituencies in Dublin and in rural Ireland. Fine Gael's ratings in the local elections were highly satisfactory: that's apart from Donegal where they shipped 5,200 votes in a campaign where they

urgently needed to increase their number of Council seats and boost their vote going into the election.

M/s Enright will know the Donegal FG heartland very well and all its shortcomings, given that her home is in Carrigart for more than decade.

Sources told the Tribune that holding the FG seat will be a major priority for her and it will be top of her agenda.

She will work with

the team in Headquarters including General Secretary, John Carroll with the Taoiseach's office.

It is more than ten years since this top post in FG was vacated by Frank Flannery who said his involvement with Fine Gael related only to electoral strategy and organisation and he had no role in advising the government.

A Rehab director and Fine Gael election strategist, Flannery resigned from both jobs in March 2014.

The announcement came after controversy about calls for him to appear before the Dail Public Accounts Committee to answer questions about pay, pensions and other perks at the disabled services charity, Rehab.

Simon Harris told last week's parliamentary party meeting of his intentions to appoint a director of organisation.

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Sarah Doherty from Kinnelargey, Downings with the letter of congratulations from President Michael D. Higgins as she celebrated her 106th birthday in the Lakehouse Nursing Home in Portnablagh on Saturday. Photo by Moses Alcorn.

Donal 'Mandy' to contest FF convention

Cllr Donal 'Mandy' Kelly has confirmed that he will be putting his name forward as a nominee for the Fianna Fail convention as the country waits patiently on the Government to announce a date for the General Election.

By Declan Kerr

Cllr Kelly said: "It's 14 years since Letterkenny had a TD so that's why I am allowing my name to go forward. I just think the time is right for me to seek the nomination."

His decision to throw his name into the hat might be



a surprise to some but his poll topping performance in the County Council elections has definitely given him a solid platform to be a candidate.

The Glenswilly based public representative was elected on the first count with 1,791 votes. It

was his first time to go before the electorate having been co-opted onto the Council in September 2020.

Apart from the success of the 100% Redress Party, Cllr. Kelly's strong showing was one of the big stories of the local elections in Donegal.

Cllr Kelly said that even be-

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Fr. Michael McKeever PP pictured with the combined choirs of Glendowan, Termon and Kilmacrennan at a Mass to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination on Friday in St. Colmcille's Church.

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Portsalon Pier not officially open... but let's jump



"Portsalon Pier is not officially opened." So said Cllr. Liam Blaney this week in response to reports that juveniles and teenagers were 'pier jumping' to their heart's content at the weekend.

The pier works are now a year old having originally being scheduled for completion at the end of last October (2023); then it was Christ-

mas (2023) followed by a new deadline in late March (2024) and then the May bank holiday weekend (2024) ...

Our picture taken on Monday afternoon shows a level of construction work ongoing. It is now reported that all the construction materials will be gone for this weekend. Parents of juveniles contacted the

Tribune at the weekend about how the pier could be open when so much work remained to be completed.

Liam Blaney said the pier is not opened officially.

"The decking and other work was not finished last weekend and it should not have been opened to the public. The contractor has not

handed over the completed work documents to the Council and it cannot open while that is ongoing," he said.

The Tribune sought a response from the Council in relation to the status of the pier opening and there was no response as we went to press.

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It is reported that Enright was chosen ahead of Phil Hogan and Lucinda Creighton.

The news of her promotion to the top of FG administration will cause more than a few ripples here in Donegal where their dismal local elections performance resonates strongly. And it is a source of serious concern amid reports that the branch infrastructure of the party has virtually stopped functioning.

Card-carrying members of the party who've stopped attending FG's executive meetings in recent years say their views were tossed aside as if they meant nothing; therefore they left. However, there is a whole new interest among those supporters who want a totally new constituency executive put in place: this is seen as a first step in the party's recovery in Donegal.

Olwyn Enright is a solicitor and quit the seat of her family dynasty in 2011 for family reasons. Later she was successfully involved in communications and public affairs.

After three years as a Cllr. in Offaly, she was elected to the Dail in 2002 and was returned at every election until her decision to step away



New Fine Gael Senator Nikki Bradley from Milford and Donegal Ladies GAA Manager John McNulty, Kilcar who are expected to be the Fine Gael candidates in the next General Election.

from politics at the 2011 general election. She graduated from UCD with a Bachelor of Civil Law in 1995. She attended the Law Society of Ireland in Blackhall Place, Dublin, qualifying as a solicitor in 1999.

She was first elected to Dail Eireann at the 2002 general election, becoming the first female TD to represent the Laois-Offaly constituency. Within her first few weeks in the Dail she was appointed Fine Gael Spokesperson for Education and Science.

Enright retained her seat in Laois-Offaly in 2007 and was party Spokesperson on Social and Family Affairs from 2007 to 2010. In 2010, she supported Richard Bruton's leadership challenge on the leadership of Enda Kenny.

Following Kenny's victory in a motion of confidence, Enright was not reappointed to the front bench.

But now she's back in the fold. And outside of party politics, she's seen as the most influential figure in the party and close to the ear of Simon Harris.

Nikki Bradley's election to the Seanad has been welcomed. She was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare bone cancer, in 2002, when she was aged just 16. She is an amputee and has had two hip replacements.

Ms Bradley has worked with some of Ireland's leading disability organisations such as Active Disability Ireland, The Disabled Drivers Association, of which she is a board member, and The No Barriers Foundation.

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Pilgrimage to Matt Talbot Shrine

A pilgrimage to the Shrine of Matt Talbot will take place on Sunday the 14th of July. Busses will leave Kilmacrennan and Ballybofey/Raphoe. Anyone interested in booking a seat please contact Brid Toner on 087 1200242 (Ballybofey/Raphoe) or Caroline Dorrian on 087 6223036 (Kilmacrennan). The cost of the pilgrimage including refreshments is €50 per person.

Badger TB spread concerns - McClafferty



Concerns about the potential spread of Tuberculosis from badgers has been raised by Cllr Michael McClafferty.

The Glenties area cllr said not only do badgers pose a risk to spreading the disease among cattle, they also can pose a danger to motorists. Cllr Michael McClafferty said the dangers that Badgers can cause for cattle farmers must be recognised.

He stated: "Due to the increase of TB locally in the Glenties area for cattle farmers, it can have a huge knock on effect such as being unable to sell until the herd becomes clear. Sometimes this can be drawn out causing huge stress on all including the cows when it happens. When I see badgers getting knocked down it highlights another danger for our motorists. These boys would wreck a car as they are built like tanks but the public need to be aware that in no circumstances are these animals pets. They are dangerous and once I see them close to towns that's alarming. Drinking bowls and the like should be at least 30 inches high to avoid badgers washing themselves in the bowls or worse urinating either causing TB to spread locally."

Party in the park

The popular youth event Party in the Park this summer for its 18th year. This year's event in collaboration with Earagail Arts Festival will be bigger and better than ever and will take place on Friday the 26th of July from 12-6pm in the Letterkenny Bernard McGlinchey town park. As always, entry is free so mark your diaries and bring the whole family for a fantastic fun day out. This amazing event will have something for all ages including live music from young bands and solo artists, art workshops, festival face painting, sports activities and intercultural dance performances.

The Party in the Park has been an invaluable creative platform for our local youth having showcased promising young talent throughout the years. Many famous performers who began their musical journey at Donegal Youth Service's 'Party in the Park' have proceeded to acquire successful recording contracts including members of Fontaines DC, The Murder Capital, In Their Thousands, Phat Kidz and Eve Belle! Popular local band 'The Ephades' will be returning to the stage for the third consecutive year claiming "Party in the Park is where it is all started for us and we are very grateful to the Service for this amazing opportunity".

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fore all that took place last month his intention was to seek a nomination for the General Election. "Even before the County Council elections it was in my mind to put my name forward for the General Election. I had people contacting me about it at that time. The vote I got in the Council election has given me great encouragement and there have been a lot more calls from supporters and members of the business community to seek a nomination. I am doing that now. The nominations close on Monday and we'll see where it goes from there," Cllr Kelly said.

His brother the late Manus Kelly had won the seat for Fianna Fail in May 2019 but just a month later tragically lost life while competing in the Donegal International Rally. Donal Kelly Snr was co-opted to the Council to take over from his son in November 2019. Donal Kelly Jnr

was co-opted to the seat in September 2020 after his father decided to step down. He adapted to political life very quickly, learning how local government works and establishing good relationships with officials.

Cllr Kelly is regarded as a very diligent local public representative who is well known for his determination in trying to address a wide range of issues on behalf of his constituents. He has also been a very generous contributor to local community organisations and charitable causes. There is a very strong family history of politics on his mother Jacqueline's side of the family. She is the sister of the late Jim Lynch was an Independent Fianna Fail and late an Independent Cllr on Letterkenny Town Council.

Cllr. Donal 'Mandy' Kelly is also noted for his high attendance record at public events across the Letterkenny and Milford areas. He was the Mayor of the Municipal District in the year

2022/2023. He says the general Letterkenny area needs its own TD. Dr. James McDaid was the last to fill that role from 1989 to 2010.

"It's 14 years since Letterkenny has had a TD so that's why I am allowing my name to go forward. I just think the time is right for me to seek the nomination." While no names will be confirmed until after nominations close on Monday, sitting Fianna Fail Deputy and Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue is expected to be there while Cllr Michael Naughton who topped the poll in the Donegal electoral area is another man with a strong mandate to be in there.

Donal 'Mandy' Kelly combines his career as a Cllr along with working a cattle and sheep farming enterprise in Glenswilly. He's a loyal GAA follower of his local team in the Glen and will be in Croke Park on Sunday to support Donegal in the big All-Ireland semi-final against Galway. Married to Aislinn the couple have one son, Donal.

Mountain Top shop changes hands

Tuesday saw the end of Máirtín Kelly's 13 years as the managing director of Kellys Centra at the Mountain Top. The Galway native has handed over the keys to Des and Martha Cosgrove who also own a Centra store in Maugheraboy, Sligo. Máirtín and his wife Angie (née Daid) a native of Glenswilly, said that after much reflection and consideration, they decided it was time for them to close this chapter in their lives. The Kellys are happy that the business will remain at the centre of the community for many more years to come with staff who will continue to provide exceptional service and a welcoming experience. "I wanted to take this moment to express my deepest gratitude to my staff for their loyal and unwavering support over the past 13 years. It has been an incredible journey serving the community and working alongside such brilliant people, winning many accolades and awards along the way. My wife, children, and I are truly grateful for the support, laughs, and exceptional effort our staff has given us in this time. Their contributions have been instrumental in the success of our business, and it has been a privilege to have worked alongside such a dedicated and talented team. As we now transition into new opportunities, we carry with us the fondest memories of our time serving the community, working with the other great businesses at the Mountain Top and the profound impact each of you has had on our lives. I'd like to also thank our suppliers. Without you we couldn't deliver the great products we served everyday. We want to ex-

press our gratitude to our loyal customers who shopped and dined with us and for all your support over the last 13 years, we are truly grateful to you. Finally, we would like to wish Des and Martha Cosgrove the new retailer's continued success at the Mountain Top in their future plans, I've no doubt they will continue to grow and improve the business." The 7th of September 2011 is a date that Máirtín Kelly will never forget as he made the huge career decision to take over the convenience store at the Mountain Top. The business was not in a good place but Mairtin and his wife Angie had the courage and the vision to take on the challenge in the midst of the economic crash. They have transformed the business into one of the top retail outlets in the North West. In 2021 Kellys Centra Mountain Top celebrated ten years serving a huge customer base. Máirtín and Angie had been the fourth owners of the Mountain Top store which was first opened in 2002 by the Blaney family. The other owners were Jason Black and Michael Doherty. Máirtín has worked in the retail sector for over 30 years. A native of Ballinasloe, Co. Galway he started

in the sector at 16 and two years later became a trainee manager with Quinnsnorth. At the age of 21 he was the youngest Superval manager in the country. Later he took up a post with Musgraves overseeing the running of 22 of its stores in the Northwest. Then in 2011 the biggest opportunity of his career came on the radar when the Mountain Top shop was seeking a new owner. For a man with his extensive retail experience it was the ideal time to make the move and exploit the potential of an outlet in a great location. So on September 7th 2011 Máirtín and Angie officially took over the business. In the middle of the country's economic collapse the Kellys set out their vision for the business going forward. It was an ambitious plan that crucially required the buy-in of the staff. The first major upgrade of the store came in 2013 and stretched for five months between January and May. There have been six more revamps since and in total there has been around €1.7 million spent over the last 10 years. In 2015 Kellys won the national Centra award. At the time they were the first and only store in Donegal to do so. There have also

been loads of other awards like employee of year and chamber awards. Similar to so many businesses there were very tough times due to Covid resulting in staff numbers going down but things have gradually returned towards the pre-pandemic figure of around 100. Since taking over in 2011 there has been a series of significant additions including the indoor diner, provision of the parcel collection point, laundry units, the off-license, new deli choices, the ATM, check-out self-service machines and the Big Scoop Ice Cream in the restaurant. There have also been upgrades to the comprehensive fuel service delivery on the forecourt.

Máirtín Kelly is also proud of the huge pay-back from the Centra Shop's engagement in community projects including sponsoring the Termon GAA Minor Board, the Letterkenny Rovers U11 and U12 sides. Others that they have supported down the years would include the Donegal Hospice, Donegal Down Syndrome, the Donegal Women's Centre, Temple Street Children's Hospital, the Pink Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Awareness month and Lee Gooch's Noah bed push.



Máirtín and Angie Kelly with staff of Kelly's Centra.

An Grianán seek memorabilia for anniversary event



Local acting legends Aussie Bryson and Jack Quinn in An Grianán Theatre's November 1999 production of Brian Friel's *Translations*, one of the first shows performed at An Grianán. Photo by the late Dermot Donoghue.

An Grianán Theatre in Letterkenny is celebrating its 25th anniversary this autumn with a special exhibition of memories and memorabilia and they are seeking contributions from the public.

They are asking the public if they have any memorabilia or stories they can share from the last quarter of a century. They ask if you were in a show, have any photos to share or a bite-sized memory of a show you saw and loved then they would love to hear from you.

You can call in to talk to An Grianán's box office staff Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Or if it's a digital image or story you want to share by email you can send that to boxoffice@angrianan.com. Please be sure to note that your contributions may be included in the exhibition and be on public display. The deadline for submissions is the 3rd August - see angrianan.com for more.

Sli Cholmcille

Bookings are now open for SLÍ CHOLMCILLE (2024) 7 days fully guided Walking Pilgrimage in the footsteps of the saint to Gartán (including Tory Island) from 21st-28th July. For further information visit runai@slicholmcille.org or telephone 00353 877971642.

New RTÉ NW correspondent

RTÉ have announced the appointment of Donegal journalist, Shane Ó Curraighín, as their Northwest Correspondent. He will take up the post in August and fills the post left following the retirement of long serving correspondent Eileen Magnier.



Shane is from Teelin in the south west of the county and currently lives in Donegal Town with his wife and baby daughter.

He will be reporting and providing analysis across the RTÉ News platforms in the Northwest region including all of Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo.

He said: "As somebody who grew up in the region, I am delighted to be taking up the role of NW Correspondent. I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to continue the great work that Eileen Magnier did over the past four decades. I'm looking forward to covering the stories that matter to the people of Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo."

Ó Curraighín joined RTÉ as a multimedia journalist in 2016, reporting across television, radio and digital platforms including 7LÁ, Nuacht RTÉ, Nuacht TG4, RTÉ News and RTÉ Online.

He began his broadcasting career as an intern in Nuacht RTÉ/TG4 while undertaking an undergraduate degree.

He was nominated three times for Gradaim Chumarsáide an Oireachtais, Journalist of the Year Award.

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Nobody could accuse Paisley of being humble

The (British) General Election in the North was low-key. There was a record low poll.

Then high drama exploded from nowhere. I did not see the DUP losing three seats. Nor did I foresee Alliance losing one, then winning one.

The most spectacular result was North Antrim. Ian 'Baby Doc' Paisley lost his seat. First his father, then he, had held the seat for 54 years.

Baby Doc was controversial. He received the longest suspension of recent times from the British Parliament. This was for failing to declare free holidays from the Sri Lankan government. He was found taking one holiday. So he proceeded to take another one.

Earlier, he had been forced to resign as a Junior Minister in the North's Executive. This was because of his dealings with a property developer in his constituency.

Nobody could accuse Baby Doc of being humble. I always thought he would run out of road, I never thought it would come so quickly. Or that his fall would be so spectacular.

Jim Allister of the Traditional Unionist Vote defeated him. Allister is opposed to Sinn Féin in the Executive. He is certainly hard-line. His political opponents agree he is straight. There has never been a question over his probity.

His political views are certainly not mine. He will, though, be missed from the Assembly. He forensically questioned the Executive. His former colleagues in the DUP were particular targets. The Westminster Parliament will not give him that space.

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The DUP lost North Antrim to a candidate to their right. The other two were candidates to their left. Former Health Minister Robin Swann took South Antrim. Swann was seen as having done well during Covid. He has succeeded in a difficult task. He is popular across all communities. The sitting DUP MP was Paul Girvan. He was seen as 'old DUP'.

The DUP also lost Lagan Valley. That was Jeffrey Donaldson's old seat. The former party leader facing sex abuse charges is not the best start to an election campaign. Donaldson has not been convicted. Whatever people think of him, he has the right to be presumed innocent. Sorcha Eastwood of Alliance took the seat. Lagan Valley would be seen as having a clear Protestant majority. It has, for all that, elected a Catholic woman.

The DUP came close to losing two further seats. East Derry was nearly lost to Sinn Féin. Boundary changes played a big part there. The constituency has taken in another Nationalist area. The sitting MP is Gregory Campbell. He is one of the DUP's traditional big beasts.

Sammy Wilson was the other big beast who came close to losing. Alliance ran him close, with the Ulster Unionists (UUP) not that far behind. Wilson, like Baby Doc, often behaved as an Independent MP.

The DUP can point to party leader Gavin Robinson holding East

Belfast. He beat Alliance's Naomi Long at her own game. His campaign said he was about making the North work, while being strong on the Union.

On the other hand, Carla Lockhart increased her majority in Upper Bann (basically the Northern part of Armagh and a slice of Down). Lockhart is very much a hardliner and traditionalist. In this election the DUP lost 8.5%.

Whatever, the DUP is now the second-largest party in terms of seats at Westminster. That's a far cry from recent times. Back then they had 10 seats. They felt they held the balance of power in Westminster. To stay in office the Conservative Government did a deal with them. Robinson has steadied that ship. We don't yet know if he can move it forward.

Sinn Féin would be North's largest party at Westminster if they went there. They stood aside in three seats. (Their vote in two was small, and squeezed in the third). Their vote increased by 4.2%.

Of course, the Northern vote is different. Here it's about community background. Sinn Féin is a party of Government.

They needed to hold Fermanagh and South Tyrone. Pat Cullen, former head of the Royal College of Nursing, had been brought in as a high-profile candidate. I expected her to win. I didn't expect her to win as well as she did. Her majority was over 4,500.

The result in East Derry was spectacular. The DUP's Gregory Campbell only held the seat by 179 votes over Sinn Féin's Kathleen McGurk. Boundary changes helped Sinn Féin. However, the total Unionist vote was 1,651 ahead of the total Nationalist vote. Clearly the constituency is getting tighter. Demographics still favour Unionism, if narrowing.

The result in Foyle was more significant. SDLP leader Colm Eastwood held the seat. However, his majority was reduced to 4,000 from 17,000. Sinn Féin has consolidated gains elsewhere. There is no doubt they will be coming after Eastwood at the next General Election.

The SDLP is continuing to decline. The vote fell 3.8% compared to five years ago. That was despite fighting all 18 seats. The result in Fermanagh and South Tyrone was significant. The constituency is, historically, one of the powerhouses of Nationalism. The Alliance candidate ran no real campaign I heard of. He still finished ahead of the SDLP.

As to Alliance, the result was mixed. They gained one seat, and lost an-



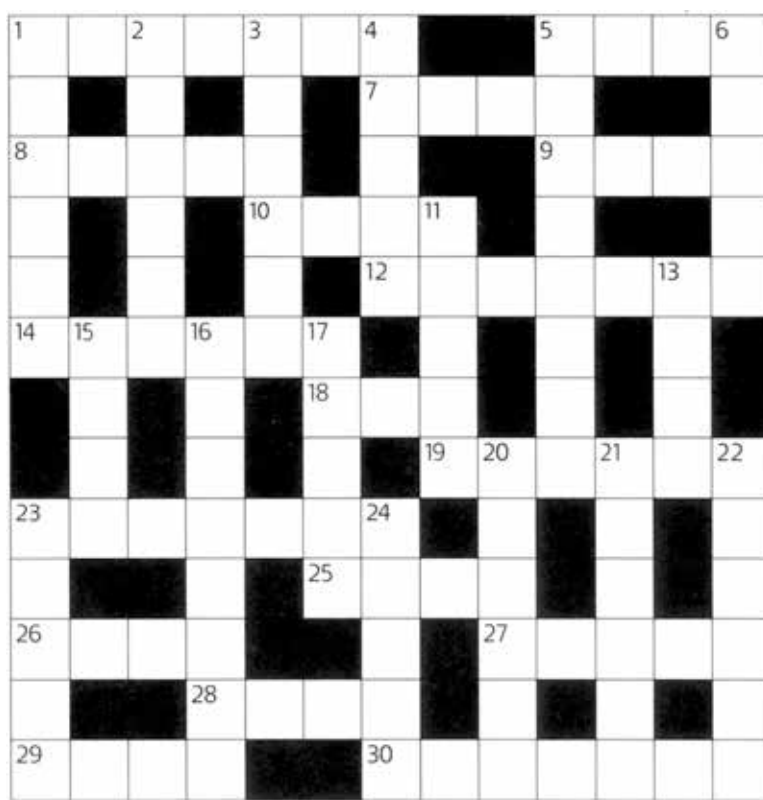
By Anton McCabe

other. Elections under Proportional Representation suit them best. This wasn't one. However, they seem to have stalled. The vote was down 2%. They need to build some momentum again.

As to others, the TUV took a seat. But they only polled less than one-third of the DUP vote. They won't go away. Equally, there is no big sign of a breakthrough.

In Britain, Labour won a majority. However, Starmer polled half a million fewer votes than Jeremy Corbyn did in 2019. Corbyn himself must know something about winning elections. He retained his seat as an independent.

Tribune Crossword No. 1072



Across

- 1. Government of states (7)
- 5. Lodgings (4)
- 7. State (4)
- 8. Needs (5)
- 9. Legendary Greek hero (4)
- 10. Famous Frenchwoman, _____ Chanel (4)
- 12. Arrogant (7)
- 14. Spanish rice dish (6)
- 18. Female deer (3)
- 19. Oil-yielding seed (6)
- 23. Tropical fever (7)
- 25. Rank (4)
- 26. Pith helmet (4)
- 27. Willow twig (4)
- 28. Wise old man (4)
- 29. Blackthorn fruit (4)

30. Invent (5,2)

Down

- 1. Stimulus (6)
- 2. Resolve (6)
- 3. Scallywag (6)
- 4. Coniferous tree (5)
- 5. Board game (8)
- 6. Roman number LX (5)
- 11. Hall and _____, US singing duo (5)
- 13. Harness together (4)
- 15. Site of the Taj Mahal (4)
- 16. Make lawful (8)
- 17. Confess (5)
- 20. Continent (6)
- 21. Roman courtyard (6)
- 22. Inveigle (6)
- 23. School subject (5)
- 24. Ventilated (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1071

Across 1. Aspic, 4. Pluck, 10. Monet, 11. Arsenic, 12. Emigrate, 13. Iran, 15. Tripod, 17. Mellow, 19. Nest, 20. Terrible, 23. Needing, 24. Prong, 25. Added, 26. Andes. Down 2. Sunni, 3. Interpol, 5. Lush, 6. Control, 7. Impertinent, 8. Nasty, 9 Acknowledge, 14. Ter-
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Monsignor Kevin Gillespie celebrated 25 years in the priesthood with a silver jubilee Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Thursday night. Fr. Kevin is pictured here with Bishop Philip Boyce who ordained him in 1999.



Uda Friel and Kathleen Gallagher.



Sue McGlynn and Bernadette McGlynn.



Michael McCloskey, James Kenny and Brian Grant helping out at Monsignor Gillespie's silver jubilee Mass on Thursday night



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Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the late Mary Durning, Newmill Road, Ramelton who sadly passed on Monday. A very well known member of the local community, Mary's funeral takes place this Thursday in St. Mary's Church with Requiem Mass at 11am.

Swilly Rovers Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers Lotto on Saturday were 2, 10, 15 and 22. No jackpot winner. No 3 number winner. This week's jackpot is €725. Thanks for your continued support.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 13th July. We have new baker's at our market call in on Saturday and sample the goodies.

