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Cllr Donal 'Mandy' Kelly (left) after topping the poll in Letterkenny with his parents Donal and Jacqueline and Charlie and Mandy, sons of the late Cllr. Manus Kelly.



Cllr. Michael McClafferty after being elected on the first count in Glenties.

Crushing election blow for Fine Gael

As Donegal's political parties analyse their votes in the local elections, the newly elected Members will meet in Lifford next week to hammer out a pact to cover the next five years. New names, new agendas and priorities on the campaign trail waiting urgently be made into policy decisions.

by John McAteer

And there are changes with FF losing two seats and Fine Gael now down to three Members and their share of the vote in Donegal has crashed to an all time low

of 10.5%. Sinn Fein held their ten seats while John O'Donnell's defeat cuts the strength of the Independents to nine. But the story of the week has been the stunning success of the 100% Redress Party. They won four seats but more importantly they have a base of 7,400 first preferences on which to build a general election campaign. It was not a good election day for Fianna Fail nor for Fine Gael and they will take time to reset their agendas for the challenges ahead. With a loss of 5,269 first

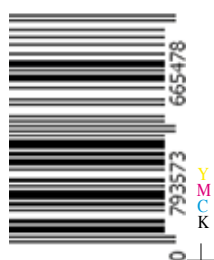
preferences in last week's local election their 8% decrease, the result put them at their lowest point ever in Donegal - however it's a pattern that's been allowed to develop over several years. The election saw FF losing two seats and for a long time, that could easily have been worse. Their big losses have been in Buncrana (-14%), Stranorlar (-11.2%), Glenties (-11.5%) and in Carndonagh they were down 17%. It is a loss on the margins for FF of 4,000 votes and an overall loss in Donegal of 7%. However they have a strong base of

17,465 votes. But if things have flatlined in FF, they are in a much stronger position than Fine Gael whose vote was harder hit despite their lofty ambitions of winning seven seats. The party is effectively on a steep downward curve in the constituency and their leader Simon Harris will wonder if it is already too late. And Donegal may not be a big priority for him. The party vote is down 8% to a historic low of just over 8,000 votes and that is a catastrophic fall in five years. They currently have an 10.5% share of the popular vote in Donegal which is down by half compared to their national showing at the weekend. FG is now down to three seats in Lifford and their future is a story that has generated a new urgency for a complete appraisal of why their widespread decline is being ignored by party headquarters in Dublin. In the meantime, the local election results only serve to highlight their failure to address a crisis that has been building for a decade and the approaching shifting of the sands is reaching into the very heart of FG in Donegal.

New Cllrs are in a hurry to stamp their own agenda in Lifford but they will soon find themselves wrapped in the bureaucracy of local government where progress comes very slowly... that is not about to change in the next five years. The Donegal turnout was 54% whilst nationally it was 49.4%. The big story of the election in the county has been the success of the 100% Mica Redress Party who won four seats and perhaps more importantly, their 7,400 first preferences are a launch pad for the general election and that vote is a comprehensive one for all families forced to reside in homes with defective blocks. Ali Farren's vote of 2,253 was the highest in Donegal and fair dues to his belief that a new party was their only way forward because they'd been so badly let down at home... at Donegal County Council. *Contd. Page 2*

Tribune election analysis

This week's Tribune has the most comprehensive analysis of every count, every detail, the percentages for each candidate and for each party. You'd not want to miss a single word of it!!



Cllr. Declan Meehan with his husband Dr. Padraig McGuinness, his mother Yvonne and supporters after topping the poll at the Milford count.

Crushing election blow for Fine Gael

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There were other outstanding performances: that of Michael Naughton in the Donegal LEA caught the eye. He topped the poll for FF and 1,847 stamps his card for FF Headquarters to be a candidate for the General Election. However, one has to wonder what power does the party hierarchy have any more given that they've effectively lost out on a second seat in the Euro elections locally with the most bizarre of decisions to run three candidates. For Paucic McGarvey, he seemed to be the only one in the Aura not at all surprised with the big increase in his vote. The younger generation in his home town gave him a huge boost with 560 votes but nobody could have dreamt he'd take 250 in Rathmullan.

Declan Meehan ran a campaign that was way out ahead of the posse from the day of his launch in the Ray Community Centre on March 9th and with his husband Pdraig they travelled every road and got to know the potholes along the way.

A very seasoned advocate for community, enterprise and people.

Hard choices for SF

These are difficult times for Sinn Fein on the national stage with their vote down to 11%. Why or how did that happen is a question that will haunt them right into the general election. And the longer Simon Harris pushes out the day to February next year, all the better for the Shinners. Because this fall from grace must have a fault line or any number. It is a pointless exercise saying they ran too many candidates.

At the 2020 general election the story was

that they ran too few candidates, but they have only themselves to blame for their supposed mistakes.

However, their Donegal vote stood the test of time with a first preference on 16,801 in contrast to 2019 when they polled 13,953. Friday's vote was an increase of 2.27% (2,848).

Local Elections Party Share

2024	2019	Change
FF	22.7%	-7%
FG	10.5%	-8%
SF	21.9%	+2.5%
100%	9.6%	
Ind	28.4%	+2.2%
Aontu	2.9%	-0.2%
Lab	1.9%	-0.4%
TIP	1.3%	
Greens	0.4%	

Their Donegal share of 21.9% is in stark contrast to their national figure of 11%. Obviously there's got to be a good reason for that! Is it an issue of leadership or is it their back-room strategy and the hand of unelected advisers dictating policy direction? We may find out sooner rather than later.

Good one for Team McClafferty

Other notable vote increases include that of Michael McClafferty from Derryreel whose performance being elected on the first count was a just reward for five big years putting the people's need at the very top of his agenda.

His campaign team grew, not only in stature but in numbers as the deadlines approached and they brought a great dimension of goodwill and craic to the community. The most

gentle of souls, Michael has a heart of pure gold and he is that giant shadow of support that is always there when the call comes.

It was an election that saw a turnout of 54% and while it was marginally down on five years ago, the traditional party structures have been challenged like never before.

It was an election of shocks and losses across the county.

The victory of community candidate Martin Scanlon in the Stranorlar area was quite the achievement and his message of community needs continues to ring loud.

JOD: Where to now?

John O'Donnell's loss was a huge shock to his campaign team who said they did not see any negativity on the doorsteps. But with a solid base of 1,959 votes in 2019 his position seems so secure that any thought of a 632 vote drop would have been in people's imagination.... But it was far from it. To lose a third of your vote is astonishing, and John is not going on the public record to air his views. However, this catastrophic drop just did not drop out of the sky on election day: it remains to be seen if will now leave politics entirely and concentrate on all the myriad of business interests in his life..

The Euro counts continue

As the Tribune deadlines passed on Wednesday, reports from Castlebar indicated the five seats in the Midlands - North and West made Luke Ming Flanagan the favourite to top the poll. He did really well in Donegal, taking 13,811.

Sinn Féin's Michelle Gildernew was hanging in there in the hope that the elimination of her colleague, Sean McManus might put her

back in the race for the final seat. Overnight into Wednesday, Gildernew was 12,000 behind Independent Ciaran Mullooly 46,826

Donegal's interest in the Castlebar count evaporated at the Aura on Saturday afternoon after the tally figures revealed that Niall Blaney was a long way off any realistic target of a seat after getting 25% of the Donegal vote. Truth be told, most of those involved in Donegal politics had reached that conclusion some months before polling day.

The strategy of three candidates on the FF panel was doomed to disaster and it is most likely that Barry Cowen and Lisa Chambers could have won two seats... fate decided otherwise and so Micheál Martin will have to wait for another five years to rectify his error of judgement. Across the electoral areas the Blaney tally figures read 14,059 and well short of the prediction that any Donegal candidate would need over 35,000 leaving the county with any hope of winning the final seat.

The Blaney tally figures were Stranorlar,

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Two Hand Dancing

As part of the Lennon Festival in Ramelton a Two hand Dance will take place in the Ramelton Community Centre on Friday the 28th of June from 9pm.

Special Military Mass in Lifford

Continuing with the year long celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the consecration of St. Patrick's Church in Murlog a special Mass will take place on Friday the 28th of June at 11am for the soldiers, civilian workers and their families who served in the Prior Military Post in Lifford. They are not only inviting all members of the 28th Bn. but to all members who served in Rockhill and Finner Camp over the years. The 28th Inf. Bn. with various Veteran Associations will assemble at St. Patrick's Church at 10am.

Parade will take place at 10.30am. All members of the 28th Inf. Bn will parade outside the Church on the day and the Parish Priest Fr. Colm O Doherty will bless the unit and the colours.

All deceased member names from the 28th Bn will be read out and refreshments will take place at the Mass in the Lifford Community Centre.

To round off the occasion a cake with the Clonleigh Parish Symbol and the 28th Inf. Bn. crest will be made for the occasion.

1,717; Glenties 2,685; Bunrana 1,110; Carnadonagh 774; Letterkenny 2,482; Milford 3,025; Donegal Town 2,265.

Barry Cowen and Lisa Chambers polled 3,160 in the county. However, the European tally of 70,024 was way below the local election figure of 76,712.

The counting of ballots in Castlebar is ongoing and is expected to continue until late Wednesday night.

In the Midlands North and West there was an electorate of 1,138,325 and a valid poll of 700,000. There were 20,754 spoilt ballots and the turnout was 53.6%.

The first count results were: Luke Ming Flanagan on 18.7%; Nina Carberry of F Peadar ToiinG 10.87%; Brian Cowen FF 10.87%; Maria Walsh FG 10.51%; Ciaran Mullooly 8.43%; Michelle Gildernew SF 6.74%; Lisa Chambers FF 6.48%; Peadar Toibin, Aontu 5.99%; Niall Blaney FF 4.71%; Sean McManus SF 4.33%; Peter Casey Indpt. 3.1%.

Meanwhile those that spent three days and nights in the Aura Leisure Centre are entitled to take time off to recover from counting fatigue. But we've been here before. Who remembers twenty years ago and a similar figure of five ballot papers being disputed out at the LYIT that also went on late into the Monday evening... then we all raced back to Gamble's Square in Ramelton to join in the congratulations for Cllr. Ian McGarvey.

New Names in Lifford

There are ten newly elected Cillrs who will take their seats in Lifford on Friday week for the AGM - Thomas Devine, Letterkenny, Joy Beard and Fionnan Bradley, Bunrana, Manus Boyle, Jimmy Brogan, Donegal, Dennis McGee, Glenties

Declan Meehan, Milford, Martin Scanlon and Dakota Nic Mheanman, Stranorlar, Ali Farren, Carnadonagh.

Those who lost their seats included John O'Donnell, Milford, Gerry Crawford, Stranorlar, Kevin Bradley, Letterkenny, Johnny McGuinness, Carnadonagh and Barry Sweeney, Donegal.

Those who didn't run include Tom Conaghan, Donegal, Rena Donaghy and Nicholas Crossan, Bunrana, Liam Doherty, Stranorlar while the seat of the late Noreen McGarvey was won by Dennis McGee, 100% Redress Party.

And election day would not be the same without a recheck: and for good measure there were two in Letterkenny and Donal Coyle held the third FF seat in the area.



Sixth class pupils from Scoil Mhuire in Creeslough had their tour on Tuesday to Aras na Uachtair, Dublin where they met the President Michael D. Higgins, Croke Park and Leinster House where they met Minister Charlie McConalogue and Deputy Paucic McGarvey. Ciaran O'Donnell and James helped organise the tour along with Daití McCollgan and his brother Brandon who works with Pearse Doherty. Also included Fr John Joe Duffy, Liam McElhinney, John O'Doherty, Linda Grant, Claire Gallagher and Grace Barnes.



Shaun Patton to launch Community Centre fundraiser

Donegal GAA goalkeeper Shaun Patton is to launch a "Buy-A-Brick" fundraiser campaign to support the new development at Letterkenny Community Centre on next Wednesday, June 19th. Work recently got underway on a major



new €1.4 million development which will comprise a community building along with new dressing rooms. It will be known as the Jim Lynch Community Building in memory of the late councillor who was a leading figure at the centre for many years.

While considerable state funding for the project has been secured, the centre itself still must raise the balance. And the "Buy-A-Brick" campaign is set to be a great way of raising revenue and enabling people to be associated with the development. Special bricks will be available for purchase (€130 for an individual, or €300 for family) and these will be erected in a dedicated area in the new building. More details will be revealed at the launch.

When contacted about the launch, Patton readily agreed to give his time to be associated with the project. A native of Letterkenny, the Donegal senior football goalkeeper has used the fa-

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ilities at Letterkenny Community Centre down through the years and knows just how important it is to keep moving with the times and providing an ever-increasing range of activities and facilities.

The new community building, with two new state-of-the-art dressing rooms, is beside the existing astroturf (4G) playing pitch which has been a huge success since it was completed in 2019. Funding for the project is coming from the Minister for Rural and Community Development (€300,000), from the Community Centre In-

vestment Fund, and a further €100,000 from the Dormant Accounts Fund, with Donegal County Council providing a grant of €200,000.

The Community Centre is financing the rest of the balance through an AIB Loan and a Western Development Commission loan as well as a number of fundraising initiatives, including the "Buy-A-Brick" scheme.

Liam O'Donnell, centre manager, said: "We are delighted to have someone of the calibre and profile of Shaun Patton to launch this important fundraiser. He recognises the valuable role that

the centre plays in providing such a great variety of classes and also as a location for meetings, groups, and individuals."

The launch of the "Buy-A-Brick" campaign will take place at 3.00 pm next Wednesday (June 19), and all are welcome.

Kilmac Clean Up

Kilmacrennan Tidy Towns are holding their final clean up on this Thursday the 13th June. Meet at 10am at the old school.

COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEEHAN THANK YOU



I would like to thank everyone who called, text and left messages to offer their congratulations following my election over the weekend. To top the poll was truly humbling. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Milford Athletic Club and CLG Baile na nGallóglach for organising a last-minute but wonderful homecoming at the Council offices on Sunday. I am so appreciative to everyone who greeted the cavalcade across the area, and everyone who came along to the event in Milford.

My campaign team and canvassers sacrificed time to work towards a shared goal - of getting me elected, and to achieve change in the Milford Electoral Area. I am so thankful to them for every single minute they gave this campaign. Thanks also to everyone who worked on putting up - and, crucially, taking down - my posters.

I would also like to congratulate Cllr. Liam Blaney and Cllr. Pauric McGarvey on their election. I look forward to working with them over the coming five years.

Finally, to all of you who voted for me from everywhere across this area, thank you so much. I heard your concerns loud and clear and will spend the entirety of the term fighting to make this place better for us all to live in. I will never forget the job you have given me and I am so appreciative of the mandate I have received. It is a great honour to be elected your Councillor, and I promise to give it my all.

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The people have spoken – unclearly

The voters have spoken. What they said is unclear. All elections turn up surprises. The latest local and European elections turned up more than most. The Sinn Féin vote was going to fall back from the opinion polls. As an election came closer, polls usually tighten. Also, there are always certain ebbs and flows. I was surprised at how far Sinn Féin gells. A political rule is never to underestimate Sinn Féin. They have seemed down in the past.

In ways, they have pulled defeat from the jaws of victory. They significantly increased their vote from 2019. They significantly increased their vote share. They consolidated their position as the main opposition party. They have twice the votes and seats of Labour.

Fianna Fáil lost 40 seats and 4% of their 2019 vote. Fine Gael 18 seats and 2%. Rather than gaining from Sinn Féin, both fell. Sinn Féin gained 2.5% and 20 seats. This they have presented so badly Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael presented themselves as winners. Reality is independents and minor parties were the winners. They won 28%, as against 23% each for the two big parties. Thus the biggest voting block rejects all the big parties. That, though is for all sorts of reasons.

As to the Sinn Féin fall, complacency, policy u-turns and a top-down approach were responsible. There was an impression of arrogance. People expect arrogance from Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael. They don't expect it from the opposition party promising change.

Regarding predictions, there must be a health warning with the recent elections. Local and European elections are different.

The poll was 49%. It is safe to accept

Certainly, Unionists in the North have their tails up. The unstoppable Sinn Féin juggernaut has been brought to a juddering stop. The United Ireland project has been knocked back. We don't know how long for. We know that, in June 2025, Sinn Féin is far less than seemed to be leading Governments on both sides of the Border.

that the non-voters tended to be younger. These are more likely to vote Sinn Féin. Also, local elections are local.

(Southern) Irish European elections tend to produce all sorts of unusual MEPs. Think Dana, Ming Flanagan and Mick Wallace. At time of writing, radio shock-jock Niall Boylan is in the running to be a Dublin MEP. I can't see Sinn Féin pulling back to previous opinion poll levels soon. I can see it recovering. Thus it is not going away.

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Unionists should beware of what they wish for, though. A warning for Unionists is the rise of the far right. Yes, some have ties with far-right figures in England and the North. However, their direction of travel takes them to a far more hard-line nationalist stance than Sinn Féin. They also include a significant violent element. That violence can turn in various directions.

Besides Independents South of the Border, there is a big winner in the

North. That is SDLP leader Colm Eastwood. He was already favourite to hold Foyle (Derry City). Now he is more likely. His Christmas came in June.

Above all, we can say with certainty last Friday was the day the South of Ireland politically joined Europe. That is, when it shared the same political developments.

Because in that same week the far-right moved forward in France, Germany and Italy. The populist right and the far right now have a base.

That is despite most being laughably disorganised. The left is laughed at for being split. The splits and disorganisation of the far right make the left at its worst seem united. After all, the two wings of the National Party stood against one another. There is a space for two far-rights. There will be a TD and Councillor wing. Then there will be street-fighters.

The most successful can speak the language of the left when needed. Peadar Tóibín was a Sinn Féin TD. It seems his Aontú will most likely be the right-wing party. I used to call Tóibín the Free State Jim Allister. That is, an able performer but one-man band. He now has a team of councillors. It remains to be seen if he can build on that.

Others can speak that language too. Malachy Steenson is a former mem-

ber of the Workers Party. His family comes from the tradition. He has been elected to Dublin City Council. Derek Blighe of Ireland First also comes from a Workers Party background. He seems more likely to become the leader of the more street-fighter wing of the far right. The far right now has some momentum. We can be certain an Irish Nigel Farage will come forward. As to Sinn Féin, they are too close to an election to dump Mary Lou McDonald. Yes, the British Conservative Party leader in Scotland has just jumped before he was pushed. Hower, the British Conservatives have gone crazier than anyone thought.

We know the current (Southern) government has until early 2025 to call a General Election. It has promised to run the full term.

I accept that Simon Harris does not read this column. However, he could call an election and rush into a trap. Yes, Harris is popular. He is known for being willing to take criticism on the chin at trade union conferences. He treated the Stardust families very well.



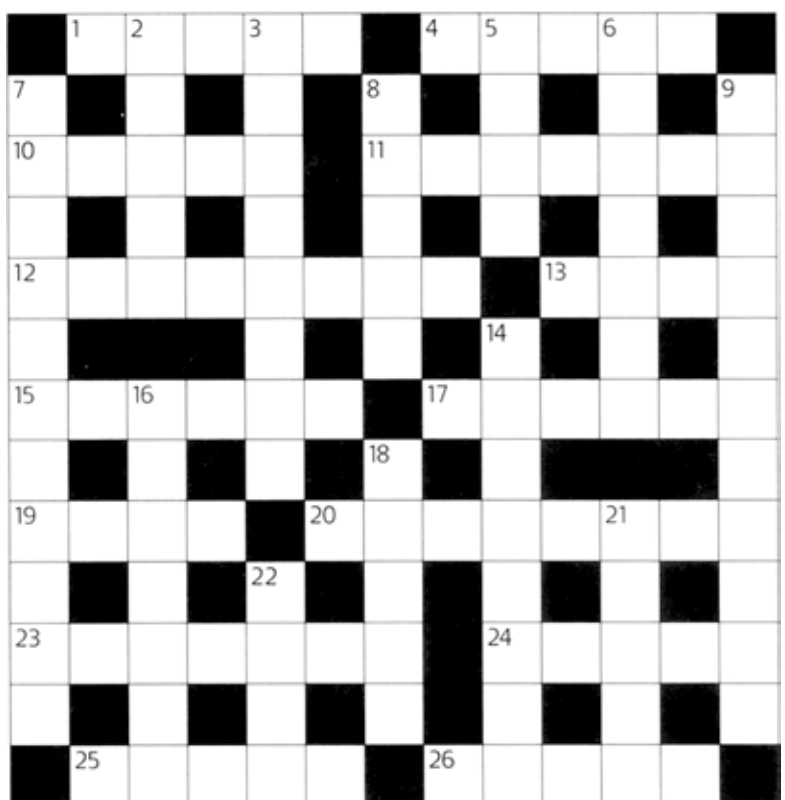
By Anton McCabe

He may well prove a successful Taoiseach. He may well prove the opposite, though. He has yet to come through a hard test. Leo Varadkar was, for a time, the Golden Taoiseach. Then the shine wore off. Harris spoke after the elections as a victor. He clearly ignored losing votes and seats.

In politics, there are never exact comparisons. Note, though, that in 2017 then British Prime Minister Theresa May called a snap General Election. She believed the hype. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn was supposed to be unpopular and unelectable.

May lost her majority. Corbyn pulled the biggest Labour vote in 70 years. For Harris, an early election could hide a fatal landmine.

Tribune Crossword No. 1068



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- 1. Barbara Streisand film of 1983 (5)
- 4. Rapid (5)
- 10. Dodge (5)
- 11. Team substitute (7)
- 12. Defer (8)
- 13. Metal ring (4)
- 15. Become a soldier (6)
- 17. Spoil (6)
- 19. Cold and damp (4)
- 20. Cenotaph (8)
- 23. John ____, star of Bergerac (7)
- 24. Bread {anag} (5)
- 25. Colchester's county (5)

Down

- 2. Dame Edith ____, actress (5)
- 3. Sin (8)
- 5. Hanking (4)
- 6. Former name of Taiwan (7)
- 7. Brilliant (11)
- 8. Edge (5)
- 9. Permeate run [anag] (11)
- 14. Burn slowly (8)
- 16. Cough syrup (7)
- 18. High-handed (5)
- 21. Implant (5)
- 22. Hint (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1067

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Launch of a new book on the history of pubs in Letterkenny

A new book covering the history of the pubs and hotels in the town of Letterkenny going back 200 years will be launched on Wednesday 19th June at 7pm in the Regional Cultural Centre.

Written by Kieran Kelly, the book is entitled "One For The Road" and covers two centuries of the town's various pubs and hotels going back to the earliest records from 1824.

"The earliest records we have that show the businesses of the town (including the names of publicans and hoteliers) come from Pigot's Directory of 1824," explains the author, "and it just so happens that this year is two hundred years from that, so it's a nice round number and a good time to release the book!"

Kieran has previously written two local history books on the town, "Letterkenny: Where The Winding Swilly Flows" in 2014 and "Then Again: The Past and Present of Letterkenny Town" in 2020. "This is the third part of the trilogy, so to speak," he says, "but this time, I wanted to write not just a general view of the history of the town, but instead to focus on an important aspect in the town's growth and development - the role of the pub

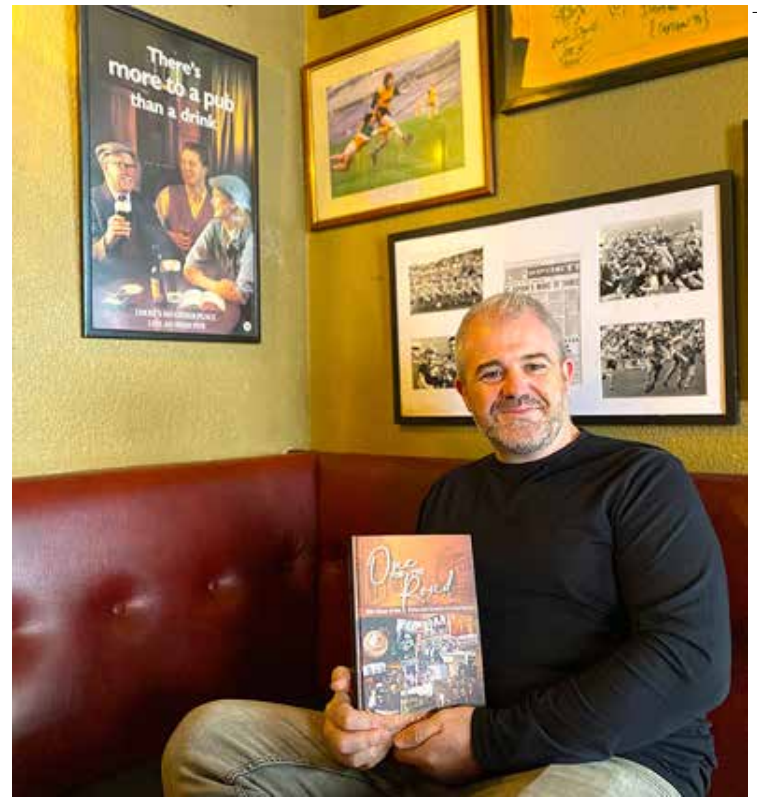
and hotel, and specifically those who ran them."

