



Decision time in Donegal for Fianna Fail

As the Fianna Fail grassroots look forward to this week's selection convention it would seem the idea of a contest has regenerated a new enthusiasm among the delegates.

By John McAteer

The only certainty is that Minister Charlie McConalogue will be joined by either by Cllr. Michael Naughton or Pat the Cope Gallagher.

This is the age old strategy that keeps candidates well apart to try and maximise their voting base.

It should also be ok for Micheál Martin to visit the constituency without confrontation on the National media.

Delegates arriving for the convention will be met with a protest by owners of houses with defective blocks. They are angry that numbers who've started remediation have already been informed they are excluded from the 10% increase proposed by Minister Daraugh O'Brien to cope with construction costs. Fianna Fail will be bidding to win a second seat and they'll hardly need reminding that their local election result was down by 7% and they are left with a base of 17,465 votes.



It is a loss of 4,000 votes and that will need a few more piers officially opened and more millions poured into the county in the coming months.

A major concern for Fianna Fail this time is the performance of the 100% Redress Party in June's local elections. In the former Donegal NE

constituency they polled over 5,630 votes while in the SW it was close to 1,770.

These are the biggest changes in Donegal since the last general election. The emergence of the 100% Redress Party was like a bolt from the blue. And recent decisions to exclude those defective houses

from any further cost increases has incensed the defective block campaigners. It does sound like a crazy idea... and it is not going to go away before the election.

100% Redress has a strong base of 7,400 votes from the local elections and they are in the mix with a big chance of a seat.

The Party drilled a deep hole in FF's vote with the loss of two seats in the Council. But it could have been worse and only time will tell the true impact of mica, personally and political-

ly. In 2020, SF dominated the Donegal headlines polling 45.1% of the vote. Their first preferences stood at 39,945 and the only thing that prevented a third seat was their failure to run three candidates. They've also increased their vote in the local elections, the only one of the main parties to do so in the county. They are remaining tightlipped on their election strategy; however we understand the republican airwaves may become clearer as the dust settles on the convention season.

Adding to the intrigue of the FF convention is the decision to divide

the constituency into two separate areas for voting purposes, North and South.

Fianna Fail lost a Dail seat in 2020 and their ambition is to win it back. McConalogue polled 8,347 and Pat the Cope on 7,621 was enough to leave them in trouble as the count ebbed and flowed for days on end. The party vote was 15,968 and McConalogue held on to win by a margin of 1.12%.

Party strategists will be aware that their big local election losses were in Carndonagh -17%: Bun-crana -14%: Stranorlar -11.2%.

The departure of Joe
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Alleged assault: referee abandons match

A soccer semi-final match involving Swilly Rovers and Rathmullan Celtic was abandoned five minutes into the second half on Sunday in Ramelton following an alleged assault on referee Gerald Devine.

The match official had just awarded a penalty to Swilly who were leading 1-0 at the time. It was a decision that was strenuously contested by a Rathmullan Celtic player and led to an alleged altercation that left the referee on the ground. When the match official got to his feet, he abandoned the game as per rule where there is an alleged assault on a referee.

A spokesperson confirmed to the Tribune that when the Donegal League League Committee receives the referee's match report it will be forwarded to the FAI's Disciplinary Control Unit if there is reference to an assault on the match official.

The rule book states where a player or official has been reported as having committed an assault on a match official, the League must refer the matter to the Disciplinary Control Unit.

A club or participant may also refer the matter to them.

When the Donegal Junior Football League re-

ceives the referee's report that will determine the direction of the investigation into the alleged incident. Just a minute into the second half of Sunday's game Rathmullan had been reduced to ten men following a sending-off. Then following the alleged incident in the 50th minute the match was abandoned. Players and management from both teams acknowledged the referee had no other option. A local derby that had been hotly contested by two committed teams backed by rival supporters in a good atmosphere had suddenly ended and there was a stunned silence around Swilly Park as

football people huddled quietly in small groups wondering if this was really happening. In the Stand and on the sidelines supporters of both sides were in shock at what had allegedly taken place involving the player and the referee.

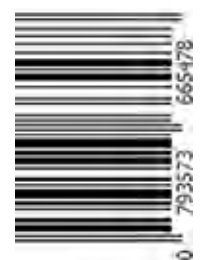
In regard to who advances to the Area Final that matter will be decided by the Donegal Junior League with a meeting expected to take place early next week. Among the options are that the result at the time the game was abandoned stands which would mean Swilly advancing to the decider against Letterkenny Rovers as they had been leading 1-0. Or the league could order that the match be replayed. In either scenario the game is unlikely to be played in the near future due to upcoming FAI Junior Cup and league fixtures commitments for both teams.

Good work is being done at both Rathmullan and Swilly in keeping junior football alive in very challenging times. And certainly the way things ended on Sunday is no reflection on the volunteers who tirelessly on a weekly basis to keep Rathmullan Celtic competitive having retained their place in the Premier Division for the new season.

New senior team management had come on board just recently with a bit of rebuilding having to be done quickly and they had got off to a winning start in the cup a fortnight ago.



The scene at Swilly Park, Ramelton on Sunday where an alleged assault on the referee was reported. Inset - referee Gerald Devine leaves the pitch.



Decision time in Donegal for FF

From Page One

McHugh from Fine Gael politics has seen the party flatlining in the local election with a huge loss of 8% since 2019. Their recent selection of two new candidates for the general election does not seem to have lifted many boats. In fact, the opposite seems more likely - according to their party grassroots.

John O'Donnell's 4,735 first preferences from 2020 may hold the key to a seat: they were mainly in Letterkenny and Milford.

The convention in the Clanree Hotel on this Thursday evening is at eight o'clock with voting getting underway at 6.00pm.

Cllr. Michael Naughton who polled 2,151 in the local elections will be joined in battle for the south of the

county's votes by Pat the Cope Gallagher as he bids to return to the Dail for one more time.

It's reported the party has over six hundred delegates registered to vote and it's the first time in years since FF actually had a contest to select candidates in Donegal for a general election.

And as early as last Friday, nominations began to shrink as news emerged of Senator Niall Blaney opting out. Then on Tuesday morning Ben Harkin from Termon contacted FF Headquarters saying he too was not running. On Wednesday, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly confirmed his decision not to contest the convention.

Pat the Cope Gallagher told the Tribune he was going forward on

the basis of his life-long commitment serving the FF party and all of the people of Donegal. He's been a Cllr., a Dail Deputy, MEP, Junior Minister and Leas Cheann Comhairle.

He's already contacted every delegate in Donegal seeking their support.

As one of the country's most senior figures in Fianna Fail there is no doubting the Cope's zeal and experience that nobody else dares challenge. That is a strong calling card and it now remains to be seen how many of the party delegates will turn up on the night.

The fact that there are almost a hundred FF delegates in the Rosses should also be a plus factor for Gallagher.

A plus factor too for Naughton is that it's his first general election... a new name for a new generation, he believes.

Cllr. Michael Naughton points to his own work ethic and his role in the Clanree Hotel and in the GAA.

He said he has put his name forward in the belief that it is time for change and for new names in Fianna Fail in Donegal. He said he's also covered most areas of the county on the convention trail and he finds there are many who agree with his decision to seek a nomination for the general election.

He said the South of the County has 350 delegates and his hope is to get more than half of them on his side and then will be confident going into the campaign.

Mica campaigners to protest at FF convention

Defective concrete campaigners across Donegal are set to mount a protest this Thursday evening in Letterkenny as the Fianna Fail Party holds its convention in the Clanree Hotel.

100% Redress Party member Charlie Ward said it was regrettable that affected homeowners had to resort to this course of action but were left with no option as the Government was continuing to treat them as second class citizens.

The protest comes amidst growing anger that families who have already engaged with the current Redress Scheme will not be eligible for a 10% increase in the grant as well as a rise in the square-foot rates.

On Tuesday Defective block campaigners wrote to all elected representatives in the county appealing to them to support calls for upcoming revisions to the scheme to be implemented for homeowners who have already commenced remediation works.

Last week Minister Charlie McConalogue said he had received confirmation from the Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, of his proposal to increase the maximum grant available under the Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme by ten per cent, from €420,000 to €462,000. Charlie Ward says he and others have been told that increase won't apply to those who are already availing of the current Redress Scheme and that is clearly wrong when a commitment was given at the start by the Government any grant increases would be applied retrospectively.

On Wednesday after initial details of a protest were announced Minister McConalogue said that while the detail of the cap increase has yet to

be set out, he was confident that it will apply to all homeowners.

Thursday's protest will start at 4.30 at the Clanree Hotel where the Fianna Fail Convention is scheduled to take place. Charlie Ward said it will involve a traffic 'go slow' from the Manor Roundabout to the Polestar. A protest group will also be in place at the gates of the hotel.

"There will be traffic disruption and we apologise for that but this protest has to be held to make our point when Fianna Fail a Government Park is holding their convention in Letterkenny. We are trying to make alternative arrangements for the emergency services to use the Cullion Road the same as what happened for the Donegal International Rally" said Mr Ward who was a 100% Redress Party candidate in the Local Elections back in June.

He added that the only solution was a true 100% Redress Scheme. "The reality is nothing has moved forward for affected homeowners. We are at a standstill and this scheme is not fit for purpose. Houses that had been approved for demolition are now being downgraded to remediation. These houses are insurable or mortgageable going forward. So we are calling on as many people as possible to join this protest in Letterkenny," Mr Ward said.

On Tuesday defective concrete campaigners across Donegal sent a letter to all local Cllrs and TDs to support their call for the forth-



Charlie Ward.

coming revisions to the DCB Scheme cap and rates revisions to be implemented retrospectively in order that early movers on the DCB Scheme are not financially penalised. Campaigners such as Paddy Diver, the MAG Committee, Redress Focus Groups, Michael Doherty and 100% Redress Party Councillors have grave concerns regarding the way in which the

revisions to the scheme cap and rates look likely to be implemented. Earlier this week Paddy Diver said it could be time to bring the protest back to Dublin and the gates of the Dail. On the proposed 10% grant increase he said: "It is anticipated the DCB scheme cap currently set at €420k will rise by the maximum allowable 10% - which will probably be announced next month. It's three years since the cap was set and we have seen massive construction inflation well beyond 10% in that time. The review is based on historic cost increases, so homeowners who had to move early have already been faced with these costs.

It's entirely reasonable therefore that these homeowners should benefit from increases to the cap and rates. It is currently not clear when it will be implemented and who will benefit, but apparently there are no plans for any retrospective application of the revisions. Government have clearly stated early movers will not be disadvantaged - but a failure to apply the revisions retrospectively will be doing the exact opposite -

penalising those who had no choice but to rebuild. This cannot be allowed to happen."

Mica Action Group Chairperson Lisa Hone said, "To keep this in perspective, the number of homeowners stuck in between the old and new proposed rates is miniscule compared to the thousands of defective concrete homes that yet need to be rebuilt. But for each of these homeowners the difference is life changing - up to €42k lost, €42k that takes a lifetime to save, lost because they commenced their house a few months ahead of someone else, with no knowledge of the pending Govt U-turn and its devastating financial consequences.

Deputy Thomas Pringle, said revisions to the defective blocks scheme cap and rates must be implemented retrospectively to people who have availed of the scheme to date. Increased cap should apply to homeowners who have commenced works under the Defective Blocks Scheme.

Meanwhile Sinn Féin TD, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn has written to the Darragh O'Brien seeking clarification that the increase in the cap for the Enhanced Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme will apply to those who have already commenced works on their home under the scheme.

Minister Charlie MacConalogue said: "I welcome this confirmation from the Minister for Housing that he plans to increase the maximum grant available under the scheme by ten per cent. This is extremely important news for homeowners and is the maximum increase that can be applied once the scheme has been in operation for twelve months," Minister McConalogue added.

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Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held in St. John's Church in Ballymore on this Friday 13th September preacher Rev David Griscome and in St. Columba's Church in Cashel on Friday 11th October preacher Rev David Skuce. Both at 8pm. St. Paul's Church in Ramelton will hold their Thanksgiving Service on this Sunday the 15th of September at 7pm where the preacher will be the Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt. Rev. Andrew Foster and everyone is welcome.

Public meeting in Rathmullan

Rathmullan The Way Forward Group are holding their annual Public Meeting on Monday 16th September at 8pm in the SVDP Centre in Rathmullan. As well as updates from their regular Focus Groups they will also have updates on the International Fund for Ireland project, the Rural Regeneration project, both Pier and Sewage infrastructure projects and a Financial update. They will be joined by local Councillors and everyone is invited to come along.



Recently at the Irish Dentistry Awards held in The Round Room at the Mansion House, Dr. Eileen McGlinchey received the "Irish Dentistry's Rising Star Award 2024". Eileen, a native of Ardara founded Smileyeeey's Oral Health promotions in 2012 after graduating in Dental nursing in 2011 is pictured with her partner Christopher Diver at the Awards.

Changing places Retail Park delay

Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh has been informed that there will be a delay in providing the changing places facility at the Letterkenny Retail Park. He has been a long time campaigner for better facilities for those with disabilities that need additional room and supports in toilets when out shopping. At Tuesday's Municipal District meeting in Milford, Cllr Kavanagh was told that the ownership of the Retail Park has recently changed hands, which has unfortunately caused delays with provision of the lease agreement with the new owners.

However, the Council said it is making every effort to expedite the process so that the changing places facility can be in place as soon as possible. Back in February Cllr Kavanagh was told that a fully accessible public toilet for Letterkenny was on target for delivery by the end of March. The site earmarked for the 'Changing Places' facility is between New Look and Dealz at the Letterkenny Retail Park where construction works had started. The new toilet facility will provide extra space and equipment for people with complex and disabilities that require the help of up to two carers. There are also two toilets for the general public provided for in the plan.

The Council said at the time that the job would be completed between the middle and end of March. Cllr Kavanagh has been campaigning for the new facility for three years. While work has started the change of ownership now puts a delay on the job being done and open to many people whose opportunities to get out of their homes are hampered by the lack of appropriate toilet changing facilities. An initial grant of €55,000 was secured and later a further €16,000 was approved from the minor tourism fund.

No Barriers Easy Read Menu launched

No Barriers Foundation launches the first inclusive easy read menu in Donegal. This project was designed in collaboration with Bloem café, graduates of the DS Champions programme alongside Donegal Down syndrome Association and people who have lived experience of Neurodiversity.

The process of co-production was used to produce the easy read menu. Co-production involves people with disabilities in the design and production of the product and invites continuous reviews from all involved until the end product is effective for all.

The easy-read format includes real photos of the actual food as well as a written description of the snacks, drinks and meals. The format ensures that all menu users, including those who may face challenges within their learning or communication skills, can order with confidence and independence.

Last Thursday morning, Lilly Pyper, a graduate of the DS Champions health and wellbeing programme at No Barriers Foundation, said: 'I love it! I can read the menu now and order by myself'. In a recent visit to No Barriers Foundation, Simon Harris, Taoiseach, stated 'I just think this is a brilliant idea. The idea that you can just pick up a menu with pictures and order, this is just going to make a transformational difference for people'. He added 'The rest of the country can learn from



Checking out the new menu in Bloom Cafe are Sean McCosker, Hanna Van Der Walt (Bloem Cafe), Lilly Pyper and Amber Pyper.

this initiative by No Barriers Foundation' Also commenting, Johnny Loughery, CEO of No Barriers Foundation said 'We are an inclusive health facility focusing on an individual's physical and mental health. This menu is a great addition for people to feel included in our commu-

nity. Going for a cuppa with a friend or a family member has just got better.'

Amber Pyper, Lilly's Mum said 'I don't have to read the menu to Lilly anymore. Lilly can make her own choices now and order from the menu like everyone else'.



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It may not have been revealed in the way it was intended – a technical hitch preventing Daniel O'Donnell from announcing it on screen – but the singer and patron nevertheless got the inspiring message across, over 150,000 euro raised as a result of this year's Relay for Life.

A huge attendance, made up of team members, survivors, carers, volunteers and committee personnel, gathered in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Monday night to hear the final total and celebrate the achievements of so many in getting there.

This was an occasion to forcibly remind cancer that it's in a fight – with organisations like Relay for Life Donegal to the forefront in aiming to win it.

As in keeping with the Relay event itself, staged in May, it was also an occasion for music and merriment, and much laughter and emotion.

To get proceedings underway, the Ukulele Orchestra performed 'Don't Fence Me In' and 'Sloop John B.'

Immediately following that, Elbow room became limited when the Survivors Choir – Donal Kavanagh with a foot in both camps – took to the same stage for a stirring rendition of 'One Day Like This'.

"You were made for bigger audiences", Relay chairperson, Seamus Devine advised the singers and musicians. Donal, meanwhile, paid tribute to the five members of the choir who had passed away including Corinne, Bernard, John, Astrid and Sean.

One night like this was, due to the main theme involved, going to render contrasting emotions away from the music and the mirth.

Long serving Relay committee member, Ena Barrett, told the huge attendance of teams, survivors and volunteers, that 2024 had been a particularly poignant one for her.

She had gone through the cancer journey some seventeen years previously and revealed: "I got a gentle reminder that cancer can and does come back."

Later in the night, the prestigious Gordy Klatt award – the father of Relay as Ena indicated – was presented to Stranorlar woman, Eileen Tourish, who continued her remarkable feat of selling hundreds of candles for Relay for Life Donegal since the event was initiated.

"A big thank you to those who never walked past

me," said the women who burnt the candle at both ends to help raise vital money for Relay.

A thoroughly deserving recipient but there was to be another surprise presentation of the Gordy Klatt award – a surprise at least to the woman receiving it.

Seamus Devine took to the microphone again to speak movingly of the moment when Ena had broken the news of her cancer return earlier in the year.

She had taken a backward step from the organisational roles in this year's Relay for Life but still managed to involve herself – the chairperson recalling this figure in the committee top racing towards the stage at the A.T.U. campus on Relay weekend and shouting: "You've got the wrong bloody music on!"

After receiving the much merited award, Ena spoke of her resumed cancer journey which she maintained was "no fun".

"It stops you in your tracks and also stops your family and friends in their tracks."

The money raised through Relay was directed to a number of initiatives including key research.

Ena had lost two brothers to cancer, one forty years ago when there were comparatively few drugs to combat the illness and her other brother, just two years ago.

Commenting on her own treatment, Ena revealed she suffered side effects from the drugs and had not returned to work yet.

On receiving the certificate, she insisted she didn't deserve it but said she would accept it on behalf of all survivors. But, as anyone involved in Relay for Life can testify, the award was fully justified.

Representing the Irish Cancer Society, Ciara Hughes said it was incredible to see the community spirit that existed in Donegal during Relay for Life when thousands of people turned out for the event.

Pointing to the "amazing job" the committee did in organising the Relay weekend, she referred to the shared vision they had where nobody died from cancer.

The money raised from the Donegal event was directed to a number of different services including the night nursing initiative, transport, and free counselling as well as investment in research.

"Thirty years ago three people out of ten survived cancer, now that figure stands at six in ten," the



Sean Boyce, Treasurer of the Relay for Life presents the cheque for €105,025.54 to Ciara Hughes, Irish Cancer Society at the cheque presentation night. Photo by Clive Wasson

Corporate Partnership Officer with the I.C.S. indicated. "We won't stop until that is ten out of ten."

Representatives from each of the 37 teams were then invited on to the stage including the 'Shining Stars' and the 'Super Heroes' – names that would undoubtedly apply to all who participated. Those who had volunteered their services over the weekend in May were also invited to receive well earned acclaim and later, a selection of the entertainers who provided the music and song over the Relay twenty-four hours were joined on the stage by the Survivors Choir.

The richly talented Breathnach family provided a further strand of entertainment during the presentation night, including the youngest member of the clan, Aoife, - the Survivors Choir subsequently amalgamating with them for a rendition of 'Memories'.

"And to think people are paying hundreds to see Oasis next year and it's all free here! Brilliant entertainment...." enthused M.C. for the night, Charlie Collins.

The Roll Call for Relay initiative run through schools in Donegal and organised by Tracy McBride and Mary McDermott, featured on Lee

Gooch's breakfast show on Highland Radio in the weeks leading up to the Relay event.

The presenter acknowledged the Committee duo for coming up with the idea which is now in its second year.

Forty schools in all took part this year in the initiative, Tracey disclosed, with 11,000 euro raised. Technology opted for some time out when the big screen at the rear of the stage failed to produce the image of Daniel O'Donnell, who along with his wife, Majella, is a patron of Relay for Life Donegal.

But phone technology came to the rescue when the Kincasslagh crooner was able to announce a final total of 150,025 raised from the Relay initiative. "Congratulations to all involved – it's a wonderful figure," the singer proclaimed, comments echoed by Relay Treasurer, Sean Boyce, who described it as a "massive effort" on the part of so many.

At the end of the evening, chairperson Devine acknowledged all who had played a part in Relay for Life and referred to the "amazing total" that had been generated from this year's event.

Money that will be well spent as the services continue and the fight against cancer goes on.



Relay for Life team members, volunteers and committee presenting the €105,025.54 to Ciara Hughes Irish Cancer Society in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Monday. Photo by Clive Wasson

Abuse report hit close to home but North excluded

Sometimes a news report hits close to home. The report into sex abuse at Catholic religious run schools struck home for me. That is despite the North not being included. I attended Christian Brothers' schools at primary and secondary level in the North.

That was the same time the Brothers were at their high point. In the mid-60s there were over 5,000 members of the Order. There have been allegations of sex abuse against 303 in the South. That is about one Brother in every 16. There are allegations from 132 schools. That must be over half of Brothers' schools around 60 years ago. That understates the abuse. First of all, that is because the North isn't covered.

And, of course, abuse didn't happen in Ireland alone. In Australia there are allegations against 22% of all Brothers in that country. There was a major scandal in Newfoundland, Canada. Boys in an orphanage were sexually abused.

In my years at school, I suffered physical abuse. Mine was mild compared to beatings I saw others suffering. One deranged Brother had been teaching in Newry. There he threw a milk crate at a boy in class. The problem was solved. The Brothers moved him to Omagh.

The physical abuse caused damage. The worst is that too many still feel it didn't. Some see being beaten as part of growing up. They then believe force is the way to solve any problem.

During my school years I never saw sexual abuse. Given what happened elsewhere, I assume it did.

Sexual abuse certainly happened before my time. Fr Brian D'arcy attended the same school. He has named a deceased Brother as having sexually abused him. For this, Holy Joes have

The Brothers claim, too, to have kept the flame of Irish culture and identity lit. Boys were exported to Australia from orphanages. The purpose was to keep Australia white. Sometimes there is an excuse that people didn't know. That is plain wrong. A hundred years ago individual Brothers were blowing the whistle on abuse that was happening. Some were even writing to the Vatican. Authorities on both sides of the Border knew. They turned a blind eye.

vilified Darcy.

The nature of sexual abuse meant it is often kept quiet. Men particularly have problems talking openly. Thus I could easily have been in a class when it happened. After all, hiding in plain sight is very easy. Such has been come out in several court cases.

During my school years, probably a couple of thousand passed through the schools in Omagh. Some spent their whole primary and secondary schooling there. Others only stayed a year or two. That number makes abuse having happened more likely.

I have argued with school friends about this. Some feel it couldn't have happened. I strongly disagree. On arrival in Omagh, Brothers weren't given a vaccine against being sex abusers.

I left school in 1971. I didn't like the Brothers. However, I have been horrified at the amount of abuse uncovered. There have been allegations of Brothers being sex abusers over 20 years after that. That was when I was a grown man.

I know there are allegations against other religious orders. There are allegations against diocesan priests. And, yes, lay teachers have also been convicted.

Certainly, the Brothers were a big religious order. They were very

involved in education. Still, the facts point to their being worse than others.

Abuse seems to have been part of the culture. In the Brothers it seems to have been a small-scale fault. Being an abuser was like being a bit too fond of the drink.

Abuse seems to have been endemic. Back in the day, Brothers mostly joined up in their early to mid teens. That means a bunch of teenage boys were locked up in a novitiate. That was a recipe for God knows what activities. Thus the wonder is not that these happened. The wonder is they didn't happen more.

Then there were wider issues too. In the North, the Catholic community was discriminated against. But it wasn't entirely simple. The Unionist Government allowed the Catholic Church to control about half the education system. That kept the Church on board with the Unionist government. They had a stake in the system.

Thus official blind eyes were turned. Also, many Catholics didn't want to say or do anything that might discredit 'their' schools.

Then there were myths that took on a life of their own. The Brothers were good at myth creation. Like many myths, they had a certain truth. They claimed to have provided education

in hard times. By the nature of those times, they had a certain pride that education had to be rough and ready. Their pupils were mostly of modest background. They were given an education. Thus they were able to make their way in the World.

The Brothers were good at pushing pupils through exams. Maybe there was more, though. Did the schools attract the kind of parents who encouraged their children? Despite the myths, other schools were as good. Incidentally, I'm not saying abuse didn't happen in other schools.

To be fair, I met Brothers who were very cultured men. But, overall, the education was frighteningly narrow.

The Brothers claim, too, to have kept the flame of Irish culture and identity lit. Like many myths, there is some truth to that. There was another side, though. They collaborated with various schemes of the British Commonwealth. Boys were exported to Australia from orphanages. The purpose was to keep Australia white.

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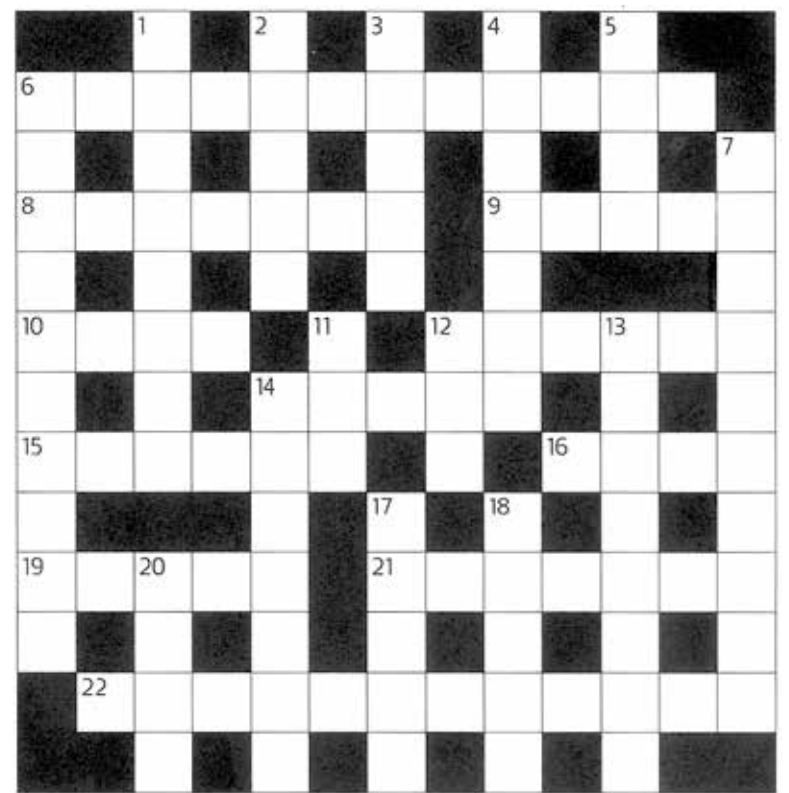
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wrong. A hundred years ago individual Brothers were blowing the whistle on abuse that was happening. Some were even writing to the Vatican. These were smart men. They may have been stationed in remote country places. But they had tracked down and studied works on psychology. Not only were they not listened to. Some were seriously punished for telling the truth.

Authorities on both sides of the Border knew. They turned a blind eye.

Dr Niall Meehan has pointed out there is a gap in the report. Like previous reports, it leaves out Protestant institutions. There have been allegations of abuse in some Protestant schools also. Those victims need help as well. Abuse is, unfortunately, non-sectarian.