Get your orders in for the weekend from our

food producers on 087 9699715.

Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, woodturning and more. Meet up with family and friends at our Cosy Tearoom for a tea/coffee and maybe a delicious Cheese Toastie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

Ramelton Tennis

A 5-week course of Wednesday tennis coaching

sessions commenced on July 3rd at the new times of 2pm for under 10's and 3pm for 10's and over. All equipment provided. The total fee for 5 one-hour lessons is €20 per junior. Contact Mary at 087 9773957 for further information.

Soccer Camp

Swilly Rovers will host the FAI Summer Camp at Swilly Park from the 22nd of July to the 26th of July. Daily from 10am to 1pm. Book your spot early in the FAI football Camps website.

Ramelton SVP

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

New Yoga Class for beginners

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

Crochet and knitting craft group

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

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

Little Ballers

The Little Ballers Toddler Football continues

A new novel by author, John Norry Quinn, called 'From Ramelton to Clydebank' will be launched during the annual Lennon Festival this weekend.

A historically inspired novel, it explores the long standing links between the two areas and the well worn path many have taken across the Irish sea over many years.

It is the first part of a series of books penned by John in recent years. From Ramelton to Clydebank gets its Donegal launch this Saturday, July 13th, in McFadden's Shop at 4.30pm and all are welcome.

John will be on hand for the launch event that is part of the annual Lennon Festival programme.

With strong family ties to Ramelton John explains he was inspired by the characters and places he discovered during his frequent trips to Donegal throughout his life.

His father, Eugene, served on the Lennon festival committee in the past and was also involved in the Ramelton/Clydebank committee, which held many memorable events before it ended.

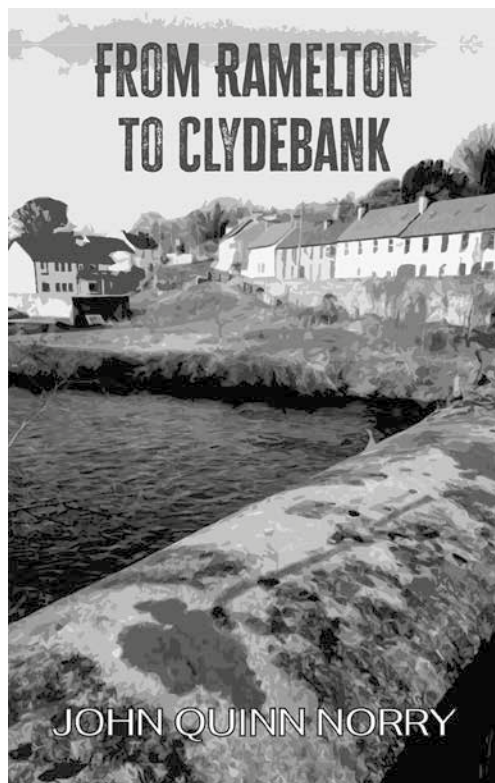
He told the Tribune: "My family are from Ramelton and my father, Eugene Norry was a former treasurer of the festival committee. I've always come over and back to Ramelton over the years on holiday and during that time I got to know the places and characters. Also, my grandmother would tell me stories over the

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

Crochet class started

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

Ramelton's Clydebank connections feature in new book



years about the place and I always fancied writing, so I'd memories these stories and then write them down. I've used some of these stories as backdrops for my fictional stories."

He added: "Although it is fiction, much of it is based on factual information as well. I traced it from my grandmother's experience from the hiring fairs. I even remember meeting an old lady who had met a famine victim from a long time ago. The man lived until he was almost 100, so I managed to glean some information from her and then I just expanded it with my imagination."

John's latest publication tells the story of Unity Carey and Garvan Byrne who were born in Donegal in 1907 when "the haze of poverty hung heavily over Ireland".

This post-famine landscape shapes the characters and when they married and inherited a small farm that was worked to transform only for it to be secretly sold and the money squandered thus forcing the family to seek a better life in Scotland.

This storyline has been developed by John over a number of years and says he has completed nine stories in the series and he hopes to release further volumes next year.

This new book will be available in McFadden's in Ramelton as well as Bookmark in Letterkeny.

Lennon Festival Opened



Maire Brennan of Clanad opening the Lennon Festival with President Anthony McCahill on Thursday evening.



Colette Boyce making a presentation to last year's Festival Queen Aine Docherty on Thursday evening.



Pictured at Ramelton Tennis Club enjoying an introduction to tennis are a group of LUH Sports and Social club members. Left to right Rachael Stilvern, Marie Sweeney, Anita Cavanagh and Aoife O'Donnell.



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in the Craoibhin Centre on Tuesday 20th August 2024

at 7:00pm. Everyone welcome

Appeal after caravan stolen and burned out

A garda appeal is underway following the theft of a Magheroarty based watersports company's storage caravan and equipment. The small blue vintage caravan was a familiar fixture on Magheroarty pier in recent years and was where the Selkie Sailing watersports company kept thousands of euros of surfing equipment and wetsuits that they had for hire.

The company stated on social media earlier this week: "Sad news about our little vintage



caravan was stolen from Magheroarty pier. We kept our surfboards and bodyboards there for the past couple of years. The local community has been very helpful and we appreciate the kindness. It was burnt out at the side of the road, it's a financial 'loss' that we might not be able to recover. It's disappointing. If anyone has any information we would like to

hear from you." Gardai said they are appealing for information in relation to the theft of a 14ft blue/white caravan that was stolen from Magheroarty Pier between 4pm on Sunday the 23rd of June and 9am on Monday the 24th of June. The caravan contained 14 surfboards, 2 wetsuits and 10 bodyboards. The caravan was later located burnt out in a field at Ardsbeg, Gortahork. They ask if anybody can offer any relevant information to contact Milford Garda Station on 074-9153060 or Garda Confidential line on 1800 666 111.



Crab fishing at the Ramelton Festival along the Quay on Tuesday evening. Photo by Joanne Kearney.



Ramelton's Thomas Ferguson, a very young bee keeper at 5 years of age helping his dad and grandad with High Cairn local honey. During his busy summer he also caught his first trout this week.



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Lady Captains Day at Rosapenna GC

Lady Captains Day

Mrs Suzanne Gallagher held her 2024 Lady Captains Day on Saturday July 6th and had a huge turnout of Lady Members on the day. The ladies played the Old Tom Morris Links with the Captains Prize being captured by Carmel Barry (12) with a fantastic score of 39pts. The runner up was Veronica Dowds (22) with 37pts. The gross prize was won by Claire Lenny (16) with 22pts. Third place was Lorraine Toolan (17) with 36pts (BOT) with Brid McMenamin (23) 36pts (BOT) taking fourth spot. Category A was won by Anne McKeague (16) 34pts with Bernie Ladley (28) 36pts claiming Category B. The front nine was won by Marjorie Morrison (44) with 18pts and the back nine was won by Bernie Wilson (32) with 20pts. The Committee prize was won by Helena McBride (18) with 33pts and the Visitor prize was won by Aobhe Gallagher (38) with 33pts. The nearest the pin (7th hole) was won by Anne McKeague and the longest drive (18th hole) was won by Geraldine Hughes.

There was also a great turnout from the Gents section for Suzanne's Lady Captains Prize to the Gents which also took place on Saturday the 6th of July with the results as follows:

- 1st - Michael Kelly (9) with 38 pts
- 2nd - Micheal Bradley Snr (3) with 37 pts
- 3rd - Patrick Doherty (20) with 37 pts
- Gross - Seamus Connor (0) with 37 gross pts
- Front 9 - Garvin Toye (18) with 21 pts
- Back 9 - Joe McHugh (16) with 21 pts
- Two's - Kevin Logue, Mark Lenny, Pat Boyce, Micheal Bradley (Snr)

Many thanks to all the men that played and to everyone that gave a helping hand with the half-way hut on the day. A great night was had by all the members in the Golf Pavilion, thank you to all the members that supported the Lady Captain and her day.

Gents Section Results

- Sunday 7th July - Old Tom Morris Links
- Cat A (<12) - Barry Connor (4) with 36pts
- Cat B (13-18) - John McClafferty (15) with 36pts
- Cat C (19>) - Kieran Davis (19) with 31pts
- Gross - Luke Kelly (-2) with 34 gross pts
- Two's - Gary Ban McClafferty, Luke Kelly, Rory Kelly, Barry Connor, Seamus Connor, Shane Bionni, John McClafferty, Rod Geddes, Jon Wilson, Gerry Driver.

Terry Casey Memorial

The annual Terry Casey Memorial will take place on Saturday July 13th over 27 holes - the Sandy Hills Links + Valley nine. The top 6 nett & 2 gross will qualify from the morning 18 holes for the additional evening 9 holes. All tee times will open in the BRS App on Wednesday the 10th with the last card at 12.50pm.

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 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.

Team News

Well done to the JB Carr team who won 5-0 (6-4 overall) in the Ulster Semi final at home to Loughgall last Friday July 5th. Rosapenna will now face Rossmore in the Ulster Final with dates TBC.

Commiserations to our Ulster Cup team who lost out to Faughan Valley on Sunday last where the tie ended 3-3 and went to tie holes, losing on the 4th extra hole.

Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures:

Donegal League vs Portsalon - Home July 19th / Away July 26th.

July

- Saturday 13th - Terry Casey Memorial (27 holes)
- Sunday 14th - Club Competition
- Sunday 21st - Golfer of the Year sponsored by The Downings Bay Hotel
- Sunday 28th - Club Competition

Portsalon Golf Club

Open Week 2024

Portsalon's Open Week is now underway. Members and visitors alike can book their slots via BRS or by calling the shop on 074 9159459. The remaining events are: Fri 12th July: Open Week - Single Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Donegal

Oil Gents & Ladies; Sat 13th July: Open Week - 4 BBB Kindly Sponsored by Knockalla Caravan Park Gents & Ladies (Any combination); Sun 14th July: Open Week - Single Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Pat O'Neill Building Services Ltd Gents & Ladies; Mon 15th July: Open Week - 2 person Scramble for Donegal Hospice Charity Day (All proceeds on the day go to Donegal hospice) Gents & Ladies (Any combination); Tues 16th July: Open Week - Singles V Par Kindly Sponsored by Keating Amenities Gents & Ladies; Wed 17th July Open Week - Singles Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Patterson's Caravan Park Gents & Ladies

Team Golf

Congrats to Sean Canning and his Ulster Cup team on a gritty win over Carrickfergus GC on Sunday last. The topsy-turvy game saw Alistair Rodger and Colm McConigley picking up wins up in Antrim to give Portsalon a major foothold but, at home, two of the three matches were won by the Carrickfergus visitors, with Brian Devlin holding firm in match three to level matters. That meant a playoff, where Carrickfergus had home advantage, and it was Alistair Rodger that was tasked with trying to see things over the line.

He went into battle for a second time with Crawford McRae and the pair had a fascinating three-hole tussle. Alistair's exceptional drive on the third playoff hole heaped pressure on the home team and a leaked drive into some trees handed the Portsalon man an initiative he would refuse to give back as he won the playoff to send Portsalon through to face Faughan Valley next. A wonderfully sporting game in both venues on Sunday, Sean and team wish to extend thanks to Team Captain's Simon and Billy from Carrickfergus on their hospitality.

Club Results

- Wednesday 3rd July - Winner: Matthew McLaughlin (23) - 40 pts; Runner-up: Mark Bolton (28) - 37 pts.
- Saturday 6th July - Winner: Alfie Rodger (25) - 40 pts; Runner-up: Mark Howard (11) - 39 pts
- BOT; Gross: Dermot Shields (5) - 29 gross pts; Third: Shaun Campbell (20) - 39 pts
- Sunday 7th July - Winner: Clive Davison (11) - 44 pts; Runner-up: Kevin McFadden (23) - 42 pts; Gross: Chuck McTaggart (13) - 27 gross pts; Third: Sean Gibson (17) - 41 pts.



Rosapenna Lady Captain Suzanne Gallagher (R) presenting her Lady Captains Prize to the winner Carmel Barry



Suzanne Gallagher presenting her Lady Captains Prize runner up prize to Veronica Dowds



Suzanne Gallagher presenting her Lady Captains Prize gross prize to Claire Lenny



Suzanne Gallagher presenting her Lady Captains Prize third prize to Lorraine Toolan



Suzanne Gallagher presenting her Lady Captains Prize fourth prize to Brid McMenamin



Suzanne Gallagher presenting her Lady Captains Prize front nine prize to Marjorie Morrison.



Suzanne Gallagher presenting her Lady Captains Prize committee prize to Helena McBride.



Suzanne Gallagher presenting her Lady Captains Prize Category A prize to Anne McKeague.



Suzanne Gallagher presenting her Lady Captains Prize Category B prize to Bernie Ladley.

Four winners for Oisin Orr

Rathmullan jockey Oisin Orr had a fabulous weekend in the UK with four wins. Three were recorded at Beverley on Saturday on the 7/2 shot Uncle Don, and 10/1 Persian Blue for his own yard trainer Richard Fahey. Orr was also victorious on 5/4 favourite Little Rose for trainer William Haggas. On Sunday, Orr recorded his fourth win on 11/2 shot Regheeb at a race meet-

ing in Ayr. Letterkenny jockey Brandon Wilkie also had a winner at the weekend in Carlisle on the KR Burke-trained Classy. Wilkie had another winner last Thursday on board the 6/1 shot Royal Velvet to win for trainer William Knight in a mile race at Yarmouth. Another Letterkenny jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle landed the

opening auction series maiden at Roscommon on Tuesday of last week on the Joseph O'Brien-trained Green Triangle. His 25th winner of the season, the 8/15 favourite led over a furlong from the finish and went clear to beat Paddy Twomey's 7/2 shot Jadore Chris by four and a quarter lengths.

Aontú's Sweeney to run in General Election

Letterkenny based candidate for Aontú, Mary T Sweeney, said she will be running in the forthcoming general election when it is announced. She ran as a candidate in the local elections in June for the Letterkenny area securing 760 first preferences but missing out on a seat following a recount. The speculation is growing that the General election will be called this Autumn and she says the results the party achieved in the local and European election has boosted her ambition of representing the people of Donegal in the Dáil.

"Aontú is giving me the opportunity to provide a voice for those who feel abandoned by the main establishment parties of Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and Sinn Féin in the 'Forgotten County'. If I win, everyone wins," Mary T stated.

She said her party's foray in UK General Elections was also "a step forward for the party in the North".

Ms. Sweeney said: "Being able to stand ten candidates in the Six Counties was a threshold moment for Aontú and a sign of the party's steady growth throughout the whole island. What we have achieved in the space of a few years with limited resources and no government funding, in comparison to the established political parties, has been phenomenal. This is especially remarkable when you consider most members have never had a political party affiliation and are new to political activism. This is in the wake of last month's elections

where we contested every Irish and European constituency and received over 65,000 votes. In addition, our local election results showed a massive increase from 25,000 in 2019 to 40,000 in 2024" She added Aontú are now making plans to stand in the upcoming Dail election with the aim of securing "a number of seats".

She added: "Aontú is not a home for payroll politicians. We are a campaigning party and our policies are decided by grassroots discussion, not PR consultants, marketing men or by holding a finger in the air to see which way the political wind is blowing. Aontú's guiding principles are simple and clear - to take up the torch of struggle and defend the values of Life, Irish Unity and Eco-

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The late Mary Durning

The death occurred on Monday of Mary Durning, Newmill, Ramelton. A well known member of the local community Mary was very active in St. Mary's Church where she was a Eucharist Minister and a Minister of the Word.



She was prominent in her support of animal rights charities. She was well known for coming to the rescue of animals in distress. Mary was also held in very high regard by Letterkenny Credit Union where she was a member of the Board of Directors. In conveying their sympathies the Credit Union said. "It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of our friend, Mary Durning, a cherished member of our Board of Directors. Generous with her time and dedicated to her role, Mary served with integrity, honesty and unwavering commitment. We pass on our sympathies to her friends, family and her wider community. Suaimhneas siorai ar a hanam uasail."

Remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny, on Wednesday prior to removal to St Mary's Church, Ramelton to repose overnight. Requiem Mass takes place this Thursday, July 11th at 11am. Burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Funeral Mass can be viewed on Church Services TV St Mary's Church Ramelton at www.churchservices.tv/ramelton

Mary is survived by her siblings Brendan (Castletfin), Sara (Ramelton), Bernie (Letterkenny), Patrick (Creeslough), Anne (Sydney), Josephine (Meath), Veronica (Ramelton), Nuala (Clare) and Paul (Ramelton). She was predeceased by her parents Joe and Mary and her sisters Susan and Tina. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Death of Dermot Kelly

The death occurred at the Donegal Hospice, on Wednesday of last week of Dermot Kelly, Croagh Na Geeha, Renclevin, Dunfanaghy. Dermot, a member of the well known Letterkenny family was a native of Colledge Farm Road. Dermot passed away peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, surrounded by his family and under the wonderful care of the Hospice staff. He was a former manager of the old Letterkenny Leisure Centre on High Road and also worked at the Gartan Outdoor Centre. Dermot was also involved in the property sector.



Last year his family raised over €20,000 in recognition of the cancer care that their dad had received. A very successful charity swim had taken place at Marble Hill beach. The money raised was divided equally and presented to The Friends of St. Luke's charity and the Friends of LUH. Dermot is survived by his wife Joan (McShane), daughters Rachel and Anneli, son Charlie; siblings Rosemary (Cashel) Marianne (Dunfanaghy), Karl (Dunfanaghy), Aideen (Cork), Brian (Portmarnock), Maeve (Clonakilty) god children, nieces, and nephews, relatives, neighbours and many friends. He was predeceased by his father Charlie and mother Muriel.

A private cremation will take place at a later date followed by a celebration of Dermot's life. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Jim Larkin

The death took place on Friday of Jim (James) Larkin, Shepherds Bush, London, formerly of Lower Main Street, Letterkenny. Jim passed away peacefully at home with his children present, after an extended period of ill health. Adored father to Caroline, Amanda and Alan and grandfather to Erin, Lea



and Chloe. Much loved by Nath, Gavin and Damian and siblings Jack Larkin and wife Marian, Elsie Cavalli, Terry Larkin, Adrian Larkin, Kevin Larkin, Louie Breslin and husband Barney, Joan McGettigan and husband John, and Brendan Larkin.

Jim will be sadly missed by his in laws Gerry and Chrissie Kenny, Vera and Phil Dapas and Rita Dolan, godchildren Jenny MacDonald and Paul James, nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and neighbours. Predeceased by his wife Laura, his beloved parents Mary Ellen and Jack, siblings Frances Larkin, Dorothy Scudi, Billy Larkin, Celie Whitmore, Al Larkin and Sr. Marian Larkin.

Jim will repose in Barnes and Hicks, 123 Askew Road, Shepherds Bush, London, W12 9AU on Thursday 25th July from 1-3pm. Removal to the Holy Ghost and St Stephen Church for Requiem Mass on Friday 26th July. Burial will take place afterwards at Mortlake Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to Jim's family and friends.

Death of Anita Civkule

The death took place on Thursday of Anita Civkule, Chestnut Grove, Letterkenny. Aged 30 Anita was a native of Latvia. She is survived by her daughter Adelina, partner Aivars, mother Marite, brother Imants Civkulis, sister Ruta Prikule, extended family, work colleagues, and many friends. Anita came to reside in Letterkenny three years ago and was an employee of FM Group Services.



Remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Monday and Tuesday prior to removal to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Reception Prayers at 5 p.m. Remains reposed overnight for Requiem Mass which was celebrated on Wednesday by Fr Kizito Kalameera, CC. Lessons and Prayers of the Faithful were read by Paschal Blake. Music and hymns were by Clann Uí Dhonnail. A Guard of Honour was formed by management and staff from FM Services Group as the remains left the chapel for private cremation in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Sean Neary

The death occurred on Sunday of Shane Neary, Gortnacorrib, Letterkenny. Shane passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family. Deeply regretted by his loving wife Laura, adored sons Dylan and Odhrán, sisters Lisa-Marie and Aishling, aunts Mary, Rosaleen and Geraldine, uncle Thomas, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his mother Rita and uncle Joey.



In his homily Fr. Kevin Gillespie spoke of Shane's love of family, spending time with his wife Laura and their sons sharing special times including following their favourite football team Liverpool. He also had great time for extended family including his uncle Joey who passed away just over two months ago. Before Mass symbols of Shane's life including a Liverpool jersey, family photo, a children's book chessboard and phone, were brought by his sons Dylan and Odhrán, Aoibeann and Iarlath.

Remains reposed at the family home in Gortnacorrib.

Fr Kevin Gillespie officiated at the Requiem Mass on Tuesday in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Readings were by Shane's sister Lisa-Marie and Cian. Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Andy McGovern

The funeral took place on Sunday of Andrew (Andy) McGovern Glencar Irish, (Long Lane), Letterkenny. Andy was a native of Ballymagovern, Co. Cavan and the youngest of eight siblings. In 1962 he came to Letterkenny to learn baking at O'Donnell's Bakery. It was in Letterkenny that he met his future wife Kathleen Doherty a native of the Burmah. A year later he emigrated to the USA where he was later joined by Kathleen. They came back to the Cathedral Town to get married in 1968 before returning to settle in Greenwich, Connecticut. It was there that their two sons Andy and Paul were born who were to become very well known in footballing circles when the family moved back to reside in Letterkenny in 1979.



Andy started a joinery business at the top of the Long Lane with the support of his brother-in-law Charlie McAteer. Away from work he followed the footballing careers of his two sons very closely with Letterkenny Rovers and St. Eunan's. Andy was a regular attendee at the Aura Leisure Centre where he enjoyed the many discussions on a variety of topics. Aged 81 Andy passed away at the Donegal Hospice on Thursday.

He was predeceased by his parents, Patrick and Margaret, Ballymagovern, Co. Cavan, sisters Peggy and Bridie and brother Seamus (all Cavan). Andy is survived by his wife Kathleen (née Doherty), sons Andrew (Andy) and Paul; grandchildren Matthew and Katie and daughters-in-law Anne (Andy) and Elaine (Paul); sisters Kathleen Sutherland (Leitrim), Eileen McManus (Cavan), Rose Ryan (North Carolina), and Rita Tierney (New York); sisters-in-law Eileen McCormack (England) and Madeleine McAteer (Lismoghlan); and brother-in-law Charlie McAteer; nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

Remains reposed at the home of his son Andy at the Long Lane, Glencar Irish, Letterkenny from Friday. Fr Ciaran Harkin P.P. officiated at the Requiem Mass on Sunday in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraine. Readings were by Andy's grandchildren Katie and Matthew. Music and hymns were by Declan Nee, Assumptha Donaghey and Gabrielle Fitzsimons. Gifts were brought to the altar by Andy's sisters Kathleen and Eileen. Symbols of Andy's life including a picture of his parents, swimming goggles, a photo of a piece of timber, a harmonica, a photo of Andy on the farm in Connecticut a picture of his hometown GAA Templeport/St. Aidan's as well as a copy of the Irish Independent and his reading glasses were brought forward by family members. A Reflection was read by daughter-in-law Elaine followed by a eulogy delivered by his son Andy Jnr. Interment took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery where Fr. Dominic Thoomkuzhy said the graveside prayers. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Patricia Harkin

The funeral took place on Monday of Patricia (Pat) Harkin (née Keeley), Corrderry, Glendowan, Churchill. Pat passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Friday. She was a native of Bristol, England and that's where she met her future husband Mickey Harkin. Pat graduated to work in the nursing profession. She loved life in Coorderry with family, neighbours and friends. Pat was happiest among her grandchildren. In his homily Fr. Michael McKeever spoke of Pat's battle with ill-health in recent years when she had the unwavering support of her family.



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She is survived by her children Patrick and wife Sharon, Siobhan and partner Kenny Sage, Frances and husband Roger Wilkins, Charlene and partner John Boyle, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family, neighbours and friends. Pat was predeceased by husband Mickey (January 2017), son Michael (2004) and daughter (Melissa 2020).

Remains reposed at her daughter Frances's residence in Corrderry from Saturday. Funeral from there on Monday morning for Requiem Mass in St. Colmcille's Church Glendowan where the celebrant was Fr. Michael McKeever. Readings were by Laura and Josie. Interment took place afterwards in Temple Douglas Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Milford

Death of Sean Hegarty

The death occurred on Friday of Sean Hegarty, Woodtown, Ramelton. A native of the Mountain Top, Sean was a well known member of the local community. Aged 74, he was the owner of the successful freight transportation business Sean Hegarty & Sons Haulage Ltd. based at Woodtown.



