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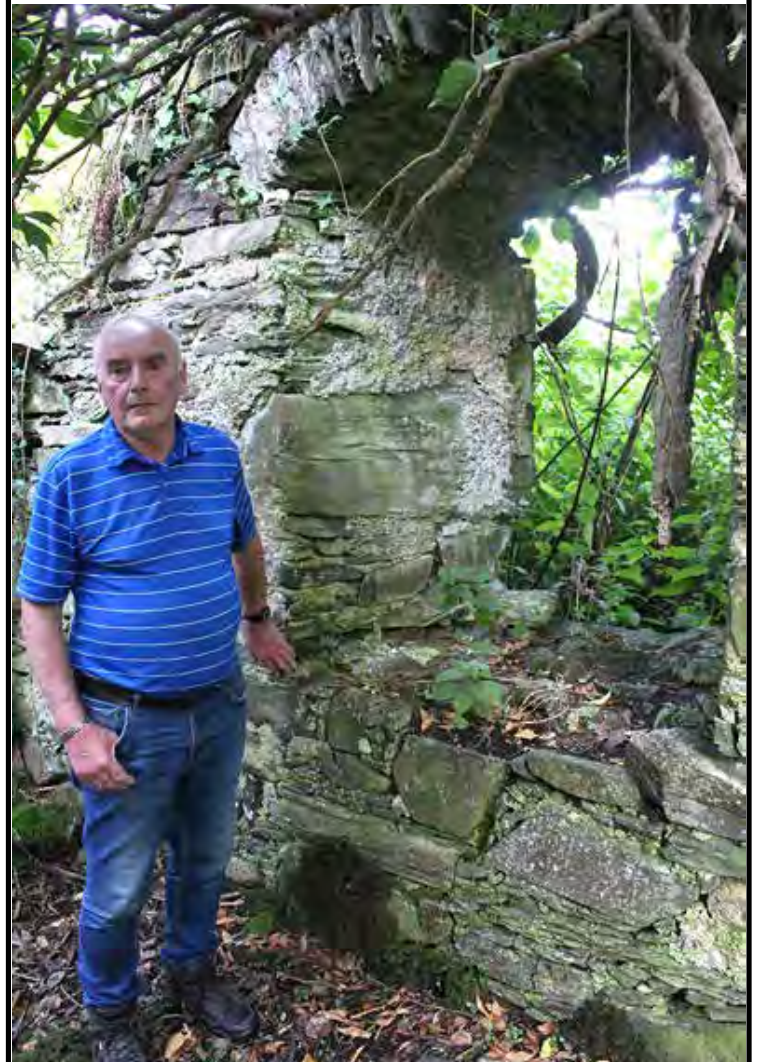
Three candidates have been nominated to contest the FG convention on Monday week as preparations get into full swing for a predicted general election on November 15th. Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Letterkenny has been joined by Senator Nikki Bradley, Milford and John McNulty from Kilcar. We've learnt that an anticipated interest from Inishowen did not materialise.

Kavanagh is the one among the group with electoral success. He polled 9.6% of the vote in a very strong field in the Letterkenny area. It is understood that Cllr Kavanagh is abroad this week. He was returned to Donegal Co. Council at the local elections and he's indicated this may well be his last term. FG sources said there is every chance there will be a directive from party

headquarters stating that two candidates should be selected. It's expected that one will be from the Donegal NE region and one from the South West - one male and one female. On reflection, that seems to limit the possibilities of a vote on the night. But what if only one candidate remains in the race?

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New life for Creeslough's hidden church



Cathal McGee in the ruins of the Church.

A special new project aims to restore a historic church in Creeslough that has been hidden out of sight for many years. The ruins of Clonbeg Glebe Church and graveyard are tucked away on the banks of the Ards estuary and Sheephaven Bay at Cloone.

Long since abandoned, this former site of worship and the final resting place of many, was an active church as far back as the 1600's.

Now, plans are in place to conserve this special site over the coming years for future gener-

ations. As part of National Heritage Week, on Friday, August 23rd, weather permitting, a walk is being hosted at the site by members of the Clonbeg Heritage Group together with archaeologist Kate Robb of John Cronin & Associates who says they are "delighted to share our plans to conserve the historic church and graveyard and to make this tranquil place more accessible to all."

See story by Eamonn McFadden on Page 7.

Darts on Errigal for Donegal Hospice

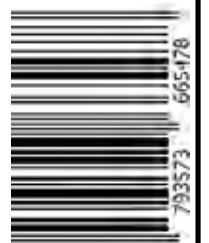
This Saturday the Donegal Darts team will climb to the top of Mount Errigal. They will play darts at the summit in aid of the Donegal Hospice. All participants are asked to wear appropriate footwear and bring plenty of water.

Take the climb at your own pace, no one will be left behind, Clive Aiken is an experienced climber and will be there to support anyone struggling.

All will meet in the car park around 10.45am and start at 11am. The Donegal Darts team would like to thank Teach Bhillie, Gortahork for providing refreshments. Everyone is invited to join them there after the event.

To donate or get involved please contact any Donegal Darts player or member of the committee.

"Let's come together, enjoy a game of darts with a view, and make a difference. Your support means the world to us and to those we aim to help," the Darts team said.



Council rescinds order to buy Milford houses

The proposed purchase of 17 social houses at Lough Fern Heights in Milford has ended without a resolution.

By John McAteer

After lengthy negotiations with the developer, Donegal County Council has now rescinded the order to purchase the turnkey development.

In a final attempt to resolve the issues arising, the Council offered the developer an increased figure of more than €3.733 million but the terms were not agreed.

The developer of the project, PJD Construction, has been informed by the Council that any proposals to sell the development to an AHB, will require engagement and agreement between the Approved Housing Body and the De-



partment.

The Council decision to rescind the order comes almost two years after more than ninety refugees were given accommodation at Lough Fern Heights. This decision was outside of the Council's consideration and it came as a big shock to the families who were waiting for social housing in the area.

The development was the first in the area since 2010 according to Cllr. Liam Blaney. He said the decision to rescind the order is a big

disappointment. However, he hopes that a final resolution will now deliver the seventeen houses to those waiting a very long time.

PJ Doherty said that with the rescinding of the order, he now hopes that Co-operative Housing Ireland will purchase the houses. He said: "I'm confident that if all goes well, these seventeen houses could be occupied within a number of weeks. The Housing Association always had an interest in this project and we've now resumed negotiations

with them since we are free to do so.

The rescinding order means that we are now able to sell these houses to another agency. We are disappointed that agreement was not reached on this project. We are working in the business of providing houses and we will be engaging with the Council in the future. We have a good relationship with the Councillors and officials," he stated.

Asked to comment further on the matter, Mr. Doherty said he was shocked in the first instance that the Tirconail Tribune had obtained information that is highly confidential and they should not have had these details.

Co-operative Housing Ireland is the national organisation representing, promoting and developing

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This photo of the Northern Lights on Monday night was captured by Aoife Crawford at Fanad Head.

Odds shorten for Donegal Rose Niamh Shevlin

As the annual Rose of Tralee International Festival prepares to get underway this Friday, August 16th, the odds have shortened on Donegal's entrant, Glenswilly's Niamh Shevlin, to claim the prestigious crown.

The event draws a huge crowd to Kerry, not to mention a large television audience for two live broadcasts on RTÉ.

Being no stranger to the big stage, Niamh has toured the world in some of the largest Irish productions including being lead dancer on Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance and performing with the Riverdance group.

She is also a world champion Irish dancer along with her twin brother Gavin.

Now BoyleSports have made the Donegal Rose nominee 13/2, which very much leaves her in contention for claiming the overall crown of Rose of Tralee winner 2024.

Others who feature strongly in the betting are Derry Rose Darcy Taylor at 11/4, as well as the local Kerry Rose, Emer Dineen, at 4/1, in a field of 32 contestants from across the world.

The 2024 Rose of Tralee Rose Tour that precedes the main event got underway on Sunday 11 and will see them visit Kildare, Dublin, Tipperary and County Cork before arriving in Kerry on Friday. Niamh, who is sponsored by Boyle Construction, said she is looking forward to the event and will no doubt be in her element performing the dancing that she has become famous for on the global stage.



Ohio Rose, Aoife Zuercher, Donegal Rose, Niamh Shevlin and Dublin Rose, Casey Harris at the official launch of the Rose of Tralee International Festival in Airfield Estate on Tuesday. Picture Andres Poveda

She is the daughter of Geralyn, nee Callan, and Michael Shevlin and has also just recently completed her Masters Degree in Primary School Teaching.

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Documentary on siblings living together

Little Wing Films, a television and film production company in Dublin, is developing a documentary with Screen Ireland about adult siblings who have lived together their whole lives, as Ireland has always had a strong tradition of siblings living together. The aim of our documentary is to explore this tradition and way of life.

We are interested in hearing individual and shared stories and exploring the dynamics of this type of family unit, which is now much less prevalent in Ireland than it once was.

If you or somebody you know would like to hear more about the project, please call the researcher Pauline Dunne, on (085) 739 6369. You can also email at pauline@littlewingfilms.com

Annual Donegal Vintage Rally at Drumbarnett

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

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

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

St. Conal's plans big staff reunion



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

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

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The convention on August 26th is in the Radisson Blu Hotel at 7.30pm.

However, there is no denying that FG has really serious problems at all levels within the constituency. Their local election results point to the enormity of the task ahead even if they get a shiny new executive committee visiting every doorstep between now and polling day, the task is one of their most difficult ever.

With a growing population there is every possibility that the quota will close to 14,000 on a turnout in excess of 62%. At the local elections FG woes were evident with an 8% drop in their first

preference vote across the entire county. With those districts south of Laghey in Sligo-Leitrim the party's current strength of 8,068 votes could easily be pared back.

However in the climate of positive group thinking that marked the Taoiseach's address to the MacGill Summer School in Glenties, FG supporters will live and hope.

"The greatest challenges of the past four decades have been met with energy, vision, hope, determination, and also, crucially, with optimism. In these times, where we face multiple, overlapping challenges, a key quality I would add, and the one which defines my philosophy as Taoiseach,

is pragmatism."

Simon Harris said: "Pragmatism means being equal to the moment before us, while preparing carefully for the next. Pragmatism is not defined by a label like 'right' or 'left' but the action taken in the moment to solve the problems in front of us. Pragmatism is knowing over what time scale actions need to be taken, and knowing you need to bring everyone with you as you act," says he with the wisdom of an eternal optimist.

That, surely will be tested to the very limit of Donegal politics on election day...

As one seasoned campaigner for FG noted - it will take many miles burning up all the shoe leather that Fine Gael can muster if they have any ambitions of retaining Joe McHugh's seat.

RTÉ radio special on Donegal

Donegal's cultural identity will be celebrated on RTÉ Radio 1's The County Measure. Join writer and

broadcaster Vincent Woods as he delves into Donegal on this Sunday August 18th at 10am on RTÉ

Radio 1. The County Measure uncovers the vibrant arts, history, heritage, sport, and diverse communities of the County.

From the admirable volunteer spirit on Árainn Mhór, to guth galánta na hamhránaíochta as Gaoth Dobhair, and the mesmerizing beauty of Malin Head, Vincent takes a measure of all that Tír Chonaill has to offer.

"Donegal - Tír Chonaill - drifts in like a mist, a spirit. You cross some invisible border and you're in: voices flinting high and clear on the road; Errigal shining long before it's visible, the surge of the ocean resounding, the pull of strand and dune strong to the feet, music and song echoing in a house that will never falter," says Vincent Woods.

The County Measure is a landmark RTÉ Radio 1 series that explores the identity and communities of Ireland's 32 counties.

The series previously visited several counties including Cork, Longford, Sligo, and Tyrone. You can listen back to the series on www.rte.ie/radio/radio1/the-county-measure



Frank O'Hara and band performing in the Devlin Hall, where he would have had played over 60 years ago, during this years Letterkenny Reunion.

Letterkenny dancers at World Streetdance Champs

A group of ten young people from Pine Hill Dance Studios in Letterkenny have recently qualified to represent Ireland at the World Streetdance Championships in Blackpool.

The event got underway on Wednesday the 14th and they are dancing their hearts out to not only represent Ireland but their "proud county of Donegal".

These dancers have been with Pine Hill Dance Studios for many years and they are looking to make their name on the world stage at the UK event.

This dance studio opened in 2013 and provides regular dance classes to all ages from three years to teenagers. This group trains multiple times a week and competes nationally many times throughout the year.

"They are so grateful to be given the opportunity to represent their coun-

try and can't wait to learn from and inspire others on and off the dance floor in Blackpool," a spokesperson stated.

Among the events they will be participating in include a group crew piece, quads, solos and doubles.

Dancers include Cara McGroarty, Leah Flanagan, Hazel McCabe, Freya McGeehan, Luana Simms, Neala McDaid, Noah McCabe, Eva McGarvey, Priya Fox and Aria Barrett along with coach Kim Fox.

The coaches say they are extremely proud of them all and want to wish them the best of luck at one of the biggest Streetdance/hip hop competitions in the world.

You can find more info and keep up to date with their travels and success on PinehillStudios social media pages.



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Community Centre fundraiser on track

A fund-raising buy-a-brick campaign for a major new development at Letterkenny Community Centre is set to hit a milestone in the coming weeks. Sales to date have been very encouraging and they are now on target to pass the 200 mark shortly.

It's all part of the drive to raise funds for the new €1.4 million Jim Lynch community building - currently under construction - that will cater for public events, meetings and functions and, significantly, will also see two new state-of-the-art dressing rooms being built beside the existing astroturf (4G) playing pitch which has been a huge success since it was completed in 2019.

"The buy-a-brick campaign is an important fundraising part of this major project," centre manager Liam O'Donnell stated. "It is an opportunity for individuals, families or businesses, to buy an inscribed brick which will be placed in the new building. By doing so they are helping us to complete this new addition as we expand our facilities to meet the ever-increasing demand."

"As a non-profit organisation built by the people, for the people, we rely heavily on these fundraising initiatives to turn our community dreams into reality. Each brick is a one-off purchase and businesses can have their logo laser-engraved onto a polished granite brick, holding a place of honour in our new facilities for generations to come."

There is now also a memorial brick which is proving to be a very popular option. This is an opportunity for people to buy a brick in memory of a much loved one.

He continued: "In September we will see a big influx of people returning to classes at the centre and it is a timely reminder of just how popular it has become. We are hopeful that even more people will support our buy-a-brick campaign. We are delighted with the response to date and extend our thanks to anyone who has supported us already."

The new development will be known as the Jim Lynch Community building in memory of the late councillor, who was a leading figure on the board of directors for many years and who was also the editor of the hugely popular Letterkenny Christmas Annual which is published by the centre.

The main source of funding has been from the Community Centre Investment Fund, the Dormant Accounts Fund, and Donegal County Council. However, the balance must be met by the Community Centre through loans, and fundraising initiatives such as the buy-a-brick campaign.

There are a number of options as part of the buy-a-brick campaign. The prices are: Individual Brick: €130; Memorial Brick: €130; Family Brick: €300; Business Brick: €300.

You can buy online at www.idonate.ie/forms/lcbuyabrick or call to reception. Alternatively ring 074 912 2761 (office) or Liam O'Donnell on 086 337 0027.



Liam O'Donnell, manager, and Lewis Toye, staff member, Letterkenny Community Centre, with one of the bricks which are part of the buy-a-brick fundraising campaign for the new Jim Lynch Community Building which is currently under construction.

Value Centre awarded BRCGS accreditation

Value Centre Letterkenny, owned and operated by BWG Foods, one of Ireland's leading wholesale and retail operations, was recently awarded AA BRCGS Storage and Distribution accreditation, which is the highest grade of certification available.

The Standard is specifically designed for logistics operations dealing with food, packaging, and consumer products and is recognised globally.

The BRCGS accreditation was created to ensure supplier compliance and secure Foodservice businesses ability to guarantee the quality and safety of the food products they sell. It demonstrates BWG's commitment to providing assurance to our Foodservice customers of our dedication to food safety and quality and is testament to the dedication of all in Value Centre Letterkenny.

Commenting, Kieran Barron, Value Centre Letterkenny manager said, "We have always worked hard to ensure that we adhere to the highest food safety standards and this accreditation demonstrates that our efforts are paying off. This certification is only awarded to businesses that operate to the highest standards and we are thrilled that Value Centre Letterkenny has been recognised in this way."



Value Centre Letterkenny staff celebrate BRCGS Award

Cathedral Quarter to launch commemorative booklet



Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter will launch their tenth anniversary commemorative booklet as part of their Heritage Week activities. The booklet will be launched by Eddie McKeever of the McKeever Hotel Group in Dillons Hotel on Friday, 23rd August at 8pm.

Committee Member Martin Gallagher put the booklet together with finishing touches added by chair Sean Purser from Wild Atlantic Productions & Digital Content Marketing. The booklet is both a celebration and reflection of the Cathedral Quarter achievements throughout the past decade. It promises to be a very special evening with music being provided by Evelyn Gallagher and Maria McCormick.

The event is free and all are welcome.

Heritage Week is the most important week in the Cathedral Quarter

calendar and there are other events planned beside the launch of the commemorative booklet. The first event is the Cathedral Quarter Jaunt, starting outside the mosaic on Monday, 19th August at 8pm. Learn about the past, present, and future of the area as we dander up Church Lane, stopping off at Conwal Parish Church and St. Eunan's Cathedral before wandering down Castle Street, finishing at the bottom of the Market Square. Admission is €5 with, Under 16 going free.

And on Wednesday, 21st August, we have an Open Day as the Cathedral Quarter Office at No. 3 Church Lane. The Open Day is from 10am to 5pm where you will get a behind the scene look at the Cathedral Quarter Project. The event is free.

So come along to our events and explore our rich past and discover our exciting future in this very special anniversary year.

Most worrying week in the North since 1974

Immigrant communities in the North are now living in fear. Even here in Omagh many immigrants are too frightened to leave their homes. Immigrants whose skin is not white are particularly worried.

That is because last week was the North's most worrying since 1974. Then the Ulster Workers Council strike brought down the first power-sharing government. (Of course, calling what happened a strike is wrong. This strike was enforced by Loyalist paramilitaries).

Events now are so frightening because the far right is on the march. Yes, 1974 was horrendous. There were 304 deaths.

However, internationally, events were moving in the opposite direction. The left seemed to have the advantage. A Labour Government was elected in Britain. There was a revolution in Portugal. Across Europe parties of the left were going forward.

The world of 2024 is different. Yes, a Labour government has been elected in Britain. But there are now hard right MPs in the British parliament. They are from the 'Reform' party of Nigel Farage. In France the National Rally is the biggest single party. Leader Marine Le Pen has a good chance of being the next President. Right-wing forces are advancing across the European Union (EU).

Ireland, North and South, is not immune from these trends. Unfortunately, we Irish have shown we can be racist. Of course, there is an Irish stamp on whatever happens. But it still happens.

A big factor is Ireland's change from a country of emigration to one of immigration. Until the noughties, immigrants were a rarity. Thus Ireland lived in a fool's paradise. There was much self-praise about racism not being a problem here. That peaked just as we stopped denying sex abuse

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happened here. Unfortunately, the Irish have shown we can be racist. There has been violence. More, there are plenty of far-fetched rumours. At present, there are 31,473 asylum seekers in the South. That's tiny in a population of 5.2million. They are not allowed to work. They receive minimum payments. In the North, the numbers are much smaller. There are 2,248.

Despite facts, rumours can be hysterical. And, of course, there is a confusion of immigrants and asylum seekers. Most immigrants are not asylum seekers.

Racists aren't facing reality. The North's health service runs on immigrant labour. I have had to attend hospital several times recently. Doctors, nurses and many ancillary staff were all immigrants. Often they are from Asia or Africa. Other areas of the economy also run on immigrant labour. The cleaning industry definitely does. Workers in food processing are immigrants. Increasingly, small shops and takeaways are immigrant-run. These serve communities.

Violence is having an effect. Significant numbers of immigrant nurses are talking about leaving the North. Several have been driven from their homes in Antrim. South Belfast is another area where many live. The homes of several have been attacked. Our health service is already tottering. Without immigrants it would collapse.

There has been a positive side to events. There have been large rallies in Belfast and Derry. That is because the trade unions took to the streets. That is particularly the unions in the health service.

Voices have spoken out. Some are those you would expect. But they include a group called Her Loyal Voice. They call themselves Loyalist Feminists. They have certainly been outspoken. They supported the rallies in Belfast against racist attacks.

At present, the tide has definitely turned. More people are speaking out against the attacks. Many feel that is the right thing to do. I suspect others feel not speaking gets them a bad name.

Racist riots have died away for now. They will not go away. The rioting began in Southport. I have been there. It is a decayed former seaside resort North of Liverpool.

Very quickly rioting spread to a whole number of cities. To happen that needed organisation. This used types of social media. Clearly, forces had been prepared for some suitable event. When it happened, they were ready to organise rioting.

The killer of the three girls in Southport was born in Wales. He was a Christian. The family was very active in their Church. There was no backlash against Welsh people or Christians.

There were big counter-demonstrations against racist attacks. That was

very welcome. Rioting has died down. However, there are worrying signs. In a survey, 7% of people in England said they supported the riots. That is a big number. Clearly that 7% is seriously alienated from mainstream society.

There is a whole online media universe out there. This goes beyond only spreading misinformation. This helps these forces to organise.

And again, I have to return to the role of X. X was formerly Twitter. South African millionaire Elon Musk took over. X carries the most nasty posts. However, Musk carries no liability. That is very different to the Tribune. It can be dragged into the courts for anything published.