Kieran explains his reasons for writing this particular book. "The local pub can be many different things to many people depending on their own point of view. It could be their place of work or where they met their partner. It could be where they watch their favourite sports team or maybe it's the place they no longer go to, for various reasons. However, to many people, it is, and always has been, a place where they can meet and connect with their friends. A place where they can socialise and catch up on all the latest news, gossip and banter - even if it's not true!" He continues, "For centuries, the pub has become a pillar of the Irish community, just as much as the local church or GAA club. There's a reason why so many soap operas on television or plays on stage have a pub at the centre of them - a Rovers Return, a Queen Vic or even a Cheers! - it's where people meet and things happen...where everybody knows your name! Deals are made at a bar counter; business transactions are discussed in a snug. Weddings, birthdays, communions, confirmations, wakes and funerals

all typically involve the local pub in some capacity. And so, for these and other reasons, the local pub serves as an important place in bringing the people of the town together and throughout its history, it always has."

Using archival records of commercial directories, censuses, land valuation records, newspaper archives and interviews with several people, Kieran was able to piece together a vast interwoven history of all the pubs and hotels that have been in the town over the last two centuries. All of this is complemented by a huge amount of photographs, kindly used with permission by many people who sent them to him and something that he acknowledges helps bring the book to life.

"I could not have done the book without people kindly sharing these photos with me. I didn't want the book to just be facts and figures. It's important to show the social life in the pubs, the enjoyment so many people had in them. Especially in the pubs that are now no longer here. Whether it be Sweeney's or McClafferty's, The Continental or The Old Spirit Bar...these places are now no longer just



memories for people. This book is now a permanent record for all of these pubs and especially highlighting who ran them. They existed, and now we'll always know about them."

June at 7pm in the Regional Cultural Centre and all are welcome to attend. There will be live music on the night with complimentary food and drink. Following the launch, the book will be available in local bookshops and also online at www.letterkennyhistory.com.

Eileen's amazing oral healthcare career

When Eileen McGlinchey commenced her training as a dental nurse at Athlone IT in 2009 she never envisaged that it would evolve into a remarkable journey over the next 15 years. Another milestone was reached at the end of last month when she graduated as a fully qualified dental surgeon. The Ardara native's passion for oral healthcare had seen her set up her own business Smileyeileey in 2012 and five years later the success of that venture made it a full-time occupation. When it was then suggested to her that she consider becoming a fully fledged dentist there were not surprisingly some doubts in her own head as it is a daunting five-year course.

But, in 2019 Eileen took the plunge into a hugely challenging and intense study programme that included the difficult Covid years. But all the hard work was worth it as Eileen graduated from Cork University Dental School and Hospital at the end of last month. "I went to Athlone IT to do the Dental Nursing course in 2009 because it wasn't available in Letterkenny. I had a big interest in oral healthcare from



Eileen McGlinchey.

there and went on to do the degree. I was also seeing the need as well for the promotion of that care in children. I approached the local schools about going in and giving talks. That's how Smileyeileey started. That became a part-time job along with dental nursing. It just started to grow and I was all over the country. So I went full-time. People could see I had a good way with children so that's what helped make it a success" Ms Kennedy said.

Then came the next big point in her life when the suggestion of becoming a dental surgeon was floated. "Some people were saying I should go for it. I was wondering if I was wise to be thinking about going back to study for such an intense course. It was very intense but I had the interest and desire to stick at it and I have now graduated." The last

two years when the practical hands-on work with patients started was really a part of the course that Eileen enjoyed a lot. "I found that I was good with patients. There was one lady that had a big fear of going to the dentist. When she came back to me a few weeks later, she said she didn't have the same fear as before and that was very satisfying for me" Ms Kennedy said.

Now she plans to combine a career in dental surgery with her Smileyeileey oral healthcare business. There are just three dentistry schools in the country (Cork, Dublin and Belfast) so there is a shortage of qualified surgeons in the country. A number of the students in Eileen's year were from Canada and half of them have gone back to practice in their own country. In an attempt to address the shortfall of dentists here, the Irish College of Surgeons are

to open another school in September of next year. Shane Doherty from Drumkeen graduated from the Cork school with Eileen Kennedy.

Eileen, a native of Ardara, has been resident of Letterkenny for the past number of years. After graduating in Dental Nursing in 2011, she continued her education completing a BSc in Dental Practice Management and Oral Health Promotion in 2012. She has been providing her Oral Health Workshop's to preschools, primary schools and special needs schools across Ireland over the past 12 years and has been a strong advocate for good oral health in disadvantaged areas and communities throughout Ireland.

Eileen's passion for oral health led her to create the Smileyeileey Oral health and teething range which is available nationwide and encourages children to care for their teeth in a fun way. So who is Smileyeileey and what does she do? "Good oral hygiene is something I am very passionate about as I believe that this is an extremely important area as helping children avoid dental problems, instilling healthy oral hygiene habits that will also benefit their overall health later in life.

I have dedicated my career to prevention by providing fun and educational



Eileen McGlinchey with Tallaght girls.



The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny

Country Sundays
Sun. 16th June -
Derek Ryan

Doors Open 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11pm

€15 Pay at door followed by music in McGittigan's Bar from 11pm.

Coming - 30th June - Robert Mizzell; 7th July - Jimmy Buckley



Kilmacrennan Men's Shed are 10 years old

Kilmacrennan Men's Shed are holding a ten year celebration coffee morning on this Saturday the 15th June from 11am - 3pm at the Men's Shed with all the proceeds going to the Donegal Hospice and the Men's Shed. Everyone is welcome and there will also be a walk beforehand to support Men's Health Week, leaving from the Men's Shed at 10am. A wood turning display will also take place throughout the day.

Oral Health Workshops to Preschools, Primary and Secondary schools, mother and toddler groups, residential/care homes, camps, scout groups all across Ireland. My mission is to make looking after our teeth a fun experience especially for children," Ms Kennedy said. She was highly commended after being honoured to be a finalist in the People of Prevention Awards and Irish Dentistry Awards 2017 and again in 2018. Eileen stood out with the invention of a clever flossing keyring. The keyring is innovative, it's a great preventive tool, and it really encourages oral health awareness.

People of Prevention. In 2017 Eileen launched an innovative fundraiser in aid of Donegal Hospice. She came up with the idea to sell dental floss on a keyring to encourage children and adults alike to get into the habit of flossing, with the proceeds going towards charity and it raised €1,000. During the Donegal Rally, she made sure the rally crews were looking after their teeth between stages.

"Flossing can increase life expect-

tancy by six years. The bacteria that live in our mouth can go down our throat into our heart, lungs and stomach and cause blockages there also unless we clear it using floss. Having floss on a key ring makes it easier. Food can get stuck in between our teeth after eating. Having the flossing key ring can solve that problem very quickly. A keyring is also handy for children as they can clip it to their school bags or their locker keys."

Eileen has worked in places like Tallaght in Dublin where a drive got underway to improve kids dental health after research bore that out. Because there was no HSE Dental Hygienist covering the Tallaght area, the Childhood Development Initiative (CDI) teamed up with Eileen McGlinchey's special children's dental awareness programme 'Smiley Eileey'. An Irish study in 2018 found that 37% of HSE dentists saw children every day with major dental problems which were preventable and should have been recognised much earlier. Poor dental health is closely linked to social disadvantage.

Toland steps down as Swilly boss

Laurence Toland has stepped down as manager of the Swilly Rovers Donegal Junior League Premier Division side. Toland has been in charge for the past couple of years and guided the team to the top flight for the 2023-2024 season after winning the Division 1 title in some style. After a good start to last season in the Premier the team's form dipped in the second half of the campaign. Toland had also been playing for the first team but missed a couple of spells with injury. He will now concentrate on playing as the club starts the search for a new manager.

AGM
Ramelton Mariners will hold their annual general meeting at Sip and Slice at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 18th of June. All members are invited to attend.

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

Swilly Rovers Lotto
Numbers drawn in the Swilly Lotto were 6, 11,

14 and 20. No jackpot winner. One 3 number winner: Karen Dunworth. This week's jackpot is €625. Thanks for your continued support.

Country Market
Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 15th June. Get your orders in for the weekend from our food producers on 087 9699715. Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables,

breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, woodturning and more. Meet up with family and friends at our Cosy Tearoom for a tea/coffee and maybe a delicious Cheese Toastie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member. We



look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

New Yoga Class for beginners

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

Ramelton SVP

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

Crochet and knitting craft group

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

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

Little Ballers

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

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.

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

RAMELTON MARINERS FC 

Annual General Meeting

will host their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 18th June in the Sip and Slice at 7.30pm. All welcome



Congratulations to Ashling Coyle on winning Skin Therapist of the Year in the Aesthetic Excellence Awards 2024 Ireland. Ashling is the daughter of Kathleen & Patrick Coyle, Ramelton.



Cllr. Paucic McGarvey being congratulated by his uncle Ian and his mother Bried.



Joe Birney, Kathleen Stevenson, Liz Birney and Adrian McGarvey at the count.



Cllr. Paucic McGarvey with Kathleen Stevenson.



Cllr. Paucic McGarvey is raised shoulder high by his supporters on Sunday.



Above and below - prizewinners in the County Community Games Art from Ramelton at the weekend.



Rally Cars to parade down Milford's Main Street



Derek McMahon and Starritt Graham in the Mark 1 Escort.

On Sunday evening 23rd June, the Donegal Motor Club has kindly arranged for the Rally Cars to drive down Milford's Main Street on their return journey back to the finishing Ramp in Letterkenny at around 4.30pm. This is to honour those people involved and to mark the fact that the first ever Donegal Motor Club meeting was held in the Milford Hotel back in 1970.

Back in 1970 after returning from marshalling a the Circuit of Ireland Car rally, a group of men including Derek McMahon, Phonsie McElwee, Robert Ward, Seamus Kernan, John McClean, Ernest Stewart, PJ Wilhare, Walter Graham, Jim Callaghan, Tony Kingston, Eamon Harvey, Thomas Kearney, Joseph Wilhare, Frank Walls, Starritt Graham and Tom Logue got together in the Milford Hotel to set about starting up their own Donegal Motor Club and Donegal Car Rally. Under the lead of chairman Seamus Kernan the went about running the event.

And that was the start of what is now known as one of the best 3 day rally events in the Irish Rallying Calendar - from these humble beginnings, the Donegal Motor Club is known all over the world. The very first car rally run by this Club saw men and women compete in cars that were prepared to a very basic standard. But today rally cars have changed so much in the engineering and safety side of things that it is mind blowing. An MK2 Escort today with a 2.5L engine could set you back north of €100,000. A WRC 2 car with a 1.6L 3/cylinder engine can produce up to 420 BHP. The safety features in these modern cars are unbelievable with up to 34 metres of roll cage around you, a far cry from the early days. Everyone is encouraged come along to Milford town on Sunday 23rd June to watch the rally cars travel through the town back to the finishing ramp in Letterkenny and get a first glimpse of this years winners.

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Thurs 13th June - **Kieran McAree**

Thurs 20th June - **John Glenn & Brian Kerrigan**

For more information contact the hotel at 074 91-53313 or email info@mulroywoodshotel.com

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McMansions and McMindfulness

Tony Soprano glances at the headlines, shakes his head, then walks back towards his house. So began the first episode of what would become one of the most influential and iconic TV series of all time.

Every detail of Tony's life seems to have been chosen to paint a picture of the man and his house is no exception. The Soprano home is a mass of contradictions: palatial yet surprisingly cramped, expensively adorned yet unfinished. It reflects the conflicting personality of the show's protagonist.

It turns out there's a term for houses like this: McMansions. There's no precise definition but they tend to be big for the sake of being big and incredibly ostentatious. They feature design elements that might adorn a traditional stately home yet the overall impression is one of gaudiness rather than class. In other words, the perfect home for a mob boss and his wife who are eager to be something that they're not.

Now I've got no eye for architecture, but those who

do would make the same criticism of McMansions: they're built around superficial notions of sophistication without any understanding of the thought that ties the style together.

Just last week I came across another term I'd never heard of before: McMindfulness—another pejorative term that riffs on the McDonalds model of mass production and questionable quality. The writer who coined the term describes how the West has pillaged traditional spiritual practices from other cultures so they can be turned into "colourfully packaged bite-size morsels for mass consumption". Corporate training days, national school initiatives, and Instagram influencers show that there's a market there to be tapped.

So far so meh. If the Tony Sopranos of this world want to live in hodgepodge starter castles, so be it. A moderately entertaining radio personality is leaving the industry to shill superficial mental-wellness advice? No biggie.

Where things get more serious is when people start to mass produce knock-offs of things that really matter. Perhaps it's time we coined yet another new word: McChristian. A McChristian takes the bits he or she likes about Christianity without embracing what really makes it all work.

He shows up at church but only on those special occasions. She prays but only when the storm clouds are brewing. He talks about "faith" and "God's help" but only ever in the most abstract of terms. She loves some of Jesus' sayings ("judge not lest ye be judged") but never takes the time to read his words in context to understand their meaning.

The McChristian misses what lies at the centre of Christianity: faith in Jesus and Jesus alone, a repudiation of the idea that we can contribute in any way to our salvation, and the sort of response to Jesus' work that makes our faith the very centre of our lives rather than another hobby or interest that's tacked onto the outside.

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

It's the difference between the artificial additives of a Big Mac and the rich robustness of a sirloin steak. Why settle for something so obviously inferior?

Rathmullan

Tidy Towns Election Posters

Now that the Election is over, congratulations to our new County Councilors and we look forward to working with you all going forward. Thank you everyone for removing your posters promptly. Batts Walks Thanks to Councillor McGarvey and outgoing Councillor O'Donnell for their recent contributions towards some repair work down the walks, and to James Gallagher for his ongoing community work. Disappointing to note also, that there has been recent vandalism again, this time on the seating in Batts Walks. This behaviour is most disheartening, and we're indebted once more to Pat for his carpentry skills. Danny McBride has also recently repaired the perimeter wall at the RDRC, and indeed we're very fortunate to have so many excellent craftsmen and volunteers in our midst willing to help out in times of need.

In Ireland, hedgehogs are most commonly seen in gardens during the warmer months. They are nocturnal creatures, so they are active at night. They typically hibernate from December to March, so you could possibly see them any time now. They prefer areas bordering woodlands, scrub and open grasslands, but due to changing landscapes, they now also inhabit hedgerows, and gar-

dens which are open and unfenced. Maybe you could leave an area wild with leaves and logs for them to nest and forage. If you do spot one in your garden, just make him welcome and give him some food, like raw unsalted meat or cat food, but definitely no fish. Do Not feed it milk, just water. They are very beneficial for any garden as they feed on insects that attack vegetables, so no pesticides or traps either please.

The Beach Lifeguards are now on cover during weekends until the start of July when they will resume full cover for the rest of the summer. Why not help us and them by doing a quick 2 minute beach clean as you walk - pickers & bags available at their stand. Please also note that our free 'Borrow & Return' container of beach toys is also available at their hut. This is very useful if you have a mishap or just need to use something for an afternoon, while supporting the circular economy. Please adhere to restricted bathing areas and control of dogs and horses during specified times.

Sustainability

The local coffee vendors are doing their bit for the carbon footprint.... did you know that up to 200,000,000 (200 million) single use coffee cups are thrown away every year in Ireland, and cannot be disposed of in recycling bins! We're not suggesting



Rathmullan native Frank O'Donnell who was the director of elections of Crllr. Jimmy Kavanagh pictured after his election on Monday night.

that everyone goes without their regular cuppa, but we are appealing for consumers to consider using a clean reusable cup for the 'take away' instead. Get into the habit of carrying it and using it, and you might even get a small discount too. If you're a gardener, ask them about some coffee grinds for fertiliser too.

Rathmullan Community Art programme
We're delighted that we've been selected for the current round of the @TescoIr Community Fund in Letterkenny. If you're shopping in Tesco over the next few weeks, then we'd really

appreciate if you'd vote for us using your blue token.

A new community art project will be commencing shortly, in conjunction with a Buncrana based arts facilitator, Hanna Pidkaliuk, and we'd love to hear from young budding artists from ages 8-16 from the Rathmullan environs to get involved once more (086 2804555). Best wishes for a speedy recovery to our Bottle Top lead artist Emma who is currently undergoing intense treatment in hospital, and we're all looking forward to having you back among us again soon.

Cruinniú na n'Óg celebrations -Grá na Mara

Biodiversity and creative workshops for children aged 6+ at Fanad Light-house on Sunday 15th June, from 12-5pm. For full details visit www.wainfest.ie or book through eventbrite.

Water Safety Classes

A date for the diary will be the Rathmullan Classes coming up 15th - 20th July and bookings are now available by contacting rathmullanwagtersafety@gmail.com, and pre-registrations are mandatory.

Rathmullan Sailing School summer classes for adults and juniors (minimum age 10) are now taking bookings with limited availability for the July sessions. Contact rathmullanwagtersports@gmail.com for details.

Donegal IWDG

If you're interested in learning the most appropriate response to a live stranding event, including first aid, how to stabilise the animal or assisting with re-floating techniques, then you should attend the Cetacean Live Standing Training Course in Ray Community Centre, hosted by Irish Whale & Dolphin Group on Sunday June 15th from 10am to 5pm. This training will include a class room based theoretical session followed by a practical beach session. Booking is essential and details of fees and other information are all available on Eventbrite.

The Swilly Ferry

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

Musicians and music lovers wanted for RAMP Festival, Rathmullan



Musicians and music lovers of any age, any instrument, any ability to be part of the beautiful, monster music machine and phenomena that is The Totally Made Up Orchestra!

It takes place on the 8th of July from 6-9pm at a Workshop at Cara House, Letterkenny at the performance takes place on the 13th of July at 2pm at RAMP Rathmullan.

Brian Irvine's "The Totally Made Up Orchestra" is an orchestra like no other that blends composition, improvisation, words, sounds, movements, noises, gestures, humour and much head scratching into a unique and captivating performance.

Guided by the musical lunacy of

composer Brian you will devise, create and perform a completely new work from scratch over the course of just a few hours. It doesn't matter if you have been playing for years or minutes! It doesn't matter if you are 8 or 80!

If you can read music - great! If you don't read music - even better!

All you need to be part of this amazing ensemble is a desire to be heard, a desire to play with other people, an open mind and a big creative heart. Super fun and wild adventurous music guaranteed! Musicians of all levels and all ages are very welcome.

To take part, please sign up via this link: <https://forms.gle/14VG-v9NgDM3VcxNc6>

Top 4 finish in Workplace Fitness Challenge for TCS Letterkenny



Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) employees working out of the TCS Global Delivery Centre in Letterkenny recently took part in the 5th Annual Irish Life Workplace Fitness Challenge, securing a top 4 finish among participating companies across Ireland. Over 100 employees from the Global Delivery Centre registered to take part in the challenge. The team's dedication and commitment led to an amazing collective stride of over 21 million steps over the three-week challenge and smashed the target to achieve 5 million steps over the course of the challenge period. TCS' participation exemplifies its commitment to employee health and well-being. By embracing the challenge, the team not only demonstrated resilience but also fostered a culture of fitness and camaraderie within the work-

place. "We are thrilled to achieve such an outstanding result in the Workplace Fitness Challenge," said Leeanne Patterson, Head of Human Resources at TCS Global Delivery Centre Letterkenny. "This accomplishment underscores our dedication to promoting a healthy lifestyle among our employees, encouraging team spirit, and reinforcing our commitment to well-being. We have held numerous successful well-being initiatives this year and look forward to continuing." The Challenge serves as a platform for organisations across Ireland to promote employee wellness and encourage active lifestyle. TCS's commendable performance reflects its proactive approach to nurturing a supportive and healthy work environment.

Reverends David and Heather Houlton retire

The Reverends David and Heather Houlton officiated at their final services on Sunday in Churchill as they retire from ministry in the Parish of Conwal Union with Gartan. There will be a retirement event for David and Heather in the Conwal Parish Hall on this Friday night at 8pm.

Bishop of Derry and Raphoe Andrew Forster was in attendance at their final Service on Sunday and paid tribute to the Rev David and Rev Heather Houlton after six and a half years ministry in the Parish of Conwal Union with Gartan. Rev David has served as Rector throughout that period, while Rev Heather has served as Chap-

lain of Letterkenny University Hospital and Associate Minister of Conwal Union and Gartan.

The couple's last service was an important one for the local Church of Ireland community, the Annual Diocesan St Columba Celebration which usually takes place outdoors at Gartan Abbey – not far from where Columba is reputed to have been born – but which was forced indoors instead this year, to Gartan Parish Church in Churchill, because of driving rain.

Bishop Andrew said it was an auspicious day – the actual Feast Day of St Columba – but that there was a sadness to the day, as well, as they

bade a very fond farewell to Rev Heather and to Rev David from the parishes and from the diocese. "I want to thank Heather and David personally for their ministry in Conwal and

Gartan over the last six and a half years. You very quickly endeared yourselves to your parishioners and your ministry has been marked by real love of your people and a love in sharing the goodness of God with them.

"Heather, I want to thank you, in particular," the Bishop said, "for your ministry in the hospital in Letterkenny as a chaplain. I know from around the diocese that that has been deeply appreciated by so many. Thank you for all you have done."

And turning to her husband, Bishop Andrew said, "I suppose a Yorkshire man has to go back to Yorkshire, doesn't he, to retire? We'd much prefer you to stay in Donegal, but we do wish you every blessing for the future. We've great thankfulness for all that you've done and, you know, you'll always have a welcome in the homes of Donegal; you know that."

Bishop Andrew paid tribute, too, to the Britannia Band, who provided music as usual for today's service. And afterwards, also as usual, the congregation enjoyed fellowship and refreshments thanks to the generosity of the Gartan parishioners as they joined in wishing the Reverends David and Heather Houlton every happiness in their retirement.

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Reverends David and Heather Houlton with Bishop Andrew Forster on Sunday.



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Further information sought on Creeslough shop planning

Further information has been sought by Donegal County Council in relation to a planning application for the demolition and rebuilding of Creeslough Supermarket. A decision had been due on Wednesday, June 12th, on the development but an update states more information is now being sought.

The application by Vivo Shell Ltd seeks the demolition of existing building, erection of new building which will incorporate shop, post office, off-licence, store, deli, toilets including

accessible toilets, staff welfare facilities, forecourt, replacement of underground storage tanks and pumps, external canopy, associated signage and all other associated site development works including a space for a memorial garden in Creeslough that was received by the planning department on April 18th. A total of 31 submissions have been received objecting to the development where 10 people died in a tragic explosion in October 2022.

North West 10k cheque presentations

The presentation of the cheques to the three benefitting North West 10k charities will take place on next Monday evening, 17th of June at 7pm in the Mount Errigal Hotel. The 27th North West 10k took place on the May Bank Holiday Monday in Letterkenny. The charity event has raised over €931,000 since the Northwest 10k started in 1997.

The three benefitting charities this year are the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh Community First Responders, Cara House Family Resource Centre and the Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre.

Death of Paul McElhinney

The death has taken place of Paul McElhinney, late of Portnablagh, Dunfanaghy and Enfield, London. He passed away suddenly last Saturday, June 8th, aged 59.

He went to school locally and secondary school in the Royal and Prior in Raphoe and also Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology.

Paul worked in the hospitality sector for many years and was highly regarded in his profession. While he lived mostly in the UK he regularly returned back to his native Portnablagh for frequent visits.

He was an only child and is predeceased by his parents Francis and Ruth.

He is survived by his extended family and many friends and is remembered as a kind, generous, person who will be missed. His funeral service is in St. John's Church, Ballymore on this Thursday, 13th June at 2 p.m. Burial afterwards in the adjoining graveyard.