Tribune Crossword No. 1081



- Across**
- 1. Small fleet of ships (8)
 - 6. Running one's own business (4-8)
 - 8. Excessive (7)
 - 9. Goombay Dance Band hit, _____ Like Us (5)
 - 10. Ancient Irish (4)
 - 12. Medieval gentleman-soldier (6)
 - 14. Junior soldier (5)
 - 15. Headman (6)
 - 16. African tribe (4)
 - 19. Melodies (5)
 - 21. Natural environment (7)
 - 22. Enterprising businessman (12)
- Down**
- 2. Mutineer (5)
 - 3. Chase & Aykrody film, _____ (5)
 - 4. Permission (7)
 - 5. Diesel fuel (4)
 - 6. Dumbstruck (10)
 - 7. Trainer (10)
 - 11. Distant (3)
 - 12. Beer cask (3)
 - 13. Armoured glove (8)
 - 14. Rebuke (7)
 - 17. Cowboy's leggings (5)
 - 18. Author of Peer Gynt (5)
 - 20. One over the eight (4)

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 Across 1. Bombard, 4. Bared, 7. Florida, 8. Great, 9. Always, 12. Piercing, 15. Literate, 17. Loiter, 18. Bilbo, 21. Barrier, 22. Emery, 23. Western. Down 1. Betrayal, 2. Ballad, 3. Dais, 4. Brag, 5. Ramekin, 6. Dolt, 10. Spear, 11. Jewel, 13. Garrison, 14. Utilise, 16. Silent, 18. Bite, 19. Obey, 20. Grow.

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212 Ford Galaxy Auto	241 Suzuki Vitara SZ5 Auto 4x4	211 Toyota Hilux Crew cab Sold
211 Citroen C4 Spacetourer 7 seater	221 Suzuki Vitara SZT	191 Peugeot Partner
211 Audi Q2 Sline sold	221 Suzuki Vitara SZ5	181 Citroen Berlingo
211 Peugeot 5008 7 Seater	221 Kia Sportage K3	06 Toyota Landcruiser Sold
211 Peugeot 3008 Allure Auto	212 Peugeot 3008 GT line Auto	
211 Renault Captur	212 Suzuki Vitara SZ5 4x4	
211 Ford Kuga ST Line x2	212 Suzuki Vitara SZ5 SOLD	
211 Ford Focus Titanium	212 Suzuki Vitara SZ5	
211 Ford Focus ST Line	212 Suzuki Vitara SZT x2	
211 Ford Focus Active Auto	212 Suzuki Scross SZT x2	
211 Kia Sportage K2 Sold	212 Mercedes Benz A Class Saloon Auto	
211 Kia Sportage K3	211 Ford Puma ST Line X	
211 Citroen C5 Aircross	211 Ford Focus ST	
202 Hyundai Tuscon Comfort	211 Suzuki Vitara SZT	
201 VW Tiguan Highline auto 4x4	211 Nissan Micra	
201 Audi A4 Ultra Auto	211 Kia Rio K1	
201 Peugeot 2008 Allure	202 Suzuki Vitara SZT	
201 Ford Focus Zetec	201 Subaru Forester Auto	
201 Nissan Qashqai Accenta Premium	201 Mercedes Benz A Class Saloon	
192 BMW X5 AUTO SPORT	201 Suzuki Vitara SZT	
	191 Suzuki Swift Attitude	
	191 Hyundai Kona	
	191 Toyota Yaris Auto	
	191 Ford Focus Titanium	
	181 Ford Focus ST Line	
	181 Peugeot 208	
	181 Suzuki Vitara SZT	
	172 Suzuki Celiro Auto	
	172 Citroen C4 Cactus	
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Pilib Ó Dónaill's Junior Infant Class at Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin Letterkenny

Community Hospital works continuing

Works are continuing on the construction of the new €59m 110-bed community nursing unit in Letterkenny. When building started in November 2023 Minister Charlie McConalogue said the estimated time for completion was 28 months from the contract award. He added that all going well, the new 110-bed community nursing unit will be fully operational in the first quarter of 2026.

It is located across the road from Errigal College and just above Letterkenny University Hospital. Boyle Construction is carrying out the major contract that will have 9,400 square metres in gross floor area. The plan is for a mix of long-stay and short-stay beds for rehabilitation and dementia care users.

The building will have 110 beds including a mix of





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Áras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home



Afternoon Tea & Cake Sale



in aid of Residents Comfort Fund

We would like to invite everyone along to enjoy a cup of tea / coffee & cake (all baking welcome) in Áras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home, Milford while supporting our Residents Comfort Fund.

Come along and join us on Thursday
12th September 2024 from 2.30p.m. until 4.00p.m.
All Welcome! !

long stay, short stay, rehabilitation and dementia care with associated resident accommodation including dining rooms, kitchenettes, residential

areas with family overnight room, visitor's room, treatment room and hairdresser's salon. It will also have a purpose-built rehabilitation centre, providing physiotherapy, occupational therapy and allied health professional space. The facility also includes an internal courtyard and terrace spaces; associated back of house areas including kitchen and laundry rooms, staff accommodation and ancillary offices. Nine months ago at the start of the site works Minister Charlie McConalogue said the finished unit will help alleviate pressures on Letterkenny University Hospital. It is being seen as a significant development in the provision of healthcare for the older adult population in Letterkenny and Donegal. It will have the capacity to accommodate a step-down service.



Glenswilly N.S. Junior Infants with Class Teacher Mary Rose Scott and SNA Claire Harkin.

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible.

A meeting to launch this year's shoebox appeal will be held on Monday 23rd September in the Lecture Hall, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Letterkenny at 7.00 p.m. Theresa Wood, Christmas shoebox appeal officer from Team Hope in Dublin will be in attendance. Everyone welcome.

Any queries please ring Vanessa Borland on (086) 3569058.
www.teamhope.ie



Orla Monaghan's Junior Infant Class at Glenswilly NS

Photo Reprints

Copies of photographs published in the Tribune are available to purchase at €6 each for an 8inch by 6inch colour print.
Contact 074-9153600 for details

Ramelton

Lennon Festival AGM

The Lennon Festival held their Annual General Meeting last Wednesday night and they thanked their outgoing committee members PJ Bonner and Micheal Molloy for all their hard work and commitment to the Lennon Festival over the year. The also welcomed their new committee members.

After the AGM the new committee is -

President - Anthony McCahill

Chairperson:- Seamus Crawford

Vice-Chairperson:- Elaine Ferry

Secretary:- Lee O'Brien

Treasurers:- Sean Crawford and Frances Boyce

PRO:- Owen Murray

The Committee and the town are looking forward to another successful year ahead for Lennon Festival 2025.

Harvest Thanksgiving

St Paul's Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on this Sunday 15th September at 7pm. The Preacher will be the Rt Rev Andrew Forster, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. All welcome.

Ramelton Care of the Aged

Ramelton Care of the Aged are having a Social Evening with a choice of Turkey and Ham or Roast Beef dinner in Arena 7, Letterkenny on Tuesday 24th September at 6pm. Bus leaving Church Street, Ramelton at 5.30pm.

The cost is €15 and contact Chris on 086 0580467 or Anthony on 086 0822426.

Coffee Morning

A Hospice Coffee Morning will take place in the Makemie Hall, Ramelton on Friday 20th September from 10:30am until 1:00pm. Everyone welcome.

Swilly Rovers Lotto

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers Lotto were 3, 11, 15 and 17. No Jackpot winner. No 3 number winner. This week's jackpot is €975.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jean Kerr, The Steeples who passed away on Sunday. A Service of Thanksgiving

took place in Ramelton Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon.

Sympathy

Deepest condolences are extended to the family and friends of Paul Brannigan who passed away in London on Friday, 30th of August. Paul was a native of Glenard, Ramelton. Funeral takes place with Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton at 11.00am this Thursday morning followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.30noon this Saturday 14th September. Stock up on all your food requirements for all Occasions and Parties by ordering in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability when you get to market on Saturday.

The best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and why not pop into our Tearoom for a delicious Cheese Toastie when you have done your shopping.

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Sounds Music Camps

Sounds Music Camps return this September. Classes in Milford, Ray, Ramelton and Letterkenny. Under 8's will have an opportunity to explore key musical concepts through singing, percussion, fun and games. Ukulele classes for 8 years and older. Beginners are welcome and all instruments are provided. Contact Tracy on 085-1500123.

Ramelton Tennis

"After-school" tennis-coaching sessions resumed on Wednesday, at Ramelton Tennis Club. 9 year olds and under from 3.30 to 4.30, and 10 year olds and over from 4.30 to 5.30. All equipment provided. The fee for the 5 one-hour

lessons is €20.00 per junior. Contact Mary at 087 9773957 for further information.

Hatha Yoga Class

Hatha Yoga Class in the Town Hall Ramelton started on Monday. The 4 Week Block Booking costs only €40.

The times are - Monday's 6:45pm ~ 8pm

Wednesday's Men Only Class 7pm ~ 8pm

Contact: Nuala 087 6807850

Ramelton Bowling Club

Indoor Bowls began in the Mackemie Hall on Monday from 8pm onwards.

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

Enquiries to 087 1355059 or 087 4016637.

Céilí agus Craic

Adult Céilí dancing classes are starting in the Ramelton Community Centre at 7pm on Wednesday the 18th September. Come along to learn some céilí dances and have some fun in the process. For everyone aged 18 and over. For more information contact Eoghan on 0851462689.

Ramelton SVP

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

New Yoga Class for beginners

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

Crochet and knitting craft group

Crochet and knitting craft group has begun again and continues every Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre behind the chapel. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your current project or start something new. Enjoy the craic company and a cuppa. All queries to Myrtle on 0876825387.

Little Ballers

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

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for details.

Trocaire School Volunteers

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

Crochet class started

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

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The Ramelton Girls Brigade continues on Mondays from 6.45-8pm.

Court issue detail of failed Sweeney appeal

Details of an appeal against a conviction that resulted in a 15 year jail term for Ramelton man, PJ Sweeney and two others, have been released by the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal report details that Sweeney, of High Cairn, Ramelton was part of a serious attack on security men at the repossession of a farm house in Flask, Roscommon in December, 2018.

The incident involved up to 40 others who set upon eight security workers in the incident.

The judgment was issued on July 31st but was published by the Court Services last week.

Issued by Judge Peter Charleton, along with Judges John Edwards and Patrick McCarthy, it rejected all grounds for appeal that Sweeney and two others who were convicted of a range of offenses had raised following a three month trial in 2023.

Judge Charleton detailed the background of the "these horrific events was of legal proceedings in the High Court for the most usual cause of this kind of order, the borrowing of large amounts of money and the debtor not paying".

He added: "Though dressed up as public action in redress of injustice, eight security-men, simply doing their job for modest wages, were targeted by a vicious mob and made submit to the lowest of attacks on their irreducible entitlement to human dignity."

The judgment detailed: "On behalf of Patrick Sweeney, it is argued that his conviction should

be overturned because: the video evidence was somehow inadmissible; the search warrant that led to the uncovering of evidence supporting his guilt was unlawful due to an inadequate and deceptive sworn information laid before the issuing judge; the information volunteered in interview by him that he had once been made bankrupt, thus having no love of banks; the tacit agreement of the mob of which he was part did not extend to all of the crimes the jury found him guilty of; the jury should have been discharged when one of the victims told the court he had never worked in the security sector again and had suffered psychiatric harm and a brain injury."

The judge said the high quality video clip of 37 seconds recorded by one of the security men could clearly identify Sweeney and one of the other accused men, Martin O'Toole.

The Judge stated "The quality



P.J. Sweeney.

of image could not be better. This shows an in-

vasion of the house, with complete viciousness. An active chainsaw was brandished and pickaxe handles, baseball bats and a shotgun. No one viewing the video could doubt the murderous temper of the invading mob. Three security men were taken under threat of death into the front yard and trussed with cable ties. One was hit savagely with the blunt weapons. He later disclosed to the jury that he had suffered a brain injury. That was both admissible evidence and the natural and probable consequence of what he was put through while unable to defend himself. A dog owned by the security men was bludgeoned and left to writhe in agony. The dog was later put down by a veterinarian."

It continues: "One security man was doused in petrol, while helpless. This hideous violation of human rights was not an empty threat as three vehicles attributed to the security men were set alight by the mob. Another had a sharp blade, presumably a knife, dragged across his chest and throat and face. A security man was forced to eat dog faeces under threat of death."

It added: "On day 19 of the trial an application to the trial judge was made to discharge the jury. Further, it is argued that a reference to Patrick Sweeney as suffering bankruptcy, as offered by him in an interview that was part of the prosecution case, constituted irremediable prejudice. That ground has no validity."

It concluded that they would "dismiss the appeal and affirm all the convictions" in all cases.

Car damaged in Letterkenny

Gardaí are investigating an incident of criminal damage that occurred at Lower Main Street, Letterkenny in the early hours of Sunday, September 8th. It occurred between 00.20am and 3.15am when a car was parked at that location. When the owner returned he discovered that the front wipers and registration plate had been ripped off. If anybody witnessed this incident or if they have any relevant information, gardaí ask them to contact Letterkenny station on 9167100.

Spare key used in theft - probe

Gardaí are appealing for information following a burglary at Ashbrook, Letterkenny where a house was ransacked and a sum of money stolen. Gardaí say they believe that a spare key was used in the burglary to gain access to the property. It occurred on Tuesday

September 3rd between 1.15pm and shortly before 2pm.

They stated: "It is believed that a hidden spare key was located and then used to gain entry via the rear door. The house was ransacked and a substantial sum of money was stolen from within. We appeal to anybody who may have travelled in the area of Ashbrook, the Circular Road or that general area with a dash cam between 1pm and 2pm on that date to please make contact with Gardaí. If anybody observed suspicious activity or if they have any relevant information they are asked to contact Letterkenny Garda Station on 074-9167100."

Fall in electric car sales

New electric cars licensed in the first eight months of 2024 fell by 25% compared with the same period last year, new figures from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) show.

In the first eight months of 2024, 14% of all new cars licensed for the first time were electric compared with 18% in the same period in 2023 - 14,333 versus 19,021.

The total number of new private cars licensed in the first eight months of 2024 was 1% higher than in the same period in 2023 (103,511 vs 102,600). The number of used (imported) cars licensed increased by 26% (42,161 vs 33,359) over the same period.

The number of new petrol and electric hybrid cars licensed in the first eight months of 2024 rose by 31% when compared with the same period in 2023 (21,351 vs 16,239). This has driven up the share of hybrids among new private cars from 18% to 22%.

The combined share of petrol and diesel cars among new private cars licensed year-to-date has remained the same as in 2023 at 55%. Toyota, with 1,135, was the most popular make.



The Gallagher sisters from Glenree, Carrigart - Kathleen, Rosemarie, Caroline and Angela after completing their 10k walk in Glenveagh National Park for Breast Cancer Ireland at the weekend.

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Dunfanaghy Jazz & Blues gets underway this week

This Thursday sees the beginning of the five day Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues Festival bringing thousands of music fans to the area.

Events get underway on Thursday with music all evening from 5pm in venues across the village.

This year there are over 60 gigs all of which are free.

They take place in Arnolds Hotel and Restaurant, The Oyster Bar, The Outback, Patsy Dan's, Molly's Bar, Muck'n'Muffins, Roses Bar Creeslough on Saturday, and this year a new venue added is Ramsay's Bar on the Market Square, which opened last weekend.

This event is a music lovers paradise and the seaside village and surrounds plays host to some of the best local, national and international live acts from Thursday to Monday.

Among the acts this year include US blues legend Shawn Jones, who will travel from California for the event. Porter McClistler will be winging his way to Donegal from his home in Nashville. Top level jazz comes from Scottish/America/Dutch trio, Atlantic Road Trip and



US blues legend Shawn Jones.

Paul McIntyre.

There are also plenty of top Irish acts including Crow Black Chicken, Belfast's Cormac Neeson and the Unholy Gospel Band, Portobello and Eirdini. Newcomers include Brigid O'Neill and the Jeanette Hutton Band making their festival debuts.

The local artists are well represented too with Mark Black, Davy K, Daylight Wobblies, Heads of State, and High Heel Converse, among others.

The event has run for over 15

years and has become one of the most important live music events in the north-west attracting thousands of visitors and locals alike.

A spokesperson for the event said the festival has become an annual highlight for many music lovers and the bands that play due to the

unique location of the event. They stated: "It's great to see the event take place once again with so many great acts. It was hard to get up and running again after covid but we are very grateful to everyone for their support including the fans and the artists. We are also very grateful to the local business community and sponsors, as we simply could not hold the event without their support."

They added: "It's great to see people from across the island

of Ireland and much further afield come and enjoy the festival. Many of them stay on a few extra days and get to explore the area, which is great as it also helps draw people here just as the summer season is winding down."

To keep up to date with the full line up and time table visit the Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues Facebook page.

Termon GAA Clubhouse update



Progress on the new Termon GAA Clubhouse development is progressing satisfactorily according to a recent update from the Committee. Work is well on the way to completing the internal work and the fit-out on schedule.

A Club spokesman said "All this progress would not be possible without the endless hours put in by our team of dedicated volunteers who have

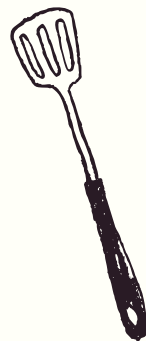
been there from week one and have got us to this stage. We appreciate the technical trades who are working hard at the moment inside to get all the work done as we see the end line in sight. A fantastic building which will cater for all our teams, committees, members and the community for many years to come. We look forward to opening our state of the art facility in the near future."

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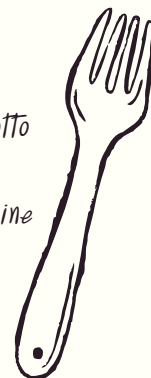
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Letterkenny Golf Club

The Ciaran Gilcreest Memorial Golf Day took place at Letterkenny on September 1st. The event was blessed with well-overdue good weather, and the course was in fabulous condition, providing the perfect setting for a day of golf and remembrance.

There was an impressive turnout, particularly from the ladies, with over 100 members coming out to support the day. The competition was strong, with some fantastic scores recorded. Jalisco Shortt emerged as the overall winner with 39 points. Eamon McGlinchey took second place, also with 39 points, and John Russell claimed third place with 38 points.

Additionally, a raffle was held, with all proceeds going towards Pieta House, a cause close to many hearts. The first prize in the raffle was won by Patrick O'Gorman, while the second prize went to Christopher Duffy. Both prizes were kindly sponsored by Jimmy Gallagher, PGA.

Prizegiving was held on Wednesday night in Hunters Bar & Grill for the following competitions - Wednesday Open 21/8/24 Hugh Hamilton (23) 36, Winner. Wednesday Open 27/8/24 - Charlie Coughlan (10) 41, Winner; Kevin Kiely (8) 40, Runner Up & Gross. Saturday Open 31/8/24 - Philip Connolly (27) 41, Winner; Damien Redmond (18) 39, Runner Up; Kevin Rafferty (scratch) 35, Gross; PJ Nee (7) 38, 3rd; Peter Dobson (10) 36, Cat 1; Gabriel Mc Nulty (16) 35, Cat 2; Brian Hegarty (25) 37, Cat 3.

Texas Scramble in aid of Greg

Fitzgerald - Michael Cannon, Odhran McGowan, Rory Kavanagh & Stephen, Overall Winners BOT 55pts; Marty McMullan, Kirk O'Donnell, Stephen McLaughlin & Robbie Sweeney, Second Place 55pts; Robert Brown, Robert TJ Brown, Tatenda Muregi & Graeme Donnell, Third Place BOT 54pts; Shane Patton, Pauric Morrison, Odhran Patton and Dara Patton, Fourth Place 54pts; Tommy Dempsey, Declan Carr, Mark Glacken & Jonathon Doherty, Fifth Place BOT 53pts; Ronan McClafferty, Damien McClafferty, Niall McClafferty & Gerry McGettigan, Sixth Place 53pts; Marian O'Sullivan, Marian Keating, Eileen Williamson & Bridie Gildea, The Wooden Spoon 41pts.

Putting Competition: Shane Scalan; Gents Longest Drive: Tatenda Muregi; Gents Nearest The Pin: Ryan Tyrrell; Ladies Longest Drive: Elaine Russell; Ladies Nearest The Pin: Carmel McGeady.

Letterkenny Ladies

Lady Captain's Outing

The Letterkenny Ladies travelled to Lady Captain's hometown of Tubbercurry for a great day out for the annual Lady Captain's outing on Saturday 7th September. On arrival, the ladies were treated to tea and scones and breakfast baps in Susi's Bistro at the Clubhouse before teeing off on a beautiful sunny day. Thank you to Tubbercurry Golf Club for your wonderful hospitality on the day. Lady Captain, Anne Flannery had planned the event meticulously and after the golf, Cawley's Guest House proved to be an excellent choice of venue with a beautiful meal and an excel-



The overall winners of the Texas Scramble in aid of Greg Fitzgerald at Letterkenny Golf Club are team members Michael Cannon, Odhran McGowan, Rory Kavanagh & Stephen.

lent breakfast.

Lady Vice captain Pauline Curley claimed the first prize, Catherine Cooke Harkin finished in second place and Carmel McGeady came 3rd with Celine Markey finishing in 4th place. Front 9 went to Anne Condon and Back 9 was claimed by Marian O'Sullivan on the course of her home town. Thank you, Lady Captain Anne, for a wonderful day out and all of the fun and laughter. Lady Captain Anne would like to thank the committee and the competition duo Marian O'Sullivan and Marian Keating for their hard work, which all helped to make the day a great success and thank you to everyone for their support on the day.

Competition Results

Ciaran Gilcreest Memorial results of the Ladies section - Winner: Eugenia Moran (49) 41pts; Runner up: Bridget McClafferty (33) 39pts bot; F9: Breege McDonagh (46) 22pts bot; B9: Marian

Keating (25) 19pts bot.

Results of September Medal - Winner Bridget McClafferty (33) 70net; Runner up Margo Birmingham (30) 74net; Front 9 Kate Gallagher (18) 34 net; Back 9 Eugenia Moran (48) 39nett.

Portsalon Ladies

Mary McDaid Tournament

Portsalon, Letterkenny and Rosapenna ladies will compete this Saturday for the annual Mary McDaid Trophy in memory of all deceased members. The honour belongs to the club with the best score on the day who bring home the Trophy to their club.

However, the fun part of the day is the inter-club three ball. The first question on most players lips is "Which team returned their yellow ball?" Incredibly it is the pressure of retaining the yellow ball, from wayward drives into all sorts of trouble, not forgetting the shots over the drains at 2, 16, 17 & 18 that sepa-

rates the golfers from the golfers!

Ladies Winter Links

Winter links starts on Thursday 26th September. Book on BRS or call the club to reserve your tee times. 074 9159459

Ladies Open & Play in Pink

Play in Pink on the 4th October is the annual fundraiser for breast cancer research. Book your tee times directly with the club - the number is above, or on BRS when it opens a week in advance.

Ladies Results

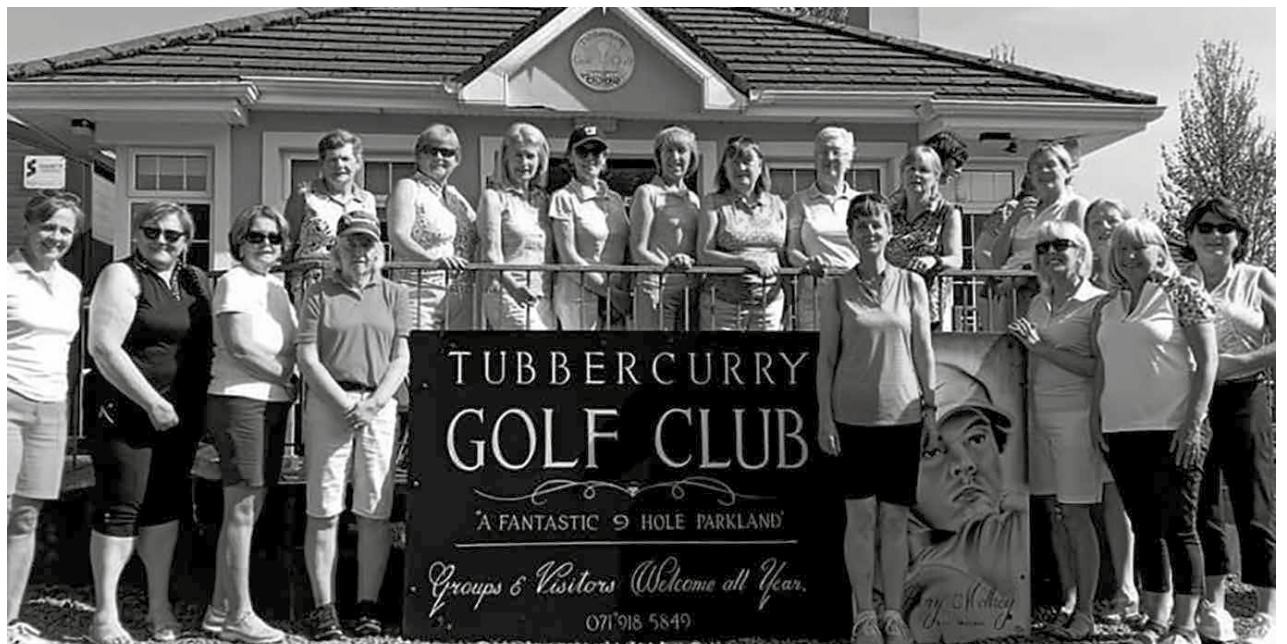
What a score from Ita Ward who has returned some excellent cards this year. Birdies on 10 and 12 help with an excellent score of 41 points!

Weekend Members - Winner - Ita Ward 41pts; Runner-Up - Deirdre Hensley 36pts.

August Monthly Re-Entry - Winner Aedeon Conway 74; Runner-Up Mary Barrett 68 BOT



Winner of the Ladies Section of the Ciaran Gilcreest Memorial Eugenia Moran pictured with Lady Captain Anne Flannery and Competition Secretary Marian Keating at Letterkenny Golf Club.



Pictured are Lady members of Letterkenny Golf Club at Lady Captain, Anne Flannery outing at Tubbercurry Golf Club

Brian McCormick Cup Area semi-final

Cup tie cut short after alleged ref assault

Swilly Rovers 1-0 Rathmullan Celtic (Match abandoned after 50 minutes)

The Donegal Junior League is expected to meet early next week to decide what course of action to take on the result of the Swilly Rovers/Rathmullan Celtic Brian McCormick Cup Area semi-final which was abandoned in Ramelton on Sunday following an alleged assault on referee Gerald Devine in the 50th minute that involved a player from the visiting team.

The options open to the Committee are to let the result stand which would mean Swilly advancing to the Area Final against Letterkenny Rovers. Or they could order the cup tie to be replayed. Either way there the outstanding McCormick game is unlikely to be played in the near future due to upcoming FAI Junior Cup and league fixtures.

While Swilly led at the interval on Sunday it was the visitors who were marginally the better side in the first half. Home keeper Barry Gallagher was the busier of the two netminders. As early as the sixth minute Rathmullan carved out a decent free-kick opportunity when big striker Tobi Akinyimaka was fouled 20 yards from goal. Ex-Derry City senior player Darren McCready took the free-kick with Gallagher having to get down low to his left to save at the expense of a corner.

With the breeze blowing across from the town end and a light drizzle making underfoot conditions a little tricky, Swilly engineered a promising attack that saw striker Thomas Mullen's effort

blocked out for a corner. It was a fairly physical encounter with first half yellow cards being flashed at home players Marty and Darragh McDaid while Rathmullan's Kevin Doran also went into the notebook. The silky skills of the Seaside's midfielder Niall Carruthers were causing Swil-



Rathmullan's Tobi Akinyimaka taking on Swilly men Shay Durning and Ciaran Kelly.

ly a few problems on the left side while David Edwards and Matt McNulty were also posing a threat down the right side.

Barry Gallagher had to be alert to push away a Jay Curran attempt with his legs on 18 minutes. Five minutes later the home keeper had to come to the rescue again saving from Kevin Doran with central defender Ciaran Kelly heading the rebound out for a Rathmullan corner at the dressing room end. Just before the half-hour mark a good Michael Kerr cross intended for Jordan McDaid saw Daire Sheridan stick a boot out to concede a corner. From that resultant Kerr set-piece Ciaran Kelly would have been disappointed to head over the bar.

On 36 minutes Seaside's keeper Killian Hagan had to be on his toes to tip over a Kerr cross. Then in the second minute of injury time Swilly broke the deadlock. Kelly took a free-kick quickly from just on half-way and the ball dropped on the body of the retreating player-manager Eoin Sheridan. Referee Devine adjudged that it had hit the defender's arm. A free-kick was awarded on the edge of the area with Thomas Mullen blasting the ball straight into the net when really it

shouldn't have got past the wall.