Meanwhile, the Belfast riots produced weird bedfellows. 'Coolock Says No' marched with some of the wilder elements of the UDA. Some of these factions have ties to the far-right in Britain.

'Coolock Says No' and Loyalists is a marriage made in Hell. It won't last. They will turn brutally on each other. For the 'Coolock Says No' brigade Sinn Féin is not nationalist enough. Since the Belfast riots, the Southern



By Anton McCabe

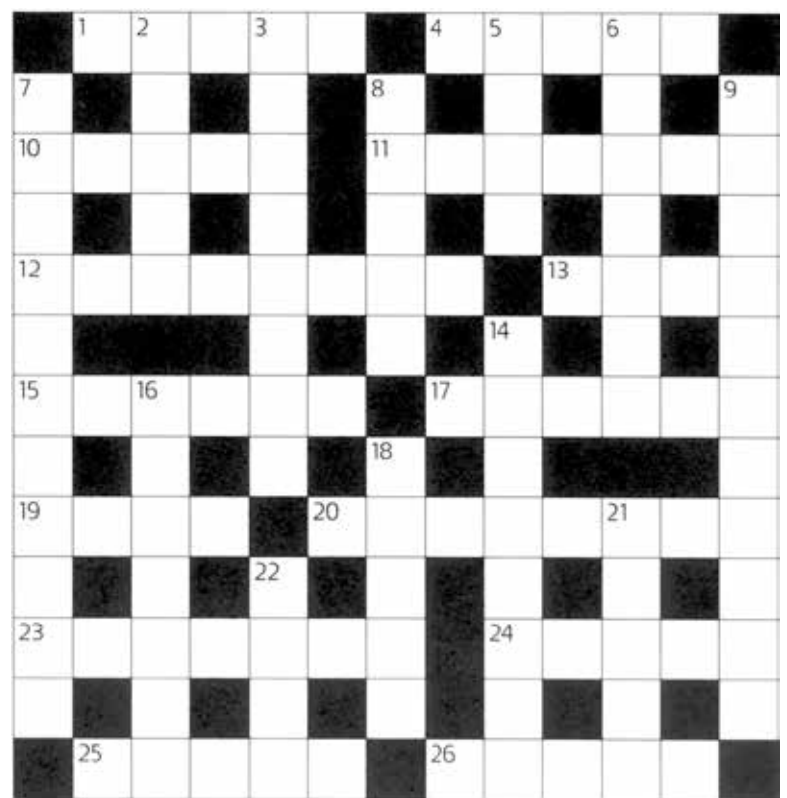
far right has boasted of how Nationalist it is. The UDA elements will have to turn even more Unionist. Don't rejoice too much at the falling out, though. That will only further destabilise things.

Most of the violence has taken place in perceived Loyalist areas. However, most immigrants live in those areas. There is more cheap housing. But anyone thinking Northern nationalists can't be racist is foolish.

Demonising Moslem or other immigrant groups is wrong. So is demonising certain working-class Protestant communities.

Those are some of the North's most deprived. Remember, many attacking immigrants also make life hell for their other neighbours.

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Creeslough festival to make welcome return

On this Saturday August 17th the Creeslough Fair Day will return with a family fun day with something for everyone. The event is hosted by the Creeslough Community Association with the support of local business and will take place in the Cope Yard on Creeslough's High Street. Events get underway at 12 noon and sees a host of entertainment throughout the day. Special guest on the day will be Donegal Person of the Year, Moya Brennan from Clannad, who will perform the official opening. Music comes from Glor Tire finalist Chelsea Evans and winner Jason McCahill, as well as The Culprits and will also feature line dancing and jiving where everyone can join in. It will also feature a sheep show, vintage cars, food and market stalls and much more.

Organiseres stated: "Creeslough Fair Day is back with a full day of activities and family fun with a little bit of something for everyone." Historically the Creeslough Fair Day's took place on the 10th day of each month and were famous for drawing large crowds to the village where markets and animal trading took place. In more recent years the annual summer fair day has become an opportunity for locals, diaspora and visitors alike to gather to celebrate a taste of rural Irish culture. A spokesperson for the event said: "It's great to see Fair Day back in Creeslough this August. It's always a great way to highlight the strong community spirit in the area and it will be great to see the Old Cope yard thriving with people once again, just like it would have been on the fair days gone by."

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WELCOME TO CREESLOUGH
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Kevin and members of the Ward family handing over the cheque for €10,000 to Dr. Anne Callaghan, vice chair of the Donegal Hospice on Saturday.

Errigal climb to remember Joan raises funds for Hospice

A fundraising walk up Errigal in memory of the late Joan Ward raised the sum of €10,000 for the Donegal Hospice. Joan from Larginreagh, Downings, was a well-known and respected member of her local community and spent many years working in the local postal service. As well as being based mainly in the Downings post office she also assisted in Churchill, Dunfaghagh and Creeslough as well as other branches. Joan passed away in March, aged 64, following an illness. Joan's sister Maureen said Joan received wonderful care from the staff of Donegal Hospice and this prompted them to plan a fundraising event to support their wonderful work. On Sunday, July 21st, a group of up to 50 walkers

took part in a walk that saw them scaling Donegal's highest peak. A GoFundMe page was also set up by Eilís Gallagher and sponsorship cards were available in local post offices and the Credit Union. Maureen said they are very grateful to everyone who supported this event by taking part in the walk and making donations. "It was great to get such a nice amount raised to a big round number and we wish to thank everyone for their support. We are very grateful and hopefully this donation to the Hospice, who do tremendous work, can be a support to other families in the future," she stated. The funds raised were presented to Dr. Anne Callaghan of the Donegal Hospice last Saturday morning in Downings.



Some of the participants in the sponsored walk up Mount Errigal in memory of Joan Ward.

Ramelton

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of June Dorrian, Letterkenny who passed away on Monday. Funeral takes place on Friday morning with 11am Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral.

Ramelton Mariners 5k this Friday

The Mariners will hold a 5km road race and walk on this Friday the 16th of August at 7.30pm. Registration is from 6.30pm at Sip and Slice on the Shore Road. Entry for adults and seniors will be €10 while its €5 for Under 16's and you can also register via Revolut on 087 167 9923.

Ramelton Community Games

Well done to the following children from Ramelton who took part in the Community Games regional finals in Athlone at the weekend - Katie Wilson U8 80m; Ruairi Bannan U8 80m; Cristian Diver U8 60m and Deava Diver U12 200m. Well done also to the children from other areas of the county who participated in the regional finals.

Swilly Rovers lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Saturday were 3, 7, 12 and 17. No jackpot winner. Three 3-number winners: Gary McDaid, online, Hari and Brieon Fisher and Karen Dunworth. This week's jackpot is €875. Thanks for your continued support.

Ramelton Care of the Aged Trip

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

for a trip on the Donegal Town Boat at 2.00pm. An hour of walking time around Donegal shops before heading to Highlands Hotel, Glenties for Dinner and Dessert before returning home. Cost is €40 per person and to book please contact Chris 086 0580467 or Anthony 086 0822426 as soon as possible.

Bowling Club

The Ramelton Bowling Club will be running Fun Bowls during the month of August for schoolchildren aged 7years and upwards in Mackemie Hall every Monday. Parents are also welcome. Leaders Garda Vetted. Enquiries to 0871355059 or 0874016637.

Ramelton SVP

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

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.30noon this Saturday 17th August. Stock up on all your food requirements for all Occasions and Parties by ordering in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability when you get to market on Saturday. The best of local homemade craft, local grown flowers and food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and why not pop into our Tea-room for a delicious Cheese Toastie when you have done your shopping. Teas/coffees, scones & sweet treats, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty

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New Yoga Class for beginners

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

Crochet and knitting craft group

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

Little Ballers

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

Winning King's Lynn start for Kyle

Ramelton native Kyle Callan-McFadden was the heart of the King's Lynn defence as the team made a winning start to the National League North season on Saturday on home turf at The Walks. The 29-year-old who is in fifth season with the Norwich based club who had a 3-1 victory over Warrington Town. They are back in action this Saturday away to Alfreton Town and then back to The Walks on Tuesday to take on Rushell Olympic.

Kyle is from the Bridgend, Ramelton where his parents Paul and Donna still reside along with his younger brother Shay. He played his underage football with Swilly Rovers before joining the academy at Norwich City at the age of 16. In 2013, Callan-McFadden won the FA Youth Cup with Norwich, playing 90 minutes in both legs of the final against Chelsea. He made his first team debut for the Canaries in 2014 in a friendly against OGC Nice. He made his professional debut in Norwich's 3-1 League Cup second round victory against Crawley Town in 2014, playing the full 90 minutes.

In 2015 Kyle joined US side Orlando City and a year later he was signed by Sligo Rovers of the League of Ireland Premier Division. After four seasons at the Showgrounds Callan-McFadden returned to England putting pen to paper with King's Lynn Town in the National League.



The Ramelton Mariners who lost to Illies Celtic in the Letterkenny Community Centre Cup.



Francie McAteer with Leslie and Christine Edwards at the Browneknowe NS Fundraiser on Sunday at Ray.



Christian Diver U8 60m, Deava Diver U12 200m and Katie Wilson U8 80m from Ramelton at the Community Games Regional Finals on Saturday.

Francie McAteer, Bridie Boyle and Fiona Boyle at the Browneknowe NS Fundraiser at Ray on Sunday.

New life set to return to Creeslough's hidden church

A special new project is emerging in Creeslough to restore a historic church that has been hidden out of sight for many years.

by Eamonn McFadden

The ruins of Clonbeg Glebe Church and graveyard are tucked away along the Faymore River where it meets the tranquility of Sheephaven Bay at Cloone, Creeslough.

Long since abandoned, this former site of worship and the final rest place of many, was an active church as far back as the 1600's.

Now, plans are in place to conserve this special site over the coming years for future generations.

As part of National Heritage Week, on Friday, August 23rd, weather permitting, a walk is being hosted at the site by members of the Clonbeg Heritage Group together with archaeologist Kate Robb of John Cronin & Associates who says they are "delighted to share our plans to conserve the historic church and graveyard and to make this tranquil place more accessible to all."

As well as learning the history of this historic church and graveyard, you can hear how you too can help with this exciting project.

Details of the Conservation Manage-

ment Plan being considered highlight that Clonbeg Glebe church was probably a 'chapel of ease' to Clondahorky and probably abandoned soon after the present church was built at Ballymore in 1752. A memorial dated 1679 recorded at the site would indicate that the church was in use at that period.

Now, much of the ruins, which still have a number areas of building details including window arches and walls, are overgrown with vegetation, as is the adjoining graveyard. Some details of a tomb and headstone can still be observed within the grounds and one stone dates back to the 1890's which indicates the graveyard may have remained in use for some time for local families long after the church was abandoned.

The project is collaboration between a number of groups and individuals including the Clonbeg Heritage Group, Archaeologist Kate Robb of John Cronin & Associates, conservation architect Duncan McLaren, the Heritage Council, Donegal County Council, the Community Enterprise scheme and local landowner Cathal McGee.

Kate explained that this project aims to adhere to best practice and achieve the conservation for the site



Gordon Moore, Bernard Lafferty and Cathal McGee in the hidden church.

in the longer term.

This is supported by the Heritage Council under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024.

As the church and graveyard are recorded monuments the graveyard is in the care of Donegal County Council and there is also a requirement for a Ministerial Consent to be sought from the National Monuments Service to undertake any works or archaeological in-

vestigation at the site in due course, she added.

Kate added that this is likely to be a "phased project" taking place over a number of years.

She said they were very grateful to have the support of the local landowner, Cathal McGee, for allowing access to the site and community support for the project will be important into the future of the project. "Cathal and the local committee have been so helpful and this is a great opportunity for the community to improve access to the area and, ultimately, enjoy the tranquility of this place," she added.

The Conservation Management Plan for Clonbeg Glebe Church & Graveyard details: "The church ruins are entirely encroached by heavy vegetation and the architectural and archaeological character and integrity is currently masked. The site is a remarkable landmark in the local area and has real potential to contribute significantly to a sense of place and wellbeing for the local

community and visitors alike."

It adds: "In addition to addressing the conservation needs of the church, the overall longer term community heritage vision for the site will be scoped in the context of how the site can continue and improve upon its inherent public value benefits in both novel and innovative ways, to include any amenity opportunities that the site can present, including a walking trail from the village."

Landowner, Cathal, says that the area is steeped in history and it was his understanding that the last person to be laid to rest there was a man from Brockagh's called Mattie Dunlop.

Clonbeg Committee member Bernard Lafferty claims old maps show that there was a small village of up to eight houses in the vicinity of the church in the past and that nearby were the remains of a Druid's altar, which only adds to the rich history of the locality.

The heritage walk takes place on Friday, August 23rd from 6pm to 7.30pm gathering at the location along the N56 at Cloone with parking in a nearby farmyard, with refreshments being served in the Creeslough Community Hub in the main street afterwards.

In the event of bad weather, then the full event will take place in the Community Hub.

Patrons intending to join the walk are advised that as this is an active farming area no dogs are allowed on the walk, children under five are not permitted due to the uneven terrain, and strong footwear is advised for all.

To find out more follow Clonbeg Heritage Group on Facebook.



Gordon Moore pointing out the windows in the hidden church dating back to the 1600's and right a gravestone from March 22nd 1891.



Gordon Moore, Bernard Lafferty and Cathal McGee near the location of the church along the N56 at Cloone, Creeslough.



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Hockey's Off-field Drama

They didn't win a medal but they certainly made the headlines. The Australian men's hockey team are in the spotlight because of two off-field events. First, Matt Dawson faced the scenario every athlete dreads as he picked up an injury just a few weeks before the Olympics. Receiving a hefty blow from a stick, the defender sustained a serious injury to one of his fingers. When the damage was assessed the verdict was stark: surgery, months of recuperation, no chance of competing in Paris. Dawson had other ideas. In spite of his wife warning him not to do anything "rash", he struck upon another option - amputation! After having the injured portion of the finger surgically removed, Dawson joined his teammates. Yet another reason why I'm not an Olympic athlete! The second event occurred last week after the Aussies had already been eliminated as police in Paris arrested a man for allegedly buying cocaine during a night out. Turns out it was Tom Craig, another experienced member of the side.

Athletes know about calculated risks of course, buying illicit drugs in a city crawling with the world's sports media takes that to extremes. Since his release from custody, Craig has apologised for his "terrible mistake". You suspect that the recriminations are not yet over. On the face of it, the two stories are on opposite ends of the spectrum. One features an athlete doing literally all he can to attain medal glory, the other features an athlete behaving unprofessionally after the opportunity for glory has been and gone. Yet both stories highlight our human tendency and ability to choose destructive paths. Criag's destructive night out hardly needs further comment. But what can we learn from Dawson's heroic effort? In one sense it's very on trend for an Olympian. Every participant at the Games will have made millions of sacrifices in pursuit of glory, few of which ever make the news. To win gold you need to have a monomania-

cal determination to constantly improve. Yet a simple question puts that determination in context: who won the gold in 2016? The awkward truth is that few will have the foggiest clue. Even if Dawson had claimed the top prize, his sacrifice and glory would have been forgotten within a few Olympic cycles. The stories illustrate two opposite yet similarly destructive human paths. Some of us have a habit of lurching towards obviously destructive behaviour even though we know deep down that it will end in tears. Others eschew that sort of drama and focus on improving ourselves and doing the very best we can. Yet what if all that sacrifice and effort is for something that's going to be forgotten much more quickly than we hope? Both paths point us to a deeper truth: we can't do it by ourselves. Whether we need someone to lift us out of the cycle of ruinous decisions or we need someone to orient our hearts to success that truly

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

lasts, the answer doesn't lie within ourselves.

As ever, the answer lies in the wisdom of the Creator.

Olympic injury heartache for Diver



Sinéad Diver, a woman with strong family ties in Gweedore, was forced to retire very early from the Women's Olympic Marathon in Paris on Sunday morning due to an injury. Sinéad's dad is Eddie Diver (above) a native of Coshclady, Bunbeg, and her mother is from Belmullet, Co Mayo. Her parents still reside there but Sinéad emigrated to Australia over 20 years ago. She only took up marathon running in 2015 and the following year in Rio had an impressive 21st place finish. The now 47-year-old did even better in Tokyo where she crossed the Olympic Marathon in 10th place. Sinéad was just over a 1km and five minutes on the road when she suffered the heartache of having to pull out of the race in Paris.

Danny and Kathleen at the Olympics



Two-time Olympian Danny McDaid with his wife Kathleen in Paris for the 2024 Games. Danny and Kathleen pictured here with the Olympic Torch at Olympiad House.

Semi-final frustration for English

Despite his best efforts Mark English missed out on a place on a first Olympic Final in Paris on Friday. The man from the Glebe just outside Letterkenny ran a brave 800m semi-final at the Stade De France. The Finn Valley AC member went to the front uncharacteristically early at around the 600m mark and led for a short time. But, down the home straight the 31-year-old was passed by five others. He finished in a time of 1:45.97 and it was to be a sixth place finish. There were three semi-final heats and English would have needed to run over half a second faster at least to reach the final, given the quality of the athletes.



Mark English with his parents Joe and Brigid, girlfriend Erica Duignan and his sister Michelle in Paris.

He will now take time to consider his future. The medical doctor is the first athlete from the County to take part in three Olympic Games having previously competed in Rio and Tokyo. He reached the Olympic 800m semi-finals in Rio as well. English has also won four European

medals. That included a silver and bronze indoor and two bronze outdoor. Mark was naturally very disappointed afterwards on Friday but was delighted to have the support of his parents Joe and Brigid, girlfriend Erica Duignan and his sister Michelle there in the Stade De France.

Letterkenny Athletic Club News

The Ballyare 10km was well supported by LAC athletes. Michael Harkin, in a rich vein of form, claimed third place in a superb time of 37:56.

In a deep field Eimear Gormley performed very well to finish in first place in the female race in an outstanding time of 42:40.

Well done to Marie Boyle who recently returned to running and finished in under 50 minutes in 49:12. Cian Friel ran 39:31, Liam Tinney 40:48, Mark Nee 41:52, Clive Monahan 43:00, Peter Gallagher 44:16, Mark McFadden 47:16 and Paul Lee ran 49:37.

LAC athletes Eoin Kelly, Nadia Lypa and Erin Friel were racing in the senior provincial championships.

Eoin progressed into the final of the 400m and placed 2nd securing a silver medal in the final with a season best of 49:55.

Erin ran in her 1st Ulster Northern Ireland Senior Championships wrapping up her season with two fantastic runs. In the 100m Erin ran 12.61 and in the 200m she ran 25.91.

Nadia Lypa also raced the 100m & 200m races with times of 16:69 and 29:02 respectively. Well done to Eoin, Erin and Nadia.

LAC would like to congratulate Teresa McDaid, Ireland Team Manger on helping to make Paris 2024 an outstanding Olympics for the Irish team.

The 10th staging of the Kernans Donegal Half Marathon takes place on Sunday the 25th August. Race headquarters will be the Aura Leisure Centre and tickets are available at eventmaster.ie.

The entry fee includes a race t-shirt and goodie bag while all finishers will receive a unique medal featuring the iconic water wheel of the Newmills Corn and Flax Mill.

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

Monday at 6pm on the track at the Aura Leisure Centre Letterkenny. The new start time of 6pm has attracted a large numbers of participants many of whom are now regular runners in 5km road races taking place across the county.



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

- **Senior Executive Architectural Technician**

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, 2nd September 2024.**

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Fit 4 Life which is run by LAC in conjunction with the Donegal Sports Partnership takes place every

Half Marathon entry rises to 400

As preparations continue for the Donegal Half Marathon, race director, Brendan McDaid, has revealed that over 400 have entered the event.

"The Donegal Half Marathon is celebrating 10 years this year and given that we have over 400 entries two weeks out, we are expecting the final entry to be around the 500 mark," the race director said.

"Compared to previous years, the numbers are significantly up at this stage. And given that there is always a late surge in entries in the few days before the race, we are getting ready to cater for another large field," he added. "We launched this year's Donegal Half Marathon back in March and since then the organising committee has been busy pulling the various parts together. It's a real community effort and we are fortunate to have so many local groups and organisations who lend their help, support and assistance every year. Without their invaluable input, it simply would not be possible to hold such a large participation event in and around Letterkenny," Mr McDaid commented.

"There's a great community feel about the Donegal Half Marathon. The fact that it is now established as a Donegal Athletics Board County Championship race has led to a bigger interest



Donegal Half Marathon Ambassador, Danny McDaid, presenting a cheque for €2,000 to Isabel Rodgers from Donegal Hospice - the proceeds from the 2023 Donegal Half Marathon. Also included are Barry Daly and Bridgeen Moore from the Kernan Retail Group, the main sponsor of the event.

among the clubs in the county. We also attract participants from all over, with a number from overseas who return each year for the Donegal Half Marathon. Everyone who comes to take part is guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome and

as an organising committee, we do our best to make sure their experience is both positive and memorable," he added. D

This year's Donegal Half Marathon, which will be held in association with the Kernan Retail Group, takes place on Sun-

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day, August 25th in Letterkenny. It will be headquartered at the Aura Leisure Centre and gets underway at 9.20 am around one mile from the centre, and finishing on the Danny McDaid Track.

To enter, follow the link: <https://eventmaster.ie/event/9qPqhw5HWJ>

Death of Eugene McGettigan

The death took place on Saturday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Eugene McGettigan. A native of Upper Ard O'Donnell, Eugene was a very well known member of the local community. His sudden passing has been met with a deep sense of sadness. He worked locally and later abroad in Dubai for a number of years. Away from work Eugene was a regular on the golf course here and in Dubai. He was the Captain of Portsalon Golf Club in 1999.