Funeral of Mary Connor

The funeral will take place in Carrigat this Thursday, 13th of June of Mary Connor. Aged 95 she was formerly a member of the McBride family and a native of Devlinreagh Point.



Mary passed away in Derby, England on the 14th of May. She emigrated to the UK in 1964 and worked as a member of the household at a hospital in Derby. Predeceased by her husband Neil and son John Joe, she is survived by her daughters Maria, Carmel, Tina, Mary Rose, Catherine and Ann, sons Michael and Eddie; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her remains arrived at the family home in Devlinreagh on Wednesday evening to repose overnight. Requiem Mass will take place in the Church of St. John the Baptist at 11.00am on this Thursday followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery. Mary will be sadly missed by all her family to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

Funeral of Connell McMenamin

The interment of the ashes of the late Connell McMenamin will take place in the family plot in Conwal Cemetery on this Friday following Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.

Connell was a native of the High Road who had resided in the USA for most of his life. He was living in Manhattan, New York when he passed away on Tuesday 26th May 2020.

He had worked very successfully in the tourism sector. Connell was a big supporter of the Letterkenny Reunions. He also was a very welcoming host when Letterkenny Reunion groups and other natives of the Cathedral Town visited New York.

Mass for the repose of Connell's soul will take place in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny at 11 am this Friday 14th June which can be viewed live at www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny followed by interment of his ashes in the family plot in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the people who came out and gave me their preference vote on June 7th.

Congratulations to newly elected Cllr Declan Meehan on becoming a new member of Donegal County Council and returning Cllr Liam Blaney and Cllr Pauric Mc Garvey.

Best wishes to out going Cllr John O'Donnell and all the other candidates Maria Doherty SF, Eamonn Jackson 100%, Aaron Sweeney FG, Kathleen Deeney, Aontu.

Wishing you all the best in the future Vincent J Bradley.



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I would also like to thank those that worked tirelessly over the last number of weeks to ensure I was elected to represent the Milford Electoral Area. I look forward to working with and for you over the next five years.



There will be a "Thank You" get together in the Country Roads Inn, Rosnakill at 9.00pm

on Friday 14th June. Everyone welcome

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Memorial stone in memory of Hugo

Milford Athletic Club in conjunction with Milford Park Development Committee will hold an unveiling of a memorial stone in memory of the late Hugo Duggan on this Saturday the 15th June at 12noon at the playing pitches, Moyle Road in Milford. The new stone is opposite the long jump area, the discipline in which Hugo won many National Titles. Guest speakers include, John Cronin, president of Athletics Ireland and Patsy McGonagle, five times Irish Olympic team manager.

Milford AC, Milford Park Development Committee and Hugo's family extends an open invitation to all to attend, particularly people who knew Hugo, groups or Clubs he was involved with, former athletes he coached or managed. All welcome. Refreshments will be served.



Death of Mary Connor

Deepest sympathy is extended to Eddie Connor, Kilmacrennan Road, Carmel McConigley, The Glack, Martina Murray, Mount Marian, Milford and the extended Connor family on the death of their mother Mary Connor in Derby, England and formerly of Devlinreagh, Carrigart. Her remains reposed at her

home in Devlinreagh before funeral Mass in Church of St. John the Baptist on Thursday 13th June at 11.00am followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery.

50/50 Draw

The next draw will take place on Sunday 7th July in the Hi-da-way Bar for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Credit Union Draw

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



Cllr. Declan Meehan speaking outside the Milford Public Services Centre on Sunday evening at his homecoming celebrations as a Councillor. Below Declan pictured with his family in the Count Centre.

Milford Hall Dancing

Dancing in the Hall has now finished for the summer months. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your continued support, it is very much appreciated. Also huge thank you to James Sandilands for the great music. We will be back up and running again in September and look forward to seeing you all then. In the meantime enjoy your summer and stay safe.

Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows Sunday 7th July Beach Mission Team.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing on Saturday 22nd June to Foyle Golf Club, Derry. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Playgroup celebrates 40 Years

Milford Community Playgroup are celebrating their 40 year anniversary this September. The organising committee are busy planning the event which will take place in the Milford Parochial Hall on Saturday 21st September. The committee are looking for old photographs / memorabilia from over the years, newspaper clippings etc. All items submitted will be photocopied and returned. Please leave these into the play-school or email milfordcommunityplaygroup@hotmail.com by 18th of June.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford Thursday 13th June 10am, Friday 14th June 10am; Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm; Sunday 16th June at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 15th June at 6pm.

Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sun-





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Donal 'Mandy' tops poll as Redress wins seat in Letterkenny

Two recounts later all seats in the Letterkenny Electoral Area were deemed filled with Fianna Fail's Donal 'Mandy' Kelly topping the poll and getting elected on the first count.

In an emotional victory he polled 1,791 first preferences that exceeded the quota of 1,603 by a surplus of 188 to retain the seat won by his

late brother Manus who died tragically competing in the Donegal International Rally in June, 2019. He was joined by a new face, Tomás Seán Devine of the 100% Redress Party, who was elected on the tenth count. He polled 1,259 preferences in a vote that was well spread across the constituency polling stations. This makes him one of

four new 100% Redress Party councillors who will take up seats in Lifford for the next council term.

In one of the busier electoral areas in the county, 18 candidates were vying for one of seven seats on offer. The turnout was 53% and the quote required was 1,603 and it would go down to the wire.

While it wasn't without its drama with two recounts being ordered late on, this did not materially determine who would or wouldn't get a seat.

Among the early exits were Independent Selina O'Donnell who polled 32 first preferences, Vincent Bradley (Ind) who got 108, and The Irish People's Anne McCloskey who received 144.

Nuala Carr of the Green Party polled 175, while Labour's Michael McLaughlin got 229.

Newcomer Ulick Hughes for Sinn Féin polled 348 and Independent candidate contesting her second election Thoiba Ahmed got 433 preferences.

Sinn Féin's Sandra Haughey polled 605 preferences, followed by Letterkenny independent candidate Declan Jordan on 626, and sitting area Independent Cllr Kevin Bradley on 717, down from his 2019 tally of 952.

Aontu's Mary T Sweeney was looking to gain on her 2019 first preference tally of 649, which she did to 760 this time around. Sitting councillors Sinn Féin's Gerry McMonagle took 952, while Fianna Fail's Donal Coyle polled 948.

Independent Cllr Michael McBride polled 1,088 preferences while Fine Gael's Cllr Jimmy Kavangh got 1,222 and fellow sitting Cllr Ciaran Brogan took 1,380.

It took until the tenth count before Donal Mandy had company at the council table when he was joined by Gerry McMonagle who received a total of 1,711 votes having received a huge vote distribution of over 500 from fellow Sinn Féin candidate Sandra Haughey and the Redress Party's Tomás Seán Devine on 1,680, both over the required quota.

It was at this point in the proceedings at around 1.30am that a recount was request-



A disappointed John O'Donnell at the count.

ed by Mary T Sweeney of the Aontu Paty when Devine's transfers put Kevin Bradley ahead of her by just 5 votes. This request was acceded to by Returning Officer Seamus Canning and began on Monday morning. When it had concluded by evening time, it was determined that the Aontu candidate was now five votes ahead of Bradley at this stage due to an error detected in the count.

This prompted Bradley to then order a recount of his own, which, again was acceded to. The result of this second recount determined the same result as the first, placing Sweeney ahead by five votes and the end of the road for Bradley's time on Donegal County Council.

The distribution of his votes saw Fianna Fail's Ciaran Brogan on 1,822 and Fine Gael's Jimmy Kavangh on 1,685 and both elected on the 13th count having exceeded the quota.

The 14th count saw Aontu's Sweeney bow out of the race on 1,150 and the last two seats filled by returning councillors, Independent Cllr Michael McBride on 1,615 and Fianna Fail's Cllr Donal Coyle on 1,266, and brought the curtain down on a lengthy count in the Aura Leisure Centre.



Cllr. Liam Blaney congratulates Cllr. Declan Meehan on his election.



Cllr Kevin Bradley in discussion with Council election officials Liam Ward and Seamus Canning on Monday evening before it was announced that his request for a full re-examination of the ballot papers had been granted.





O'Donnell in the headlines as vote crumbles

The Milford Electoral Area produced three big stories over the weekend at the Aura Leisure Centre. Without doubt the main headline was Independent Cllr John O'Donnell losing his seat after having topped the poll five years earlier.

By Declan Kerr

Another hugely significant takeaway was Independent candidate Declan Meehan topping the poll this time around with tallies giving the

Milford native 1,712 some 400 votes ahead of O'Donnell. The third story was the performance of Pauric McGarvey who was facing the electorate for the first time after only being co opted onto the Council to replace his uncle Ian 14 months ago.

According to the tallies McGarvey polled 1,378 first preferences which put him firmly in the running for the third seat ahead of O'Donnell and behind Meehan and outgoing Cllr Liam Blaney

who was looking fairly safe to be returned to Lifford. Undoubtedly the big shock was O'Donnell losing his seat after being such a high profile Independent Cllr over the past decade. In his home town of Kilmacrennan his vote was down by a combined total of 37 from 2019 as he got 208 and 209 votes respectively from the two booths. And that was an indication of a trend of a dip in his popularity. Five years previously his first preference tally was 1,940. This time it was 1,327. The total Milford tally was 12,723 votes.

O'Donnell's vote in Termon dropped by 30 votes compared to 2019. Percentage wise O'Donnell's vote was down a whopping 9% from 25.3% to 16.3%. Downings was a big loser for him this time going from 264 votes in 2019 to 118 at the weekend, a drop of 146. Declan Meehan was very much seen as capable of being elected but it was seen as a battle for the third seat with Pauric McGarvey. Liam Blaney and John O'Donnell were tipped to take the first two. After suffering disappointment in the 2019 local elections



Danny, Mairead and Anne O'Donnell with James Diver and Hugh Cannon.



Cllr. Declan Meehan with Kathleen Deeney and Éamonn Jackson.

Meehan's profile has been building over the past five years and that translated into a triumph at the weekend. From the early tallies on Saturday the Independent candidate prospects of being a member of Donegal County Council for the next five years were looking very good. In 2019 he took 685 first preference votes. This time around that figure had jumped to a superb 1,712. That was a jump of 1,104. In percentage terms he went from 9.4% to 21% in the

space of five years.

He was the big winner in the three Milford Town booths with a combined vote of 470, way ahead of the other three contenders Blaney, O'Donnell and McGarvey. Meehan also polled well in Fanad with 97, 69 and 68 respectively from Kerrykeel, Cashel and Portsalon. The Brownknowe was also big as the Independent got 94.

Liam Blaney the outgoing Fianna Fail Cllr total tally was 1,534 down 142 votes on the 2019 figure of 1,676. His vote in Portsalon dropped from 142 to 125 and there was a fall in Kerrykeel from 205 to 150. Where Meehan was gaining in Fanad, Blaney was suffering and it was a similar story in Cashel. He did hold very steady in Rinmore and Rosnaskill taking 134 and 119 votes respectively.

Pauric McGarvey was contesting his first election so it was a journey into the unknown for the Rathmullan native with strong family ties in Ramelton. When his uncle Ian McGarvey ran in 2019 his first preference tally was 779 well this time around his nephew took 1,378 votes which was an improvement of 599. McGarvey was the top man in Ramelton with a combined total of 336 votes from the two booths. He was way in front of the others and it was a similar story in Rathmullan where McGarvey polled 250 with Meehan next on 99. His percentage share of the total Milford tally was 16.9%.

Sinn Fein's Maria Doherty was next in terms of first preferences after Meehan, Blaney, McGarvey and O'Donnell with 918 votes. Her 2019 total was 787. As expected her biggest returns were in her home areas booths in Carrigart,

Devlinreagh and Downings with a combined vote of 362 nearly a third of her overall total. Last time out her combined votes in those areas was 328 so up by 34 votes. She did benefit a bit from O'Donnell's drop in Downings. Doherty's percentage share of the vote was slightly up on 2019 going from 10.3% to 11.3%.

100% Redress Party candidate Eamonn Jackson was next in the tallies just ahead of Aaron Sweeney. His best return was in Kerrykeel where he received 60 votes coming in third behind Blaney and Meehan. In his home area of Milford, Jackson didn't get the return that he needed with the three booths in the town taking 57 votes. He did take 53 in Kilmacrennan, 30 in Drumman and 45 in Ramelton.

While the defective concrete block issue is a problem in the Milford area it just hasn't got the same traction publicly that it has in the other areas like Inishowen and Letterkenny. Although the Party did get a candidate elected in the Glenties area where Denis McGee from Magheraroarty took a seat. Jackson's share of the vote was 6.1%. He ended up with a total of 603 votes when he was eliminated on the fourth count and elected Meehan who got 188 of a transfer. It put him over the quota of 2,036 with Meehan's support of the defective block issue and geography playing a part in the Jackson voters transferring well to him.

Fine Gael's Aaron Sweeney was next in the first preferences list with 497 which was 6.1% of the overall tally total of 12,723. That was way down on the combined 18.5% combined vote of Eimear Friel and Noel McBride in 2019. Friel polled 695 and McBride 721 respectively five years ago. His biggest vote was 80 in his home Cranford booth while it was 42 in Devlinreagh and 55 in Termon. Sweeney was eliminated and his 515 votes were distributed in the third count where Meehan fared best with 124 followed by Blaney 115 and McGarvey 79.

Aontu's Kathleen Deeney and Vincent Bradley of the National Party were the two candidates who were eliminated first. Deeney's first preference total was 131 while Bradley was on 143.

Her best returns were in her home areas of Drumhalla and Rathmullan where she took 13 and 10 votes respectively. Her percentage share of the overall vote was 1.6%. Vincent Bradley's highest booth vote was 14 in Termon followed by 11 in both Ramelton and Milford and 10 in Kilmacrennan. His percentage share of the total vote was 1.8%.

Both Deeney and Bradley were eliminated after the first count.



Liam Blaney is hoisted shoulder high on his election.



A bashful Cllr. Declan Meehan taking the applause of his supporters after his election on Sunday.



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The emotion gets to Cllr. Thomas Devine before his election on Sunday night and left happier with his wife and family.

It's about knocking on doors By Declan Kerr

The election count formally got underway at 9.15 on Saturday just after the introduction by the Returning Officer Geraldine O'Connor. It started with the separation of the papers from the European and local elections. Then the tallies commenced to try and give the candidates an indication of how they might fare ultimately when the formal count got underway on Sunday. All the canvassing had been done with a huge amount of physical and mental energy expended by the candidates. There was a sense of relief that part was over but it was replaced by nerves of wondering how was all that groundwork going to play out when the actual votes

In the European front early indications had Luke Ming Flanagan looking good to retain his seat with Niall Blaney's prospects looking a very long shot as the Inishowen boxes were being opened. In the local elections the two Inishowen 100% Redress candidates, Ali Farren and Joy Beard were featuring very strongly and well on their way to taking seats. Just after 10am in Buncrana the Fianna Fail Party was expressing quiet optimism that their new candidate Fionan Bradley would be able to hold the seat and replace the retiring Rena Donaghey. In Carndonagh with Ali Farren on course to get on the Council the early speculation was that the final seat was between Labour's Martin Farren and Johnny McGuinness of Fine Gael and that's the way it turned out.

One of the first boxes opened in the Letterkenny area was in Churchill where Michael McBride's tally was on 128, followed by Donal Mandy Kelly 52 and Ulick Hughes 44. Most of the rest were in single figures with the Defective Blocks candidate Thomas Devine on seven. Michael McBride was

reasonably happy with the six boxes in Illistrin, Glendowan, Trentagh and St. Conal's Sportshall. He was around 150 ahead of Ciaran Brogan from those tallies at that stage with Donal 'Mandy' Kelly 80 behind that.

Anthony Gallagher, a member of Michael McBride's team, tells us that 65 days of canvassing had been completed and over 13,500 doors had been knocked on. We were told that canvassers were getting a lot of anti-party vibes on the doorsteps.

Eamonn Jackson the 100% Redress Party candidate in the Milford Area said after all the hard work Saturday was an emotional day for him personally. A huge amount of physical effort had been put into the campaign with the help of a very good canvass team and he paid a huge tribute to them.

It was ten weeks of full-on campaigning on the defective blocks issue along other problems that were raised with him. And at the same time doing the day-time job had to be looked after by the Dublin native.

At lunchtime the word was that Donal Kelly was set to top the poll in the Letterkenny Area with tallies putting him around the 1600 mark at that stage. At the time the seats of Kevin Bradley and Donal Coyle looked to be under threat when the ballot boxes were still to be opened in Ballyraine, Scoil Muire, the Old Courthouse, Lurgybrack, Woodlands and Ray.

In the Milford Area, Declan Meehan the Independent candidate was pleased with the tallies with a strong showing in Milford and also in other areas including Portsalon. Back in Letterkenny the Jimmy Kavanagh camp were in a relaxed



Cllr. Pauric

McGarvey

Thank You

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who voted for me on Friday and gave me their No 1 Vote and any preference on the ballot paper.

Thanks to my canvass and poster team, Ian, my wife Mari-Claire and children Mason, Cody and Hallie and my family, a special word of thanks my director of elections Joe Birney. The support you all have shown to me was second to none.

I look forward to working on your behalf for the next 5 years in the Milford area.

mood with boxes still to open in Ballyrain and Woodlands where he would expect to do well. Kavanagh was sitting fourth in the tallies behind Donal Kelly, Ciaran Brogan and the 100% Redress Party candidate Thomas Devine.

My seat is in danger

Down in Inishowen Ali Farren and Jack Murray were going to exceed the quota in their respective areas. Just after 4 pm. Fianna Fail's Donal Coyle acknowledges that his seat was in danger and will need a favourable transfer share to be back in Lifford. Indications were that another possible source of support Sandra Haughey geographically might not have an impact with Sinn Fein voting

pretty much along Party lines and that's the way it turned with her transfers electing Gerry McMonagle.

With John O'Donnell behind Pauric McGarvey after the Kilmacrennan boxes were opened there was a big worry that he would struggle when it came to transfers. And again that's the way it turned out when it came to the actual count on Sunday. McGarvey's team were pleased with his vote in Ramelton and on Saturday evening Joe Birney was quietly optimistic that Pauric would hold the seat that he had taken over from his 93-year-old uncle Ian who was present in the Aura on both days.



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan after his election on Monday night with his parents Phil and Mary and Dr. James McDaid.



Thanks

I wish to congratulate the 10 Councillors who were elected from the Letterkenny/Milford Electoral Areas.

I want to thank my family, director of elections John Duffy, my team and everyone who voted for me and your support over the past 10 years.



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The final two counts in Letterkenny

The 14th and final count in the Letterkenny Electoral Area filled the last two seats which went to sitting Cllrs Independent Michael McBride and Fianna Fail's Donal Coyle at 10pm on Monday night in the Aura Leisure Centre. It came 37 hours after the count had officially started on Sunday morning. It was a marathon process that included two recounts called by Mary T Sweeney of Aontu and the Independent Cllr Kevin Bradley who were both still mathematically in contention for the final seat along with Coyle.

When the second recount was completed on Monday night, Bradley was five votes behind Sweeney with the outgoing Cllr then being eliminated. The distribution of his 1,108 votes saw another two outgoing Cllrs Ciaran Brogan and Jimmy Kavanagh exceeding the quota to be elected on the 13th count. They were joining the poll topper Donal 'Mandy' Kelly (Fianna

Fail) elected on the first count while both outgoing Cllr Gerry McMonagle (Sinn Fein) and Thomas Sean Devine (100% Redress Party) exceeded the quota on the ninth count.

That left four seats still to fill with Brogan, Kavanagh and McBride all expected to get over the line with some comfort. The final seat had for a while been seen as between Coyle and Sweeney but then Bradley did come into the frame and on the 12th count and went five ahead of Sweeney. But, Coyle was in pole position to take the final seat as he had a 101 advantage over Bradley and 106 ahead of Sweeney. It was at that stage at 1.25 am on Monday morning that Sweeney called for the full recheck that was acceded to by Returning Officer Seamus Canning to start on Monday morning at 10am.

When that was completed on Monday evening it was Sweeney that had a five vote lead over Bradley whose request for a full



Cllr. Michael McBride with siblings Oddie, Gerard, Felice and Maurice

recheck was granted. That still saw Bradley five behind and he was subsequently eliminated resulting in the election of Brogan and Kavanagh on the

13th count. The distribution of Ciaran Brogan's surplus of 193 votes then saw Coyle gain 54 to go on to 1266 while Sweeney got 21 putting her on 1150.

Michael McBride had received 43 to go to 1615 and just 14 votes off the quota. That all meant McBride and Coyle were re-elected without reaching the quota.

Letterkenny Tally Figures

	433 3.4%	717 5.6%	108 0.8%	1,380 10.8%	175 1.4%	948 7.4%	1,259 9.8%	605 4.7%	348 2.7%	626 4.9%	1,222 9.5%	1,791 14.0%	1,088 8.5%	144 1.1%	229 1.8%	952 7.4%	32 0.2%	760 5.9%	
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Polling Station	Ahmed T	Bradley K	Bradley V	Brogan C	Carr N	Coyle D	Devine T	Haughey S	Hughes U	Jordan D	Kavanagh J	Kelly D	McBride M	McCloskey A	McLaughlin M	McMonagle G	O'Donnell S	Sweeney MT	% Turnout
Balleeghan	2	8	1	19	2	19	40	23	2	1	11	19	6	3	2	7	0	9	57%
Churchill	0	10	0	3	1	2	7	2	45	2	4	51	126	1	4	0	0	5	71%
Glenmaquin	2	3	2	20	2	74	25	7	1	4	26	6	14	3	1	8	0	5	57%
Glenswilly	0	2	7	8	2	5	9	6	24	10	13	256	29	5	0	6	0	12	69%
Glenswilly	5	5	1	5	2	7	23	2	69	8	9	189	41	1	1	5	1	17	79%
Illistrin	7	18	1	71	4	4	36	17	3	7	32	56	96	4	7	12	0	11	59%
Illistrin	12	26	2	83	7	13	36	12	5	3	32	32	112	0	10	20	0	22	63%
Public Services Centre	3	21	2	20	0	4	16	3	25	8	19	137	16	2	7	5	1	15	57%
Public Services Centre	6	14	2	22	2	13	16	7	14	18	23	96	14	3	5	18	0	31	57%
Public Services Centre	15	10	0	35	1	4	46	12	2	10	9	16	27	4	3	24	0	16	43%
Ballyraine	9	23	0	20	9	21	25	9	2	4	49	36	4	8	16	8	1	26	46%
Ballyraine	10	16	1	27	5	26	19	2	2	7	45	25	10	4	22	19	0	19	48%
Ballyraine	17	4	4	28	6	12	18	9	1	5	31	25	19	5	8	25	1	18	49%
Ballyraine	13	26	3	29	5	37	19	18	4	29	52	23	17	4	7	6	1	25	47%
Ballyraine	16	23	3	34	8	26	15	22	4	14	54	34	21	3	5	19	0	31	49%
Ballyraine	9	16	2	40	5	73	22	9	4	20	12	22	7	1	1	7	1	31	54%
Courthouse	7	39	0	43	1	7	31	11	1	11	42	32	8	3	9	75	1	35	60%
Courthouse	37	26	2	27	3	13	19	4	3	49	36	39	14	4	2	55	3	15	53%
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál																			0%
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál	3	30	2	23	0	8	48	10	6	4	22	31	21	0	3	28	1	4	41%
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál	7	16	0	16	7	9	28	8	3	16	62	30	11	3	12	44	0	16	46%
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál	16	17	0	22	2	11	44	9	2	10	50	27	8	7	7	38	1	15	44%
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál	16	18	4	30	10	18	59	6	2	19	61	14	5	2	9	29	3	19	48%
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál	21	22	1	42	7	13	64	9	4	22	63	47	15	10	12	48	0	18	63%
Boys/Girls N.S.	20	7	2	18	2	3	6	6	5	102	7	29	9	6	1	10	2	6	52%
Boys/Girls N.S.	8	29	5	41	6	10	14	12	9	17	18	48	24	2	2	28	3	26	44%
Boys/Girls N.S.	15	14	3	16	6	10	34	9	10	22	9	34	7	2	2	31	0	6	36%
Boys/Girls N.S.	6	14	1	40	9	12	41	11	9	31	27	35	11	5	2	21	0	37	49%
Boys/Girls N.S.	8	22	5	31	5	9	24	6	8	40	43	45	38	3	22	34	2	27	76%
Letterkenny Sports Hall	10	18	7	40	0	14	26	13	0	16	19	9	11	5	2	51	2	17	37%
Letterkenny Sports Hall	15	11	3	30	6	5	21	10	3	20	21	24	29	1	3	36	1	8	35%
Letterkenny Sports Hall	28	15	3	33	1	5	15	15	4	16	30	21	10	6	3	66	1	20	42%
Lurgybrack	15	14	3	62	0	103	24	24	10	21	20	9	13	5	3	19	2	33	60%
Lurgybrack	3	36	3	76	5	100	41	39	3	17	19	27	10	2	5	17	0	16	65%
Manorcunningham	3	19	10	21	0	51	50	86	8	3	8	50	5	6	1	21	1	11	55%
Ray	3	20	2	27	2	55	62	22	2	4	24	24	14	6	0	8	1	29	64%
Ray	5	10	3	31	2	58	24	44	2	2	12	26	16	3	2	5	0	22	66%
Trentagh	5	13	3	66	4	5	13	7	7	5	9	22	74	0	0	19	0	4	62%
Trentagh	3	3	0	48	1	3	7	4	19	2	2	40	105	1	0	5	0	7	78%
Woodlands	6	13	3	28	4	18	56	31	8	9	28	31	13	4	2	27	2	17	48%
Woodlands	9	21	4	39	18	30	23	9	5	8	71	21	19	1	11	10	0	21	53%
Woodlands	11	31	5	25	5	16	62	15	5	5	53	31	20	4	10	14	0	16	50%
Woodlands	27	14	3	41	8	22	51	25	3	5	45	22	19	2	5	24	0	22	57%