It was Mullen's fourth goal in two games, having scored a hat-trick in the victory over Whitestrand seven days earlier. New Swilly boss Damien Friel would have been pleased with that score at the break. Not the same feeling for the opposition joint management team of Eoin Sheridan and Terry McCauley. They made a personnel change for the second half with Gerard McAteer coming in for Jay Curran. Just a minute after the restart the Rathmullan plan to get back on level terms were rocked by the dismissal of right-back David Edwards for a foul on Mullen.

Then just two minutes later things were looking even bleaker for the visitors when they lost possession just outside their own 18-yard box. Ian Ward raced into the penalty area with referee Devine adjudging that he had been taken down by keeper Hagan. That is when the alleged assault on the match official occurred leading to the abandonment of the game in the 50th minute.

Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher; Darragh McDaid, Ciaran Kelly, Brad Patterson, David Craig; Jordan McDaid, Shay Durning, Marty McDaid, Michael Kerr, Thomas Mullen, Ian Ward. Subs: Adrian Toland, Darragh Fennell, Daithi Cavanagh, Bobby Halpin, Damien Friel, Jamie Lee Blaney (Gk).

Rathmullan Celtic - Killian Hagan, David Edwards, J.P. Doran, Eoin Sheridan, Daire Sheridan; Matt McNulty, Darren McCready, Kevin Doran, Niall Carruthers; Tobi Akinyimaka, Jay Curran. Sub used: Gerard McAteer for Curran h-t. Not used: Lee Patterson, Dominick Hull, Glenn Curran, Dara Patton. Ref: Gerard Devine.

Football Special to hit the Lidl shelves

The iconic Donegal soft drink, Football Special, will hit the shelves of supermarket chain Lidl across Ireland from next week.

They are one of two local companies selected to take part in the Lidl Ireland Kickstart Supplier Development Programme with Corveen Glen Meat Company in Letterkenny also taking part with their Sweetcure Maple Dry Cured Back Bacon.

Since the 1940s, McDaid's soft drinks are made from their original recipes and come in a recyclable glass bottle and contain no artificial sweeteners.

Corveen Glen Meat Company, is a family run meat company that produces locally sourced fresh farm fed meat.

More than 100 artisan products from over 45 Irish producers participating in Lidl Ireland's Kickstart Supplier Development Programme will land on shelves across Lidl's 222 stores nationwide from next Thursday while stocks last.

Now run by Seamus McDaid, this fourth-generation family soft drinks business produces craft soft drinks and ice creams.

Speaking as the products hit Lidl's shelves, Kate O'Driscoll, Supplier Development Manager at Lidl Ireland and Northern Ireland said: "It is a very exciting and proud day for our Kickstart suppliers as they see their range of 107 products land on Lidl shelves in every one of our 222 stores across the is-

land of Ireland. This is the culmination of six months of hard work, collaborating with our in-house experts and receiving practical guidance on how to scale production, drive production efficiency, as well as product development, branding and packaging support, allowing these suppliers to optimise this opportunity and scale for success. We're looking forward to seeing our customers' response to these new innovative products."



Funeral of Aidan McGlynn

The funeral took place on Sunday of Aidan McGlynn, Ardnawark, Barnesmore, Donegal Town and formerly of Rockhill, Letterkenny. Aidan passed away on Thursday at Letterkenny University Hospital.



Aged 50

Aidan was a very well known member of the local community. He worked in Abbots, Donegal Town. Away from work he was deeply rooted in St. Eunan's GAA Club and was very active in the senior backroom team compiling match stats. Despite his illness becoming more challenging Aidan even managed to attend a Eunan's match at the O'Donnell Park just two weeks ago. He was also a very popular member of Letterkenny Athletic Club and represented them with distinction including taking part in the Dublin Marathon and the Inishowen Quadrathon. Aidan also had a keen interest in motorsport and again despite ill-health managed to get to see some of the Donegal International Rally Stages last June.

St. Eunan's GAA Club said "We are devastated on learning of the sad passing of Aidan McGlynn. From his young days in Rockhill when he played in the Streets Leagues for Oldtown/Main St his love for St Eunan's never wavered. Aidan along with his brother Gareth never missed a game, be it underage or the Senior Team. Always supportive, always loyal. In recent years Aidan was a vital part of the backroom team for various Senior team managers and played a key role in our many successes. Never one for the limelight Aidan quietly went about his business and was loved by all the players who appreciated all he did for the team. Tonight we are heartbroken for Aidan's wife Cathy, his parents, his brothers and sisters and his many friends. Aidan fought his illness with courage and dignity to the end. There was a tear in Aidan's eye as he left after the recent Championship game against Gweedore as he maybe knew he'd watched his last game in O'Donnell Park."

Letterkenny AC said: "We are heartbroken to hear of the passing of our clubmate Aidan McGlynn. A gentleman who toed the line so often in the black and amber of our club."

Aidan is survived by his wife Kathy (née McHugh), his parents Peter and Bernadette, sister Shauna, brothers Gareth and Brendan (Pam), nieces Eimear, Leah, Lauren and Molly, aunts, uncles, cousins, his parents-in-law, Helen and Willie Joe McHugh, brothers-in-law, Gary and Stephen, and all the extended family.

Remains reposed at Aidan's residence from Friday. Removal from there on Sunday to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Symbols of Aidan's life were brought forward by Gareth, Shauna, Brendan, Stephen, Gillian and Denise including a

St. Eunan's GAA blanket, Dublin Marathon medal, a Liverpool jersey, Donegal International Rally Programme, Donegal GAA Jersey and a collage of family photos.

Readings were by Damian and Gary. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Emer, Lauren, Leah, Molly and Holly. Gifts were brought to the altar by Jack and Harry. Music and hymns were by the Church Choir. After Holy Communion a Reflection was read with words from the Liverpool F.C. anthem 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.

Aidan was laid to afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

The late Paul Brannigan

The death took place on Friday 30th of August in London of Paul Brannigan, Glenard, Ramelton.

Aged 58 Paul had resided in London for a number of years and worked in the healthcare sector. Prior to emigrating he had worked in the Ramelton Nursing Unit. Paul was a regular visitor back to Ramelton to visit his mother Pauline and the family. He was a quiet, unassuming gentleman.

Paul's remains were received into St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Wednesday evening to repose overnight. Requiem Mass will take place at 11.00am this Thursday morning followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery. The Requiem Mass can be viewed on www.churchservices.tv/ramelton. Paul is survived by his mother Pauline, sister Michele (Dolph), brothers Martin (Caroline), and Peter (Catherine), and by his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Michael. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.



Death of Duncan Doherty

The death took place on Friday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Duncan Doherty, Ard O'Donnell. Duncan was one of the town's best known citizens. Born in 1930 he went to work in Magee's Chemist at 16 years of age. It was 1946 just after the end of World War II. He got the job with a little help from his uncle Joe who also worked there. Peggy Noonan was the owner of the business at that time.

Then it was Jim McCormick and more recently his son Gerard that Duncan continued to work with up until six years ago. Remarkably he was an employee at Magees on the Main Street for 72 years. He retired at the age of 88.

In his homily Monsignor Kevin Gillespie spoke about a man who was good at his job, a trusted employee who was content to do whatever was asked of him. Many a customer he met over those seven decades. Management and staff at Magees formed a Guard of Honour on Monday morning as the remains arrived at St. Eunan's Cathedral.

Duncan was passionate about Glasgow Celtic and loved watching football on TV especially in later years when he resided at the Hillcrest Nursing Home. He had also enjoyed dancing, going to the cinema and reading. Duncan cherished

his family and was a much loved uncle and grand-uncle. He was also a man of faith and that started in childhood as an altar boy and then in the choir. Duncan was a true townie. He never ventured away from home for holidays.

Duncan's remains reposed at The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Sunday.

Monsignor Kevin Gillespie officiated at the Requiem Mass on Monday in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Readings were by Ciara and Bronagh. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Leanne, Ronan, Dervla, Ciara and Gracie. Gifts were brought to the altar by Gracie and Lorcán. Music and hymns were by Declan Nee.

Interment took place afterwards in New Leck Cemetery.

Duncan is survived by his brother Jim (England), niece Philomena Gildea (Correnagh, Letterkenny), nephews Ciaran Doherty (Lisnennan, Letterkenny), Michael Doherty (England) and Lee Doherty (England), grand nieces and nephews, extended family, friends and neighbours.

Duncan was predeceased by his parents Duncan and Madgeina and his brother Liam.

Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Jean Kerr

The death took place on Sunday of Jean Kerr, The Steeples, Ramelton. Aged 95, Jean passed away at St Eunan's Nursing Home, Woodlands.

Before moving to the Steeples, Jean was a long time resident of The Mall in Ramelton with her late husband Andy who was a native of Kerrykeel. Andy was a former employee of Campbells in the town.

The Reverend Stephen Richmond officiated at a Service of Thanksgiving that took place in Ramelton Presbyterian Church on Wednesday.

Jean is survived by her daughters Jennifer Johnston (Ian) and Andrea Watson (Hamish), grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Andy. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Death of Sheila Ferry

The death occurred on Tuesday of Sheila Ferry, Sylvan Park, Letterkenny and formerly of Iniskill, Rathmullan. Sheila passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital. She will be sadly missed by her nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends.

Remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny, on Wednesday prior to removal to the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Gortlee, Letterkenny to repose overnight.

Requiem Mass takes place there this Thursday morning at 11am. Burial will take place afterwards in Rathmullan Cemetery. Mass can be viewed on the Church of the Irish Martyrs YouTube channel at Church of the Irish Martyrs - YouTube

Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

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Main Street buildings could go to CPO

Cllrs have been told steps are being taken to address the dangerous buildings currently cordoned off along the Upper Main Street and at the Market Square in Letterkenny. The buildings have been cordoned off for the past three months.

Cllrs Donal 'Mandy' Kelly and Jimmy Kavanagh both highlighted the matter at Tuesday's Municipal District meeting and also sought an update on the proposed reimagining of the Market Square. They have been told that buildings could at some stage be subject of Compulsory Purchase Orders if necessary works are not carried to make them safe to the satisfaction of the Local Authority.

Following receipt of a Structural Engineers Report submitted by a num-

ber of the property owners of Nos 2, 4 and 6 Upper Main Street, Letterkenny, which identified potentially dangerous structures, the Council closed sections of the footpath, parking areas and carriageway in the middle of June.

The Council has engaged an independent Chartered Structural Engineer and legal representation to assist in progressing this matter. At Tuesday's MD meeting the Council said it will continue to liaise with all parties to ensure that the essential works necessary are carried out by the property owners, to make the properties and site safe and minimise closures to the existing public footpath, carriageway, and parking areas.

Boyle's nominated for 'Contractor of the Year' award

Letterkenny-based company, Boyle Construction, have been shortlisted for a major industry award.

They have been shortlisted in the category 'Contractor of the Year' at the forthcoming Irish Construction Industry Awards.

The winning announcement will be at the awards ceremony set to take place in November at the Dublin Convention Centre.

Back in June the firm received their Irish Construction Excellence Award winning certificate for Healthcare Project of the Year for their work on the South Donegal Community Nursing Unit Project in Ballyshannon.

Speaking of this latest nomination a company spokesperson stated: "We are thrilled to have been shortlisted for the prestigious Irish Construction

Industry Awards in the Category 'Contractor of the Year'. Our commitment to craftsmanship and client satisfaction has now been recognized on a national scale, further highlighting Donegal's growing prominence in the industry. This nomination is a collective achievement for the entire team and a reflection of their continuous pursuit of high standards. We eagerly anticipate the awards ceremony and the opportunity to celebrate alongside other industry leaders."

The company is undertaking a number of major local projects at present including the construction of the new Little Angels School and Community Nursing Unit, both in Letterkenny.

St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan BBQ

St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan will hold a BBQ on Friday 20th September at 6pm to welcome our New Principal Mrs Oonagh Russell and say a fond farewell to our outgoing Principal Mrs Alma Curran. All are welcome.

Swilly ferry services cancelled

Poor weather conditions resulted in disruption to the Lough Swilly Ferry service this week. Strong northerly winds and rough sea conditions saw the Rathmullan service cancelled on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Milford

Weddings

St Agathas Church, Clar, Donegal Town was the setting on Friday 30th August for the marriage between Barry McNulty, Lough Road, Milford and Mairead Teague, Collooney, Sligo. Barry is the son of Joe and Marian McNulty, Lough Road, Milford and Mairead is the daughter of Gerry and Nora Teague, Collooney, Sligo. Bestman was Conor McNulty, brother of the groom and groomsmen were Cormac Friel, friend of the groom. Bridesmaids were Deirdre McLoughlin and Andrea Kilgannon. The ceremony was officiated by Fr. Stephen Gorman, CC, Milford and the reception was held in Harvey's Points Hotel, Donegal Town.

The wedding took place at Villa Geno, Lake Como, Italy on Friday 30th August between Ciaran O'Donnell, Lower Mount Marian, Milford and Lisa Riley, Colchester, England. Ciaran is the son of Irene and the late Paddy O'Donnell, Lower Mount Marian, Milford. Man of Honour was Jamie O'Hara - Riley, brother of the bride, bridesmaids were Rachael Light, Emma Lepine and Hannah Bettles. Bestman was Jamie Saveall and groomsmen were Tony Tuite. The couple were joined by a large group of family and friends from England and Milford in Italy for the occasion and the couple reside in Colchester, England.

The wedding took place in Johnstown Church, Navan, Co. Meath on Saturday 1st September between TJ Evesson, Lower Mount Marian, Milford and Merissa Lyness, Navan. TJ is the son of Thomas and Susan Evesson, Milford and Merissa is the daughter of Paul and Carmel Lyness, Navan. Bestman was Cathal McGettigan and Bridesmaid was Regina Lyness. The ceremony was officiated by Fr. Sebi and the reception was held in The Central, Navan. The couple celebrated a wedding after party in the Orchard Inn, Letterkenny on Saturday 7th September where they were joined by family and friends.

50/50 Draw this Sunday

The next draw will take place on Sunday 15th September. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Cup Final

Milford U16 Girls team will contest the Donegal Schoolgirls Cup Final on Saturday 14th September at the Donegal League Headquarters, Ballyare at 1pm against Finn Valley FC. The team is managed by Benny and Karen McGinley and support is welcome on the day.

The Milford U16 Boys team will contest the Premier All County Cup Semi Final on Saturday 14th September at home to Ballyraine FC, with kick off at Moyle View Park at 5.30pm. The team is managed by Noel Gillespie and Benny McGinley, support welcome.

Milford United

Milford United Senior team will begin face Ramelton Mariners in the first round of the FAI Junior Cup on Saturday 21st September at the Flag Pole Pitch, Rathmullan at 1.30pm.

Cash for Clobber Fundraiser

Scoil Mhuire National School, Milford are hosting a Cash for Clobber Fundraiser in the school from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th September.

All parents / guardians and people in the community are welcome to contribute their used or unwanted clothing items. Place these items in a strong bin bag.

Items which can be donated: All items of general clothing; Old schoolbags, Shoes (tied in pairs), Hats and Belts, Towels and Curtains. For hygiene reasons pillows and du-

vets are not accepted

Drop Off at Scoil Mhuire Milford School Gate each morning on Monday 23rd til Thursday 26th September between 9.15am - 9.30am. If these times do not suit, please contact the school office on 074 91 53494 to arrange another drop-off time.

Social Dancing Milford Hall

Social dancing continues in the Milford Hall on Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm with a good mix of Two Hand, Ceili and Line Dancing. Light refreshments. €5 entry. Everyone welcome.

Mission Hall

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

Golf Society

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

Change of Mass Times

Mass Times in St Peter's Church, Milford and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel will change from the weekend Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September and will be on a trial basis until March 2025.

Following a recent Poll in the parish the results were - Leave Mass Times As They Are 164 votes; Change Mass Times 220 votes; Spoiled Votes: 8 votes.

The weekend Masses will be changed to - St Peter's Church, Milford: Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 11.00am. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel - Sun-



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Milford Yoga

Yoga Beginners Courses starting on Tuesday 17th September at 11am and Saturday 21st September at 10.45am. €60 for 6 week course. (LUH sports & Social club discount available). To book contract: WhatsApp: 0863745972 or FB: Diane Bliss Yoga Studio, Kilmacrennan Road, Milford.

Rags to Riches' Community Thrift shop

The community charity shop in Milford is actively seeking volunteers. By joining Lisa and the team, you'll have the opportunity to meet new people, improve your CV or ease yourself back into the workforce, all while making a positive impact on our local community.



The cyclists who left the Donegal Hospice, Letterkenny (below) and above pictured on their arrival 250km later at Bolton Wanderers football ground. All proceeds from the cycle go to the Donegal Hospice and the Bolton Hospice. Pictured are Gerard Snr., Paul, Ciaran and Gerard Jnr McGinley, Christopher and Eamonn McGinley, Dylan McGarrigle Lexie Diver, Mark and Ivan Scott (Portlean).



Milford AC news

19 club runners took part in the Donegal 5km in Milford on Friday evening. Joe Gibbons led the way finishing 6th overall and leading the men's 0/35 team to County gold team medals.

In the ladies category, Karen McAteer is a bright new light as she took 40 seconds off her previous best to finish in 22.17. She finished 2nd in the ladies 0/40 category and led Milford senior ladies to the gold medal winning team. Team mates, Brona Harley and Laura Law only started running back in the Spring. Full club results - 1. Joe Gibbons 16.58; 2. Anthony Doherty 17.45; 3. Paddy Ryan 17.58; 4. Steven Devlin 18.00; 5. Darren Murray 18.53; 6. Gerard Marley 20.02; 7. Joe Gallagher 20.32; 8. James Whoriskey 20.49; 9. Joe McLaughlin 21.21; 10. Kieran McAteer 21.51; 11. Karen

McAteer 22.17; 12. Christopher Doherty 23.14; 13. John Fealty 23.17; 14. Patrick Shiels 24.58; 15. Ryan Connolly 25.48; 16. Brona Harley 28.43; 17. Liam McLaughlin 28.44; 18. Laura Law/O'Donnell 28.45; 19. Calvin Lynch 29.29.

Bonus Ball draw

Congratulations to Martin Kerr on winning the first week of the bonus ball lotto €295 (number 2). Thanks to all other 58 club members who took part. Thanks to Marty Lynch for coordinating and to Natasha Boyce for all the behind the scenes work.

Half Triathlon

Well done to Peter O'Donnell who competed in the National Half Triathlon in Kenmare, Co Kerry on Saturday. Peter finished 10th overall and won his 0/35 category.

70th Anniversary at the Quay Grotto



Fr. Stephen Gorman lead the Rosary on Sunday at Our Lady's Grotto at The Quay on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Grotto.




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# The Bible Course: Another Opportunity

I want to take this opportunity to invite you along to "The Bible Course". I wrote about this back in May when we first ran the course, but we're going to run it again in order to give as many people as possible the opportunity to come along. The course will run on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, starting from 18th September. It is eight weeks long and each session will be happening at our church in the retail park behind Lidl. Our Eircode

is F92 PN5D. The course is completely free of charge. "The Bible Course" is produced by The Bible Society and the premise is simple: the Bible is not as difficult to understand as many people think it is. I couldn't begin to count how many people I've heard stating that the Bible is just too difficult for ordinary people to get their heads around, yet 99 times out of 100 those who make that comment aren't really speaking from their own

*Food for thought*



Jonny McCollum

experience. I've met very few people who have actu-

ally started to read the Bible and found it to be too perplexing to continue; I've met many people who've never started because they've simply assumed that that will be the case. The Bible Course is an opportunity to put your preconceived notions to one side and approach the word of God with an open mind. The format of the course is exactly the same as in May and June: we'll watch a brief video that explores some of the Bible's key themes and then there will be a time of questions and discussion for those who wish to participate. No-one will be forced to read, speak, answer questions or pray.

As the course goes on, you'll get to discover some of the most exciting stories ever committed to paper: Moses and the daring escape from captivity in Egypt, Esther and her courage in thwarting Haman's murderous conspiracy, Samson and his superhuman strength that was undermined by his all too human character flaws. You won't just get to learn about the stories though, you'll also be able to see the big picture. One of the aims of the course is to help us all discover how the Bible fits together as a perfect whole: how the Old and New Testaments complement each other, how the

various writing styles paint the same picture from a variety of angles, and most of all, what the good news of Jesus is all about and what makes the good news good. Feel free to come for the first night or two to see if it's really for you; we don't think you'll be disappointed. Perhaps you have other things on and can't make it for a night or two; feel free to join us midway through the course and we'll do our best to bring you up to speed. We'd love to have you come along. More to the point, we know that you'll love reading God's word for yourself.

# Rathmullan

## Tidy Towns

Now that the children are back to school and there's a lot more traffic on the streets, we urge all motorists to drive with care in and around the town, and pay attention to children & pedestrians as they travel either by car, bicycle or on foot. There's still time after school to get a walk on the beach or time in the Playground, but the Uisce Eireann works and the refurbishments at the Pier are still ongoing, as is the one way traffic situation, so due care is required. We all know that exercise has stress relieving properties, but if out for a walk, jog or cycle in the evenings, remember the hi viz jackets are vital for safety as the evenings are rapidly drawing in. It's Hedge cutting season too, and careful driving along our approach roads is necessary to allow farmers and land owners room to deal with the roadside hedges before winter sets in. Many thanks to Paul Doherty who once again delivered the newly sponsored benches by the Patton and Doherty families as well as new Rain Water Planters currently under construction and due for installation next week. We're very grateful to all who support our endeavours in making Rathmullan a better place for everyone to live in and enjoy all that Rathmullan has to offer. **Flight of the Earls Commemoration- Rome to Rathmullan** All are welcome to the SVP Centre Rathmullan this Saturday 14th September from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This unique commemoration of the Flight of the Earls includes the unveiling of artistic memorials by artist Anne McCloy, a dramatic presentation by Maura Logue with music and readings and a pictorial record of the Rathmullan 2007 commemoration. Refreshments served. Rathmullan History & Heritage Group and Donegal Heritage Trails, supported by Rathmullan the Way Forward and Connecting Communities, Coasts, Hills and Glens. Community Games Finalists

Sadly there were no All Ireland Medals returning to Rathmullan after the All-Ireland Finals in Carlow last weekend. But huge congratulations to Eoghan Kelly, Lachlann Gallagher, and The Odyssey for their achievement in reaching the finals, and hopefully you all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

## The Swilly Ferry

The Buncrana Ferry has been very busy over the summer months and well done for the excellent service and friendly staff for their commitment. Sadly, this will come to an end this weekend on Sunday evening 15th September for the winter.

## Lifeguards

Many thanks to our Lifeguards who have been on duty throughout the summer months. Please note they are only be on duty 12pm to 6.30pm at weekends now.

## St Vincent De Paul

Any time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, so contact the Confidential number 087 698 2822. Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, while also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

## Clean Coasts

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday morning, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am, with new volunteers always welcome. The Both 2 minute Bleach Clean Board are near the Car Park or the beach opposite Patton's Butchers, so please do a litter pick on any beach at a time that suits your own circumstances. Many thanks also to Clean Coasts for their generous sponsorship of a Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Table, which is due to arrive this week, and Donegal County Council have committed to having this installed shortly near the Flight of the Earls monument.



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

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

**R247-1 Rathmullan Road at Rossreagh, Ramelton**  
**Monday 30th September 2024 to Friday 18th October 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 works on the R247 Rathmullan Road at Rossreagh.

### Roads to be closed:

R247 Rathmullan Road will be closed from the junction between the R245 and the R247 to the junction for Lennon View Estate L-56810-1 / R247.

### Alternative Routes:

Alternative routes will be via the R245-9/10, L-1392-1/2, R247-3/2/1.

**Bryan Cannon,**  
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# Optum Staff Volunteering Day



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5.30PM-7PM: **KIDS CROCHET (16/09)**  
8PM-9PM: **MEN'S PILATES (16/09)**

#### TUESDAYS

10AM-1PM: **DONEGAL TRAVELLERS PROJECT WOMEN'S GROUP (10/09)**  
7.30PM-9PM: **LINE DANCING WITH LARRY (10/09)**  
2PM-3.30pm: **ACTIVE RETIREMENT (24/09)**

#### WEDNESDAYS

6AM AND 7AM: **PILATES CL WELLNESS (COMMENCED)**  
10AM-11AM: **HEALING FLOW YOGA (04/09)**  
2PM-4PM: **ANTENATAL CLASSES (04/09)**  
7PM-9PM: **MILFORD YARNS (11/09)**

#### THURSDAYS

10AM-11AM: **MOVE2THEBEAT (DATE TBC)**  
11.30AM-1PM: **PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY/DIGITAL SKILLS (19/09)**  
4PM-4.45PM: **SOUNDS MUSIC CAMPS (05/09)**  
5.30PM-6.30PM: **COMMUNITY CHOIR (DATE TBC)**

#### FRIDAYS

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## A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

# Lovely stroll along the Nancy and Nellie Walk

I had a mighty trip to Rathmullan a fortnight ago. After completing four consecutive night duties it was great to get away and get back into a daytime routine. Himself was only back from his run to Rathmullan so it felt as if we were ships passing in the night, scarcely seeing each other, which made for a lovely atmosphere of domestic harmony. My skirting boards and internal doors were delivered and I got three good coats of varnish on them which will save me bending down later when they're in place. Needless to say, I completely forgot to get architrave so varnishing that is my job for the next trip. Declan the painter was there and he got most of the rooms painted, which was no mean feat because one of the walls is twelve feet high and forty feet long. It's just brilliant to see the concrete shell gradually becoming a house that I can actually see myself living in.

As soon as the electricity is connected in the next few weeks, the tiling and second fix carpentry can be done, the bathroom fittings installed and the kitchen fitted (if I can afford one by then!). It has been a long and challenging journey and I'm very glad to be coming towards the end of this part of it. There will be a lot of outside work to be done when time and money permit but I'm looking forward to doing that bit at my leisure, especially when I can retire to a warm, dry house for a cuppa every time the heavens open, which happens with monotonous frequency.

Didn't it get very autumny, very quickly this year? I don't think it was even the first of September when there was a hint of frost in the air and the bushes were covered in dew spangled cobwebs in the mornings. I love all the seasons but I miss the long days of summer. Thankfully I have plenty of indoor interests so boredom is never an issue on the dark evenings.

The end of grass season stock clearance began last week when the first heifers went to the factory and the remaining few lambs went to the butcher for freezers. There were four purebred Limousin heifers there and he had done a deal with a fella a while ago to sell them for breeding. Unfortunately yer man's tractor went on fire and was reduced to ashes along with any hopes he had of buying the heifers. Since the herd was locked up after the TB test, Himself can only sell into the factory which frustratingly limits the options a bit. The heifers go according as they

near the thirty month cut off deadline. Once the animal goes over thirty months the factories pay a lower price per kilo. The price in the shop doesn't reflect this; you will still pay the same whether your steak was thirty months or ten years old when it shuffles up the killing line. It's a ploy by the factories to get cattle for less, hence many farmers' preference for the mart. The one I look forward to seeing the back of is the bull. If that lad is gone it will hopefully cut out the calving and the endless hassle of dealing with gates that don't open/close properly, rotten hinges and dodgy drinkers. It's very hard to get any maintenance done and this farm needs a lot of it.

The little whisky fella got a bit of cancer a few years ago and the treatment has knocked the stuffing out of him so it's becoming increasingly difficult to get repairs done. It's time for Himself to be cutting back a bit and enjoying the fruits of his life's labours. One of the top three deathbed regrets is that people wished they had worked less and enjoyed life more.

Mark and his Glaswegian friend Nicolle set off for the long awaited and much anticipated holiday in Rome and Florence a couple of weeks ago. They had planned every detail meticulously and had something booked for each day. Unfortunately it was one of those times when man plans and the Gods laugh and these were the ancient Roman Gods who delight in ignoring the fair-play page in the rule book and are maliciously vindictive. The airline balled up their booking with the result that they missed their flight. Admitting their mistake, the airline then re-scheduled them on other connecting flights which left them arriving late in Rome that night.

Not so bad you might think... just a few hours

out of your holiday, except that their luggage failed to arrive at all and they were left with what they stood up in. To cap it all, they then got an email to say that there was now a national train strike in Italy and all trains to Florence were cancelled for the foreseeable.

They made the wise decision to enjoy their four nights in Rome, as best they could, but not to attempt the bus journey to Florence while every other native and tourist in the known world was competing for the same seats. My heart went out to them because they had put a huge effort (not to mention expense) into planning their dream holiday and for it to go so wrong was very disappointing. They got a direct flight back to Dublin after the Roman leg of the holiday and had a night in town before completing the journey to Donegal. An adventure to tell the grand children!