Eugene was a founding member of McGettigan's Golf Society in Dubai and was their Honorary President. In a statement the Club said: "It is with deep sorrow and a heavy heart that we learned of the passing of Eugene McGettigan, a cherished founding member and Honorary President. Eugene was not only a pivotal figure in our community but also a devoted father to his three sons, Barry, Rory, and Ryan, who are all members of our society. Many cherished memories were made with Eugene on the golf courses across Dubai, where his presence was a true delight. Our heartfelt condolences extend to his extended family and all those who knew and loved him."

Portsalon Golf Club also paid tribute to their former Captain. "It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden and untimely passing of Eugene. He was our Captain in 1999 and a long-standing member here for many years. The infectious nature of his personality meant Eugene made a rapid impact on Portsalon when he joined and so it was with great pride that he pulled on the famous blazer to become captain in '99. A love of golf was something Eugene certainly passed on to his three sons - Barry, Ryan and Rory."

In his homily Fr. Anthony Hartnett spoke about Eugene's endearing personality that saw him as the perfect host welcoming Donegal visitors to Dubai.

Eugene is survived by his sons Barry, Ryan and Rory, their mother Eileen, daughter-in-law Caroline, grandchildren Erin and Chloe, brothers Seamus, Philip, Cathal, Patrick and Dermott, sisters Ann-Marie Scanlon, Lorraine and Caroline O'Sullivan, uncle Edward McGettigan and aunt Susan Shields, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours.

Eugene was predeceased by his parents Packie and Kathleen.

Removal of remains took place from The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest on Saturday to his residence Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny.

Funeral was from there on Monday to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass, celebrated by Fr. Anthony Hartnett C.C. The concelebrant was Eugene uncle's Fr. Dinny McGettigan P.P. Readings were by Zoe and Abbie. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Dale, John, Ray, Kyle

and Caroline. Gifts were brought to the Altar by Lorraine, Anne-Marie, Caroline and Nicola. Interment took place afterwards in St. Columba's Church Cemetery, Kilmacrennan. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Sinead Fisher

The death occurred on Tuesday of Sinead Fisher, Coylin Court, Ramelton. Aged 49, Sinead passed away at the Donegal Hospice surrounded by her family and friends. She was a well known and highly respected member of the local community. Sinead trained in General Nursing. She worked as a staff nurse before being promoted to the post of Clinical Nurse Manager at Letterkenny University Hospital. Sinead will be sadly missed by her family, friends and work colleagues.



Sinead's remains were removed from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest on Wednesday to her home at Coylin Court. Wake is continuing on this Thursday from 11am until 10pm.

Funeral will be from there on Friday to St Mary's Church, Ramelton for Requiem Mass at 11am. Burial will take place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Mass can be viewed on www.churchservices.tv/ramelton

Sinead was predeceased by her mother Kathleen. She is survived by her father Noel, sister Fiona, niece Zara, nephew Cian, cousin Sharon, friend Lisa, uncle Gilbert and Pauline, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and her many friends. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

The late Michael Roarty

The death has taken place of Michael Roarty, late of Creeslough, London and Limavady.



He passed away peacefully at Cornfield Care Centre, Limavady on Saturday, August 10th.

Michael, who was in his 70's, was a well-known figure in the Creeslough area where he grew up. He went to London and spent many years working there in the construction sector as a carpenter. During this time he was often a point of contact for many others arriving there for employment and was a popular figure within the diaspora.

However, he still remained a regular visitor back to his native Creeslough over the years where he was remembered as a friendly, good hearted person.

Predeceased by his parents Domnic and Sarah, brother Dominic, and sisters Madge and Gretta, he is survived by his wife Mary, brothers Charles

and John and sister May, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, wider family circle and many friends.

On Wednesday his remains lay in repose at W J O'Brien & Son's Funeral Home in Eglinton. Michael's remains will then be removed from there to St Finlough's Church, Ballykelly for Requiem Mass on Thursday at 12 noon. Interment afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Death of June Dorian

The death occurred on Monday of June Dorian, Manderley House, Larkin's Lane, Letterkenny and formerly The Ross, Rosnackill, Fanad. June passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital.



She is survived by her family, Gavin and Breid, Paul and Lisa, Omar and Jody, Nazar and Crimzion, mother Delia Dorian, grandchildren, brothers Seamus, PJ, Barry and Shane, sisters Brena, Tara and Paula, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. June was predeceased by her father Seamus.

Remains repose at the residence of her son Gavin and Breid Curran, Glendale Drive, Glencar from Wednesday. Requiem Mass will take place this Friday at 11am in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Burial afterwards in New Leck Cemetery.

Mass can be viewed on Church Services link: www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny

Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Michael Coll

The funeral will take place in Kerrykeel on Friday of Michael Coll. Michael was a native of Gortnatra, Kerrykeel. He passed away on Sunday 16th of June in Glasgow.

Michael is survived by his wife Maureen, brothers Liam, Brendan and Eamonn, sisters Geraldine (Boyle) and Judith Ann. Funeral Mass will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel this Friday 16th August at 11am followed by interment in the family grave at Massmount, Fanad. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends.

The late Kathleen Doherty

The death took place on Tuesday of Kathleen Doherty (née McCrory), Ard Colmcille, Letterkenny. Kathleen passed away at the Archview Lodge Nursing Home, Drumany, Letterkenny.



Kathleen's remains are reposing at her late residence at Ard Colmcille.

Funeral will be from there this Friday 16th August going to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass at 1pm which can be viewed live on www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny. Interment will take place afterwards in New Leck Cemetery, Letterkenny.

Kathleen was predeceased by her husband Liam in 2022. She is survived by her daughter Philomena Gildea and husband Laurence (Correnagh, Letterkenny), son Ciaran and wife Mary (Lisnennan Court, Letterkenny), sisters Bridie McNulty, Susie Roarty and Patricia Binks, brother John McCrory (Strabane), grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late May Lynch

The death occurred on Saturday at Hillcrest Nursing Home, Long Lane, Letterkenny of May Lynch (née Doherty), Dr. McGinley Road, Glencar, Letterkenny.



May's remains reposed at the family residence on Sunday and Monday for waking.

Funeral was from there on Tuesday to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Interment took place afterwards in New Leck Cemetery.

May is survived by her son Hughie and wife Adele Lynch, daughters Venessa and husband Stephen Nee and Elizabeth Burke, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brother Eunan Doherty (McNeely Villas, Letterkenny) and sister Phyllis Touhey (Offaly), son-in-law Freddie Wilkie, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours.

May was predeceased by her sons Hughie Doherty and Liam Anthony Lynch and her daughter Marie Wilkie. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late James Hunter

The death took place in England of James Hunter, formerly of 55 Massinass, Creeslough.



He passed away suddenly in London on August 5th, where he lived and worked in the construction sector for many years. He was in his late 70's.

His Funeral Mass will take place in London on August 27th and it will be followed by cremation.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends in both Donegal and the U.K.



Noel Sweeney and Sophie Harrison the two oldest residents at Upper Mount Marian cutting the cake to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the estate at the Rosary on Bank Holiday Monday with Geraldine Boucher and Sinead Hagan.

Milford

Credit Union Draw this Saturday
The Swilly Mulroy Credit Union Prize Draw will take place on this 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.

Social Dancing
Social Dancing in the Milford Hall will re-commence on Thursday 29th August from

8 to 10pm. There will be a good mix of two hand, ceili and line dancing. Light refreshments will be served and still only €5. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. New faces are always welcome.

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

Golf Winner
Congratulations to senior golfer Cathal Toland, Mount Marian, Milford who continued to show his golfing ability recording a double victory at Portsalon last week. Cathal won the club competition on Wednesday with a brilliant score of 45points and backed it up on Saturday last with 41pts to again clinch victory.

Golf Society
The Hi-da-way Golf Society will

hold their next outing in Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday 17th August which will be a team scramble format and tee off time is 1pm. Teams are 1pm - Donal McCafferty, Dean Shields, Eugene Mac Cafferty, Peter Doherty; 1.00pm - Scott McBride, Stephen Boucher, Damo O'Donnell, PJ Hagan; 1.20pm - David Bonner, Mr. Capt.; Eamonn Mc Cafferty; Noel Gillespie; Adam Bolton; 1.30pm - Peter O'Donnell; Cian McGettigan; Denis McBride; Damian Casey. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Sponsored Cycle
A sponsored cycle led by Paul McGinley, Moyle Hill, Milford and other members of McGinley and Hearty families and friends will take place on Friday 30th August in aid Donegal Hospice, Letterkenny and Bolton Hospice. The group of ten cyclist will raise money for both Hospices in memory of his late mother Frances McGinley, Moyle Hill and other family members. They will cycle from Donegal Hospice to Belfast Port (170km) then get the ferry to

Liverpool and cycle to Bolton Hospice on Saturday morning and then onto the Bolton Football Stadium (80 km), 250 km in total. Paul who is a passionate Bolton Wanderers FC supporter and season ticket holder has made many friends and acquaintances in Bolton over the years and will return their hospitality raising money for their local Hospice and the Donegal Hospice. Sponsorship Cards and fundraising events will take place in the town over the next number of weeks and all your support would be very appreciated.

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

50/50 Draw
The next draw will take place on Sunday 1st September. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online

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Masses
Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 15th August 10am; Saturday 17th August at 7.30pm; Sunday 18th August at 11.00am.
Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 17th August at 6pm.

Works granted for Milford shop
Planning permission has been granted for a new off licence area and extended car park to John Blaney Club Md Ltd T/A Blaney Stores Legmuckduff, Glenalla, Milford. The conditional permission allows for the construction of an off licence area within and to the rear of the existing Blaney Stores building and an extension of the existing car park area to the side and rear of existing premises.

Council rescinds order to buy Milford houses

From Page One
co-operative housing in the country. The change of direction to remove the development from social housing two years ago raised many eyebrows politically and among those hoping to be housed. There was disbelief that a significant housing development was withdrawn and a group of refugees would take up residence within a number of days. that's according to those hoping to be housed at the location. Locals in search of a house expressed dismay at this turn of events saying they could not believe what was happening given they were assured that the development was about to be released for applicants on the waiting list for housing. Locals who had expected to be included for consideration say they were shocked to discover

these properties were no longer available to them and they lobbied politicians in search of answers.

The Council has now accepted the developer's withdrawal from the turnkey acquisition. Therefore the offer made has been rescinded, and the Council's involvement in this development has now ended.

The Council expressed disappointment with this position. It is pointed out that the development was built for the Council and the Council obtained Department approval for the developer's tendered price.

The Council also facilitated an uplift on the original tender costs due to Covid and associated inflationary costs.

Two years ago as the occupation of the houses changed, the Council said it provided advice, support and guidance to ensure that the development would comply with the required standards and cost requirements for social housing when completed.

The matter was raised by Councillor Liam Blaney at the 2022 September meeting of the Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District.

A Council response stated, 'the developer has made alternative arrangements and the houses have been occupied.'

'We are crying out for social housing and you can understand why people are frustrated. The last social housing development in the Milford Electoral Area was in 2010. A lot of people were looking forward to these houses being completed in the area.'

We have to know what went on here and ensure that the same thing doesn't happen with other turnkey developments in the county,' Liam Blaney told the MDC.

And responding to concerns the local authority said: 'Donegal County Council is currently seeking to establish the facts around the change to the original plan by the developer and we will keep members informed accordingly.' They say they are aware of similar issues arising in other counties and the matter is now being examined at Department level.

Cllr. Donal Kelly, the Cathaoirleach of the Letterkenny-Milford MD in 2022 said the issue 'raised a lot of eyebrows and a lot of questions'.



Aoife Cleary, Ronan Cleary, Megan Logue and Ethan Logue representing Cranford and Donegal at the Community Games Regional Finals in Athlone on Saturday last.

SwillyMulroy Plunge Dipping

Receipt available for sheep welfare scheme

CONTACT

- Kevin: 086 1798329
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Winter & Summer Dipping

Milford Care of the Aged trip

Milford Care of the Aged will be going on their annual trip out to Donegal Town on Friday 30th of August. The bus will be leaving from the Council offices at 10am and heading to Donegal Town for some retail therapy. We will be heading to Harvey's Point for lunch at 2pm and back home by 5.30pm.

If you are interested, please contact Brídín 086 8293153 or Fiona (087) 687 0682 to book a place before Monday 26th of August. The cost of the trip is €20 per person. It will be great to see you all again and everyone welcome.

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Some of the participants in the Milford GAA Club summer camp at Moyle View Park last week.

Victor Gibson Memorial Tractor Run

The staff at Glenveagh Centre Car Park at 2pm and will complete a loop of Gartan via the spectacular Lough Inshagh trail. Registration is from 12 noon on the day and the cost is €20 per tractor which includes light refreshments from the Birch Tree Restaurant at the Visitor Centre.

Victor was a much loved colleague and member of staff who worked, amongst other things, as the mechanic in the Park for forty six years.

Before his passing, Victor was involved in the restoration of an old 135

Massey Ferguson which was the first tractor in the Park bought by the previous owner, Henry McIlhinney in 1965. This tractor will lead the convoy of machinery through the designated route. The event leaves from the Visitor

organisers are delighted to be hosting the tractor run in association with the Irish Heart Foundation and all proceeds on the day will go towards this worthy cause.

There will also be loads of Spot Prizes and we thank the local businesses for their support.

All tractor owners and enthusiasts are welcome to attend. For more information contact (087) 933 5127



Tractor Run Through The National Park In Memory Of Victor Gibson

8th September 2024

Glenveagh National Park Carpark

Registration at 12.00pm, Tractor Run at 2pm

Entry Fee €20

Prizes Raffle and Food Refreshments After

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World Junior Angling in Downings

There is a big week coming up for the Lough Swilly Junior Sea Angling Club with members taking part in the World Championships which are taking place from Saturday week the 24th of August in Downings. The event was originally scheduled for Rathmullan but due to works at the pier, a different venue had to be found.

The event is being organised by a local committee under the direction of Chairperson Charlie Devlin. It's the first time ever that these World Championships are coming to Donegal and its testament to the great work being done by the Club over the past six years that the event is being staged in the County.

Around 50 junior anglers in the U21 age group will compete including four from Letterkenny Orlagh McLean, Hannah John and the Donaghey brothers James and Patrick. Some of them already have experience representing Ireland at the World Championships (2022) in Albufeira, Portugal and last year in Cork. They are all members of the Lough Swilly Junior Sea Angling Club who have already hosted two All-Ireland Championships.

After a huge amount of work over the past year Charlie Devlin is looking forward now to the official opening of the 23rd World Championships in Letterkenny on Saturday week. "It's just great

to bring the World's to Donegal. It's never been here before. The World Junior event is only going a few years so to have it here is fantastic. It's costing around €80,000 to run it but it is worth between €250,000 and €300,000 to the local economy. The boats are booked out in Downings for that week. The Station House Hotel is also booked out so that's a big boost for local businesses," Devlin said.

The Club was only established six years ago to provide a recreational outlet for young people who were maybe not as much into mainstream sports. Charlie Devlin said it all started out as a bit of a social gathering before the club was officially launched and it's been a huge success. "I have to give a lot of credit to the late Cecil Browne from Inch Island who had many a chat with me about the need to get the next generation involved in angling. He was a boat skipper and could see where things were going. We have a championship trophy named after Cecil."

There are junior anglers coming from countries including Croatia, Spain, Italy and Germany. They will be arriving on Saturday week the 24th and will take part in the official opening parade at 4pm from the St. Eunan's Cathedral Carpark to the Station House Hotel. There will be lots of entertainment laid on for the visitors including traditional Irish music. The young anglers will



Chairperson Charlie Devlin with committee members Hugh McLean, Patrick Donaghey Snr and Patrick Donaghey Jnr one of the Donegal competitors representing Ireland at the World Junior Sea Angling Championships in Downings at the end of the month.

have a couple of training days before the official competition gets underway on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The grand finale will be on Friday night with a gala dinner and presentations in the Station House Hotel. Charlie Devlin has an excellent committee helping him including his brother Cornie (National Youth Officer), Hugh McLean (Secretary, Paddy Donaghey and Lisa John who

is in charge of the medical portfolio for the championships. Brian Whelan (National Federation of Sea Anglers) and Graham Blair (Ulster Secretary) will be in attendance and a number of Irish senior internationals will be volunteering in Downings looking after the boats and marking scores. So the big build-up is underway for an exciting history making World Championships being held in Donegal for the first time ever.

Rathmullan to Inch Swim and back again

Gavin Williamson, former Olympic swimmer with close ties to Rathmullan will be attempting to swim from Rathmullan beach to Inch beach and back again on this Thursday 15th August at 2.30pm to set a record as this had never been officially documented before.

Supporters would be welcome on the day to cheer him on, and all donations and funds raised will be in aid of Lough Swilly Lifeboats.

Makers Markets 17th August

Next Makers Market this coming Saturday 17th

from 2-4pm. with stalls selling all unique locally made artistry, clothing, jewellery, food and much more, which are not usually available in the shops. Drop in for a chat and pick up a bargain.

Seaside Country Market 18th August

We're delighted to welcome Ramelton Country Markets will be setting up shop on the entrance to the Car park again next Saturday 18th August from 10.30am. This is an ideal opportunity to acquire fresh produce, flowers, fruit and vegetables, as well as home baking. So be on time, or regret missing that delightful delicacy.

Tidy Towns Art Programme

Congratulations to all who participated in the 2024 Community Art Project with the Painted Stones, which has been running for the past number of weeks at the Boathouse Sheds courtesy of Kemal Scarpello, led by Hannah Pidkaliuk from Bunrana, assisted by Che Rud-dock, Cassie Lyons and Caoimhe Stones, also from Bunrana. The enthusiasm and creativity of the participants was absolutely fantastic and we look forward to getting the next stage completed, so that everyone can enjoy our finished art works. Huge thanks to the Donegal Volunteer Centre and Lough Swilly Ferry Service for their vital support with

this programme.

We're also very fortunate to have been selected as a recipient for the @TescoIrl Community Fund in Letterkenny, so if you're been shopping in Tesco's recently and voted for us using your blue token, then thank you also for your support.

Heritage Week Events

Join Aengus Kennedy of Nature North West on Wednesday 21st August for a Walk & talk (2-4pm) exploring how habitats change from below the high tide mark, to dune forming plants, to the wonderful Batt's Walks. Suitable for 8 year olds and upwards. Please wear good walking shoes as the trails may be wet and rough underfoot. No dogs please and booking on Eventbrite 'Rathmullan's Coastal Nature' on the Heritage Website, or turn up on the day. This event has been organised by Donegal County Council Biodiversity Office with funding support from The Heritage Council, through the County Biodiversity Action plan programme.

Knockalla Coast Road talk

Rathmullan History & Heritage group are hosting an illustrated talk by Arthur Lynch on the building of the famous Knockalla Coast Road, in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, on Thursday 22nd August at 7pm. This story brings to life the great need for the road, and stories of the works, engineering and difficulties down through the ages. Refreshments served and booking again on Eventbrite 'Building Knockalla Coast Road - the Story' or just turn up on the night.

Vintage & Classic Car Show

The John Sheridan Memorial Vintage Car Rally will take place on Sunday 11am -4.00pm, at the Rathmullan Flagpole Field (F92 XR71). All cars welcome and sure to be a great day out for all the family. Further enquiries to 086 8784890.

RNLI Lifeboats celebrate 200th Anniversary Local fundraisers for the Lifeboats proudly gathered in Rathmullan on Wednesday last to witness the signing of the 200th Anniversary Scroll



Grainne Kelly presented a cheque on behalf of the Rathmullan Festival Swilly Ferry Service Committee to Hazel Russell from the RNLI on Wednesday evening.



Members of the RNLI with locals at the 200th anniversary celebrations in Rathmullan last Wednesday.

which is travelling around England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland acknowledging the numerous Volunteers throughout the Lifeboat Stations and Fundraising Branches. This was indeed a momentous occasion and it was a privilege to have Rathmullan included on the Scroll's iconic journey which will now be preserved for future generations. 'By passing this pledge from once incredible community to the next, we hope to inspire the next generation of lifesavers.' Deirdre Crossan from Kerrykeel was elected to sign on behalf of the local Volunteers, who were joined by many other fundraisers from the North West

HERITAGE WEEK EVENT
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Ray Community Centre

Congratulations
 Congratulations to Shaun Heraghty and Mariosa McGroarty, Drumacloghan who got married at the weekend.

Ultra 333 Race
 Congratulations to Peter McAteer and Martin McFadden for completing the Ultra 333 Race at the weekend. It's a great achievement.

Grotto Mass
 The annual Grotto Mass will take place on this Thursday 15th August at 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

Take Your Pick
 Congratulations to Roisin Doherty, Joanne Murphy and Ann Alcorn who all won €20 in the Take Your Pick this week. Jackpot next Sunday 18th August is €250.

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

as well as Garda Chief Inspector Goretta Sheridan, Councillor Declan Meehan and supporters. Many thanks to Graeme Kelly who also presented a cheque on behalf of the Rathmullan Festival Committee on Wednesday evening.

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

St Vincent De Paul

This time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, especially with family visits and unexpected household costs, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need. Please feel free to contact any member of the Chapter in complete confidence, on 087 698 2822. Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, while also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

In the Footsteps of Colmcille



Some pilgrims take a rest on Slí Cholmcille - Front - Mary Daly, Omagh, Rory Finegan, Kildare, Anne O' Kane, Magherafelt, Shirley Ward, Milford. Back row - Sarah Akahurst, island of Iona, Mary Henchey, Ennis, Angela Finnegan, Sydney, Alex Bramley, Cambridge, Brid McGovern, Dublin, Anne McGowan Letterkenny.