In his homily Fr. Damien Nejad described Sean as a hard working man who had a love of lorries, something that was no doubt influenced by his late father Tony who had also been a driver of the big trucks. With his wife May he set up his own business in 1973 and had just celebrated the 50th anniversary last November.

Just two years ago he was a very proud man to see a big new shed built to facilitate the loading of lorries in the comfort of shelter from the often adverse weather conditions. Sean provided much needed employment in the locality and had a good relationship with his staff. For some years now his own family have been involved in the business which is something that also gave him a lot of satisfaction. Sean and May (nee McCurdy) had also celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding last September.

Remains repurposed at Sean's home in Woodtown from Saturday afternoon. Funeral was from there on Monday for Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral. The celebrant was Fr. Damien Nejad. Before Mass, symbols of Sean's life including a truck, hat, photo and carrier bag were brought forward by Tommy, Oisín, Hannah and Millie. Readings were by Sarah and Siobhán. Music and hymns were by Catriona Murray. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Rachel, Sean, Aoibhinn, Olivia and Clodagh. Gifts were brought to the altar by Sean's son John and daughter Claire. Burial took place afterwards in Bank Cemetery, Ramelton.

Sean was predeceased by his parents Toney and Phyllis; sisters Rose (November 2018) Frances (May 2022) and brother Eugene (Tootsie) in January 2021.

He is survived by his wife May, family, John (Siobhán), Claire (Shaun), Marylee (James), Glenda (Michael), Brian (Sarah), his ten grandchildren, brothers Michael, Patrick, Dessie, Joe and Gerard, sisters Philomena and Pauline, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.



Martin Roarty presenting James Sandilands, Kerrykeel with his winnings of €1000 from the June Jackpot in the Milford United FC 50/50 draw which took place on Sunday 7th July.

Wedding

The wedding of Ross Conaghan, Milford and Aifric Gallagher, Glasnevin, Dublin took place at the Irish Air Corps, Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel, Co. Dublin on Saturday last. Ross is the son of Gary and Derval Conaghan, Drumbrern, Milford and grandson of Lizzie Buchanan, Rosgarrow, Milford. Aifric is the daughter of Noelle and the late Sean Gallagher, Glasnevin, Dublin and Cruit, Annagry, Donegal. The bestman was Liam McGee, friend of the groom and groomsmen were Emmett and Jack Conaghan, brothers of the groom and Joe Callan, friend of the groom. Bridesmaids were Lucy Brady, Martha Fitzgerald, Rachel Conaghan and Claire Foley. The ceremony and reception was held at the Casement Aerodrome Baldonnel and was officiated by Fr Bernard McCay Morrissey, Chaplain. The couple are spending their honeymoon in Sicily.

Wedding

The wedding took place on Saturday the 6th July in St Peter's Church, Milford of Tara Ferry and Dan Flaherty. Tara is the daughter of Patrick and Gretta Ferry, Tullybeg, Ramelton. Dan is the son of Tom and Cynthia Flaherty, Santry, Dublin 9. Bestman was Eoin Flaherty and groomsmen were Liam Flaherty and Andy Fla-

herty, brothers of the groom. Maid of Honour was Rachel Walker, friend of the bride and bridesmaids were Helen Ferry, sister-in-law of the bride and Shauna McElchar and Aoife Shiels, cousins of the bride. Flower-girls were Mollie Ferry, niece of the bride, Fiadh Flaherty, Elsie Flaherty and Rosie Flaherty, nieces of the groom. Page Boys were Seamie Ferry, nephew of the bride, Séimí Flaherty and Senan Flaherty, nephews of the groom.

The ceremony was officiated by Chief celebrant Canon John Flaherty, uncle of the groom and concelebrated by Fr. Stephen Gorman CC, Milford. The music was led by Tom Flaherty, father of the groom. Afterwards the reception was held at Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey.

John Kilmartin 5k

Milford Athletic Club will host the annual John Kilmartin Memorial 5km in Milford on Friday 26th July, kindly sponsored by Barry Browne Cars Milford. Online entry fee is €10 or on the night €12.

50/50 Draw

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

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Girls Summer Camp

M32 Football Academy in association with Milford United are delighted to announce it's new girls only camps for teenage girls aged 13 to 16.

With the women's game going from strength to strength and following recent success of our girls camps this new workshop is aimed at developing players technical skills, tactical awareness and love for the game. The camp is for all abilities, girls who are just starting football, currently playing or wanting to break into that next level. The workshop will be led by Irish Schools & Emerging talent coach Kaneshia McKinney and will run from 29th of July to 1st of August from 3pm to 6pm at Moyle View Park, Milford. Registration Link on M32 Football Academy or contact coaches at Milford United FC.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing on Saturday 20th July at City of Derry Golf Club, Derry, first tee 12pm. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 11th July 10am, Friday 12th July 10am; Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm; Sunday 14th July at 11.00am.

Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 28th July 2024 at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take places on Sunday 4th August 2024 at 3pm. Notice to all to keep our Graveyards Clean at all time and it would be appreciated if a special effort would be made to have them looking well for the Annual Cemetery Masses in the Parish which will take place in the next few weeks. Could everyone please ensure that they remove used wreaths and flowers from the graveyard and dispose of them at home

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Top appointment for Falcarragh linked MP

A British MP with strong ties to Falcarragh has been given the role of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in Prime Minister Keir Starmer's new Government after their historic landslide victory last weekend.

Pat McFadden is the son of Jimmy 'Den' McFadden and Annie (née Cooper), originally from Dunmore, Falcarragh, and he was born in Glasgow after they emigrated. As a member of the Labour Party, he has been Member of Parliament (MP) for Wolverhampton South East since 2005. McFadden has previously held various junior ministerial positions and shadow portfolios in his parliamentary career under Tony Blair.

In the lead up to last weekend's UK election he was Labour's national campaign coordinator, and was seen as having played a major role in delivering the historic victory for his party.



A veteran of former Prime Minister Tony Blair's years, Mr McFadden then emerged as a key figure in Sir Keir Starmer's inner circle and was rewarded by being appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

He will now take a coordinating role at the centre of this new government and will have responsibility for making key decisions.

Excluding the prime minister, the chancellor is the highest ranking minister in the Cabinet Office. He is one of the few members of the new cabinet that has experience serving in government under Gordon Brown; he served as parliamentary under-secretary at the Cabinet Office and later as a minister in the business department. Married to wife, Marianna, they have a son and a daughter. He is a supporter of Celtic F.C. and maintains strong links with the Falcarragh area.

Local schools to benefit from this weekend's CSC Summer Cup

The main beneficiaries of the Falcarragh Celtic Supporters Club Summer Cup in Falcarragh this weekend are both the Gortahork and Falcarragh National Schools. Organisers say all monies raised will go to both schools to help them with their continuous process of developing and improving their Additional Sensory Resources.

The Annual Football Tournament held in memory of John Harley and Joe Kelly. A joint statement, from both schools,

detailed what the funds raised will be used for. "We are extremely grateful to be considered as beneficiaries. In our schools, funding is required for additional sensory resources that continue to be updated each year to meet the changing educational needs of children under our care in our ASD classrooms. We are now in a fortunate position to be able to welcome all children with Autism into our schools. These new ASD classes have given children the opportunity to learn with their peers in their local national schools. Additional funds are always welcomed to provide adequate resources for these children."

A statement from the Falcarragh CSC Summer Cup Committee said: "I'm sure we can all agree that these are very worthy beneficiaries and we are delighted to be a small help to both schools, as they continue their great work in developing the ASR facilities for their children."

Barrett ready for England Carrow Road clash

Milford woman Amber Barrett is in the UK with the Republic of Ireland Women's squad for a European group qualifier against England at Carrow Road this Friday night. Barrett who is currently playing her club football with Standard Liege in Belgium will be hoping to get the nod from manager Eileen Gleeson to be in the starting 11. It's going to be a hugely difficult task to get anything from the game with the reigning European champions. Also included in the Irish squad is St. Johnstone woman Tyler Toland who plays with English club Blackburn Rovers. It's part of a double Euro qualifier with Barrett and the Irish squad returning home to prepare for another hugely challenging clash against France at Páirc Uí Chaoimh next Tuesday. Eileen Gleeson's side currently sit bottom of the table.



Three-year contract for Gavin McAteer

Finn Harps have signed former Milford Utd academy player Gavin McAteer to a three year contract. McAteer who just turned 16 last week has been with the Club for six years. He made his senior debut against Kerry FC earlier this season and marked his home debut against Athlone Town with an assist. Speaking after signing, McAteer said: "I'm very



Brothers James and Gavin McAteer who player for the Finn Harps senior side in a friendly against Cliftonville on Sunday

happy, I've been at the club a long time now, six years, and I've been waiting for this moment for a while so I'm delighted. The boys in the squad have been great with me and I've learned a lot from them on what it takes at this level and I'm looking forward to continuing to learn and develop over the coming years. I'm proof that there is a clear pathway at the club now, there are a lot of talented players in the academy and it's brilliant to know as a young player that if you work hard and put the hours in that you'll get your chance with the first team. I'm sure there will be plenty more lads to follow me now and it's a really exciting time for everyone."

Hole in One for Donal



Donal McCafferty, Milford who recorded his first Hole In One on Saturday last on the Par 3 15th Hole at Portsalon Golf Club hitting a 5 Iron from 162yards to ace the hole.



Derry GAA Minor player Turlough McHugh pictured on Sunday last in Healy Park, Omagh after Derry won the All Ireland Minor title defeating Armagh in the final with Turlough starting at centre half forward. Turlough is pictured above with his parents Joe and Martina and family, his aunts Breid, Aoife and Sinead, uncles Sean, Ciaran and Michael, cousins and family members after the match. Turlough is grandson of Mary and the late John McHugh, Forquar, Milford.

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## Lifeboats fundraising events

Gartan Open Waters group are hosting their weekly Wednesday night Crab Crawls in Portnablagh at 7pm throughout July and August also in aid of the RNLI & Sheephaven Subaqua search and rescue service.

These are 1k predict your time events with registration from 6.15pm on the pier, and thanks to Revive Dunfanaghy for their continued support with the prizes. Contact Karen for more details on this event (087) 221 4988.

The 42nd Annual Downings Windsurfing 2024 event will take place on 20th and 21st July, in association with the Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre. Briefing 10 on Saturday and ending on Sunday with prize giving on the beach at 4.30pm with a full schedule of events taking place inbetween. All ages and capabilities welcome. and

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Winter & Summer Dipping

this is an Irish Windsurfing ranking event for Slalom and the National Youth Championship.. For more information contact Nick Fletcher 0044 7833 436 834 of nicolasfletcher88@hotmail.com

# "Scruffs" Dog Show

on Sunday, 4th August  
at The Battery, Rathmullan

This exciting event, open to all dog owners and enthusiasts, promises a fun-filled afternoon starting at 2pm, with registrations from 1pm.



"Scruffs" features various competitions, including Best Trick, Best Handler for different age groups, and Best Dressed. An esteemed judge from The Irish Kennel Club, Marty Potts, will ensure fair evaluations.

Entry is €15 per dog, covering multiple categories, with proceeds supporting small animal welfare.

Join us at The Battery for a delightful celebration of dogs and the joy they bring. Mark your calendars and be part of this pawsome event!

If you don't have a dog, then don't let that stop you from coming along and enjoying the afternoon! Everyone is welcome!

# Rathmullan

## Tidy Towns

Thanks to the whole community for their efforts in presenting Rathmullan at its best, with bright colourful premises, window boxes and gardens. We're fast approaching the busy summer period despite the damp weather, but littering continues to be a constant problem, as is also dog fouling on the pathways and green areas, especially near the Playground. It's your dog and your responsibility to clean up after it, so why look for a bin to leave your dog poo for someone else to clean up? It is an offence not to clean up after your dog, and dog feces are a huge health risk. You can face a fine up to €3,000 if prosecuted, so just take the wee bag home again.

The Dog Wardens are also doing the rounds so make sure licenses are all in order too, if required for inspection. We're trying our best to keep Rathmullan litter free, but overflowing bins and discarded food & take away wrappers are just magnets for our early morning bird scavengers. We don't have a McDonalds in Rathmullan, but we certainly have a lot of McDonalds waste! The Beach Lifeguards are now on full cover until the end of the summer.

Why not help us and them by doing a quick 2 minute beach clean as you walk - pickers & bags available at their stand.

Please also note that our free 'Borrow & Return' container of beach toys is also available at their hut. This is very useful if you have a mishap or just need to use something for an afternoon, while supporting the circular economy. Please adhere to restricted bathing areas and control of dogs and horses during the specified times.

## Rathmullan Craft Makers Markets

Some new Pop Up stall holders and workshops will be at this weekend's Crafters markets (13th and 14th July) from 12-4pm, at the Boathouse Sheds adjacent to the Car Park, offering food, arts and crafters from all around the locality with great variety, something for everyone. Why not drop in to participate in the Beach themed workshops on Saturday, or enjoy the musical vibes on the Sunday.

## Walking Tours

Deirdre Friel, has once again commenced the ever popular Walking tours in Rathmullan every Thursday at 3pm with meeting place at The Putting Green. Extra tours or private tours can be organised if required contact 086 2421008 to book directly.

**Frida Fridays** take place every Friday night at An Stad café featuring local and favourite musicians hosted by Carole Wilson and Sinead

**RAMP Festival** culminates this weekend, featuring a day long exploration of experimental music and sound with events and workshops taking place in the various churches. There is also a Nature Sound Walk led by Aengus Kennedy and music around the Boatyard sheds on Sunday afternoon.

**Chapter Theatre Company** presents outdoor

theatre of Beauty and the Beast at Rathmullan House Gardens on Tuesday 16th July 3pm contact Rathmullan House 074 9158188 for tickets and full details.

**Errigail Arts Festival** presents interactive talk with Patrick Holloway, Rathmullan House, Sunday 21st July at 3.30pm. Contact Rathmullan House 074 9158188 for tickets and more details.

**Ramelton Country Markets** will present a Seaside Market once again on Sunday 21st July from 10.30am with locally produced home produce including, cakes, vegetables, flowers and much more. Be sure to drop by to grab a bargain while supporting local and sustainable products.

**Graveyard Mass**, will be held in Glenvar on Saturday 20th July and in Rathmullan on Sunday 21st July.

## Community Festival events

Thanks for the huge support at the Annual Coffee morning last Saturday morning, and over €1000 was raised.

The Festival Annual 5k takes place Friday 12th July. Registration will be available online ([www.njuko.net/rathmullan\\_5K\\_2024](http://www.njuko.net/rathmullan_5K_2024)) or at Rathmullan Resource Centre from 6pm. that evening. Race starts 7.30pm with Refreshments afterwards in Centre.

## Is your bicycle & cycling gear roadworthy?

The Tidy Towns group are hosting Bicycle Repair & Maintenance Workshops on Thursday 18th July, at the Boatyard Sheds, courtesy of Gavin Hunter of LK Bikes. These workshops are free, but places are limited and booking available at Eventbrite for 3.30pm or 4.15pm sessions. Later that evening an All Age Cycle will take place at 7pm., with preregistration essential from 6.30pm at The Boathouse Sheds, rear of the carpark. This is not a Race, but a Fun event to encourage sustainable safer cycling within the area for our younger people and to provide safer routes for all involved. Younger cyclists must be accompanied by Buddy adult cyclists, helmets compulsory. No helmet, no ride! Support with marshalling at both of these road events would be greatly appreciated.

## Community Art programme

The new Community Art programme will commence on Tuesday 16th July. Thanks to Hannah Pidkaliuk for facilitating this programme and to the Donegal Volunteer Centre and Swilly Ferry Service for their support. We're delighted that we've been selected for the current round of the



The Sharkey Waste truck which left the Moss Road on Tuesday morning. Two people were taken to hospital.

@TescoIrl Community Fund in Letterkenny, so if you're shopping in Tescos over the next few weeks, then we'd really appreciate if you'd vote for us using your blue token.

## Water Safety Classes

A date for the diary will be the Rathmullan Classes coming up 15th - 20th July and bookings are now available by contacting [rathmullan-wagtersafety@gmail.com](mailto:rathmullan-wagtersafety@gmail.com), and preregistrations are mandatory.

## Rathmullan Celtic - 50/50 Draw

Once again huge thanks to all who support our monthly draws and congratulations to Pat 'The Hell' Doherty on winning the jackpot €1095 and bonus €100 was won by Alan Todd.

Next draw at the end of the month and be sure

to get your tickets in good time, available in all the usual locations and online now. Paypal: <https://paypal.me/RathmullanCelticFC> or Revolut: Enda McElhinney, on 086 401 9256, Cain Connolly on 086 348 9941 or Mark Curran on 086 873 2749. All ticket purchases will be confirmed either by email or text.

The kids academy has finished for the summer but all are eagerly awaiting to unveil their new jerseys which will be worn in memory of Patsy Sheridan, thank you Lansdowne Yonkers FC and William McGroary for this kind gesture.

The visiting kids arrive Sunday 14th July for a Meet & Greet and then the action begins for earnest at the Foyle Cup, Derry from Monday July 14th.

# Earagail Arts Festival begins this weekend



The county's premier summer event, Earagail Arts Festival kicks off this weekend, with events taking place across the county. With a family-oriented, participatory and engaging programme from the Gaeltacht islands off the West Donegal coast to East Donegal and the Inishowen peninsula, Earagail Arts Festival has something for all ages and backgrounds from 13th - 28th July.

Highlights for North Donegal include a day of experimental music and sound with RAMP, the Rathmullan Music Project, this Saturday 13th July, and The Journals Fleadh, Ireland's first literary journal fleadh, on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July, also in Rathmullan.

The festival features an expanded programme of circus, street arts performances and camps as part of its annual Wild Atlantic Weekends, coming to Castlefinn for the first time and making a welcome return to Gaoth Dobhair with three international circus acts for the price of 1 in both locations!

Spend an afternoon in the company of some of the most extraordinary death-defying aerialists, hilarious comedians and mind-boggling acrobats Ireland has to offer - Tumble Circus, Cabaret Uno and Frankie Magilligan - in the Big Top at the CPI Centre, Castlefinn for the first Wild Atlantic Weekend from Thursday 18th July - Sunday 21st July.

Then, from Thursday 25th July - Sunday 28th July, the Wild Atlantic Weekend rolls into Gaoth Dobhair where The Grannies, Tumble Circus and Quentin Reynolds will perform in The Big Top at Magheragallan.

Both weekends will feature two-hour long Circus Camps for children aged 7 to 11 years where the clowns and circus stars of In Your Space will introduce them to some neat acrobatic and cir-

cus skills as well as a few props in a fun "try it out" atmosphere.

Earagail Arts Festival presents a stellar line-up of music, from international acts Bassekou Kouyate (Mali), Irish-based Kurdish/Syrian singer and Bouzouki player, Mohammad Syfkan, Gazelle-band led by Gazan oud player Reem Anbar and Irish-Mancunian music researcher Louis Brehony, Joy Dunlop (Scotland), renowned Irish artists such as Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin & Muireann Nic Amhloibh Trio, West Ocean String Quartet to home-grown artists, The Henry Girls and more.

The festival line-up features a host of theatre, dance and spoken word events with highlights such as Cosán Árainn Mhór - Siúlóid Filíochta agus Cheoil, an art and poetry walk on Arranmore Island followed by a free evening of spoken word and song, Oíche Airneáil Árainn Mhór, in Neily's Bar, a free performance by contemporary Irish dance company Ériu/Na Mic Ua gCorra on Gola Island, and The Human Library in Letterkenny and more.

Earagail Arts Festival is also delighted to be working with Irish Aerial Dance Fest which will present an exciting line-up of events. As well as fantastic live events the festival also showcases an extensive visual arts programme, working with Glebe House & Gallery, Artlink Fort Dunree, Donegal County Museum, An Gailear-áí and Regional Cultural Centre. The visual arts programme will showcase the work of both established and emerging artists from Ireland and beyond.

Visit [eaf.ie](http://eaf.ie) for more information and bookings. Earagail Arts Festival is supported by Donegal County Council, The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon and Wild Atlantic Way.

# Collating a history of Glenree Sports Club

For the past 50 years, Glenree Sports Club has been instrumental in developing the youth of their area through sports. Now they are reaching out to the local community to help them with a special project: recording the history of Glenree Sports Club over the last 50 years, both in book and electronic form.

The committee is asking for help with this major task that involves creating a comprehensive history involving many different tasks. They need a diverse set of skills to bring this project to life. Here are some of the skills they are looking for: - research, computer skills, social media,

photography, cartoonist, typing, graphic design, layout, finance, public relations, proofreading, editing, etc. No matter how small individuals contribution, their involvement will be valuable. Here's how you can help:

1. Identify Your Skill: Consider what you enjoy doing and how it can contribute to our project.
2. Join the Effort: Collaborate with other community members to bring this project to fruition. If your passionate about making a difference and want to be part of a vibrant community effort contact Myles on 0868347708, or email [glenreesportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:glenreesportsclub@gmail.com)



John Friel, Mylie Gallagher and Joe Cullen with some Glenree Sports Club memorabilia. The Committee is now appealing for more people to come on board to assist various aspects of the project that will see a book published detailing the history of Glenree Sports Club over the past 50 years.

# Friends of LUH golf classic



Paddy Rooney, chairman of the Friends of LUH and Paul Carr, Captain of Letterkenny Golf Club are pictured above, presenting the prizes to the winning teams at last week's fundraising golf classic in aid of the Friends of Letterkenny University Hospital at Letterkenny Golf Club. A massive thanks to Crumlish Appliances once again for supporting us by being the main sponsor and to all the other sponsors. Paddy Rooney, Chairman of the Friends of LUH and Paul Carr, Captain of LK GC are pictured with some of the prize winners.

The main prize winners were:

Winners: Greg Sullivan, Brian Neely, Michael Shiel and Danny McLaughlin with 96 pts.  
Runners Up: Cynthia Fuery, Celine Bradley, Kevin Kiely and Mary Murray with 94 pts.

3rd: Gerry O'Sullivan, Ed Wickes, Paddy Delap and Columba Crawford with 93 pts.

4th: Barry Kavanagh, Stephen McLaughlin, Philip Robinson and Ciaran Brogan with 93 pts.

5th: David McGowan, Shane Kelly, Ciaran Quinn and Ryan Tyrell with 93 pts.

Best mixed team: Deidre McCarron, Roberta McDowell, Robin McDowell and Dominic Deeney with 87 pts.

Best ladies: Catherine Cooke-Harkin, Margo Birmingham, Angela Kilgallen and Anne Flannery with 86 pts.

Joe McManus, won first prize for the draw for those who attended the presentation. Martin Kelly, Frank McNulty, Mickey Ferry, Paddy Delap and Celine Bradley all won subsequent runner-up prizes.



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Maggie McDaid Pyper celebrated her 60th birthday charity night in the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny in aid of the Donegal Hospice and TJWISH2WALK in memory of her late mum 'The Queen of Listlillon' Helen McDaid. €5,150 was the total raised. Maggie wishes to thank all who came to the party and all who donated. Maggie is pictured (bottom left) presenting the cheques to Isobel Doherty of the Donegal Hospice and TJ.

# Silver Jubilee celebrations for Fr. Michael



Kevin Logue on behalf of the congregations from Golan and Coole making a presentation to Fr. Michael McKeever.

Fr. Michael McKeever celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination on Friday evening in St. Colmille's Church, Glendowan. He was ordained in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on the 4th of July 1999 along with Fr. Kevin Gillespie who held his celebrations the previous evening in Letterkenny. Fr. Michael was joined by Bishop Alan McGuckian and Retired Bishop Philip Boyce as well as 26 fellow priests. He has spent the past 23 years in Glendowan with the last two as parish priest and Bishop Boyce who ordained him said he invited him to be his Diocesan Secretary 17 years ago, a position he still holds. Presentations were made by members of the parish - Seamus McGinty and Kathleen O'Donnell from the Glendowan area, Elizabeth and Charles Gallagher from the Termon area, Susan Shiels from the Kilmacrennan area and Kevin Logue from the Golan and Coole areas.



Bishop Alan McGuckian and Philip Boyce with Siobhan Brennan and Susan Shiels.



Elizabeth and Charles Gallagher making a presentation on behalf of the Termon congregation making a presentation to Fr. Michael.



Bishop Alan with Tilly Wilkin.



Fr. Michael McKeever with Donal and Sophia Boyle.



Susan Shiels on behalf of the Kilmacrennan congregation making a presentation to Fr. Michael.



Members of the congregation at the 25th anniversary Mass for Fr. Michael.



Kathleen O'Donnell and Seamus McGinty on behalf of the Glendowan congregation making a presentation to Fr. Michael.