I had two lovely little outings last week with my willing travelling companion and friend, Jim. He had a four hour block of care for Herself on the Tuesday and the weather was warm with a risk of showers so we chanced it and headed 12 miles up the road to Fore in Westmeath. I had heard of a handy walk called the "Nancy and Nellie Walk" which the village of Fore had developed and we were eager to try it. It's a very nicely done 3km route, winding through woods, farmland and the village. A lot of people have sponsored trees, park benches and wood carvings all along the way. About two thirds of the walk is tarred or on footpaths, with the remaining part on gravel.

It also includes the almost ubiquitous "Fairy Land", like on Batts Walks in Rathmullan and so many other places. All those little mushroomy houses and fairy forts are grand if they're well maintained, but regrettably most of them quickly become tatty and unkempt.

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**Kate Carton**

Afterwards we adjourned to the village coffee shop for tea and home-made apple tart and a chat with Jean, the proprietor. I was back in good time to bring the lambs to the butcher for their 4pm appointment with the Grim Reaper. They're for private freezer orders so the butcher takes them according as he has time to deal with them and space in the cold rooms.

Last Saturday the weather was stunningly brilliant and I had a break in the afternoon between clients, so I asked Jim if he could get away for a couple of hours. There's a garden outside Oldcastle called The Poppy Garden and it's only 8 miles away but I had never been to it. The day was too perfect to spend doing chores so we decided to visit the garden before the inevitable wet weather returned. It's a private, cottage garden which the owner, Ealma Purcell opens to the public on three afternoons a week.

We had a most enjoyable hour meandering among the sun-drenched trees and flowers before having tea and carrot cake on the patio. We were accompanied on our ramble by a heavily pregnant cocker spaniel who repeatedly asked us to throw her special stone for her to retrieve. We stopped off in Millbrook on the way home to pick up a loaf of fresh brown bread for the tea. It was just lovely to get a the couple of brief outings with Jim at the tail end of the summer; a welcome change from the mundane routine of daily life. With luck we'll get another one or two before winter sets in.

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## Letterkenny AC News

LAC members were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Adian McGlynn. A wonderful Clubmate and friend to all. May Aidan rest in peace.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Kathy, his parents, siblings and friends.

In the Shane Bonner 5km Donegal Memorial Road Race Barry Mackey put in a fine performance to finish in 18:50 while Eimear Gormley finished in 19:18, Michael Mooney ran 21:14, Gary Price ran 21:23, Pat McDermott 21:53, Paul Lee 22:47, Clodagh Sammon 23:00, Alicia McNulty 23:54, Con Duffy 23:55, Rory Kennedy 24:35, Richard Raymond 25:44, while Ger O'Rian ran 33:40.

LAC's A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday the 25th September at 7.30pm in the Station House Hotel.

All members are encouraged to attend.

LAC host running sessions from the Aura Leisure Centre on a Tuesday at 5.15pm and 6.30pm for interval running sessions, a Thursday evening hill run at 6pm, Saturday mornings at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday mornings at 8am for a long run.

Fit 4 Life which is run by LAC in conjunction with the Donegal Sports Partnership takes place every Monday at 6pm on the track at the Aura Leisure Centre Letterkenny.



The Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show and Dog Trials making a presentation to long time competitor Micheal Cannon on Saturday night in the Glenveagh Inn. Micheal is representing Ireland in Scotland in The International Dog Trials. We wish Micheal and Glen all the best.



The Supreme Champion of the show. Paul Mallon with the Patrick Gallagher Memorial Cup presented by Roseleen, Christina and Caroline Gallagher. Also included is judge Ronnie Edwards.



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# Frances Browne Literary Festival



At the launch of the Frances Browne Literary Festival Programme with the statue of Frances Browne, were, front: Head of Tourism at Donegal Co Council, Sarah Nolan, right, Cllr Dakota McMenamin, Nuala McGlynn, Aoife Yong, Bartley McGlynn and Finn Young. Back Celine McGlynn and Michael Ó Dochartaigh.

Renowned poet and editor Nessa O'Mahony will be the distinguished guest at the 2024 Frances Browne Literary Festival, delivering the keynote speech at the Frances Browne Poetry Awards ceremony in Kee's Hotel, Stranorlar, on Friday, October 11th.

Now in its fourth year, the festival celebrates the rich cultural and literary heritage of East Donegal and will take place from October 10th to 13th.

In her keynote address, titled "Translating Achievement into Legacy - Women Writers from the 1800s to the 2020s," O'Mahony will explore the often overlooked contributions of women writers, including Frances Browne and Margaret King Moore, and reflect on the ways we honour contemporary women writers in today's literary landscape.

Nessa O'Mahony, a Dublin native, has published five collections of poetry and is a respected voice in both fiction and non-fiction. Her work includes "Bar Talk" (1999), "Trapping a Ghost" (2005), "In Sight of Home" (2009), "Her Father's Daughter" (2014), and "The Hollow Woman on the Island" (2019). She is also an esteemed editor and an advocate for celebrating diverse voices in literature, having curated tributes such as the Poetry Ireland Review Issue 138 dedicated to Eavan Boland. O'Mahony currently serves as an Associate Lecturer with The Open University and holds a PhD in Creative and Critical Writing from the University of Wales, Bangor.

The festival will open on Thursday, October 10th, at Kee's Hotel, with a talk by Thomas McLean, an Associate Professor in English at the University of Otago, New Zealand, who is travelling to Ireland especially for the festival. McLean is a noted scholar and author, contributing to the global understanding of 19th-century literature.

Friday, October 11th, will feature a range of events, including an oil painting masterclass by the acclaimed artist Cornelius Browne, a Pop-Up Poetry session at the Twin Towns Library with poets Annemarie Ní Churraíin, Proinsias Mac a' Bhaird, and Dubhán O'Longain, followed by a panel discussion on the challenges and nuances of literary translation across languages and cultures.

In the evening, The Gallery Room at Kee's Hotel will host the launch by Annemarie Ní Churraíin of Bernadette Gallagher's debut poetry collection, "The Risen Tree," in association with Poetry Ireland. Gallagher, originally from Donegal

now resides in County Cork.

Saturday, October 12th, offers a series of writing workshops led by Nessa O'Mahony, Dubhán O'Longain, and Averil Meehan, providing a space for emerging voices to refine their craft.

Thomas McLean will deliver the annual Frances Browne Lecture, hosted by the Ballybofey, Stranorlar, and District Historical Society. Additionally, the festival welcomes a special presentation from Limavady's Steinbeck Festival and Donegal's inaugural Tenx9 storytelling event at the Balor Arts Centre.

On Sunday, festival-goers can immerse themselves in the local heritage with the Frances Browne Walking Tour, guided by Kathleen Phelan, and enjoy a free Family Fun Day at The BASE Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar, featuring traditional games, workshops, and more. The day will conclude with a special performance of an extract from Brendan Behan's "The Quare Fellow" by Elusive Theatre in association with the Cathedral Quarter Literary Festival at McKelvey's Bar, Ballybofey, followed by a Pop-Up Gaeltacht, celebrating the Irish language in a lively, inclusive and informal setting.

A wonderful schools' programme will be delivered during the festival by Pauline Holland, Anne McMaster, Angeline Kelly, Breda Logue, Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair and Susan Doherty.

Cllr Dakota McMenamin praised the Frances Browne Literary Festival committee for establishing the festival as an essential cultural event in Donegal. "On behalf of Donegal County Council, I wish the Frances Browne Literary Festival continued success and encourage both locals and visitors to engage with the diverse and enriching events planned from October 10th to 13th," she said.

The festival honours Stranorlar-born Frances Browne (1816-1879), celebrated as "The Blind Poetess of Ulster" and a pioneering writer whose works, including the globally translated "Granny's Wonderful Chair" (1856), left an indelible mark on the literary world.

Celine McGlynn, Chairperson of the Frances Browne Literary Festival Committee, expressed her excitement for this year's event.

"The Frances Browne Literary Festival is a celebration of the vibrant and diverse cultural heritage of Frances Browne's homeland. After last year's incredible success, we are thrilled to share this year's lineup, showcasing the rich literary traditions of East Donegal and beyond," she said.



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The junior infant class at Kilmacrennan NS with teachers Noelle Crossan and Elaine Nellis.



The junior infant class at Kilmacrennan NS with teachers Marie McBride and Helena Roarty.



The junior infants at Termon NS with their teacher Anna Gallagher and assistants Laura McGarvey and Irene McCole.





The junior infant class at Kerrykeel NS Aria, Eabha, Darragh and Bridin.



The junior infants Fiadh, Bláithín, Bleu and Charlie at Stramore National School.



A Junior Infant Class at Scoil Cholmcille, Letterkenny with staff members Sinead McDaid, Emma Vaughan (Class Teacher) and Sarah Murray.



Class Teacher Aine Feeney and SNA Sinead Grugan with a Junior Infant Class at Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Letterkenny



A Scoil Mhuire gan Smál Letterkenny Junior Infant Class with SNA Orla Carlin and Class Teacher Anne Gillespie.

## Letterkenny's Walk in the Park for Parkinson's

'A Walk in the Park for Parkinson's is just two weeks away, taking place on Saturday, September 21st at 11a.m in Bernard McGlinchey Park, Letterkenny. To register visit [walkinthePark.ie](http://walkinthePark.ie)

Speaking on the initiative, CEO of Parkinson's Ireland Shane O'Brien said: "We are delighted to launch our new annual fundraising event 'A Walk in the Park for Parkinson's'. We are very grateful to Home Instead for their sponsorship and support of this event. In addition to raising much-needed funds for the services that Parkinson's Ireland provides, the event will be an opportunity for the Parkinson's community across Ireland to come together in a show of unity and support. We hope that this event will raise awareness of the fact that an estimated 18,000 people in Ireland have Parkinson's and that it's the fastest growing neurological condition."

Danette Connolly, National Clinical Lead at Home Instead Ireland, expressed her enthusiasm about the partnership: "Parkinson's is the second most common neurodegenerative condition after Alzheimer's. By partnering with Parkinson's Ireland on their flagship Walk in the Park for Parkinson's, we aim to raise awareness and foster a caring society that supports people living with Parkinson's and their families. We encourage all Home Instead staff to participate and urge the public to join us."

### SVP in Convoy actively recruiting new volunteers

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SVP will host an information meeting in SVP North West Regional Office in Raphoe from 7-8.30pm on the 24th of September for people interested in joining the conferences in the following areas: Raphoe, Convoy, Drumkeen, Manorcunningham, Newtowncunningham, Lifford, Ballybofey, Stranorlar, Killygordon, Castlefinn, St Johnston and Doneyloop. For more information, please call membership support officer Orla Beirne on 087 775 7426 or email: [orla.beirne@svp.ie](mailto:orla.beirne@svp.ie)

"Volunteers are our greatest strength, they know the issues in their communities and can address immediate needs as well as helping families and individuals, young and old, move towards self-sufficiency and equal opportunity through friendship and support. Offering a little help at the right time can give people hope for the future. Volunteers sharing their time and skills can change lives forever."



# Horror in the House of Religious Orders

*Against the background of audits and investigations, the contents of the O'Toole report is the most revolting ever for this country. It reveals a system, rotten to the core and sickening to the bottom of the nation's beating heart.*

*It is a week when I feel sad for those priests who inspire and guide their congregations in keeping with the sentiments of the Risen Christ.*

*The abusers have tried to quench the flame of hope that has inspired the Irish people down the darkest of centuries. And for decades the Church has been in denial of the damage inflicted.*

The scoping enquiry chaired by Senior Council Mary O'Toole reveals a litany of the most heinous crimes of sexual abuses that have been covered up for seventy years in schools run by religious orders.

Limp words for victims from the Church is whistling past the graveyard because why would someone damaged at the hands of the Church ever trust this institution ever again?

Of course every school and institution, religious or otherwise should all have been investigated. Many of the victims are now dead because of the timeline of abuse. But what went on a hundred years ago. These criminal activities did not suddenly drop down out of the sky and for leading clergy to pass off this damage as the work of few rogue priests must be rejected in the name of truth and justice. Last Thursday the 'RTE Live-line' story with a woman who'd worked in a special needs setting run by the nuns was heartbreaking and revolting. The woman who later went to England to pursue a career in nursing is still traumatised all these years later. She's vowed to trace the nun at the heart of this abuse and confront her.

As a sixteen year old assistant in the home, she was regularly sent out to bring back a fourteen year old vulnerable child, obviously in need of compassion and loving care who would regularly escape from the home. She would be brought back into the care of a nun who obviously had a free range to hammer the daylight out of this unfortunate child. Listening to the harrowing tale, the screams of the child and the anger of the nun, the tortured cries of an innocent victim with no escape from her abuser streamed out across the years. It would draw tears from a stone. But it got worse.

The worker spoke of the smell of Paraldehyde and three days later the child would emerge from the room looking as if she had been to hell and back, battered, bruised, broken and she would be subject to the same abuses, again and again.

A young child being administered Paraldehyde needs further clarification on clinical sedation in such situations.

The Gardaí and the justice system need to bring these abusers

to face the rigours of the law because they deserve no less. We have one politician after the other lining up to call for the religious orders to contribute to the cost of redress. That is a farce given their failures of the past to pay all of the miserly €128 million leaving the State with a cost of €1.2 billion.

There is no doubt that many of the abused will never be party to any institutional advice to come forward, because it was this same institution that failed them: the Vatican, the Archbishops and the State institutions. Many of the abused have long since made it very clear they have no trust in these institutions and the pious words from church representatives only add to the anguish of the abused.

The abuses and the denials are likely to have been there since time immemorial. But the bar was set low because parishes had teachers who hammered the heads off children for their own self-satisfaction and recourse for parents was the Parish Priest who threatened all kinds of damnation. There is a huge need for a full cold case enquiry in the Raphoe Diocese because there is very little evidence of wrongdoing or files of complaint during the reign of at least four bishops when abuses were allegedly horrific and a stain on the Church. The Diocese has failed to explain why files disappeared as if by magic and there is nothing to suggest why it happened.

The round collar was used and abused in parishes across Ireland, in schools, colleges and most shockingly where special needs children needed care, attention and loving care. These sexual abuses could not have taken place without the notice of members of clerical authorities in these hell-holes. The coverup within the system was all embracing because the priests exercised absolute control of people's lives under the threat of burning in the flames of hell.

Surely, these clerical abuses in Ireland should be referred to the EU Court of Justice for clarity and to get at the very heart of the madness that religion visited on our shores.

The Church protected its own interests and that of the Vatican Bank. Diocesan administrations

have to be called to account about missing files... like here in Donegal. Raphoe may have had the highest level of clerical abuse in Ireland, said a Bishop at the launch of the Ian Elliot report.

And numbers of parishes in this county have been seriously impacted by the rogue priests who continued to serve as the Bishops moved them around the chessboard hiding from the truth while living in denial of the reality of what was going on.

The O'Toole report reflects the horrendous abuses and the criminal activity in so many schools run by the religious orders. There is hope of the possibility of redress payments to the abuse victims running alongside an enquiry and that is welcome. But what happens if those countless numbers whose abuses have left them scarred for life remain unable to articulate their abuse and fail to come forward.

How is that going to be addressed? The religious orders, paedophile clergy and all others who covered up these shocking abuses should be made to account for their activities and to pay for the damage they've inflicted.

Against the background of all these clerical abuse investigations and audits their contents continue to sicken us all to the bottom of our hearts... So much for Holy Catholic Ireland.

Clerical abuse haunts this country and there is no doubt that the Catholic Church is responsible for untold torture of the innocent. They have shown religion in a very dim candle light, but how could those abuses have gone unpunished?

Yet, there has never been any doubt in the Catholic church of the wrongness of child sex abuse or indeed any other kind of abuse and its own law reflects this.

It is indeed scandalous that the Church saw fit to ignore the civil law; but as report after report covering more than seventy years shows, we are still left to ask if we are only witnessing a very small percentage of these abuses?

It is very obvious that civil law in Ireland was severely lacking in its capacity to prosecute clerical abusers.

Abuse of minors is as shocking as it is criminal. But when those minors have special needs, it is even worse. That kind of mentality leaves the church much more vulnerable because if those in charge were not aware of these abuses, they should not have been in charge in the first place.

We reside in an age where clerical abuses have taken a huge toll and people now steel themselves as more revelations are documented. Very recently the behaviour of former Bishop of Galway, Eamonn Casey was revealed in the RTE/Irish Daily Mail investigation.

The documentary revealed Casey's abuse of his own niece and it noted that the Diocese of Limerick paid €100,000 to an unidentified alleged victim of child sexual abuse.

Casey's niece, Patricia Donovan said he abused her for a number of years from when she was aged just five years old.

"Some of the things he did to me, and where he did them... the horror of being raped by him when I was five, the violence... and it just carried on in that vein," she the documentary makers.

Now in her 60s she reported the abuse claims in 2005, but Casey - who was forced to resign as Bishop of Galway in 1992 when his affair with Annie Murphy, in which he fathered a child, came to light. Yet he was defrocked and never charged with or convicted of any sexual offence.

Similarly, here in Donegal, Fr. Con Cunningham was secretly removed from his ministry as PP in Falcarragh and sent back to live beside the primary school in Carrick in 2002. Until his arrest in 2018 the community was not made aware of why he was removed from ministry or if he posed a risk to children.

The Tribune revealed the floodgates were being prised open as Cunningham began his prison sentence. There was total disbelief that Cunningham remained in active ministry for 16 years during

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his 'retirement' in Carrick.

Judge John Almyer said "the offences were on the higher end of the scale". Carrick parishioners have described how between 2002 and 2018 they were left hung out to dry as they revealed their deepest fears about this so-called 'retired priest'.

In October 2002 the Diocese of Raphoe was rocked with revelations by a BBC Spotlight programme "Sins of Omission" that Bishop Philip Boyce was told in 1995 about complaints against Fr. Eugene Greene from Annagry.

The Bishop confirmed this meeting, but said his subsequent inquiries found no complaints or records of complaints against the priest. That is totally amazing!

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

Bishop Casey was a role model - a beacon of the faith in his inimitable swash-buckling style with a preference for fast cars and hogging the limelight in 1979 at Pope John Paul's Mass in Galway.

In 1992, Annie Murphy brought her story to the Irish Times... They sat on it for six months before telling the world that the charismatic bishop had fathered a son.

And so it was that the Emperor was exposed without a stitch on his backside as Casey hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons. The phrase "it could never happen to a bishop", was quickly revised by public relations gurus hiding behind the pews.

By the early 90s, the Catholic Church's supreme power was on the wane. However for generations it dictated how the flock must live, most particularly in relation to sex.

Cue a fleeting vision of John Charles McQuaid and his contribution to the writing of the 1937 Constitution. It was the stuff of legends but it was essentially a Catholic agenda for a Catholic flock. McQuaid had the power to demand the right to be heard and there was denial of progress in a modern State where abuses continued across the parishes... Yet nobody shouted stop.

The revelations this summer about Eamonn Casey were shocking in the abuse of his five years old niece, but can the church authorities continue to deny that this was Ireland's most influential bishop and yet they had no idea of his abuses?

As the consequences of the failure of the religious orders who were the subject to a financial liability in 2012 in redress payments to the victims, the State picked up the tab for €1.2 billion. It was a debt on all of us for crimes they never committed.

The liability for the religious order was a paltry €128 million and not all of the money has been paid. Surely it's time for the Taoiseach to lay into these Orders and make them shake out their pockets

As the church faces the enormity of the O'Toole Report, it will continue to reside in the shadows of its own failures and the endemic culture of secrecy.

The Church lives by Canon Law that decrees that minors must always be protected by the church's law, and their abusers brought swiftly to justice.



# Ardroe Cottage Portsalon - ho

It's been a long and winding road of forty years since I first reported on the restoration of Ardroe Cottage at Aughadreena near Portsalon.

by John McAteer

The cottage recently featured in Donegal's Heritage Week and visitors simply discovered they had entered a different time zone in history with the original house in fine condition. And it has been restored and maintained to the highest standards by Michael McElwee who loves and lives this place with the kind of passion befitting of owning such a piece of our ancient heritage.

And at the weekend as the clouds of early autumn drifted overhead, I was back once more to witness how this old thatched house had fared with the passage of time.

Needless to say Ardroe with its thatch of flax sparkled in its original setting looking stunning almost four hundred years since it was first built. Earlier homesteads would have been built with clay and wattles. But in the 16th century, these houses had stone and lime... made to withstand the ravages of time.

Ireland is a place that is steeped in history, myth, and legend. The green hills of Fanad gives way to a rugged coastline, but today the thatched roof is gone forever. Ardroe is special because

it is the story of a mythical land - a symbol of the country's rural heritage and way of life.

## Traditional half-door welcome

There is something very special about the ambience of climbing the stairs in Ardroe and to catch the splendour of 'the bedroom' that looks out across the fire in the hearth, through two small windows. This is the character at the very heart of the cottage. The walls are thirty inches in depth and our ancestors had their wellbeing in mind in crafting windows that ensured no burglar could ever steal the family silver.

Ardroe is recognised as Donegal's oldest thatched farm cottage and it stands out amongst the winding roads of Fanad as a real treasure where legend mingles with history and that is a story true to be told. It has a timeless elegance and its setting adds to the character of this place.

This is a place of a million memories and just as many visions of an Ireland of long ago. Leading to the front door is a laneway crafted of land stones in a unique pattern and it's easy to conjure up memories of a bygone time, the harness on the horses and clatter of the iron clad wheels... a star spangled kaleidoscope. The turf smoke, the peat stack, the threshing, the seasons of the year clearly marked because each one

had a rhythm in symphony with nature and the gathering in of the harvest in the early dusting of autumnal shadows.

Places like Ardroe Cottage and they are priceless, provide a chance to sit and wonder how previous generations prevailed by the sweat of their brow and perhaps the good fortune that those distant relations had richly earned.

Set among the green fields, the trees and shrubs, Ardroe is alive with the past: a smallholding and a homestead where successive generations battled the odds: where bonds of friendship float slowly into visions intertwined across the family generations.

## A flax thatched gem of a cottage

Six, perhaps seven generations of the McElwee family have resided here. In so many ways, the cottage is from the pages of Irish history waiting to be explored. This was a small holding of land that would have provided food and sustenance for the families: it put a roof over their heads, grew their own flax and along the way, Ardroe bears witness to the greatest changes in our history.

Therefore it is a great honour to be invited into the cottage, to listen to the history as lived by the McElwees.

When I was last at the cottage during its restoration it was just before Tom-



The Kitchen Dresser tells its own story.

my Gorman did a feature for RTE News and it really reflected the importance of a history that was fast disappearing.

With the passage of time, Ardroe is one of the very few traditional thatched Irish cottages in Donegal dating back to the early 17th century to have survived the passage of time.

The cottage has been the home of the McElwee family since the eighteenth forties. It is recorded in the 'Hearth Tithe Role' of 1865.

The house was built by Donal McElwee, a stonemason who came from Scotland to work on the building of the privately owned historic Prehen House in Derry which was first inhabited in 1640.

The cottage roof is thatched with home grown flax and the rafters and beams in the roof are made from bog oak which had been preserved for centuries in the peat bog.

Lift the latch and walk underneath a bog oak beam, centuries old. Inside the living room the hearth is alight as the shadows of the lamp dance across the flagstone floor and the heat fills the house. What impresses is the intense interest in

the detail of every last piece of this restoration work. And because of its nature, this is always a work in progress.

## A model of craftsmanship

The family home traditionally was passed on to the eldest son and Ardroe cottage was inherited by current owner Michael, the only son of seven children. Many of the skills required to maintain a thatched cottage would have been passed on from father to son, the most important being the labour intensive method of harvesting the flax to thatch the roof.

In 1984 An Taisce adopted the cottage as a model of craftsmanship in restoration and preservation of detail of houses built in 17th century Ireland. They said that



The Parlour in the cottage.



The kitchen with its hearth fire, spinning wheel and artefacts of generations past.



The unique design of the window



The lush green setting of Ardroe Cottage adds to



# - homage to bygone centuries

specialised work of the stonemason, flax thatcher, blacksmith, traditional carpenter, cooper, turner, and tinsmith all give the cottage a uniquely authentic feel. In fact everything in the cottage is a work of art that endeavours to pay homage to past generations. The old farmyard buildings have been restored and the cottage set back off the road is a truly amazing reminder of life in Donegal close to four hundred years ago.

They might also have noted the encyclopedic knowledge of Michael McElwee, the owner of Ardroe who has painstakingly researched so much detail of the legend of such a cottage frozen in the timewarp of previous centuries where everyone walked everywhere: to the shop, the chapel, the doctor's surgery, and to school... and to Church.

As a child Michael McElwee has a clear vision of a population from the shadow of Knockalla Mountain passing by of a Sunday morning going to the chapel... barefooted. They'd stop off in Tamney to put on their shoes. This was not a pilgrimage, but a reminder of an Ireland in the depth of poverty, hardship and a scarcity of money.

Ardroe is a reminder of generations dating back to the 1600 hundreds survived: how they would have gone to the hedge schools: how they lived under British occupation: how they survived the Great Famine and how they passed on that legacy, the richness of their faith at a time when their entire livelihoods were so tied into the milk cow, the horse and cart and plying the labours of the land to earn a few shillings.

Sitting in Ardroe Cottage gives the aura that we are bearing witness to the shadows of those giants in our history pages and they lived to pass on that truly amazing heritage. The parlour was at the centre of the cottage and its traditional character remains in tribute to the great crafts of generations past.

### The open hearth a centrepiece

The open hearth is the centrepiece in the living



Heritage Week and Ardroe Cottage provided a welcome.

room and when the fire is lit the room comes alive as the flames create their own magic and the dresser dressed out in the finest of porcelain speaks those times gone by of the richness of our ancestors and their tastes.

When An Taisce was overseeing the restoration of a thatched cottage in Donegal the architect Anton McGowan spent several hours at Ardroe cottage noting the original details - he said the beauty of the house would be difficult to emulate with its richness of restored architecture in a true traditional way.

In the early 1980's the restoration of thatched Irish cottages was rare and the national television channel RTE1 gave Ardroe a slot on their evening news. In 1985 the cottage was featured by Cliff Michelmore on his BBC "Holiday" programme. In 2006 a series of documentaries called "Ceart agus Coir" were made for television channel TG4 and Ardroe cottage was used as the location for the fourth in the series of programmes.

However the cottage, contents and outhouses are not museum pieces as they continue to be enjoyed today just as they were in the 17th century. The homely atmosphere of a lived in cottage still persists in this picturesque restored thatched cottage with its traditional Irish cottage garden full of colour in late August. Ardroe cottage offers the visitor the opportunity to experience a genuine Irish heritage cottage and to appreciate such unique features as limestone surfaces, bog oak beams, thick stone walls, open

hearth fireplace with crane, small sash windows and a thatch of flax.

Sadly, few of those original cottages remain. However those that are left are worthy of being preserved as a reminder of an earlier time when families worked hard to eke out a living from their small holdings. Ardroe pays a very special homage to those centuries, those generations right up to the present day.

Steeped in a history which spans four centuries the charming Ardroe cottage in Portsalon, has attracted interest for many years and has been filmed by BBC Television for the Holiday programme as well as the

subject of a variety of magazine and press coverage, and one look at the beautiful cottage will tell you why it is so special.

### Isaac Miller... Russian Jew

And down the centuries, I'd imagine that it was a sturdily built house and that many's the visitor would have passed over the doorstep.

Among them was one, Isaac Miller, a Russian Jew who arrived in Portsalon. He was a man of many skills and even today his name is still mentioned a hundred years later. Isaac lived in Toland's cottage at Claggan

and Fanad became his home.

His portrait crafted in charcoal hangs in Ardroe. Isaac is interred in Massmount overlooking Mulroy Bay and the late Fr. Peadar Arnold, the PP in Tamney was instrumental in having a gravestone in his memory.

Now lovingly restored forty years ago, Ardroe Cottage was originally built by Michael McElwee's great great grandfather.

Despite its complete refurbishment the cottage has retained all of its original character and boasts a stone flagged floor, open hearth, coved ceilings and an arched doorway -

now there is a fully fitted kitchen and shower room.

The bedrooms are decorated to an equally high standard and fit in seamlessly with the cottage's ambience.

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Details about Ardroe Cottage are on the national heritage site.



of this use of work in



The unique design of the windows.



setting of Ardroe Cottage adds to its appeal.