The 3rd annual Slí Cholmcille Walking Pilgrimage/Retreat took place from July 21st to July 28th and was a resounding success. Initiated in 2022 by Fr Brendan Mc Manus SJ, this year's Walking Pilgrimage / Retreat was led by Jim Deeds, an experienced and inspiring spiritual guide. 20 participants embarked on a journey from Donegal's Rosses, walking through Dungloe, to Toraigh and on to Gartan, the birthplace of St. Colmcille. The pilgrims, who hailed from diverse locations including the island of Iona, Sydney, Cambridge, Belfast, Omagh, Magherafelt, Carlow, Kildare, Ennis, Dublin and Donegal, experienced a week of physical challenge and spiritual renewal.

Each day, the group walked approximately 20 kilometres through diverse terrains, including sandy beaches, mountains, bogs, and streams. The pilgrimage was a blend of quiet reflection and shared experiences, allowing participants to ponder their lives and find spiritual insights in the surrounding natural beauty. The journey aimed to recreate the original Celtic Christian experience of discovering God in all things, embodying the spirit of St. Colmcille.

The itinerary was designed with flexibility, enabling participants to engage in the retreat at their own pace and in their own way. The dramatic and ever-changing landscapes of Donegal provided a perfect backdrop for introspection and a deep connection with nature, helping pilgrims gain a better understanding of themselves and their spiritual journey. The sense of community was strong, with participants forming close bonds and sharing their thoughts and experiences at the end of each day. These gatherings fostered a sense of mutual support and camaraderie, contributing to the overall spiritual atmosphere of the pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage was all-inclusive, with participants staying at both Ards Retreat Centre and the Outdoor Education Centre in Gartan. The final Sunday brought a special moment at St. Colmcille's Church in Glendowan, which overlooks the saint's birthplace.

Here, Bishop Alan McGuckian, Bishop of Down and Connor, welcomed the pilgrims for a Eucharistic celebration, marking the conclusion of their Walking Pilgrimage/Retreat. The journey ended with a final lunch at Victor Wilkin's Restaurant in Churchill, where the group reflected on their experiences. The pilgrimage's success, along with insights from a recent feasibility study, has inspired plans to improve signage and accommodation along the route, aiming to enhance the experience for future pilgrims.

Slí Cholmcille is an ambitious project that seeks to establish a pilgrimage trail linking key sites

associated with St. Colmcille, spanning from Donegal to Derry, through the North Sperrins and the Bann, to Argyll, and ultimately to the island of Iona. This trail not only offers breathtaking scenery but also follows in the footsteps of one of Ireland's most significant early Christian saints, providing a deeply spiritual experience for those who walk it.

Feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many describing the week as a significant and transformative experience. The combination of physical exertion, spiritual reflection, and the beauty of the landscape made the pilgrimage a memorable and enriching journey for all involved.

For more information on Slí Cholmcille and upcoming events - website: www.slicholmcille.org



On the final day - the group photographed with Bishop Alan McGuckian, Bishop of Down and Connor, at St Colmcille's Church, Glendowan, overlooking Loch Gartán and the birthplace of Colmcille



A group of pilgrims in Dungloe :- Front row Shelagh Murphy, Newry, Mary Gutherie, Newcastle, Mary Daly, Omagh, Anne O' Kane, Magherafelt, Mary Henchey, Ennis, Bruce Dolan, Dublin, Anne McGowan, Letterkenny. Back Row - Geraldine Casey, Letterkenny, Margaret Duffy, Dublin, Noel Ruane, Dublin, Sarah Akahurst, Iona, Alex Bramley, Cambridge, Jim Deeds Belfast, Angela Finnegan, Sydney, Brid McGovern, Dublin, Rory Finegan, Kildare, Michael Connolly, Rathmullan, Brian McGarvey, Milford, Niamh Byrne, Dublin, Eunan Friel, Dublin.

Events focusing on the important role of women in farming families and innovation

UR-WAN - Understanding Rural - Women in Agriculture Needs



Donegal women in the agricultural sector. From left: Victoria MacArthur, farmer and Wild Atlantic Nature Communication Advisor; Roisin O'Donnell, ACRES Project Officer; Elizabeth Forrest, farmer and host for day one of the event; Amanda McLaughlin, farm advisor.

The ACRES Co-operation team for County Donegal are delighted to announce details of two events that will focus on the role of women in agriculture. The team have brought together a range of experts to discuss this important topic and showcase some of the work that women are doing in the sector.

ACRES Project Officer Aileen Colliery explains, "The 2020 Census of Agriculture in Ireland shows that women account for just 13% of all farm holders across the country. The Census also pointed to the fact that 58,000 women existed within Irish farming without visibility or farm holder status. Not only does this underrepresent the input of

women in agriculture, it also negatively impacts their ability to avail of funding through agricultural schemes or lending institutes, and their ability to independently access support groups."

"These events run by our team at ACRES Donegal aim to discuss what the key issues are for women in farming, what challenges they face and what resources are needed to level the farming 'playing field'. We are encouraging as many females farmers of all ages to join us on Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st August to have their voices heard. In particular, we very much welcome women from families which are already in the ACRES co-operation scheme so we can explore opportunities for further engagement."

The discussion panel will include innovators such as Donna McDade, Donegal ETB, Training Services; Maureen Kilgore, agroforestry expert; Joanne Butler, organics and horticulture; Catherine Keena, Teagasc biodiversity expert; Henry O'Donnell, ACRES Programme manager and will be chaired by Gerard McDaid from ATU. Demonstrations will form an important element of the day too with the wonderful Louise Price on dry stone walling, Katie Smirnova and Anne Brown from Hedgerows Ireland, Anita Donaghy from Birdwatch Ireland, looking at birds on the farm and members of our own team including Trish Murphy (water quality), Aoife Moroney (birds), and Fiona Doherty. Aileen explained the great enthusiasm for the event so far, "We've had a wonderful response from our panel and demonstrators. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what is happening out there and for women to gather and share experiences and ideas - as well as some refreshments of course! You can register for the event through our website or directly through Eventbrite."

Events

The events take place in two locations on 20th August is Roshin, Churchill, Letterkenny and 21st August, Leghowney Hall, Donegal Town from 10am to 4pm each day. More details about the event and a link to the registration can be found on www.acresdonegal.ie/upcoming-events. The ACRES scheme is Co-funded by the European Union and the Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

I only met three wasps this year

I heard some person being interviewed on a radio programme recently and he used a quote by Confucius, the 550BC Chinese philosopher. He said that "we have two lives; the second begins when we realise we only have one." I thought it was a very profound observation, and certainly true in my case.

It led me down many rabbit holes; e.g. what IS a philosopher ("a person engaged or learned in philosophy, especially as an academic discipline"), I wasn't any clearer after that one so opted not to follow the "what is philosophy" route. I looked up the meaning of the word profound (having or showing great knowledge or insight) and at least I could understand that one. It's amazing the number of words we use daily without really knowing their meaning. But anyway, that's not what I set out to say. I was struck by the way the quote pinpointed that feeling when you hit the light bulb moment and realise, with absolute certainty, that there's more life behind you than in front of you. That this life is not a rehearsal, there is no second chance, and if we want to change things we must do it now. It's the point at which we need to look inside ourselves and ask the big questions like What do I want to be doing in three/five/ten years time?; who do I want to be doing it with?; even... who do I want to be in a few years time? It's time to make those changes and take the steps towards creating the life we really want, that's true to ourselves.

I think many of us sort of drifted into the lives we live, both through circumstance and necessity, and in many cases that's been OK, if not exactly exhilarating. But with the kids reared, the mortgage hopefully paid off and with 60 being the new 40 (remember, life begins at 40!), perhaps it's time to reassess our lives. On the other hand maybe I should just stick to watching episodes of Bosco and The Magic Roundabout and never mind the philosophical stuff on the radio. That thinking business is dangerous.

I harvested all the goozers and blackcurrants over the past couple of weeks, according as there was a blink of sunshine and no rain. The berries on the newer bushes and the one red goozer bush were very good but the ones on the older, green goozer bushes were small and mildewy and I think it's time to send those bushes to plant heaven... aka the back

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Kate Carton

of the ditch. The blackcurrant bushes had a very small crop of big, juicy berries. I only got four colanders of berries from the four bushes which is about half the regular crop, despite the fact that they were netted from an early stage and totally bird proof. As luck would have it, I was meeting my good friend Jacinta for a trawl of the second-hand shops and lunch in Cavan on the Saturday. Her husband Tony is a member of the Cathedral Choir and he was singing at a centenary Mass for The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary in the cathedral that morning.

After our fruitless ramble through the shops we met Tony for lunch where we were discussing the season's gardening, among other things. They happened to mention that they had recently been gathering blackcurrants in a friend's orchard and remarked on the vast amount of fruit going to waste. I was green with envy and lo and behold didn't Jacinta ring me the next day to say they had picked two buckets of the precious berries for me. I was gone out the door like a hot snot from a dragon's nostril and over to Ballyhaise to collect them. They're the most highly prized fruit in this house for their vitamin rich goodness over the winter. What struck me even more than the small crop of fruit this year was the complete absence of wasps.

Normally I would be surrounded by hordes of wasps and have had many a sting on the fingers from picking berries which had sleepy, replete wasps inside them. Not one wasp or sting this time. I've only met about three wasps altogether this year and they were noticeably smaller than any previous year. Did the wet autumn/winter/spring do them in, or is the cold summer curtailing their breeding? I can't say I miss them but I suspect that they

fulfil some vital role in the eco system and that their absence will have a detrimental effect somewhere down the line. Likewise the bees... there have been fewer of them too apparently, although I haven't noticed it because with all the flowers round the porch we get every bee that's going the road dropping in for a snack. It's like a sort of bee filling station and coffee shop. It's just as well swallows don't eat bees or ours would be so fat they'd have to get the boat back to Africa next month.

Their second clutch of scaldies is flying around now and they come into the house every time the door is open. Mostly they just do a few laps of the kitchen and flap on out again but every so often the SatNav fails and the birdie has to be carried out. They don't get too fussed about it; I suppose they're familiar with us from birth as we pass two or three feet from the nest all day. I like the swallows in the porch... shit and all.

We ran into a bit of a water disaster last Sunday when the pump serving two batches of forward heifers packed up. It's a delicate situation where the well and pump are on one person's land and the electricity supply for it comes from an adjoining farm. The two land owners don't pull well together; one is as daft as a brush and the other is the two ends of an obnoxious bollix and Himself is stuck in the middle as the tenant of the latter.

I landed the bacon and cabbage and spuds in front of Himself and headed off to bring water to four horses and take the mobile IBC tank which they use and fill it for the heifers. All straightforward enough so far, until we landed below to fill the drinkers and jeep and tank sank to the axles in the soft ground. The tractor was sent for and all was pulled out, only for the tank to flip over backwards, spilling half the

contents. It wouldn't have happened if Himself had listened to me about how to hitch it to the tractor, so I took immense pleasure in rubbing his nose in it. Then the front loader on the tractor gave up and Peter had to be pulled away from his Sunday pint to hammer a job on it.

It was a comedy of errors and all we could do was laugh, after letting a hefty slither of fucks into the whole outfit. Between the hopping and the trotting the cattle and horses eventually had their fill of water and a day's supply in front of them and I looked like a piebald person with the dollops and splatters of muck plastered all over me. I sincerely hope that the pump issue is resolved sooner rather than later, although in saying that it'll probably rain from now till next Easter and the cattle will be swimming in water.

I'm looking forward very much to a run up to Rathmullan this week. I have the painter booked to add a bit of colour to the house and I can't wait to see it start to look like a home rather than a building site. Things like the tiling and carpentry have been delayed, entirely through my own fault.

I found the ESB application process daunting and difficult so I kept putting it off till everything ground to a halt for the want of the heat on to thoroughly dry walls and floors. It will cost me time but maybe it's for a reason. (Amn't I getting sickeningly philosophical.) Hopefully we'll be able to have Christmas dinner in my home this year and start a new phase of life. Confucius also said "They must often change who would be constant in happiness or wisdom." I'm happy and happy to change, but I could probably do with a shovel of wisdom thrown in.

All Island Rail Reviews: Money for the rest, not the West

So says Dr. Joe Kelly, former member of the Western Development Commission.

He said: "If they could dig a trench and push Donegal and the North West out towards Rockall the Government and their officials would do so. (Rockall is an uninhabitable granite islet in the North Atlantic Ocean. Rockall with nothing at all.)

The Government's newly released 2024 All-Island Rail Review (AIRR) has shown utter contempt for the people of Donegal and the Border Region. We are abandoned yet again.

Of the proposed costing of €37 billion, in this national Railway Report, it is suggested that only 20 Kilometres of Donegal may get €200-€300 million of the estimated budget of 37 thousand million (€37 Billion).

That spend suggestion is just over 1% of the overall National spend and subject to government and Stormont approval. In other words 99% of this rail budget will be spent outside Donegal.

Clearly the All-Island Rail Review is money for the rest, not the West, money for Dublin, not Donegal.

The report confirms, on Page 13: "This is an indicative artistic interpretation... The pathways delineated on this illustration are conceptual in nature and should not be interpreted as a precise or literal depiction of potential routes or route corridors."

In other words, it is a work of fiction. It's election time (Am Togcháin) and looking back at other election promises: Letterkenny was promised an airport - it didn't happen : Donegal was promised a gas line into Derry - it didn't happen: Donegal was promised reliable energy supplies - it didn't happen: Dual carriageways - it didn't happen.

There is no political will to provide competitive infrastructure or do anything for Donegal. The false

hope, from D2, that a mere single track rail connection into Derry in this new report will happen, sometime in the far distant future, is insulting and fictitious.

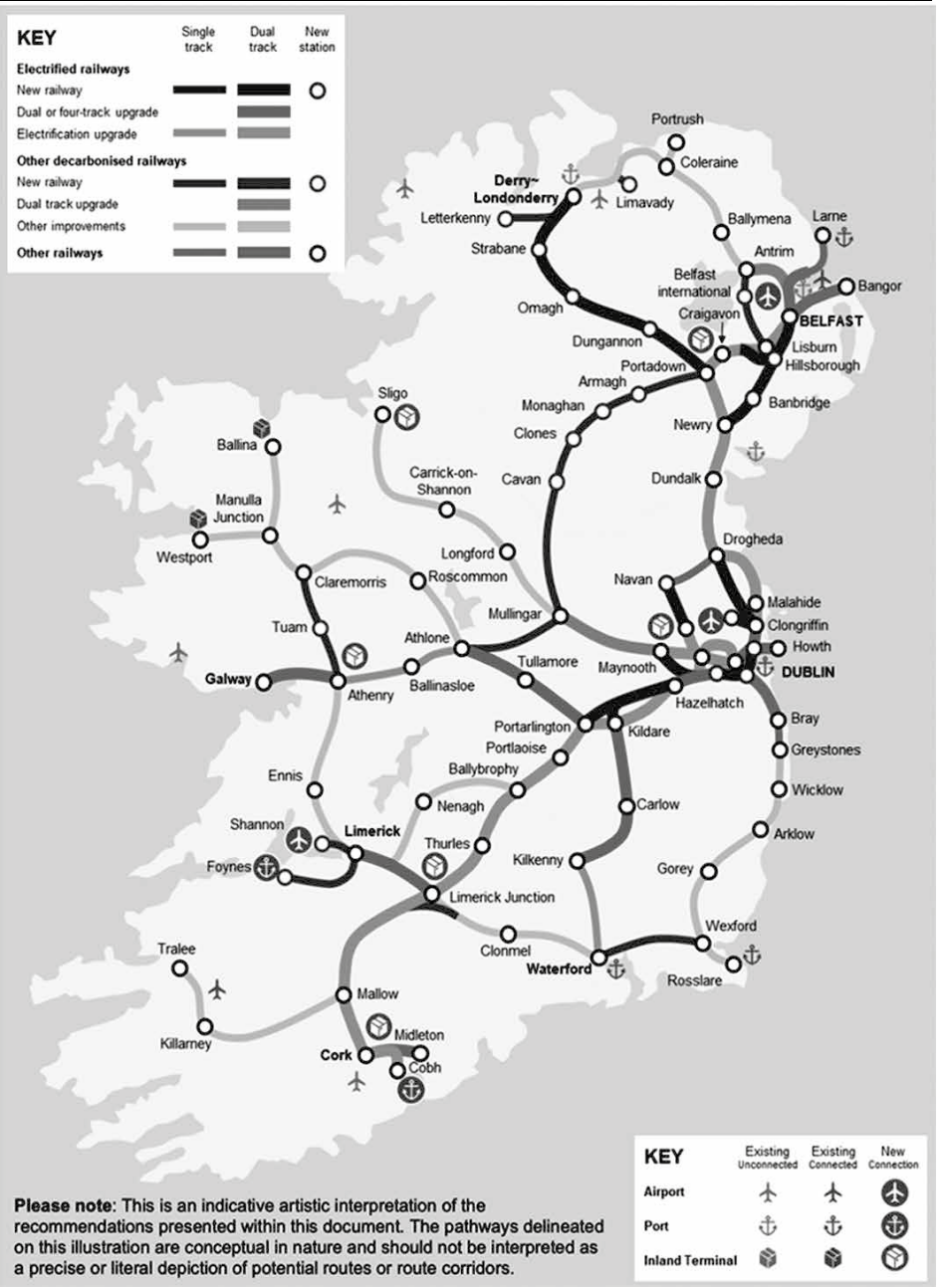
Furthermore, on page 133, the Railway Report states: "The 'Modelling undertaken' for the North west of Ireland 'showed there would be very low demand for passenger rail services on this route and that building a railway on this corridor would have significant adverse impact on the environment."

This single statement from the report declares that one third of the land mass of Ireland will continue to be neglected. It also reveals that our government is more interest in emission and emigration than in the people of the Donegal, Border Region, The West and North-West.

For the first time Donegal and the Border Region does not have an MEP. There's no voice in Europe and no voices in Dublin fighting for us. We have to demand recognition and stop being treated like 'Europe's and Dublin's National Park'.

It is time for Donegal County Councillors to convene an urgent meeting, review this abandonment, bring all the County Councils on the Western Seaboard together and insist on the Billions of Euros necessary for investment in Donegal, The West and the Region. Councillors are the voice of the electorate and best placed to represent the needs and concerns of the people. Families and business carry a disproportionate taxation burden, with no infrastructure benefits to show for. Our young people will continue to leave, never to return. Dublin 2 needs to get the message that in advance of their election this newly released All-Island Strategic Rail Review fails to deliver.

The taxpaying people of Donegal and the West can no longer sit in silence. We exist, we pay our taxes, we want our well overdue fair share and we must stop the exodus, from families, of young people from our region."



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Carlin wins Ballyare 10k

The 31st running of the Ballyare 10k took place on Friday evening with 79 finishing the race which was won by Shea Carlin of Finn Valley AC in a time of 36mins 21 seconds followed by Joe Gibbons Milford AC 37.04 and Michael Harkin Letterkenny AC in 37.56. Local favourite Pat Hegarty set the course record of 30.57 in 1995.

In the ladies event Letterkenny AC's Eimear Gormley was first home in 42.40 followed by Martina Mulhern, Rosses AC in 44.40 and Martina Hegarty third in 47:38.

Anthony Doherty Milford AC was the first over 50 home in 38.10 with Cian Friel, Letterkenny AC first over 40 home in 39.31.

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Walkers taking part in the 5km walk as part of the Ballyare 10k event.



Shea Carlin and Joe Gibbons lead out at the start of the Ballyare 10k on Friday.



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Martina Hegarty leading ladies winner Eimear Gormley, LAC at the start.



Inshore fishing scheme for Donegal fleet

The new scheme to support and enable the economic development of inshore fishing is good news for the Donegal fleet, according to the Minister Charlie McConalogue. An inshore census was conducted by BIM in 2023, the analysis of which will be available shortly. This new scheme will build on this knowledge base by capturing additional detailed information in relation to the current market knowledge and routes to market being used by inshore fishers as well as their ability to identify and access new markets. He said: "It will provide for the completion of a further survey by applicants, to inform and enable a detailed and comprehensive assessment of these aspects of the sector. This in turn will allow the Department and BIM to develop and target effective supports that will assist inshore fishers to respond to the market challenges they face." "I have met with representatives of the inshore fleet on a number of occasions to discuss the challenges facing this fleet, in particular those

affecting their ability to access markets. I had indicated previously at the Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting in June that I would be progressing a scheme specifically in response to these challenges. One of the challenges that we have faced when designing supports for the inshore fleet has been the gaps in the data and knowledge available to us. Once we have this additional data, we will then be able to target supports more effectively and support the continued economic viability of the inshore fleet in coming years," Minister McConalogue added.

In order to encourage participation in the survey, and in recognition of the significant administrative work involved for those who do participate, the scheme will make provision for applicants to receive a payment, and the survey will be carried out in two stages. Payments will be based on vessel length, and will be paid in two instalments, one on completion of each stage of the survey. Under the scheme, a total of €3,500

Glenveagh to host Green Ribbon Family Fun Fest

Glenveagh National Park will be the venue for the Green Ribbon Family Fun Fest event to promote mental health.

It takes place on Sunday 8th September between 11am to 2pm

This interagency wellness event is hosted by Connecting For Life Donegal and Donegal Family Resource Centres, along with Healthy Ireland, HSE, DLDC, Mental Health Ireland.

will be available to vessels under 8m in length, and a total of €5,000 to vessels between 8 and 17.99m in length.