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL (DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL)

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

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD (DONEGAL INTERNATIONAL RALLY)

21st, 22nd & 23rd June 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 for the purpose of holding a Motor Rally:

Friday 21st June 2024

STAGES 1 & 4 (Malin Head) 09.45AM – 17.30PM

Roads for Closure:

Bree, Ballygorman, Ardmalin, Culoort, Knockamany, Knockglass

The road numbers involved are:

L-1031-2, L-1031-1, L-1021-1, R-242-8, L-1011-4, L-1011-3, L-1011-2, L-1011-1, R-242-8, L-1001-4, L-1001-3, L-1001-1

Alternative Routes: No alternative route

STAGES 2 & 5 (Mamore Gap) 10.45AM – 18.30PM

Roads for Closure:

Kinnea, Dunaff, Letter, Urrismenagh, Lenan, Lederg, Tonduff, Dunree

The road numbers involved are:

L-1531-1, L-1531-2, L-1571-1, L-1581-1, L-1531-4, L-1531-5, L-1591-2, L-1591-1

Alternative Routes: No alternative route

STAGES 3 & 6 (Coolcross) 11.45AM – 19.15PM

Roads for Closure:

Glasalt / Treanfas, Altashane, Camdoagh, Tullynabratilly, Cloontagh, Rashenny

The road numbers involved are:

L-5511-1, L-5551-1, L-55511-0, L-11712-2, L-1171-1, L-5481-1, L-1181-1, L-5471-1, L-5461-1, L-1161-2, L-11611-0

Alternative Routes: No alternative route

SERVICE AREA

(CARNDONAGH)

09.30am – 22.00pm

The R244-10 will be closed from Supervalu, Carndonagh to Simpson's Co-op, Carndonagh

The Townlands involved are: Camdonagh and Tullanree

The road numbers involved are: R-244-10

Alternative Route: Via R-240-1, L-1271-1, L-1261-1 and L-12611-0

SATURDAY 22nd JUNE 2024

STAGES 7 & 9 (KNOCKALLA) - 08AM to 15.30PM

Roads for Closure:

Carran Lower, Carran Upper, Magherawarden, Bunnaton, Tirevlin, Lurganbrack, Tirlaydan, Carrowreagh, Creeveoughter, Inniskill, Killycolman, Drumhallagh Upper, Drumhallagh Lower, Bin, Clondallon, Newtown Carrowdoan, Legland, Oughterlinn, Lurganboy

The road numbers involved are:

R-268-5, R-268-4, L-1172-4, L-1172-5, L-5472-1, R-247-12, L-11824-1, L-54624-0, L-5462-2, L-11826-0, R-268-1, R-247-10, L-5462-1, L-5432-2, L-5432-3

Alternative Route: R246 Portsalon – Kerrykeel – Milford, R245 Ramelton and R247 Rathmullan.

STAGES 8 & 10 (GARRYGORT) - 09.15AM to 16.00PM

Roads for Closure:

Carrowkeel, Gortally, Drumatrumman, Dunmore, Gortnavern, Garrymore, Tirhomin, Garrygort, Glenalla, Ray, Ballyconnelly, Glentidally, Drumacloghan, Longhill, Cam High

The road numbers involved are:

L5492/3, L-5492-2, L-5512-4, L-5512-3, L-5512-1, L-5582-1, L-5592-1

Alternative Route: R247 Rathmullan to Ramelton road, R245 Ramelton to Milford road and the R246 Milford to Kerrykeel road

STAGES 11 & 13 (HIGH GLEN) 13.45PM to 19.30 PM

Roads for Closure:

Coolupper, CoolLower, Islandroy Barr and Drumfin, Glenkeo, Glengillagrana High, Glenmenagh, Glenineeny, Glenieraragh, Derriscleigh

The road numbers involved are:

L-1212-7, L-1216-6, L-1212-5, L-1212-4, L-1192-2, L-1192-3, L-1212-3, L-1212-2, L-1212-1

Alternative Route: N56 Kilmacrennan – Creeslough, R245 Creeslough – Carrigart-Milford.

STAGES 12 & 14 (LOUGH KEEL) 14.15PM to 20.00 PM

Roads for Closure:

Curry, Knocknabollan, Goldrum, Casheleenan, Letterfad, Gortnaskeagh, Meenreagh, Carrownasaul, Skerry, Tawny Upper, Ballynascanlan Upper, Ballynascanlan Lower,

The road numbers involved are:

L-5542-1, L-1192-7, L-11922-0, L-1232-1, L-11921-0, L-1192-7, L-1302-1, L-62123-0, L-6212-1, L-6192-1

Alternative Route: R246 Kilmacrennan to Milford Road, N-56 Kilmacrennan to Termon Road, R-245 Creeslough to Carrigart Road.

SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2024

STAGES 15 & 18 (GARTAN) - 10.00AM to 17.45PM

Roads for Closure:

Procklis, Clonkillymore, Drumbrick, Doon, Tirkillin, Cloncamey, Bohoelan, Tirargus, Glebe, Roshin, Lacknacoo, Churchtown, Carrownatrasna, Whitehill, Lossett, Kilmore, Ballybuninabber, Drumoghilly, Drumdeevin

The road numbers involved are:

L-1442-1, L-6282-1, L-6292-1, L-1512-2, L-1512-1, L-15121-0, R-251-6, L-1462-2, L-1462-1, R-251-7 and L-6262-2, L-6262-1

Alternative Route

R255 Glenveigh to Termon and R251 Churchill to the R250 to Letterkenny.

STAGES 16 & 19 (ATLANTIC DRIVE) 11.00AM to 18.45PM

Roads for Closure:

Kinnalargy, Mevagh, Clontallagh, Dundoonan Upper, Glebe, Glenoory, Doagh, Ardbane, Derrycassin, Downies, Cnoc na Muirleog, Larginreagh, Magherabeg

The road numbers involved are:

L-1032-2, L-1032-3, L-1022-1, L-1012-3, L-1012-2, L-5092-1, L-50922-0, L-1012-1, L-5112-2, L-5112-5

Alternative Route: No Alternative Route.

STAGES 17 & 20 (FANAD HEAD) - From 11.45AM to 19.45PM

Roads for Closure:

Ballyhiernan, Fallaneas, Cashel Glebe, Tonbane Glebe, Rinboy, Ballyhiernan, Rinnmore, Kinnalough, Magheradrumman, Cooladery, Shannaghdoe, Ballinacrick, Ballynabrocky, Ballynalost, Ballymichael, Ballure, Doaghbeg, Drumnacraig, Carryblagh, Doaghcrabbin, Lurganboy, Croaghross

The road numbers involved are:

L-50621-1, L-50622-1, L-50623-0, L-1072-1, R-247-22, R-247-23, L-1112-1, L-5022-1, L-5012-1, R-247-24, L-1072-5, L-1072-6, L-1072-7, L-5042-1, L-50322-2, L-10724-0, L-1072-9

Alternative Route:

R247 Kindrum to Ballymagowan and R246 Portsalon to Kerrykeel

All public roads connecting to the roads listed shall be closed for a distance of 300m from their junction with the listed roads.

Bryan Cannon
Director of Service, Roads & Transportation



Breaking bread....! Mary T Sweeney and Margaret McGeehan from Aontu with Michael Parkinson, Garda Maeve Sweeney and Sgt. Eunan Walsh.

First openly gay man elected to Council

Declan Meehan, the newly elected Cllr. in Milford is the first openly gay man to be elected as a public representative in Donegal. He topped the poll with 1,739 first preferences. Well known in the local area as the Manager of Milford and District Resource Centre, he secured two million euro of funding for local initiatives over the past five years. He also spearheaded successful community integration projects following new arrivals of refugees into north Donegal. He said: "I am proud to be elected to represent the interests of all people in our local area. At a time when we are seeing increasing divisions nationally, Friday's vote is a ringing endorsement of what we in Donegal all know; our community is welcoming and progressive - we are unified and not divided." This afternoon from the count in Letterkenny. "I am humbled to be the first openly gay man elected to public office in Donegal. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who came out and voted, to those who worked tirelessly on my campaign and to all those who came before, paving the way for me to stand here today as a proud gay man and a proud member of our community." Meehan also acts as the Chairperson of the Swilly-Mulroy Community Health Forum and Chairperson of Ray Community Group and is an elected member of the Donegal Public Participation Network's secretariat. He has been involved in several local and national campaigns over the past decade, including those focused on civil and human rights and community advocacy.



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COMÓRTAIS EARCAÍOCHTA

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

- Anailísí Tionscadail - Oifig Bhainistíochta Bóithre
- Príomh Oifigeach Dóiteáin Cúnta

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

Is é an dáta deiridh fá choinne foirmeacha iarrtais comhlánaithe a bheith linn ná 12 meán lae: **Dé Luain 1 Iúil 2024.**

Tá Foirmeacha Iarrtais agus Tuilleadh Eolais ar fáil ag www.donegalcoco.ie

Ní ghlacfar le hiarrtais a gheofar mall.

Is fostóir comhionannas deiseanna í Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall.

RECRUITMENT COMPETITION

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

- Project Analyst - Roads Management Office
- Assistant Chief Fire Officer

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 1st July 2024.**

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

No late applications will be accepted.

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ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 75, ROADS REGULATIONS 1994, ARTICLE 12 TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS R-245-11 at Fawninoughan, Milford

Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July 2024 from 7pm to 7am

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to make an Order to have the following road closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate sewerage main installation works.

The R-245-11 at Fawninoughan & Legnuckduff, Milford from the junction at L-1362-2 Magheradrumman Rd to the junction at L-1392-1 Moss Road will be closed.

The diversion routes will be as per the below:

- HGVs from Letterkenny should divert via N-56 Mountain Top/ Kilmacrennan/Milford.
- HGVs from Ramelton to divert via R-249 & R-246 Ramelton/ Kilmacrennan/Milford.
- HGVs from Fanad/Cranford to divert via R-246, R-249 & N-56 Milford/Kilmacrennan/ Letterkenny.

Local diversions for cars only via the L-5652-1, L-5652-2 Legmuckduff (Lagg) Road and L-5622-1/L-1362-2 Magheradrumman Road.

Persons wishing to object to the closure should submit objections in writing to the Roads & Transportation Section, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford before **4.30pm Tuesday 18th June 2024.**

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

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, Roads & Transportation.



The winners and casualties in an epic battle

It was going to be a good day for some candidates and heartbreak for others. By lunchtime on Sunday, Independent Cllr John O'Donnell's ten-year term was unofficially at an end in the Milford Electoral Area.

by Declan Kerr

In Letterkenny, another Independent, Cllr. Kevin Bradley whose five-year tenure was on a cliff edge. Fianna Fail Cllr Donal Coyle, was struggling at the wrong end of the table, and it was going to be a long drawn out saga for the Fanad native.

The big news story in Milford was the performance of the Independent Declan Meehan who set to top the poll followed by Pauric McGarvey's success in taking the third seat in the midst of many challenges. He was under big pressure to hold the seat that he had been co opted following his uncle Ian McGarvey's decision to step down from politics. The other sitting Cllr, Liam Blaney was taking nothing for granted but he was to be returned to Lifford for another five-year term.

The headline in terms of a good news story in Letterkenny was the extraordinary performance of Donal 'Mandy' Kelly. The Glenswilly man had been co opted onto the Council when his father Donal had stepped down. A very hard working Cllr over the past four years he was expected to be elected but not to top the poll. But, that's what he did and in some style.

The official count started at 9am on Sunday morning in the Aura Centre with some candidates certain to take seats in the electoral areas of Milford and Letterkenny. Liam Blaney came out top in the postal vote counted in the Milford Area 20 ahead of Declan Meehan (18), Pauric McGarvey (13) while John O'Donnell's total was four. In Letterkenny Thomas Devine was on top with 11 followed by Donal 'Mandy' Kelly (8), Donal Coyle (7) and Ciaran Brogan six. Initially in the Milford Area the O'Donnell camp were feeling a little more optimistic after a night's sleep. They were pinning their hopes on a decent transfer from Aaron Sweeney and Maria Doherty.

While the defective blocks is a big issue in the Milford area there was an acknowledgement that the problem wasn't making the same headlines as in Inishowen and Letterkenny where three 100% Redress candidates were on their way to being elected. Milford is just a little behind on that journey and that clearly impacted on their candidate Eamonn Jackson despite a very strong canvass from a man who has given over a decade of his life to the campaign.

At lunchtime the mood among the O'Donnells had taken a nosedive. Having had a look at where the transfers were going in the first official count, they concluded that there is no way that he can take the seat. So sure are they that they decide to put away clip boards and cease crunching the numbers. But not before their supporters shake hands with Pauric McGarvey accepting that he was going to take the seat.

Just before 1.30pm the first count was declared in the Milford Electoral Area with none of the candidates reaching the quota of 2058. Declan Meehan, Independent topped the poll with 1739 votes followed by Liam Blaney, Fianna Fail (1563), Pauric McGarvey Independent (1391) and John O'Donnell, Independent 1304. They were followed by Maria Doherty, Sinn Fein (934), Eamonn Jackson,

100% Redress (502) and Aaron Sweeney, Fine Gael (500). As a result the votes of the two lowest candidates formed the second count after the elimination of Kathleen Deeney, Aontu (132) and Vincent Bradley, Independent (145).

At 3.45 at the end of the second count no candidate had reached the quota either following the distribution of Kathleen Deeney's vote of 277. Liam Blaney got 35 (1598); Maria Doherty 17 (951); Eamonn Jackson 62 (564); Pauric McGarvey 55 (1446); Declan Meehan 23 (1762), John O'Donnell 20 (1334) and Aaron Sweeney 15 (515). There were 50 non-transferable votes. As a result the Returning Officer Patricia McIntyre moved to eliminate Aaron Sweeney and distribute his 515 votes.

The third count saw the distribution of Sweeney's 515 votes with Declan Meehan faring best with 124 followed by Blaney (115), McGarvey (79), O'Donnell (63), Doherty (45) and Jackson 39 meaning that the 100% Redress candidate was the next candidate to be eliminated as no one had reached the quota. There were 50 non-transferable votes making a total of 100.

The fourth count was announced at 5.15 with Declan Meehan being the first candidate in the Milford Area to be elected following the distribution of Eamonn Jackson's 603 votes. Meehan received 188 (2074) followed by Pauric McGarvey 139 (1664), Maria Doherty 92 (1088), Blaney 89 (1802) and John O'Donnell 31 (1438). Meehan was elected at 5.15pm. That led to the elimination of Maria Doherty and her total vote of 1088.

At 6.10pm the fifth count saw the distribution of the Doherty vote of 1088 and resulted in the election of both Liam Blaney and Pauric McGarvey without reaching the quota of 2058. Blaney received 249 to put him on a total of 2051 while McGarvey took 283 to put him on 1947. John O'Donnell got 323 to give him a total of 1,671.

At teatime the first count in the Letterkenny Area resulted in Donal 'Mandy' Kelly being elected on a vote of 1,841 having exceeded the quota of 1,629. He was followed by his Fianna Fail Party candidate Ciaran Brogan (1,407), Thomas Devine (1,289), Jimmy Kavanagh (1,248). Michael McBride 1,101, Donal Coyle 950, Kevin Bradley 734, Gerry McMonagle 927, Mary T Sweeney 782, Declan Jordan 621, Sandra Haughey 619, Ulick Hughes 345, Michael McLaughlin 226, Nuala Carr 176, Ann McCloskey 150, Thoi-ba Ahmed and Vincent Bradley 95.

Returning Officer Seamus Canning then proceeded to the fifth count and the distribution of Donal 'Mandy' Kelly's 212 votes. Michael McBride did best here with 37 followed by Ciaran Brogan 31, Jimmy Kavanagh 21, 19 both Kevin Bradley and Donal Coyle, Ulick Hughes 17, Thomas Devine 13, Gerry McMonagle 10 and Mary T Sweeney 7. That led to the elimination of both Vincent Bradley with 96 votes and Selina O'Donnell 151 a total of 297.



Cllr. Declan Meehan with his husband Dr. Padraig McGuinness, mother Yvonne, brothers Mark and Francis and nephew.

The sixth count saw the distribution of Bradley and O'Donnell combined votes of 297. That resulted in the elimination of the Green Party's Nuala Carr and her 178 votes. In the seventh count Carr's distribution saw Kavanagh benefit most with 28 (1301) followed by Michael McLaughlin 25 (254) and Thomas Devine 14 (1340). It also resulted in the elimination of Anne McCloskey and her 181 votes.

With the quota at 1629 none of the candidates were anywhere near that figure after the seventh count. Mary T Sweeney did best from the distribution of Anne McCloskey's 181 votes taking 60 of them putting her on a



Defeated Fine Gael candidate Aaron Sweeney on Highland Radio with John McAteer.



Cllr. Declan Meehan is hoisted shoulder high after topping the poll in Milford on Sunday.



Cllr. Pauric McGarvey with his wife Mari-Claire and children Mason, Cody and Hallie after his election.



Cllr. Liam Blaney with his mother Margaret, partner Noelle and family after his election.

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total of 874. She was followed by Thomas Devine 54 (1394). The Returning Officer Seamus Canning then proceeded to exclude the lowest candidate Labour's Michael McLaughlin and his vote of 254. In the eight count, the distribution of McLaughlin's vote saw Kavanagh do best with 47 followed by Ahmed 38, Devine 29, Bradley and McMonagle 21, McBride 19, Brogan 13 and Sweeney 12. Sinn Fein's Ulick Hughes was then eliminated where his Party colleague Hughes did best with 117 of his 371 votes. Ahmed was then eliminated and the results of the distribution of her 544 votes on the ninth count. Devine benefitted most with 89 votes moving him above Brogan and onto a total of 1533 followed. Brogan got 36 to take him to 1514. Kavanagh got a share of 60 putting him on to 1419 followed by Michael McBride who got 28 to give him a total of 1274 and on course to take the fifth seat at that stage. McMonagle was in sixth spot after getting 46 to put him on 1141 followed by Donal Coyle who took 21 to go to 1017 and then it was Mary T Sweeney who received 21 to set on 916. That led to the elimination of Declan Jordan and his 737 votes in the 10th count. Kevin Bradley and Thomas Devine did best here both getting 87. That put Devine on 1620 and just nine of the quota. Brogan got 49 to put him on 1563 followed by Kavanagh in fourth who received 54 to go to 1473. Michael McBride got 60 to lift him to 1335. Gerry McMonagle with a 67 share stayed in sixth spot with his total now 1208. And the battle was continuing for the final seat with Donal Coyle slighting, stretching his advantage over Mary T Sweeney. He got 49 to move onto

1065 while Sweeney received 34 to give her a total of 950. That resulted in the elimination of Sandra Haughey and her 874 votes in the 11th count. Her Sinn Fein colleague Gerry McMonagle was the big benefactor here with a massive 503 votes to him over the quota and retention of his seat with a total vote of 1711. Also at the same time five minutes past midnight Thomas Devine took the fourth seat for the 100% Redress Party. His 87 votes put him on a total of 1680. Kavanagh and McBride remained on track to take the fifth and sixth seats respectively. Kavanagh received 35 to put him on 1508 while McBride's share was 29 to put him on 1364. Donal Coyle kept himself as the front for the final seat with 29 votes to take him to 1105. Mary T Sweeney took 38 to leave her on 988 but Kevin Bradley was now only two behind on 986 after receiving 34 from Haughey. That resulted in the distribution of Gerry McMonagle's surplus of 82 votes. Brogan received 12 to put on 1619 and just ten short of the quota. Kavanagh took nine to put him on 1517 with Michael McBride receiving 17 to take him on 1381. Donal Coyle's share was eight putting him on 1113 followed by Mary T Sweeney who received 19 to go to 1007 and then Kevin Bradley 17 to go to 1003. The 12th count saw the distribution of Devine's surplus of 51 with 12 going to Kevin Bradley putting him on 1015. That put Bradley 5 ahead of Mary T Sweeney and would have eliminated her from the contest. At stage the Aontu candidate as she was entitled to asked for a full recount and that was acceded to by the Returning Officer Seamus Canning. That process started on Monday morning at 10 and it was methodi-



Sealed with a kiss... Cllr. Declan Meehan gets a kiss from his husband Dr. Pdraig McGuinness following his election on Sunday.

cal as Mary T Sweeney scrutinised the ballot paper for potential errors. At 4pm there were indications that the results were imminent and the candidates were hearing that Sweeney's five vote deficit had changed to a positive of two in her favour. However going on at the same time was the speculation that Kevin Bradley would seek a recount if he was behind. The Independent Cllr was on the phone and also engaging with Council count officials about all that presumably. At 5.22 the Returning Officer Seamus Canning announced



Senator Niall Blaney, Cllrs. Donal Coyle and Liam Blaney and Minister Charlie McConalogue at the count.



John O'Donnell with family and supporters at the count in Letterkenny on Sunday.

the outcome of the recount. It resulted in a change as had been flagged informally with Sweeney now five votes ahead of Bradley. Mr Canning announced that he was to proceed and eliminate Kevin Bradley to distribute his 1108 votes. But, just four minutes later the Returning Officer was back on the podium to announce that he had acceded to a full re-examination of the votes. That started at 6pm on Monday in the Aura Leisure Centre.



Labour candidate Michael McLaughlin with Cllr. Thomas Devine, 100% Redress.



Cllr. Pauric McGarvey with his wife Mari-Claire, mother Bried, uncle Ian McGarvey, family and friends after being deemed elected on Sunday night.

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Cllr. Blaney with Ramelton's Anna Boyce, Barney Boyce and Frances Boyce.



John O'Donnell at the count with Paddy Gallagher.