An original clipping from 1984 of John McAteer's visit to Ardroe.





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Donegal County Council

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

- **General Operations Manager - Regional Cultural Centre**
- **Marketing & Communications Officer - Regional Cultural Centre**

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

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday, 30 September 2024.**

Application Forms and Further Details are available at [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)

No late applications will be accepted.

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## Play by Mother and Baby Institution survivor at An Grianan

A powerful new play written by a survivor of a mother and baby institution is at the centre of an innovative creative heritage project taking place this autumn, aiming to dispel the shame and address the trauma faced by young women in a brutal system that forced young unmarried mothers to give up their babies.

It will be shown at An Grianán Theatre on Thursday the 26th of Sept. The project, which will also involve a series of workshops, oral history recordings and a digital exhibition, has received a major grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The Marian Hotel is a moving drama based on the real-life experiences of the writer, Caitriona Cunningham, who gave birth to her daughter in the Marianvale home in Newry.

Produced by Derry-based theatre company Sole Purpose, the play opens this month, coinciding with the sitting of an expert panel that is currently taking evidence from survivors ahead of a full public inquiry. The production will tour venues in

Newry, Derry, Letterkenny, Strabane and Belfast.

Sole Purpose Artistic Director Patricia Byrne said: "The play is a searing portrayal of a dark time in Irish history. The inquiry in the North of Ireland has just got underway after a three year delay and this play is a call to all those impacted to come forward and raise their voices so that they may never again be silenced and shamed for being human.

The play is set in 1979 against the backdrop of the Troubles and follows 19-year-old Kitty from Derry who goes into the home after becoming pregnant. She meets other young women in a similar situation and they form a bond coping with the strict regime and rigid discipline of the institution. It is packed full of humour in adversity, as they cope with the Spartan conditions, poor food and hard work in the laundry. The girls sarcastically label the institution 'The Marian Hotel'.

Caitriona said: "I hope that audiences will get a sense of how things

were for unmarried pregnant women, how 'given up' for adoption should have been termed 'taken for adoption'. These institutions are part of our recent history, the effects they have had on our society still reverberate today."

"I was one of the lucky ones. When I came out of Marianvale I got my daughter back at three months old and went on with my life. But I was very ashamed of having been through the system. I didn't talk about it until recently but I always thought about the other women, especially around my daughter's birthday."



As rehearsals began for the Marian Hotel, pictured are the Cast and Production team back row: Director Patricia Byrne, Writer Caitriona Cunningham, Stage Manager Susie Garvey Williams, Dramaturg Emily De Dakis, Cast members: Maeve Connelly, Maureen Wilkinson and Una Morrison. Front row: Sorcha Shanahan, Roma Harvey, Aoibh Johnson, Shannon Wilkinson and Rachel Harvey.

## Scholarships for three Errigal College students



Deirdre Markham (Deputy Principal, Errigal College), Benjamin Christian (George Moore Scholar recipient), Malachi Christian (Ireland Health Care Scholarship recipient), Michael Kelly (George Moore Scholar recipient) and Danny McFadden (Principal, Errigal College)

Errigal College in Letterkenny is celebrating the announcement that three of its talented students, including two brothers, have been awarded scholarships to support their third-level education. Malachi and Benjamin Christian, brothers, along with classmate Michael Kelly were selected for two programmes.

Malachi has been successfully selected for the Ireland Health Care Scholarship which is funded by the United Health Foundation and supported by Optum Ireland. The aim of the scholarship programme is to support students from underrepresented and socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds and communities who want to pursue healthcare and tech courses at third level. Malachi, studied Computer Science at Errigal College, will continue his studies in Software Development at ATU Sligo with the support of this scholarship. Optum Ireland, a key supporter of Errigal College, also sponsored the school's state-of-the-art STEM lab, which is vital to delivering subjects like Leaving Cert Computer Science.

In addition to Malachi's success, two more Errigal College students, Benjamin and Michael, were selected as recipients of the George Moore Scholar programme. This award provides financial

compensation to help them on their university journey. Michael will study a Bachelor of Arts in English & History at the University of Limerick, while Benjamin will pursue a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Software Development at Atlantic Technological University, Sligo.

Errigal College Principal, Danny McFadden, expressed his pride saying, "These scholarship awards are a testament to the hard work and commitment of Malachi, Benjamin, and Michael. Their success is a reflection of the fantastic academic results we have seen this year, which are due in no small part to the dedication of our students, their families, and the incredibly supportive and caring staff at Errigal College. We are immensely proud of their achievements."

He also highlighted how Errigal College continues to embrace the core values of the ETB: care, equality, community, respect, and excellence in education. "These values are at the heart of everything we do. Errigal College provides amazing opportunities for all our students, and these scholarships are just one example of how we continue to support and encourage their academic and personal growth."



Gerard Shiels of Wood Town Pedigrees, Ballyare presenting a cheque for €800 to Isobel Rodgers chairperson and Christina French, Donegal Hospice.



Members off the Lynch family presenting a cheque for €2000 to Lucy McGettigan. The proceeds from the recent HOOF FOR HOSPICE in memory of Jackie Lynch. A big thanks to all who supported.



# Magical night in Letterkenny's Cathedral Quarter

Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter has planned a number of events for the most magical night of the year – Culture Night.



Dervla Dunleavy's Junior Infant Class at Scoil Cholmcille, Letterkenny



Two Junior Infant Classes at Ballyraine NS with Teachers Fiona Bowe and Emma McLaughlin and SNA Caroline Doherty



Junior Infants at Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Letterkenny with Class Teacher Tracey Bradley and SNA Carmel Diver

Night.

They will be hosting an Open Office at No. 3 Church Lane from 6pm to 10pm on Friday, 20th September.

Meanwhile, the Elusive Theatre will be putting on two performances adapted from Brenda Behan's play 'The Quare Fellow'. This is the first year in several years that people will be able to fully enjoy the ambiance of Culture Night in the area. This year, we will have the use of our Marquee purchased from Raymond Holmes Marquees funded by the Donegal Local Development Committee, so we will shelter regardless of the weather.

Are you interested in learning more about the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter project? Then, come along to the Open Office on Culture Night. At your leisure, discover the initiatives the team has started, the achievements of former residents and the exciting plans for the future in co-operation with Donegal County Council and other stakeholders. Browse in your own time and, hopefully, it might



inspire you in your own initiative or you might like to get involved in the Cathedral Quarter project.

The Cathedral Quarter, in association with Elusive Theatre, presents 'The Quare Fellow' by Brenda Behan at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the yard behind No. 1 and No. 3 Church Lane. A big thanks to Optum workers who cleaned the yard as part of their recent Volunteer

Day. We are delighted that this short adaptation will also be performed at the forthcoming Frances Browne Literary Festival next month.

As there will be a number of other events in and around the locality, a truly magical night is to be had. So, spend time in the Cathedral Quarter this Culture Night, Friday, September 20, for an evening not to be missed.



Glenswilly NS Junior Infant Class twins Bonnie Jane and Ayda Rose White with their grandad Seimi Callaghan who is an SNA in the school. Seimi's wife Geraldine just retired as the Deputy Principal at the school before the summer holidays.



Twins Iza and Allie Coyne who are in one of the new Junior Infant Classes at Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Letterkenny



# Ray Community Centre

### Months Mind Mass

The month's Mass in memory of our colleague Liam Begley takes place this Friday 13th September in St Joseph's Church Rathmullan.

### Activities for September

Most activities have commenced for September. Classes are for all genders unless otherwise stated. Below is the list and cost of each block of classes or if you want to try out one of our individual classes it is €8 per class.

### Couch to 5K for beginners

A new couch to 5k for beginners is starting on Tuesday 17th September at 7pm and on Thursdays at 7pm and Sunday mornings at 9.30am. Cost is €50 for adults and €20 for children accompanied by an adult. Great way to increase your fitness in a friendly environment.

### Early Morning Bootcamp

For those early risers why not avail of this class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6.15am to 7am resuming Monday 2nd September. Membership for 4 weeks is €70 and payable on klubfunder. Any enquiries contact Syria on 0872877900 or rayactivityhub@gmail.com

### Morning Circuit Class

For those who are free in the morning this class commences at 9.30am with Amanda on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and membership is €50 and payable on Klubfunder. Any enquiries contact Syria on 0872877900 or rayactivityhub@gmail.com

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### Women's Circuit Class

This popular class with Amanda on Monday and Wednesday evenings is from 7pm to 8pm and resumes on Monday 2nd September. Membership for 4 weeks is €50 and payable on klubfunder. Any enquiries contact Syria on 0872877900 or rayactivityhub@gmail.com

### Men on the Move Class

This popular class with Amanda on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8.15pm to 9.15pm and resumes on Monday 2nd September. Membership for 4 weeks is €50 and payable on klubfunder. Any enquiries contact Syria on 0872877900 or rayactivityhub@gmail.com

### Letterkenny Hospital and Social Club members discount

Anyone who is a member of the Letterkenny Hospital Sports and Social Club can avail of discounts on most of the above classes. Contact Fiona on 0872514790 for details

### Take Your Pick

Congratulations to Aishling Crawford McAteer, Donall Barrett and Joanne Murphy who all won €20 in the Take Your Pick this week. Jackpot next Sunday 8th September is €350. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the weekly draw, it's very much appreciated. If you would like to take part in the Take Your Pick to support Ray Community Group please contact Fiona on 087 2514790.

### Astro Pitch Available to Rent

The Ray Astro Pitch is available to rent. Why not have your child's birthday party at Ray Astro pitch for only €60 for 2 hours. There is also a covered picnic area for use with 10 picnic benches so it can cater for small or large crowds. In addition we have the Ray Wonder Woodland where children can explore the wonders of nature. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

### Notes

If you have anything that you would like included in the Ray Community Centre notes please contact Fiona on 0872514790 with the details. Especially births, marriages, significant birthdays etc.



The junior infants at Trentagh NS, Peter, Carter, Kelsey, Archie and Austin with their teacher Ruth Rose.



The junior infant class at Rathdonnell NS with their teacher Linda Sweeney - Adam Boyle, Leah Neely, Rory Rodgers and Kaiden Meehan McKelvey.



Zara the new pupil at Portlean NS.



Twins Odrán and Aibhe Kelly who started at Kilmacrennan NS this year.



The new junior infant at Gartan NS Elizabeth with her senior infant classmates at the school's music wall.



# Kilmac and Cranford in McCormick Area Final

The area finals of the Brian McCormick Cup take place this Sunday. Kilmacrennan Celtic host Cranford F.C. at the Letterkenny Community Centre. Kilmac are a Premier Division side so that will make Gerard McGranaghan's side favourites to advance to the last four of the cup competition. But, it has been a good start to the season for Cranford with two cup tie wins for Chris Carr's side. They made it through to the last eight after a rollercoaster clash with Glenea Utd on home turf last Sunday. The game was decided by way of penalties 6-5 in Cranford's favour after it 4-4 at the end of extra-time. All games start at 1pm and have to be finished on the day. In the other Area Finals this Sunday Kildrum Tigers travel to take on Castlefin Celtic with the visitors tipped to advance to the last four. It should be a good tie at the Hospital Field where Donegal Town have home advantage against St. Catherine's. The quarter-finals of the Voodoo Venue Cup are this Saturday. While Fanad Utd Reserves are in Traigh-a-loch they will face a tough test against Oldtown Celtic. Bonagee Utd host Kildrum Tigers. These games also kick-off at 1.00 and have to be finished. Meanwhile, there is one game in the FAI Junior Cup on Saturday with Ramelton Mariners taking on Milford Utd at the Flagpole in Rathmullan (kick-off 1.30).



Swilly's Marty McDaid tries to get in a tackle on Rathmullan's Niall Carruthers.

## Voodoo Venue Cup

### Ten men Rovers lose local derby

Letterkenny Rovers Res 0-2 Oldtown Cel  
Oldtown advanced to the next round of the Voodoo Venue Cup after this local derby win. Micheal Doherty spurned a good chance after five minutes. After 15 minutes, Doherty went one on one with the keeper who made a good save and Luke Nelis put the rebound over the bar. The dismissal of a Rovers player after two yellow cards changed the course of the game. Rovers held on to the last minute of the first half when Micheal Doherty made it 1-0 to Oldtown. After half-time there was a lot of midfield possession football. Oldtown had Rovers on the back foot. In the 70th minute Oldtown scored to make it 2-0 which more or less killed the game. Both teams created good chances after that. Oldtown had chances to extend their lead but Rovers also created chances to get one back.

### Mariners make cup exit

Ramelton Mariners 0-2 Fanad Utd Res  
Goals from Shaun Coyle and Daibhid Lynch saw Fanad Utd Reserves advance to the next stage of the Voodoo Venue Cup at the expenses of hosts Ramelton Mariners. On a sunny warm day in Rathmullan, Mariners were in action against a good youthful Fanad side. The first 20 minutes were tight with both sides cancelling each other out. After 25 minutes Fanad scored from a free which took a deflection and fell to feet off a Fa-

nad player who slotted home. Fanad then scored a wonderful free-kick on the stroke of half-time, giving Dylan Roulston no chance of saving the effort. The second-half was another tight battle with few chances for either side.

Ramelton Mariners - Dylan Robinson, Stephen Bryant, Eoin Roulston, Paul Gallagher, Conor Ferguson, Fionn Robinson, Jonah Serrina, Luke Friel, Conor Gillespie, Shaun Bryant, Evan Hewitt. Subs used: Shay Callan-McFadden for Shaun Bryant, Oisín Sweeney for Fionn Robinson, Joe Devine for Conor Ferguson. Not used: Bailey Kane, David Vance, Callum Robinson. Fanad Utd - Keelan Kerr, Shaun Coyle, Oisín Sweeney, Paul Friel, Caolan McElwaine, Oisín McHugh, Darragh McElwaine, Daibhid Lynch, Ciaran Coyle, Niall Toland, Shane Carr. Subs used: Caolan Gibbons, Shea Cannon, Darran Nash

### McMonagle nets Bonagee hat-trick

Bonagee Utd Res 7-2 Ballybofey Utd Res  
Ulтан McMonagle scored a hat-trick as Bonagee United hit seven in the Voodoo Venue Cup. Bonagee overcame Ballybofey at Dry Arch Park on Wednesday night to move into the next round, spurred by McMonagle's treble. Bonagee hit the front on 10 minutes when Kelvin Anderson's low cross was turned into his own net by a Ballybofey defender. Ballybofey drew level in the 21st minute. Just seconds after firing over the top, Colin Kearns was presented with a chance by a slip-up in the home defence. Kearns duly obliged with a

neat finish. A superb save by Ballybofey 'keeper Daniel Crawford denied Mc Monagle, but the Bonagee attacker blasted to the net in the 32nd minute. McMonagle surged into the box and hammered home to make it 3-1. Caolan McGarigle added a fourth late in the opening half. Mark Griffin pulled a goal back for Ballybofey when he punished an error. McMonagle rifled inches over the crossbar with a chance to complete his hat-trick, but he made no mistake in the 72nd minute. Ronan Buchanan and Marc Casey added late goals for the hosts who have now scored 15 goals in their opening two games.

## Brian McCormick Cup

### Rovers knock out Bonagee

Bonagee United 1-3 Letterkenny Rovers  
Brian McCormick Cup holders Letterkenny Rovers moved into the area Shield Final of this season's competition after a derby win over Bonagee United. Before a big crowd at Dry Arch Park, goals from Adrian Delap, Gareth Doherty and BJ Banda secured a passage through to the next round for Stephen Mc Connell's Rovers. Bonagee rallied late and Kyle McLaughlin did pull a goal back - but it wasn't enough to peg Rovers back. New signings Joel Bradley-Walsh and Keith Cowan helped to give Rovers a formidable look at the back, where they were joined by another new recruit in Padraic Gilsenan, who spent last season at Bonagee.

Andrew Nicholls, the Bonagee goalkeeper, denied Rovers the lead when he beat away a Banda penalty in the 16th minute. Barely a minute later, Rovers took the lead as Banda teed up Delap who fired beyond Nicholls to the far corner. Bonagee forced a series of corners without really troubling visiting keeper Oisín Farrell. Ricky Guntrip did see a dangerous free diverted out for a corner. Guntrip scampered forward to get on the end of a good move involving Gareth Harkin and Deano Larkin, but his effort was wide while Cowan's intervention halted the march of Gareth Harkin who had scurried through. Late in the first half, Shay Maloney's shot was turned around the post via a deflection. Three minutes into the second half, Doherty pounced on an error in the home defence to slot home the second. Nicholls firmly held onto a powerful Doherty shot on the hour before James Henry curled wide at the other end. Twenty minutes from the end, Doherty turned provider and Banda converted number three. McLaughlin got Bonagee off the mark with three minutes to go and, while Farrell palmed a Fintan Hassan free away, the home team couldn't push their neighbours any further.

## Area Shield Final for

### Cranford

Cranford Utd 4-4 Glenea Utd

(Cranford won 6-5 on penalties aet)

Shane Coll and Cathair Sweeney were the heroes as Cranford won a very entertaining match in Cranford Park. A tight game throughout but it was Glenea who took the lead after 20 minutes when a ball was swung in from the left a great volley from the on rushing forward found the net. Cranford responded just before half time when Shane Coll bundled the ball home. Glenea re-



Swilly Rovers (above) and Rathmullan Celtic (below) before their Brian McCormick Cup match in Ramelton match which was abandoned on Sunday.



## Results

### Voodoo Venue Cup

#### Saturday 7th September

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|------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Letterkenny Rovers Res | 0-2 | Oldtown Cel        |
| Ramelton Mariners      | 0-2 | Fanad Utd Res      |
| Erne Wanderers         | 6-0 | Drumbar F.C.       |
| Copany Rovers          | 2-0 | Fintown Harps      |
| Dunlewey Celtic        | 0-2 | Gweedore Cel Res   |
| Strand Rovers          | 2-0 | Cranford Utd       |
| Castlefin Celtic Res   | 0-6 | Kildrum Tigers Res |
| Bonagee Utd Res        | 7-2 | Ballybofey Utd Res |

### Brian McCormick Cup

#### Sunday 8th September

|                  |     |                    |
|------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Swilly Rovers    | A-A | Rathmullan Celtic  |
| Bonagee United   | 1-3 | Letterkenny Rovers |
| Letterbarrow Cel | 1-4 | St. Catherine's    |
| Donegal Town     | 4-0 | Cappry Rovers      |
| Kildrum Tigers   | 6-0 | Raphoe Town        |
| Castlefin Celtic | 3-2 | Lagan Harps        |
| Cranford United  | 6-5 | Glenea United      |
| Kilmacrennan Cel | 4-3 | Gweedore Celtic    |

gained their lead 10 minutes into the second half from a brilliant long range effort. Cranford again showed a never say die attitude and Coll got his second heading home a corner. Glenea took the lead for the third time with 10 minutes to go and looked like it would be the winner but again Cranford pushed hard and earned a penalty from which Shane Coll completed his hat-trick. Glenea took the lead in the first half of extra time before Cranford equalised in the second half from Domhnaill Sweeney. Cranford went on to win it on penalties in sudden death as Cathair Sweeney saved two after having to dawn the gloves after an early injury to Jason Hegarty.

## Kilmac in Area Final

### Kilmacrennan Celtic 4-3 Gweedore Utd

A Chris Dillon double with a one each for Shane McNamee and Matthew McLaughlin saw Kilmac advance to the Brian McCormick Area Final. McNamee gave the hosts the lead. The visitors got back on level terms but Dillon then put Kilmac back in front. They just had the edge and further goals from Dillon and McLaughlin saw Gerard McGranaghan's side advance to the Area Shield decider.

Kilmacrennan Celtic - Eoin McGettigan, Rory McGrenra, James Doherty, Gerard McGranaghan, Caolan Curran, Chris Dillon, Cathal McDaid, Stephen Black, Alan Boal, Matthew McLaughlin, Shane McNamee. Subs used: John Sandilands, Danny Hall, Sam Harvey. Subs not used: John Sandilands, Mark Patterson.

## McGinty signs for Institute



Falcarragh lad Tiernan McGinty who put pen to paper for Northern Ireland Football League side Institute F.C. this week. McGinty has moved from Derry City where he had signed a professional contract last season and scored on his debut at the Brandywell against Cork City. He had previously played underage football with his native Glenea Utd before moving to the Finn Harps Academy. McGinty then made the move to the Derry City Academy. McGinty did not feature in Institute's NIFL Championship 3-1 defeat at home to Ballyclare Comrades at the Ryan McBride Brandywell on Saturday afternoon. 'Stute were 2-0 down before former Finn Harps player Caoimhin Porter pulled one back but a late goal from Ballyclare left the final score 3-1. Stephen Doherty who recently joined Institute from Harps was starting 11 along with another ex-Finn Park player Michael Harris. It was the team's third loss in a row, having started the campaign with two draws. Institute is away to Ballinamallard this Saturday.



# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Bhuel, a chairde Ghaeil, tá faire na fáilte ann romhaibh uilig go dtí eagrán #80 de 'Bia ag Caint'. Tá muid ag éirí a bheith mar chuid den chúlra den cheantar, mar dlúthchuid, mar chara dhíl. Tá mé ag gabháil a admháil go bhfuil níos mó daoine ag mo stopadh le caint faoin alt, agus, amanna, barúil a thabhairt dom, agus caithfidh mé a rá, ní bhfuair mé buille le cabáiste ar chúl mo chloigeann go fóill! Deireann daoine go minic go dtaitníonn an Ghluais leo gach seachtain. Déanaim mo dhícheall a bheith cúramach agus smaointeach faoin Ghluais mar sílim go bhfuil sí, go dtiocfadh léi a bheith an cuid is tábhachtaí den alt iomlán. Tá a fhios ag achán duine go bhfuil neart ollmhór le-abhair cócaireachta le fáil in achán áit, ach níl a fhios agam an bhfuil a leithead de feiniméan ann atá ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a chuir chun cinn taobh amuigh ár spás féin. Cé chomh spéisialta is atá muidne? Tá muid i gcónaí ag foghlaim- gach lá. Téim go Ciorcal Chomhrá ins Na Dúnaibh gach seachtain, áit ina bhfuil, ar a laghad, cúigear ann a bhfuil an Ghaeilge acu ón gcliabhán. Caithim an chuid is mó den t-am ag éisteacht leo, agus ag éisteacht go cruinn, mar sin an áit ina mbíonn an saibhreas agus an taise ann. Tarlaíonn sé dom go minic nach dtuigim iad ar chor ar bith; b'fheidir



go bhfuil siad ag caint chomh gasta sin, nó nach bhfuil na foclaí uilig agam. Is cuma liom faoi sin, mar is é sin an fáth go bhfuil mé ann- le mé féin a shíneadh agus a leanúint leis. Ní thioctaidh feabhas in aon chomhtheacs muna bhfuil dúshlán ann. PER ARDUA AD ASTRA. Ní fiú é gan a bheith i gcónaí ag bogadh ar aghaidh, mo chairde Ghaeil. Tá an scéal céanna ann maidir leis an cócaireacht-cleachtadh, cleachtadh agus cleachtadh arís. Bhí mé ag caint cúpla mí ó shin le cáilín agus bhí suim aici sa chócaireacht ach ba léir go raibh sí inmíoch faoi rudaí nua. Labhair mé go foighneach léi faoi rud amháin, rud buntúsach agus suntasach- Stoc sicíne. Labhair mé léi faoi na trí chomhábhair spéisialta, atá chomh tábhachtach go bhfuil focal ar leith ann dóibh sa Fhráinc agus san Iodáil. Sa Fhráinc is é MIREPOIX agus san Iodáil is é SOFRITO. In Éirinn cuirtear cairéad, oinniún agus soilire orthu! Méid céanna de achán rud, geartha go mín, sa phota le rud beag ola agus im agus fagtha ag tarraingt le 10 bomaite, ansin uisce agus cnámhaí nó glasraí. Créid mé nuair a deirim go ndéanann sé difir ollmhór don mias atá eadar lámha agat. Béidh tú ábalta anraith ar bith a dhéanamh agus anlainn galánta fosta. Le Píóg Sicín agus Liamhais a dhéanamh, déan Roux le plúr agus im, cuir an stoc leis agus gheobhaidh tú anlann foirfe faoi dtaobh don Phióg deas agus blasta sin. Tá forbairt úsáideach ann leis an Stoc seo, agus is é sin, dlúthán a dhéanamh. Mar atá a fhios againn, nuair a bhruitear leacht ar bith Laghdaíonn sé ó thaobh an méid atá ann, agus géaraíonn sé an blas. Mar sin nuair a dhéanann tú seo le stoc

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éiríonn an blas a bheith níos saibhre agus níos doimhne. Tá tú ábalta úsáid a bhaint as seo le hanlainn íontach a dhéanamh. Tá tú ábalta an rud céanna a dhéanamh le fion dearg, agus nuair a chuireann tú an stoc le chéile le fion dearg agus Lagh-

daíonn tú le chéile iad, gheobhaidh tú anlann thar a bheith do-chreidte deas. Tá tú ag gabháil ar aghaidh go dtí cócaireacht claiseach anseo, agus sin an áit ina bhfuil an draíocht ann, gan amhras. Thioctadh leat braon finéagar balsamach a chuir leis, mar shampla. Bain triall as, mo chairde Ghaeil! Ach roimhe sin, bainigí triall as na hoidis seo leis an stoc.

Cuir prátaí i bpota mór, clúdaigh le huisce agus bris cúibeanna stoc ann, bruith le 5 bom, cúirséidí isteach le 5bom eile agus scailliúin le 5bom eile. Tóg ón teas agus cuir cáis isteach. Meascaigh go anraith tiúbh le cumascóir. Cuir amach le níos mó cáis agus scailliúin.