Letterkenny Heritage Group Chairperson Johnny Joe McCollum presenting a copy of his Summer Cup book to Bartley Ramsay on Friday. Also included is former Finn Harps manager Patsy McGowan



Jim Sheridan with his sisters Mary McGeever, Bridget McGlynn and Bernie McPhilemy and brother-in-law Brian McGeever

# Night of nostalgia for Jim Sheridan

Jim Sheridan is a very special part of Donegal sporting history and on Friday night an acknowledgment of that legacy was presented by the Letterkenny Community Heritage Group. It was a night of nostalgia as former playing colleagues joined with the Rathmullan native to share footballing memories going back more than five decades with a particular focus on his 13 seasons with Finn Harps. Dillon's Hotel in Letterkenny was the venue for the tribute night just over 50 years after Sheridan captained Harps to the FAI Senior Cup title triumph.

**By Declan Kerr**

April 21, 1974 was the date in Dalymount Park where the Patsy McGowan managed side made history. Harps have never repeated that success. It was Letterkenny Community Heritage Group Chairperson Johnny Joe McCollum who had the idea of honouring Jim Sheridan and there was a lot of work put into contacting as many of former Harps players of that era as possible. And there was a great response.

Among those present were Colm Norris, Donal O'Doherty, Gerry 'Ollie' Doherty, Terry Harkin, Con McLaughlin, Eddie McGroarty, Gerry 'Ginger' McGranaghan, Eddie Mahon, Joe Healy, Liam McAteer, Liam 'Roper' McDermott, Joe Logan, Charlie Ferry, Sean Coyle, Jamsie Nicholl, Gerry Murray and Peter Hutton. Paul Deeney from Rathmullan presented a video covering various segments of Jim's sporting life including footage from the 1974 FAI Cup Final and League of Ireland games. It started and finished with Jim taking a stroll on Rathmullan beach.

The teak-tough centre-half took over as skipper of Harps when Jamsie Nicholl suffered an injury that ended his senior career. Nicholl spoke on behalf of the players and paid tribute to a man who went

to be a club legend. Colm McDaid, a lifelong Harps fan, composed a poem for the occasion. Terry Harkin was a striker during that era. He recalled a game away against Cork Hibs where their centre-half told Harkin just after the game started that he would kick him around the pitch. Jim Sheridan heard that and told the defender if did attempt that he would be dealing with him rather than Harkin. Needless to say the Harps frontman wasn't kicked around the pitch!

It was also a night to remember players who passed away and Jim Sheridan took the opportunity to mention team members from that era including Jim McDermott, Paddy McGrory and Declan McDowell. He also touched on the hard times in life for him personally including the death of his own wife Patricia 12 years ago. But having his two sons John and Jim Jnr and the grandchildren around him in Sligo is a great support along with extended family.

Others involved at committee level during his time at Harps were also acknowledged by Sheridan including Tom Furlong, Fran Fields, Derek Wilkinson, Charlie McHugh, Drew Brogan and Michael Kelly. A number of presentations were made to him on Friday night including a No. 5 jersey the same that number that wore for the bulk of his career. His son Jim and grandson James have also worn the No. 5 jersey and Jim senior always endeavoured to have that number on the registration of cars that he has owned over the years.

He also recalled the first time he met Patsy McGowan when he was working in Johnston's Hardware Company in Letterkenny. Patsy was driving a cement lorry at the time. They were soon playing together with Rathmullan Celtic and have remained close friends for over 60 years.

The Rathmullan native's senior soccer career spanned 16 seasons most of which were spent at Finn Park. A towering centre-half Sheridan was totally dedicated and determined in every game he played. He signed for Finn Harps in 1970 after spending a couple of seasons at St. Patrick's Athletic. At Harps Sheridan became a 'cult hero'. He

combined his football with a full-time career in the Gardaí where he rose to the rank of Chief Superintendent in the Sligo District before retiring in 2002.

The biggest influence undoubtedly on his playing career was his late father John who was a legendary figure in Rathmullan, organising and managing teams for many years in the famous 'Summer Cups'. His first big success was as a member of the 1967 Swilly Rovers FAI Junior Cup winning team. In 1970 Jim moved to Harps from St. Pat's following an approach by Patsy McGowan whom he had known from their time playing together at Rathmullan Celtic. Harps had just been given the green light to join the League of Ireland for the first time.

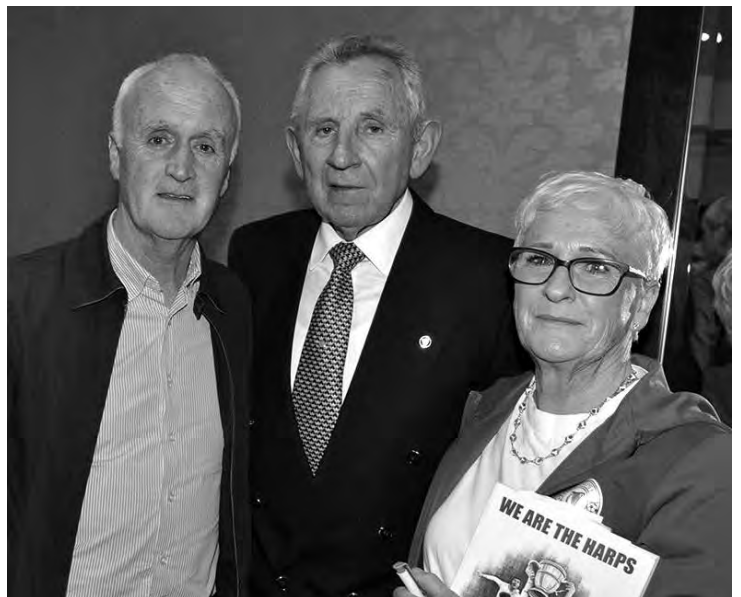
In a golden era for League of Ireland soccer Jim enjoyed 13 seasons at Finn Park and in all but one of those years he was captain. He is very proud of the fact that in the space of 10 years Harps played in the UEFA Cup four times which included games against Aberdeen, Everton, Turkish side Bursaspor and Derby County.

The one regret he has is that really good Finn Harps teams of that era just failed to win the league title finishing runners-up three times. Undoubtedly the highlight of his career was captaining Harps to their FAI Cup win in 1974. Brendan Bradley scored twice while Charlie Ferry netted the first goal from a free-kick in the 3-1 win over St. Pat's. Jim was to play a further nine seasons only hanging up his boots at the age of 38 in 1983 due to a back injury. Sheridan also captained the Republic of Ireland Amateur International soccer side.

Jim has two sons John and Jim. Jim Jnr played with Sligo Rovers for eight seasons and also featured for other senior clubs including Athlone Town and had a short spell at Derry City. Jim Sheridan's younger brother Paddy also played for Finn Harps and Sligo Rovers. Jim's siblings include sisters Mary McKeever (Butlersbridge, Co. Cavan), Bridget McGlynn (Woodlands, Letterkenny) and Bernadette McPhilemy (Letterkenny) and his brothers Josie (Buncrana), Anthony (Derry) and Paddy (Rathmullan).



Jim Sheridan with his sons John and Jim Jnr.



Jim Sheridan with Paddy Gallagher and his sister Anne Kelly



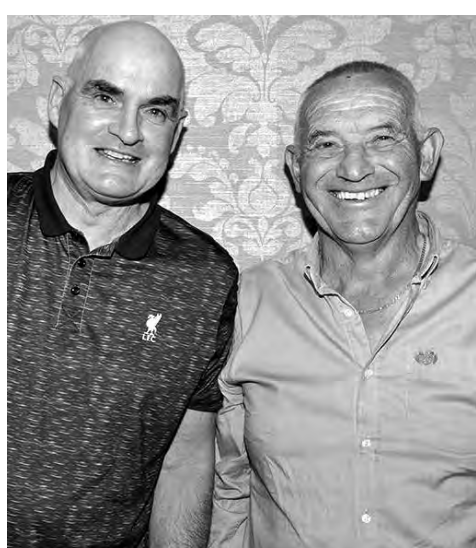
Con McLaughlin with Bartley and Barry Ramsay



Eddie McGroarty and Joe Logan



Former Harps player Gerry McGranaghan with his wife Jane and Elma Collins.



Liam McAteer and Liam Roper McDermott.



Tommy McNaught, James Green and Paul McDaid.



# Starmmer must be more than a coat hanger...

*And there are changes in the North too with the stranglehold of the DUP in Antrim broken. In an astonishing reversal Paisley, the son of the DUP's late founder, came second to Jim Allister of the TUV. In turn Jim blamed the DUP for post-Brexit checks on goods coming from Great Britain. "This is a momentous outcome and is the end of an era and a dynasty," said Allister. "Unionism does need to regroup in the light of what has happened and the DUP needs to carry the responsibility for their losses."*

There is nothing stranger in politics than that of a general election in the UK. The lack of democracy in the first past the post system is so outdated that nobody knows how to fix it and when. It is disenfranchising huge swathes of the electorate and is responsible for the obvious disconnect with politics. Labour raced to a massive majority of 410 seats last Thursday and it was the lowest share of the poll for any prime minister in a hundred years. Starmer got a share of 38.8% of the vote. Yet half a million more voted for Jeremy Corbyn in 2019 and Labour was doomed to the back benches. At the other end of the scale the Lib Dems got 71 seats on a flat 12%. Contrast that with 14% for Reform UK and they were lucky to scrape 5 seats. If nothing else, these figures show that UK voters do not get what they voted for. But it has always been that way and perhaps it sums up the kind of chaotic parliament the House of Commons really is. And the other big takeaway from the election is that Keir Starmer offered little by way of bright and breezy promises - he merely called for change in the hundreds of messages during the campaign. It is most likely he wants the people to recognise that Starmer is the precise change that is needed. But he must be more than a coat hanger for change and now that he has a mandate to replicate the heady days of Tony Blair, the changes needed across the UK and Northern Ireland must start this week. And Starmer was flat footed

at the start of the campaign as Diane Abbott fought to retain her right to contest her Labour seat. However, common sense prevailed and Abbott's triumph in Hackney North and Stoke Newington was a resounding vote of confidence. The decision to allow her to defend the seat took far too long given that she'd been a party Member of Parliament for 37 years. Amid the headlines, Starmer wanted to offend nobody and leave it at that. And it was not surprising in the early hours of Friday morning to hear Mick Lynch of the RMT suggest that Starmer simply put forward a vanilla election policy. In the meantime Keir Starmer will be given time to settle into the job. However, it is obvious decisions will have to be made that will hit income earners along with most other sectors of the UK. And it will soon emerge that cuts in the public service will be on the cards. Starmer is no Tony Blair and he will find opposition from within his own back benches over how the economy is to be managed over this year and next. But it's good to see the back of the Tories and their mind-blowing policies to deport refugees to Rwanda and voting to take the UK out of the EU. They are already living to regret that decision and it remains to be seen if Starmer has the courage of his majority and his leadership to return to Brussels and negotiate a deal that makes them better neighbours to all of us. And lest we forget, the Irish Sea

Border is on every tide washing up on our shores. The Conservatives have made a huge mess of their exit process and instead of leaving a window of opportunity open for a possible return, that has been firmly shut. Back to the past of the general election in December 2019 the real savour of a nation living in fear of Labour and Jeremy Corbyn could only be one man. In fact he seemed to be the anointed one. Only Boris Boris Johnson stood between upholding democracy and preventing a disaster... however he was the ultimate disaster who conned the electorate to give him the reins of power. A new era was dawning so what could go wrong? Just about everything he touched turned to disaster and now five years on the Conservative Party is in tatters and more divided than ever before. He was hailed a hero in his quest to get Brexit done.... And so he partied through Covid and invited his friends along for a slice of his carrot cake. Johnson was a man with a mission but it was emerging that very few could trust him, not alone believe a word he said. Obviously many agreed this was the country's answer to get out of the EU. The UK has lived to regret the cockup he dealt to the House of Commons on Brexit and Northern Ireland. It took a powerful input from Brussels to stop him from reneging on what is an international agreement. Johnson secured a crushing victory in the UK's general election in December 2019 as voters backed his promise to "get Brexit done" and take the country out of the European Union by 31st of January. Such was the support for Johnson's appeal and charisma that the Conservatives won 364 of the 650 seats in the House of Commons. He addressed the nation just after 7am in London as the count came to a close, saying Brexit was now the "irrefutable, irresistible, unarguable decision of the British people" and promising those who lent their vote to the Tories in traditional Labour areas: "I will not let you down." So. That was then and now Keir Starmer has dealt a crushing blow to the Tories in what has been the worst period of

dissent and conflict in their parliament. Yet Johnson, on the night of his stunning victory as voters in the Labour heartland deserted their traditions and a way of life to vote Conservative. From a distance that made no sense and those voters were all too soon reminded that Johnson was the sum total of his own bluffing. Yet only four years ago, he was being hailed the best thing since Winston Churchill. He said in an address outside Downing Street on the morning of his victory that both sides of the debate should "find closure and let the healing begin", but Brexit will be far from "done". At the same time the Labour Party, whose leader Jeremy Corbyn, had presented voters a manifesto offering a second Brexit referendum and a radical expansion of the state, was plunged into bitter recriminations after the party won just 203 seats, its worst result in 84 years. Labour lost seats it had held for long decades in former industrial areas in the Midlands and north of the country England as voters who had overwhelmingly backed Brexit in the June 2016 referendum swung towards the Conservatives. Now five prime ministers later, the role is in the hands of Sir Keir Starmer ... and hopefully the UK is in a safer place and so is Ireland, the Good Friday Agreement and the electorate of Northern Ireland. But most of all just now, the North urgently needs funding that has been denied them by the Conservatives for fourteen years of chaos. On many occasions, it seemed to Whitehall saw the North was not worth the hassle. Hopefully, with Hilary Benn as the new Secretary of State in Stormont, normality will return to the place as preparations get underway for a Border Poll. The result of elections in the UK will always have ramifications for the Republic and especially moreso now that

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the DUP has lost vital ground in Northern Ireland. Losing three seats out of eight was not on the agenda and perhaps the fall from grace of Sir Jeffery Donaldson as a fundamental figure of church and State has reached out across Ulster in more definite and negative manner than anyone might have contemplated. The North has always been sold short on funding by Conservative Governments and in that respect alone, Labour will have to bridge the financial chasm that has been allowed to develop over these past fourteen years. At a time when UK's relationship with Dublin is at an all time low, perhaps the Prime Minister can start building bridges that echo a more positive imprint than that of the Conservatives. The restoration of all relevant bodies of the Good Friday Agreement must be done with a degree of haste. Boris Johnston would have undermined the GFA in his rush to find a Brexit solution and he couldn't care less had it fell on top of his head. Yet he swept to power on a tide of Labour votes. In many ways, it was an amazing night for progressives in Britain, and people who care about Britain around the world. A massive landslide encompassing big wins in Wales, Scotland, the north, south and Midlands. Some of the most divisive Tory MPs of the last government, including Liz Truss and Jacob Rees-Mogg lost their seats. And there are changes in the North with the stranglehold of the DUP broken. In an astonishing reversal in North Antrim, Paisley, the son and namesake of the DUP's late founder, came second to Jim Allister of the TUV, who blamed the DUP for post-Brexit checks on goods coming from Great Britain, which he said weakened Northern Ireland's place in the UK. "This is a momentous outcome and is the end of an era and a dynasty," said Allister. "Unionism does need to regroup in the light of what has happened and the DUP needs to carry the responsibility for their losses." The DUP also lost the Lagan Valley seat vacated by its former leader, Sir Jeffrey Donaldson, who faces sexual offence charges. They suffered a stunning defeat in North Antrim where Ian Paisley lost the seat held by his father from 1970. It also lost South Antrim and had reduced majorities elsewhere. The Traditional Unionist Voice, Ulster Unionists and Alliance also won seats from the DUP which is the biggest indicator of how Unionism is split and fractured, even in the bastion of Gregory Campbell in East Derry. Sorcha Eastwood of Alliance won Lagan Valley in a historic swing for what used to be a unionist stronghold. The DUP fielded Jonathan Buckley to replace Donaldson, who had held the seat for decades and stepped aside after being charged with sexual offences, which he denies. Eastwood called it a "huge achievement" for her party. Alliance's joy was tempered by its deputy leader, Stephen Farry, losing his seat in North Down to the independent unionist Alex Eastwood. SF is the symbolic winner in the North retaining their seven seats and is now the largest party in local government, the Stormont Assembly and Westminster. Meanwhile, in the Republic' opinion polls. SF's vote is in freefall. It really is two different countries at the ballot box!

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# Soapbox Derby at Lennon Festival



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Damien Sheridan in the Soapbox Derby.



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Flower power from Paul McLaughlin of the Ballaghderg Garden Centre.



Thomas Speer in full flight.



Marty McDaid isnt asleep at the wheel!



# Lennon Festival Ramelton

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| <b>Wed.</b><br>10th July   | 7-7.30pm | <b>Multi Colour Fun Run</b><br>From Gamble's Square<br><small>Sponsor: S. Crawford Construction</small>                                  |
|                            | 9-9.30pm | <b>Darts Competition</b><br>Lennon Lodge<br><small>Sponsor: John Murray Stonework</small>                                                |
|                            | 9pm      | <b>Singing Pub</b><br>Queen of the Lennon 4th Round<br><small>Sponsor: Purty House<br/>Murray's Pharmacy</small>                         |
| <b>Thurs.</b><br>11th July | 3pm      | <b>Little Miss Ramelton/<br/>Prince Charming &amp; Rose Bud</b><br><small>Sponsor: Arena 7</small>                                       |
|                            | 5pm      | <b>Children's Adventure Trail</b><br>Leaving from Festival HQ at Gamble's Square                                                         |
|                            | 7pm      | <b>Swilly v Mariners Football Match</b><br>Swilly Park<br><small>Sponsor: TR Cabs</small>                                                |
|                            | 9pm      | <b>Singing Pub</b><br>Queen of the Lennon 5th Round &<br>Selection of Lennon Festival Queen<br><small>Sponsor: Murray's Pharmacy</small> |
| <b>Fri.</b><br>12th July   | 2pm      | <b>Children's Sports Day</b><br><small>Sponsor: Cullen's Funfair</small> St. Mary's NS                                                   |
|                            | 9pm      | <b>Big Band Night</b><br>Gamble's Square                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Sat.</b><br>13th July | 2.30pm | <b>Carnival Parade</b><br><small>Sponsor: Tironeaill Tribune</small> €500 in prizes   |
|                          | 4.30pm | <b>Egg Throwing Competition</b><br><small>Sponsor: Shore Road Auto's</small> The Bing |
|                          | 4.30pm | <b>From Ramelton to Clydebank</b><br>official book launch McFadden's Shop             |

**Sun.** 14th July 9pm **Big Band Night** Gamble's Square

## Jimmy Buckley



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| <b>Sat.</b><br>13th July | 10am   | <b>Vintage Car &amp; Tractor Show</b><br><small>Sponsor: Shore Road Auto's</small> Gamble's Square |
|                          | 12noon | <b>Arts &amp; Crafts &amp; Wildflower Competition</b><br>Community Centre                          |

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| <b>Sun.</b><br>14th July | 2pm  | <b>Bonny Baby Competition</b> Town Hall<br><small>Sponsor: Whoriskey's Eurospar</small> |
|                          | 3pm  | <b>Adults Fling on the Bing</b> The Bing<br><small>Sponsor: Illistrin Tyres</small>     |



Christy Gallagher from Illistrin Tyres in the Soap Box Derby.



A section of the attendance at the Soap Box Derby on Sunday during the Lennon Festival.

## Massive crowds at Lennon Festival

Since the official opening on Thursday night by Donegal Person of the Year Moya Brennan the 53rd Lennon Festival has been attracting record crowds and the craic and atmosphere in the town has been electric.

The highlight of the event over the first weekend was the massive crowd who attended The Tumbling Paddies on Friday night at Gamble's Square and

the crowds who enjoyed the Soap Box Derby on Castle Street on Sunday.

This weekend promises big crowds with four nights of music starting on Friday the 12th of July with Robert Mizzell and his Band with support from Chelsea Evans while on Saturday the 13th July ABBA Sensations are on stage with support from We Love Sax. On Sunday the 14th of July, Country

star Jimmy Buckley is onstage with support from Glor Tire winner Jason McCahill while Monday 15th Claudia Buckley closes the festival with support from Johnny Haughey. People are encouraged to book their tickets online using the QR code on the advert above for any event or pay at the gate.

During the week all the usual popular events are back with the Singing Pub,

Car Treasure Hunt, Crab Fishing and Kayak Fun Event, RNLI Display, Multi Colour Fun Run, Darts Competition, Little Miss Ramelton/Prince Charming and Rose Bud, Swilly v Mariners Football Match, Children's Sports Day, Vintage Car and Tractor Show, Arts and Crafts and Wildflower Competition, The Carnival Parade, Egg Throwing Competition, Bonny Baby Com-

petition, Adults Fling on the Bing, Pet Show, Fancy, Adult Adventure Trail, Screenprinting Workshop.

### Book launch

The launch of "From Ramelton to Clydebank" book launch will be held in McFadden's Shop on Saturday the 13th at 4.30pm.

The Festival 116 page colour brochure is now available.

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# Developers have wrecked Dunfanaghy - claim

'Does Dunfanaghy want a holiday village or a local community? There is nothing left but strangers and developers have wrecked the place...'

These were a sample of the major concerns raised at a public meeting in the Market House on Friday night during discussions on the latest plan to construct 107 new houses within the Council's own control points in the village. However the Dunfanaghy Action Group decided not to take a stand in relation to local concerns over the construction of this new housing development close to the Workhouse. Jim Moore who is Chairperson of the Action Group said the attendance was too small to give them a mandate to take any stand on this important issue and he's expressed serious disappointment over the failure of the local community to take a more pro-active part in forming an opinion. He said the constitution of the Action Group demanding that any decision must be representative of a wide sector of the community and unfortunately that was absent on Friday night. Speakers expressed their most serious reservations over the development and other plans being mooted that may see a second major development of a similar nature in the coming year.

The meeting heard details of the development as outlined by the Dunfanaghy Action group amid claims that the ethos and character of the area has already been destroyed by over-development. The thorny question of what constitutes 'speculative development' was also raised during the meeting.

The meeting was also told that apart from the 107 new houses proposed an adjoining site had also been purchased for a considerable sum of money and it was most likely that at least another one hundred houses could be constructed there. At

the same time, claimed one local man, a further 150 new houses were being built or being planned within a one mile radius of the village.

'The poorly attended meeting of the local community did not us have a sufficient mandate for a decision,' according to Jim Moore, the Chairperson of the Action Group. He's now advised any individual who wishes to lodge an objection to go ahead on their own initiative and the Action Group would assess the situation should that happen.

Mr. Moore told the meeting that a planning application for two adjacent locations near the Workhouse for a total of 107 dwelling houses had been lodged with Donegal County Council on May 31st and a decision was due on July 16th. He said the meeting had been called to allow the public to air their opinions and to formulate a position if a mandate was forthcoming.

However, according to Mr. Moore a turnout of only 25 people did not provide a broad enough base to take any stand.

The general Portnablagh and Dunfanaghy have been in the eye of the storm over these past ten years over the huge level of holiday home development. Planning officials have been accused of allowing too much development and speculators have made sites much too expensive for the local community.

These and a number of related concerns were discussed on Friday night. Charlie McKinlay said the very heart had been torn out of community life in Dunfanaghy and the village was now being bypassed and it had lost all its appeal with excessive housing.

At the same time some members of the crowd said that it was not clear if the developer concerned



Colm Ward, Jim Moore and Grace Mulligan at the meeting.

intended constructing a major holiday home development. At the same time the vast majority of the crowd were of the opinion that the proposal was for no other discernible purpose since those young people seeking to construct a home would not be able to afford one of these houses.



As part of their recent school tour Ballyheerin National School, Fanad went from Rathmullan to Buncrana on the ferry. The children really enjoyed the experience and the group is pictured on the ferry with their teachers.



Junior Members of Dunfanaghy Badminton Club pictured at the Presentation Disco on Friday night last with Club Captain Sam McElhinney, Vice Captain Thomas Wilkinson, Archdeacon Scott Harte and Secretary David Moore and Treasurer Bernice Alcorn.



The Confirmation Group taken at St. Paul's Church, Ramelton on Sunday June 20th. Included are Bishop Ken Good, Rev. Rosemary Logue, Rector and Canon Brian Smeaton, former Rector.

## Council awaits legal input

As Donegal County Council awaits the result of legal advice on the recorded open voting procedures employed at the AGM in Lifford last week it is expected the County Manager will meet with the party whips by Tuesday to brief them on the findings.

As last week's meeting continued with a series of votes and challenges SF threw the fat into the fire when Thomas Pringle raised a question over whether or not the voting for SPC's and committee positions should have taken place by secret ballot.

The County Manager sought legal opinion from the Council's legal representatives and the AGM was then abandoned to allow time and space to consider the points raised.