Milford EA Final Results

Total Electorate	8,309	1	2	3	4	5
Invalid ballot papers	79					
Valid poll	8,230		Transfer of Vincent J Bradley, Kathleen Deeney votes	Transfer of Aaron Sweeney votes and result	Transfer of Éamonn Jackson votes and result	Transfer of Maria Doherty votes and result
Number of seats	3					
Quota	2,058					
Turnout						
Sweeney, Aaron (FG)	500	+15 515	-515 -	-	-	-
Meehan, Declan (Non-P)	1,739	+23 1,762	+124 1,886	+188 2,074	2,074	
Jackson, Éamonn (100R)	502	+62 564	+39 603	-603 -	-	
O'Donnell, John (Non-P)	1,324	+20 1,344	+63 1,407	+31 1,438	+233 1,671	
Deeney, Kathleen (Ant)	132	-132 -	-	-	-	
Blaney, Liam (FF)	1,563	+35 1,598	+115 1,713	+89 1,802	+249 2,051	
Doherty, Maria (SF)	934	+17 951	+45 996	+92 1,088	-1,088 -	
McGarvey, Pauric (Non-P)	1,391	+55 1,446	+79 1,525	+139 1,664	+283 1,947	
Bradley, Vincent J (Non-P)	145	-145 -	-	-	-	

Milford Tally Figures

Polling Station	1,534	143	131	918	499	1,378	1,712	1,327	497	Total Poll	% Turnout
	18.8%	1.8%	1.6%	11.3%	6.1%	16.9%	21.0%	16.3%	6.1%		
	FF	NP	AON	SF	100%	NP	NP	NP	FG		
	Blaney L	Bradley V	Deeney K	Doherty M	Jackson E	McGarvey P	Meehan D	O'Donnell J	Sweeney A		
Ballyheerin NS	73	2	1	9	3	4	31	13	7	143	67%
Brownknowe NS	14	1	2	10	19	82	94	16	16	254	63%
Carrigart	44	8	1	132	7	16	29	41	21	299	60%
Carrigart	28	4	1	86	16	16	33	41	37	262	55%
Cashel	90	2	2	16	7	2	69	8	4	200	77%
Cranford	57	2	0	24	9	4	27	9	80	212	67%
Devlinreagh	72	13	7	110	13	32	20	45	42	354	63%
Doaghbeg	24	0	0	10	5	6	12	4	8	69	73%
Downings	25	2	4	44	8	9	52	64	25	233	54%
Downings	36	5	5	76	4	21	37	54	12	250	66%
Drumhalla	36	1	13	12	19	65	24	23	2	195	77%
Drumman	33	8	11	36	30	70	84	68	4	344	62%
Gartan	32	2	1	12	14	15	20	40	13	149	61%
Glenvar	26	4	5	6	10	19	22	8	1	101	65%
Kerrykeel	150	6	5	26	60	28	97	23	16	411	60%
Kilmacrennan	41	10	9	22	25	32	45	208	19	411	67%
Kilmacrennan	34	9	9	31	28	42	16	209	18	396	71%
Milford	40	7	1	20	17	19	166	35	22	327	58%
Milford	65	2	2	24	14	15	150	24	9	305	57%
Milford	37	11	3	17	26	19	154	37	20	324	64%
Portsalon	125	3	4	20	7	13	68	12	9	261	64%
Portleen	8	1	1	8	13	5	17	34	12	99	68%
Ramelton	34	4	7	23	14	188	66	62	12	410	60%
Ramelton	28	11	9	25	22	148	74	25	2	344	53%
Ramelton	25	8	3	34	23	233	74	52	10	462	75%
Rathmullan	28	1	10	20	17	250	99	23	7	455	68%
Rinmore	134	1	6	12	6	3	55	10	9	236	68%
Rosnakill	119	1	2	15	17	7	46	8	5	220	71%
Termon	76	14	7	38	46	15	31	131	55	413	71%

100% Redress candidates take two Inishowen seats

With the defective concrete issue playing a significant role for many across Inishowen, it was no surprise that in last weekend's local elections two candidates were elected on to Donegal County Council for the 100% Redress Party. In Carndonagh Joy Beard reached the quota in

the first county while Ali Farren did the same in Buncrana bringing two new names to the council chamber in Lifford as their party become the third largest in the council when the new terms began. With a quota of 1,575, first across the line in Carn-donagh was Ali Farren with a powerful 2,223 first



Cllrs. Joy Beard and Ali Farren with Cormac Curran at the separation.

Carndonagh Tally Figures

	261 3.3% SF	1,000 12.7% SF	2,223 28.2% 100% LAB	991 12.6% LAB	2,050 26.0% FF	736 9.3% FG	168 2.1% TIP	383 4.9% NP	60 0.8% GP
	Devine T	Doherty A	Farren A	Farren M	McDermott M	McGuinness J	McKinney D	McKinney P	White M
Carndonagh	2	86	87	3	63	19	11	54	3
Carndonagh	4	99	79	3	68	25	18	40	1
Carndonagh	1	73	103	1	95	29	6	37	7
Carndonagh	1	104	79	0	71	17	5	45	2
Carrowmena	25	8	59	25	46	43	3	1	7
Cloontagh N.S.	2	53	102	1	135	9	11	7	1
Craigtown N.S.	2	34	48	4	41	14	4	13	0
Culdaff N.S.	6	10	75	1	52	110	7	13	0
Culdaff N.S.	6	28	62	1	45	109	1	6	3
Dristernan N.S.	2	24	63	3	73	34	6	12	0
Dristernan N.S.	12	40	51	8	65	27	5	2	1
Clonmany N.S.	3	40	109	0	89	8	7	4	2
Clonmany N.S.	6	46	54	1	68	11	20	8	0
Glacalt	1	31	107	0	80	15	3	20	3
Glengad	7	15	46	1	223	26	1	4	0
Glentogher	2	26	43	0	40	13	0	22	0
Greencastle	25	10	65	156	37	16	3	3	4
Greencastle	17	14	49	137	20	10	2	7	3
Malin	4	18	81	1	112	35	5	12	4
Malin	2	18	86	0	69	51	3	19	3
Malin Head	6	24	163	0	61	4	16	1	0
Moville	30	9	42	146	49	9	0	4	2
Moville	7	10	55	117	36	1	3	7	3
Moville	17	6	56	136	22	4	7	2	1
Moville	29	13	35	151	16	4	3	3	2
Rashenny	3	23	84	1	67	27	1	7	1
Rashenny	3	34	63	2	76	14	3	5	1
Tiernasligo	10	29	60	2	95	18	2	10	2
Urbalreagh	0	31	98	3	82	9	7	10	0
Whitecastle	13	25	56	53	25	7	1	2	3
Whitecastle	13	19	63	34	29	18	4	3	1

Carndonagh 4 Seats

Valid Poll	7,939
Quota	1,588
First Count	
Doherty, Albert (SF)	996
Farren, Ali (100%)	2,253
McKinney, Donal (TIP)	193
McGuinness, Johnny (FG)	736
McDermott, Martin (FF)	2,069
Farren, Martin (Lab)	1,001
White, Michael (Green)	55
McKinney, Paul (Non-P)	374
Devine, Toni (SF)	262

Buncrana 5 Seats

Valid Poll	9,057
Quota	1,510
McMyler, Adrian (Non-P)	251
McGee, Eamon (Non-P)	90
Bradley, Fionán (FF)	847
Murray, Jack (SF)	2,248
Le Masurier, Jason (Green)	89
Beard, Joy (100%)	1,587
McMenamin, Kim (TIP)	567
Mulligan, Liam (Aontu)	159
McGuinness, Niamh (SF)	480
Canning, Paul (FF)	1,267

Elected were Ali Farren (100%), Martin McDermott (FF), Albert Doherty (SF) and Martin Farren (Labour).

Elected were Jack Murray (SF), Joy Beard (100%), Paul Canning (FF), Terry Crossan (SF) and Fionán Bradley (FF)

preference votes, a surplus of some 648. Farren polled heavily in almost every station across north Inishowen with the lowest number of 43 in Glentogher and big scores in Carn 348, Moville 188 and Malin Head 163. Overall he took 28.2% of the vote in the electoral area. Fianna Fail's Martin McDermott proved, yet again, his vote getting power and also had a healthy surplus to spare when he also exceeded the quota by 475 having taken 2,050 votes and he eased through to another term in the council chamber. Taking 26% of the vote the Glengad man took 223 votes in his home area, 297 in Carndonagh and 135 in

term in the council chamber. This left it a fight to the end between Labour's Martin Farren going head to head with Fine Gaels Johnny McGuinness to see which of the serving councillors would be back in Lifford. Farren got 991 first preferences compared to Johnny McGuinness' 736. As the transfers were distributed it was Farren who narrowly stayed out in front and ended up with 1,391 to 1,171 for the Fine Gael cllr. Following the count McGuinness has said he has not ruled out taking legal action after lodging an official complaint over the manner of his elimination from the Carnodnagh LEA contest.

Buncrana Tally Figures

	1,447 17.3% 100%	780 9.3% FF	1,221 14.6% FF	855 10.2% SF	82 1.0% GP	85 1.0% NP	464 5.5% SF	446 5.3% FG	516 6.2% TIP	265 3.2% NP	146 1.7% AON	2,060 24.6% SF
	Beard J	Bradley F	Canning P	Crossan T	Le Masurier J	McGee E	McGuinness N	McLaughlin P	McMenamin K	McMyler A	Mulligan L	Murray J
Ballymacarry	67	36	4	3	2	0	9	22	30	20	1	119
Ballymacarry	46	17	3	3	2	0	7	8	8	6	2	59
Ballymacarry	75	39	8	1	2	4	8	32	39	28	2	109
Ballymacarry	61	20	3	1	1	1	10	5	28	17	6	100
Ballymacarry	79	35	4	1	2	2	2	7	25	18	4	115
Bridgend	22	7	41	7	1	2	48	8	7	4	8	36
Buncrana Rural	48	40	0	0	2	2	6	26	11	3	4	85
Buncrana	74	35	3	0	8	3	4	30	39	15	3	140
Buncrana	41	50	6	1	5	0	5	25	52	11	5	158
Buncrana	56	42	0	3	5	0	10	21	33	32	13	163
Buncrana	63	84	2	3	4	0	0	33	36	26	3	106
Buncrana	66	57	2	2	3	1	9	20	43	7	2	124
Burnfoot	27	22	30	33	1	1	15	0	12	6	4	72
Burnfoot	34	8	15	38	1	0	7	9	5	1	5	59
Carrigans	34	2	162	10	1	11	48	4	13	1	3	9
Drumfries N.S.	47	41	2	3	1	1	7	18	8	4	3	81
Killea	13	0	149	11	0	3	55	1	3	0	7	12
Illies	53	52	1	2	0	1	2	13	2	3	2	63
Inch	42	7	36	11	2	4	4	4	22	8	4	53
Moness	31	0	111	7	0	3	27	14	1	10	7	43
Muff	25	9	11	173	2	3	3	5	3	1	2	9
Muff	40	6	10	174	6	1	2	10	5	1	7	17
Muff	45	10	10	209	2	0	3	9	5	2	7	16
Muineagh	95	68	3	3	6	0	7	31	20	12	4	84
Newtowncunningham	32	1	171	7	1	11	51	15	9	2	8	11
Newtowncunningham	35	0	180	7	1	9	50	21	8	0	12	16
Newtowncunningham	21	2	175	6	5	10	50	0	17	3	6	15
Tievebane	66	35	47	17	9	7	6	17	17	8	4	93
Tievebane	54	40	19	13	4	2	6	25	7	16	4	84
Whitecastle	55	15	13	106	3	3	3	13	8	0	4	9
Whitecastle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Buncrana

Buncrana saw 12 candidates battle it out for five seats and just like in the north of the peninsula a 100% Redress candidate easily took a seat in the first count. Poll topper was Sinn Féin's Jack Murray who exceeded the quota of 1,396 by some margin gaining 2,060 first preference votes, 24.6% of those on offer. He polled heavily in Buncrana (776) and Ballymacarry (502). Joining him was 100% Redress Party candidate Joy Beard with 1,447 votes. In a similar fashion Joy received a well distributed number of votes from across the constituency. While not topping treble digits she never dropped lower than double digits and reached the quota with some 52 votes to spare. Among those to exist early included Jason Le Masurier from the Green Party with 82 votes, Independent Eamon McGee and Anotu's Liam Mulligan on 146. Independent Adrian McMyler received 265, Fine Gaels Peter McLaughlin 446, Sinn Féin's Niamh McGuinness got 464 while The Irish People Party's Kim McMenamin received 516 first preferences in the tallies. Polling 780 first preferences newcomer for Fianna Fail, Fionán Bradley, finished on 1,424 and will take a seat in the next term of Donegal County Council. A new experience for him but a seat held for his party in the wake of the departure of long serving Rena Donaghey. He will be joined by party colleague and sitting councillor Paul Canning who got 1,221 votes and finished on 1,492. Taking the fifth and final seat was Terry Crossan of Sinn Féin who polled 855 preferences and secured another term on the council ending on 1,243.

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Polling Day in Paddy's Land -

It was polling day in Paddy's Land and once more it's hectic at Aura Centre in Letterkenny on Saturday morning around eight o'clock as the rush of vehicles negotiated the few final parking spaces... and being high summer the rains came pouring down.

by John McAteer

Nevertheless, where else would you want to be for the tallying of the votes? And adding to the interest was the Euro vote: somehow nobody seemed all that interested.

It was going to be a weekend of shocks, surprises, seats won and lost and the emergence of the the 100% Redress.

Yet there was a strong voter turnout which was close to that of 2019. The electorate was a high 142,419 and more than 77,000 voted.

As always, the Milford turnout was the highest with 63% while Letterkenny was under 51% with Glenties on 54.3%

And on Saturday, it was the people's choice to select the 37 candidates: there were huge shocks: John O'Donnell losing 632 votes from a high in 2019.

Michael McClafferty did really well. But who could have guessed that he'd reach the quota on the first count with votes to spare? But what a great team that made the campaign work: but Michael has been delivering for the Glenties area for much longer than his time on the Council.

The big winner in Milford was Declan Meehan who topped the poll with 1,739 first preferences; he's the first openly gay Cllr in Donegal and his vote of 470 in Milford NS set the tone for his victory. He would get a vote of 329 in the Fanad Peninsula and he got 94 in the Brownknowe: marginally ahead of McGarvey by 12 ballots.

Donal Mandy Kelly's vote in Letterkenny was an outstanding achievement but not all that surprising his commitment to serving the community and being the ever present voice of the electorate for four years. It was his first time on the campaign trail and being elected on the first count was well justified because he served his community with great dignity and commitment.

Pauric McGarvey got Ramelton's highest ever vote and when the chips were down as they surely

were, his home town delivered like never before. The Ramelton boxes and Rathmullan gave him a staggering 719 votes: in the Brownknowe it was 82: Drumhalla and Drumman 135 and with Kilmacrennan giving him 74 votes, the mood music turned very much in his favour. On the final count he was comfortably ahead of John O'Donnell by a margin of 376.

Over in Donegal Town, Michael Naughton got a top vote of 1,837 to win the first of six seats. He is now the favourite to be a FF candidate in the forthcoming general election.

In Lifford Stranorlar, the big news there was the performance of the Independent candidate Martin Scanlon who polled 1,410 first preferences on a platform of local issues.

Highland Radio is Number 1

Highland Radio is the now familiar soundtrack to elections in Donegal and over the weekend the coverage from across five different locations and several electoral districts was quite super and Caroline Orr produced what was a masterpiece of telling the story as it happened. And fair dues to all who synchronised a marathon full of unknown factors and demands that is such a key part of the coverage. The response from the listeners and the viewers was amazing. Grown up people going to bed with Youtube at one o'clock on Monday morning and watching the broadcast from the Aura is just as good as it gets - but if that is what it takes, then why not?

But remember, we will be back there before the end of the year for the general election count. Nobody mentions Greg Hughes much, but his presentation of the rolling news and how it gets on air and on time is still a mystery to me.

This was the count for all seasons: for all reasons going deep into a third night on Monday as a total recheck continued for the Letterkenny local electoral area.

And it was an election of surprises: lost seats: more gained and the 100% Redress Party stole the headlines they won four seats that will project their bandwagon towards a general election with



John O'Donnell on Highland Radio on Sunday.

a hefty first preference vote of 7,400 they are in pole position for a seat in the Dail.

Ali Farren, the top man for the group polled 2253 on the first count: surely if ever a man deserves thanks, it is him and his win is so well a vote for a community devastated by Mica.

The party has four seats in Lifford - Thomas Sean Devine in Letterkenny: Joy Beard and Ali Farren in Inishowen and Denis McGee in the Glenties area all won seats: and there has be a mention of Eamonn Jackson in Milford and Charles Ward in Drumkeen who put in a hard shift: they have a lot more to offer over the coming months and years.

Local elections are seen as the poor relations of Irish politics and with 949 seats to be filled, it was a long process but well worth the effort because strong local government is the cornerstone of our democracy.

And the issues are always there: a new footpath for the town: a new bench in the village, lobbying and having a voice in the community that respects people and their needs. We saw so many such representatives on Saturday watching and the local issues that are important to communities are hardly earth shattering, but they do appeal to communities. Essentially it's a case of doing the small favours on a consistent way over five years, rather than any big announcements, because that is for the Oireachtas.

However, all politics are local and the hard miles and the midnight oil that so many Councillors burn up on emergency calls - some the difference between life and death and a hospital bed are the unheard stories of what local politics is all about.

The County Councils should be to develop place-based responses to local and regional issues:



Éamonn Jackson the 100% Redress candidate in Milford with Aisling McAteer, Brid Kelly-McCollum and Edel Corcoran.



Cllr. Donal Coyle with his wife and grandchildren following his reelection on Monday night.



Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh with supporters and workers at the Count on Sunday.



Brenda Lynch, Aisling McGeever and Linda Wylie at the count on Sunday.

Photo Clive Wasson



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raw and nerve wracking...



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan congratulates Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly and his wife Aislinn.



Cllr. Gerry McMonagle speaking to his daughter in Australia following his re-election to Donegal County Council with Deputy Padraig MacLochlainn.

otherwise that potential is not being realised. However back in 1999, the better local government as envisaged the Minister ensured that could not happen. Now, a quarter of a century later, there is a realisation that the decision-making powers, responsibility and resources to respond to local issues and to improve service delivery and engagement at a local and regional level is missing.

Local responses to local issues

Local response to local issues is not straightforward in Ireland because we are way out of step with EU countries in terms of local government power. When we compare local government tax and spending functions in Ireland with our neighbours we come second last in terms of decentralisation. More than 95% of tax revenues in

Ireland are raised by central government and 93% of all public spending in Ireland is done at central government level.

The result is that Local Authorities are heavily dependent on central government to fund large sections of their work. This high degree of centralisation can leave local communities feeling as if they have little or no say in how local policy is developed. At a time of growing disconnect between the wider public and politics, we must maximise the potential of local government to increase engagement locally and to develop and deliver local policy solutions to local problems.

While centralisation has diminished the role of local government since 1999, decisions made by local councils on areas such as housing, roads, recreation facilities, water services, waste management, climate action, and local participation have a profound impact on communities across the land. Housing and climate change are two national challenges where local government decisions can have a profound impact.

Ireland is in the midst of a housing crisis affecting every region in the country, yet 45% of all Local Authorities failed to meet their build targets last year.

The over-reliance on HAP means that money that should be used in the provision of long-term sustainable homes that would be an asset to the council is instead being effectively used to subsidise landlords in the private rented sector with no long-term return to the council or to the state. Local Authorities and Local Representatives must be accountable for their budgetary decisions in the midst of a housing crisis, both to their immediate constituents and to the wider population who will feel the impact of poor Exchequer decisions, which too often look to the short-term rather than plan for the future.

Local Authorities are expected to play a key role in helping the country to adapt to climate change. They must develop their own local adaptation



Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh is elected on Monday night in Letterkenny.

strategy which involves developing a local profile of climate hazards and vulnerabilities, identifying future risks and drafting, implementing and monitoring a strategy to mitigate against these risks.

Local government has the potential to do much more to deliver and engage at a local level. In order to maximise this potential it must be given the resources and responsibility to improve service delivery at local level and to engage the people and communities it represents in developing policies that will shape the future of these communities.

With the dust now settling on last week's election

of destiny, there is a new opportunity for real change to decentralise local government back to the County Houses

Derogation, global warming, input costs, prices generally and the historic issue of rural roads not fit for purpose.

Was this the first generation to vote from a civic perspective leaving family traditions behind?

At the polling stations on Friday, the Euro ballot papers proved difficult for the voters and at 28 inches in length and the relative darkness of the booths it was not surprising that many voters struggled to find their chosen preferences... and many did not!



SF candidate Ulick Hughes with his sister Katlyn



SF candidate Sandra Haughey with brothers Robbie and Brendan.



Aontu Candidates at the end of the count in Letterkenny on Monday night.

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Bhuel, a Chairde Ghaeil, tá súil agam go bhfuil achán duine breá agus folláin. Níl mé ag gabháil a bheith ag caint faoin aimsir mar ní thugim cad é atá ag tarlú an Samhradh seo. B'fheidir gur is é an téamh domhanda is cúis leis. M'anam go bhfuil. Chomh fada agus nach bhfuil athrú ar bith ag teacht ar an Srúthán Murascaille, seans go dtiocfaidh muid



slán. Tá súil agam gur thaitin na hoidis ón seachtain seo caite libh agus gur éirigh libh an chnámh droma a ghearradh amach as an sicín agus SPATCHCOCK a dhéanamh leis. Tá sé iontach áisiúil ar fad mar sin-éasca agus gasta a dhéanamh san oigheann nó ar an fulacht.

Fosta, mar a dúirt mé, éasca a bhlaiseadh agus a spoladh; fosta tá sé éasca dhá nó trí a chócaireacht le chéile san oigheann nó ar an fulacht; agus tá sé níos fusa é a chlúdaigh le anlann sula gcuirtear ar an teas é. Ach, coimhead i gcúimhne i gcónaí a dhéanamh cinnte go bhfuil an feoil déanta go ceart agus go bhfuil na súanna ag rith glán agus gan fuil ar bith ann. Is é an rud is fearr sa chas seo ná teirmiméadar feola a bheith agat. Mar a dúirt an fógraíocht ag an Nollaig, caithfidh go bhfuil an sicín a bheith suas go 74C le bheith réidh le hithe. Nuair atá tú ag déanamh fulacht ná déan dearmad go bhfuil glasraí iontach maith a dhéanamh air fosta. Is breá liom oinniúin clúdaithe le scragall stáin agus rósta! Éiríonn siad deas milis agus rud beag gualaithe. Bíonn ubhthoradh agus cúirséidí galánta déanta ar an fulacht, gearrtha i slísíní ar a fhad, agus salann orthu. Má tá grideall agat Bain triall as sin fosta-rinne mé cloicheáin ar an grideall uair amháin agus is cuimhin liom iad go fóill, chomh deas agus a bhí siad. Rud eile atá le fáil fosta na laethanta seo is é sin leathán sileacain a thig leat cuir ar na barraí ar an fulacht os cionn na bladhairí; cuireann tú do rogha rud air bíonn sé déanta go hálainn agus tá tú ábalta lasadh an tine a sheachaint. Is maith liom na leatháin sin go mór.