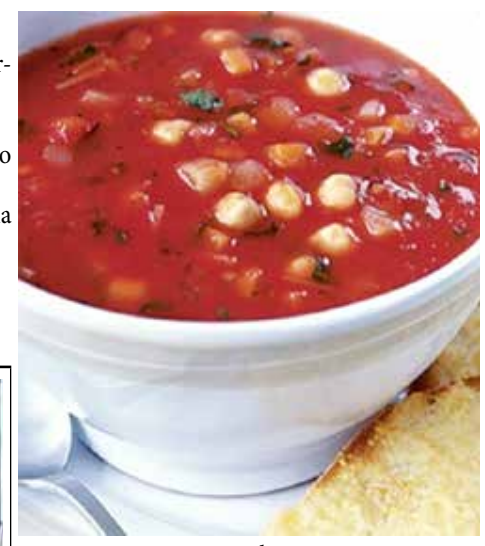
**ANRAITH FÓMHAIR, TÓSTA le CÁIS**  
**Autumn Soup with Cheesy Toasts**

- Comhábhair
- 1 cainneann gearrtha go mín
  - 2 cairéidí gearrtha go mín
  - 1 ionga gairleoga gearrtha i leith
  - 1 práta gearrtha go beag
  - 1 tbsp RósMuire gearrtha go mín
  - 1 canna sicphiseánach
  - 2 cannaí trátaí gearrtha
  - 450ml stoc glasraí
  - Don Tósta: 8 slisíní baguette

**ANRAITH CÚIRSÉAD, PRÁTA'S CÁIS**  
**Courgette, Potato and Cheddar Soup**



- Comhábhair
- 500g prátaí, gearrtha go garbh
  - 2 cúibeanna stoc glasraí
  - 1 kg cúirséad gearrtha go garbh
  - 1 dornán scailliúin, gearrtha go garbh
  - 100c céadar breise-aibí
  - 1 grátáil maith noitmige
  - MODH:



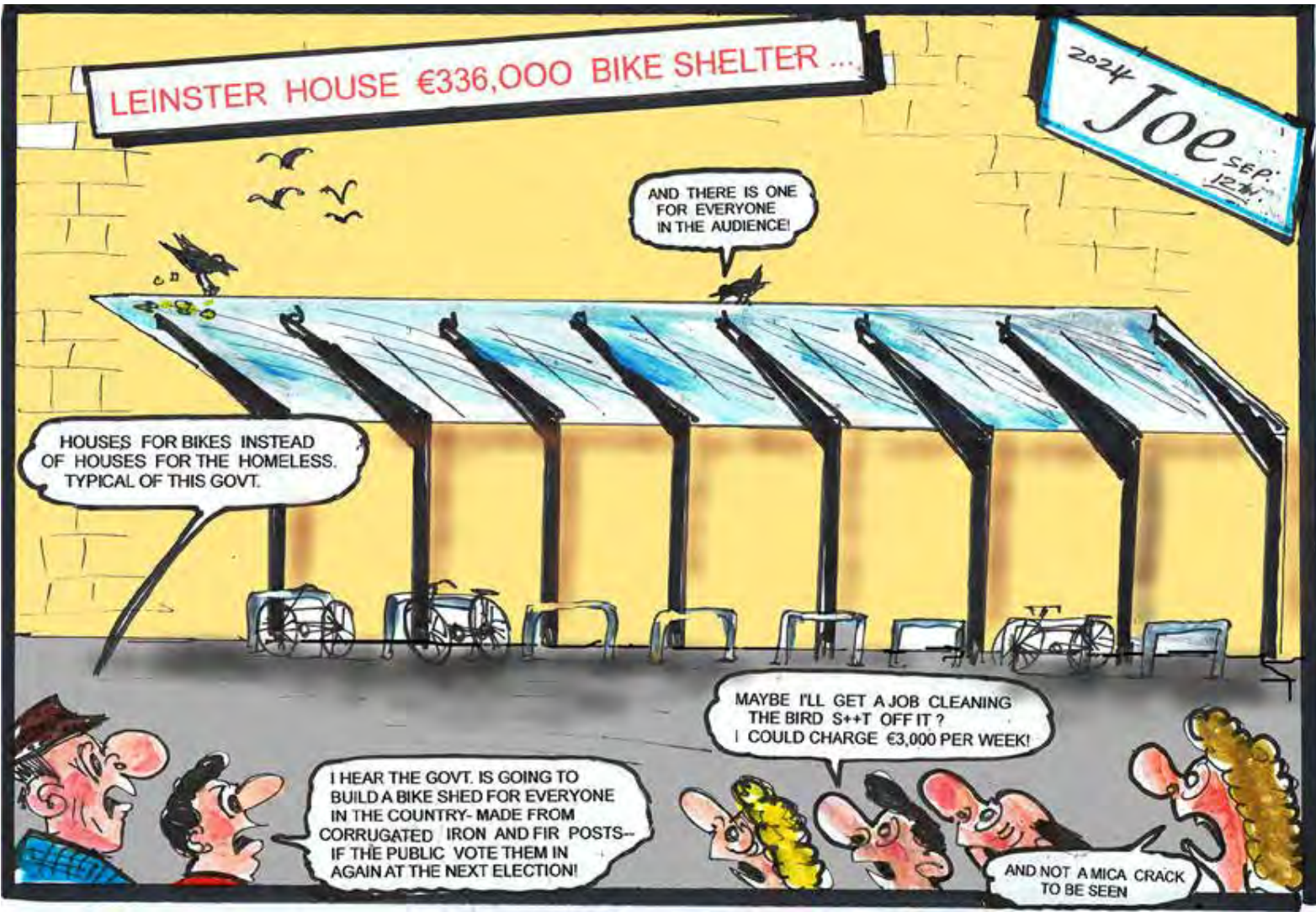
- 1 ionga gairleoga
- 50g cáis, míngrátaithe

MODH:  
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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Eagrán.              | Edition               |
| Cúlra.               | Background            |
| Píosa troscáin.      | Piece of furniture    |
| Buille.              | Blow, strike          |
| Déan do dhícheall.   | Do your best          |
| Smaointeach.         | Thoughtful            |
| Feinimeán            | Phenomenon            |
| Gaeilge ón gcliabhán | Native speaker        |
| Éisteacht go cruinn. | Listen carefully      |
| Sáibhreas.           | Wealth                |
| Táisce.              | Treasure              |
| Síneadh.             | Stretch               |
| Leanúint leis.       | Persevere with        |
| Chomhtheacs.         | Context               |
| Dúshlán.             | Challenge, struggle   |
| Méideanna céanna.    | Same amounts          |
| Ag tarraingt.        | Sweat slowly(cooking) |
| Píóg.                | Pie                   |
| Leathchuid.          | Half the amount       |
| Cumascóir.           | Blender               |



A Junior Infant Class at Scoil Cholmcille, Letterkenny with staff members Janice Daly and Nadine McCauley.





# Mevagh PAD group Draw

A very enjoyable and successful grand draw and raffle competition was had at the Carrigart Hotel on Sunday night. All proceeds raised are going to the provision of community defibrillators for the parish of Mevagh. The draw and raffle has raised over €2500. The committee is most grateful to everybody who has contributed to the campaign, individuals and numerous local businesses. So far over €8000 has been raised.



Arek Gerwatowski presenting Miah Fletcher with a handknit Alpaca wool hat from Trevor Wilson, Gáinne Mor Alpacas, Na Dunaibh

Defibrillators will shortly be installed at numerous locations in the parish and it is our intention to provide free public training in their use. Please check out our Facebook page Mevagh Padgroup.

Many thanks to Martin Flemming for volunteering his time to take photographs on Sunday night.



Aidan, Arek and Majella preparing for the draw in the Carrigart Hotel on Sunday night.



Arek Gerwatowski presenting James Logue with the €250 Smyth's Voucher from Rosguill Caravan Park, Na Dunaibh.



Arek Gerwatowski presenting Rory O'Brien with a voucher for Fisk Restaurant, Na Dunaibh



Arek Gerwatowski presenting a €80 voucher from Carrigart 18.



Arek Gerwatowski presenting Marie Sweeney with a Luxury Hamper.

# Close finish to Donegal 5k in Milford

One second separated Declan Ferry from the Rosses AC and Jon Jo Doherty from Finn Valley in the Donegal 5k held in Milford on Friday evening. They came down the Main Street neck and neck with Declan getting to the cone marker at the corner before the finish at the Council offices. Ferry finished in 14 minutes 59 seconds with Doherty a step behind.

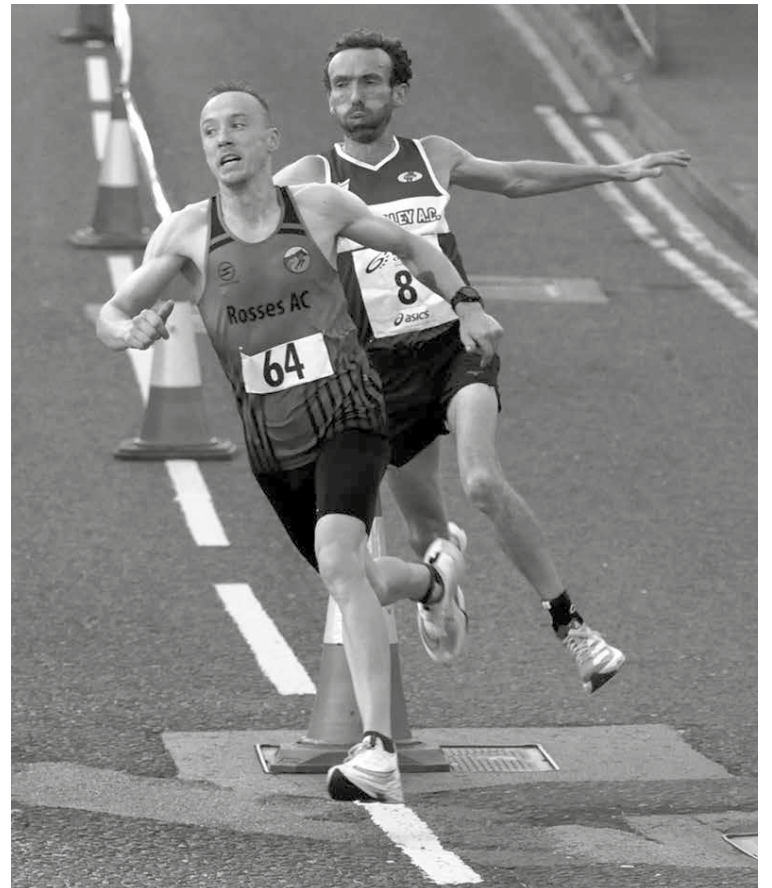
In third place was Oisín Toye also from Finn Valley.

The ladies race was won by Bernie Boyle from Rosses AC in 18.58 with Letterkenny's Eimear O'Hara Finn Valley third.

- The first 50 home were**
1. Ferry, Declan Rosses 14:59
  2. Doherty, Jon-Jo MO Finn Valley A.C. 15:00
  3. Toye, Oisín Finn Valley A.C. 15:45
  4. O'Donnell, Jamie Enniskillen R.C 16:47
  5. Ward, Mark Rosses 16:51
  6. Gibbons, Joe Milford 16:58
  7. Bradley, Liam Inishowen A.C. 16:58
  8. McLucas, Martin Inishowen A.C. 17:06
  9. Doherty, Enda Finn Valley A.C. 17:17
  10. McManus, Tiarnan Enniskillen RC 17:24
  11. McGirr, Fergus Enniskillen RC 17:27
  12. Trimble, Patrick Rosses A.C. 17:30
  13. Gallagher, Declan Rosses A.C. 17:31
  14. Doherty, Anthony Milford A.C. 17:45
  15. Doherty, Liam Cranford A.C. 17:48

16. Kelly, Seamus Cranford 17:53
17. Toland, Darren Finn Valley 17:57
18. Ryan, Paddy Milford A.C. 17:58
19. Delvin, Stephen Milford 18:00
20. McNulty, Colin 18:03
21. McLenehy, Barry 18:09
22. Watson, Gary 18:15
23. Moran, Lawrence Foyle 18:16
24. Carlin, Shea Finn Valley 18:29
25. Boyle, Eoin Rosses A.C. 18:46
26. Irvine, Alex Enniskillen R.C 18:46
27. Mackey, Barry Letterkenny 18:50
28. Murray, Darren Milford 18:53
29. Boyle, Bernie Rosses A.C. 18:58
30. McLead, Norman Rosses 19:12
31. Donnelly, Barry Inishowen 19:15
32. Logue, Michael Rosses A.C. 19:17
33. Gormley, Eimear Letterkenny A.C. 19:18
34. Hurley, Kieran Derry 19:24

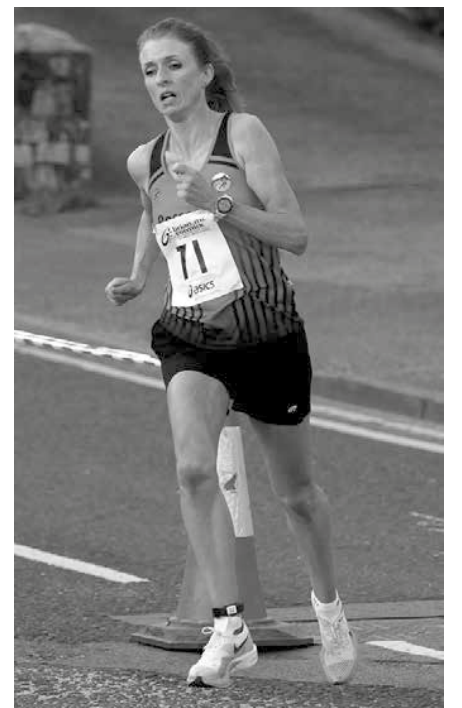
35. Boyle, Conor Rosses A.C. 19:28
36. McBride, Declan Cranford A.C. 19:37
37. O'Hara, Maggie Finn Valley A.C. 19:53
38. Gallagher, Kevea Rosses 19:58
39. McNulty, Michael 20:01
40. Marley, Gerard Milford 20:02
41. Boner, Denis Rosses A.C. 20:05
42. Ward, Leah Rosses A.C. 20:07
43. Mulhern, Martina Rosses 20:22
44. Campbell, Joanne Finn Valley A.C. 20:23
45. Kelly, Ita Finn Valley A.C. 20:29
46. Morton, Paul M50 20:30
47. McMenamin, Peter Finn Valley 20:30
48. Gallagher, Joe Milford 20:32
49. Byrne, Kay Finn Valley 20:34
50. Whorskey, James Milford 20:49



Declan Ferry, Rosses AC getting to the final corner ahead of Jon Jo Doherty on Friday evening.



Calvin Lynch running with his uncle Marty.



First lady home Bernie Boyle, Rosses AC.



Brona Harley, Liam McLaughlin and Laura Law from Milford AC coming to the finish.





John Thomas McConigley and Noel Dougherty presenting first place in the Open Section at the Sheep Dog Trials at Trialough, Fanad on Saturday to James McCloskey. All proceeds from the two day event went to the Donegal Hospice.



John Thomas McConigley presenting first place in the Local Farmers Sheep Dog Trials at Trialough, Fanad on Saturday to Noel Dougherty.

# Fanad Sheep Dog Trials



Seamus Hegarty, John Thomas McConigley and Michael Cannon at the Fanad Charity Dog Trials on Sunday.



James Pat McDaid, Glenswilly in action with his dog in the Fanad Charity Dog Trials on Sunday.



Robert Gallagher in action with his dog in the Fanad Charity Dog Trials on Sunday.

Results from the the Dog Trials at Fanad on Sunday were

**Open Trial**  
James McCloskey and Dollar with 95 points,  
Eamon McAuley and Jonny 94 points  
Bernard Hegarty and Craig with 89points OLF  
James McCloskey and Fly with 89 points  
Sammy Long and Coke with 88 points  
Eamon McAuley and Tam with 85 points

**In the Intermediate Section the winners were**  
1st Frankie McLaughlin and Neil with 76 points  
2nd Brendan Marley and Dave with 72 points  
3rd Charlie McDaid and Chief with 60points

**In the Local Farmers section the results were**  
1st Noel Dougherty  
2nd Charlie McDaid  
3rd Michael McConigley.



Noah Callaghan and his dog Fly at the Fanad Charity Dog Trials.

## Emigrants & Immigrants Mass

Our Emigrants/Immigrants Mass will take place in St Josephs Church, Rathmullan on Saturday September 14th at 7pm. We invite you to share names of your family and friends that are living abroad that you would like included in our Mass. A box will be at the back of the Church in Rath-

mullan for you to place the names you want included and the country they are living in. If you have any queries or you would like to take an active part in our Mass please give Carmel a ring on 086 7919945. We will be delighted to welcome you to participate



The new junior infant at Ballyheerin NS, Cathal pictured seated with his classmates. Back row, Maggie, Abbie, Kyle, John and Ryan and at front, John, Rachel, Adrian, Cathal, Sarah and Elena.

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# Fanad

The late Joe Reilly, Kerrykeel

The death has taken place of Patrick Joseph 'Joe' Reilly, late of Ballymagowan, Kerrykeel and formerly Co. Longford. He passed away peacefully at his family home on Friday surrounded by his family. He was 88.



A well-known and highly respected person, Joe spent much of his life living and working in England as a publican, including the Waggon & Horses Pub in Surbiton, London, which he ran for 37 years. It was in England that he met his wife Bridie, née Friel.

As well as his work in the hospitality industry he was an active charity campaigner and ap-

peared on the Queen's honours list in recognition of his work.

He initially retired to Grayshott in Surrey before he and his wife left the UK 20 years ago to return back to Fanad. There he became a well-known figure in his community and was remembered for his kind nature, sense of humour, love of dancing and being a great storyteller.

He was a regular attendee at many local dances and the local Day Centre which he visited twice a week up until recently.

He is predeceased by his wife Bridie and his son Kieran and is survived by his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, wider family circle, neighbours and many friends.

His remains arrived at St. Mary's Fannavoly, Fanad on Monday and his Requiem Mass took place on Tuesday morning with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

### Change of Mass Times

Mass Times in St Peter's Church, Milford and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel will change from the weekend Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September and will be on a trial basis until March 2025.

Following a recent Poll in the parish

the results were -

Leave Mass Times As They Are 164 votes; Change Mass Times 220 votes; Spoiled Votes: 8 votes. The weekend Masses will be changed to - St Peter's Church, Milford: Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 11.00am. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel - Sunday morning at 9.30am.

### Sounds Music Camps

Sounds Music Camps return this September. Classes in Milford, Ray, Ramelton and Letterkenny. U8's will have an opportunity to explore key musical concepts through singing, percussion, fun and games. Ukulele classes for 8 years and older. Beginners are welcome and all instruments are provided. Contact Tracy on 0851500123

### Mulroy Hoops Basketball

Basketball returns to Rosnaskill Community Hub this Friday 13th September at the following times - U-6 Boys & Girls (2019-2020) at 5.15pm-6pm; U-8 Boys & Girls (2017-2018) at 6pm-7pm; U-10 Boys & Girls (2015-2016) at 7-8.15pm. Children must be registered before training. Registration fee is €15 and Weekly fee is €4. Contact Una 086 8554181 or Ellen 087 9825858.

## €1.9m for Donegal Capital Projects

McConalogue

The refurbished pier at Portsalon and the Bunbeg pontoon were officially opened on Monday by Minister Charlie McConalogue.

He said that a total of €1.7 million was spent on the recently completed works at Portsalon, while €967,000 was invested in the newly constructed pontoon at Bunbeg. Both facilities are among 23 capital projects in Donegal that received funding totalling €19.1 million.

For over a year, the community in Portsalon waited patiently as they wondered how many completion deadlines were missed on the project.

Then on Monday on a typically grey afternoon, Charlie McConalogue was on hand to preside over the complete job. He said: "Portsalon Pier plays a crucial role in the local economy and its refurbishment is vital for the growth and sustainability of this harbour and the Portsalon community. The pier is a focal point for this renowned coastal town. The fishing boats operating from Portsalon support the local shellfish

processors in Burtonport. The refurbished pier will foster tourism and leisure activities as a safe facility for locals and tourists alike.

The pier has suffered extensive erosion in recent decades, and I ensured that the necessary funding was made available to protect it for future generations. I believe it is important to recognise the understanding of the local community for the disruption caused to them during the construction works and Donegal Co Council who did all they could to minimise

the disruption."

He also paid tribute to the late Sean McGettigan for his input at Portsalon for many years, The Minister added: "It is a great day for Portsalon and Bunbeg and for the county of Donegal, with a combined spend of almost €2.7 million on two extremely important projects. The Dept of Marine provided funding of 95% of the eligible costs to complete both projects.

Of the €35 million that was allocated nationally - €19.6 million was spent on Donegal

projects. In February of this year, I announced the allocation of a further €12.7 million for 15 local authority owned projects to address the impacts of Brexit on Irish communities. Six of these projects are in Donegal and were allocated €8.2 million in funding for 2024," he added.

The group huddled against the elements on the pier were left to wonder if this was the day the first shots in the General Election were fired in the Milford Electoral Area!



Minister Charlie McConalogue and Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh unveiling the plaque at Portsalon Pier on Monday afternoon.



Seamus McGettigan cutting the tape to open the refurbished Portsalon Pier on Monday afternoon.

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| Garlic Mushrooms - Garlic Dip |                              |

### MAIN COURSES

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

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

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

### DESSERTS

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

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### Bingo

Bingo continues in the Community Centre every Monday night at 8pm. There's the usual prizes plus spot prizes on the night and doors open at 7.30pm.

### Drop-In Clinic

Cllr. Declan Meehan will be running a public drop-in clinic in Fannavoly Church Hall from 3pm-5pm on Thursday

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September 12th.  
 AUTUMN SCHEDULE AT THE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE, KERRYKEEL

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**TUESDAY:** Slimming World from 5.15-6.45pm. Contact 083 830 0989

**THURSDAY:** Gentle Yoga from 10.00-11.00am. Contact 086 836 7776.

Pilates (2 classes) at 5.30pm and again at 6.45pm. Contact 086 046 6295.

Mulroy Jiving & Line-Dancing from 8.00-10.00pm - everyone welcome! Contact 086 233 1174. Further sots available to book if anyone would like to run a class (eg fitness class or other). Get in touch on 086 837 5812.

### Social Dancing

Social Dancing in the Milford Hall continues every Thursday from 8 to 10pm. There will be a good mix of two hand, ceili and line dancing. Light refreshments will be served and still only €5. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. New faces are always welcome.

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### Donegal County Council

#### Shroughan, Falcarragh, Letterkenny

I, Kevin McGinley, am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for a change of use from a domestic garage to a mechanical repairs workshop and all associated site development works at Shroughan, Falcarragh, 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 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, €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

#### Pluck, Letterkenny

I Matthew Lecky am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect slatted cattle shed at Pluck, 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 at County House, The Diamond, 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 €20, 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

#### Sessiagh, Kindrum, Fanad

I, Katherine Gilmour am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for restoration, alterations & extension to existing dwelling house & installation of a new on-site sewage treatment system at Sessiagh, Kindrum, Fanad, 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 Environmental Information

#### (Natura Impact Statement) & Revised Plans

#### Mevagh, Downings, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

I, Eileen Connors have submitted significant further information including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) to Donegal County Council for Planning Application Ref No: 24/50077 which was made on the 6th March 2024 for permission for the erection of a new dwelling house with septic tank system and all other associated site development works, A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) accompanies this application at Mevagh, Downings, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Mevagh. The significant further information including information in relation to the effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) in relation to the application has been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours of the Authority. A submission or observation in relation to further information including information in relation to the effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be made in writing to the authority 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

#### Carnamuggagh Upper, Letterkenny

We, Carduff Developments Limited, intend to

apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following: 1. Demolish our existing detached garage. 2. Change of use from existing dwelling to guesthouse accommodation. 3. Extension to side and rear of building including all other associated site development works at Carnamuggagh Upper, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Carnamuggagh 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

#### Gortnaskeagh, Kilmacrennan

#### Revised Plans & Further

#### Environmental Information

#### (Natura Impact Statement)

We, Stephen Peoples & Lorna Moffitt applied to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the erection of a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage at Gortnaskeagh, Kilmacrennan, Co. Donegal. The planning Application was originally lodged with Donegal County Council on the 28th February 2024 and under Planning Ref No: 24/60236. Following a requirement of the Planning Authority a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted to the Planning Authority in connection with the application. The NIS has been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal. A submission or observation in relation to the NIS 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 newspaper notice by the authority.

### Donegal County Council

#### Massreagh, Kilmacrennan

I, Kenneth Tease am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with connection to the main public sewer and all other associated site development works at Massreagh, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Massreagh. 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

#### Ardsbeg, Gortahork, Letterkenny

We, Bernard & Jacqueline Greene are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect an extension and refurbish existing dwelling house and connect to approved waste water treatment system with all associated site development works at Ardsbeg, Gortahork, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ardsbeg. 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

#### Dunfanaghy, Letterkenny

I, David Hughes am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect 2no. dwelling houses with individual waste water treatment systems and all associated ancillary site development works at Dunfanaghy, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Dunfanaghy.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours.

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered

## In Memoriam



**Barnett  
McVeigh**  
Marie  
Raphoe  
13th Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear wife and mother who died on the 10th September 2011.

*Time slips by, life goes on, but from our hearts you are never gone, Each of us in our own way have beautiful thoughts of you today,*

*We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain,*

*To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.*

Always loved and remembered by your husband Ian, daughters Nicole, Lisa, Chloe, Kelly Ann and son TJ and grand daughter Ella Marie xxx.

In loving memory of Marie.

*A special smile a special face in our hearts a special place Your loving nature your heart of gold these are the memories we will always hold.*

*A silent thought a secret tear always wishing you were here Life goes on we know that's true but it's not the same since losing you.*

Loved and sadly missed by your Mum, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces.



**Peoples**  
Liam  
Gortnatraw South,  
Kerrykeel  
25th Anniversary

*To some you may be forgotten To others a part of the past But to us who loved and lost you Your memory will always last.*

Always remembered and missed by Mammy, John, Margaret Mary, Andy, Ciara and Emily.

by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.



**Sheridan**  
John

#### Killygarven, Rathmullan 2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear husband and father who died on 16th September 2022.

*To us you were someone special What more is there to say we only wish with all our hearts That you were here today.*

Sadly missed by your loving wife Olive, Ann Marie and family.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Sunday 15th September at 9.00am.**



**Sheridan**  
John

#### Killygarvan, Rathmullan 2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of John who died on 16th September 2022.

*If we could write a story it would be the greatest ever told of a kind and loving brother who had a heart of gold.*

Remembered with love and prayers today and always your brother Pat and family, your sisters Annie, Ellen, Hannah, Rose and families.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Sunday 15th September at 9.00am.**

#### Donegal County Council Ballymore Upper, Dunfanaghy

We, Saoirse & Hugh McFadden are applying to Donegal County Council for permission for a change of house design to that previously approved under planning reference number 21/51243 at Ballymore Upper, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Ballymore Upper.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee

## Friel

### Anne The Barrack, Ramelton 10th Anniversary



In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and Nana who died on 18th September 2014.

*A loving nature, a heart of gold The very best the world*

*could hold  
Never selfish always kind  
These are the memories you left behind  
No special day is needed for us to think of you  
You are always in our thoughts no matter what we do  
Your resting place we visit and say a little prayer  
But no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there  
A silent thought a quiet prayer for a special person in God's care  
Rest In Peace.*

Always remembered by your loving husband Patrick, son Raymond, daughters, Lisa, Tracey, Annemarie and Shauna, partners and grandchildren.

To a Loving Sister in Heaven

*Our time together was special so were the memories we made And although you live in Heaven now those memories never fade I bow my head in silence and remember my sister with love And I know that you are up there watching from above Everyday's a struggle and nothing feels the same and my heart breaks a little more everytime I hear your name You'll always be remembered and time may heal my heart but a piece of me is missing since the day we had to part If Heaven is for Angels then I know that's where you'll be and I know you will be waiting when Heaven calls for me*

Always loved Deirdre, Tommy and girls.

*Although our worlds are different now or is that just how it seems For I see you when I close my eyes because you're always in my dreams I know you're up in Heaven and looking down on me and when I look up at the stars I know that's where you'll be Even though I miss you, you're not too far away because my heart is full of memories and I treasure them everyday Our time on Earth was special but it's only the very start So please keep watching over me while we're not so far apart Someday the time will come when I no longer feel this pain That is the day when Heaven calls and we will meet again*

Loved and sadly missed by your brother Bill, Karen and kids, U.S.A.

In loving memory of a special Sister.

*Sister, since you passed away life just hasn't been the same I would move Heaven and earth to have you here with me again The time we spent together meant the world to me Your laughter and your precious smile as we grew up so happily I'm so grateful for the years we had and the closeness that we shared Your heart, so kind and thoughtful I always knew you truly cared You were a wonderful Sister I miss you no end But more than just my family I've lost a very special friend.*

Always remembered by your sister Kate, Willie and family.

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 15th September at 11am in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton.**

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.

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**In Memoriam**



**Devlin**  
Mary  
Drum, Portsalon  
14th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on the 13th of September 2010.

*A bouquet of beautiful memories sprayed with a million tears  
Wishing God could have spared you if just for a few more years.*

*As each day dawns I think of you, as each night falls I pray for you I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain*

*To walk with me throughout my life until we meet again.*

Always in my thoughts and prayers, your husband Seamus.

*The tears in our eyes we can wipe away  
The ache in our hearts will always stay  
Your loving smile, your gentle face no one can fill your vacant place*

*May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear*

*How much we love and miss you Mum and wish that you were here.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your son Barry and your daughters Ann-Marie, Patricia, Paula and Clare.

*No matter how life changes, no matter what we do*

*A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.*

Loved and remembered by your grandchildren Dylan, Niamh, Adam, Chloe, Shaun, Ryan, Mary, Tegan, Aoibhinn, James and Oisín.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Friday the 13th September at 7pm.**



**Harkin**  
Daniel  
Woodquarter, Cranford  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad who died 14th Sept 2023

*They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal  
But neither time or reason will change the way we feel.*

*For no one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles  
No one knows how many times we have broken down and cried*

*We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt  
You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to live without.*

Loved and missed beyond measure your daughter Catherine and John, grandchildren Jason (Sarah), Darren (Patti), Damian (Molly) and Nicole (Chloe), great grandchildren Kayla, Tristan, Alisha, Joseph.

**Graham**  
32nd Anniversary

Precious memories of our dear father Arthur who died 13th September 1992.

*Time passes but precious memories stay  
You are loved and fondly remembered every day.*

Always and forever loved by sons and families

**Alcorn**  
38th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear sister Martha who died 20th Sept 1986.

*A daily thought, a silent tear  
Precious memories of you ever near  
Never more than a thought away  
Loved and remembered every day.*

Always missed and remembered by brothers sister and families.



**McBride**  
Charlie  
Glasgow and Glebe, Downings  
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather and brother who died on 11th of September 2017.

*A silent home, an empty chair  
Something missing everywhere  
Life goes on, we know that's true  
But it's not the same since we lost you.*

Forever loved, always remembered and deeply missed by your daughter Bernadette and grandchildren, sister Theresa, brothers Paul, Patrick and James Stephen and extended family.