The initial instalment will be €2,000 for eligible vessels on the completion of Stage 1 of the survey with the remaining balance on completion of Stage 2. The Minister has asked BIM to develop and implement this scheme, which will be funded under the European Maritime, Fisheries

The aim of the day is to break down stigma about mental health and to communicate to the public the wide range of mental health and wellness services and supports available to them and members of their family should they require them.

It will feature a practical demonstration of the five ways to wellbeing.

The event is set to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day and Green Ribbon Month.

and Aquaculture Fund. It is expected to open for applications in September 2024.

"I was pleased to announce the opening of the V-notching Scheme, which is an important conservation scheme for inshore lobster fisheries. It will complement these schemes, providing the support needed to assist the fleet in developing and accessing markets, and getting a fair price for their catch," he concluded.

Mica: the agenda for generations not yet born

It is entirely possible that Fine Gael and Fianna Fail will be back in government next time: and the time after. FF is the longest serving party in government and it may remain in office well beyond 2040. Micheál Martin could easily grow old waiting for someone else to challenge him. In these circumstances, the current defective blocks legislation is not likely to be changed. If we round up remediation completions in Donegal to be less than 100 this year, the stats tell us that at this rate of progress, the mica crisis will be around into the next century... and perhaps ... long after 3000AD.

It's mid August in the silly season of political guessing. Otherwise there's been little sunshine and not much to cheer about. This is Donegal and the holiday season is passing as we are heading into deep autumn. And for thousands of families in mica infected homes it is yet another year of gloom and fear about what the future holds for them heading into winter. It is estimated that 7,000 homes in the county may be affected with defective materials. This doesn't account for other buildings that are damaged including business premises, farm buildings and retail premises. And as we examine the last 'Ireland Thinks' poll the omens for any real change or improvements to the remediation scheme may be much further away than we want to think. The legislation is written into law and nothing short of a Dail vote can change this legislation. Fianna Fail and Fine Gael seem happy enough to keep the remediation legislation as it is. However there is a broad consensus that change is urgently needed. And few of those waiting for remediation and the delays in processing cases disagree with the need for an entirely new process. This is going to be the big election red flag for Donegal because with FG in Government into its fourteenth year,

it is obvious that they will take much of the blame for failing to deliver on remediation. It is going to be very difficult for them to confront the electorate on the doorsteps of this county with a rationale about their party delivering on defective blocks and no reassurance or slick use of phrasing is going to solve that crisis. For starters, who is going to believe the waffle from candidates for the parties in the current Government, especially families living with crumbling blocks? However, with a FF Minister for the Environment there will be serious pressure to answer why the legislation was driven through the Dail with the MAG amendments disregarded and not deemed worthy of being debated on the floor of the House. As in most election campaigns there is a rush of promises and worthless claims. However, truth is always the real casualty. Every candidate in Donegal will be calling for the remediation legislation to be changed and each and every one of them knows the political facts and where exactly their parties have failed to deliver on 100% remediation. Government party candidates will spiff about mica being a priority. But if that was true, the crisis would long be resolved and every defective home would have completed a programme of remediation.

And you can bet that every single candidate contesting seats in Donegal will offer to help, be it in sentiment about having the backs of the people, lobbying the government and it's a sure bet that mica families will be told of meeting the Taoiseach of the day about the problems arising. That's some help. After all, Taoisigh have been to Donegal, saw the devastation and left without offering satisfactory 100% remediation solutions. And there are real questions too: is the mica crisis too serious to handle and what is a real figure of costs for the damaged properties? And where does the buck stop in the blame game about who is ultimately responsible for the cost of damaged properties? Be sure what you are told has a basis in fact: if a politician turns up saying they are affected homeowners with defective blocks, ask them to produce a copy of their test results to give credence to such claims because that is all they are. Nothing but a professional test of the cores of the blockwork counts. But in politics, some have a tendency to lose the run of themselves and assume a status way above public expectations of their status. Only a core test will tell the truth - and more than ever we need truth in politics. The mica campaigners have travelled a hard road littered with government failures to address a crisis that may top ten billion Euros. But the country does have the money and plenty of it. Yet the political willpower is shamefully absent and has been for years. Measure the current progress on remediation from an estimate of 7,000 buildings. And that figure is rising with every passing month. If we round up remediation completions in Donegal to 100 this year, the stats tell us that the mica crisis will be still around by the year 3,000 and you can add on another hundred years for the replacement of public buildings, commercial and

retail units, housing estates and farm buildings. It is imperative that the current legislation is overwritten because remediation progress has been delayed and then more 'further information' requests arrive. From what I've seen, this is disaster personified and the delays right across the responses from the government are quite staggering. Fianna Fail has been in power for 83 years and in any democracy that is a bit rich even if they are proud of the nation's progress. But does that include the voters? Fine Gael got off to the slowest of starts after Cumann na nGaedheal, the National Centre Party and the Blueshirts formed a merger in 1933. But here they are now and there is every possibility they will be in office until after 2030 and 2040. Imagine how many candidates are waiting in the wings. Right now there are so many issues around Mica emerging courtesy of 'Ditch' and they are quite extraordinary. Now, there is never any issue with anyone meeting with the Attorney General... However, one has to wonder about the values of that in resolving the crisis. Wouldn't it be the best political news for affected families and wouldn't it be highly positive if meeting the Attorney General resolved the calamity of defective homes in Donegal, once and for evermore? The Ditch website reported: "Attorney general Rossa Fanning mediated an internal Fine Gael dispute over the controversial mica scheme after TD Joe McHugh resigned the party whip". Fanning it is alleged - in unpublished correspondence - gave advice to Leo Varadkar, warning that a mica candidate might win a seat in the next election, after he held a private meeting with a local TD. The Deputy told Varadkar the issue was "politically very sensitive" and advised that the Electoral Commission's work on constituency boundaries may influence whether

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a mica candidate would be successful in an election. Fanning's role as a broker for internal party matters could be challenged given his constitutional role as the government's chief legal adviser, however the Attorney General in his experience has the best interests of Donegal at its core in his thinking and legal experience. The Attorney general met with Deputy McHugh in February, 2023 and the meeting came after he'd resigned the Fine Gael party whip in July 2022 over the government's introduction of legislation for a new scheme for defective block homeowners. McHugh said he wasn't satisfied with the scheme, comments his constituents have echoed. The day after meeting with McHugh, the Attorney General briefed Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. "As you are well aware, the Deputy has long-standing and well-documented concerns about the remediation scheme provided for householders affected by Mica. This will not in any way be news to you in circumstances where deputy McHugh has resigned the whip and left the Fine Gael parliamentary party over the issue," wrote Fanning in his letter to Varadkar according to The Ditch.

McHugh expressed the view that a mica candidate stood a reasonable possibility of success in the next general election depending on the reconfiguration of the constituencies after the Electoral Commission has completed its work..." warned Fanning." That expression of 'reasonable possibility of success' has delivered four Council seats and seems more than likely to deliver at least one TD... if not a second. And 'The Ditch' also revealed that a previous Attorney General, Paul Gallagher wrote to Minister Daragh O'Brien in 2001 with a warning that claims for demolishing and rebuilding houses - as opposed to repairing them - under the scheme would "climb very significantly (including in Donegal) as further claims are made". Homeowners would claim for rebuilds because of "banking and insurance issues", reported the Ditch. In correspondence where he advised the government on means of keeping the costs of the scheme down, The Ditch reported: "Gallagher said: "In Donegal on the other hand, it is hoped that rebuilding would be the exception and that the other remedial options would more likely to be applicable. Demolishing and rebuilding, which campaigners maintain is required," he wrote. Gallagher, it is claimed, was clear that the state shouldn't accept liability. "It is also important that no concession is made that the State has any liability in this regard," said 'The Ditch' reporting from 2021. Meanwhile the latest Ireland Thinks poll reveals the current opinions of the electorate. Fine Gael commands the headlines with 24% and FF is on 20%. The third Government partner, the Green Party, is on 4%. At the 2020 general election these three parties formed a Govt with a combined 51%. That figure is now 48%.

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Seventy years at Upper Mou

The residents of Upper Mount Marian in Milford gathered on Bank Holiday Monday at their grotto to celebrate 70 years of the estate. The rosary was led by Fr. Willie Peoples and Fr. Stephen Gorman and the St. Peter's Church Choir sang with Cathal Toland reciting the names of the former residents now passed away.

The MC was Kenneth Bradley who was the first child to be born on the estate in August 1954 while he was followed in October by Mary Friel (nee McCafferty). Kenneth thanked the two priests and the choir and said that 1954 was just 9 years after World War Two ended and 'Little Things Mean a Lot' was the hit song at that time. He

apologised to all the home owners on the estate who had their windows smashed from time to time during the many football games enjoyed on the green down the years.

He thanked Sinead and Cathal Hagan, Geraldine Boucher and the committee for all their work as well as Pat Peoples from Moyle Hill for cutting the grass, the Lennon Festival Committee for the bunting, the chairs from the Milford Community Hall, McGettigan's Bakery for supplying the cake and Arthur Lynch for videoing the event. He recalled some memories down through the years living on the estate.

Presentations were made to Noel Sweeney and Sophie Harrison, the oldest male and female residents. They cut the cake before the congregation enjoyed the tea and refreshments.

Fr. Stephen Gorman thanked Susan Peoples for painting the statue of Our Lady in the Grotto and Grace McGlynn and Cathal Hagan for their work.

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

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

The Mount Marian estate has prided itself over the intervening years as a community living in peace and harmony and they say this is due to the fact that since the very start they were close neighbours. Everyone knew everyone else and they were all locals mainly employed in the Milford Bakery and

Flour Mills or McMahon's Garage at the foot of the town.

The estate sits on the outskirts of Milford on the Carrigart Road and the most striking feature is the green and spacious layout of the place. This estate has won numerous awards in the Tidy Towns and indeed back in 1983 they were awarded the Bord na Mona plaque for the best kept estate in Ireland. They've been awarded numerous accolades in the County Council Tidy Estate Competitions over the years and great pride is taken in keeping the estate up to a state of maximum presentation. Community spirit is crafted on obtaining such honours and when one drives into the place it is immediately obvious that this place is held dearly in the hearts of the community.

Thirty homes rather than thirty houses is what has set the place apart as a model example of community living down the years. The houses were constructed by Paddy Barr and Sons of Bun-
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na and work began in the early fifties and took almost three years to complete. The main blocks are constructed in a semi-circular fashion with a large green area out in front to allow for breathing space. Estates today are not constructed with the same attention to layout: green areas and a design that allows them to be vibrant breathing spaces with proper space for recreation and fun.

August Monday was the day for moving because the bakery was closed and families had time to shift their belongings up to the new estate. Looking back one can see the care with which the houses were constructed. There is not a blemish in their design: not a crack in a wall and despite the ravages of the severe winters these houses have weathered the test of time rather well. The white painted two-storey houses are fitted with brown tiled rooves and they have character: solid construction: layout or whatever it takes to give a place it's own sense of individuality is clearly evident.



Kathleen Toland with Sophie and Joe Harrison.



Shaun Gallagher, Eugene McCafferty and Brian McGlynn.



Kenneth Bradley, the first child born on the estate in August 1954 followed in October by Mary Friel (nee McCafferty).



The oldest residents

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Mary Anne Sweeney, Margaret, Mary, Ann Marie, John and Aneas McFadden with Vincent Bradley and Frank Walls.



Frances Crossan, Una Peoples, Susan Gallagher, Mary



Sections of the attendance

Mount Marian



The oldest residents Sophie Harrison and Noel Sweeney receive presentations from Geraldine Boucher and Cathal Hagan.



Shaun Shiels, Eamonn McBride and Harry Buchanan at the celebrations.

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

There were few mod cons and most homes had a wash board and a jaw box and Monday was the traditional wash day. Hard work: earning a living and a huge degree of happiness was crafted here in Mount Marian and the lived for each other sharing in the cares and woes of everyday life.

It was before the place had a secondary school: a mart or a superstore. But Milford was a hive of active commercial life with work a plenty for everyone. At a time when few other towns had industry Milford what thriving with several

hundred jobs down on the quays or in the motor trade. There was a busy fair day on the 23rd of every month and livestock vied with the stall holders seeking the best price for second hand clothes, delph, hardware or indeed a woman telling your fortune and how you'd meet the love of your life.

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

Shortly afterwards the new vocational school was opened and many of the Mount Marian pupils went to school there from 1959 onwards. In 1966 the new Loreto Convent was constructed.

And indeed Mount Marian has been there through all those changes: essentially without ever changing, itself. Of course the normalities of life are all there: the births, marriages and deaths: the good times and the bad and the occasions that binds community life together as a solid unit. They all remember the important dates and events on the estate and the number of children in every house. Kenneth Bradley was the first child to be born there and there are so many more anecdotes of every day life here in Donegal.

The site of a couple of acres was purchased by the Council from Doalty McGinley and it was the first such large scale housing development in the town. Some local men were employed by Barrs to help in the construction.

have been extended and modernised. But back in 1954 few homes in rural Ireland had electricity or running water: but Mount Marian had.

And to illustrate the point the Council put in three public lights on the estate.

The events recalled with pride up here includes the ordination of Fr. Willie Peoples in June of 1982. In fact the Marian Shrine was erected shortly after with Eithne Sullivan donating the statue

of Our Blessed Lady. This statue had been in the old Lagg chapel for generations and today it is enclosed in glass and an annual Mass is celebrated there. Eithne was Fr. Willie's teacher and on his ordination she presented him with the statue. Today it takes pride of place on the edge of the green. Newly appointed Senator Nikki Bradley and local Cllrs Paucic McGarvey and Declan Meehan were also present.



Una Sweeney, Kirsty and Liz Shiels, Geraldine Boucher, Sinead Hagan and Winnie Toye.



Peoples, Susan Gallagher, Mary Toland, Gerad and Anne McGlynn at the Rosary.

The early residents recall taking occupation of their gleaming new homes. There are minute recollections of their sturdy construction: in fact the families had to whack lumps of cement off the insides of the windows and the places had to be painted and furniture put in. The designs were fairly similar. Downstairs a big living room: a scullery and a larder under the stairs for keeping the milk bottles cool, and it worked perfectly. Just off the front hall was a small bedroom while upstairs there were two bedrooms and a bathroom. Out the back there were big yards and today most of the houses



Members of St. Peter's Church, Milford Choir at the Rosary.



Sections of the attendance at the Rosary.



Kenneth Bradley, Mary Crerand, Linda Crerand and Brigid Shiels among the crowd at the Rosary.

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Key FF members facing expulsion

As Fianna Fail prepares for a major rebranding of the party following a disastrous performance in the June elections senior party officials have told the Tribune that a number of senior personalities in Donegal are facing the possibility of expulsion. There is a renewed focus on Donegal NE where the party vote dropped by 17% from the 2002 General election and if this performance was repeated again one of the FF seats would be under threat. This is a loss in real term of 5,673 votes at a time when Sinn Fein holds 4,482 and this factor is a matter of seri-

ous concern to Fianna Fail. At the heart of the crux is the FF share of the vote in the constituency: they have 33,73% and at a low of 12,281 it may not be sufficient to elect two deputies in future elections. Party Headquarters is being accused of a witch hunt seeking scapegoats for their own failures and obviously they're trying to blame key constituency workers for the June result. "The reality is different and we are not going to take any lectures from them, they are trying to save their



Roisin Devenney, Cranford (2nd from right) winner of the gold medal in the U12 girls grass bicycle race at the National Community Games Finals in Mosney at the weekend with her sister Brigeen who won silver in the U14 bicycle race, Joe Gallagher, silver in the U12 bicycle race and Ciaran Harkin, 4th in the U14 bicycle race.



The Fanad girls soccer team winners of the certificates at Mosney.



The Mulroy View estate in Carrigart held an outdoor Mass to mark the second anniversary of the estate and it was celebrated by Fr. Charlie Byrne.



The 2004 'Mary from Dungloe' Lisa McKelvey who officially opened Cllr. Noel McBride's 'McBride Decorating Centre' Blaney Road, Letterkenny on Thursday evening with members of the attendance and guests.

own hides,' said some of these senior figures who've talked to us off the record in the past week. A number of those under threat of being expelled are thought to be in the Letterkenny and Milford electoral areas and they are seen as the key figures in the organisation for several years. A number of them have confirmed that headquarters is now seeking

clarification of their lack of input into the campaign and why the party dropped 17% of its vote from the general election of 2002 in Donegal North East. And it is also claimed that in some areas traditional FF supporters deserted their own candidates opting to vote for local personalities. It would now appear that the debacle of a campaign is being blamed on the grassroots rather than the headquarters brigade in Dublin. However the effort to shaft sitting MEP Sean O'Neachtain had nothing to do with local opinion but this failed fiasco had reverberations right across the western counties. And local sources point out that the damage limitation exercise by party chiefs was an embarrassing joke.

appeared to lack purpose and direction in some electoral areas. There is a major focus on the party's performance in Donegal in the European elections where Dr. James McDavid was completely turned over by Sinn Fein's Pearse Doherty. At the same time they've been left without a seat on Donegal County Council in the Milford area for the first time in over thirty years. And since Donegal is completely over represented at ministerial level some FF strategists in the county have expressed fears that at least one of the junior ministries could be lost.

In recent days the phones from party headquarters have been burning up the midnight oil as preparations are gathering a head of steam in time for a big oil change and service at a west Cork location in September. This love-in will coincide with a big shafting session for the Cabinet and already rumours that senior figures are being put out to grass are going down badly at grassroots level. It is already known that angry exchanges have taken place over the phone lines between the 'the suits in Dublin' and grassroots leaders here in the northwest. We understand the Dublin officials heard comments that there are 'too many grey men who haven't a clue' advising Bertie Ahern and that they've lost touch with reality. Obviously these lectures have gone down badly. However the rumblings of discontent have been surfacing long before this week. There were strong criticisms in May when a decision was made to run a second candidate in Milford. This was a direction from Headquarters and it went against the opinions and the landscape locally where it was estimated they already faced an uphill battle in holding their seat. As it panned out they fared badly and their vote dropped to a disastrous 14.17% to leave them out of the running. At the same time support for Dr. James McDavid's campaign in the Euro elections fall seriously short of expectations right across both Donegal constituencies and he was surprisingly eliminated at the end of the third count. On the first count he polled a very disappointing 52,139, some 13,182 behind SF's Pearse Doherty. As a bemused FF grassroots community listen to the latest piece of puffery they are bemused. They believe that a super junior ministry is to be created to appease Michael Smith's supporters in Tipperary. He's expected to be shafted in the reshuffle and he's made a lot of mileage in the media that he's not for turning and has no intention of leaving the Cabinet. He's the minister once famously described by Pat Rabbitte as 'droning like a Monsignor on a bad phone line from Medjugorje'. The FF makeover and detox session will take place towards the end of September over a two day session in West Cork.

The campaign lacked direction and purpose: that's according to party leaders locally and some have complained of being virtually excluded from the campaign after decades of loyal service. One angry member has accused the newer elements in the organisation of not even knowing their arses from their elbows amid accusations that many areas were not even canvassed during the local elections. Other issues arising would seem to relate to why the national collection was not taken up in all church areas and the campaign



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Successful launch for farmers' market



Cllr. Ian McGarvey at the stall of Donna and Louise Edwards, Hillsborough Farm Produce, Ramelton. The Donegal Farmer's Market was launched on Saturday in Letterkenny to much acclaim and many satisfied customers and producers who will now hope they've created their own niche in retailing their wares to the general public cutting out the middle man. Pat 'the Cope' Gallagher launched the Market on the forecourt of the Donegal Local Development offices at Pearse Road, Letterkenny. It's the first of its kind in the Northwest and the promoters are confident that the initiative has a bright future with customers buying into the idea of getting their goods directly from the producer. Price and quality are the two key issues for the consumer and being able to compete successfully with the supermarkets will obviously be an important factor. There were 19 stalls displaying a wide range of products including home baking, fruit, vegetables, cheeses, jams, eggs, delicatessens foods plus an array of crafts. The new venture drew a large number of interested shoppers on the first morning, a brisk demand with stocks running low on some traders before the close of business at two o'clock. With the exception of a couple of Northern Ire-

A cosmetic exercise - SF

Fullerton case reopened

Supporters of the campaign for a public enquire into the murder of the Sinn Fein Cllr. Eddie Fullerton have described the Garda decision to reinvestigate the circumstances of the death as 'a cosmetic exercise' and it is a knee jerk reaction to the revelations from the Morris Tribunal. Sources said last night that a major file on the death of the late Cllr. Fullerton in 1991 has been on the desk of the Justice Minister for the past twelve months and Michael McDowell sat on his hands doing nothing about it. We understand the file contains a number of important points in relation to ongoing concerns of British intelligence collusion in the murder.

The Fullerton family says they've now been told that the case is being reopened and a campaign for this purpose has been ongoing for a very long time. At this stage the reasons for reopening the case are not clear. However the Fullerton family says that there was never any real investigation into their father's murder. It was always suspected within Sinn Fein circles that the murder could not

have taken place without the perpetrators having detailed knowledge of the circumstances and terrain around the Cockhill area of Bunrana. The Fullerton family is now seeking guidance from their legal advisers before making any response to the garda investigation. The family has always demanded a full public inquiry and in recent years we understand that Sinn Fein has compiled its own list of demands for the reopening of the case.

It is understood that the gardai wish to talk to a key witness from the Derry area who has already alleged that a cover up of the death was assisted by the northern police. The downside of this current investigation for the Fullerton family is that gardai are continuing to investigate the work of gardai. They also point to the damning indictment of garda officers from the Bunrana district that were named in the Morris Tribunal and they believe that in such circumstances a public investigation is the only satisfactory means of getting at the truth.

land stands the producers were all Donegal based coming from right across the county including Clonmany, Gleneely, Ballyshannon, Ballybofey, Milford and Creeslough. The Farmers Market is

to be run on the first and third Saturday of each month and the project has been funded by the Donegal Local Development Company under the Leader+ Programme.