The difficulty arose over a single line in the Standing Orders: these guidelines are compiled in harmony with the terms of the Local Government legislation of 2001. It is clearly stated on page sixteen of Standing Orders that a specific voting procedure should be adopted for 'Committees-General'.

Rule 101 (1) states: 'Voting will be by way of secret ballot.'

However there seems to be an astonishing lack of clarity in relation to the election of the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach and neither Standing Orders nor the local government regulations appear to cover this situation with any concise de-

tails.

Sinn Fein is likely to contend that a 'secret ballot' formula must be applied to all positions in the event of this lack of clarity not being resolved and it is understood they have also engaged legal minds in coming to a decision on the matter. Should meetings be conducted in a spirit of secret ballot it will slow down agendas to an enormous extent. And it may take several days to elect the 190 members of the Council's committees under such regulations.

And it has emerged that Sinn Fein is likely to contact the rest of the political groups over the weekend with new proposals to end the stalemate that developed during the first meeting of the new Council.

At the same time Cllr. Liam Blaney told the Tribune that Independent Fianna Fail had no apology to make to anyone over their stand in forming a pact with Fianna Fail to give the group a slim majority for electing Cllrs to the various committees and SPC's.

Fianna Fail with their superior strength of numbers voted their members onto four of the SPC Chairs and needless to say this led to consternation and disagreement with accusations of exclusion and an end of power-sharing dominating the proceedings. It was not one of the best AGM's of the Council and it would appear that if the issue of more involvement for all the groups is not hammered out we may be in for a very difficult five years.

Fine Gael got one of the SPC Chairs by virtue of forming a technical group under the terms of the Better Local Government legislation.



# Tirconail Tribune Archives:- 2nd July 2004



## Council can't even offer bargain basement press facilities

In a more Biblical bent last Friday's AGM of Donegal County Council could be described as a baptism of fire: however there was nothing pastoral about the scenes inside the Council Chamber in Lifford as the newly elected Council set about the task of completing the agenda with a religious fervour not witnessed for a quarter of a century.

Seven new members were returned to the Council this time and on Friday many were accompanied in the public gallery with family members, friends and political supporters.

Once again the press bench (if one can call it that) was over run with members of the public taking up the positions of the reporters. In fact we have continued to tolerate the token gesture of a press facility when in actual fact it would be far better for the Council to tell us to ban the media altogether.

How in the name of sweet fuck can we be expected to write our notes and observe the antics of the Council while sitting on the floor with neither breathing space or elbow room?

Sitting on the floor is exactly where Donal Kavanagh of Highland Radio and myself found ourselves (once again) and Dessie Larkin was the only one to recognise the impossibility of this disastrous situation.

Cllr. Larkin said he'd be discussing the lack of press facilities with the County Manager. But what point will that serve since in the past others, most notably Bernard McGlinchey had raised the self same con-

cerns as far back as four years ago. Up at the top table official Ireland looked the other way and not a word was uttered by way of explanation or even the humblest of apology as to why a modern debating chamber should continue to have such a deplorable lack of press facilities.

The reality is the Chamber in Lifford is not a modern debating facility: far from it and despite two major upgrades in recent years the place is a complete dog's dick: a disaster beyond comprehension and a laughing stock insofar as acoustics are concerned.

The original chamber had oak-panelled walls and every single word uttered was clearly heard. But some consultant in a highly complex redesign or in some token gesture towards modernism managed to have the oak panels removed and instead they've installed microphones.

All fine and well except that we cannot hear a single word around the place with echoes: bad vibrations and a sound system that makes Dad's Army look positively professional.

The acoustics are terrible (non-existent): the ventilation is worse than a night at the local Lap Dancing Club and the lighting is pure shite

To say the press facilities at Donegal County Council are a token gesture in bargain basement offers is a huge insult to our intelligence. Things are much worse than that and in fact there would be more facilities in a toilet: that's if it's not run by the Council.



Highland Radio's Donal Kavanagh and the Tribune's John McAteer sharing the Council's press facilities .... on the floor in Lifford last Friday surrounded by the lucky few squelched around the table.

I'm inclined to remind the Council that the press needs and demands are fairly basic: but the basics are sadly forgotten about. If this is a reflection of the manner in which the Council plans everything else on it's agenda then by Jesus things are even more desperate than I would have dared im-

agine. Sitting on a floor reporting the news for six and half hours is a shameful reflection on local government in Ireland and it makes a complete mockery of claims that we have the best managed and best run Council in all Ireland. If the Council was a joke factory nobody would laugh and that underlines what is going on. It is a vital part of democracy to have a press with facilities to match their demands and needs. Today we have more than notepads and pens. It may sound unbelievable that we use modern means of communications. Things like mobile phones are an essential part of our armoury. And it is unbelievable that mobiles are banned

within the Chamber: I'm not inventing this piece.

When will they ever learn?

Never is a simplistic answer if the past is a yardstick. When the Chamber was redesigned guess what group was not consulted about press facilities: the press of course and I know you'll agree that is so pathetic and inconsiderate. But that is official Ireland as reported from the floor of Donegal County Council on last Friday.

We might as well have been behind a whin bush covering the Battle of the Alamo: but what's the point in complaining. And the next five years could be downright fun for everyone except the electorate... and the press.



Tommy Sweeney pictured with his wife Shiela and family members at a presentation in Glenvar School to mark his Donegal County Council Rehab Person of the Year Award.



Cora and Patrick McCluskey, Joseph Logue, Roisin and Neil Crerand and Aidan Hannigan, Glenvar at the function for Tommy Sweeney in Glenvar recently.

## Calling all 1979 Loreto Milford students

In June 1979 the Leaving Certificate examinations saw 88 students bid farewell to Loreto Convent, Milford. On Saturday, October 23rd many of the group will have the opportunity to renew acquaintances with classmates from that era in a 25th anniversary celebration which will include Mass at St. Peter's Church Milford followed

by a function in the Milford Inn Hotel.

This week the organising committee has invited all those who attended the secondary school in that year to come along to what promises to be a very special occasion.

In those days Loreto Milford, a mixed educational establishment, catered for day students and girl boarders

meaning that the school roll book had names from right around the county. The events making the news in 1979 included the Pope's visit to Ireland; Charles J Haughey being elevated to the position of Taoiseach; Neil Blaney taking a seat in the European Parliament for the first time while in the music world Bob Geldof's Boomtown

Rats had a number one hit with 'I don't like Mondays' a very appropriate song no doubt for students of the time. Mother Camilla was the Superior, Sister Marie Celine was School Principal and Mrs Anne Deeney was Deputy-Principal. Records from 1979 show that 88 pupils sat the Leaving Certificate comprising 38 boys and 50 girls.

The itinerary on Saturday 23rd, the October Bank Holiday weekend, includes the students old college chaplin Fr Dinny McGettigan saying Mass at St. Peter's Church on that evening followed by an anniversary function in the Milford Inn. With a number of the class spread across the country and abroad the organising committee is currently making a big effort to contact everyone concerned. While the 1979 Leaving Certificate group don't appear to have unearthed any national or international stars it is pointed that all are famous in their own right.

The committee includes John Diver Ramelton, Johnny McGettigan Milford; Ann Carr, Carrick, Margaret Gallagher, Termon, Noreen Melly, Leitrimacaward, Eithna O'Donnell, Carrick. Help is needed in order to contact all those 1979 students and information can be forwarded to Anne Carr (04871318664); Johnny McGettigan 9129700 or John Diver on 9151038.

Saturday, October 23rd is an ideal opportunity to journey back to those schooldays in Gortmacall and compare notes on the following 25 years of adult life.



The 1979 Loreto Convent Milford Leaving Certificate class who will be coming together in October for a 25th anniversary celebration with school principal Sr. Maire Celine.

20 years ago :: 20 years ago :: 20 years ago :: 20 years ago :: 20 years ago

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# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Fáilte ar ais, achán duine, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil gach uile cheann díobh go maith agus folláin. Tá muid i gceartlár an Samhraidh anois agus cuma air nach mbeidh mórán aimsir mhaith againn. Bhí sé chomh gaofach sin i rith na seachtaine seo caite go raibh brúscar scaipithe thart timpeall mo áit féin agus thosaigh mé ag meabhrú an raibh daoine ann ag dumpáil go mí-dleathach? Sa deireadh bhí sé soleir dom i gcéist ach brúscar a thainig ó na comharsana thart timpeall orm mar gheall ar an ghaoth. Dia ár Sabháil! Ach cé is moite den aimsir, tá muid ag bogadh ar aghaidh mar níl an dara súi sa bhuaile againn agus sin a bhfuil de!!! Tá mé ar ais in Inis Ceithleann arís, áit ina bhfuil mo dheirfúir agus a clann ina gcónaí ann. Chuaigh siadsan uilig go dtí Baile na nGallóglach don deireadh seachtaine seo mar tá siad ag ceiliúradh cùpla dataí tábhachtacha. Ní amháin breithlá mo dheirfúir ach, fosta, Cuimhneachán Pósta 40 bliain! Agus fosta is Cuimhneachán é den lá a bhfuair í agus mé féin ár gcéimeanna ó Ollscoil na Ríona i mBéal Feirste. Lá tábhachtach gan amhras. Tá siad ag baint sult as a bheith i mBaile na nGallóglach - é chomh cóngarach sin do Ráth Maolain agus Ráth Mealtáin agus a leithead. Agus níl an aimsir ró-olc. Chuaigh na mic cleamhnais isteach go Leitir Ceannain le Rás 10 Ciliméadar a dhéanamh, agus, de réir cosúlachta, rinne siad go maith. Sílim gur is rud iontach suimiúil é nuair a thagann cuairteoirí go dtí an áit ina bhfuil tú i do chónaí ar laethanta saoire agus cuma orthu go bhfuil siad ag baint sult as! B'fheidir nach iontach linn rud ar bith ón ár gceantar féin, ach is léir go bhfuil barúil eile ag daoine air, agus seo mé féin ag caint mar dhuine as baile isteach. Agus mé anseo in Inis Ceithleann caithfidh mé a rá go bhfuil neart oibre déanta acu sa teach gloine atá acu anseo. Tá taispeántas iontach acu ann, maidir le trátaí ach go hairithe, na plandaí uilig ard agus folláin agus torthach. Diomaithe de na trátaí tá spionáiste deas ann, cúirseidí agus rogha deas léitis fosta. Tá sí ábalta gabháil amach gach lá agus cùpla rudaí a fháil le hithe le sailéad ag am lóin. Béidh uirthi fánacht coicís nó mar sin ar na trátaí uilig ach is fiú go mór é, dar léi. Níl mórán níos deise na glasraí úra fásta agat féin. Is cuimhin liom gur fhás mé gairleog uair amháin - níl ort ach ionga a chuir sa ché agus é a fhágáil go dtí go dtosaíonn an gas fada glas a chromadh agus béidh sé réidh le hithe. Nuair a bholann tú agus blasann tú é i gcomparáid leis an gairleog a cheannófa sa siopa, níl mórán comhcosúlacht ann, chomh laidir agus domhan agus atá siad. Aithním seo fosta le luibheanna úra. Má tá gairdín luibheanna agat, má's féidir in aice leis an doras chúil, béidh an eispéreas céanna agat ó thaobh boladh agus blas de. Níl mé ag rá nach



bhfuil luibheanna úra ón ollmhargadh deas agus blasta, ach smaoinim go bhfuil siad níos fearr nuair a thagann siad as an cré taobh amuigh den doras chúil. Mar shampla, rud is breá liom a dhéanamh nuair atá sicín rósta nó rud ón fulacht agat, faigh cibé luibheanna úra atá ann, gearr go garbh lena chéile iad le cúpla iongacha gairleoga agus braon deas sú líomóide úr, meascaigh go maith le chéile, blastaigh le salann agus piobar é, agus sin a bhfuil atá de dhíth ort le gabháil leis an feoil rósta. Blas laidir agus úr, lámhdhéanta agus réidh ón ghairdín. Níl mórán níos deise!



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2 ionga gairleoga meilte  
1 slísín aráin taos géar i n grabhrógai

**MODH:**  
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2 seallóidí gearrtha go mín  
50g im  
1 úll brioscánach  
1 tbsp peirsil gearrtha  
200ml leann úill Éireannach

**MODH:**  
Caith uait diúilicíní ar bith nach n'oscailt i ndiaidh iad a sciúradh. I bpota mhór leáigh im agus cuir an seallóid ar tarraingt san im leis an peirsil. Cuir isteach an leann úill agus tóg chun bhruith. Cuir isteach na diúilicíní agus cuir clár ar phota. Corraigh an pota go maith agus lean ar aghaidh go bhfuil na diúilicíní uilig oscailte. Cuir amach ar phláta agus slísíní uilig

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| Ceartlár.                              | Dead centre           |
| Cuma.                                  | Appearance, demeanour |
| Gaofar.                                | Windy                 |
| Ag meabhrú.                            | Wondering             |
| Ag dumpáil.                            | Dumping               |
| Mídhleathach.                          | Illegal               |
| Brúscar.                               | Rubbish               |
| Comharsan.                             | Neighbour             |
| Mar gheall ar.                         | Because of            |
| Cé is moite.                           | Apart from...         |
| Níl an dara súi sa bhuaile.            | There's no choice     |
| Cuimhneachán Pósta Wedding Anniversary |                       |
| Mac cleamhnais.                        | Son-in-law            |
| De réir cosúlachta.                    | By all accounts       |
| Duine as baile isteach.                | Blow-in               |
| Teach gloine.                          | Glasshouse            |
| Spionáiste.                            | Spinach               |
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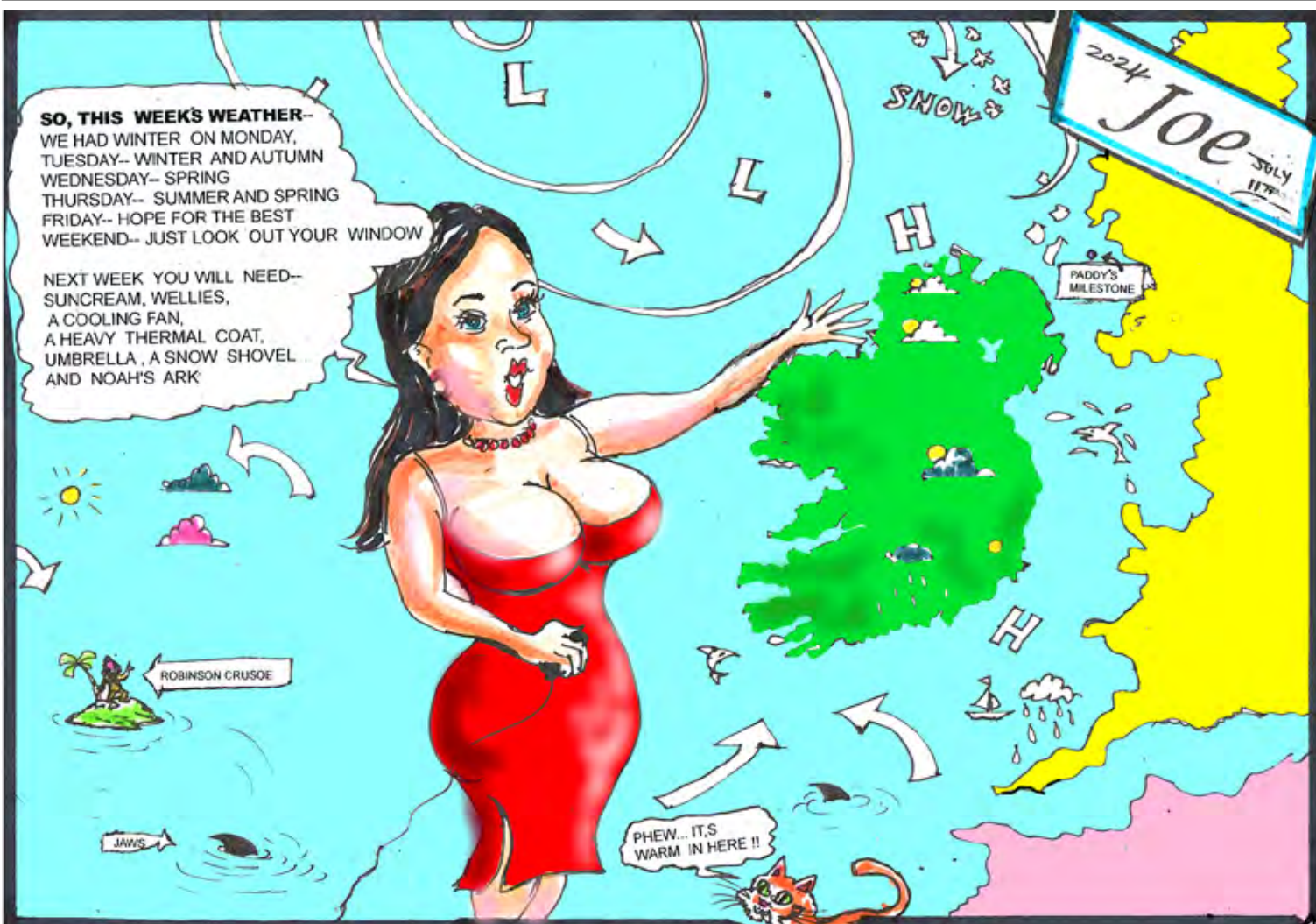
## Caolan Irwin makes motorcycling return

Following a break from racing following an injury sustained at Silverstone last year, 26 year old Kilmacrennan man Caolan Irwin will return to action this weekend in the Pirelli National Sportbike class at Snetterton BSB with Burrows Engineering/RK Racing aboard an Aprilia 660. Caolan and ourselves have shared the same sponsor



(Charlotte Richardson - RK Racing) for the past few years. After testing together in Spain at the start of the year, Charlotte, Caolan and ourselves decided to put the package together - giving Caolan a team environment to make his return to BSB easier, and leveraging his previous experience in the BSB paddock to help us. Caolan has already been working closely with Jack this year sharing his knowledge.

Irwin is really looking forward to racing competitively again. "I am really excited to get back to the British Championship this weekend. I've been out of racing since 2022 in my head so it's been a long time but I didn't want to come back until I was fully fit and ready. So that's exactly how I've found myself now. Charlotte from RK racing has been a huge supporter of my racing in the past and it made sense to do something with Charlotte and John. I've been working closely with the guys this year already and I love the environment so I am buzzing to get started. Thank you to Charlotte, John and my personal sponsors for getting me back to the British Championship." Charlotte Richardson, RK Racing is pleased to be backing the Kilmacrennan man. "It is great to continue to support Caolan upon his return to racing and having his support to BE/RK - in our first year at BSB with Jack. Looking forward to some exciting weekends ahead together."



# Gold and Silver for Cranford at All Ireland's



Eamon Giles with Caolan McFadden, Oisín McBride and Michael Moore.



Cranford AC's Michael Moore who has been included on the Irish international school's team to compete in Wales on July 20th in the 800m.

All roads lead to Tullamore on Sunday with four of Cranford AC athletes participating against the best in the Country. Up first was Ben McGee competing in the Under 13 high jump and did the club proud well done Ben, who competes in a number of track and field events which includes the long jump, high jump, sprint and middle distance. Next up was the 800M race with Oisín McBride in the Under 14, Michael Moore in the Under 17 and Caolán McFadden running Under 18. These boys had to run in a heat to get through to the finals, they all ran extremely well and all 3 qualified. With only a short period to recover until the finals and the sun making an appearance, it isn't easy to do two races in such a short period of time. Oisín had a great race and came in 6th place. Michael had a great race and came in second place, getting his first national medal for the club, but this isn't his first medal at national level as Michael came third in the Tailteann Games. Caolán was the last up for the day and he didn't



Ben McGee with proud parents Brendan and Clare at the National Championships in Tullamore.



Declan and Oisín McBride.



Cranford AC at the National Championships in Tullamore.

# Sawing off the branch

I came across a set of interesting figures the other day - it was a compilation of how many visits are made into schools in Northern Ireland by churches and Christian organisations. The premise behind the figures was that Christians have far too much influence in schools, and the subtext of this was that it needs to be curtailed. The figures look impressive with 11,522 visits from churches and Christian organisations to primary schools, But when you factor in that there are 772 primary schools, that works out on average at 14 per school per year. A little over once a month - adjusting for holidays, 14 in 10 months. And yes I know that it will be zero in some schools and therefore higher in others. But it hardly seems at a level of brainwashing. Also in the news recently there are calls from the National Secular Society in the UK for a school in Wales to be investigated because it has displays quoting verses from the Bible - verses which speak of the wonders of God's world, and speak of the value and intrinsic humanness of mankind. It would also seem that they have a problem with the school allowing the Gideons to give out Bibles with their famous 'helps' - guidance on where to turn in the Bible to find help. Yet although the headmaster is a Bible-believing Christian the material is in keeping with the curriculum.

Seems like the NSS is trying to find a storm in a teacup. I find this fascinating because at the same time this is going on, thinkers of all sorts of stripes, including the high priest of atheism, Richard Dawkins, are pointing out the value of Christian values. Historian Tom Holland has been banging this drum for the last couple of years - that the values which we think are essential to the well-being of a society are actually values which sprang from Christianity. That's not to say that kindness, compassion, dignity and value are the sole prerogatives of Christians, but that they grow in the soil of a Christian view of life. Even Dawkins has been styled a very 'Christian atheist'! These attempts to eradicate Christianity from schools smack of sawing off the branch on which pupil well-being sits. A friend was telling me recently of an interaction on his local community Facebook page. Someone new to the area was asking about the quality of a local school. Response after response praised the school for its dedication to pupil welfare, the kindness and diligence of the teachers, the standards of behaviour of the pupils and so on. One commenter, also making an equal amount of positive comments, said "The one downside is the strong Christian influence". But my friend wanted to point out that there

## Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

is a very strong connection between the two. That's exactly what makes the school what it is. Sure, these things can all exist without a Christian influence, but a phrase I hear commentators using increasingly is "a cut flower society" - like cut flowers in a vase, they look good, but the vital connection to the root is severed, and they will eventually die. These values can exist for a time, but once the vital connection to the roots from which they grow is severed they will die. People might wish to push Christianity out of schools, but it's simply a sawing off of the branch on which society sits. *Mark Loughbridge is one of the ministers in Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or [jmarkloughbridge@gmail.com](mailto:jmarkloughbridge@gmail.com). You can watch or listen online at [www.milfordrpc.org](http://www.milfordrpc.org)*

disappoint crowning himself the Under 18 All Ireland Champion.

The club is so proud of these 4 young men who work and train very hard during the year and it is great to see them getting to the nationals. The club would like to extend their congratulations to Michael Moore who was selected to represent Ireland in Wales for the school Saabs later in the month and we wish him all the best. This is a great opportunity for Michael and the club is very proud of him. Caolán McFadden is also preparing for his upcoming Under 18 European's which is being hosted in Slovakia from the 18th to the 21st of July. This is a great achievement and opportunity for Caolán and the Cranford Athletic Club. Thank you as always to the coaches, parents, and supporters for their continued dedication and commitment.

## Rathmullan Festival 5km

The annual Rathmullan Festival 5km will take place this Friday the 12th of July. Registration takes place at the Rathmullan Resource Centre, beside the football pitch from 6pm and refreshments will be served there afterwards. The Rathmullan 5k proves to be very popular each year and its also possible to register online at [www.njuko.net/rathmullan\\_5k\\_2024](http://www.njuko.net/rathmullan_5k_2024)

## Milford 5km

Milford AC are hosting the John Kilmartin Memorial 5k on Friday the 26th of July at 7.30pm with registration at the Clubhouse from 6pm.



**Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall**  
Donegal County Council

### ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 75, ROADS REGULATIONS 1994, ARTICLE 12 TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

22nd July 2024 - 28th August 2024

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council has made an Order to have the following roads closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate permanent reinstatement.

**Route to be closed:**

- L-1392-1/2/3 Moss Road, Ramelton and
- L-5612/1 Moss Road to Brownknowe Link Road.

**Alternative Route:**

- Via R-245 Ramelton Rd to R-247 Rathmullan Rd & L-5582-1/2 Drumacloghan to Ballyconnelly Road to Ray Road.
- Via R-247 Rathmullan Road and L-5672-1 Cairn High Road.

**Bryan Cannon,**  
Director of Service,  
Roads & Transportation.

# Ambition Accelerator Programme Open Evening

Local Enterprise Office Donegal is hosting an online information session for its award-winning Ambition programme, a female accelerator focused on female entrepreneurs that promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment and create jobs. The Ambition Open Evening takes place online on Wednesday, 17th July at 7pm and is open to female founders and co-founders, entrepreneurs, or those with a strong start-up idea, who have links to Donegal. The closing date for applications to the Ambition programme is Wednesday, 31st July.