**Canning**  
Annie  
Duntinney  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of Annie who died on the 3rd September 2018.

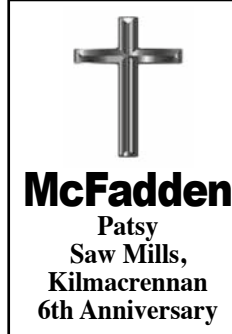
*We miss you from your fireside chair  
Your loving smile and gentle air  
Your vacant place no one can fill  
We miss you Mum and always will.*

Loved and sadly missed by all the family.

sonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made 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.

**Donegal County Council**  
Clonmore, Creeslough, Letterkenny PO

I, Michael McGinley am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following: (1) Construction of an extension & renovation of existing dwelling house and minor elevational changes to same. (2) Construction of a new vehicular entrance to serve existing dwelling. (3) New sewage treatment system and all



**McFadden**  
Patsy  
Saw Mills, Kilmacrennan  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of Patsy who died on 13th September 2018.

*May God support us all the day long,  
'till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done*

*Then in His mercy, may He give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes pray for him.*

Loved and missed by his wife Nora, son Paul, daughter-in-law Ann, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**McDonnell**  
Seamus (Jim)  
Devlinreagh, Carrigart  
29th Anniversary

Treasured memories of Seamus (Jim) who died on 8th September 1995.

Sadly missed by his wife Mary, son Shay, daughter Bridget, daughter-in-law Eithne, nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

*Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.*



**Deeney**  
Julia  
Rathmullan  
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of Julia who died 10th September 2017.

*Just a prayer from the family who loved you  
Just a memory fond and true  
In our hearts you will live forever  
Because we thought the world of you.*

Remembered with love and prayers today and always by all your family and your sister Nana.

associated site development works at Clonmore, Creeslough, Letterkenny PO, Co. Donegal in the townland of Clonmore. The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation



**McGettigan**  
Margaret  
Kilmacrennan  
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, Mammy, Granny and great Granny and sister who died on 15th September 2017.

*God looked around his garden and found an empty place  
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face  
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best  
You still live on in the hearts and minds of the loving family you left behind.*

Sadly missed by your husband Edward and all the family at home and abroad.

**Anniversary Mass in Kilmacrennan Chapel on Saturday 14th September at 6.00pm.**

**Tel. 074 91 53600**



**McFadden**  
Kathleen  
Bridgend, Ramelton  
1st Anniversary

*Remember me  
They say there is a reason they say that time will heal  
But neither time nor reason will change the way we feel.*

*For no one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles  
No one knows how many times we have broken down and cried.*

*Gone from home that smiling face  
those cheerful happy days  
The heart that won so many friends in bygone happy days.*

*We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt  
You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to do without.*

Always loved and sadly missed by all your family.

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 15th September at 11am in St. Peter's Church, Milford.**

**Acknowledgement**

**Dorrian**  
June  
Manderley House and formally  
The Ross, Rossnakill.  
7-6-1960 - 12-8-2024.



The mother, sons and family of the late June Dorrian would like to express our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all those who sympathised and supported us through our recent sad bereavement. Thank you to all who called at the family homes, attended the funeral, sent letters, cards and messages of sympathy.

A special thank you to all the kind family and friends who served tea and helped in many ways during the wake. We acknowledge the support of everyone who contributed to June's care over the past few months especially the doctors and nurses at L.U.H and also her Carers.

A special thanks to Fr. Damien Najed for a fitting funeral Service and also a special thanks to Fr. Shane Gallagher at L.U.H. and Fr. Anthony Briody for the comfort and support offered from them all to the family. Thanks to Patrick and his team at Patrick Sweeney Funeral Directors for the sincere and caring manner in which the funeral arrangements were carried out, thanks to the gravediggers and the singer at the Chapel. Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude your kindness will always be remembered.

**The Month's Mind Mass will take place in Massmount on Saturday 14th September at 7pm.**

**Fisher**  
Sinead  
Ramelton  
13th August 2024



We, the family of the late Sinead Fisher would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who sympathised and comforted us on our recent bereavement. Thanks to everyone who attended

the removal, wake and funeral. Thanks also to those who expressed their condolences through phone calls and or messages. Thanks to all who travelled to be with us and thank you to all family, neighbours and friends who helped out at the wake also to those who sent food to the house it was very much appreciated. Thanks to Patrick Sweeney Undertakers for their professional service and guidance. Thanks to Zara Montgomery for her lovely singing during the Service it made it very special for us and thank you to Fr. Carney celebrating the funeral Mass. We would also like to thank all staff on the Oncology Ward L.U.H. and in Donegal Hospice for their excellent care. We really appreciate the donations given for both these facilities in memory of Sinead.

A special thank you to Dr. Duffy for all her care given to Sinead the past few years. The respect and support offered by Sinead's colleagues in L.U.H. was overwhelming. As it would be impossible to thank everyone please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

**Sinead's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 14th September at 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton.**

**Leavy**  
Tullymore, Ramelton



**Joe**  
26th August 1971



**Mary**  
11th September 2018

*Think of them as living in the hearts of those they touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost and they were loved so much.*

Always remembered by Eileen, Eamon and all the family.

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in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority, in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee of 20 euros within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority.

**Donegal County Council**  
Magheraroarty, Creeslough, Letterkenny PO

We, Sharon & Gregor McClean are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following developments; (1) Construction of a domestic garage with home gym & office, (2) permission to decommission existing septic tank serving existing dwelling and permission to install a new sewage treatment plant to serve existing dwelling and garage, (3) construction of a polytunnel, potting shed & greenhouse for garden hobby, (4) construction of 2 no. sheds for bikes and wood storage, (5) permission to erect a garden room to the rear of the site and all associated site development works at Magheraroarty, Creeslough, Letterkenny PO, Co. Donegal in the townland of Magheraroarty. The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council**  
Ballyraine, Letterkenny

We, Mechanical Pipe-work Fabrications Ltd. are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to demolish all buildings and structures contained within the

grounds of the former Telecom premises along with the repair of existing fence and installation of new perimeter security fence at Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Ballyraine. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the rea-

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# Creeslough

## St. Michael's Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 6,9,10,13,14,20. There were no match 5 winners. 10 people matched 4 and their names were down. The winner of the €100 was Marissa Roarty, Creeslough who bought her ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €3200.

## Conversational Irish

Ciorcal Comhrá is back and Conversational Irish Classes will resume at the beginning of October at the Links Hub, Creeslough on Wednesdays, 7-8pm Beginners, 8-9pm those with a little Irish. Learn a little Irish in a fun, relaxed class. To register phone The Hub 087 2923102.

## Reading of the Bible

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

## Creeslough View

Creeslough View are currently looking for photos, articles and stories for this year's Creeslough View. Even if you have ideas for stories, we want to hear from you. Please send them to creesloughview@gmail.com.

## 5K Fun Run and Walk

St. Michael's 5K Run and Walk on this Saturday, September 14th at 9am starting at Corner Brew / Post Office. Thank you to McFadden Performance for organising this event.

## Two Hand & Line Dancing

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



The Junior Infant at Ballymore National School pictured on his First day at school



The Junior Infants at Creeslough National School on their First Day at School.

## 50/50

Congratulations to Geraldine Alcorn who won €300 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 5.30-6.15p.m.



Naíonáin úra SN Ghort a Choire le Múinteoir Dyan Uí Cheallaigh agus Éva atá as láthair don ghriangraf.

## New views of Muckish railway walk



The newly fixed binoculars at the site of the Muckish Miners Walk.

Visitors to the popular railway walk near Muckish mountain will now be able to get a stunning panoramic view of the area thanks to a new set of fixed binoculars at the site.

The new addition by the Muckish Development Committee means that for just €1 visitors can access the powerful binoculars that can get a clear view of the summit, as well as the landscape around the area including the stunning coastline.

The binoculars were made in Germany and, if they prove a success, the group hopes to include another set nearer the Old Mine area at the base of the mountain so visitors can look out over the Atlantic and the islands including Tory and Inishbofin.

Another new development is the recent addition of a number of plaques along

the railway walk known as "the cuttings".

These are the deep areas excavated from the rugged hillsides when the railway was built in the late 1800's, with each being named after some of the people who carried out the work.

A spokesperson for the group said they are grateful to Donegal County Council for sponsoring the new plaques and binoculars under the 2023 minor tourism related works grant scheme.

"These will add a bit more detail of the history of those who toiled under difficult conditions to see the railway construction reach its final destination in Burtonport," they stated.

The group plans to have QR codes on each plaque that links to more details on each cutting on a new walking website due to be launched shortly.



The Junior Infants at Murroe NS in Dunfanaghy on their First Day at School

## Letterkenny / North West U12 Division 1 Semi-Final Dunfanaghy win Penalty Shoot out

### Illistrin 2 Dunfanaghy Youths 2 (Dunfanaghy won 3-2 on pens)

Dunfanaghy Youths Under 12 team are through to their second final this season after beating Illistrin 3-2 on penalties to reach the Letterkenny / North West U12 Division 1 final.

Dunfanaghy opened the scoring in the 20th minute when a great run and pass by Oisín Sweeney was tucked into the bottom corner by Matthew McFadden. Cian and Matthew went close a number of times after this but were thwarted by some excellent goalkeeping. Illistrin stunned Dunfanaghy with a goal of their own on the stroke of half-time to leave the teams level at 1-1 at the break.

Dunfanaghy continued on the front foot in the second half. After going close a couple of occasions, another run and pass by Oisín Sweeney was collected by Cian Langan who took on the Illistrin defence before passing across the face of the goal for Seve Roarty to convert at the back post.

Dunfanaghy was made to pay for not closing out the match when Illistrin

latched onto a loose ball to run through and equalise. Dunfanaghy looked to have clinched it at the end of normal time when a free-kick by Oisín Sweeney was headed off the line. 2-2 is how it finished at full time.

The game went to penalties and Rory Boyce proved to be the hero in the penalties with some brilliant saves. Rory then stepped up to take the last penalty to send Dunfanaghy through to their second final in what has been a remarkable season to date for this group of players and coaches.

**The Dunfanaghy Youths Panel was:** Rory Boyce, Oisín Nelis, Oisín Sweeney (Capt), Caolan Sweeney, Oliver McGinty, Seve Roarty, Anthony Wilkinson, Matthew McFadden, Cian Langan, Alfie Roarty, Dylan Robinson, Liam McFadden, Hugh McNulty, and Dinnie Sheridan.

Dunfanaghy are playing either Kilmacrennan or Lagan Harps in the final this Sunday, 15th September.



Dunfanaghy Youths U12 team who are through to the Letterkenny /North West U12 Division 1 final on Sunday 15th September.



# Cloughaneely Senior Band to perform in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade 2025

Buion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola, the esteemed marching band, is honoured to announce their invitation to perform at New York City's iconic St. Patrick's Day Parade. The band will depart for New York on Saturday, March 15th, and return on Thursday, March 20th, marking a significant milestone in the band's history.

Buion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola, also known as the Senior Band, was formed in August 2016 after a spontaneous reunion to welcome home the junior band following their All-Ireland win at Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann in 2016. The reunion saw a remarkable turnout of past members, who, despite the short notice, gathered to celebrate and rediscover their love for marching and performing together. The event sparked a renewed interest in forming a senior band, with members from various parts of Ireland, as well as the UK and Dubai, expressing a desire to reunite and compete in the senior miscellaneous section at the Fleadh the following year.

Since its reformation, Buion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola has become a prominent figure in the marching band scene. They have consistently

participated in various competitions, most notably the All-Ireland Fleadh, where they have won in 2017, 2018, and 2023, and were runners-up in 2024. Their vibrant performances and unwavering commitment to preserving Ireland's rich musical heritage have made them a beloved presence in the community.

"There has been a strong tradition of marching bands in Donegal, particularly in the west of the county. Unfortunately, the prevalence of miscellaneous and accordion bands has seen a sharp decline since the late 1990s," Laura Barrett Chairperson of Buion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola. "The area of Chloich Cheann Fhaola has had a marching band since 1983, making it one of the longest-running bands in the county that has never disbanded. The financial costs in running a band have made it particularly difficult, and credit goes to all members, past committees, and the wider community for keeping the band going all these years."

Buion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola's participation in New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade offers a unique opportunity for audiences in the United States to experience the band's authentic Irish sound and celebrate the spirit of Ireland.

"We are thrilled and honoured to have been invited to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City," said Laura Barrett. "This invitation is a testament to our



Cloughaneely Senior Band who will perform along Manhattan's 5th Avenue in the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York. City is an annual event that attracts thousands of spectators from around the globe. Buion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola invites everyone to join them on this exciting journey and celebrate Irish culture and heritage together.

## Cloughaneely Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Junior Band lotto last week and the winning numbers were 2-5-6-12-13-20. The 2 match 5 winners were Adrian McFadden and Philip Gallagher who received €50 each. This week's jackpot will be €8250.

### Pobal Eascarrach

Gaeilge agus Fáilte -- Irish for beginners who did not study Irish at school -- A unique 10 week Irish language course for beginners. This course is tailored for new members of the community and for anyone

who did not study Irish at school. There will be a social element to this course with an intercultural party at end of course! Starting 26th of September from 7-9in. This course is being offered free of charge. Register at pobaleas@gmail.com / 074 9180571 / 085 8670762. Tá an togra seo á mhaoiniú ag an Chiste um Chomhfháthú Pobail Ionad Acmhainne Bhéal an Átha, An Fál Carrach, F92 XH70.

### Pobail Le Chéile

CE Youth Worker vacancy: Contact Lee Stephenson 074 9129630 Email: lee.stephenson@donegalservice.ie

Classes in Drama & Musical Theatre with

Nora Kavanagh on Mondays in Ionad Garraí Cholmcille, Falcarragh 7-9yrs @ 3.45pm-4.45pm / 10-12yrs @ 5.00pm - 6.00pm.

Art Club for children aged 8-12 years old with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Fridays from 6pm-7pm.

Chair Aerobics, Drama Classes and Art Club got off to a great start last week. They are now fully booked.

Free Art workshops on Tuesdays 11am-12pm and the Creative Wellness Course starting on Wednesday 11th September 10.30am-12.30pm.

Also starting this week is the Parent and

Toddler Group. They start back on Thursday 12th September from 10.30am-12pm.

English Conversation group—Friday 20th September from 10.30am-12pm. Beginners welcome. Contact Pobail Le Chéile 086 455 7519 to book.

### Donegal Down Syndrome

The collection taken up last weekend amounted to €843. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously.

### Folúntas ar Scéim Sosialta

There currently is a vacancy for a general worker on the Rural Social Scheme at the Glasshouses in Killult. To be eligible to participate on the Rural Social scheme you must

meet the criteria as laid down by the Department of Social protection. If you are interested please contact Joe on 0871605930.

### Tusla

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

### Thursday Café

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

### RI-Oga Dance Academy

Irish Dancing classes continue with Maureen on Wednesdays in Aras Begley Hall at 4pm. All are welcome.

# James Woods launches new book

There was a big turnout in the Ostan Loch Altan Hotel in Gortahork on Saturday evening for the launch of the new book 'Opinions, Interviews and Stories' by local man James Woods.

James was joined at the launch by his wife Ann Marie and daughter, Temair for the launch. His son Fionn is currently in Australia. The guest speakers were Maria Doherty from Carrigart and Billy Hutchinson from Derry whose mother was a native of Derryconner. The Music for the occasion was provided by James's nephew, Joseph Armstrong on the Ullian Pipes.

James who has a great love of the Irish

language and is a democratic republican. He left school at the age of thirteen and eventually moved to London where he began to write to the Irish papers in England about issues affecting the Irish in Britain. Over the years he has contributed to many publications both local and national since returning home to live in Gortahork.

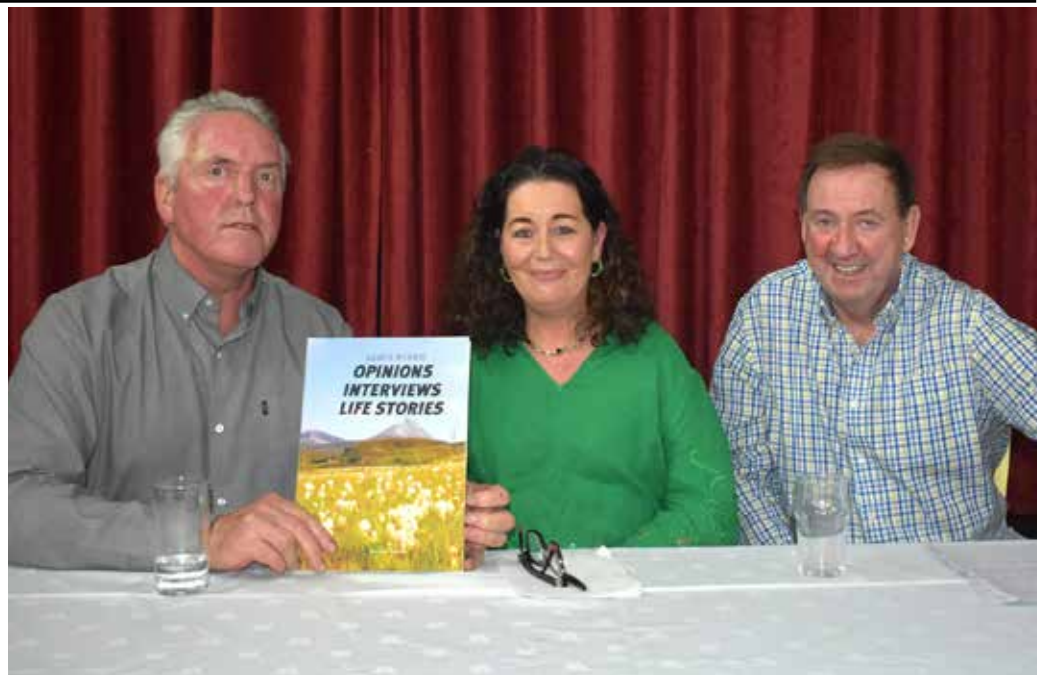
His new book which is his third includes a foreword from Gerry Adams features his opinions, local interviews and stories over the years and is a great read. It's also a historical record as in his stories and interviews that he's recorded a glimpse at life in rural Ireland

and the Gaeltacht which has now been consigned to history.

At the launch on Saturday evening the speakers paid tribute to James and wished him well with his book.

James thanked all those who helped him with the book and he also paid tribute to his late brother Joe who passed away recently. James has included a photo of wild flowers in a field which was planted by Joe as the front cover of the book.

Congratulations to James on the launch of his book which is a great read and judging by the attendance on Saturday evening is proving very popular not just in the local area but further afield.



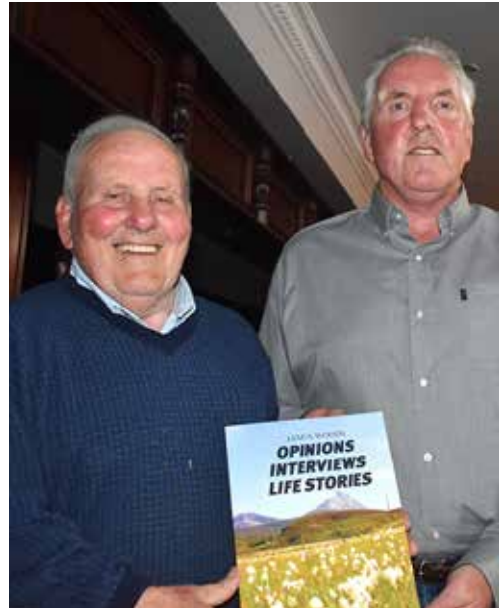
James Woods Maria Doherty and Billy Hutchinson from Derry at the launch of James' Book opinions, Interviews and Life Stories.



James Woods pictured with his wife Ann Marie and daughter Temair. His son Fionn was unable to attend the launch as he is working in Australia.



A section of the crowd who attended the book launch by James Woods.



Joe Mangan and James Woods at the Book Launch.



Pictured at the Book launch by James Woods



Ann Marie Woods, Derek Arnold, James Woods and Aisling Arnold at the Book Launch.



# McAuliffe's Craft Shop set to close this autumn

This autumn will see the end of an era in Dunfanaghy when Mc Auliffe's Craft Shop will close its doors for the last time. The shop has been at the heart of life in the town for over 70 years and formerly operated a Chemist, Tweed and Fashion Shop and as Mc Auliffe's Craft Shop in later years. The owners said the reason for the closure is the sale of the building on the village's main street. A statement from the family said three generations of the McAuliffe family, Jack and Mary, Anne (nee McAuliffe) and Conor Mac

Namara have worked to develop the business but, now, after forty years Anne is retiring and Conor is moving on to take up new opportunities. The family said they wanted to thank their customers and suppliers for their loyalty and support.

At 103 years, Mary Senior is a highly respected figure in the locality who said the service she and her family have given over the last 70 years makes her look back with pride. She stated: "I've been in business for most of my life and have seen the hard and the good times. Reflecting on the end of an era, my thoughts are bittersweet, while it's sad to see the shop close, I'm very happy for Anne and Conor. I feel satisfied knowing the family has given the community good service, that makes me proud."

Conor said: "Thanks to everyone for the wonderful memories and the unwavering support of our family business through the decades. We want to express our deep gratitude to our incredible team, in particular, Linda Hanlon who has been our anchor and a much loved member of staff for over twenty five years."

Their statement added: "There's a saying that goes 'every dark cloud has a silver lining' and for bargain hunters looking for good quality products if



Ann McNamara, Mary McAuliffe and Conor McNamara outside the shop in Dunfanaghy

you get yourself into McAuliffe's Craft Shop quickly you can benefit from some great closing discounts!" Anne added that any customers with gift vouchers or credit notes be assured they will be honoured, but asks that you please use them as soon as possible. They issued a statement via social media saying "We put significant thought and effort into finding a way for the business to continue in some capacity; however, despite our best efforts, this was not achievable. We want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible team, loyal customers, and supportive suppliers. You all made this journey truly special, and we couldn't have done it without you." They added that all gift vouchers and credit notes will be honoured but they ask patrons to use them "before Halloween".



Ann McNamara pictured with her mother Mary McAuliffe

## Dunfanaghy

### Jazz and Blues Festival this weekend

All roads will lead to Dunfanaghy as the annual Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues weekend takes place 12th - 16th September. From humble beginnings this event has grown into one of the most successful festivals in the north west attracting artists and tourists not just from the north west but much further afield and it provides a great boost to the local economy.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Stephen Elliott on the opening of Ramsay's Bar and Lounge on the Market Square last weekend.

#### Cars and Coffee

A Cars and Coffee event will take place in Dunfanaghy on Sunday 22nd September from 12- 3pm at the car park at the top of the town. There will be Classic and Vintage cars and everyone is welcome.

#### Tidy Towns

The Jazz and Blues Festival takes place this weekend and Derek is currently drawing up a rota to help keep the town clean during this busy weekend. If you are able to help contact Derek or put a message on the DTT WhatsApp group.

The national initiative, 'The Big Beach Clean' will take place 20-22 September. The event will take place on Saturday 21st September at 10am, meeting at the Killahoe Car Park.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st October at 10am at the Workhouse. Refreshments will be available before the meeting. The change of timing is explained in the minutes.

At the September meeting were Derek Alcorn, Susan Alcorn, Bill Arnold, Moira Harley, Art O'Malley, Gill Tricoglus, Diana Walford, Robert Wasson. Apologies from Christine Barnes, Ian Barnes, Patrick Knowles.

Diana gave an update on the work carried out by Ukrainian residents. They have

been painting the street furniture around the town and have completed all but the bollards outside Ramseys Stores. This will not be carried out until the renovation work on the exterior of the building is complete. They also intend to paint the water hydrants. Diana queried if they needed to be painted yellow. Historically, this is the traditional colour, so it was agreed that this would be continued. The group asked that Diana pass on our thanks for their hard work, they have done an excellent job.

As Patrick was not able to attend the meeting, Derek made Patrick's contribution on their behalf. He has been approached by the football club about their booth in the Market Square which sells tickets for their 50/50 draw. The request was for Tidy Towns members to volunteer to 'man' the booth for an hour on Market Days. In exchange, DTT litter picking activities would be publicised to the football club's circulation list. It was agreed that this proposal could be put to members. Patrick to be asked to request contact details for someone so that members could make contact if they are interested in offering their support.

Bill gave an update on the current financial position. There is approximately €5,000 in the bank but there are some outstanding

payments. In particular DTT is still holding the money raised for the Resource Centre beach accessibility project. It was agreed that the sum raised (€787) should be rounded up to €800.

Bill also told the meeting that the collection 'bins', situated in the businesses around the town, had recently been collected in and a total of €320 paid into the Tidy Towns account.

Gill gave an update on the work currently underway with 'Clean Coasts'. The youth group project funded by the grant obtained in July is now complete. Approximately 20 children took part in a two-day workshop with 'The Sea Collective', two local marine biologists, who shared their vast knowledge of the marine life of Donegal over the two days. One session was indoors and one took place on Killahoe beach. The sessions were informative and very well received by the children and their parents. The next Clean Coasts event will be the 'Big Beach Clean'.

The Youth Group have planted up the bed next to the toilets, which they will now have responsibility for. They have produced some art work related to biodiversity which will shortly be installed on the toilet block wall behind the flower bed.

Gill also mentioned the updating of the information in the Fáilte Ireland sign in the Market Square. Róisín, from the Workhouse, has done an excellent job on designing new posters for the sign.

Derek gave an update on the work of the Community Workers. At present there are 3 provided by the DPM scheme (managed by Kathleen Gallagher) and 3 provided by the Rural Workers scheme (managed by Patrick McDaid). This will be reviewed in November when one of the workers is due for retirement. Derek was asked about the post erected at Portnablagh Pier, now holding a Lifebelt. This has a large hole at the base which gathers rubbish.

The Community Workers have continued with their usual activities, although cutting the grass has been tricky of late, given the awful weather. Everyone agreed that without the Community Workers it would be very difficult to maintain the tidy appearance of the town and the approach roads. Derek suggested that we should try to involve them more and that maybe combining meeting with the Community Workers on a monthly basis (currently carried out by Derek) and the monthly DTT meetings would be more valuable. This will mean changing the timing of the monthly meetings to during the day but maybe during the Winter months this would suit more people. It was agreed to try this for a trial period until the next AGM in February.

#### The Workhouse

ETB Adult Classes beginning at the Workhouse again this September: Storytelling Course (focus on folklore and heritage), Patchwork and Quilting Classes, Musical Theatre Classes and Irish Language Classes. For information on any of these and how to take part phone The Workhouse on: 9136540.

Wellness Café (2nd and 4th Monday of Month at 10.30am - 12pm), Gardening Group (Every Monday at 10.30am), Parent and Toddler Group (Every Monday at 10.30am), and Creative Writing Group (4th Friday of Month at 10.30am) are meeting again at The Workhouse this autumn and winter. For details about these community groups and how to take part please phone The Workhouse on: 9136540.

#### Ballymore Bowls

Bowls began on Monday in Ballymore Parish Centre at 8pm and will continue every Monday and Wednesday evening. New members welcome.

#### Dunfanaghy FRC

The centre is running a Paediatric First Aid Course and important parts of adult first aid on Saturday 28th September 9.30am to 3pm fully credited €10 per person phone 074 91

36548 to book your place.

Also taking place are Gardening workshop on Monday 16th 10.30am, Budgeting for Christmas 24th September 10.30am to 12.30pm, Ukulele classes starting back on September 25th at 6.30pm to 8.30pm; Learning Support starts back 17th September 4pm to 5pm and 5pm to 6pm.

Citizen Information Service Monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, of each month, 10-12noon. No booking necessary-drop in welcome.

Regional Employment Service support including CV preparation - Call Mary on 0879926681 or email: mhiggins@dldc.org.

Gardening Workshop Series - Summer / Autumn 2024: Elements of Garden Design: Making the Most of Your Space; September 16th - Gardening for Nature in Northwest Donegal

Citizens Information Service clinic at Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre every second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am to 12pm. Next dates are Tuesday 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

#### St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 6,9,10,13,14,20. 10 people matched 4 and their names were dawn. The winner of the €100 was Marissa Roarty, Creeslough who bought her ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €3200.

#### 50/50

Congratulations to Geraldine Alcorn who won €300 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

#### Prayer Meeting

Cenacolo Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday after 7p.m. Mass in the Oratory in Holy Cross Church from 7.30-8p.m.