Frank Kelly and Garvan Connolly from DLDC carried out the research and preparation for the new initiative, which is based on a similar operation, which has been running very successfully in Edinburgh.

Donegal IFA Chairman Keith Roulston said that the idea of a farmer's market had been there for a quite a while with people probably wondering why it hadn't happened before now. "Obviously the fact that DLDC has come in with funding has helped to push the initiative forward. There are plenty of stalls, plenty of people shopping and I would call this a good start. I have no doubt that it will work but it has to start small to make sure it gets going properly.

We need the support of the people here in the town because this is the opportunity to move out of the supermarkets and in here to buy good food using best practice at reasonable prices. Consumers are complaining to me about the price of food. This is their opportunity now to come and support the market. The food will hopefully be pitched at a level that will give a reasonable return to the farmer and attract the customer away from the supermarket. The food that the farmer is producing today is top quality with all the regulations and tractability criteria that are now in place. Hopefully as the market develops we will be able to bring in beef stands, which

will be needed to make the project a success. This is type of initiative is our last chance as farming is facing a crisis with global markets and imports from all over the world.

We're trying to defend our incomes and here we are bringing the products directly to the consumer. Hopefully this market will help to maintain our incomes as customers come in and spend with us."

IFA County Development Officer Cassidy Peoples was also optimistic based on the evidence of Saturday morning's launch. "You have to look at the fact that here you have fresh produce coming straight from the farms and various others like the people making the hand crafted materials that are on display. It's an opportunity to actually meet the producers." Jason Johnston from the Northern Ireland based Millers Traditional Baking described the demand as brisk at their stall with the key selling points being quality, no additives and the unique taste of the home made breads. Colette Hemmerle who just recently opened Archway Flowers in Milford was reasonably happy with the early interest on Saturday morning while Kenneth Bradley, Hills of Donegal Tourism was upbeat about the prospects for the Donegal Farmers Market. Others from outside the county with stands were Bayxree Pate, Co. Leitrim and Country Harvest, Belfast. The Donegal Country Market will run on the first and third Saturday of each month (9a.m. - 2p.m.) on the forecourt of the DLDC offices on Pearse Road (beside McGinley Motors).



Katie McMenamin, The Brae, Rathmullan celebrated her 100th birthday and she is pictured with family members Nora, Eugene and Mary along with their former Parish Priest in Derby, Fr. Tim O'Sullivan who celebrated the anniversary Mass in St. Joseph's Church.



At the U12 Ramelton Tennis Tournament were back, Celia Friel, 3rd, Louise Gamble, Niamh Emmett (2nd), Matthew Quinn (4th), Mark Canning (3rd), Cillin Boyce, John Emmett (2nd) and Brendan McDaid. Front 1 to r, Emma Gunn (1st), Rebecca Birney (4th) and Anthony Emmett (1st).



At the u 14 girls tennis tournament at Ramelton TC were, back 1 to r, Sinead Hyland, Helen Kelly (1st), Riana Lynch, Rhona Bailey and Kathy Diver (4th). Front 1 to r, Emma Gunn (3rd) and Niamh Emmett (2nd).

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Dia dhaoibh go léir, mo chairde, agus mé ag siúl go mór go bhfuil achán duine go maith. Dúirt mé an seachtain seo caite nach raibh mé ag gabháil caint faoin aimsir as seo amach..... ná lig sinn i gcathú. Bhí mé sna Dúnaibh ag an deireadh seachtaine agus, Dia ár Sabháil, bhí sé dubh le daoine.



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Lán go béal. Completely full
Aonach siamsaíochta. Funfair
Plódaithe. Pack full
Béim. Emphasis
Scuaine. Queue
Sínte amach. Stretched out
Fánacht go dóchasach. Waiting in hope
Suite. Situated

Tiontaíte go bialann. Converted to a restaurant
Béile roinnt. Sharing meal
Dodhearmadta. Unforgettable
Anlann tartarach. Tartare Sauce
Piseanna práibeacha. Mushy peas
Ag ligint scith. Relaxing
Ag grianadh. Sunning
Cuardach. Search
Feamainn. Seaweed
Ag bailiú. Gathering
Go coim san fharrage. Waste deep
Fáiseanta. Fashionable
Éileamh ar rud éigean. Be in demand
Do-áirithe. Countless, myriad

Donegal Mela to showcase Indian culture in Letterkenny



Mother Tongue Dancer Ariya Satish Martha McCullough.

The Indian Community Centre Letterkenny presents the inaugural Donegal Mela on Saturday the 17th August, from 1 to 5 pm at An Grianan Theatre Plaza. This landmark event aims to celebrate and showcase the vibrant Indian culture within the community of Donegal, offering a unique blend of workshops, activities, music, live performances, and stalls for all ages to enjoy.

This event is another step in the implementation of the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy by Donegal County Council, which seeks to promote cultural diversity, inclusion, and unity within the community.

Donegal Mela will feature various workshops, including learning to dance Classical or Bollywood styles, an entertaining cricket demonstration titled "That's Not Cricket!", and a dynamic display of badminton skills. Attendees can also discover the aromatic world of masala chai and learn how to make this traditional Indian tea, and marvel at the beautiful and diverse styles of Indian fashion in a captivating fashion show.

Activities for all ages include children's art with face painting stations and a fun photo booth, an assortment of games like bean bag toss, Connect 4, Giant Jenga, and Skittles. There will be intricate henna tattoo designs, classic chess games, and the traditional Indian board game Kerala for fun.

The music segment will be highlighted with a seamless flow of local live performances, melodious performances by the talented singers, captivating dance performance, and musical talents.

Visitors can browse through a variety of stalls offering an array of goods and services, bringing the essence of India to Donegal.





Kilmac's Rory McGrenra tries to get in a tackle on Charlie McAteer.



Kilmacrennan Celtic (above) who defeated Rathmullan Celtic to win the Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup on Friday.

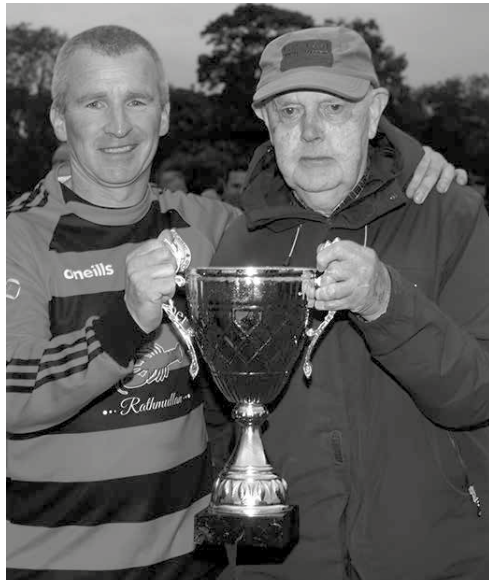
Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup Final

Report and Photos by Declan Kerr

Patsy Sheridan remembered at the Flagpole

Kilmacrennan Celtic 5-3 Rathmullan Celtic

The Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup nine-a-side Final on Friday night was especially poignant for the family and friends of the late Patsy Sheridan. It was the first time that Patsy wasn't there at the Flagpole to present the cup in memory of his son Joseph. One of the town's legendary footballers Patsy passed away last November. Kilmacrennan Celtic were the deserving winners against the hosts. At the presentation afterwards Rathmullan Celtic committee member Mark Curran took time to reflect on Patsy football legacy in the seaside town and further afield. He said he would never be forgotten and the annual summer cup will be there as a memory to him as it has and will continue to be for his son Joseph.



Patsy Sheridan presenting the last year's Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup to Over the Hill captain Paddy 'Burger' Patton. Patsy who passed away just three months after that final had presented the cup at all the previous finals hosted in memory of his late son Joseph

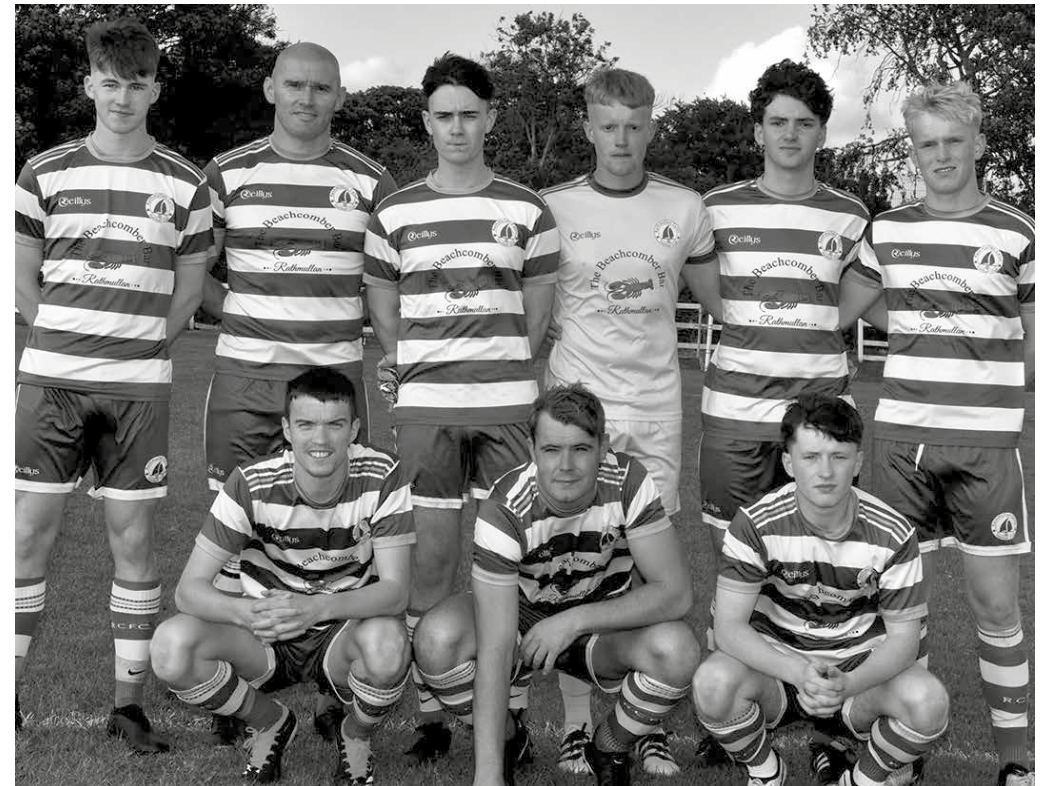
On the field on Friday night it was Kilmac who took command of the 2024 decider. Man of the Match Chris Dillon had his side a goal in front on six minutes on his way to a hat-trick. At the other end Charlie McAteer's neat turn bought him a bit of space for a good strike that was well saved by Killian Hagan. But, then on 16 minutes Kilmac doubled their advantage as Paul Bradley got past both McAteer and Daire Sheridan down the right and his cross from the end-line was steered home by Sam Howard.

Just a minute later Dillon made it 3-0 and while the margin might have flattered them little there's no doubt that they were the better side. Eamonn Sheridan had a number of young players in action including Daire Sheridan and Iarlaith Duffy who did quite well in the full-back roles while Brian Desmond and Kyle Martin did have good spells in the middle of the park. The introduction of Jay Curran up front in the second half did work but never quite enough to wipe out Kilmac's big advantage.

Martin saw a shot go just over the bar while Desmond had an effort diverted out at the expense of a corner. Kyle Martin took that set-piece short to Kevin O'Donnell who fired over the crossbar. Early in the second half Sam Harvey got his second of the game. Rathmullan Celtic did pull two goals back in the space of as many minutes courtesy of Charlie McAteer and sub Jay Curran. On

50 minutes Curran missed a chance to make it 4-3 and that proved costly as Kilmac sub Oisín Harkin set up Dillon to complete his hat-trick. Rathmullan kept plugging with a McAteer attempt going wide while at the other end Killian Hagan made good stops in quick succession from Harkin and Matthew McLaughlin. Curran did make it 5-3 but there wasn't time for the hosts to close the gap any further. Afterwards Mark Curran thanked all those who kept the annual Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup running including Rathmullan Celtic Club Secretary Enda McElhinney.

Rathmullan Celtic - Killian Hagan, Daire Sheridan, David Edwards, Kevin O'Donnell, Iarlaith Duffy, Brian Desmond, Darren McElwaine, Kyle Martin, Charlie McAteer, Mark Patterson, Jay Curran, Shaun Gallagher



Kilmac captain Eoin McGettigan receiving the Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup from Declan Sheridan at the Flagpole on Friday night



Declan Sheridan with Man of the Match, Chris Dillon, Kilmacrennan Celtic

Kilmacrennan Celtic - Eoin McGettigan, James Doherty, Eoin Browne, Rory McGrenra, Sam Harvey, Cathal McDaid, Chris Dillon, Matthew

McLaughlin, Paul Bradley, Oisín Harkin, Gerard McGranaghan. Ref: Con McLaughlin.



Crowds at the the Joseph Sheridan Memorial Cup Final at the Flagpole on Friday night where Kilmacrennan Celtic defeated Rathmullan Celtic

Tractor Run and Bar-b-que in aid of Browneknowe NS at Ray on Sunday.



Bobby, Millie and Sam Gilchrist.



Katelyn Patterson and Leah Curran enjoying the Tractor Run.



Tommy Moore Black on a Massey 6490.



Enjoying the Tractor Run and Bar-b-que in aid of Browneknowe NS at Ray on Sunday.



Misha Fisher with Roy Graham, Niall Coyle, Alan Fisher and Patrick McHugh.



Margaret Blaney with her grand daughters Sarah and Emma.



Emer and Sarah Thompson on a Massey 240.



Adrian Mullan and gang in the Tractor Run.



Billy Blaney and Richard Aiken at the Tractor Run.

Portsalon Golf Club

Passing of Eugene McGettigan



The late Eugene McGettigan who served as Captain of Portsalon Golf Club in 1999.

It was with great sadness on Saturday morning past that we learned of the sudden and untimely passing of Eugene McGettigan. Eugene was our Portsalon GC Captain in 1999 and a long-standing member here for many years. The infectious nature of his personality meant Eugene made a rapid impact on Portsalon when he joined and so it was with great pride that he pulled on the famous blazer to become captain in '99.

A keen golfer, camaraderie and a team ethos were central to Eugene's thinking and so it was that he became a key team captain in his time, with his Ulster Cup teams enjoying some famous wins around the province and some unforgettable occasions for those involved in the teams.

A love of golf was something Eugene certainly passed on to his three sons - Barry, Ryan and Rory - all of whom spent time in their youth working in the shop here in the golf club.

It would be impossible to have spent time in Eugene's company without getting a sense of the pride that he had in his sons. Their exploits on and off the golf course clearly meant the world to him.

Their love of the game was fuelled by him and, in return, he got an immense pleasure in seeing them succeed on the golf course, with some famous days enjoyed out on the course in Portsalon and celebrated accordingly afterwards.

At this time, the thoughts and prayers of all of us at Portsalon GC are with Barry, Ryan & Rory, their mother Eileen and the large extended McGettigan Family clan as they come to terms with this devastating loss. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

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

Donegal League in battle with Bundoran

Cathal Canning and his Donegal League panel emerged with a credible 3-2 first leg loss away in Bundoran amid high winds at the southern seaside venue. Portsalon's opening match-up of Jack Friel and Kevin Boyce got the tie off to a flyer, playing some superb golf en route to winning their game 3&2, while the second Portsalon point was registered by Donal Callaghan Jnr and Shane Sandilands, who ran out 4&2 winners after a see-saw tussle. The second leg of the semi-final will be played in Portsalon on Saturday 31st August / Sunday 1st September, with a date still to be confirmed.

Club Results

Wednesday 7th August 1st Cathal Toland (18) 45pts; 2nd Paul L Armstrong (17) 42pts; Gross: Michael Campbell (1) 32 gross pts; 3rd: Conor Scallon (18) 37 pts

Saturday 10th August - 1st Cathal Toland (17) 41pts; 2nd John Bowe (23) 40pts; Gross: David Bonner (8) 30 gross pts; 3rd John Logue (17) 38pts.

Sunday 11th August - 1st Johnny Moore (17) 44pts; 2nd Jack McGarrigle (7) 41pts; Gross: Pascal Cullen (4) 36pts; 3rd: Eamonn Doherty (18) 39pts.

Cloughaneely

The July Draw took place on Monday night in the clubhouse with Gerry Coffey taking the top prize of €500. The €100 Winners: Mark McGinley, Diarmaid Coyle, Tony Wilkinson, Rory McMonagle and Mary McGarvey. Maith sibh. The August draw will take place in early September 2024.

Results: Saturday 10th & Sun 11th August: 1st Patsy McVicar (29) 42pts, 2nd Stephen McCafferty (16) 40pts, 3rd John Murphy (21) 38pts.

Recent prizes for all competitions will be available during President's Prize.

On the interclub scene, the Seniors beat Cruit Island last Sunday and progress now to the final well done and thank you to Cruit for a very sporting match. Donegal League team play our neighbours Gaoth Dobhair away on Sunday in the first leg of the semi-final. This week will see Mr. Pádraig O'Grady's 2024 President's Prize. Shoot-Out Wednesday draw at 6pm. The Ladies play a 9 Hole Singles on Thursday 15th August. On Friday 16th we have a 9 Hole Scramble on Friday draw at 5.45pm. The main President's Prize is on this Saturday with nearly a full timesheet. Hot favourite is recent Captain's Prize Winner Michael McClafferty who has shown he has the bottle in the play-off winning back to back majors a fantastic achievement. A few men in good form recently with Patsy McVicar, Stephen McCafferty, Dennis Sale all in the prizes. John Murphy of course feels he has it in the bag already! Presentation of Prizes at 9pm on Saturday night all welcome. Best of luck to Pádraig and family this week.

Club Classic is pencilled in for Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September €120 per team including bbq burger. Tá an galfchúrsa ar cheann de na háiseanna is lárnai agus is tábhachtaí sa phobal seo, tá sé ag crolláir phobal na Gaeilge sa cheantar agus tugann muid dóchas, comhluadar agus tacaíocht do sciar mór den phobal.

Letterkenny

Everyone at the Club wishes to express their deepest condolences to the O'Sullivan and McLaughlin families on the recent passing of long term member Pauric, and also to Danny on the passing of his wife Marian. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a namanacha.

Prizegiving was held in Hunters Bar & Grill recently for the following competitions; Sweeney Spar Open 17/7/24: Cathal Sheridan (24) 42, Winner; Paddy Lynch (14) 41, Runner Up; David McCormick (2) 38, 3rd & Gross Prize; Peter Dobson (10) 37, Cat 1; Paddy O'Leary (17) 37, Cat 2; Tom Wherity (37) 38, Cat 3.

Saturday Open 20/7/24: David McCormick (1) 38, Winner; Shaun Duffy (4) 37, Runner Up;

Sunday Stroke Monthly Medal 21/7/24: Paul Bryan 89-20=69 Nett, Winner; Jordan Gallagher 86-16=70 Nett, Runner Up.

Michael McGeedy PGA Open 24/7/24: Tony Logue (15) 43, Winner; Keith Shiels (14) 42, Runner Up; Darragh McMenamin (scratch) 37, Gross Prize; Eunan McIntyre (19) 42, 3rd; Keith Spence (10) 39, Cat 1; Thomas McDonagh (12) 39 Cat 2; Shane Kelly (23) 40, Cat 3.

Manor Motors Open 27/7/24: Michael Bryce (13) 40, Winner; Don Ponsonby (7) 38, Runner Up; Michael Shiel Jnr (4) 32, Best Gross; Ciaran Brogan (18) 38, 3rd; Ciaran Haran (10) 37, Cat 1; Anthony Delap (18) 36, Cat 2; Kevin Halpin (36) 37, Cat 3.

Hunters Bar & Grill Open 31/7/24: Columba Crawford (27) 44, Winner; Don Ponsonby (7) 41, Runner Up; Kevin Rafferty (2) 35,

Successful Beginner Ladies Golf Programme at Portsalon

In the week that our sporting heroes returned from the Olympics in Paris, the Portsalon Ladies Get into Golf initiative, also drew to a close. If you listened to any of the interviews given by our athletes in Paris, they all said something similar. They want to encourage future generations into sport. Not necessarily to be national champions but even just for the benefits of improved physical and mental health.

Those of us who have been playing golf for a number of years will readily admit it can be a little frustrating at times! But we are always drawn back. We will also confess to never have been invited to join the European Tour. I can also safely say, no-one can remember how many balls they have lost, how many fresh air shots they have had, and how many thousands of putts they

have missed!

So my message this week is directed to the new ladies who have been coming to Portsalon throughout this summer. We all started out as beginners. The sport of golf can at times be frustrating when the ball doesn't land where you expected it to. That's why we are amateurs. We can be over critical indeed.

However, golf is one of the finest sports that you will ever partake in. The social aspect of the game that opens and welcomes new friendships. The fresh air, the walk, the camaraderie, sociability and general good feeling when you leave the course cannot be measured.

The 10 weeks of scrambles and introductory to golf which the ladies took part in has ended, but hopefully it is just the start of many years of golf for all of you.



Presentation of Prizes to the Lady Beginners with Lady Captain Noreen McConigley and club members Claire Ferry, Ita Ward and Frances Shannon

Gross Prize; Shaun Harley (19) 39, 3rd; Peter Dobson (10) 38, Cat 1; Paul Doherty (14) 29, Cat 2; Gerry O'Sullivan (25) 29, Cat 3. Sunday Open 3/8/24: Paul Doherty (14) 41, Winner; Paddy O'Gorman (20) 38, Runner Up; David McCormick (scratch) 32, Gross Prize; Philip Friel (7) 38, 3rd.