“Ambition is designed to support women entrepreneurship in the county and enable more women to transform solid ideas into commercially viable start-ups” says Brenda Hegarty, Head of Enterprise with Local Enterprise Office, Donegal. “Over the past few years, the Ambition programme has delivered remarkable results, enabling many female entrepreneurs to develop their business ideas and establish successful enterprises.”

Commenting on her experience of the programme, Diane Nesbitt of Purple Velvet said: “Ambition provided me with an insight into the

constructive learning environment available through our Local Enterprise Office here on our doorstep in Donegal”. “With an already established business it gave me the opportunity to step back from the daily tasks and look at the potential of my business on a national and potentially international scale. That really helped propel my business forward. The content was well-structured, with each module building on the previous one. I thoroughly enjoyed both learning alongside, and from other women, and the support and guidance was invaluable. The belief in each of our businesses

throughout the programme was really encouraging and I would advise any women in business to apply.” Since taking part in the Ambition programme, Diane has completed the Food Starter Programme and her business Purple Velvet has been accepted onto the Food Academy, a tailored Food Business Development programme for early to mid-stage food business owners, where the participants receive training in food safety, market research and branding, marketing, finance, sustainability, and business development. Find out more at [www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal](http://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal)



The Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church organised a Cuppas and Cakes evening at their Church in the Milford Retail Park in aid of the Hugo Duggan Memorial Track at Milford AC recently and they raised €900 and pictured are some of the attendance.



# Letterkenny Golf Club

Prize-giving was held in Hunters Bar & Grill for the following competitions held in June:

Arena 7 / The Brewery Bar Open 19/6/24: Michael Shiel (22) 40, Winner Mike Sneddon (27) 39, Runner Up Ryan Griffin (+3) 33, Gross. Gary Loveridge (8) 37, 3rd. Liam Wisenan (9) 37, Cat 1. John Russell (17) 36, Cat 2. Gerry O'Sullivan (25)

37, Cat 3. Jimmy Gallagher PGA Open 22/6/24: Gareth McNern (23) 44, Winner Philip Friel (6) 41, Runner Up & Gross Noel Duggan (19) 40, 3rd Matthew Carlin (14) 36, Cat 1. Joe Terry (17) 39, Cat 2 Paddy McCafferty (23) 39, Cat 3 Sunday Stroke Monthly Medal 23/6/24: Kieran Sweeney 72-5= 67, Winner & Gross. Paddy McCafferty 95-24=71, Runner Up. Michael Shiel Jnr 77-5=72, 3rd. Tagert Golf Open 26/6/24: Paddy O'Leary (18) 41, Winner Tony

Duffy (18) 41, Runner Up Darragh McMenamain (scratch) 37, Gross Vincent McGlynn (8) 40, 3rd Tom Doherty (10) 39, Cat 1 Aaron Wasson (15) 38, Cat 2 Pete Kavanagh (22) 36, Cat 3. Saturday Open 29/6/24: JP Clarke (8) 42, Winner & Gross, Jordan Gallagher (17) 40, Runner Up Joe Lambe (19) 39, 3rd. Tom Doherty (9) 39, Cat 1. Gabriel McNulty (16) 39, Cat 2. Paddy O'Gorman (21) 38, Cat 3. Mark Doherty Memorial Open 30/6/24: Martin Doherty (17) 44, Winner. Shay Henry (17) 41, Runner Up. Shaun Duffy (4) 29, Gross. Gary Hegarty (27) 40, 3rd. William White (9) 36, Cat 1. Jordan Gallagher (16) 36, Cat 2. Michael Shiel (21) 38, Cat 3.

### Members Notice

The time sheet for Mr Captains Day (Paul Carr) to Gents on Saturday 13th July has now been opened. Insert name in the hour slot you wish to play within. Deadline for entries is 8pm on Thurs 11th July, after which a draw for playing partners will be made. All members are eligible to enter this competition.

Only those full male members that have played 4 qualifying competitions at LKGC in the previous 12 months are eligible to win the main prizes in this competition.

Student and non-qualifying prizes will be awarded for those that fall outside the qualification criteria for the main prizes.

Members must be subs-compliant in order to qualify for prizes! Prizegiving 9:30pm on the day in Hunters Bar & Grill.

Everyone from LKGC wishes Paul the very best of luck (and sunny weather!) on his Captains Day.

The Ulster fourball team were beaten by the finest of margins by a very strong Colin Valley team. It was a very high standard match that went all the way to the 18th hole in the last match and a putt that looked good all the way but just missed the hole. Thanks to all the team for their efforts'. Roll on next year.

### Letterkenny Ladies

A presentation of prizes took place on Thursday 4th July in the Clubhouse where all outstanding prizes were presented. There was a great turn out and Lady Captain Anne would like to extend a huge thank you to sponsors, Dillons Hotel, Arena 7 and Radisson Blu Letterkenny. Thank you also to the competition secretaries and treasurer for all their work in organising this prizegiving event. The winners of the Play in Pink were also there on the night and there was

a great turn out and a great buzz around the Club house. A Beginners Scramble was also held for the beginner Ladies and the help from the volunteers was very much appreciated.

### Team News

The Challenge Trophy team under the captaincy of Mary Fowley and assisted by Kay Kelly had a strong performance and progress to the semi-fi-

**Dunfanaghy GOLF CLUB**

**OPEN WEEK**  
COMMENCES THURSDAY 25TH JULY 2024

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| <b>JULY 26</b><br>Open 4 Person Waltz<br>Sponsored by Rivers Bar Omelette       | <b>AUGUST 1</b><br>Open Mixed Scotch Foursomes<br>Sponsored by Roylin Constructions |
| <b>JULY 27</b><br>Open Ladies & Gents Stroke<br>Sponsored by by Regina Wireless | <b>AUGUST 2</b><br>Open 4000 Stableford<br>Sponsored by Priddy Party                |
| <b>JULY 28</b><br>Gents Open Stableford<br>Sponsored by by Floor-it             | <b>AUGUST 3</b><br>Open Gents Stableford<br>Sponsored by Robinson Estate Agents     |
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For More Details Contact 074 9136335  
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Winners of the Radisson Blu Competition pictured with Lady Captain Anne Flannery at Letterkenny Golf Club.



Winners of the Arena 7 Competition, pictured with Lady Captain Anne Flannery at Letterkenny Golf Club.



Dunfanaghy Golf Club Ladies who progressed to the next round of the Maire O' Donnell Trophy with a win over Portsalon recently. Good luck in the next round Ladies



The Beginners group with volunteers for the Play In Pink Beginner Scramble at Letterkenny Golf Club recently



Winners of the Target Golf Open at Letterkenny Golf Club are from left Jamie Foley, Peter Kavanagh, Con Boyce Sponsor, Capt Paul Carr, Tony Duffy, Paddy O'Leary.



Hilary Thompson, on left, Portsalon Golf Club, winner of the June Medal with Lady Captain Noreen McConigley.

### Portsalon Ladies

As Lady Captain's Day approaches, all eyes

are turning to the in-form ladies.

The alternate day on Friday 5th July saw Hilary Thompson bring in a net score of 72 in the stroke competition to win the rescheduled June Medal, so she will be added to the growing list of the ladies to watch out for at the end of the month.

The list is on the notice board in the ladies locker room for names of those intending to play on Lady Captain's day, and attend the dinner. Please make sure you get your name down as soon as possible in order that numbers can be given to the restaurant.

### Lady Beginners

There will be no lady beginners scramble this Friday evening 12th July as it is Open Week.

### Open Week

There are some great competitions with lots of variations.

A special mention for the 2-person scramble, any combination, on Monday the 15th July. All proceeds on the day, will be donated to the very worthy Donegal Hospice. V-Par, singles stableford, stroke, Four Ball Betterball all feature again this year. To book contact 074 915-9459.



Winner of the Sunday Stroke at Letterkenny Golf Club are Paddy McCafferty and Kieran Sweeney with Captain Paul Carr.

# Ionad Pobal Thruigh a Locha Fanad Community Centre 50th Anniversary Celebrations

**€1,000 EXTRA PRIZE MONEY**

**50th Anniversary BINGO Night**

**Monday 15th July**

TRIALOUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, F92 DV72

Save the Date!  
Our 50th Anniversary Bingo will take place on Monday 15th July.  
€1,000 extra prize money up for grabs on the night!

**SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2024**

Ionad Pobal Thruigh a Locha Clóithe 1975

**DOORS OPEN 8PM**

## 50th Anniversary CONCERT

To mark 50 years of Trialough Community Centre

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST **SANDY KELLY**

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LOCAL SHOPS OR VIA FACEBOOK

**TICKETS €15**

Facebook: Trialough Community Centre Instagram: ionadpobalthriughalocha



### Grainne retires from Cashel NS

D'éirigh Grainne Uí Dhubthaigh as a post mar phríomhoide i Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal le déanaí. Bhí ócáid bhronnta acu sa scoil agus bronnadh bronnntanais agus bláthanna uirthi ó na páistí, na múinteoirí, na tuismitheoirí agus an Bhord Bainistíochta.



## CROAGHROSS CHARITY OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**  
CROAGHROSS, PORTSALON, CO. DONEGAL, F92X850

**SHEEP DRESSING DEMO AND STOCK JUDGING AT 12 NOON**

FOLLOWED BY CHARITY AUCTION AT 3PM WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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# Fanad

## Death of Dominick McGee

The death took place peacefully at his home on Sunday of Dominic (Dom) McGee, Ballyheerin, Fanad and formerly Rosnaskill. Aged 76 Dom was a well known member of the local community where he had farming interests.

He was predeceased by his parents Neil Joe and Gertrude, brother Niall Fiachre and his daughter Kerry. Dom is survived by his wife Bernie, sons Darren and Siobhan (Ballyheerin), Dom and Rachael (Chicago), Cormac and Shanila (Perth), and Connor and Jacinta (Chicago), his brothers P.J. (NY), Seán (Cavan), Ciarán (Waterford) and his sisters Deirdre Xavier (Dublin) and Máire Wallace (Co. Clare). He is also survived by his grandchildren Alexandria, Giuliana, Vivian, Naomi, Dominic Jnr, Rocco, Kiara, Connor, Arianna, Cormac, Fiona and Gavin, his extended family, neighbours and his many friends.

Removal took place from The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Tuesday to the family residence in Ballyheerin. Removal from there this Thursday at 11.30am going to St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty, Fanad for 12 noon Requiem Mass. Burial afterwards in the adjoining graveyard. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.



## Funeral of Patrick Coll

The funeral took place on Monday in St. Columba's Church Mass - mount of Patrick Coll. Patrick, a native of Claggan, Portsalon passed away on Sunday, 30th of June in Luton England where he resided for a number of years. He was aged 64.



He was predeceased by his parents Maggie and Jamie, brothers Hugh, James, John Bosco, Michael and his sister Sadie. Patrick is survived by his brother Gerard, his sisters Kathleen, Mary, Ann and Margaret, his nieces and nephews.

Remains reposed at his brother Gerard Coll's home in Claggan, Portsalon from Saturday. Fr Anthony Briody officiated at the Requiem Mass in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Monday. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle

## 50th anniversary of Fanad Community Centre

The Fanad Community Centre 50th anniversary is this year and they are

and there will be music and dancing from 9pm by local artists.

Tickets are now available from Wendy in the Ballylar Post Office on 086 0353287; Mairead on 086 1660356; Rosaleen 086 1966964; Shaun on 086 1295653; in the local shops or via Facebook and the tickets cost €15.

## Open Day in Croaghross

The Croaghross Charity Open Day will be held on this Sunday the 14th of July at Croaghross on the farm of Tony and Rachel Gallagher. There will be a Sheep Dressing Demo and stock judging at 12noon followed by a charity auction at 3pm with all the proceeds going to the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and there will be refreshments available on the day with activities for all the family.

For enquiries contact Rachel on 087 101 4107.

## Fanad Festival Queen

Interested in getting glammed up for an evening of fun? The Fanad Active Group are looking for ladies 16+ who would like to enter for this years Festival Queen Competition. If you would like to take part you can pm me on 0863526758 before July 13th please.

## Horse Racing in Portsalon

The Northwest Racing Board will host a Race Meeting at Portsalon F92 A9P9 on Saturday 13th July from 4pm. There will be a 6 Race Card on the day and fun for the all the family, bookies and refreshments. Admission is €10 with kids Free.

## Summer Sale.

Clondevaddock Parish Summer Sale will take place in the Church Hall Tamney, on Saturday 20th July at 3pm. The sale will include: Home Baking, Jams, Plants, Books, Crafts, Brick-a-Brack, Teas and an Auction. A Dog Show will commence at 2pm. All are welcome.

## Vacancies at Fanad Lighthouse

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

Be continuously unemployed for 12 months or more.

Be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance.

People on disability allowance are also eligible to apply.

Please contact Aine on 0872366912

## Dry Stone Walling

This weekend the Fanad Dry Stone Walling, Cultural Heritage events weekend will be held in the parish.

On Friday from 9pm there will be an evening of local music and song in the Fanad Lodge.

On Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm each day their will be a Dry Stone Walling Workshop at Shanaghadoo near the Ballylare Post Office (F92 H7E2).

On the two days you can learn the art of dry stone walling and also refresh and improve your skills.

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|                               |                              |
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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 |                              |

### MAIN COURSES

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

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

### Warm Chicken Salad

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

### DESSERTS

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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                  |

**Take Away Service Available - Tel 074 91 50110**

**Fanad Dry Stone Walling**  
**Cultural Heritage Events Weekend**  
**12th, 13th & 14th July, 2024**

**Fri 12th:**  
 Evening of Local Music & Song  
 Fanad Lodge - 9pm

**Sat 13th & Sun 14th:**  
**Dry Stone Walling Workshop**  
 Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5pm  
 Learn the Art of Dry Stone Walling  
 Refresh/Improve your Walling Skills

**Sat 13th:**  
**Intercultural Hand Drumming with Éamonn Cagney**  
 Community Centre, Traigh a' Loch, Fanad  
 Teens Group: 11-1pm - Limited Spaces  
 Adult Group: 2-4pm - Limited Spaces

**Bataireacht Presentation & Workshop**  
 with Bernard Leddy. Self Defence with Shillelagh  
 Community Centre, Traigh a' Loch, Fanad  
 2-4pm - Limited Spaces

**Sat 13th:**  
**Horseshoe Throwing**  
 Who will be the 2024 Fanad Champion of the Horseshoe Throwing?

All Welcome      Refreshments provided by *Fóilte*  
 An Seanach Dubh Community

Funded by: Donegal ETB's Community Education Support Programme, 'Peannail Teanga an Tuaisceart' and 'Supported by Grúpa Cósta Fhánada'

Registration:  
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 Email: caitefealty@gmail.com

planning big celebrations to mark the occasion.

It will begin this Monday the 15th of July with a 50th anniversary Bingo Night at Trialough Community Centre. There will be €1,000 extra prize money added to the usual pot.

Then on Saturday the 27th of July there will be an Anniversary Concert featuring David James and Band with special guest Sandy Kelly. Doors open at 8pm

Also on Saturday there will be Intercultural Hand Drumming with Éamonn Cagney in the Community Centre with Teens from 11am to 1pm and adults from 2 to 4pm.

From 2-4pm there will be a Bataireacht Presentation and Workshop with Bernard Leddy, self defence with Shillelagh.

Also on Saturday there will be Horseshoe Throwing and who will be the 2024 Fanad Champion?

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of the events.

**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.

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Grainne Duffy with her senior Class at her retirement function from Cashel NS recently and pictured right with her husband Patrick and family.

# Planning Notices

## Donegal County Council Arryheernabin, Fanad North, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Thomas and Lisa Smith, are applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission to Erect Domestic Garage, Storage and Games Room Building to Rear of Existing Dwelling House and all associated Site Works @ Arryheernabin, Fanad North, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

## Donegal County Council Gortnatraw South, Carrowkeel

We, Marie & Noel Dougherty are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank & domestic garage with all associated site development works at Gortnatraw South, Carrowkeel, County Donegal in the townland of Gortnatraw South. 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 Clonbara, Falcarragh

I, John McCauley am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank & domestic storage shed with all associated site development works at Clonbara, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Clonbara. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the 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 High Road, Letterkenny,

I, Michael McGettigan intend to apply to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission and Permission for the following: - 1The change of use and completion of vacant commercial premises to Hostel residential accommodation. 2. Including all elevational changes that have been carried out. 3. Planning Permission to construct 3 No new light wells to provide natural light to part of the building. 4All other associated site development works at High Road, Letterkenny, County Donegal, in the townland of Letterkenny. 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 Further Environmental Information (Natura Impact Statement) And Revised Plans Applicant – Dermot Sweeney Address – Aughnish, Ramelton Planning Ref. No. 23/51743

Significant further information including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)) and revised plans in relation to the application have been submitted and is available for inspection 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. That a

submission or observation in relation to the further information including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)) and revised plans may be made in writing on payment of fee of €20.00 not later than 5 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority.

## Donegal County Council Glenkeeran, Letterkenny

We, James & Margaret Haughey are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for construction of a dwelling house dwelling with a domestic garage & an on-site sewage treatment system at Glenkeeran, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

## Donegal County Council Further Information and Revised plans Brinlack, Derrybeg, County Donegal.

I, Barry Lyttle have submitted further information and revised plans to Donegal County Council for planning application Ref No: 23/51917 which is for permission to demolish part of existing dwelling house and erect replacement extension including connection to existing onsite septic tank and all other associated site development works at Brinlack, Derrybeg, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Brinlack. The further information and revised plans 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 further information and revised plans may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 2 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

## Donegal County Council 21 Solomons Hill, Glencar Scotch, Letterkenny

I, Martin Higgins am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to demolish existing domestic garage due to defective mica blockwork and erect a self-contained flat ancillary to my existing dwelling house with all other associated site development works including alterations to the driveway & entrance at 21 Solomons Hill, Glencar Scotch, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Glencar Scotch. 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 Tirroddy, (ED: Glenalla), Glenalla, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Seamus McAteer and Aisling Crawford Mc Ateer, are applying to Donegal County Council for Demolition of Existing (Defective/MICA) Dwelling House and Reconstruction of a New Replacement Dwelling House and Connection to Existing Sewage Treatment Plant @ Tirroddy, (ED: Glenalla), Glenalla, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application

## In Memoriam

### McFadden Umlagh, Carrigart



**Dan**  
25th Anniversary



**Ellen**  
12th Anniversary

In loving memory of Dan and Ellen McFadden who died on the 13th July 1999 and 12th November 2012

*The hands of time keep turning away  
the years have slipped away  
But in our hearts and memories  
you are with us every day.  
We hold you close within our hearts  
and there you shall remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
until we meet again.  
Rest In Peace*

Always loved and sadly missed by the family.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 13th of July in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6pm.**

### McLaughlin Drumatrumman, Kerrykeel



**John**  
9th Anniversary



**Madge**  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of John who died on 2nd August 2015 and Madge who died on 22nd July 2022.

*Happy memories keep forever  
of days when we were all together  
Each of us in our own way have  
special thoughts of you today.*

Sadly missed son Daniel, daughter-in-law Olivia and grand daughter Melissa and extended family.

**Anniversary Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 20th July at 6.00p.m.**

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 Knockastoller, Bunbeg

I, Patrick McBride am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Knockastoller, Bunbeg, County Donegal in the townland of Knockastoller. 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.



**McGrath  
Bridget  
Drumherville,  
Ramelton  
7th Anniversary**

In loving memory of a dear mother, Bridget, sister, sister-in-law and auntie who died on 19th July 2017.

*If roses grow in  
Heaven Lord please  
pick a bunch for us  
Place them in our  
Mammy's arms and  
tell her they're from  
us.*

We love you Mammy and miss you Ella May and son PJ

*Of all the special  
gifts in life however  
great or small  
To have you as our  
sister was the  
greatest gift of all  
May the winds of  
love blow softly and  
whisper in your ear  
"We love and miss  
you sister and wish  
that you were here"  
Deep in our hearts,  
your life is kept to  
love and cherish  
not forget  
No more tomorrows  
we can share but  
yesterdays are  
always there  
A silent thought, a  
secret tear keeps  
your memory ever  
near, in our hearts  
forever xxx.*

Sadly missed and fondly remembered by your brothers, sisters, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and their families.



**Toner  
Jamie  
13th Anniversary**

*We sit here looking  
at your photos  
Wishing you were  
here instead  
You were so young  
and full of life  
A life cut short and  
far too soon  
If we only knew  
why?*

*But that won't help  
the pain that we feel  
every day  
Missing you so much  
Wondering what a  
young man you  
would have been if  
things were so dif-  
ferent that you were  
never taken from us.*

*You are our precious  
son Jamie.*

Always remembered and loved Mum and Dad.

*~~~~~  
Jamie  
You're still here in  
my heart and mind  
Still making me  
laugh because your  
stories live on  
I hold you in a  
thought and I can  
feel you  
I will always hold  
you in my heart  
I promise you  
I will be missing you  
every day till the end  
of time.*

Love Big Sis Lynn.

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 14th July in St. Columba's Church, Glendowan at 10.30am.**



**Toner  
James  
Cruckraw,  
Churchill  
13th Anniversary**

*A Dad and Grandpa,  
We hope you and  
Jamie are happy  
together up there in  
Heaven  
You are always  
talked about  
Your name and  
memories live on*

Missed always James, Roisin and Lynn.

**Tel. 074  
91 53600**



**McGinley  
Brigid  
Ballymichael,  
Fanad  
3rd Anniversary**

In loving memory of Brigid who died on the 14th July 2021.

*A silent thought  
a quiet prayer  
For a special person  
in God's care.*

Remembered with loved by all the family.

**Anniversary Mass on Saturday 13th July in St. Mary's Church, Fanavoly at 7.00pm.**

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## In Memoriam

### Boyce Tullagh



**Annie**  
2nd Anniversary  
**Pat**  
6th Anniversary

*In a lonely graveyard in Carrigart not too far away There rests our loved ones we visit every day As time goes on without you and days turn into years We hold on to our memories and shed many silent tears*

Lovingly remembered by all the family

Anniversary Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6pm on Saturday 13th July.

### Brown Gortnabrade



**Dim and Bridget**  
22nd Anniversary

*We think about you often and talk about you still You haven't been forgotten and by us you never will.*

Always remembered by the Boyces and Mary Harkin and family.

Anniversary Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6pm on Saturday 13th July.



### Boyce

**William Ballymaleel, Letterkenny**  
2nd Anniversary

*Your memories are so precious, your presence missed so much You will always be remembered and loved by all of us Will those who think of him today a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Always loved and missed by your wife Noreen and all the family Letterkenny, Dublin and Cork.

Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Church, Ramelton on Sunday 16th July at 11.00am.



### Carr

**Fiona Ballagherd, Letterkenny**  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of Fiona who died on 12th July 2018.

*Those cheerful smiles, that heart of gold The dearest voice the world could hold A beautiful soul in a garden of rest It's true to say God chooses the best.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your Mum and Dad, Ronan, Donna and James, Jamie, Aoife and Ryan and all your family and friends.

Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 14th July in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty, Fanad at 11a.m.

## Planning Notices

Donegal County Council  
Aughnash Road,  
Rathmelton

We, Timothy and Kamila Boyle are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission

for development at Aughnish Road, Rathmelton, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Rathmelton. The development will consist



### Carr

**Una Ballinacrick, Fanad**  
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of Una who died on 1st July 2014,

*Oh, what would I give to clasp her hand, her dear kind face to see To hear her voice to see her smile that meant so much to me.*

*Her spirit has fled, her sufferings o'er, at the fireside she will join us no more.*

Sadly missed by your husband John.

*You're not forgotten Granny, nor ever shall you be As long as life and memory last, we shall remember thee.*

Remembered by your grandchildren Anthony, Andrea, Nicole, Aoife, Shaun, Roisin and Eoghan.

*A loving mother so gentle and kind What a wonderful memory she left behind Long days, long nights, she bore her pain To wait for cure but all in vain Till God Himself knew what was best He took her home and gave her rest.*

Missed by Sean and Mary, Brian and Carol, Enda and Bernie, Joe, Geraldine.

Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Church, Fanavolty on 13th July at 7pm.

## Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



Contact  
Tirconaill Tribune Office  
074 91 53600

of the construction of a two storey dwelling, domestic garage/store with provision of a sewage treatment system. To include all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority 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.



### Cannon

**Mary T Dunmore Carrigart**  
12th July 2016

*As long as our hearts keep beating As long as our eyes shed tears We will always love and miss you No matter how many years.*

Always remembered by Danny and the boys.