Cuidíonn sé leis an fulacht a choimhead glan agus ní bheidh rud ar bith dóite mar tá tú ábalta smacht a chuir ar rudaí. Rud eile, cleas atá go h-án úsáideach ar fad é seo nuair atá tú ag cócaireacht ispiní ar an fulacht. Tá fadhb ann i gcónaí go mbéidh siad dóite ar an taobh amuigh agus amh agus contúirteach ar an taobh istigh. Seo an réiteach duit! Sula gcuireann tú ar an fulacht iad, cuir na hispíní i bpota uisce agus tóg chun bhruith



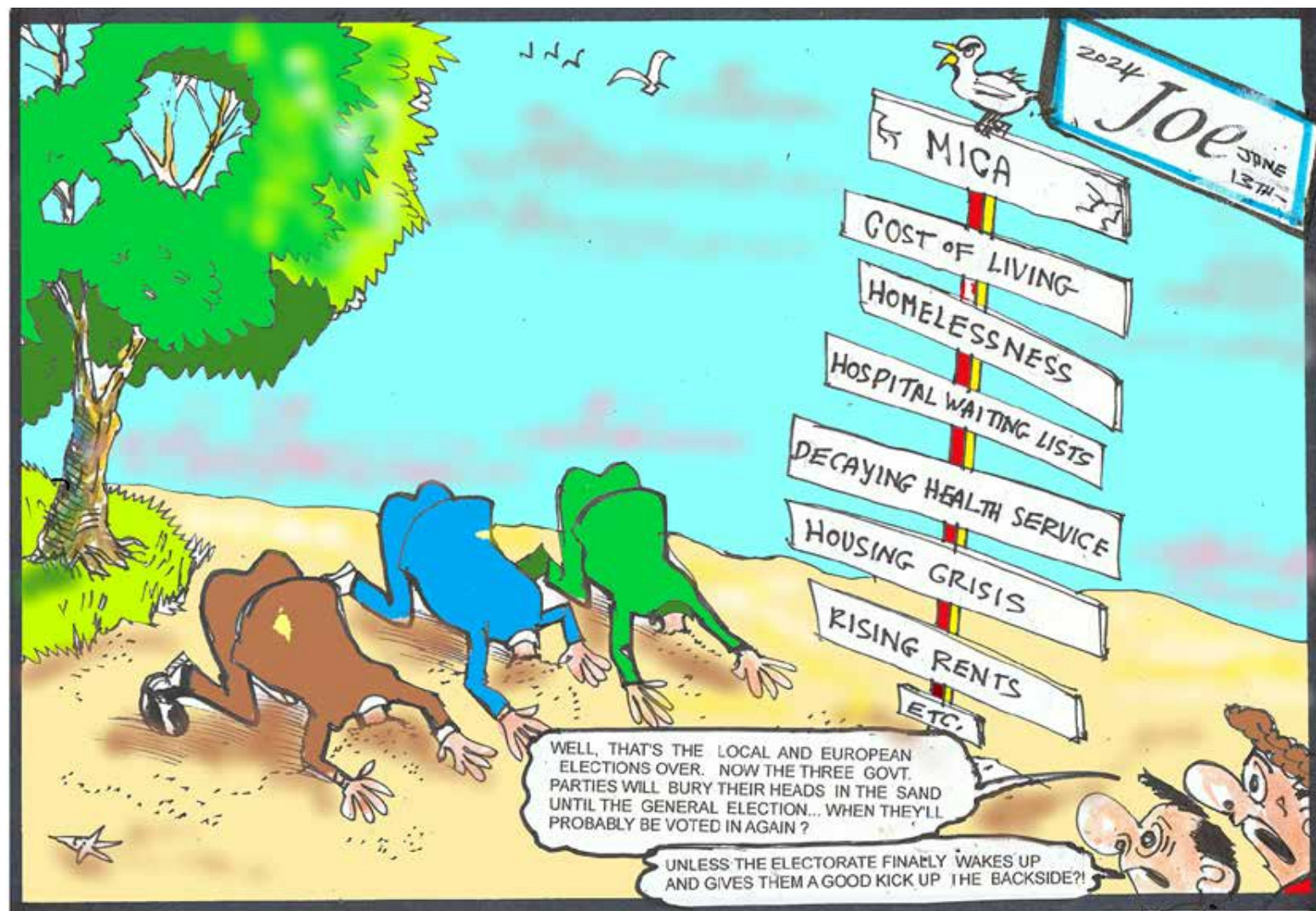
Aisling McMahon has foot in both camps at the counts on Sunday. Photo Clive Wasson



Tricia Sullivan with Charlie and Angela Ward.



Thoiba Ahmed with Anthony Junior and Renate Enrich at the count.



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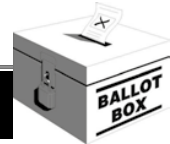
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100% Redress McGee claims Glenties seat



Denis McGee pictured with supporters following his election on Sunday in Glenties.



Cllr. Denis McGee relaxing after his election to the Council on Sunday.

Glenties Electoral Area will see a new name in the council chamber after Magheraarty-man Denis McGee captured a seat for the 100% Redress Party with Fianna Fail losing out in a hotly contested race.

By Eamonn McFadden

As seen in other parts of Donegal, there were strong independent performances coupled with the rising tide of the 100% Redress Party, which saw a fourth council seat won for the newly formed party. Soon after the separation and counting got underway in Glenties' Highlands Hotel, a clear picture emerged of the

front runners and two sitting councillors looked to have booked their seats back in Lifford with strong results. Tally figures for sitting independent councillors, Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Esbuig and Micheal McClafferty, showed they polled very strongly and exceeded the quota on first preferences.



David Bonner with candidates Ann Marie Rogers and Cllr. Brian Carr.



Cllr. Michael McClafferty at the election count in Glenties with Kathleen Coyle, Catriona Melly, Ann Marie Coyle and Owenie Coyle.

Mac Giolla Esbuig tallies showed 2,111 first preferences with a healthy surplus of 244, while McClafferty received 1,902, with a surplus of 35 to the 1,867 quota required. Cllr Mac Giolla Esbuig polled steadily across a wide area of the constituency but especially in his west Donegal heartland including the Rosses, Gaoth Dobhair and parts of Cloughaneely. His highest individual ballot was 158 in Rann na Feirste. Cllr Michael McClafferty had a more focused return with tally figures showing he drew a large number of votes across his native Cloughaneely, as well as Dunfanaghy (330), Ballymore (263) and



Cllrs Michael McClafferty and Brian Carr in a happy mood in Glenties.

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Cllr. Anthony Molloy with supporters following his election on Sunday in Glenties.



The Sinn Féin in Glenties Cllr. Brian Carr, Deputy Pearse Doherty, Kellie Rogers and Cllr. John Sheamus O Fearraigh.



A happy Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly after topping the poll in Letterkenny EA on Sunday.



Cllr. Gerry McMonagle with Deputy Padraig MacLochlainn and supporters after his election.



The FF team in Letterkenny EA Cllrs. Donal Mandy Kelly, Donal Coyle and Ciaran Brogan.



Cllr. Michael McBride with his family and supporters following his election on Monday night and below, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan with his family and supporters.





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Electoral Area Votes 2024

	FF	FG	SF	100%	Ind	Aontu	Lab	TIP	Gn
Milford	1569 (19%)	500 (6%)	934 (11.3%)	502 (6%)	4,599 (55.8%)	132 (1.6%)			
Letterkenny	4,198 (32.2%)	1,248 (9.5%)	1,936 (14.8%)	1,289 (9.8%)	3,021 (23.1%)	785 (6%)	226 (1.7%)	150 (1.1%)	175 (1.3%)
Stranorlar	2,161 (19%)	1,779 (15.6%)	2,657 (23.3%)	880 (7.7%)	3,489 (30.6%)	434 (3.8%)			
Glenties	2,430 (18.4%)	751 (5.7%)	2,789 (21.1%)	889 (6.7%)	5,567 (42.2%)	461 (3.4%)	287 (2.1%)		
Buncrana	2,114 (23.3%)	499 (5.5%)	3,701 (40.8%)	1,587 (17.5%)	341 (3.7%)	159 (1.7%)		567 (6.2%)	89 (0.9%)
Carndonagh	2,069 (26.0%)	736 (9.2%)	1,258 (15.8%)	2,253 (28.2%)	374 (4.7%)		1001(12.6%)	193 (2.4%)	55 (0.6%)
Donegal Town	2,924 (21.05%)	2,555 (18.39%)	3,526 (25.38%)		4,464 (32.14%)	280 (2.01%)		140 (1.1%)	
	17,465 22.7%	8,068 10.5%	16,801 21.9%	7,400 9.6%	21,855 28.4%	2,250 2.9%	1,514 1.9%	1,050 1.3%	319 0.4%

Electoral Area Votes 2019

	FF	FG	SF	Ind	Aontu	Labour	Others
Letterkenny	3,668 (31.33%)	1,974 (16.86%)	1,638 (13.99%)	3,570 (30.49%)	856 (7.3%)	-	-
Milford	1,716 (22%)	1,473 (18.92%)	752 (9.66%)	3,504 (45.02%)	338 (4.34%)	-	-
Glenties	3,806 (29.95%)	1,736 (13.66%)	3,440 (27%)	2,829 (22.26%)	349 (2.74%)	544 (4.28%)	-
Stranorlar	2,975 (30.23%)	3,366 (34.21%)	2,315 (23.53%)	680 (2.26%)	223 (6.91%)		279 (2.83%)
Buncrana	3,156 (37.26%)	850 (10%)	2,222 (26.23%)	1,937 (22.87%)	304 (3.58%)	-	-
Carndonagh	3,128 (43.22%)	1,043 (14.41%)	1,151 (15.95)	336 (4.64%)	195 (2.69%)	1,383 (19.11%)	
Donegal	2,693 (18.83%)	2,885 (20.17%)	2,435 (17%)	6,001 (41.97%)	-	-	284 (1.98%)
Totals	21,442	13,327	13,953	18,857	2,265	1,627	563
% Totals	29.7%	18.5%	19.37%	26.17%	3.14%	2.3%	0.77%

Euro Election Tally Figures

Polling Ward	AON	FF	FG	SF	FLAN	MUL	OTHER
Buncrana	445	1,401	712	2,412	1,679	123	1,728
Carndonagh	220	1,176	637	1,327	2,056	133	1,831
Letterkenny	717	2,974	1,295	1,893	1,697	158	2,193
Milford	294	3,236	822	1,139	886	72	1,097
Donegal	407	2,981	2,685	2,039	1,877	494	2,514
Glenties	554	3,214	1,476	2,581	1,714	221	2,384
Stranorlar	542	2,183	1,384	2,699	1,473	185	2,064
Total Count	3,179	17,165	9,011	14,090	11,382	1,386	13,811
Buncrana	5%	16%	8%	28%	20%	1%	20%
Carndonagh	3%	16%	9%	18%	28%	2%	25%
Letterkenny	7%	27%	12%	17%	16%	1%	20%
Milford	4%	43%	11%	15%	12%	1%	15%
Donegal	3%	23%	21%	16%	14%	4%	19%
Glenties	5%	26%	12%	21%	14%	2%	20%
Stranorlar	5%	21%	13%	26%	14%	2%	20%
Total %	5%	25%	13%	20%	16%	2%	20%

How the Donegal candidates fared with Ming Flanagan

Niall Blaney	Peter Casey	Ming Flanagan
1,111 (13,1%)	738 (8.7%)	1,679 (19.8%)
774 (10%)	895 (12%)	2,056 (28%)
2,482 (23%)	853 (8%)	1,697 (15%)
3,025 (40%)	420 (6%)	886 (12%)
2,265 (17%)	758 (6%)	1,877 (14%)
2,685 (22%)	940 (8%)	1,714 (14%)
1,717 (16%)	865 (8%)	1,473 (14%)

Tribune Team at the count centres:-

John McAteer, Declan Kerr, Eamonn McFadden, Paddy Rooney, Moses Alcorn and Francis Diver and thanks to the political parties for the tally figures and the Council

Restoring Fanad's sand dunes



On Saturday 8th June the second workshop was held on Ballyhiernan Beach by Dr Kevin Lynch, University of Galway and Leave No Trace. This time it was all practical skills: measuring beach sand profiles; dune ecology; planting marram grass to stabilize dunes; and erecting sand traps. The workshop was well attended by local people and representatives from Donegal County Council. We enjoyed a full day of action with great views but a strong chill wind. The workshop ended with the development of an outline plan for future action. On the day we set up a pilot area with fencing to trap sand and to protect the planted grass. Over the next few months more of this fencing will appear to help restore our dunes and to protect the assets behind the shore. If you can help with this physical but rewarding work please join the Fanad Coastal Group who will be coordinating this effort. Follow us on our Facebook page or contact anyone on the committee.

Fanad

Kerrykeel Vintage Rally

Fannett Presbyterian Church would like to thank all the exhibitors for the excellent display of tractors, cars and stationary engines, the volunteers for their assistance to help the day run so smoothly, Norman Borland for the lovely music and all those who helped in any way at Kerrykeel Vintage Rally on Saturday 8th June. A special word of thanks to our sponsors - Whoriskey's Ramelton and Lennesside Butchers. A great day was had by all.

Thank you one and all for your tremendous support.

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

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

Thank You

Cllr. Liam Blaney will hold a "Thank You" night to celebrate his re-election to Donegal County Council in the Country Roads Inn, Rossnakill this Friday night the 14th of June starting at 9pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Summer Schedule at the Old School Community Centre, Kerrykeel:

TUESDAYS: Slimming World: 5.15-6.45pm

Contact Catherine on 083 830 0989

THURSDAYS:

Pilates Class: 5.30-6.30pm AND 6.45-7.45pm

Book with Caitriona on 083 042 7887

Further details & updates on Facebook at The Old School Community Centre, Kerrykeel.

Anyone wishing to run classes in the Autumn, please get in touch with us to book your slot now. Tel 086 837 5812

Kerrykeel '71 Cards

Kerrykeel '71 FC Cards continues in the Village Inn, Kerrykeel every Monday at 7.30pm.

Crochet and Needlework

Crochet and Needlework classes continue in the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel on Wednesday evenings from 8-10pm. Contact Kathleen 086 3486684.

Grinds don Ghaeilge

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Cllr. Liam Blaney with his mother Margaret and Director of Elections John McConigley at the election count.



Cllr. Liam Blaney is congratulated by his daughter Caoimhe.



Cllr. Liam Blaney with his partner Noelle at the count.

Donegal Sports Star Awards AGM

The AGM of the Donegal Sports Star will take place next Monday, 17th of June in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny at 4.30pm. It will be the 49th AGM of an organisation that was founded in 1976.

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Portsalon Golf Club

On a day that often felt more November than June conditions-wise, Justin Green (13) produced a sparkling round of golf to win the John Sweeney Memorial with a stunning 64 nett score.

A howling wind was blowing around Portsalon on Saturday, darting one way then another, making for extremely tough playing conditions in the always testing stroke-play format.

Justin carded four pars and a birdie on his front nine to turn in three-over par before a quality run of five successive par to start the inward nine. After a double-bogey at the 16th - his only blip on the card - he showed the steely response needed to birdie the par-five 17th and signed off his round in real style with a closing par, signing for a 77 gross score, five-over par.

An exceptional round, all the more so in the prevailing conditions, and a truly worthy winning score, Justy's name will be added to the magnificent John Sweeney Memorial Trophy.

Runner-up on the day was Vincent Bradley (26) with a 68 nett score, secured with pars on the final two holes.

The gross went to Ryan McGettigan (Scr) with a level-par 72 score, terrific shooting on the day. Captain's Prize 2024

Mr Pat Horner will host his Captain's Prize on Saturday 29th June. The timesheet will be open for members on BRS on Sunday 23rd June.

John Sweeney Memorial 2024 - Winner: Justin Green (13) - 64 nett; Runner-up: Vincent Bradley (26) - 68 nett; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (Scr) - 72 gross; Third: Alan Blair (12) - 70 nett; First Nine: Kieran O'Neill (22) - 35 nett; Second Nine: Shaun Campbell (20) - 32 nett.

Results

Sunday 9th June - Winner: Joe Ferry (15) - 39 pts; Runner-up: Shaun Strain (10) - 38 pts.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Knockybrin, Letterkenny

I, Ciaran McEleney, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the construction of a dwelling house with detached garage (with basement), connection to a new sewage treatment plant and percolation area, and all associated works and site works located at my site at Knockybrin, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Knockybrin. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Tirhomin, Milford

We, Cathal Mc Gettigan and Jessica Roberts are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for Construction of a Dwelling House, Detached Domestic Garage, Septic Tank / Sewage Treatment System and All Associated Site Works, in the Townland of Tirhomin, Milford, 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 at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal. Submissions or Observations in relation to this development may be made to the Planning Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Planning Authority.

Donegal County Council Strand Road, Magherclogher, Bunbeg

We, Sonia Gillespie and Peter Jones wish to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following developments:- 1) change of use of approved commercial unit to use as a single dwelling house including changes to fenestration, external elevations, roof profile and finishes; 2) provision of accommodation at first floor/roofspace level as part of proposed dwelling unit with associate modifications to elevations; 3) change of use of approved retail units at basement level to provide 1 no. 2 bedroom apartments and 2 no. studio apartments, one of which to be used solely as ancillary accommodation to main dwelling unit; 4) provision of double garage with home office over part of same at first floor and provision of roof balcony of part of garage at first floor at Strand Road, Magherclogher, Bunbeg. 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 open hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Fanad, Co Donegal

We, Hugh & Marie McGinley are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to extend and renovate existing cottage including installing a waste water treatment system and all associated site works at Ballymichael, Fanad, Co Donegal in the townland of Ballymichael. 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. 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 Massreagh, Kilmacrennan

I, Hugh Fields am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain & complete dwelling house under construction and is connected to the main sewer 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
Kilconnell / Glebe, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny**
I, Sarahmarie Almond, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission and Planning Permission for development works at my property known as 'The Learning Tree' Childcare & Pre-School at Kilconnell / Glebe, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Kilconnell / Glebe. The proposed development will consist of the following; 1) Retention permission for existing covered (roofed) outdoor area and attached outdoor storage area, 2) Retention permission for existing prefabricated office structure, 3) Relocation of above mentioned existing prefabricated office structure, 4) Provision of new prefabricated classroom building, consisting of 2no. classrooms and ancillary accommodation, 5) Provision of new toilets structure to service existing outdoor play area, 6) Connection to existing services on site, to include the public sewer, 7) All other associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
2 Tully Mountain, Ballyarr, Ramelton**
We, Hugh Devlin and Evelyn Devlin, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to demolish our existing defective block-work dwelling house and construct a replacement dwelling house including all other associated site development works at 2 Tully Mountain, Ballyarr, Ramelton, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Tully Mountain. 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
Ballaghderg, Letterkenny**
I, Martin McBride am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a new dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site works at Ballaghderg, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ballaghderg. 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
Moyra Glebe, Falcarragh**
I, PJ Bonar am applying to Donegal County Council for Retention permission and permission for development at Moyra Glebe, Falcarragh. The Retention permission will consist of; 1) The retention of excavation and extraction works within the site at Moyra Glebe 2) All associated site development works including the creation of settlement ponds. The permission is being sought for; 1) To permit the removal of the extracted, processed material from the site; 2) To restore the site as per the submitted site restoration plan; 3) All other associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application, may be made in writing to the 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 submission 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
Drumdeevin, Termon**
I, Padraig McCafferty am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to 1. refurbish and

Acknowledgement

Grier Phyllis The Glen, Ramelton



The family of the late Phyllis Grier of The Glen, Ramelton, wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who attended the wake and funeral and who travelled long distances, telephoned, texted, sent letters, sympathy cards and Mass cards, left messages of condolence on social media and gave donations in lieu of flowers, your support and kindness meant so much. A special word of thanks to the Palliative Care Nurses and Public Health Nurses who attended to Phyllis at home; Dr. Walsh and staff at Milford Health Centre; the staff at Murray's Pharmacy; for their kindness and respect shown at all times; to everyone who made tea, brought food to the house and helped with carparking; to Fr. Stephen Gorman who gave us great comfort and guidance and conducted the funeral service with such thought and care, the gravediggers who prepared Phyllis' final resting place and finally Sweeney's Funeral Directors for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements. For those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm.

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make external material changes to an existing derelict dwelling house and 2. erect an extension with 3. new wastewater treatment system and 4. all other associated site development works at Drumdeevin, Termon, County Donegal in the townland of Drumdeevin. 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
Legmuckduff, Glenalla, Milford,
Letterkenny M.D.**
I, John Blaney, of CLUB MD Limited, t/a Blaney Stores Milford, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Construct Off-Licence Area within and to the rear of Existing Blaney Stores Building and Planning Permission to Extend Existing Car Park Area to the Side and Rear of Existing Premises @ Legmuckduff, Glenalla, Milford, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

**Donegal County Council
Legnahoor, Kilmacrennan**
I, Gerard Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain a dry bed open sided shed, the laying of concrete to form a yard area and all other associated site development works at Legnahoor, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Legnahoor. 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

In Memoriam



Duffy Edward Aughalatty 2nd Anniversary

Precious memories of a special brother and uncle who passed away on the 21st June 2022.

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

Always remembered and missed by The Duffy Family

Anniversary Mass takes place on Saturday 22nd June at 6pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.



Stewart Tommy Kerrykeel 7th Anniversary

In loving memory of Thomas who died on 11th June 2017.

*Dad's gentle face
and patient smile
with sadness we
recall
You had a kindly
word for each and
died loved by all.
The voice is mute
and stilled the heart
that loved us well
and true*

*Bitter was the trial
to part from one so
good as you
You are not a
forgotten loved one
nor will you ever be
As long as life and
memory last we will
remember you Dad.
We miss you Dad,
our hearts are sore
As time goes by, we
miss you more
Your loving smile,
your gentle face, no
one can fill your
vacant place*

Sadly missed by your daughter Michelle xxx

*We'll always
remember you
Grandad
Because there'll
never be another
one to replace you
in our hearts, and
the love we will
always have for you.*

Sadly missed by your grandchildren, Ryan, Ciaran and Shauna and great grand daughters Emily and Croia xxxxxx

Moore Elvis Devlinmore 12th June 2019

In loving memory of a beloved husband, father, brother and friend.

*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*

Loved, missed and remembered every day by Bernadette, Kelly Ann, James, Rory and all the Moore and Kerr families at home and away.



McGinley Brian Main Street, Dunfanaghy 12th June 2021 3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather.

*We thought of you
with love today but
that is nothing new
We thought about
you yesterday and
days before that too
We think of you in
silence we often
speak your name
Now all we have
are memories and
your picture in a
frame
Your memory is our
keepsake with
which we'll never
part
God has you in His
keeping, we have
you in our hearts.*

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

Brian's Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 16th June at 10am in Holy Cross Church, Dunfanaghy.

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.

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In Memoriam



Creevy
Claire
Kirkstown,
Letterkenny
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of Claire who died on 14th June 2015.

*There are no words to tell you Mum what losing you has meant
But now each day brings memories of happy years we spent.*

*You'd want us all to smile again and that's just what we do
Every time we reminisce with loving thoughts of you.*

*You're with us when each day dawns and when we say goodnight
Our guardian angel here on earth and Heaven's shining light.*

Deeply loved and missed by her daughters Samantha, Frances and Claire, son Jonathon, Darragh, sons-in-law Patrick, Mark and Anthony and daughter-in-law Anne Marie.

*Gentle Jesus up above give our Nana all our love
Although she is not here to watch us grow
We know she's with us wherever we go
Little angels dressed in white kiss our Nana every night.*

Loved and missed always by her loving grandchildren Darian, Ethan, Kaleb, Dylan, Casey, Riley, Ryan, Chloe, Kyran, Cian, Cara and Charlie.

*Mum
A light from our household gone
A voice, we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.*

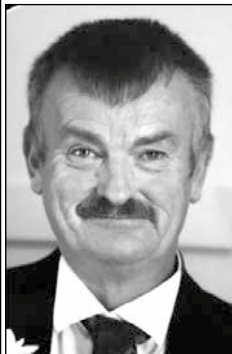
Forever in our hearts, your son Thomas, daughter-in-law Catherine and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass on Friday 14th June at 7.00pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.

Planning Notice

Donegal County Council
Cullion,
Letterkenny

I, Brendan Roache



Dill
Sammy
Kerrykeel
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and brother who died on the 17th of June 2022.

*Time slips by and life goes on
But from our hearts you're never gone
We think about you always
We talk about you too
We have so many memories
But we wish we still had you.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Margaret, your children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

McGinley
Peter
High Glen,
Carrigart
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather who died on the 17th of June 2022.

A silent thought a little prayer for someone special in God's care.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your family, Kathleen, Bernard, Siobhan, Mary, Peter and Anne, sisters Brigid and Nellie and extended families.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Monday 17th June at 10a.m.

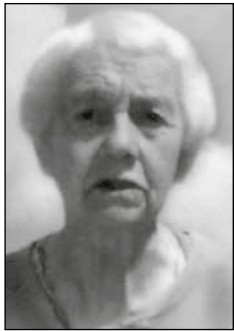
am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for erection of domestic garage/store and domestic shed with associated site works at Cullion, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Cullion. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Deeney

Creeve, Rathmullan



Eddie
25th Anniversary



Margaret
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother and father, grandmother and grandfather also remembering our dear brother John Francis R.I.P.

*Memories grow deeper as time travels on
As we long for the faces and voices that are gone, no words we speak could ever say
How much you are both loved and missed everyday
Although the three little words 'forget me not' don't say much they mean a lot
Forget you Mum and Dad we never will
For in our hearts we love you still.*

Always loved, remembered and sadly missed by your loving daughter Ann, son-in-law Neily, grandchildren Paul, Marie, Sharon, Conor, James and Philip, sadly missed and never forgotten by your loving son James, daughter-in-law Kathleen and loving granddaughter Aisling.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 16th June in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin at 11am.

Gallagher

Patrick
Loughaskerry, Termon
1st Anniversary



In loving memory of a loving father, brother and son who died on the 13th June 2023

We remember now in love, your life from start to end, and we're just glad we knew you as father and as friend.

Memories loved and cherished, forever missed by Bernadette, daughters Caroline, Roseleen, Christina and Emma.

*Happy and smiling, always content
Loved and respected wherever you went
A beautiful life that came to an end
You died as you lived, everyone's friend
Will those who think of Patrick
A little prayer to Jesus say
St Anthony pray for Patrick RIP*

Always loved by Mum.