Cenacolo is a gathering of people before the Blessed Sacrament to pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten and heal, especially those suffering from addiction.



The Junior Infant Class at Holy Cross NS in Dunfanaghy pictured on their First Day at School.



The Junior Infants at Faugher NS with their teacher Dolores O'Neill.



The Junior Infant Class at Holy Trinity NS in Dunfanaghy pictured on their First Day at School with their teacher Rachel Witherow.



# GAA Club News

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results 08/09/2024

Numbers: 3, 8, 14, 15, 24. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Margaretta McConigley. This week's Jackpot: €2,000

### September Double Hop!

Tickets now on sale! 1 ticket, 2 chances to win €500. If your ticket wins the first €500, it then goes back into the drum for the second €500 draw. Buy tickets: <https://shorturl.at/gUY0V>

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

#### Dé Sathairn, 14ú Meán Fómhair

Craobh Idirmheánach 'B'

Gaeil Fhánada v Málainn @ 1:00 Beart

#### Craobh Idirmheánach

Gaeil Fhánada v Beart @ 5:00 Páirc Uí Dhomhnaigh

#### Dé Domhnaigh, 15ú Meán Fómhair

Sraith an Pharóiste

Faoi 6, Faoi 8, Faoi 10, Faoi 12 @ 10:30

#### Dé Luain, 16ú Meán Fómhair

#### Buachaillí Faoi 18

Gaeil Fhánada v Baile na nGallóglach @ 6:45

#### Parish League

Well done to all the children from our U6, U8, U10 and U12 sides who were in Portsalon for Week 2 of our Parish League. We're back at our earlier 10:30am slot next Sunday morning.

#### Comhghairdeas Noel

Congratulations to our club referee, Noel Mullaney who refereed last week's Donegal Junior Hurling final between Four Masters and St. Eunan's.

#### Straightforward victory for reserves

#### Gaeil Fhánada 4:23 Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn 0:04

Declan Coyle's reserve side secured the required victory on Saturday afternoon to earn their place in last eight of the Intermediate 'B' competition. The lads did what they needed to do against a depleted Letterkenny Gaels outfit in beautiful weather conditions at the Portsalon venue. Team: Brian Gallagher, Eoghan Logue, Seamus Coyle, Jamie McAteer, Aaron McConigley, Emmet Kelly (0:01), Oisín McFadden, Patsy Friel (1:05), Declan Brougham (0:03), Paul Coyle (1:03), Charlie Crerand, Seamus Friel (0:07), Dan Kerr (0:02). Patrick Shiels. Conor McConigley for Dan Kerr, Seán Friel (0:01) for Declan Brougham, Darragh O'Doherty (0:01) for Paul Coyle, Jonny Friel (1:00) for Aaron McConigley, Aiden Heraghty (1:00) for Jamie McAteer.

#### Ladies qualify for County semi final

Congratulations to the Senior ladies side who have qualified for the Intermediate County semi final which will take place in a fortnight's time.

#### Disappointing defeat for seniors

#### Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn 2:08 Gaeil Fhánada 1:09

There were plenty of twists and turns on Saturday evening, in Portsalon and across the five other venues where the final round of group games were played in this year's Intermediate championship, but as the dust settled on Saturday night, Gaeil Fhánada found themselves in ninth position in the

standings after falling to a two point defeat to Letterkenny Gaels. Team: Mark McConigley, Shaun Kerr, Odhrán Shiels, Ronan McAteer, Jimmy Coyle, James Gallagher, Brandon McClafferty, Paddy Carr (0:01), Oisín Shiels, Seán Carr, Darren Mc Elwaine (0:03), James Kerr (0:01), Liam McGrenaghan (1:03), Alan McAteer, Paddy Heraghty, Eoin Logue for Oisín Shiels, Mark McAteer for Alan McAteer, Eoghan Carr (0:01) for Paddy Heraghty, Mark Friel for Brandon Mc Clafferty, Bernard McGettigan for James Kerr.

#### Glenfin prevail by four points

#### Glenn Fhinne 2:09 Gaeil Fhánada 2:05

Commiserations to our minor boys who were defeated in Glenfin by a margin of four points. The next game is at home to Milford next Monday. Killian Friel; Darragh McElwaine, Eoghan Logue, Conor Callaghan; Jamie McAteer, Caolan McElwaine, Harry Blaney; Cormac Dunleavy, JP Gallagher; Niall Toland, Darragh O'Doherty, Evan McDaid; Christian Gibbons, Daibhid Lynch, Shane Carr. Ronan McVeigh.

#### G4MO Festival Day

Our Gaelic for Mothers and Others crew attended the G4MO Festival Day on Saturday in Dublin. Thanks also to Mairead and the Stores Bar for helping the team out with sponsorship on Saturday.

#### Suirbhé An Ghaeilge sa Chlub

Tá Gaeil Fhánada cláraithe le Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha arís i mbliana agus mar chuid de, bheadh muid an-bhuíoch dá mbeadh sibh ábalta an suirbhé a líonadh atá ar fáil ar ár leathanach Facebook.

#### Baile na nGallóglach

#### Lotto: 27/8/24

1-12-14-25. Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Vera Mc Elhinney, Rathmullan.

#### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 7th September: Maple, Milford: U8 Girls.

#### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

#### Senior Men

The Seniors beat Na Rossa in Intermediate Champ on Saturday. They now play N Muire, Iochtar na Rosann this Saturday at 3.30pm in Cloughaneely.

#### Senior Reserves

The Reserves face Burt in the quarter finals this Sunday at 2.30pm in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny.

#### Minor Boys

The Minor boys had a one point victory over St Nauls on Monday - they now face Burt next week.

#### U14 Boys

U14's play Burt in the county semi final on Wednesday with a 6.30pm throw-in.

#### U12 Boys

Our Navy team had a good victory over Aodh Ruadh on Friday. Our blue team are due to attend the u12 Finals blitz on Sat in Convoy. Time tbc

#### U9 Boys

Well done to the u9 Boys who had a great Blitz in Termon. They played 3 games against Termon, Letterkenny Gaels & St Eunans. Thank you to Joe English and all at Termon GAA for a great day and for providing Ice Cream afterwards.

#### U10 Girls

U10 Played fantastic in Buncrana. Great performances in that heat Thanks to Conor Coyle for treating girls to an ice cream in Kernans.

#### Chloich Ceann Fhaola

#### Lotto

Uimhreacha na seachtaine 1,3,7,13,14,22. Bhí duine amháin ann le cúig uimhir. Comhghairdeas le James Cannon a bhaineann €100. Tá €5,250 sa phota óir anois.

#### Crannchur Míosiúil/Monthly Draw

#### August

€500 - Liam & Maire Ó Baoill

€100 - Tom Feeney, Clann Uí Bhaoghíll, Danny McNulty, Ronan Cannon, Kevin Boyle.

We would like to thank Siobhan Doogan, Michelle Meehan, Marjorie Uí Dhubhgáin and Karen Gallagher who were out selling lotto tickets

#### Preliminary quarter-finals

## Downings bid for last eight place

Having secured their place in the knock-out stages on score difference, Downings now have a big chance to advance to the quarter-finals of the Senior Football Championship. Maxi Curran's men will take on Dungloe who will on paper be favourites to advance to the last eight.

The match has been fixed for Saturday afternoon in Falcarragh with a 2.00 start. Na Dunaibh's win over Cloughaneely a fortnight ago saw them squeeze into the preliminary quarter-final draw because of a better score difference. They had lost to Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon, Four Masters and last Saturday evening to St. Eunan's at home in Downings.

However, Curran's side will still go into the Dungloe game with a quiet confidence that they can advance but it will have to be a top draw performance to topple the Rosses outfit. It's a young Na Dunaibh side who are missing long-time injury absentees Allen Pasoma and Kevin 'Gooch' Do-

at the weekend.

#### Buachaillí Faoi 12

Fuair an fhoireann Faoi 12 an lámh in uachtar ar Sheán Mac Cumhaill agus tá siad fríd anois chuig Cluiche Ceannais Scéithe Bhoran Tuaiscirt.

#### Sraith Faoi 16 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 2

CCF: 0-11 Naomh Michéal: 1-7

#### Cupa Faoi 18 an Chontae - Roinn 1

Bhí droch ádh ar na leaids in éadan Ghaoth Dobhair.

#### Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior and reserve footballers travelled to Portsalon on Saturday to take on Gaeil Fhánada in the final group game of the Intermediate Championship. The reserves lost but the seniors defeated the home side by two points. This Saturday, the seniors travel to Davy Brennan Memorial Park to take on Na Rossa in the relegation semifinal at 5pm.

The senior ladies travel to The Cross to take on Red Hugh's this Sunday morning in Round 4 of the Junior B Championship at 10.30am.

Bingo continues every Monday evening at the Arena 7 and online. Books can be purchased every Thursday evening at A7 from 6.30-7.30pm and Saturday from 11am to 12 noon. This Monday we have €2,260 up for grabs.

#### St Eunan's

#### Senior Men

Na Dunaibh 0-07 : 1-10 Naomh Adhamhnáin Naomh Adhamhnáin were away to Na Dunaibh last Saturday in the Senior Championship. The game was moved back from Sunday to Saturday due to the sad passing of Naomh Adhamhnáin Club stalwart Aidan McGlynn. Aidan was a well loved and respected member of our Club; may he rest in peace.

Na Dunaibh started brightest getting two early scores on the board, but a key score came in the 18th minute when Ciaran Moore scored the game's only goal after a Shane O'Donnell assist. Even playing against a packed and well organized Na Dunaibh defence Naomh Adhamhnáin managed to get points from Oran Winston from a well taken mark, Eoin Dowling, Conor Morrison, Conor O'Donnell (jnr) and Ciaran Moore to end the half strongly.

Again, at the start of the second half Na Dunaibh started best with two early frees before Eoin McGeehin got the visitors first score of the new half on the 12th minute. Ciaran Moore added another point before Lee McMonagle hit the last Naomh Adhamhnáin score while the home team added two more points near the final whistle.

Scorers: Ciaran Moore 1-3, Eoin McGeehin 0-2; Oran Winston, Eoin Dowling, Conor Morrison, Conor O'Donnell (jnr), Lee McMonagle 0-1 each.

Team: Shaun Patton, Anthony Gallagher, Aaron Deeney, Conor Morrison, Caolan Ward, Conor O'Donnell, Kieran Tobin, Eoin Dowling, James Kelly, Conor O'Donnell (jnr), Kevin Kealy, Oran Winston, Ciaran Moore, Paucic Boyle, Shane O'Donnell. Subs: Eoin McGeehin for A Gallagher and Lee McMonagle for O Winston, Conor Parke and Brian MacIntyre for Caolan Ward and Conor Morrison.

#### Senior Championship upcoming fixtures:

Saturday September 14th - Senior B Championship preliminary quarter final - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Glenn Fhinne - 5pm in Glenswilly.

Saturday September 14th - Senior A Championship

herty, while Shane Boyce has also been struggling with fitness. Lorcan Connor went to Australia early in the year and won't be available this season. But, Ben McNutt, Ronan Gallagher, Oisín Boyce, Gary Ban McClafferty, the two McGroddy's Keelan and Johnny and Paddy McElwee are all capable of galvanising the team into a unit that will certainly be hard to overcome.

The line-up for the preliminary quarter-finals of this season's Championship was confirmed on Sunday following the final round of group games. St. Eunan's will be expected to overcome Ardarra at MacCumhaill Park on Saturday (7.30).

The other two preliminary round quarter-final fixtures take place on Sunday. Four Masters will be favourites to get the better of Killybegs in Ardara where the throw-in is at 1pm.

Last year's beaten finalists Gweedore will get a stiff test from Sean MacCumhaills at the O'Donnell Park (4pm).

preliminary quarter final - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Ardarra - 7.30pm in Mac Cumhaill Park.

#### Ladies Senior Championship

Our Senior ladies had a good win on Sunday away to Naomh Mhuire 1-07 to 3-08. They are now into a semifinal.

#### Tráth na gCeist

Donegal GAA Centre - Convoy on the 13th September) at 8.00pm with four people per team

#### Club Lotto

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

#### Minor Board:

#### U18 Results:

Monday September 9th All County Division 1 - Bun Cranncha 0-12 : 2-7 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

#### U18 Upcoming Fixtures:

Monday September 16th U18 Div 1 - Nh Adhamhnáin v Glenn tSúilí 6:45pm in O'Donnell Park.

#### U16 Results:

Friday September 6th U16 Div 3 - Na Dunaibh 1-05 : 6-15 Naomh Adhamhnáin in Paic Na nDunaibh.

#### Glenswilly

#### Senior Men

The Senior Men secured a quarter final place in the Senior Championship after defeating Sean MacCumhaills 2-11 to 12 points with the goals coming from Daithi Gildea and Oisín Crawford. This result made it four wins from four and gives the boys a free weekend before the quarter finals on the 21/22nd.

The Reserves were defeated by Sean MacCumhaills 1-13 to 1-9. The boys still qualified for the Preliminary Quarter Finals and will face Kilcar on Sunday 15th of September in Convoy, throw in 1pm.

The Senior C team were in action on Saturday to Sean MacCumhaills. Final score there was 4-12 to 1-7 in favour of the home side. The boys are back in action on Saturday 14th of September against Termon with time and venue to be confirmed.

#### Minor Board

The U8/7s were on the road on Saturday as they made the trip to Cloughaneely. A great battle between two evenly matched teams produced an exciting spectacle for the supporters in attendance. This group of players are improving week on week and is testament to the hard work of the players and coaches. Well done everyone!

The club managed to secure two U12 County titles on Saturday evening. The U12 boys claimed the Division 3 after defeating Dungloe in a tight encounter. The U11 boys won the Division 6 title after a big win over Killybegs.

#### Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies will travel to Donegal Town on Sunday morning for the final game of the group stages. A win would secure a spot in the semi final stage of the championship. Throw in is 10.30am.

#### Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

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

#### Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start! Well done to last weeks winner Adrian Shields (St Eunans GAA) who won €220.

#### St. Michael's

#### Senior Championship

#### St Micheals 0-6 Gweedore 0-5

Having won three from three in the senior championship St Micheals travelled to Magheragallon knowing that a win or a draw would see them move into the quarter finals. Despite losing the services of

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The Milford U9 Boys at their Blitz in Termon and below the U10 girls who played in Buncrana.





# GAA Club News

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Kyle McGarvey and Micheal McGinley the boys from the Bridge would put in a big performance over the hour and run out deserved winners by the narrowest of margins.

St Micheals had a big first half against the wind and went in level 2 points apiece both scores coming from the impressive Langan.

Michaels lost Martin McElhinney to a black card but the men from the Bridge would not be thwarted and with super sub Daniel McLaughlin hitting double scores the second a superb angled shot for away out on the wing. Andrew Kelly would be on the end of a super move and fired over a fine point. Congratulations to joint managers Cathal and Raymond. Scorers: Michael Langan 0-2; Daniel McLaughlin 0-2; Edward O'Reilly, Andrew Kelly 0-1 each. Team: Mark Anthony McGinley; Jamie Hunter, Liam Paul Ferry, Paddy McGinley; Stephen Doak, Ciaran Kelly, Andrew Kelly; Michael Cannon, Colin McFadden; Paul Johnson, Mar-

tin McElhinney, Oisín Langan; Edward O'Reilly, Michael Langan, Carlos O'Reilly. Subs: Daniel McLaughlin for P Johnson (40); Antoin McFadden for C Kelly (50).

The Reserves lost their match on Sunday. In the Junior B Championship on Sunday the Senior Ladies were defeated on a scoreline of Aodh Rua 3-11 St. Michael's 3-7.

**Good Luck**  
Good luck to Brian McLaughlin and Stephen Coyle who are part of the Donegal Masters Team that take on the London Masters this Saturday.

**Senior Fundraiser**  
We are holding a draw in support of Naomh Michael Senior & Reserve teams. €20 entry for one box. There will be a number of sponsored prizes to win. Each prize will be raffled between 1-100 with the number chosen being the winner of that particular prize. You can: Revolut @johnt6py; PayPal: jd.flynn08@gmail.com; Cash Payment also accepted.

## Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 6,9,10,13,14,20. There were Match 5 Winners. 10 people matched 4 and their names were dawn. The winner of the €100 was Marissa Roarty Creeslough who bought her ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €3200.

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

**Gaelic4mothers and Others**  
Since kicking off in May, nearly 40 women have joined in the fun! They train every Wednesday at 8pm and Saturday at 9am at the Bridge, and everyone's welcome!

**5K Fun Run and Walk**  
St. Michael's 5K Run and Walk this Saturday at 9am starting at Corner Brew/Post Office.

**Under 12 Girls**  
Well done to the Under 12 girls on Saturday who played against Derrytreasna.

## Under 12 Boys

Our u12 team won their Div 1 final against Four Masters in Convooy. Unfortunately, our Div3 team came up short against St. Eunans in the final.

Our u12 boys played McCumhalls recently in the Div3 North West semi-final. The boys played very well throughout losing out in an entertaining game.

**Minors**  
Well done to our young Minor team on their victory at the Bridge on Monday. Final score St Michael's 0.12 Bundoran 0.11.

**Results**  
Friday, 6th NRB Division 2  
Cloughaneely 0-11, St. Michael's 1-07  
Sunday, 8th Senior Ladies Junior B Champ  
Aodh Ruadh 3-11, St. Michael's 3-07.

**Fixtures Thursday, 12th**  
U10 Girls - Away vs. Naomh Colmcille @ 6:30 PM  
Friday, 13th  
NRB Division 2 - Home vs. Red Hughs @ 6:45 PM  
Saturday, 14th  
U14 Boys - Patsy Furey Tournament  
U13 Girls - Away vs. Cloughaneely @ 11:00 AM

# Conor Harvey wins Knockalla Hillclimb

Conor Harvey collected the Danny Gormley Memorial Trophy after a nip-and-tuck battle at the Knockalla Hillclimb at the weekend.

Letterkenny driver Harvey won with just 0.14 seconds to spare and nicked the win on his last run up the famous hill.

Harvey, dual driving the KGP Darran along with Kevin Gallagher, was the overall winner with Gallagher in second.

Harvey had a 42.83-second run with Gallagher's fastest time on Sunday 42.97 seconds.

On Sunday, Harvey set three fastest times with Gallagher landing two. Kilmacrennan driver Ivan Stewart, in a Fiesta R5, was third.

On day one on Saturday, Gallagher took victory with a best time of 43.05 seconds with Harvey

second in 43.34 and Barry Morris, also behind the wheel of a Darran, third on 43.44.

The weekend was a real weather mix with Saturday seeing the sun beat down on one of Donegal's most iconic stretches of rallying road. That gave way to rather more darker surroundings on Sunday.

Johnny Baird and John Crumlish were the Clerks of the Course for the event.

History was made on Saturday's running with the addition of the new J1 class.

This allowed junior drivers, aged 13-16, the chance to compete this famous event with Gemma Hallinan, Kade Gilchrist, Sam Gorman, James McShea and Jack McDermott all taking part.



# Community Games Culture Weekend in Carlow



Martin family, Ramelton - Shane, Sarah and Tommy in Carlow

Another fantastic weekend for the young Donegal competitors that travelled to Carlow for the National Community Games finals. This time it was the culture events that took centre stage. Solo and group singing, art, handwriting and model making were among the categories. It was a very busy weekend with over 5,000 people passing through the gates on Saturday and Sunday. Great participation for the Donegal contingent with Donegal managers Sinead Hagan and Nancy McNamee in charge. They were delighted with the performances from all Donegal competitors. They said everyone had done their County proud and the experience gained from taking part in a National Finals will always benefit them going forward. Also a word of thanks to Karen Hartin for her help and expertise over the weekend. This is the last competition of the year for Community Games. The National AGM will take place in Athlone at the end of this month.



Gallagher Family Milford - Sean Paul, Johnny and Bernie in Carlow



The Edwards Family - Gracie, Alan, Charlotte and Marc in Carlow.



The Kelly family Rathmullan at the Finals in Carlow at the weekend - Daragh Aoife Mick Eoghan Joe Aibhe and Victor Spanish student.



The Doherty family at the Community Games in Carlow.



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Booking in Thurs 12th Sept from 8 - 8.30am.

Mon 16th Sept - **Ram Sale** 7pm

Wed 18th Sept - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am  
Booking in Tues 17th Sept from 8 - 8.30am.

Fri 20th Sept - **Tir Conaill Sheep**  
**Breeders Annual Female Sale** 3pm

Mon 23rd Sept - **Breeding Sheep Sale** 7pm  
Booking in Monday 23rd Sept from 10 - 10.30am.

Wed 25th Sept - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

Sat 28th Sept - **Weanling Sale** 11am  
Booking in Thurs 26th Sept from 8 - 8.30am.

Mon 30th Sept - **Ram Sale** 7pm

# Murphy's men need Longford win

With just six matches remaining Finn Harps need all three points against Longford Town in Ballybofey on Friday night (7.45) to keep alive their hopes of that final play-off place. The visitors are bottom of the table but will come to Finn Park in a positive frame of mind after defeating Bray Wanderers on Friday night. That result dropped Bray to fifth in the table and was good for Harps in that the gap to the final play-off

place was cut from six points to four. Longford's only aim now is to get off the bottom of the table. They are just two points behind Kerry F.C. It's been a difficult week for Darren Murphy with the death of his father who was laid to rest on Wednesday. He will be hoping to have Aaron McLaughlin and Sean Patton back in the squad after both players were away on international

duty with the Republic of Ireland U19s. However, both Conor Tourish and Ryan Rainey will be doubts again due to injury. Harps will be putting everything into this match as they have to make another long journey south on Friday week to take on already promoted Cork City. Murphy will want Patrick Ferry to continue his recent scoring form that has seen the Gweedore man net three times in the last two matches.

# Harps hit form in Athlone

Athlone Town 1-4 Finn Harps

Back-to-back wins have steadied the Finn Harps ship with the victory in Athlone on Friday night helping to close the gap on that much coveted First Division play-off place. Two goals from Patrick Ferry gave Harps a decent advantage going into the second half and when Success Edogun made it 3-0 in the 75th minute there really was no way back for the hosts who have been on a poor run recently. Harps who play bottom of the table Longford on Friday night are now four points behind Bray Wanderers who currently sit fifth which is the final play-off spot. Manager Darren Murphy was forced into one change from the Cobh game with Kevin Jordan replacing the injured Tourish. Ryan Rainey was ruled out again due to injury. Sean Patton and Aaron McLaughlin were absent from the squad due to international commitments with the Irish U19s. Dylan McAteer was included in the matchday squad and came on as a late sub. The visitors got off to the best possible start as Ferry got on the end of a Tony McNamee set piece to head past Lee Axworthy in the third minute. The hosts gradually got more into the game and were unlucky not to draw level on 23 minutes when an Aaron Connolly ball saw Dylan Hand's header strike the bottom the butt of the post.



Gavin McAteer in action for Harps against Athlone.

Murphy's men doubled their advantage on the half-hour mark. McNamee was again involved as his pass found Ferry and the Gweedore man steered the ball low into the bottom corner for his second goal and his third in two games. Early in the second half Harps came close to making it 3-0 when McNamee arrowed a free-kick narrowly wide of the upright. Any fears of an Athlone comeback were effectively put to bed on 75 minutes when Edogun carried the ball from midway inside the Athlone half to steer the ball into the bottom corner of the net. The hosts did pull a goal back Jamie Watson lost possession allowing Gideon Tetteh to

slot past Oisín Cooney in the 80th minute. But Harps netted their fourth just two minutes later. David Cawley's ball over the top saw Edogun take control before firing past Axworthy. Athlone Town - Lee Axworthy; German Fuentes Rodrigues, Joah Van Geenan, Daniel McKenna (Amaro Oakley, 75), Brian Torre; Gideon Tetteh, Dylan Hand, Aaron Connolly (Oisín Duffy, h-t), Leonardo Gaxha (Kyle Robinson, 65); Peter McGregor (Shane Forbes, 75), Dean Ebbe. Finn Harps - Oisín Cooney; Jamie Watson, Matty Mackinson, Noe Baba, Kevin Jordan (Luke O'Brien, 85), Max Johnston; Max Hutchinson

(Bruce Strachan, 68), David Cawley (Gavin Gilmore, 85), Tony McNamee, Patrick Ferry (Gavin McAteer, 85), Success Edogun (Dylan McAteer, 89). Sub not used: Tim Heimer (Gk).

## €10k for Cathal

Congratulations to Cathal Curran of Lennon View, Kilmacrennan on winning the €10,000 jackpot in our Super 4 Lotto draw for 5th September. Well done Cathal! The numbers drawn were 4, 8, 16, 27. The next draw takes place on Thursday 12th September and the jackpot is €4,000.

## McLaughlin and Patton on Irish 19s duty



Kerrykeel's Aaron McLaughlin and Sean Patton (Drumkeen) featured in all three Republic of Ireland U19 Nation Cup games in Slovenia. Tuesday was the final game for Tom Mohan's side which finished in a 1-1 draw to Slovenia with Finn Harps players Patton and McLaughlin both coming on as second half subs. Patton started in the opening match, which ended in a 2-1 defeat to the French team. McLaughlin, came on as sub in that match winning a penalty which was converted. McLaughlin started and provided an assist for one of the Irish goals in a 3-1 victory over Kazakhstan.

# Harps 70th anniversary event

Finn Harps F.C. have announced details of their 70th anniversary celebrations with a grand gala dinner on Saturday, the 26th of October at the Villa Rose Hotel. Tickets are priced at €50, which includes a four-course meal and a champagne reception on arrival. The evening will feature live entertainment with a band and DJ, promising a lively and memorable night. This special event will honour the rich tradition and legacy of the club's dedicated volunteers, loyal fans and the community that has supported Finn Harps FC over the decades. Founded in 1954, Finn Harps Football Club has become an integral part of the Donegal community, representing passion, pride, and perseverance in Irish football. With seven decades of history, the club

continues to thrive thanks to the unwavering support of its volunteers and fans. The theme for the evening, "A Legacy of Loyalty," reflects the enduring commitment of the people who have made Finn Harps a cornerstone of Donegal football. This celebration is not just a reflection on past achievements, but a tribute to the countless individuals who have given their time, energy and passion to the club. The gala will be an evening filled with heartfelt tributes, including special recognitions for those who have passed on, whose memories continue to inspire the Harps community. Reflecting on the significance of this milestone, Club Chairman, Ian Harkin remarked, "Finn Harps FC is built on the dedication and loyalty of its people - volunteers, fans and

the broader community. As we celebrate 70 years, we want to honour the legacy of those who have stood by the club through thick and thin and ensure that their spirit continues to guide us into the future." The gala dinner will be a night of unity, remembrance and celebration, bringing together generations of the Harps family to commemorate a proud history and to look forward to a bright future. The club encourages all who have been touched by Finn Harps FC to join in the celebrations and contribute to this significant chapter in the club's history. Tickets can be purchased in the clubhouse, online via the club shop, or through Revolut using @deniseobfl. If you don't have Revolut at <https://revolut.me/deniseobfl>. For questions, contact Denise at 086-3120549.

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## Cranford AC

On what was the perfect evening for a 5k for our men took part in the Milford 5k. Congratulations to Seamus Kelly, Danny Martin Lafferty, Liam Doherty & Declan McBride, Hugh Duffy took part in the Swinford ¼ Marathon at the weekend and came home in 32nd place. We at Cranford AC are all so proud. The open cross country is on this Sunday hosted by Finn Valley best of luck to all who are taking part.

## Orr's 60th UK winner

Rathmullan jockey Oisín Orr recorded his 60th winner of the 2024 season at a horse racing meeting in Newcastle on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Letterkenny jockey Brandon Wilkie was also in the winners enclosure on Tuesday at Lingfield. It was Wilkie's 28th winner of the year to date. In Ireland Dylan Browne McMonagle's fine form continued. He was on owners Jerry Farrell and Pat Phibbs, 7/2 favourite Irish Rumour that gave the first of his two winners in the five-furlong handicap at Navan on Saturday. The four-year-old came with a late run to win by a length and a half from 40/1 shot Little Mi Mi, trained by Christy Donoghue. Browne McMonagle ended the week with another success as the Joseph O'Brien-trained Naturally Nimble took the concluding 10-furlong maiden. Owned by Sean and Bernardine Mulryan, the 11/4 shot scored in good style as he beat Denis Hogan's Dabhab by two lengths.





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