*Time and years slip gently by Love and memories never die In our hearts you will always stay Loved and remembered every day.*

always remembered Seamus and Margaret

Mum  
*A special bond that spans the years through laughter love and also tears A sense of trust that can't be broken A death of love sometimes unspoken Mother and daughter heads as one Whether Heaven or earth will never be undone.*

Love Rose  
*Forever in our hearts, never forgotten.*

Love Marie and Oisin

Mary  
*A silent thought a little prayer For someone special in Gods care.*

Always remembered by Eunan, Nancy and family.

*Saint Anthony remember Mary in your prayers at this time.*

Martin and Liz  
*It doesn't take words to say or your anniversary to pray for you who was taken from us 8 years ago today Your presence is very much missed but we look to you above and in our prayers and thoughts we send you all our love.*

Bridie.



### Mooney

**Josephine**  
14th Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear mother Josephine who died on the 14th July 2010.

*A mother's heart no longer beats But a mother's love for eternal keeps And until we meet again above Always know that we feel your love.*

Love you now and forever Mum, daughter Mary, Eamonn and boys.

*You may be out of sight, we may be worlds apart But you are always on our minds and forever in our hearts.*

Always remembered by niece Margaret and Anthony

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

Always remembered by sister Phyllis and Patrick.



### McGinley

**(nee Sheridan) Julia Rathfarnham, Dublin / Rathmullan**  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Julia, loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister who passed away on 17th July 2023.

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

Loved dearly and sadly missed by your husband Michael, children, Paul, Mary, Karen, Michael, Suzanne, grandchildren, sisters and extended family.

### Donegal County Council Plughoge, Arranmore Island

I, Anne Conaghan am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to 1. Refurbish an existing dwelling house and 2. Erect an extension onto existing dwelling house with 3. New wastewater



### McLaughlin

**Dan Gortaway, Ramelton**  
4th Anniversary

Cherished memories of a dear husband, father and grand father.

*You always had a smile to share Time to give and time to care A loving nature kind and true these are the memories we have of you.*

Loved and missed by all your family here and away.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 13th July at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church, Ramelton.



### Russell

**Jim Lacknacoo, Gartan, Churchill**  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Granda who died on the 11th July 2019.

*Silent memories keep you near as time unfolds another year Out of our lives you may have gone but in our hearts you still live on.*

Loved and remembered always by Joe, Ryan and Tara.

treatment system and 4. all other associated site development works including the proposed diversion of the existing private access road at Pulghoge, Arranmore Island, County Donegal in the townlands of Plughoge. 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**

**New Line Road, Letterkenny**

I, Michael Hillel am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for the following : (1) retention and completion of extension and alterations to outhouse. (2) change of use of outhouse to home office/gym. (3) connection to existing utilities & associated site works at New Line Road, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the town of Letterkenny. The planning application may be

## Acknowledgement

### Nelis

We the family of the late Geraldine Nelis would like to sincerely thank all of those who sympathised with us, sent cards and attended Geraldine's wake and funeral.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the medical staff and services who always supported Geraldine.

Thank you to our neighbours, friends and family for all their kindness. A special thanks to Fr Michael McKeever for the lovely funeral Mass.

Geraldine's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday the 19th of July in St Colmcille's Church, Glendowan at 7pm.



### Russell

**Lacknacoo, Churchill Jim**  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father who died on the 21st July 2019.

*As time unfolds another year Memories keep you ever near Silent thoughts of time together Hold memories that last for ever.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your daughter Louise.

Mass offered.



### Sheerin

**Joe Creeve, Rathmullan**  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of Joe who died on 10th July 2021.

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

Always remembered by Margaret and Anthony.

*No farewells were spoken, we did not say goodbye You were gone before we knew it and only God knows the reason why.*

Always remembered by Phyllis and Patrick.



### Patton

**Shane Drumkeen**  
12th Anniversary

In loving memory of our precious son Shane who died on the 12th July 2012.

*We wish we could see you one more time come walking through the door But we know that is impossible and we will hear your voice no more We know that you can feel our tears and you don't want us to cry*

*Yet our hearts are broken because we cannot understand Why someone so precious had to die We pray that God will give us the strength and somehow help us through As we struggle with the heartache that came when we lost you.*

Always remembered and loved Mum, Dad, Dina and Jason.

*Precious are the memories Special is your name Close in our hearts you will always remain*

Grandad and James.  
*Those cheerful smiles, that heart of gold The dearest voice the world could hold A beautiful soul in a garden of rest It's true to say God chose the best*

Always remembered and sadly missed John, Mary, Phonsie, Susan, Michael and families.

inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application

# Unforgettable performance in Disneyland for Banna Ceoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola

On Wednesday, Cloughaneely Junior Band marched with pride down Main Street USA in Disneyland Paris. They set off last Monday, 27 band members along with committee and family. The flew into Beauvais Airport and between rehearsals enjoyed a cruise along the Seine and explored the city as well as enjoying the rollercoasters in the Disneyland park. Performance day was Wednesday, the morning between the excitement and nerves the band members were delighted in becoming a Disney Performer for the day. The thousands of people that lined the streets in Disneyland enjoyed their Disney music including tunes like - The Lion King, Under the Sea, Part of this World to name a few.

The Band members are working so hard to learn their music and drill routine. The amount of work our teachers and committee are putting into this, to make this the most memorable once in a lifetime trip for all band members is to be commendable.

We, the committee are so proud of each and every one of them, to see them march in front of the castle no words can describe the feelings we all had. We would like to thank Roarty's Garage, Dunlwey for sponsoring the van and Kevin Kearney who transported the van from Ireland to France with all our musical instruments and uniforms.

To all our family, friends and community who came along last Thursday to wish us well and watch our Disney performance. To everyone for all the kind donations in the lead up to the trip.



Members of the Cloughaneely Junior Band group during their recent trip to Disneyland Paris where they performed on the famous Main Street USA.

Next up for Banna Ceoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola is the All Ireland Fleadh in 4 weeks time when the

band travel to Wexford to retain their All Ireland Title. We wish all the band and committee the very

best of luck.



Cloughaneely Junior Band pictured performing in Disneyland Paris during their trip.



Pictured are members of the Cloughaneely Band enjoy the Disneyland Paris experience during their recent trip.



# Creeslough

## The late Mary Jones

The death took place of Mary Jones (nee McGee) recently in Morecambe, sister of the late Dorothy McCarry (Kildarragh). And also remembering Mary's grandson Jamie Boland who also sadly passed away recently. May they both rest in peace. Deepest sympathy is also extended to the entire family circle.

## Athletics

Congratulations to Caolan McFadden from Killoughcarron in Creeslough and a member of the Cranford AC on winning the National 800m Under 18 Championships in Tullamore at the weekend. This is just the latest in a number of titles picked up by Caolan in recent years.

## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Monday evening last. The numbers drawn were: 1,10,11,12,13,16. The match 5 winners were Carmel McGeady, Magheraroarty and Corrine McGinley, Kill, Dunfanaghy who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3050.

## Garden Fete

A Garden Fete will be held at Ballymore Parish Centre on Saturday 13th July from 2pm until 4pm. There will be the usual stalls and sideshows and Johnny Haughey will be playing there also. Everyone is welcome.

## Silver Jubilees

Two very popular Donegal Priests have celebrated their Silver Jubilees over the last two weekends. Congratulations to Fr Michael Mc Keeever P.P. V.G. (Diocesan Secretary and one of the Vicar Generals in the Diocese). Fr McKeeever who works as a parish priest across Glendowan, Termon and Kilmacrennan was honoured at the ceremony with many of his fellow Priests, colleagues and parishioners in attendance including retired Bishop of Raphoe, Philip Boyce, and former Bishop of Raphoe, Alan McGuckian. Congratulations also to Monsignor Kevin Gillespie who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his Ordination the previous day. Monsignor Gillespie is the current Diocesan Administrator in Raphoe. He took on the caretaker role in March after Bishop Alan McGuckian's move to Down and Connor. Monsignor Gillespie's caretaker role

ensures the administration of the Diocese until a new Bishop is appointed. Monsignor Gillespie also serves as the Administrator of St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Previously he served as curate in Baile na Finne and at St. Eunan's Cathedral before working for nine years at the Congregation for Clergy in Rome. During his time at the Vatican, he was a Master of Ceremonies to two Popes - Pope Benedict and the current Pontiff, Pope Francis. He was also joined by a huge gathering of colleagues and friends in his celebration.

## Show Jumping

Congratulations to Creeslough equestrian Eabha Brennan who had a repeat triumph last Wednesday when she qualified for the RDS Dublin Horse Show for a second time, with her latest success having taken place in Killossery Stud in Dublin. Eabha and her pony Millfields Killnascully finished on an almost identical score and placing as in their previous qualifier.

The pair, who are being sponsored by McGinley Motors, will compete in the Working Hunter Ponies Competition at the Dublin Horse Show in August.

## Knock Shrine

St. Thérèse International Day at Knock is on Sunday July 14th. Anointing of the sick at 2.30pm. Concelebrated Mass at 3pm. Blessing with the Relic of St. Thérèse and veneration of the Relic from 10am to 5.30pm.

## Creeslough Community Association

Volunteers Needed: Village Clean Up - Thursday, July 11th at 7pm - Meeting at the Corner of the Garden. Fused Glass Workshop: (Ages 5-12) 10am-11.30am / (Ages 13-18) 11.45am - 1.15pm. August 6th. Kids Musical Instrument Making Workshop: (Ages 12-18) 10am - 1pm August 14th - 16th. "Last Week of Summer" Camp for Teenagers: (Ages 13-17) - August 21st - 23rd. To Register for the Workshops/Camps Please Text or Email the CCA: info@creesloughcommunity.com / 087 292 3102.

## St. Michael's Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 1,6,15,16,17,19. The match 5 winner was Luke McCarry who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €7100.



Pictured are the St. Michael's Under 8 Team who played against Fanad Geals recently

## 50/50

Congratulations to Roger Greene who won €350 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## 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. The newly renovated Coffee Dock is open again and will be very welcome and popular with everyone.

## Retreats

There will be a Bereavement Retreat in Ards Friary from Friday July 12th until July 14th. We invite you to come and honour your loss and discover the possibility of finding new ways of living that carries that loss with new hope

## Mass in Doe

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



St. Michael's Under 12 Girls Team who played games against Milford and Termon recently.

# Cloughaneely

## Death of Sally Gallagher



The death took place on Friday 5th July at her home of Sally Gallagher (nee Shiels) of Meenlaragh, Gortahork and formerly of Ballywhoriskey, Fanad. Predeceased by her parents Neil and Annie, brothers Dorby and John, sisters Máire and Margaret and grand daughters Ailis and Aoife.

Funeral Mass took place on Sunday 7th July in Christ the King Church, Gortahork with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to her husband Patsy, sons James, Patrick and Neil, daughters Anne Claire and Sharon, in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers Danny and Brendan, sisters Bridget, Grace, Angela and Kate, nieces, nephews and a large circle of family and friends.

## Death of Neil Doogan

The death took place in the Lakehouse Nursing Home, Portnablagh of Neil Doogan, Ardsmore, Gortahork. Neil was predeceased by his parents Manus and Mary and brother Manus.

Requiem Mass took place on Sunday 7th July in Christ the King Church, Gortahork with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to his sister Shelia Mc Goldrick, Tallaght, Dublin, nieces, nephews and a circle of family and friends.



## Customer Appreciation Day.

Siopa Pobail will be open on Mondays from 1pm-5pm during July and August. Customer Appreciation Day on Friday 19th July to celebrate our 16 year anniversary.

## Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner of the Cloughaneely Lotto last week and the numbers drawn were 1-4-8-9-12-17-19. John Joe McGee, Ballina, Falcarragh won €100. This week's jackpot will be €7,700.

## Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Comhghairdeas John and Niall Byrne, Clonbara a bhuaidh duais de €1018 an tarraingt 50/50.

## Family Fun Day

Friday 12th of July 3-5pm at Ionad Naomh Fionnán Falcarragh in beloved memory of Big Joe Kelly and John Harley. Music with DJ Dave, BBQ, Gourmet Queen Bouncy Castles, face paints, penalty shoot out, obstacle courses and more from 3-5pm. Tickets can be purchased for the Raffle also on the day.

The main beneficiaries of the Falcarragh CSC Summer Cup will be both the Gortahork and Falcarragh National Schools.

## Preschool Booster

Falcarragh Medical Centre will be holding Pre school Booster clinics on Monday 15th July from 3-5pm. Contact the surgery to make an appointment on 9135491/9135490.

## Safe to Call

Safe to call is a new community initiative to support victims of domestic abuse and highlighting the supports that are available to them. Pobail Le Chéile are providing such victims a safe space

to make a call confidentially. Time available for this service is Monday - Thursday 10am - 5pm.

## Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach

6 Weeks Camp continues until the 2nd August. Contact pobaleas@gmail.com nó 074 9180571 to register. Sport, Art, Karate, Nature, Friends, Fun, Music, Archery, Drama, Storytelling and much more. For children aged 4-12 years. 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday. €50/Child per week. Family discount - second child €40, third child €35.

## Food Bank

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.

## Summer Buggy Walks

Summer Buggy Walks Open to all parents, carers etc caring for babies/children meet at the car park beside the Little Free Library (behind the Strand Bar) 10am on July 11th, 18th and 25th. Call 086 455 7519 for more info. Cumann Cairdeas

The next summer trip will be on Wednesday 31st July to the Donegal Waterbus in Donegal Town. The trip to Oakfield Park was a great success.

## Artspace

Thank you to all the local artists who are taking part in our Spring Exhibition-Seamus Doohan, Kathleen Sharkey, Brendan Sweeney, John Connaghan and Nóirín Ní Mhianáin. The summer exhibition will be launched on Friday 26th July.

## Dates for your Diary

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

## Pobail Le Cheile

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



Pictured are members of the Cloughaneely Band enjoying their trip to Disneyland Paris.



Comhghairdeas Pól Ó Gallachoir, Ardsmore Gortahork a bhuaidh duais de €1022 an tarraingt 50/50

## Thursday Café

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



# Sarah Doherty celebrates her 106th Birthday

Celebrations took place in the Lakehouse Nursing Home in Portnablagh on Saturday last when Sarah Doherty from Kinnelargey in Downings celebrated her 106th Birthday. Sarah was joined for her birthday celebrations by her two daughters Nuala and Mary Josephine and family and friends as well as the staff from the

Lakehouse to celebrate this momentous milestone. Sarah is one of the oldest people living in the country at the moment. Sarah enjoyed the celebrations and she was also presented with a Commemorative Medal from the President Michael D. Higgins from the Director of Nursing of The Lakehouse



Sarah Doherty receiving her special birthday cake.



Sarah Doherty pictured with her daughters Nuala and Mary Josephine on her 106th Birthday with Jennifer Rankin Director of Nursing and Staff from the Lakehouse.

Jennifer Rankin. Jennifer said that she was delighted and proud to present Sarah with her fifth Medal and said that Sarah is held in great affection by everyone in the Home.



Sarah Doherty pictured with her daughters Nuala and Mary Josephine at her 106th Birthday Celebrations in the Lakehouse in Portnablagh on Saturday last.

## Dunfanaghy

### Accolade for Dunfanaghy

The village of Dunfanaghy received an accolade last week when it featured in Top 12 picturesque towns to Explore for an Irish Minibreak list from Tripadvisor. Dunfanaghy has been placed at joint 11th alongside Enniskerry in Wicklow and one place behind Mullaghmore in north Sligo.

The popularity of each beach location was measured by a unique index score - based on the number of hashtags and views each coastal gem has racked up on Instagram, as well as Trip Advisor rankings - with the lower the overall index score the higher the ranking.

From the variables, Dunfanaghy top scores with five out of five in TripAdvisor Ratings, where it is stressed that the town is great for outdoors with the likes of Hornhead, The Workhouse, Narosa, Dunfanaghy Bay, the Gallery and the WW2 Memorial, as well as its bars, and food and drink.

This is the latest in a number of prestigious international lists that the town has featured in in recent years as it has become a very popular tourist destination along the Wild Atlantic Way.

### The late Kevin Donaghey

The death has taken place at his home of Kevin Donaghey, 111 Hollymount Park, Waterside, Derry, husband of Margaret McMullan, Swillybrin. Mass was celebrated in St. Columbs Church, and cremation will take place in Lakelands Crematorium at a later date. Sympathy is also extended from the community to Margaret to all his family.

### The Workhouse

New Exhibition Launch at The Workhouse on Monday

## Lift Required

Lift required for secondary school student from Dunfanaghy / Creeslough to / from Milford during the School Term 2024/2025. Willing to share expenses.

Please leave your contact details at PO Box No 034 or tribune15@gmail.com and reference this box number. Replies before 12th July 2024.

15th of July: The Workhouse is excited to announce that the Donegal County Museum's Exhibition of "Workhouses of County Donegal" is going on display at the Dunfanaghy Workhouse. Learn about the history of the Poor Union Workhouses in Donegal and hear real stories of people that lived within the Dunfanaghy Workhouse. Join us on Monday 15th of July for a special day of guided tours with the heritage officer from 11am to 3pm. Bookings are required for the official launch of the exhibition on Mon 15th of July at €5 per person. Contact The Workhouse on 074 913 6540 to book a ticket. The exhibition will run 7 days a week from July - Sept, 10am-4pm at €6 per person.

### Wee Hannah Day

A celebration of "Wee Hannah" will take place on Saturday the 20th of July. At 12.30pm there will be a gathering at The Workhouse with a guided walk to the paupers graveyard. A blessing and historical talk will take place at the paupers graveyard and a blessing will take place at 1.30pm. Where then everyone is invited back to the Workhouse at 2pm for tea, coffee, scones and a heritage discussion with local historian Cary Meehan. To book, contact The Workhouse on 074 913 6540.

### Cup Cake Making

Sian from Wild Fuschia Bakehouse will be hosting a Cup Cake Making Workshop on Tuesday 23rd of July at 10.30am - 12pm for children ages 9+. Come make, bake and decorate your own cupcakes. To book, contact The Workhouse on 074 913 6540.

### Fairy Godmother Sing Along

Come join the Fairy Godmother at The Workhouse Cinema Room in a Disney inspired sing along experience for all the family to enjoy on Thursday 18th of July. 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 1pm - 2pm. Suitable for kids 3+ - please note parents must be in attendance with their child at all times. To book ring Anna Devine on 085 112 1264.

### Magic Show

A family Magic Show with Mr Majestic will be held in the Shandon Hotel on this Saturday 13th July. Starting at 7pm admission is adults €10pp with children free. Everyone is welcome.

### Garden Fete

A Garden Fete will be held at Ballymore Rectory on this Saturday 13th July from 2-4pm. There will be the usual stalls and sideshows and Johnny Haughey will be playing there also. Everyone is welcome.

### Vintage Show

The North West Donegal Vintage Club is running a Vin-

tage Show at the Dunfanaghy Youths FC grounds on the Horn Head Road on this Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July. The show includes vintage and classic cars, tractors and other vehicles, stationary engines, agricultural implements and other vintage artifacts. Owners of all such are invited to bring them along. The show will include auto jumble and novelty stalls, crafts exhibitions and a refreshments tent. The public are invited each day from 1pm, Adults €8 each, children free.

### Mollys Pop-Up Market

Molly's Pop-up craft market is running every Sunday in the months of July and August. Open from 12 to 4 pm each Sunday. This market will be situated in Molly's beer garden under the cover of their gazebo. So, we will not have to deal with summer weather uncertainty. Access to beer



## Dunfanaghy Vintage Show

Saturday 13th July & Sunday 14th July

**at the Dunfanaghy Youths FC grounds  
on the Horn Head Road, Dunfanaghy**

### North West Donegal Vintage Club Vintage Show & Rally

The Show includes Vintage & Classic Cars, Tractors and other Vehicles, Stationary Engines, Agricultural Implements and other Vintage Artifacts. Owners of all such are invited to bring them along.

The show will include auto jumble and novelty stalls, crafts exhibitions and a refreshments tent.

The public are invited each day from 1.00pm,  
Adults €8 each, children free.



Ben McDaid from Coolboy, Gortnavern receiving his prize of €7100 which he won on the St. Michael's GAA Mini Lotto Jackpot recently from Moses Alcorn from the St. Michael's Bingo Committee. Also included are his parents Chris and Kate, brother Patrick and uncle Patsy McGee. The presentation took place at the Bridge on Friday evening last.

garden will be from main street. At the end of Mollys, go through the archway.

All producers are local and all their products are handcrafted and have 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 Summer Kids Club

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

### Fun Run / Walk

The Dunfanaghy Youth's Football Club is holding their 5K Fundraising Run/Walk on this Saturday July 13th at 11a.m. Registration open from 10a.m. at the Ozanam Centre. Entry fee - Child €5, Adult €10, family €20. Refreshments in the Ozanam Centre afterwards.

### Mass in Doe

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

### Quiz Nights

Dunfanaghy FRC Quiz Nights in Arnolds Hotel on Tuesday evenings at 9.30pm for July & August in aid of supporting, improving & enriching the lives of Children, Families & individuals in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas. Note the quiz on Tuesday 30th July will be in aid of Dunfanaghy August Fair.

### Wellness Café

2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon at The Workhouse. Next meeting Monday 22nd July.

### Quiz Nights

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

### St. Michael's Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Monday evening last. The numbers drawn were: 1,10,11,12,13,16. The match 5 winners were Carmel McGeady, Magheraroarty and Corrine McGinley, Kill, Dunfanaghy who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3050.

### 50/50

Congratulations to Roger Green who won €350 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.





All Ireland Semi Final Donegal v Galway

# McGuinness to work his magic on Galway

Pauric Joyce and Jim McGuinness may be very good friends but for now they will be keeping their distance apart from the customary handshake before Sunday's All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park (throw-in 4pm). It's going to be an intriguing game between Donegal and Galway who will battle it out for a place in the decider against either Armagh or Kerry who play on Saturday evening at GAA Headquarters (throw-in 5.30pm). Joyce and McGuinness know each other and played together for Tralee IT in their student days.

So it's going to be an interesting build-up in terms of the mind games and tactics that will be employed by the two teams in the semi-final. McGuinness usually has the edge when it comes to psychological sharpness with his players generally able to deliver his message in full when they get onto the pitch. If Joyce were able to do the same and Galway repeat the strong second half performance against the Dubs then the Tribesmen would have a decent chance of making the final. When he took on the Donegal job for the first time in 2011 McGuinness guided his team to an All-Ireland semi-final and the following year delivered the Sam Maguire 'Back to the Hills'.

There's no doubt that the Glenties man will be aiming to do it in his first year this time and will leave no stone unturned in pursuit of that objective. Will there be any changes from the Louth win? McGuinness and his backroom will certainly be looking at tightening up the defensive setup after conceding 18 points in the quarter-final. That will be a fine balancing act as Donegal will want to maintain their own impressive scoring record that has got them to this stage of the championship. The bottom line for the manager is that their fantastic conversion rate continues on Sunday so some more leakage at the back



Michael Langan who will be hoping to be celebrating again after the Galway game on Sunday



Playmaker Shane O'Donnell will be a key figure in attack for Donegal at Croke Park

than one would like might have been a sacrifice worth making.

While Jason McGee was listed among the subs for the Louth game he did not come on and that may be the case again due to an ongoing leg injury. Mark Curran didn't feature in the quarter-final but the defender could be a possible starter

on Sunday. Daire O'Baoill and Niall O'Donnell who were both taken off in the Louth game are players whose starting places may be under pressure. Carndonagh's Conor O'Donnell who was a late call-up for the last game should retain his place in attack. Donegal appear to be in a better place in terms of injuries than Galway.

Pauric Joyce has to have a huge doubt over the fitness of his captain Sean Kelly who had to come off with a hamstring injury during the first half of the Dublin game. Star forward Shane Walsh was forced off with an injury late in the game. Donegal defeated Louth in the quarter-final a fortnight ago 1-23 to 0-18 while Galway overcame Dublin 0-17 to 0-16. McGuinness and the squad will get an opportunity to watch Kerry take on Armagh in the first of the semi-finals on Saturday evening at GAA Headquarters (throw-in 5:30pm). The Donegal players have made a huge commitment to the McGuinness mission and plan now is to take the next step on that journey. On the evidence so far this team is very capable of reaching the All-Ireland Final. In an amateur sport an unbelievable amount of work has been done by the management to get the team to this stage of the competition and every possible scenario will have been played out when it comes to how Galway will play the game on Sunday. If Pauric Joyce can outsmart his old friend McGuinness then the Tribesmen will deserve their place in the decider.

## Second POM for Mogan

For second time in this championship season year Peadar Mogan has been named Player of the Month. The St. Naul's man was nominated after starring for Donegal in June including a Man of the Match performance against Louth in the All-Ireland quarter-final scoring five points and a total of 0-13 for the season. Mogan was also the Player of the Month for May. The other two contenders this time were Armagh's Conor Turbitt and Galway's Dylan McHugh. Donegal players have taken the award three months in a row with Ryan McHugh the winner in April.