You may be out of sight we may be worlds apart but you are always in our prayers and forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed by Willie, Fidelma, Gavin, Eimear and Liam.

*Quietly today your memories are kept
A day in our lives we will never forget
When thoughts go back as often as they do we treasure the years we had with you
Deep are the memories, precious they stay
No passing of time can take them away.
Rest in peace, Packie.*

Always remembered by Rosie, Paul, Neil, Sarah and Oisín.

*Many a lonely moment, often a silent tear
But always a beautiful memory of a brother and uncle we loved so dear.*

Always loved remembered by Manus, James, Lauren and Niall.

Gone but never forgotten, dear Packie

*On the first anniversary of your death we remember the joy you brought into our lives and the lasting impact you had on everyone around you
We miss your smile, your mischief and your presence
Rest in peace, dear Brother,
Uncle and Godfather.*

Love always Hughie, Theresa, Lily, Dominic, Cassie and Matthew.

Always remembered by brother Eddie, sister-in-law Angela, nephew Darren, niece Bronagh and Sonia in Lismonaghan

Anniversary Mass takes place on Saturday 15th June in St Columba's Church Termon at 6.30pm.



O'Donnell
Peadar
Cabra, Churchhill
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grand father who died on 9th June 2020.

*Gone is the day we used to share
But in our hearts you are always there
The gates of memory will never close
We miss you more than anyone knows
With tender love and deep regret
We who love you will never forget.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Teresa, sons, Paul and Caroline, John Joe and Gemma, Martin, daughter Collette and Michael, grandsons Stephen-Lee, Peter, Joe-Joe and Mark x.

Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly on Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm.

McGinley

Joe
Annadale, Forquar
15th Anniversary

In loving memory of Joe McGinley who died on 12th June 2009.

Also remembering our mother Annie at this time.

Sadly missed by his family and friends.



Woodward
April
1 Bridge Street,
Ramelton
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of April who died 13th June 2014.

*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love and to cherish and never forget,
In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain,
In God's own time we'll meet again.
Time passes by, life goes on,
But from our thoughts you are never gone,
Memories we have will always be kept,
Of a Mum we had and will never forget.*

Always remembered by your loving partner John and all the family.



Gillen
James

9 Muckish Terrace, Creeslough

In loving memory and first anniversary of James Gillen, beloved husband, father, brother and grandad (Dada).

Although our worlds are different now or is that just how it seems - for I see you when I close my eyes because you are always in my dreams

*I know you are in Heaven and looking down on me and when I look up at the stars, I know that's where you will be
Even though I miss you you're not too far away because my heart is full of memories,
and I treasure them every day
Our time on earth was special but it is only the very start - so please keep watching over me while we're not so far apart
Some day the time will come when I no longer feel the pain - that's the day Heaven calls and we will meet again.*

Sadly missed by your loving wife Eilish

If you see my Dad in Heaven he won't be hard to find, he is the one to greet you first for he's one of a kind

*He will be the one with the softest voice, a cap upon his head or he will probably be in God's beautiful garden with a shovel in his hand
He'll be watching the pretty hummingbirds a warm smile upon his face and as he leaves to go about, he'll be walking with strength and grace*

He'll sit among the storytellers for that's what he did best, he will talk about his life on earth before he was called to rest

*He's with his Mum and Dad now embracing them tenderly - never no longer to miss them or wonder where they might be
He may be playing with his children and there sits one upon his knee, laughing and singing the games of fun,
clapping hands so joyfully*

*Now if you haven't found my Dad yet, he's probably kneeling by the throne surrounded by God's children praying for his loved ones below
He wasn't famous in this word nor did any heroic deeds; he was a strong hard working man taking care of those in need
For you see he was my hero bigger than God to me, he taught me all I should know and about the love of God has for me.*

*So if you see my Dad in heaven tell him I am doing fine - let him know how much I miss him and I think of him all the time
You know he was my hero so will you give a hug or two - tell him how much I love him and I'll be seeing him some day soon.*

Sadly missed and loved forever from your daughter Marion

Dad I miss you every day you were so precious and unique, a guiding light throughout my life, you were the strength when I was weak

*Happy memories flood my mind whenever I think of you but you can never be replaced that much is sadly true
The fact that you still fill my heart with pain, I wish I had one last chance to talk to you again
I shall always remember the closeness that we had, I love you and miss you so much, my kind and thoughtful Dad.*

Sadly missed and loved forever from your son, Frank.

*If I could have a lifetime wish a dream that could come through
I pray to God with all my heart for yesterday and you
A thousand words won't bring you back I know cause I have tried and neither will a million tears,
I know because I've cried
You left behind my broken heart and happy memories too, I never wanted memories I only wanted you*

A Dad's love is a special gift beyond compare, nothing in the whole world could have prepared me for living without you, but you are in my heart Daddy and that's where you will remain

If I could see you for one minute I know what I would do, I'd freeze that moment in a heartbeat so I could stay with you.

Love you now and forever your daughter Rosaleen.

*One year ago, God called your name and it was your time to fly, it broke my heart to watch you go and left me wondering why
As months passed I felt you close like you never really left
I feel your laughter in times of joy and your hugs when I'm distressed
See you never really left me dada, in my heart you will always be
I can't look back with sadness now why cry for a soul set free
This year was just the first of many that you'll be missed each passing day, but I know we'll reunite in Heaven and then forever we shall stay.*

Sadly missed and loved for ever from your daughter Maggie.

*The day you left and gained your wings my heart just broke in two, I wish you could have stayed with me but Heaven needed you
You left me memories and I love you dearly still no matter how much time goes by you know I always will*

*You were a very special person with kindness in your heart and the love we had together grows stronger now we are apart
I know I cannot bring you back although I wish it every day but a piece of me went with you the day you went away.*

Sadly missed and forever loved your daughter Louise.

*For all the special gifts in life however great or small, to have you has our granda (Dada) was the greatest gift of all
You always had a smile to share, time to give time to care, never selfish always kind, such happy memories you left behind, keep shining bright in Heaven so you can light our way
You're in our hearts forever and there you will stay loved always and for ever.*

Sadly missed by your loving grandchildren - James, Conan, Lauryn, Leo, Jaime, Elise, Louise Grace, Frankie, Shay, Charlie, Aria

Today is full of memories of a brother laid to rest and every single one of them is filled with happiness

You were someone special always such a joy to know and there was so much pain when it was time to let you go

That's why this special message is sent to Heaven above for the angles to take care of you and give you all my love.

Sadly missed by your loving sister Nellie

In loving memory of someone who will always hold a special place in our hearts - A silent thought, a quiet prayer for a special person now in God's care.

Sadly missed by Simon, Brendan, Claire, Chris.

James's 1st Anniversary Mass will be on Sunday 16th June at 11am in St Michael's Church, Creeslough.

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Fr Stephen Gorman, Pilgrimage Director led 26 young people from 9 different Secondary Schools from the Raphoe Diocese on pilgrimage to the Shrine at Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to little Bernadette Soubirous. They were accompanied by 10 youth leaders, Deacon Anthony Hartnett, and Fr Paddy Dunne, Pilgrimage Youth Chaplain. Another 181 pilgrims which included 11 Assisted Pilgrims, 56 Pilgrimage Staff and 7 Priests from the Diocese joined the young people in Lourdes, France.

Fr Stephen Gorman, Pilgrimage Director, said that "Lourdes holds a very special place in my heart, having previously been there as a youth and Brancardier before joining the Priesthood". Fr Gorman said that "it was a great honour and privilege for him to return this year as Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage Director, taking Assisted Pilgrims, who are the "Royalty" of Lourdes, and the youth back for the first time since the Covid 19 Pandemic". His prayer for all the pilgrims was that "they would open their hearts and souls to Our Lady Mary, and bring to her all that is going on in their lives, asking Our Lady for her intercession."

Fr Michael Mc Keever was Spiritual Director of the Pilgrimage, along with priests of the Diocese Archdeacon Willie McMenamin, Can-

on Dinny McGettigan, Fr Rory Brady, Fr Adrian Gavigan, and Fr Brendan Ward. The 11 assisted pilgrims were cared for by Professor Ken Mulpeter and Dr Santhosh David, and they were aided by a wonderful team of medical staff.

Dominic Carr led 9 youth leaders with 26 youth from all over the County. "They all had a wonderful time, established new friendships, and they were overwhelmed by their unique experience of the beautiful Shrine to Our Lady. They supported the care of the Assisted Pilgrims with whom they established a great bond".

Fr. Stephen Gorman that'll said "Everyone takes something home from Lourdes and this is not confined to Lourdes Water, Candles, or Blessed Religious Objects. Every pilgrim brings a unique life experience to Lourdes, and every pilgrim consequently has a unique experience in Lourdes that cannot be put into words. The experience of the Eucharistic Procession, the Torch Light Procession, Mass at the Grotto, the Water Gesture, or spending some quiet time alone with Our Lady in front of the Shrine in the quietness of night, makes Lourdes a special place to find healing and strength to deal with all the many challenges we face in life."

After the closing Mass, Fr Gorman



The 26 young people with Priests at the Shrine at Lourdes last week.

commended all the youth on pilgrimage, and how "they showed great care and compassion to the assisted pilgrims. They were a fantastic group of young men and women and please God they will have taken many graces and blessings from their experience".

Fr Gorman also gave a heartfelt thanks to all the staff who contributed so much to making it possible to care for the Assisted Pilgrims and Youth Members and for making their time on the Pilgrimage a very heartwarming experience.

The assisted pilgrims enjoyed a meal and a sing song in the Agena Hotel along with the staff on their final night in Lourdes. Donal Boyle, Chief Brancardier, thanked Fr Gorman after the meal for all his hard work and dedication to the Pilgrimage and for all the time and effort that he put into making it such an enjoyable experience for all involved.

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The First Holy Communion Class from Termon National School who made their First Holy Communion in St Cholmcille Chapel Termon pictured with Parish Priest Fr Michael Mc Keever and Class teacher Mrs Sarah Connaghan.

Mevagh Family Resource Centre

Áras Ros Goill, Downings. Call: 074 9155055 or text 087 9228944 Email: info@mevaghfrc.com. Check out our Facebook Page - Mevagh FRC or Website - www.mevaghfrc.com

Breast & Bottle-Feeding Support Group - This group, for Mum's and new babies, and facilitated by the Public Health Nurse runs on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19 June from 11am to 12:30pm in Mevagh FRC. Call in for a cuppa and a chat. No booking necessary. Tel: 074 9155055 (FRC) or Tel: 074 9155430 (PHN).

Mevagh Walking Group - If you would like to meet new people, increase your fitness and improve mood/reduce stress, why not join our small, friendly walking group. We meet every Tuesday at 10:30 am at the Boardwalk Car Park, Cuan na Rí, Carrigart and walk the Boardwalk. For more information call Pauline at Mevagh FRC.

Busy Bees, Parent, Baby and Toddler Group for babies to 5-year olds - meet every Friday morning from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Why not bring your little tots along for a morning of fun? Cost €3 per family.

Mevagh Gardening Group - a few plots are available at our Community Garden at Magherabeg, Downings. Consists of one bed inside polytunnel & one raised bed outside. Reasonable annual fee applies. If interested in joining our group please contact Pauline at Centre.

Senior Alert Scheme - Mevagh FRC continue to assist individuals who require a personal monitored alarm. This alarm is for people aged 65+, of limited means. It enables older people to live securely and independently in their homes. The installation and equipment are free and if you connect to a landline, the monitoring is free for the first year. Charges apply to alarms set up via sim card. This initiative is part funded by Pobal. Please call in, or contact the centre for more information.

TÚS Community Employment Scheme (19½ hrs) Administrative Assistant - A vacancy exists at Mevagh FRC for an Administrative Assistant. Experience an advantage. Candidates must be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance for at least one year. To confirm eligibility or for further details, contact Áine Uí Rabhartaigh on 087 2366912 or email a.uirabhartaigh@udas.ie

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

Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am. Contact Fiona directly to book your place. Tel: 0851569424 or Email: risehealthhub@gmail.com
Yoga Kindly with Brigitte continues on a Saturday morning at 9:45am in the Resource Centre. Contact Brigitte on 087 0653333 for more information.



Dunfanaghy

Mass in Doe

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Dunfanaghy FRC

Wellness Café is on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon in the Workhouse. Therapeutic Counselling for Adults, Children & Adolescence. Book via the Pastoral Centre - 074 9121853.

St. Michael's Lotto

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50/50

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Prayer Meeting

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

The Workhouse

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from

Cloughaneely

Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Band lotto last week the numbers drawn were 3-4-6-10-18-20. Susan Cannon, Ann Marie Greer, Maire McClafferty (online) won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €7550.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations Ellie Grace and Aibhinn McCullagh, Keeldrum who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1014.

Preschool Booster

Falcarragh Medical Centre will be holding Pre school Booster clinics on the following dates: Monday 17th June from 3-5pm, Monday 24th June from 3-5pm and Monday 15th July from 3-5pm. Contact the surgery to make an appointment on 9135491/9135490.

Safe to Call Service

Safe to call is a new community initiative to support victims of domestic abuse and highlighting the supports that are available to them. Pobail Le Cheile are providing such victims a safe space to make a call confidentially. Time available for this service is Monday - Thursday 10am - 5pm.

Scoil Fhionain's Parents Association

The Church Gate Collection held last weekend raised €430.07. We are incredibly grateful to all those who donated so generously.

Coiste Glan agus Glas

Coiste Glan agus Glas, Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee are continuing with their work on Biodiversity in the Green Area below the Strand Bar. As quite a lot of the old trees in the garden are diseased with Ash Dieback they will have to be removed. This will take place within the next week. They old trees when cut will be log piled to create shelter and habitats. New trees, hedging have already being planted. Beimid ag súil le tacaíocht ón phobal amach anseo.



Mary Rodgers, Ardsbeg who won the Falcarragh 50/50 prize this week of €1003 received her winnings.

Notice

Case No: D:LIC:FALC:2024:003610 Courts Licence
No: LIC-5196 Revenue Licence No: LEP072
**An Chuir Tuiche The District Court
Intoxicating Liquor Act 1962,
section 10 (as amended)
Notice of Application for an exemption
for special event (Area)
District Court Area of
An Fál Carrach District No. 1**

Derek Arnold as Nominee Applicant

TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Applicant Derek Arnold as nominee of Arnold's Hotel Limited of Main St., Dunfanaghy, Donegal the holder of a licence in respect of the premises situate at Main Street, Dunfanaghy, Letterkenny, Donegal in court area and district aforesaid, intends to apply to the Court at An Fál Carrach District Court on the 17-Jul-2024 at 10:30 for an Order exempting the holders of licences in the locality of such premises, namely Main St., Dunfanaghy from the provisions of the Licensing Acts in respect of prohibited hours on the following days and between the following hours, to wit-

during which period a special event is taking place in such locality.

START DATE START TIME END DATE END TIME

12 Sep 2024 11:30 a.m. 16 Sep 2024 2:30 a.m.

OCCASION - Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues Festival

Dated 06 Jun 2024 Signed Brendan Kelly, Solicitor

for Applicant Solicitors, Falcarragh, Donegal

To the Garda Superintendent, at courtpresenters.milford@garda.ie, Milford Garda Station, Milford, Donegal To the Health Service Executive Official, at EHSAdminDonegal@hse.ie

To the District Court Clerk, Letterkenny District Court.

10am until 5pm featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground and the team welcome everyone over the coming months.

Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market is open under the Green Gazebo every Saturday from 10am until 1pm with a wide selection of home baking,

handknits and crochet personalised crafts, jewellery, vegetables and flowers. Pre-orders can be taken through their Facebook page.

Letterkenny / North West Underage League

Bonagee United 2-2 Dunfanaghy Youths

Dunfanaghy, despite dominating the match and hitting the frame of the goals on four occasions, had to settle for a draw in Bonagee on Sunday.

Dunfanaghy started the game on the front foot with a good run and pass by Cian Langan was finished into the corner of the net by Matthew McFadden in the 8th minute.

Dunfanaghy continued to pile on the pressure, and a through ball by Oisín Sweeney was latched onto by Cian, who finished into the bottom corner to put Dunfanaghy 2-0 up in the 14th minute. Dunfanaghy went close time and again but were denied twice by the frame of the goal and by some good goalkeeping. From a break away, Bonagee reduced the deficit to 2-1. A long ball over the top was finished by Bonagee to bring the sides level at 2-2 in the 23rd minute.

Dunfanaghy continued to bring the game to the opposition for the entire second half, but a combination of good goalkeeping, the frame of the goals on 2 more occasions, meant they had to settle for a 2-2 draw. This was one of our most complete performances of the year, but where luck deserted us. It was a real team effort with Oliver McFadden, the player of the match.

The panel was: Rory Boyce, Odhran Sweeney, Oisín Sweeney (Captain), Caolan Sweeney, Oliver McFadden, Oisín Nelis, Anthony Wilkinson, Matthew McFadden, Cian Langan, Liam McFadden and Dylan Robinson.

The next match is a local derby at home to Glenea. Date to be confirmed, but it is potentially on Thursday 20th June at 7pm.



Dunfanaghy Youths Football Under 12 Team who drew with Bonagee United 2-2 last weekend.



St. Michael's GAA Under 10 Boys Team who played Downings last week.

Letterkenny Golf Club

Letterkenny Golf Club hosted its first group of touring golfers who travelled from East Asia recently. The group of 6 males and 6 females are based in Hong Kong who play golf at the Shek O Country Private Members Club. This club is known for its breathtaking scenery and challenging par 3's on the front 9 leaving some blind holes along valleys on the turn. They are playing a host of courses in Ireland along the North and West coast.

They received a warm céad míle fáilte before taking on the tough and twisty parklands of Barnhill. A 'friendly' yet very competitive match was had

against members of LKGC.

Refreshments were served at the midpoint and afterwards Noreen and her team at Hunters Bar & Restaurant provided a fantastic array of snacks which were washed well down with a few pints of the black stuff!

Kieran Davis was on hand to present the prizes which were sponsored by Croithlí Distillery while Maire Carr provided the entertainment with her musical and singing attributes.

Letterkenny Ladies

The competition on Thursday 30th May was sponsored by Crumlish Appliances with Bridie Gildea (30) bringing in a score of 36pts to claim 1st prize. Celine Bradley (21) finished in 2nd place with a score of 34 pts and Triona Daly (26) came 3rd with 33pts. The Front 9 was

won by Mena Breslin- Delap (35) with 20pts and Sandra Mc Monagle (22) won the back 9 with 19pts.

The June Medal was held on Tuesday 4th June and was won by Mary Gallagher (48) with a great score of 74 nett and the runner up was Bridget McClafferty (35) with a score of 75 nett. Angela Kilgallen came 3rd with 76 nett BOT and Celie Bradley (21) finished 4th with 76 nett. Winner of the front 9 was Margo Birmingham (29) with 32.5 Nett and Sandra Mc Monagle (22) won the back nine with 39 Nett.

Presentation Evening

A Presentation Evening will be held at Letterkenny Golf Club on Tuesday 18th June at 9pm.

Team News

Well done to Team Captains Triona Daly and Anne Mc

Grath and the Maura O Donnell Team who won all matches at home against Greencastle in a very sporting match. Letterkenny now play the 2nd leg against Greencastle on Friday at 11.30. Thank you to all of the supporters

The ladies 9-hole Challenge Trophy Team play at home to Antrim on Friday 14th June at 2.40 and away in Antrim on Sunday 16th June at 2.40. Supporters are very welcome.

The Revive Active Team play on Sunday 16th June in round 3 against Whitehead Golf Club, Co. Antrim at 1.30 with 2 matches at home and 2 away.

Date for your Diary

The Play in Pink Competition for Breast Cancer will be held on Thursday 27th June. Your support will be greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause.



Members of Letterkenny Golf Club with members of the Asian Group who visited Letterkenny Golf Club last week.

welcome to come, have tea and coffee and have a look at the work. Free Art Club for 10-12 year olds with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Garradh Cholmille. 6-7pm. Get Creative and meet new people. Booking on 086 455 7519. Introduction to Pranik Healing and Healing Clinic. Learn about 'non-touch' energy healing system.

Thursday Café

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

Kash marks special birthday

Family and friends of Katherine 'Kash' Stagg, nee McFadden, gathered in Rose's Bar in Creeslough on Saturday evening to mark her 80th birthday. Kash is the daughter of the late Jim Pat and Mary McFadden of Roscad and while she has lived much of her life in

England she regularly returns back to Donegal to visit family and friends. She was joined on the night by her husband Denis, son Trevor (pictured below) and a large gathering of extended family and friends for a surprise get together to mark her special birthday.



Creeslough

St. Michael's Lotto

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Ards Friary on the opening of their newly refurbished shop. It was very badly missed when it was closed but it is so lovely now that it has re opened and you will be well looked after by Margaret and Bernadette.

Opening Times : Monday – Saturday 12 noon until 5.00 p.m. Sundays : 12 noon until 7.00 p.m. Closed during evening Mass from 5.30 p.m. until 6.15 p.m.

Ordination

Congratulations to Fr. Anthony Hartnett who was ordained in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Sunday and to his family. We pray that God will guide him in his work.

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Donegal Camino

Registration is now open for anyone who would like to take part in this year's Donegal Camino. The 7-day walking festival is on from the 1st to the 7th of September, with 7 different vibrant walks and hikes planned across Donegal. All details of the Donegal Camino 2024

itinerary and suggested accommodation and dining options along with how to register and fundraise are on www.donegalcamino.ie.

50/50

Congratulations to Mary McFadden who won €340 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Creeslough Community Links Hub

The Creeslough Community Links Hub is open Monday to Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm and offers a variety of classes and groups. Please reach out to info@creesloughcommunity.com or 087 292 3102 for more information or to register for a course/class.

Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. Dance teacher is Celine.



President Michael D Higgins pictured with to 6th class pupils from Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough at Áras an Uachtaráin



Clara Wilkinson, Mark Mitchell, Daithi McColgan and Grainne Stewart 6th class pupils from Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough at Áras an Uachtaráin



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 24TH
8PM

COMMUNITY LINKS HUB
MAIN STREET CREESLOUGH F92YR6N

Memoriam Cards



Contact Tirconail Tribune 074 91 53600

President Higgins welcomes Creeslough NS to Áras an Uachtaráin

President Higgins receives 6th class pupils and teachers from Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough, and Fr John Joe Duffy, curate at St Michael's Church, Creeslough, at Áras an Uachtaráin. President Higgins has retained a connection with Creeslough since the appalling tragedy of 7th October 2022, visiting the area on a number of occasions since the tragedy.



Jimmy McGuinness at front and behind are Clara Wilkinson, Mark Mitchell, Daithi McColgan and Grainne Stewart 6th class pupils from Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough at Áras an Uachtaráin



President Higgins speaks with Fr John Joe Duffy, curate at St Michael's Church and 6th class pupils and teachers from Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough at Áras an Uachtaráin

GAA Club News

Gaeil Fhánada

Lotto Results 09/06/2024

Numbers: 6, 15, 17, 18, 23. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Jennifer Gallagher. This week's Jackpot: €1,350.

June 'Grab a Grand'

The club will launch our June 'Grab a Grand' competition on our online platforms on Friday at mid-day.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé hAoine, 14ú Meitheamh

Buachaillí Faoi 10

Gaeil Fhánada v Baile na nGallóglaigh @ 6:00

Dé Domhnaigh, 16ú Meitheamh

Peil na mBan - Roinn 1

Gaeil Fhánada v An Tearmann @ 10:30

Sraith - Roinn 2 (Cluiche Tacaíochta)

Baile na nGallóglaigh v Gaeil Fhánada @ 1:30

Sraith - Roinn 2 (Sinsear)

Baile na nGallóglaigh v Gaeil Fhánada @ 3:00

Dé Luain, 17ú Meitheamh

Cailíní Faoi 10

Gaeil Fhánada v Baile na nGallóglaigh @ 7:30

Senior Men

Gaeil Fhánada 1:13 Ard an Rátha 0:14

The Seniors picked up two important league points winning by two points against Ardara.

Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley; Calum McAteer, Paddy Heraghty, Oisín McFadden; Brandon McClafferty, James Gallagher, Shaun Kerr, Odhrán Shiels, Paddy Carr, Mark McAteer (0:01), Liam McGrenaghan (0:05), Darren Mc Elwaine (1:03), James Kerr (0:01), Michael Sweeney (0:03), Eoghan Carr. Mark Friel for James Kerr, Seán Carr for Eoghan Carr, Paul Coyle for Oisín McFadden.