Bank Holiday Monday Open 4/8/24: Michael Shiel Jnr (4) 40, Winner & Gross Prize; Eunan Russell (31) 40, Runner Up BOT.

Commiserations to the Minor League team led by Kevin Roche who were beaten by Ballybofey and Stranorlar in the tightest of affairs, with the last match being called in having halved the 17th been 1 down. Good luck to B&S as the progress to the semi final.

Letterkenny Ladies

Lady Captains week got off to a great start on Tuesday 6th August with a club competition sponsored by Susan Stevenson Travel Counsellor with winner Angela Bradley (14) 38pts and runner up was Eugenia Moran (49) 37pts bot, 3rd Cynthia Fuery (21) 37pts, 4th Sandra McMonagle (19) 36pts bot, F9 Breege McDonagh (45) 22pts, B9 Ruth Dempsey (37) 18pts bot.

The exciting Lady Captain's Shootout took place on Tuesday evening at 6pm with Bridie Gildea claim-



Celebrating completing the Ladies Get into Golf initiative with Lady Captain Noreen McConigley in Portsalon Golf Club

ing the prize after an exciting play off with Kathleen Kelly. On Thursday 8th August, the Ladies 13 hole 3 person Waltz Competition in aid of Cancer Care West which was Lady Captain Anne's nominated charity. The team comprising of Vice Captain Pauline Curley, Carmel Mc Geedy and Laura Crawford brought in the winning score. The pre lady captain's mixed scramble on Friday 9th August with Cian Harkin and Cynthia Fuery bringing in an amazing score to claim 1st prize.

The men in Letterkenny competed for the Lady Captain's prize on Sunday 28th July with top place going to Brian Mullen.

Lady Captain's Day

On Saturday 10th August Lady Captain, Anne Flannery will host her Lady Captain's day. The Ladies enjoyed some beautiful sunshine and with the course in excellent condition making for a great day's golf.

Monica Mc Donagh (30) won the Lady Captains prize with 43pts, Anne Condon (24) was 2nd 38pts Bot. Anne Cannon (11) with gross on 24 pts and Margo Birmingham (31) 3rd 38 pts. Nearest the line Angela Kilgallen, Nearest the pin Celine Markey, Longest drive Celine Bradley. Student prize Clíodhna Patton (21) 27pts, Committee prize Catherine Cooke Harkin (27) 35pts, Past Captains Angela Kilgallen (19) 36pts bot, F9 Margaret Harvey (35) 23pts, B9 Triona Daly (26) 21pts. Cat 1 Celine Bradley (19) 37pts, Cat 2 Lorna Reynolds (34) 37pts, Cat 3 Carmel McGeedy (36) 37pts, Cat 4 Kathleen Kelly (41) 36pts.

Lady captain Anne would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to make the day the success that it was - for all the good wishes and gestures and also for the very generous donations to Cancer Care West.



Winners of the Mixed prize on Lady Captain's Day, Cynthia Fuery and Cian Harkin receive their prize from Lady captain Anne Flannery at Letterkenny golf Club



Winner of Lady captain's Prize Monica McDonagh receiving her prize from Lady Captain Anne Flannery at Letterkenny Golf Club



Runner Up of Lady captain's Prize Anne Condon receiving her prize from Lady Captain Anne Flannery at Letterkenny Golf Club



Margo Birmingham receives 3rd Prize from lady Captain Anne Flannery on Lady Captain's Day at Letterkenny Golf Club



Anne Cannon receives the Gross Prize from lady Captain Anne Flannery on Lady Captain's Day at Letterkenny Golf Club

Gold for Megan at Community Games

Donegal had a great day at the Regional Finals of the Community Games on Saturday in Athlone.

The first three in every race to go through to national finals in two weeks time and Donegal have 17 through.

Megan Friel from Fanad won gold in the u8 60m in a very close race but she held on to cross the line in first place. She will be joined in Carlow by her sister Zara Friel who is competing in the u10s 60m hurdles.

In the u8 60m hurdles Grace Bourke from Ballyshannon won silver and her brother Micheal ran in the u12 600m.

The National Finals will be held in Carlow in two weeks time and any queries contact 0896028093.



The Northern Lights pictured at Fanad Head on Monday night by Aoife Crawford.



Scenes from the American Tea Party in aid of the Fanad Development Association in the Community Centre.

The late Elizabeth Calderon



In memory of the late Elizabeth Calderon, Shanagh and New York City a celebration of her life will be held on this Saturday the 17th of August at 10am in St. Columba's Church, Massmount. All Elizabeth's friends and neighbours are invited to attend.

Vacancy at Fanad Lighthouse

Retail Supervisor

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated person to join our team at Fanad Lighthouse as Retail Supervisor.

This is a full-time post. Responsibilities will include overseeing day-to-day operations of our gift-shop and coffee station and implementing the vision and strategy of Teach Solais Fhánada. For more information please contact: eimear@fanadlighthouse.com

This post is supported by Pobal and preference will be given to someone who meets the criteria but is not currently employed. The Closing date is Friday the 30th of August.

Rossnakill Community Hub Open Afternoon

The management committee and staff of Rossnakill Community Hub welcomes you to join us for an open afternoon on this Sunday 18th August from 12 noon until 2pm to showcase our recent renovations, share our vision and collaborate with our community for future plans. Drop in for a cuppa and chat.

Angling Competition

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



Glen News

The Committee of Coiste Forbartha Ghleann Bhairr are running a refresher course in the use of the defibrillator will be held in the school on 25th August. If interested please contact Teresa 086 3342346. Numbers are limited.

Credit Union Draw this Saturday

The Swilly Mulroy Credit Union Prize Draw will take place on this 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.

Knockalla Coast Road talk
Rathmullan History & Heritage group are hosting an illustrated talk by Arthur Lynch on the building of the famous Knockalla Coast Road, in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, on Thursday 22nd August at 7pm.

This story brings to life the great need for the road, and stories of the works, engineering and difficulties down through the ages. Refreshments served and booking again on Eventbrite 'Building Knockalla Coast Road - the Story' or just turn up on the night.

Social Dancing

Social Dancing in the Milford Hall will re-commence on Thursday 29th August from 8 to 10pm. There will be a good mix of two hand, ceili and line dancing. Light refreshments will be served and still only €5. Looking



Ballymichael native Art Friel with Packie Bonner at the Galway Cup last week. Art was a very active and highly respected figure in Galway football circles for many years. He was also involved with the FAI at National level. Art is the brother and uncle of Fanad Utd stalwarts Pat and Paddy Friel.

forward to seeing everyone again. New faces are always welcome.

Vacancies at Fanad Lighthouse

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

Be continuously unemployed for 12 months or more. Be in receipt of Job-seekers Allowance.

People on disability allowance are also eligible to apply. Please contact Aine on 0872366912

Lough Derg Retreat

Fr Stephen Gorman is organising a

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Roast Sirloin of Beef - Yorkshire Pudding - Gravy
Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

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One Day Retreat to Lough Derg on this Saturday 17th August. A bus will be organised from the Parish.

Fanad SVP

The Fanad St. Vincent de Paul Society can be contacted on 0877003732. The Society is a voluntary organisation available to help anyone in Fanad who may be experiencing long-term or short-term difficulties. The Society is forever grateful to all those who donate to our collections. All monies collected in Fanad are spent in Fanad.



Some of the wee Swifties enjoying the event.

We would like to thank everybody who attended our Fanad Fundraising Day, those who gave us donations, and the sponsors of our raffle, Fanad Lighthouse, Jacinta Callaghan Art & Hair Dressers, Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr for the sweetie bags for the wee Swifties; and Lennonside Butchers.

To everybody who donated prizes for our raffle and the especially the donator of a Collector's Item



Michael helping Carol with the bucket collection including Cahir Davis Doherty the youngest Swiftie on the day. Bottle of Whiskey which raised €250 in auction on the night. Everybody who helped out with our Bucket Collections throughout the day, and with the Beach Swifties Event, The Lighthouse Tavern and our quizmaster and mistress and music providers who ensured we danced the night away. The community made the day a roaring success with over €3000 raised and donations still coming. Míle Buíochas dhaoibh go léir.



Paula collecting from the older glittery Swifties



Caitie Fealty and friends at the fundraiser.

Rosapenna Golf Club

The 2024 Members weekend took place last week with the results as follows - Thursday 8th - 1st with 98 points - Michael Bradley Jnr, Celine Bradley, Mark Bradley, Mairead Bradley; 2nd with 87 points - Pete McBride Jnr, Brendan McGee, Darragh McClafferty, Seaghan MacLairfeartaigh; Friday 9th Gents - 1st Barry McGuinness (12) 33pts; 2nd Ben McBride (22) 31pts; 3rd Pete McBride Snr (14) 28pts; Front 9 Paul Fox (31) 15pts; Back 9 Jon Wilson (19) 18pts.

Ladies Singles - 1st Celine Bradley (17) with 32pts bot; 2nd Kathy Loughridge (28) with 32pts; Cat A Mary Devlin (22) with 30pts bot; Cat B Aisling Cullen (30) with 31pts; 1st Nine Celine Doran (28) 18pts; 2nd Nine Veronica Dowds (23) 17pts.

Saturday 10th, 4BBB Ladies & Gents Mixed - 1st Orla Lenny / Lorraine Toolan 46pts BOT; 2nd Marina Hamilton / Enda McClafferty 46pts BOT; 3rd Marty Carlin / Mark Bradley 46pts BOT.

Sunday 11th Gents - 1st John (Junior) McClafferty (15) 67 nett; 2nd Frank McWilliams (25) 69 nett BOT; Gross Conor O'Donnell (5) 77 gross; 3rd Brendan McGee (15) 69 nett. Please support our loyal and generous sponsors including - McBride Fishing, Downings; Goose & Gander, Downings; Maggees Pharmacy; Rosguill Holiday Park; McBride of Cranford; Boyces Centra; Carrigart Hotel; Paddy McKeaguye; Circet.

Gents Past Captains & Presidents Day

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

Team News

The Rosapenna JB Carr team travelled to Rossmore, Monaghan on Friday the 9th of August for the return leg of the 2024 Ulster Final. Unfortunately the home result of 1-4 proved too much to overturn. Many thanks to the Team Captain Brian Currie and to his panel for their efforts all season long and congratulations on reaching the provincial final.

August - Sunday 18th - Club Competition; Sunday 25th - Club Competition; Saturday 31st - President's Prize.



Winners at the Rosapenna Golf Club Members Weekend pictured with Lady Captain Suzanne Gallagher and Club Captain Enda McClafferty.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Cranford, Letterkenny

We, Deirdre and Billy McCooney, are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Cranford, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, in the townland of Cranford. The development will consist of the construction of a detached dwelling house with connection to new wastewater treatment system and all ancillary site works, boundary treatments, site access, connection to public services and all associated site works and landscaping. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council Ardsbeg, Gortahork, Letterkenny

We, Bernard & Jacqueline Greene are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to extend and refurbish existing dwelling house and connect to approved waste water treatment system with all associated site development works at Ardsbeg, Gortahork, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ardsbeg. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Further Environmental Information (Natura Impact Statement) & Revised Plans

Applicant: Dean Callan, Kill, Carrigart, Co. Donegal. Planning Register No. 23/51960. The development applied for consisted of the construction of a part single storey dwelling house with attic accommodation with provision of a wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. That significant further information including information in relation to the effects on the environment, (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)) in relation to the application has been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. That a submission or observation in relation to the further information including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)), may be made in writing on payment of fee of €20.00 not later than 5 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority.

Donegal County Council Ballymore Upper, Dunfanaghy

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

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

Donegal County Council 10 Slieve Snacht Close,

Ballyboe, Glencar, Letterkenny
I, Michelle Gibson am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a single storey extension to provide a ground floor bedroom and W.C at my dwelling house at 10 Slieve Snacht Close, Ballyboe, Glencar, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ballyboe Glencar. 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

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

Donegal County Council Letter, Kilmacrennan

I, Pauline McLaughlin intend to apply to Donegal County Council for Permission to erect a Domestic Shed to the rear of my existing Dwelling House with all other associated site development works at Letter, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Letter. The Planning Application may be inspected or pur-

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

Donegal County Council Further Environmental Information (Natura Impact Statement (NIS)) Ballyconnell, Falcarragh

I, Vincent Collum, on behalf of Cumann Gaill Chloich Cheann Fhaola have submitted a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) in connection to the application to Donegal County Council for Planning Application Ref No: 24/60723 which is for permission for the removal of existing temporary buildings and erection of a new clubhouse which will contain a members bar, kitchen, reception area, changing facilities, toilets, office and store along with a wastewater treatment system and all other associated site development works at Ballyconnell, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal.

The NIS is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the Natura impact statement (NIS) may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of fee of €20.00, not later than 5 weeks from the date of receipt by the Authority of the NIS.

Donegal County Council

52 The Maples, Letterkenny

I, Jay Walsh, hereby apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission at 52 The Maples, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 RH1X. The development relates to the demolition of existing MICA damaged dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling and connection to existing services and ancillary site 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 during its public open hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Gortmacall Beg, Milford

I, Brendan McGlynn, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with

In Memoriam



Doherty Joe Glenvar and Glasgow 12th Anniversary

In loving memory of Joe who died on 11th August 2012.

*Deep are the memories precious they stay
No passing of time can take them away.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by all your friends.



Goulding Emmett Baile na Deora, Na Dúnaibh

I ndil chuimhne ar Emmett Goulding a fuair bás ar an 21ú Lúnasa 2014.

*Ag smaoineamh air le grá agus uaigneas.
Suaimhneas síoraí.*

Nóirín, Cormac, Aifric agus na garpháistí.



McAteer Ballynacrick Fanad 26th Anniversary

In loving memory of Annie McAteer who died on August 17th 1998: her husband Charlie who died on September 4th 1977 and son Mick who died on August 8th 2016.

*Graves of those once loved in times gone by
Quietly lying in rows beneath the Earth's sky*

*Such peaceful places of many deep sorrows
Where the living walk among solemn rows
Looking for the graves where memories lie
As we recall the day of the final goodbye.*

Fondly remembered by family members - Charlie, Jimmy, John, Liam, Peggy, daughters-in-law: Kathleen, Bridget and Mary, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Harte nee Logue Peggy Enniskillen / Glenvar 31st Anniversary

In loving memory of Peggy who died on 17th August 1993.

*Quietly today your memory is kept,
No need for words we will not forget.*

Always loved and remembered by the Logue and Harte families.



Mitchell Mandy Glassan, Carrigart 1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Mandy who died on the 22nd August 2023.

*Your hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories of the one we loved so much
Your memory is our keepsake, which we will never part
God has you in His keeping we have you in our hearts.*

Always cherished and always missed by all the your nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

Anniversary will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Thursday 22nd August at 10am.



McGinley / Devine Ricky Milford 8th Anniversary

In loving memory of our son Ricky who died on 20th August 2016.

*I close my eyes and see that face and hold on to those kisses tight
Wrap my memories up with string and often absorb the joy they bring.
That twinkling light I see at night makes me think of you
The sun that shines reminds me of your bright blonde hair and dazzling eyes of blue*

The fun we had together will remain in our hearts forever
Love Mammy and Daddy and brothers and sisters.

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

Always loved and missed by Granda McGinley and all the family.

*If we could sit in Heaven even for a day
The pain in our hearts would temporarily go away
We'd put our arms around you and whisper words so true
That living life without you is the hardest thing to do
No matter how we spend our time no matter what we do
There's no morning, noon or night that we don't think of you.*

Never forgotten love Ma and Granda.

*Although you can't be here with us
We're truly not apart
Until the final breath we take
You'll be living in our hearts*

Always remembered from all your aunts and uncles.

*Days will pass and turn into years
but we will always remember you with silent tears*

Always remembered from all your cousins.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 17th August at 6.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel.

tion or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

In Memoriam



Boyce
Manus
Gortin, Ramelton
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear brother Manus (Mandy) who passed away on 16th August 2023.

*Quietly today your memory is kept
No need for words
We will never forget
Those who think of him today
A little prayer to Jesus say*

Sadly missed by your sister Susan and family.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 18th August 2024 in St. Peter's Church, Milford at 11am.



Gallagher
Paddy
Mount Marian, Milford
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle Paddy who died on 18th August 2018.

"Gone from this lives, forever in our hearts"

Sadly missed by your sister Susan, brother Sean, sister-in-law Fidelma, sister Mary and family, England.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 24th August in St. Peter's Church, Milford at 7.30pm.

Planning Notice

**Donegal County Council
Cashelpreaghan, Portsalon**

We, Ciaran Gibbons and Hazel Alexander are applying to Donegal County Council for planning per-



Boyce
Susan
(nee Durning)
Lennon View, Ramelton
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, who died on 14th August 2015, everyday you are with us all and loved very dearly.

To our Mammy and Wife

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

Loved and sadly missed by John, Rita and Raymond xxx

*Memories are the loveliest things they last from day to day
They can't get lost, they can't wear out
and they can't be given away
So in our hearts they will always stay.*

Remembered, by your family x

Crerand
Margaret
14th Anniversary

In loving memory of Margaret who died on 20th August 2010.

Remembered by husband Packie.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving son Patrick and daughter Christina, Richard and family, Ramelton and London.

mission for development at Cashelpreaghan, Portsalon, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Cashelpreaghan. The development will consist of the demolition of existing derelict sheds / dwelling and the construction of a one and a half storey dwelling, with linked single storey domestic garage, to include a sewage treatment system and all associated site development works to be accessed

Cunningham

Hawthorne Heights, Letterkenny
Mary
19th Anniversary
Mary who died on 27th August 2005

John
19th Anniversary
John who died on 19th July 2005

Gone no further than God
Remembered with love by your family and friends.



Grier
Patricia Rose
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear daughter, mother and sister who died 14th August 2018.

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

Loved and sadly missed, Dad, sisters and brothers.

*Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts Mum you are always there
Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure
Loving you always, Forgetting you never.*

Always loved and sadly missed, Ellie, Jennifer and Eunan.

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



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



McFadden
James
Chestnut Grove, Ramelton
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of James who passed away on 13th August 2023.

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

Forever in our thoughts and prayers from your nieces Hilary, Eileen, Florence and Donna.

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

Always remembered by Dom.

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

Always remembered by Declan

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

Always remembered by the Lewis family.



Scenes from the annual Dunfanaghy August Fair Day which was held on the Parish Grounds on the Hornhead Rd on Bank Holiday Monday.

August Fair Results
The Bonny Baby: Girl – Caoimhe; Boy – Oliver.
Fancy Dress: Ghost Spider; Chase; Strawberry; Irish Dancer; Mermaid; Irish Dancer; Summer in Ireland.
Raffle Winner: 1st - Olive Alcorn, Horn Head; 2nd - Charlie Stewart, Swillybrin; 3rd - Anna Moore, Marble Hill.
Draw for Quilt: Wilma Merrick
Guess the amount of Balloons: 116 in total - Raymond Alcorn.



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Success at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann for Cloughaneely Bands

Cloughaneely Junior Band were the All Ireland winners in the Junior Miscellaneous Section beating St Kevin's Band from Wexford who were competing on their home turf.

Cloughaneely Senior band came 2nd place in the Senior Miscellaneous section with the winners hailing from Glasgow. Both bands put on a wonderful display of music and marching in Wexford.

Cloughaneely Junior Band, who won for the second year in succession, demonstrated remarkable growth and an

unwavering commitment to their art. Their performance resonated with audiences and judges alike, showcasing a maturation in their musical journey.

We would like to thank our teachers Karen, Con and Teresa and main organiser Laura for all their time and hard work they gave to help our members win the Junior Miscellaneous Marching Band All Ireland 2024, you are great mentors to our young members.

The committee would like to thank all the parents for their support towards



Cloughaneely Band Leaders Marion McGrenra and Aoife Doyle parading their Cups at the homecoming Parade on Sunday evening.

the band all year round and to all our the community for the continued support and all the messages of support.

To all our wonderful members they are absolutely fantastic, they have shown great commitment and dedication all throughout the year and their hard work paid off when they were crowned "All Ireland Champions 2024" on Sunday.

Thanks to John McGinley Coach Travel for looking after the group throughout the years and especially this weekend always a pleasure, nothing is ever a bother, also thanks to our driver Thomas for looking after us and for bringing our cup home safely to Cloughaneely. To Eddie McFadden and all his team who helped with the homecoming. Thank you all so much. This is another fantastic achievement for both bands and the local community is extremely proud of them both. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.



Members of the All Ireland winning Cloughaneely Junior Band parading on Falcarragh Main Street at the homecoming celebrations on Sunday evening.



Members of the Cloughaneely Senior Band who were placed 2nd at the All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil in Wexford parading on Falcarragh Main Street at the homecoming celebrations on Sunday evening.



The Cloughaneely Bands arriving back in Falcarragh on Sunday evening following their success at the All Ireland Band Competition at the Fleadh Cheoil in Wexford last weekend.

Cloughaneely

Junior Band Notes

There was no jackpot winner in the Band lotto last week and the numbers drawn were 6-11-12-18-19-20. The Match 5 winner was Micky Brady who won €100. This week's jackpot will be €8050.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations Brid Mullaney, Fanaboy who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1035.

Tusla

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

Pobail Le Cheile

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

Cloughaneely Food Bank has a collection box in Siopa Pobail. Thanks for all the donations so far this year, at the moment they are low on coffee, teabags, sugar, tin fruit, peas, beans, pasta and cereals. There is also a collection box in the Cope Falcarragh or drop in at Ards Begley Hall on a Thursday morning.