### Club Championship draws

## Downings draw Aodh Ruadh in Ballyshannon

Na Dunaibh will play Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon in the first round of the Donegal Senior Football Championship. It's an away fixture for Maxi Curran's side. They will be home to Four Masters in the second round of the competition. The draws were made last Wednesday evening in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town. Reigning champions Naomh Conaill are away to Cloughaneely in the first round and that will be followed by a clash with arch rivals St. Eunan's at Dave Brennan Park in Glenties. Sixteen clubs shall play two games at home and two games away in the League stage of the Senior Championship. Each side will have two home games and two away games, on alternate weeks. Group A teams start at home to Group sides. The second series of fixtures sees the Group B teams at home and Group A away.

### Round 1 fixtures

St Naul's v Glenswilly  
Sean MacCumhaills v Ardara  
St Eunan's v Kilcar  
Four Masters v Gaoth Dobhair  
Cloughaneely v Naomh Conaill  
Aodh Ruadh v Downings  
St Michael's v Killybegs  
Glenfin v Dungloe

### Round 2

Killybegs v Sean MacCumhaills  
Ardara v St Michael's  
Kilcar v St Naul's  
Naomh Conaill v St Eunan's  
Glenswilly v Cloughaneely  
Downings v Four Masters  
Dungloe v Aodh Ruadh  
Gaoth Dobhair v Glenfin

**For Round Three;** the home

teams shall be drawn from Group A with the away teams will be drawn from Group B. For Round 4; the home teams shall be drawn from Group B with the away teams will be drawn from Group A. No club shall play another club more than once in the league stage, and the CCC shall adjust the draw accordingly if necessary. Rounds 3 and Round 4 draws will take place in August/September, after Round 2 and Round 3 fixtures, respectively. The CCC shall decide on the time and venue for draws 3 and 4. Points from all ties will be awarded based on two points for a win and one point for a draw. All sixteen Final placings shall be decided in compliance with Code 11.1 (5.C) of GAA Codes 2024 & Co Regulations. All Clubs will be placed in numbered descending order with the highest placed club numbered 1 and the lowest numbered sixteen.

The Clubs positioned 1 to 4 will proceed directly to the Quarter Finals and those positioned 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 will play off to reach a quarter final in by the following final pairing 5 v 12; 6 v 11; 7 v 10; & 8 v 9.

The winners of the preliminary quarter finals shall play in the quarter finals with teams 1-4 and the pairings will be drawn randomly. The winners of each quarter final will be drawn randomly to decide the semi-final pairings. The winners of the semi-finals will play in the 2024 Donegal Senior Championship Final.

## GAA Club News

### An Tearmainn

The senior and reserve men enjoyed two victories on Sunday over Ardara at the Burn Road.

The senior's won 2-13 to 1-9 with the goals coming from Jack Alcorn and Jamie Grant. A win on Friday at St Naul's will secure a promotion play-off place. The reserves were also comfortable 4-22 to 0-16 winners in the opening game. Paul Mallon and Caolan Curran scored two goals each.

In the Intermediate Club Championship draw, Termon's senior men's teams will play Naomh Columba (home), Malin (away), Burt (home) and Red Hughs (away). In the Senior C Championship, Termon will meet Naomh Conaill (home), Ardara (away) and Glenfin (home).

### Ladies Board:

The senior ladies wrapped up their Division 1 league with an away trip to Moville, where an exciting second half saw them draw at the final whistle. They now look forward to a semi final at home against Dungloe this Saturday at the Burn Road at 7.30pm.

The minor girls have got their league campaign off to a good start in recent weeks with wins at home against St Eunan's and Naomh Padraig Muff. They travel to Carn-donagh on Tuesday next for round 3.

The U16 girls received a welcome surprise of new tops which were sponsored by Tony and Catherine McCaul of McCaul Memorials, thank you so much for your generous support.

The U14 girls continued their campaign with a loss against a well drilled Letterkenny Gaels side last weekend, The u8/10 and 12's continue training and participating in Go Games, some great fun and friendships are being created at these groups.

### Upcoming Games:

12/07/2024 U12 Boys V. Red Hughs @ 7pm (away)  
12/07/2024 Thirds V. Ardara @ 8pm (Away)  
12/07/2024 Reserves V. St. Nauls 6.30pm (Away)  
12/07/2024 Seniors V. St.Nauls 8pm (Away)  
13/07/2024 Senior Ladies V. Dungloe @ 7.30pm (home) league semi final

### Minor Board:

Our minor men opened their Division 2 Championship campaign with a fine win over Naomh Padraig Muff. The U16 boys also had a good victory over Buncrana in the All County League. Our U11 boys competed in the very well run Laurence McGinty Memorial Tournament held in Glenswilly. Playing teams from Donegal, Derry and Tyrone they sadly bowed out in the plate final. It was a great days football with some stand out performances all over the pitch. The U9 boys recently hosted Glenswilly at the Burn Road. Some fantastic displays from both sides. Keep up the good work.

### Donegal v Galway:

A club member is thinking of organising a family friendly bus to the Donegal V Galway game on Sunday. Contact John if you are interested on 0866008360.

### Lotto:

Lotto Results 7/7/2024 - Numbers drawn were 4,7,12,21. There was no winner of the €2250 Jackpot. There were five Match 3 winners of €20 each Eileen Cullen, Arlene Devine, John Gerard McMenamin, Sean Callaghan and Michael Harkin. Next week's Jackpot is €2300. Next draw on Sunday 14th July.

### Gaeil Fhánada

#### Lotto Results 07/07/2024

Numbers: 7, 8, 10, 20, 22. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Tessie McAteer. This week's Jackpot: €1,550.

#### Cluichí na Seachtaine

#### Dé Sathairn, 13ú Iúil

#### Cailíní Faoi 14

Gaeil Fhánada v Cloich Cheann Fhaola @ 11:00

Sraith - Roinn 2 (Cluiche Tacaíochta)

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Pádraig Uisce Chaoin @ 3:00

Sraith - Roinn 2 (Sinsear)

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Pádraig Uisce Chaoin @ 4:30

#### Naomh Pádraig visit Portsalon

This Saturday sees Gaeil Fhánada and Naomh Pádraig meet in a novel fixture.

The reserve clash throws on Saturday afternoon at the earlier time of 3pm, while the

senior clash is scheduled for 4:30.

**Senior Ladies complete league season**  
Nh Adhamhnáin 3:08 Gaeil Fhánada 2:08

In a well contested game at O'Donnell Park on Friday evening, a strong first half showing from Gaeil Fhánada just wasn't enough as St. Eunan's pushed on after the break, hitting the net on three occasions to take victory by a three point margin.

Rosheen McGinley, Méabh McAteer, Tori Gallagher, Maggie Friel, Iseult Ní Mhathúna, Aoife Gibbons, Siobhán Sweeney, Eimear Sweeney, Eiméar Gibbons, Rachael Friel, Caoimhe Barrett (0:03), Grace Begley, Eibhlín Shiels (1:01), Caoimhe Walsh (1:00), Hannah Shiels (0:04). Shauna Howe for Rachael Friel, Erin Carlin for Grace Begley.

**U14 Boys pick up NRB League Title**  
Congratulations to our U14 Boys who have just defeated Red Hughs in Convoy to win the U14 NRB Division 3 title.

### Ciorcal Comhrá

Beidh Ciorcal comhrá agus seisiún ceoil ar siúl arís ar an Déardaoin sa Lighthouse Tavern ag a 8 a chlog. Is deis iontach é seo do chúpla focal a chleachtadh agus píosa ceoil a chloisteáil ag an am céanna. Bhí slua breá ann le cúpla seachtain anuas, bigí linn arís Déardaoin!

### Hot Barrel - Buíochas

Members of our senior men's sides availed at The Hot Barrel Sauna at the Pier in Kerrykeel on Thursday after training.

### Intermediate Championship Draw

The lads have been drawn to play Milford, Naomh Muire, Na Rossa and Letterkenny Gaels in the group stages of this years competition, with two home game and two away from home.

Round 1 - Gaeil Fhánada v Milford - Páirc Uí Shíadhail

Round 2 - Naomh Muire v Gaeil Fhánada - The Banks

Round 3 - Na Rossa v Gaeil Fhánada - Madavagh

Round 4 - Gaeil Fhánada v Letterkenny Gaels - Páirc Uí Shíadhail

**Donegal v Galway - Shiels Buses**

Shiels Buses will run a bus to Croke

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# GAA Club News

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Park for the All Ireland Semi Final on Sunday July 14th. Price €30 return journey. Contact Fionna Shiels on 085 1555645 to book your seat.

## Donegal ladies retain senior status

Well done to the Donegal ladies who defeated Kildare by a single point on Saturday to preserve their status as a senior side in the 2025. Clare Friel had another brilliant performance between the posts for the side.

## Glenswilly

### Club Development Draw

The Club Development Draw with a First Prize of €25,000, along with an additional 12 Cash prizes to be won, get your tickets now from any club member or online at: [www.GlenswillyGAA50K-CashDraw.ie](http://www.GlenswillyGAA50K-CashDraw.ie)

The purpose of this Draw is to raise funds to develop much needed club training facilities.

### Senior Men

The Senior Men travel to Downings on Thursday 11th of July for the last game of the league. Throw in is 7.45pm.

### Minor Board

Minor Board meeting on Monday 15th July at 9pm in the meeting room. At least one member of each management team to attend.

The U18 Boys were defeated by Gweedore in the opening game of the All County Division 1 championship on Monday. It was a case of goals win games as Gweedore took victory on a score-line of 2-12 to 12 points. The boys have a couple of weeks to regroup and prepare before the next round.

The U9/8 team enjoyed a trip to Letterkenny Gaels on Monday evening. Some brilliant football played with skills being improved week on week.

The Lawrence McGinty U11 Blitz took place on Saturday the 6th of July in Glenswilly. The Glenswilly boys topped their group winning all their games but unfortunately were beaten in the semi final by St Eunans. Thanks to all the teams that travelled to take part and to all our club volunteers who helped run a fantastic blitz in memory of Lawrence on his 30th Anniversary.

The U12 Division 3 team are in action on Friday evening against St Michaels at 7pm in Glenswilly.

### Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies travel to Mountcharles on Saturday evening for the League Semi Final against St Nauls. A win on Saturday would secure promotion to Division 1 football for 2025. Throw in is 7.30pm and it would be great to see a big support out for the ladies.

The U14 girls are in action on Saturday morning when they host St Michaels, throw in is 11am.

### Mothers and Others

Glenswilly M&O will host a blitz on Sunday July 21st. 10 teams max. Register with Jackie msjm-cateer@gmail.com WhatsApp 0894627559

### Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

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

### Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start. Over €2000 in prizes guaranteed every week. Congratulations to last week's winner Danny Rodgers who won €250.

## Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 2/7/24

1-3-8-14 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Patrick McBride, Drumbern, Milford.

### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 13th July: Maple, Milford: U18 Boys.

## RESULTS AND FIXTURES

### U14 Girls

Our U14 girls beat Glenswilly last Thursday but lost to St Michaels on Saturday. They host Gweedore at Moyle Park on Saturday (13th) at 11am.

### U12 Boys

Our U12 Navy team had a good win over Cloughaneely on Monday. Our Blue team, unfortunately, lost out away to St Eunans on Friday.

### Minor Girls

Our Minor girls travelled to Castlefinn to play Robert Emmets on Tuesday last and despite some great

passages of play were unfortunately beaten - they host Malin this week.

### Comhghairdeas

Congratulations to Turlough Mc Hugh who was a member of the Derry All Ireland winning Minor team on Sunday, playing at centre-half forward. Turlough is the son of a former player for the Club, Joe McHugh.

### Club Golf Classic

The Club is running a golf classic in Portsalon Golf Club on Friday 9th of August. Teams cost €300 and tee and green sponsorship is €100.

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

### O Reilly's Club Shop

The Club Shop is open again if you want to get some new Club gear at [www.oreillysofficial.com](http://www.oreillysofficial.com)

## Naomh Adhamhnáin

### Senior Men

The Club championships draws will take place on Wednesday July 3rd in the Abbey Hotel Donegal Town.

Clubs will play two games at home and two games away in the League stage of the Senior Championship. Each side will have two home games and two away games, on alternate weeks. The first 2 rounds of fixtures were drawn last Wednesday night.

Round 1 fixtures (To be played weekend of August 10th / 11th To be confirmed)

Naomh Adhamhnáin v Kilcar

### Round 2

Naomh Conaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin  
Rounds 3 and Round 4 draws will take place in August/September, after Round 2 and Round 3 fixtures.

### Minor Board:

#### U18 Results:

Monday July 8th All County U18 Division 1  
Round 1 - Naomh Adhamhnáin 2-9 : 2-14 Four Masters

### Club Lotto

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

### Senior ladies

Our senior ladies concluded their league campaign with a win over Gael Fhánada last Friday night in O'Donnell Park winning 3-8 to 2-8.

### Hurling

#### Results

Junior Hurling Champ Round 3 - Sunday, July 7th Setanta 0-9 : 2-10 Naomh Adhamhnáin  
Senior Championship Group B Round 3 - Friday, July 5th, Burt 3-10 : 1-16 Naomh Adhamhnáin



Pictured above are some of the Termon U16 girls who received tops sponsored by Tony McCaul (McCaul Memorials) to the group with James Whoriskey and Brian Trearty.

### Upcoming Fixtures:

Junior Hurling Championship Round 4 - Friday, July 12th, at 8pm Naomh Adhamhnáin v Four Masters - O'Donnell Park.

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

### Ádh Mór

Guíonn muid gach ádh ar Jason McGee agus foireann Dhún na nGall i gCluiche Leathcheannais na hÉireann in éadan Gaillimh ar an Domhnach.

### Cupa Faoi 16 an Chontae - Roinn 3

CCF: 1-8 Máilainn: 3-12

Sraith Faoi 14 an Chontae - Roinn 1  
Bhí droch ádh ar na girseachaí in éadan Naomh Conaill. Our girls were unlucky against Naomh Conaill.

### Lotto

The numbers drawn were 2,3,6,8,15,17. We had 1 match 5. Congratulations to Ruairi McNulty who wins €100. The jackpot is now €7,200.

### Buíochas

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Sean Geaney, Cathal McGeever, Darren McGeever agus Shaun McGarvey a bhí amuigh ag díol lotto ag an deireadh seachtaine.

## St. Michael's

### League

The Seniors and Reserve Men's teams are at home to Naomh Columba on this Saturday the 13th of July in their final league games. The Senior Game throws in at 1.30pm and this is a must win game for the teams as a victory would secure a Relegation Playoff spot. The Reserve game is at 12noon.

### Senior Championship

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

### Good Luck

Good luck to all the St. Michael's contingent on the Donegal Squad as they take on Galway this Sunday in Croke Park in the All Ireland Semi-Final.

Well done to St. Michael's players Brian McLaughlin and Stephen Coyle who were part of the Donegal Masters Team that defeated Sligo at the weekend.

Well done to Evelyn McGinley who was part



Tony McCaul presenting Brian Trearty, u16's coach with the tops.

of the Donegal Team who defeated Kildare last weekend in a playoff to preserve their Senior Championship status for 2025.

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner on Monday. The numbers drawn were: 1,10,11,12,13,16. The Match 5 Winners were Carmel McGeady Magheraorty and Corrine McGinley Kill Dunfanaghy who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3050.

### North West Coastal Challenge

North West Coastal Challenge - Donegals' newest adventure race on 5th October - save the date. A fundraiser for Youth Development of all under-age players in Naomh Micheál. Entries are now open : [www.nwcc.ie](http://www.nwcc.ie).

### Under 8's

On an exciting evening of football in Letterkenny, the Under-8s faced off against St. Eunan's in three matches. Well done to all the players.

### Under 12 Girls

Well done to our Under 12 Girls who played Milford last Wednesday at the Bridge. The weather was not in our favour with strong winds but the girls rose to the challenge. We are missing Cassie Sheridan and are looking forward to having her back soon.

Team: Maisie McFadden, Michaela Gallagher, Roisin Browne, Amy-Rose McDaid, Emily Black, Aibhlin Gallagher, Olivia Greene, Elizabeth McGilloway, Donna Moore, Riona Gallagher, Aisling Alcorn, Clara Ward, Lucy Moore, Aoibhe McGuinness, Clodagh Stewart, Bonnie McGuinness, Fiadh McGinley and Sinead McGee. With No 1 Supporter Ciara Gallagher.

On Sunday morning, our Under 12 Girls team played Termon at the Burn Road. We wish Aisling Alcorn a speedy recovery and look forward to having her back soon. A huge thank you to Antoin McFadden-McFadden Performance for sponsoring the Under 12 girl's new kit.

### Results

Mon 1st u16 Boys Red Hughs 2.05 St. Michael's 1.11  
Tues 2nd minor Ladies St. Eunan's 1.08 St. Michael's 3.3  
Sat 6th u14 Girls St. Michael's 3.11 Milford 0.2

### Fixtures

Thurs 11th U14 Girls Home v Gaoth Dobhair at 6.30pm  
Friday 12th  
U14 Boys Away v Cloughaneely at 6.30pm  
U12 Boys D3 Away v Glenswilly at 7.30pm.



Gael Fhánada U14 Boys who defeated Red Hughs in their NRB League Final on Sunday.

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Wed 31st July - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

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# Cork trip will be challenging

Finn Harps face long trips south on the next three weekends starting with the challenge of taking something from the First Division match against runaway league leaders Cork City this Friday night (kick-off 7.45).

It's their first meeting at Turners Cross this season but in the two home matches earlier in the season Darren Murphy's men managed just one point.

The first game ended in a draw at Finn Park while the second in Ballybofey resulted in a 2-0 win for the visitors. That was a reversed fixture because of repairs being carried out to Turners Cross following weather related damage. So in normal circumstances this should have been a home game for Harps.

And to make matters worse Murphy's side will be back at Turners Cross on Saturday week for an

FAI Senior Cup second round tie. Six days later Harps will face another long journey south to take on Treaty Utd. That is all going to be very draining physically for the squad but they do go into that run of games in a decent enough league position sitting fourth in the table, three points ahead of Bray Wanderers.

There is now a five-point gap between them and sixth placed Cobh Ramblers so Harps are a bit more comfortable in terms of being in the play-offs come the end of the season. The winners of the First Division go up automatically with the next four teams in the play-offs.

Cork City are odds on favourites to win the title and go straight up to the Premier. They are 18 points ahead of Harps. In between them are Athlone Town and UCD who are three and two points respec-

tively in front of Murphy's outfit. Athlone do have a game in hand on the other contenders.

When the two sides met at Finn Park on Friday 23rd February the game ended 1-1. While a controversial penalty gave Cork a share of the draw was definitely a fair result.

A decent sized crowd saw Success Edogun give the home the lead on 20 minutes. They held that advantage till Jack Doherty converted that 70th minute penalty.

On Friday 26th April it was the Leesiders who won 2-0 in Ballybofey. Darren Murphy bemoaned the missed chances that cost Harps dearly. The hosts should have been at least a goal up at the break but instead it was the unbeaten visitors that took victory with second half goals from Sean Murray on 62 minutes and then 16-year-old sub Jaden Umeh on 73 minutes.



Meg Carr a member of the Finn Harps Down Syndrome winning team with captain Tony McNamee after the game against Kerry on Thursday night.

# Perfect debut for Patton

## Finn Harps 1-0 Kerry F.C.

Finn Harps defeated Kerry for the first time this season thanks to a first-half goal from debutant Sean Patton last Thursday evening. The Drumkeen youngster had only signed for Harps the previous day on a loan deal from Derry City. The result moved Darrean Murphy's outfit up to fourth in the First Division table after Bray Wanderers surprisingly lost at home to bottom of the table Longford Town.

Murphy made three changes from the Longford game as Gavin McAteer just turned 16 earlier in the week made his first senior start while new on-loan signing Sean Patton was given his Harps debut and Kevin Jordan was in for his first appearance of the season. David Crawley was not in the match day squad due to a family bereavement while Stephen Doherty and Max Johnston dropped to the bench. Conor Tourish and Aaron McLaughlin were both back in the squad after recovering from injury.

There were some unseemly scenes at the end of the match with referee Glen Geraghty giving red cards to Kerry player Kennedy Amechi who had been substituted and his manager Conor McCarthy along with Harps backroom team member Kevin McHugh. The visitors had come very close to taking the lead on 19 minutes when Ronan Teahan's thunderbolt came back off



Tony McNamee defends the ball from Kerry player R. Teahan.

the bottom of the post. The game's only goal came on 36 minutes when Gavin McAteer and Patrick Ferry linked up to

release Patton who raced into the penalty area before slotting the ball low past Aaron O'Sullivan. Success Edogun probably should have made it 2-0 before the break but shot wide and just after the restart O'Sullivan pushed away a Ferry shot. Patton came close twice to stretching the home side's lead while Noe Baba should have done better with a header in the 81st minute. McAteer and Ferry also had chances but the visitors could have undeservedly snatched a point when Ryan Kelleher's attempt went inches the wrong side of the upright.

Finn Harps - Tim Hiemer; Jamie Watson, Matthew Makinson, Noe Baba, Kevin Jordan (Stephen Doherty 75); Ryan Rainey, Tony McNamee (Max Johnston 93), Success Edogun, Gavin McAteer (Conor Tourish 90), Patrick Ferry (Max Hutchison 93); Sean Patton. Subs not used: Oisín Cooney (Gk), Aaron McLaughlin, Darragh Coyle, Nathan McDaid  
Ref: Glen Geraghty.

## Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 4th July. The numbers drawn were 1, 11, 26, 28. The next draw takes place on Thursday 11th July and the jackpot is €10,000. There were no match 3 winners this week so next weeks match 3's will win or share €400.

# Rathmullan/New York Foyle Cup merge

A New York based football club Lansdowne Yonkers announced a partnership with the Rathmullan Celtic Academy last year. And this year they are merging to compete at the Foyle Cup. The clubs have been working together on a few joint venture tournaments and coach education with more to follow. The local link is with Yonkers club president William McGrory who is a native of the Whitestrand area.

William is a long time resident of New York and has been active on the football front with Lansdowne Yonkers. Before emigrating he played local underage and senior soccer with Whitestrand. William is the son of Sally and the late James McGrory. He has been engaging with an old friend and Rathmullan Academy Director Mark Curran.

McGrory is bringing his U-13 team to Derry and the Northwest to seek high-level competition and, uniquely, they will partner with another club from his homeland for the duration of the tournament. William explained: "This is our third year competing in the Foyle Cup, and we're over-



joyed to team up with my old friend Mark Curran

and Rathmullan Celtic (above) for the first time. The opportunity to compete both alongside and against players from so far away promises to be an amazing experience for all involved."

William has been involved with Lansdowne Yonkers FC in New York for 14 years. His journey with the club started as a coach, and now, as president, William is thoroughly enjoying the challenge of expanding the organisation and inspiring as many young people as possible to take up soccer in downstate New York.

"We all know about the large Irish community in the United States, and particularly in eastern cities like New York and Boston. The club is dedicated to providing opportunities, and playing the beautiful game with us offers fantastic incentives, including the chance to earn college scholarships and also embark on overseas trips, which is exactly what we're doing for the Foyle Cup."

Returning to Ireland for the prestigious Foyle Cup in 2024, which will be the largest ever with over 700 teams confirmed, excites everyone at the New York based club. Rathmullan Celtic Acade-

my coach Mark Curran is delighted to be meeting up again with his old friend William McGrory at the Foyle Cup and is confident the mini merger between Rathmullan Celtic and Lansdowne Yonkers will be a resounding success.

He said "We'll be welcoming the Americans to Rathmullan on Sunday for a meet and greet with our players before the Foyle Cup kicks off. There'll be a barbecue and a bit of music, but they've all been keeping in touch via the likes of Snapchat, so they'll be pretty familiar with each other already. I've seen names such as O'Reilly and Cavanagh on the list of players William is bringing, which shows the extent of the Irish connection in New York. This collaboration just made perfect sense, and we've even managed to get customised kits with the badges of both clubs included. The clubs both have a Celtic connection and the colours are pretty similar, so the players will definitely look the part when they step onto the field and I'm sure they'll be really competitive."

As for Lansdowne Yonkers' downtime, William is keen to get the American visitors to see as many of the sights as possible. "The best thing about the Foyle Cup is where it's situated, it doesn't get any better. We already have a few tourist activities set up - we'll be visiting Giants Causeway, learning about Derry, and of course, travelling around Donegal. At the end of the day, we're here to play a football tournament, but that cultural aspect of the trip is really important for us as well.

The Foyle Cup kicks-off on Monday and runs right through until Saturday at various venues in Derry and Donegal.

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