Reserves

Ard an Rátha 2:10 Gaeil Fhánada 1:06

Hard luck to our reserve side who were defeated by Ardara. Brian Gallagher, Emmet Kelly, Ciaran Sweeney, Patrick Shiels, Charlie Crerand (0:02), Aaron McConigley, Eoghan Logue, Christy Sweeney (0:01), Jamie McAteer, Joshua McAteer (0:01), Eoin Logue, Brandon Friel, Seán Friel, Paul Friel (1:02), Dan Kerr. Andrew Friel for Eoin Logue, Conor McConigley for Joshua McAteer.

Buachaillí & Cailíní Faoi 8

Our U8 boys and girls made the trip to Páirc na nDúnaibh on Wednesday to face off against Downings.

Clean sheet for Clare

Well done to Clare Friel on another very good performance between the posts in the colours of Donegal as they began their All Ireland campaign with a draw against Kerry on Sunday.

LGFA U14 All Ireland Silver Final

Donegal U14's lost out to Offaly in the All Ireland final on Saturday. There's no doubting however, that Aoibhinn Callaghan, Clodagh McAteer and Amy McAteer should be very proud of their achievements. Congratulations to Aidan McAteer, Seamus McAteer and Tracey McBride in the management team.

School Sports Day

The club hosted another very successful schools sports day in lovely weather conditions (for the most part) on Thursday. Míle buíochas to all the primary schools in our area, the teachers and the SNAs for their help and cooperation, and to all the children who participated so well. Thanks goes to coach Manus Friel for his help and expertise. Our thanks as well to the large team of helpers who were present.

Bucket Collection

Thanks to everyone who supported the successful bucket collection in Kerrykeel.

Kerrykeel NS lift silverware

Well done to the Kerrykeel NS boys team who took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil Blitz held in Termon on Wednesday.

It was a successful day out for the lads who won the small schools shield final on the day.

Naomh Adhamhnáin

County Senior Football.

Good luck to the Donegal Senior Men's Football team who play Clare in Round 3 of the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship on Saturday June 15th at 3pm in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, Castlebar.

All County League

Naomh Adhamhnáin Senior Men were away on Saturday evening last to Na Dunaibh.

Senior men

Naomh Adhamhnáin started brightly with Conor O'Donnell and James Kelly kicking two early points for the away team added to by Pauric Boyle and Eoin McGeehin points. Final Score: Na Dunaibh 1-7 : 0-10 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

Naomh Adhamhnáin scorers: Conor O'Donnell 0-4, (2f); Eoin McGeehin 0-2, (1f); James Kelly, Pauric Boyle, David Boyle and Dylan Doogan 0-1 each. Team: Ronan McGeehin; Noah Barrett, Anthony Gallagher, James Kelly; Dylan Doogan, Kieran Tobin, Pdraig Hughes; Kevin Kealy, Jordan O'Dowd; David Boyle, Jake Whelan, Conor O'Donnell Jnr; Oran Winston, Eoin McGeehin, Pauric Boyle. Subs: Oisín Scanlon for Pdraig Hughes.

Upcoming Fixtures:

This weekend Naomh Adhamhnáin play Gleann Fhinne on Sunday in O'Donnell Park at 1:30pm and at 3pm.

Minor Board:

Hard luck to our U14 Div 2 and Div 4 teams who lost out to Na Dunaibh and Gleann tSuili in the Northern Board Shield finals last Sunday.

Upcoming U16 fixtures:

Monday June 17th -NRB U16 Div 3 Nh Adhamhnáin v Roibeard Eimid 6.30pm - O'Donnell Park.

Monday June 17th -NRB U16 Div 1 Nh Adhamhnáin v An Tearmann 8pm - O'Donnell Park.

Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies are at away this weekend. They play Naomh Mhuire InaR at 10.30am.

Hurling

The Junior and Senior Hurling championship starts on Friday June 21st.

Junior Championship Round 1 - Burt v Naomh Adhamhnáin 7pm in Hibernian Park.

Senior Championship Group B Round 1 - Naomh Adhamhnáin v An Clochan Liath 8.15pm in O'Donnell Park.

Glenswilly

Annual 5K

The Annual 5K will take place on Tuesday the 18th. Registration can be done www.njuko.net/glenswilly_gaa_5k_2024 or at the registration night on Monday or from 6pm on Tuesday. The race will start at 7.30pm. Entry fee for adults is €10 and juveniles are €5!

Senior Men

The Seniors suffered a defeat against Ballyshannon on Saturday. They'll be hoping to bounce back as they host Malin on Sunday at 3pm.

The Reserve game was called off and are back in action on Sunday at 1.30pm.

The Senior C team played out a draw on Sunday against Ardara 1-05 to 0-8. Next up is a home game to Glenfin this Friday at 8pm.

Minor Board

Well done to the U14 Development team who defeated St Eunans in the Division 4 Shield Final on Sunday.

Commiserations to Pauric Devine, Paddy Ward and Matthew Enright as the Donegal U17 team were defeated by Kildare in the semi final on Saturday.

Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies play this Sunday when they play Naomh Pdraig Muff to Pairc Naomh Columba at 10.30am

Commiserations to Cara McFadden, Ellie Bonner and Ciaran Gallagher as the U14 County team lost out to Offaly.

Donegal look to rebound against Clare

After a welcome fortnight break from competitive action Donegal will look to hit the high notes again when they take on Clare this Saturday in the final series of matches in Group 3 of the All-Ireland Series. The game is taking place in Castlebar with a 3.00 throw-in at McHale Park. At the same time leaders Cork will play Tyrone in Portlaoise. Cork are on four points, two ahead of both Donegal and Tyrone. Clare is pointless. Jim McGuinness and his backroom had for only the second time this year returned to training after losing a competitive game. The loss to Cork will hopefully be a learning curve and another step in the journey to the dream of All-Ireland success. One thing is for sure Donegal will rarely come up as well as a conditioned side as Cork were two weeks ago. So it will be a different game against Clare in Castlebar. McGuinness's men will be expected to win this contest but topping the group is subject to a number of scenarios. At the moment Cork are favourites to take that spot and a draw against Tyrone will be enough to do just that for the Leesiders. That game is much harder to call. Can Tyrone build a bit of momentum on the back of their 3-14 to 0-10 win over Clare in Omagh two weeks ago? Or will it be Cork pushing on after the morale boosting win over Donegal. There are many permutations but what is certain is that the winner of Group 3 goes through directly to the quarter-final. Second and third qualify for the preliminary quarter-finals. The team that finishes second has home advantage for that fixture. The third placed team must travel. In the Group stages where two teams finish on the same points it is the head-to-head result that decides the placing. In a scenario where three teams have the same points total then its score difference is used. In the unlikely event that it fails then the points for total comes into play. If

teams were to be tied on total points then goals scored would be the deciding factor. Clare lost to Cork in Ennis and then to Tyrone in Omagh. Donegal defeated Tyrone in their Group 3 opener in Ballybofey before losing to Cork at Pairc Ui Rionn. McGuinness will have used the two-week break to assess the physical and mental state of the players that featured last time out. And it remains to be seen whether any changes will be made for Saturday's match. Jason McGee whose stature as an influential member of the team has grown as the season has progressed may be a doubt after coming early in the second half of the Cork game. Mark Curran hasn't featured in the last two games. Will the Dungloe man come back into the reckoning? Aaron Doherty, Jamie Brennan, Jack McKelvey and Odhran Doherty are others who have been making sub appearances during the championship. Carndonagh's Conor O'Donnell has returned to training but won't feature for a while as he builds up match fitness. Hugh McFadden isn't likely to return in the short term either due to a back injury. It will be interesting to see whether the squad's heavy training schedule and busy games programme is going to have a bearing on their future prospects in the championships. They certainly won't want to come up against Cork again and other potential opponents including Clare will be trying to exploit the opportunities for goals after Donegal conceded three at Pairc Ui Rionn. A massive effort has been put in since the autumn by the amateur squad buying-in totally to the McGuinness message. The manager has volunteered a huge amount of time to the cause of bringing Donegal back to the top table along with his backroom team. A lot has already been achieved with the National League Division 2 title and the Ulster Final triumph.

All-Ireland Senior Championship Group 2

Ladies draw with Kerry

Donegal 1-6 Kerry 0-9

The Donegal Senior Ladies came from behind to secure a draw with pre-match favourites Kerry at MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey on Sunday thanks to a Susanne White equaliser in a Group 2 opener. In challenging weather conditions the sides were level at the break in what was a low scoring game. Caoimhe Keon's fourth minute goal left the score 1-3 to 0-6 at the break. Keon's goal and a Katie Dowds point left the hosts two behind at the end of the first quarter. Susanne White was then on target from a free to leave it 0-6 to 1-2 with 19 minutes on the clock. Kerry went two points clear early in the second

half but another White free kept Donegal in the mix. Another score for the visitors put them two ahead again. In the closing stages Dowds closed the gap to the minimum with White's free securing the draw for John McNulty's side. Donegal - Clare Friel; Shannon McLaughlin, Abigail Temple Asokuh, Evelyn McGinley; Katie Dowds 0-2, Niamh Boyle, Tara Hegarty; Róisín Rodgers, Niamh Carr; Caoimhe Keon 1-0, Niamh McLaughlin 0-1, Amy Boyle Carr; Susanne White 0-3 (3fs), Katy Herron, Katie Long. Subs: Eva Gallagher for A Boyle Carr, Blaihtnaid McLaughlin for Long, Jodie McFadden for N Carr.

Mothers and Others

Glenswilly M&O will host a blitz on Sunday July 14th. 10 teams max. Contact Jackie msjmcaateer@gmail.com WhatsApp 0894627559

Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSuilí

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

Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm. Congratulations to last week's winner Amanda Bonner who won €300.

Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Campa Samhraidh

1-5 Iúil do pháistí idir 6-12 bliain d'aois. Cuir gloach ar Chaolán le clárú at 086 358 3874. Buíochas

We would like to thank Clls Michael McClafferty and Anthony Molloy for supporting our Development Fund Initiative application recently.

Lotto

The numbers drawn were 2,4,8,10,16,18. We had 7 match 4s. Congratulations to Christine Gallagher who wins €100. The jackpot is now €7,000.

St. Michael's

The Seniors and Reserves return to All County League action on Sunday when the take on Gweedore in Magharagallen with the throw ins at 1.30pm and 3pm.

Good Luck

Good luck to all the St. Michael's contingent who are part of the Donegal Team and Management for their match against Clare.

Well done to Evelyn McGinley who was part of the Donegal Ladies team which drew with Kerry last weekend.

Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 4,7,9,19,18,19. The Match 5 winner were Elaine McDaid, Gortnalake, Creeslough and Kieran McGinley, Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €6900.

Under 10 Boys

After the successful day in Ardara last weekend, the lads made a shorter trip to our neighbours Downings on Saturday. The boys are improving week on week, some of the moves and scores were a joy to watch. We played 9 games overall and the lads thoroughly enjoyed it.

Under 12 Boys

On Friday night, our U12s hosted Mac Cumhaills in a Division 1 clash. Despite a strong start from the visitors, who ultimately left with the points.

Fixtures

Fri 14th NRB U12 D3.

Away v Mac Cumhaill's @ 7.30pm

U12 Girls

Home v Milford @ 6.30pm



Olympian Danny McDaid with Club members at the launch of Glenswilly 5k this Tuesday evening. Registration is from 6pm with run and walk starting at 7.30pm.

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Sat 15th U14 Girls
Home v Glenswilly.
Sun 16th Senior Ladies
Home v St. Mary's Convoy @ 10.30am
Mon 17th NRB U16 D2
Home v Letterkenny Gaels @7pm.

Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 4/6/24

7-9-17-31. Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Michelle Sweeney, Ramelton.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 15th of June: Maple, Milford. Joe McNulty and Anne Marie Hannigan.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Senior Men

Our Senior men's teams host Fanad Gaels on Sunday with 1.30 throw-in for the Reserves and 3pm throw-in for Seniors - all support welcome.

U12 Boys

Our U12 Blue team lost out away to Red Hugh's on Friday last. They are home to Downings on Monday 17th of June and our Navy team are away to Mac Cumhail's this Friday (14th) at 6.30pm.

Club Summer Camp

The Club are running a summer camp from 7th to 9th of August, from 10am to 1pm daily, for Primary school children. The cost is €50 for 1st child and €40 per sibling which includes a new training top. Registration is via Clubforce and the closing date for applications is 30th of June.

Club Golf Classic

The Club are running a golf classic in Portsalon Golf Club on Friday 9th of August. Teams cost €300 and tee and green sponsorship is €100. Contact Aodh McCormack 0878131565; Donall Barrett 0868353701; Aidan Cannon 0876784787; Shaun Strain 0879013504; Róisín McCormack 0879188795; Tracy Peoples 0863777458

Murphy's men host UCD

There's another big match for Finn Harps this Thursday evening (kick-off 7.45) as Darren Murphy's outfit take on second in the table UCD in Ballybofey. All games have been brought forward due to the start of the European Championships this Friday. Harps and UCD have drawn in their previous two encounters this season so it's one that Harps would really like to win ahead of the mid-season break.

Harps won't return to action until Saturday 29th June when they travel to the Midlands to take on Longford Town. On Friday night Murphy's men lost 2-0 to Cobh at St. Coleman's Park. In the first meeting with UCD in Ballybofey on Friday 5th April it ended 1-1. Despite having had to settle for a draw against the Students Harps remained second in the League of Ireland First Division table following that weekend's results. However, Darren Murphy's side were now three points behind leaders Cork City. Tony McNamee's third goal in successive matches gave Harps an early lead against the Students but the visitors got FAI Senior Cup draw

Away Cork FAI Cup tie for Harps

Finn Harps hit a really unlucky draw in the second round draw for the FAI Senior Cup with Darren Murphy's side having to make yet another long journey south to take on Cork City. Finn Harps legend Jim Sheridan made the draw on Thursday at the FAI Headquarters to mark the 50th Anniversary of Finn Harps FAI Senior Cup triumph back in 1974.

The Rathmullan man is the only player to do so in the 55-year history of Finn Harps F.C. To this day the Rathmullan man is hugely proud of that moment he climbed the steps at Dalymount Park

back on level terms in the 74th minute after having had a player sent-off. While the hosts were the better side in the closing stages they just couldn't regain the lead.

The second encounter was on Friday 17th May at the Belfield Bowl which was a six-goal game ended 3-3. Sean O'Donnell gave the visitors the lead in the first minute. The Students were level on seven minutes through Donal Higgins. Harps twice took the lead in the second half through Success Edogun. He made it 3-2 on 88 minutes from the penalty spot. However, in the third minute of injury time Eanna Clancy headed home a UCD equaliser. In an overall context a draw was probably a fair result but Darren Murphy was disappointed that his men didn't hold out for a victory that would have made their place in the top five even more comfortable.

Harps are currently five points behind UCD with 20 games played. They are fourth in the table two points behind Athlone Town who have a game in hand.

to receive the FAI Senior Cup after the 3-1 win over St. Patrick's Athletic where Brendan Bradley netted twice with Charlie Ferry the other scorer. All 32 ties in this year's competition are due to be played on the week-ending Sunday 21st of July. The Cork-Harps game is likely to take place on Friday the 20th of July at Turners Cross. Thursday's FAI Senior Cup draw wasn't kind either to Cockhill Celtic who must travel to League of Ireland Premier Division side Waterford Utd. Derry City have a home tie against last year's winners St. Patrick's Athletic.

Harps suffer third Cobh loss

Cobh Ramblers 2-0 Finn Harps

For the third time this season Finn Harps lost to Cobh Ramblers when the two sides met at St. Coleman's Park on Friday night. Darren Murphy's side made the marathon journey down south that morning and the exertions of that allied to playing three games in the space of a week took its toll. The Harps boss wasn't happy with the manner of the concession of the first goal on the half-hour mark and felt that his side should have got something from the game.

Murphy made three changes from the Athlone draw with goalkeeper Conor Walsh replacing Tim Heimer, Stephen Doherty came in for Aaron McLaughlin and Success Edogun slotted in for Sean O'Donnell. Gavin McAteer did not travel due to his Junior Certificate examinations while injuries ruled out Max Hutchison, Conor Tourish, Shane McMonagle and Kevin Jordan.

Harps came into the match on the back of a win over Wexford Youths and a draw with Athlone Town. They were hoping to seek some retribution for the two losses to Cobh earlier in the season but it was the hosts who got the early advantage of Liam Kerrick's 31st minute goal. The visitors were better in the second half but couldn't get on level terms and with having to push up Cobh's David Bosnjak sealed the win with the last kick of the game. Cobh had defended their 1-0 lead well despite some Harps pressure. The hosts created the first opening when Bosnjak got through the Finn Harps' defence, but Conor Walsh got his body in the way. Success Edogun's eighth minute effort at the other end was comfortably saved by Darragh Burke. Kerrick then fired just over for Cobh. Patrick Ferry should have tested Burke on 25 minutes after a good build-up involving Tony McNamee and Luke O'Brien.

Cobh deservedly went in front on 31 minutes after Harps failed to deal with a set-piece that allowed Kerrick to control the ball to shoot low past Conor Walsh. In the second half Edogun got in a couple of crosses but on each occasion Ferry headed wide. Despite Harps dominating possession in the final half-hour it was Cobh who nearly doubled their advantage with Justin Eguabor's bicycle kick, being saved by Walsh following a corner.

The visitors were fortunate not to go 2-0 behind on 73 minutes when Jack Larkin and Tiernan O'Brien both had chances but Luke O'Brien blocked the initial shot while the second effort was cleared away. Harps sub Sean O'Donnell came close to making it 1-1 when he was slipped through by David Cawley but Burke was again out quickly to avert the danger. Nolan Evers nearly made it 2-1 in the 78th minute but the ball went over the crossbar. Then in the dying seconds Bosnjak fired home the second goal and another Cobh victory over Harps.

Finn Harps - Conor Walsh; Luke O'Brien, Matthew Makinson, Jamie Watson; Tony McNamee, Noe Baba, Ryan Rainey (Sean O'Donnell, 70); David Cawley (Aaron McLaughlin, 77); Patrick Ferry, Success Edogun, Stephen Doherty (Max Johnston, 57). Not used: Tim Heimer, Mark Mbulli, Chris Lofefa, Darragh Coyle.
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Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 6th June. The numbers drawn were 6, 10, 16, 21. The next draw takes place this Thursday and the jackpot is €10,000. There were 6 match 3 winners each winning €35 - John James Chambers, Castlefinn; Mary Galvin, C/o Conkers, Ballybofey; Angela O'Brien, Stranorlar; Kate Beattie, Castlefinn; Cyril Dunnion, Drum, Dublin and Róisín McCann, Belfast.

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Moore and McBride does the double at the Ulster Champs in Belfast

The Northern Ireland & Ulster Age 14 to Under 20 Championships took place at Mary Peters Track over the 8th and 9th of June. Six of our finest athletes participated: Oisín McBride, Colleen McCloskey, Orla and Clodagh Neely, Amy Cullen, and Michael Moore. A huge congratulations to all our competitors.

Saturday kicked off with Oisín McBride in the Under 14 800M. Oisín's extensive training paid off as he won the race and set a personal best time. He didn't stop there; after a night of rest, he triumphed in the 1500M the next day.

Amy Cullen, recently back from injury, excelled in the long jump, earning a silver medal. She also placed fourth in the 200M. Welcome back, Amy, and keep up the excellent work!

Colleen McCloskey showcased her talent in the Under 14 long jump and 80 M sprints. She's definitely one to watch for the future.

Michael Moore competed in the Under 17 800M on Saturday, winning with an outstanding finish. He continued his winning streak on Sunday in the Under 17 400M. Brilliant work, Michael!

Clodagh Neely earned herself a well earned second place in the Under 19 Javelin. Congratulations Clodagh.

Orla Neely claimed victory in the Under 20 discus, congratulations Orla.

Additionally, Oisín Kelly travelled to Watford, England, for the British Milers Grand Prix on Saturday, securing a well-deserved third place. Congratulations, Oisín!

Caolan McFadden competed on Saturday in Palafrugell, Spain at an International meet, and won the Under 18, 800M race. Congratulations to Caolan, who aims to qualify for the Under 18 European Championship.

ships in Slovakia this July.

We eagerly anticipate the All Ireland, where Oisín McBride, Michael Moore, Orla and Clodagh Neely, and Amy Cullen will represent us.

Thank you to our dedicated coaches for their excellent training and to the parents for their unwavering support.



Caolan McFadden who won Gold in Spain in 800m U18 representing Ireland.



Oisín McBride Double Ulster Champion with proud parents Ann and Declan and sister Sadhbh.



Oisín Kelly who got Bronze in Watford at the British Milers Grand prix.

Amy Cullen who came 2nd U18 long jump and Coleen McCloskey who competed in 80m and long jump.



Orla Neely 1st U20 Discus, Michael Moore Double Gold medal winner U17 800m and 1500m, Clodagh Neely 2nd U19 Javelin with Shauna and Eamon Giles.

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Loreto Ladies are champions of Ireland



The Loreto Letterkenny ladies put in a fantastic performance at last weekends All Ireland Schools Championships in Tullamore. The intermediate girls team consisted of Erin Friel, Aoife McGeehin, Emma Bonar, Katie Elliott, Maeve Doherty and Anna Russell. Each girl competed individually to score points. Erin Friel won the gold medal in the 300m. Aoife McGeehin won the silver medal in the javelin competition and was 6th in the discus.

The 4x100m relay team of Katie Elliott, Emma Bonar, Maeve Doherty and Erin Friel won the bronze medal. Emma Bonar was 4th in the 800m. Katie Elliott was 5th in the high jump. Maeve Doherty was 6th in the 80m hurdles. Anna Russell was 10th in the 1500m steeplechase.

There were 124 schools in the intermediate girls category. Loreto Letterkenny's inter girls team scored a total of 35.5 points to win from St. Angela's in Cork on 21 points. All six girls have been selected to represent Ulster in the Tailteann games interprovincial championships on the 22nd of June. Erin Friel has been given the added honour of being selected as the Captain of the Ulster team.

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Wetherby treble for Orr

Rathmullan jockey Oisin Orr's fine recent form continued with a 31/1 treble on Tuesday evening at a race meeting in Wetherby. Orr won on 9/4 shot Yes I'm Mali and Lesley's Boy at 5/4 for his main trainer Richard Fahy.

In between he was on board the Lucinda Russell trained John L Sullivan who won at 10/3. Orr has already accumulated 30 winners this current season.

Wetherby is a good venue for the Rathmullan man as he had four winners there already at the beginning of this month.

588km cycle completed by Fin and Sharon

Congratulations to Fin Begley and Sharon Ward who cycled 588km from Mizen Head to Malin Head non stop at the weekend. They departed Ireland's most southernly point at 5pm on Saturday morning arriving at Malin Head at 4.30pm on Sunday.

During the trip they spent 30 hours, 34minutes and 59 seconds on their bikes and their average speed was 19.2km per hour.

Their support team was Fin's brother Con and Sharon's husband had a busy time preparing food and drinks for the girls to keep them hydrated and their energy levels up to allow them to continue cycling.

The girls really enjoyed the trip and stressed that they didnt race

it but with just two of them it was very difficult to shield from any headwinds they encounter on the way. Finn said they had a great run until they came close to Northern Ireland when the wind and rain got a lot heavier. Normally there is a group of cyclists and it is easier to draft and take a rest but with just two this was not possible.

Sharon from Malin and decided to use the challenge to help raise funds for her local Malin U16 Ladies team who are travelling to London to play in a tournament later this summer and if you want to donate you can visit www.idonate.ie/event/mizen2malinsupportingladiesgaa

Fin from Fanad is a well known athlete competing in the many marathons, triathlons, the 24 hour Race and also an Iron Man in Wales.

She has also done the 323km solo cycle around Donegal and the 555km cycle as part of a team so is well used to pushing her body and mind in these challenges.

They were joined by colleagues from Letterkenny and Malin in Enniskillen who will accompany them home. Declan Doherty, Cathal Roarty and Martin Donnelly will be among the Letterkenny cyclists they will be glad to see and finish off this epic challenge with.



Fin Begley and Sharon Ward, left at 5am on Saturday morning at Mizen Head and thirty hours later at Malin Head after their non stop cycle.

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