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

Pobail Le Cheile

FREE ART CLUB for 10-12 year olds with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Gar-



Falcarragh Dart player Ciaran McGeady who won the Weigh Inn Irish Classic by getting the better of Gavin Carling 6-5 in the Final at the weekend.

radh Cholmcille from 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.

Peter completes 240km cycle

A Galway man completed his 'unforgettable and life-affirming' five-day 240-kilometer charity cycle for the Irish Kidney Association with a dialysis machine in tow across the country arriving on a wet windy day to a rapturous reception at the symbolic Circle of Life National Commemorative Garden for Organ Donors in Salthill, Galway on Sunday 4th August.

Peter Conboy from Ballygar on the Galway - Roscommon border began his Cycle of Life journey at Temple Street Children's Hospital in Dublin, (on Wednesday 31st July) where his wife (from Falcarragh) Liz Ferry's kidney journey also started on dialysis when she was a teen, and fittingly concluded at a Garden honouring organ donors, grateful for the gift of life she received 22 years ago.

Despite the tiredness and being wet and cold, Peter was elated as he was greeted with a warm embrace by Liz and a rousing reception in the garden, with family, friends, and supporters including locals and members of the Galway Branch of the Irish Kidney Association. Greeting them also was Martina Goggin, who along with her husband Denis, who are responsible for the creation of the Circle of Life National

Commemorative Garden for organ donors, having themselves had to face the heart-breaking decision after losing their son but giving life to others through his organ donation. Undeterred by the wet and windy weather, those attending celebrated the end of Peter's symbolic journey that not only raised funds for the charity but also significantly heightened organ donor awareness.

Throughout the five days Cycle of Life, Peter was greeted with goodwill and support in every town he passed through. Locals, children, adults, and volunteer members of the Irish Kidney Association welcomed him warmly, spending hours engaging with him. This unique spectacle of a bicycle pulling along a large, decommissioned dialysis machine, supplied by B. Braun, generated significant interest and awareness about organ donation, as donor cards were distributed, experiences shared, and countless photos taken.

Before undertaking the challenge, despite not being a seasoned long-distance cyclist and balancing his job at Irish Water and part-time sheep farming, Peter was determined to complete the 240 km, five-day journey along the canal line, greenway and primary roads.

Peter said, "This experience was about far more than the physical challenge. It was about being visible and raising awareness for a cause that is deeply personal to me.

The support and interest we received along the way were nothing short of incredible. The goodwill and stories shared with us were deeply moving. I'm profoundly grateful to everyone who helped and supported us, especially my wife Liz, who followed along for most of the journey.

Liz said, "I am so proud of Peter, he is an inspiration. When he first mentioned to me about doing this, I thought the challenge was so perfect for Peter, and something he would do with conviction and that it would have a big impact. His Cycle of Life this week has sparked so much conversation along the way about organ donation. Having the visual of the physical dialysis machine has given people a better understanding of the impact of being tied to a dialysis machine. When I was a young patient, a teenager, I faced an uncertain future and my confidence was shaken. While on dialysis for 11 hours a night, I often wondered what my future would hold. The gift of a donor's kidney less than a year later gave me a future most people take for granted. And that future included meeting the love of my life Peter. I'm 22 years transplanted and I am living life to the full. The donor family will always hold a special place in my heart and I will be forever grateful to them. They have given me so much to look forward to. Peter's Cycle of Life is his way of honouring their thoughtful gift".



Peter Conboy and his wife Liz pictured following the completion of his cycle.

Creeslough

Garden Fete & Vintage Display

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

Donegal Pro Life

Donegal Pro-Life Annual Church Gate Collection takes place next weekend 17th / 18th August, 2024. Thanks for your support.

Friends of Ards Friary

Friends of Ards Friary are organising a Church Gate Collection (Countywide) on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August in aid of the 'Ards Redevelopment Fund'. Your support would be deeply appreciated.

Patrick McIntyre Walk

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

Creeslough Fair

Creeslough Community Association is organising a



Cian Langan pictured above with his Finn Harps team mate and 4th from right on the team group of Finn Harps 2013 team who finished runners up in the recent Belfast Cup. Cian was Finn Harps top scorer with 7 goals and was selected as the Finn Harps player of the tournament player of the match trophy from the final.



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

Raphoe Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine is on this Saturday 17th August. The Pilgrimage will be led by

Pictured Left - Local photographer Maria Moore from Creeslough with copies of her new 2025 Calendar which is now on sale in local outlets and will also be on sale at the various Craft Fairs throughout the North West. The calendar features 12 lovely scenes from around Donegal and would make a lovely gift for anyone especially our emigrants who live overseas.

Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Schedule of Ceremonies: 2pm - Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession; 3pm - Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica with Anointing of the Sick. The choir for this year's pilgrimage is from Kilmacrennan.

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

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Cursillo

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

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

Community Association News

"Last Week of Summer" Camp for Teenagers: (Ages 13-17) - August 21st - 23rd. To Register for the Workshops/ Camps Please Text or Email the CCA: info@creesloughcommunity.com / 087 292 3102.

Ards Friary Shop

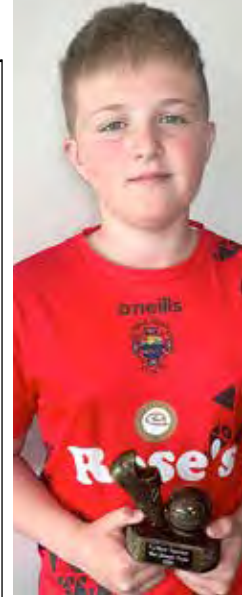
Opening Times : Monday - Saturday 12 noon until 5p.m. Sundays : 12 noon until 7p.m. Closed during evening Mass from 5.30 p.m. until 6.15p.m. Dock is open again and will be very welcome and popular with everyone.



Pictured above are members of the St. Michael's Under 14's team who won PJ Roper Tournament in Ballyshannon last weekend and right are players collecting in Winners Trophy and individual awards for their performances in the tournament.



St. Michael's Under 16 Boys pictured along side their coaches and sponsors of their new training tops and jumpers Thomas Gallagher, Quantum Surveyors, Denis Ferry, Ferry's Garage and Raj Singh, Gusto's takeaway.



Shay Sweeney and Ryan Toye Joint Captain's of the St. Michael's U16 team pictured receiving their new tops from their sponsors, Thomas Gallagher from Quantum Surveyors for sponsoring the training tops and to Denis Ferry from Ferry's Garage and Raj Singh from Gusto's takeaway for sponsoring the jumpers.

Dunfanaghy

Holy Trinity Church

A Message from the Rector - Thank you to everyone who supported our August Fair on Bank Holiday Monday in the Parish Grounds and also the events over the past week with the beetle drive, table quiz, car treasure hunt and dog show.

A great week was had and an ever better day of fun on the Fair Day with the added bonus of the shining sun.

The winners from the raffle were: 1st prize - Olive Alcorn, Horn Head; 2nd prize - Charlie Stewart, Swillybrin; 3rd prize - Anna Moore, Marble Hill. Draw for blanket: Wilma Merrick. Guess the amount of balloons: 116 in total - Raymond Alcorn.

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Heritage Week at The Workhouse

The Workhouse will be having several events running throughout Heritage Week this year. Some events require bookings so please contact them to secure your space.

Monday 19th at 8pm - Candlelight Tour of the Workhouse. €5 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 20th at 11am to 5pm - Live Workshop of John Heena Handweaving with loom

Wednesday 21st at 11am to 2pm - Bookbuddies Book Fair

Thursday 22nd at 12pm - Heritage Baking Workshop with Wild Fuschia Bakehouse. €5 per person. Bookings required.

Saturday 24th at 12pm and 3pm - "Building the Boat" Live Performance. €10 per person. Bookings Required.

To book for these special events, please contact us at 074 9136540 or email dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com

The Workhouses of Donegal Exhibition is running throughout the Summer with special screenings of "Under the Hawthorn Tree". Please contact the Workhouse for more information or to discuss their special Under the Hawthorn Tree School Tour package.

Mollys Pop-Up Market

Molly's Pop-up craft market is running every Sunday in the month of August in Molly's beer garden under the cover of their gazebo. Access to the beer garden will be from Main Street. All producers are local and all their products are handcrafted. We have varied crafters every week to exhibit some of the wonderful handmade produce available on our back door. All proceeds raised will be donated to the winter lights.

Dunfanaghy FRC

DLDC Health Support Outreach Drop-in Need help with form filling such as Medical Card, application/renewal or updates. Dunfanaghy FRC next clinic on Wednesday 11th September 10am-1pm. Contact Georgina on ggallagher@dldc.org or text/whatsapp 0860133203 to book an appointment.

Wellness Café

2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon at The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy. Meeting for August Monday 26th.

Games on the Green opposite Arnolds Hotel on Thursday 15th August, 11.30am - 2pm. An assortment of large wooden games. Fun for all the Family. Clean Coasts - Beach Discovery Camp.

Wednesday 21st from 12-2pm and Thursday 22nd from 12-2.30pm. Costs €5 per child and suitable for 7-14 year olds.

Youth Participation Workshop

Tuesday 20th August 12-1.30pm Free. Suitable for 12-20 year olds.

The Quiz Nights in Arnolds Hotel on Tuesday evenings at 9.30pm for July & August in aid of supporting, improving and enriching the lives of Children, Families and individuals in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas.

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50/50

Congratulations to Aoihe Arnold Kelly who won €340 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Prayer Meeting

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

The Workhouse

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from 10am - 5pm featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Play-ground.

Mon 19th at 8pm	Tues 20th 11am to 5pm	Wed 21st at 11am to 2pm	Thurs 22nd at 12pm	Sat 24th at 12pm and 3pm
Candlelight Workhouse Tour €5 per person Booking Required	John Heena Handweaving Demonstration Free Access	Bookbuddies Kids Book Fair Free Access	Heritage Baking Class €5 per person Booking Required	'Building the Boat' Live Performance €10 per person Booking Required

Contact The Workhouse at dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com or call 074 9136540 for all bookings. For more information, visit our website at dunfanaghyworkhouse.com



St. Michael's Players Caoimhe Boyd, Chloe McNulty, and Olivia Curran! who represented the Donegal 2011 Development Squad at the weekend



Bredagh Breslin (Creeshlough) and her husband Conor with the Irish Olympics Relay stars in Paris at the weekend.



The members of the Sweeney and McDermott Families at the top of Croagh Patrick on Saturday after completing the climb in memory of Margaret Sweeney (McDermott). The proceeds are in aid of the Donegal Hospice and the families would like to thank everyone who donated to the event. Your support is much appreciated.

Gortahork couple to complete Chicago Marathon Fundraiser

As the Chicago Marathon, taking place on the 13th of October looms larger, Nora Fitzgerald and Liam Mullan are accelerating their training and their fundraising efforts.

Nora and her husband Liam are based in Gortahork and together are taking on the challenge of running their first marathon in Chicago for a very worthy cause, the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Liam having never run a race before signing up for the Marathon convinced Nora to join him, she ran the VHI Mini Marathon last year followed by the Clontarf Half Marathon last November.

Liam created a robust training plan for the couple, tailoring it to suit his shift patterns and Nora's busy work schedule, driving all over the country. Liam started running in December to build up a base with Nora joining him in March,

they have been running 5 times a week, 4 short ones and a longer one on the weekends, and they are now reaching 30km on their long runs. They will be running the Longford Half Marathon on the 25th of August as part of their training.

The couple chose to run in aid of the Ronald McDonald House Charities, they felt the charity was very tangible and relevant with the charity providing accommodation and a caring, supportive environment for families whose children are undergoing medical treatment at CHI at Crumlin, including over 370 families from Donegal.

Nora also completed a research project in Crumlin Children's Hospital as a pharmacy student and understands the impact and benefit of the facility in Ireland. Liam fondly remembers driving past the hospital when the couple lived in Crumlin seeing children and their families and

feels very privileged to be able to raise funds for a global charity with a footprint in Ireland.

The couple are hosting a coffee morning on the 1st of September, in the Sean Scoil in Gortahork from 9.30 - 12.30, which promises to be a lovely social morning, with lots of home baked goodies and treats, Nora and her mother will be very busy with the help of some friends! Nora and Liam are looking forward to meeting people who wish to donate on the morning, however if you would like to donate and can't attend the coffee morning, please reach out to Nora directly on 0879024888.

As a token of their appreciation, Nora and Liam are putting together a hamper for one lucky person who they will draw from a hat, to thank all those who support their fundraising efforts."



GAA Club News

St. Michael's

Senior Championship

The Senior Championship got underway on Saturday with the Seniors and Reserves at home to Killybegs and both teams got off to a great start. The reserves won 3.10 to 0.5 and seniors won 1.12 to 2.05. Scorers were: Carlos O'Reilly 1-0, Michael Langan 0-3, 1f,45; Michael McGinley 0-3, Eddie O'Reilly and Colin McFadden 0-2 each, Andrew Kelly and Daniel McLaughlin 0-1 each. Team: Mark Anthony McGinley; Jamie Hunter, Liam Paul Ferry, Patrick McGinley; Stephen Doak, Antoin McFadden, Oisín Langan; Kyle McGarvey, Colin McFadden; Paul Johnston, Martin McElhinney, Michael McGinley; Eddie O'Reilly, Michael Langan, Carlos O'Reilly. Sub: Daniel McLaughlin for Johnston (h/t); Andrew Kelly for Doak (36); Michael Cannon for O Langan (54); Oisín Langan for P McGinley (61).

Reserves: Dylan O'Toole, Seamus Ferry 0-1, Chris McElhinney, Dara Breen, Callum Finnegan, Martin Breslin, Ethan Ferry 0-1, Andy Ward, Calvin Murray, Ethan Doherty 2-0, Packie O'Neill, Eoghan Kelly 1-2, Peter Sweeney, Dean Fleming 0-3 and Brian McLaughlin 0-1. Subs: Luke McCarry for Calvin Murray. Thanks to Mary from Dungloe contestant Leah McDaid who sang Armhainn na bhfainn and also to the Hub in Creeslough for producing a match programme and our under 8s who were the half time entertainment

Both teams are away to Ardara this Sunday at 1pm and 2.30pm.

The Senior Ladies are at home to Robert Emmets in their Championship on Sunday at 10.30am.

Mini Lotto

Congratulations to Daniel McColgan who won the €3250 Jackpot in the Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 1,2,9,12,13,14. This week's Jackpot will be €3000.

North West Coastal Challenge

The North West Coastal Challenge is taking place on Saturday, 5th October, at the Bridge. The race is a Run, Cycle & Kayak covering 36km. It is a fundraiser for Youth Development and entries are open on www.nwcc.ie.

Under-14 Boys

Our boys travelled to Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon on Saturday to compete in the PJ Roper Tournament. They defeated Errigal Ciaran by three goals and five points, narrowly losing to Ballyshannon by two points, and falling to Kilmacud Crokes by a single point. The final against Glenties was an epic showdown, going through normal time, extra time, and a nail-biting third round of sudden-death penalties. Aaron, Seve, and Jude nailed their penalties, securing the win. Special shoutout to Michael Hartigan, who stepped up in goals for the penalties, saving an incredible seven shots.

Team 2 played against Errigal Ciaran, Ardara, and Bundoran, before a close loss to Naomh Conaill by a single point. Shane Moore, Oisín Sweeney, Harry Branch and the Boyce brothers, Shay Griffin, and Ryan McGee all played well while Sean McCaul's relentless running didn't go unnoticed, and Lorcan was recognised as the Most Improved Player of the tournament.

Well Done

Well done to Caoimhe Boyd, Chloe McNulty, and Olivia Curran who represented the Donegal Player Development Panel 2011 in Garvaghey.

5k

5K Fun Run and Walk will take place on Saturday, August 31st at 9am starting at Corner Brew.

Fixtures

Fri 16th U12 Boys Home v Four Masters at 7pm
Sat 17th U10 Boys Away v Naomh Mhuire at 10.30am
Sun 18th Senior Ladies Junior B Championships Home v Letterkenny Gaels at 10.30am.

Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Lotto

The numbers drawn were 2,3,9,11,14,19. We had 3 match 5's. Congratulations to Lorraine Cassidy who wins €100. The jackpot is now €5,050.

Grab a Grand

Congratulations to Nora FitzGerald who was the winner of €1000 in our recent Grab a Grand draw.

Craobh Shinsir B Dhún na nGall

Scór Lán Ama

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 0-3 Naomh Conaill: 2-12

Craobh Shinsir Dhún na nGall

Scór Lán Ama

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 0-4 Naomh Conaill: 3-14

Cupa Faoi 18 an Chontae - Roinn 1

The lads had a great win over St Eunan's.

Glenswilly

Seniors

A successful start to the championship campaign for both teams on Saturday in Páirc Gearóid O'Galachóir, St Nauls. The Reserves won by 9 points to 8. Then the Senior Men won by 2-14 to 8 points. Some brilliant individual performances from Sean Collum and Kealan Dunleavy. Congratulations to Aiden Friel, Jamie McCauley, Eoghan Scott and Darragh Enright who all made their Senior Championship Debut. Both teams will be hoping to continue the winning streak as we host Cloughaneely on Sunday at 1pm and 2.30pm.

Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies capped off a good weekend for Glenswilly as they secured a 1 point victory over Malin in their opening game of the Junior A Championship. They will be hoping for another win next weekend when they welcome Malin to Páirc Naomh Columba at 10.30am.

Well done to Niamh McGrenra, Faye Casburn, Ciara McDaid, Lucy Campbell, Ailbhe Breen and Tara McDaid who all played for the Donegal PDP 2011 Squad on Saturday in Garvaghey.

Hard luck to our U14 team who were defeated by Killybegs in the Semi Final on the Monday Bank holiday.

Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

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

Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start. Well done to last weeks winner Brendan Friel who won €175.

Naomh Adhamhnáin

Senior Men

Last weekend saw the start of the Senior championship. Naomh Adhamhnáin played Kicar in O'Donnell Park with the home side coming away with a comprehensive win against the weakened visitors who were missing some key players.

Senior B Team

Our Senior B team opened with a comprehensive win against Kilarc 5-18 to 0-3.

Senior A Team

Early scores from Conor O'Donnell and Brian MacIntyre got the home team of the mark before Kilarc got their opening score. Niall O'Donnell scored a well taken goal after 14 minutes after good work from Conor O'Donnell. Naomh Adhamhnáin added further points from Brian MacIntyre, Kieran Tobin and Niall O'Donnell and ended the first half leading by 8 points.

Naomh Adhamhnáin maintained their advantage in the second half, with scores from Niall O'Donnell, Conor O'Donnell and Eoin McGeehin. Niall O'Donnell added his second goal with as a well taken finish with 10 minutes left to play. Lee McMonagle added two late points much to the delight of the home crowd. Kilarc added some late points and even hit the crossbar, but the game was over as a contest at this point to finish 2-12 to 0-9.

Upcoming Championship fixtures:

Termon's Smoke Free initiative



Clg an Tearmainn launched their Smoke and Vape Free Grounds initiative on Sunday.

"The GAA are encouraging all clubs to become smoke-free which means no smoking on the club grounds, including E Cigarettes. There is support available for anyone who wishes to avail of the service by contacting the local stop smoking advisor, Fiona Boyle at stopsmokingdonegal@hse.ie or at 0872514790, or any of the Termon healthy

Sunday, August 18th

Senior B Champ - Nh Conaill v Nh Adhamhnáin 3pm in Davy Brennan Memorial Park.

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

Summer Skills Camp

The Club will host their Summer Skills Camp in association with GFL Distribution on August 19th to August 23rd for primary school children.

The camp runs from 10am to 2pm each day and costs €80 per child and €55 for each subsequent child from the same family.

Club Lotto

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

Minor Board:

U18 Results:

August 12th U18 Div 1 - Nh Adhamhnáin 0-8 : 4-12 Cloich Cheann Fhaola.

August 12th U18 Div 4 - Nh Mhuire Iochtar Na Rosann 6-16 : 2-4 Nh Adhamhnáin.

U16 Upcoming fixtures:

Monday, August 19th U16 Div 1 Semi Final - Sean Mac Cumhaill v Nh Adhamhnáin 6.30pm

Ladies Football

Well done to our Ladies' Senior team who opened their championship account last Sunday with victory at home against Aodh Ruadh BAS 4-8 to 2-8.

Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior and reserve footballers opened their championship campaign on Saturday when they welcomed Buncrana to Páirc na nGael. The visitors were victorious in both games. This weekend the lads travel to Milford at 5.30pm and 7pm.

Congratulations to senior footballer, Paddy Doherty and his bride Megan on their wedding which took place recently.

The senior ladies traveled to Ballybofey to take on Mac Cumhaills on Sunday in their opening game of the Junior B Championship. The home team took the victory. This Sunday they travel to take on St. Michael's at 10.30am.

Last week our club hosted another successful Cúl Camp at Páirc na nGael. Just over 90 children took part this year where fun and inclusivity was the theme of the week. Thanks to all the young coaches who made the week a memorable one.

clubs team.

Thank to the national schools who participated in the art competition. Winners will be announced soon, with the winners having their works hung up in the new clubhouse when completed. Thanks to our health & wellbeing officer, James Cassidy, the Smoking cessation office and the club members and executive, Ellen and the Healthy Clubs Committee for their support.

Bingo continues every Monday evening at the Arena 7 and online. This Monday we have €2,260 up for grabs.

Gaël Fhanada

Lotto Results 11/08/2024

Numbers: 6, 9, 20, 23, 24. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Marian Howe. This week's Jackpot: €1,800.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Sathairn, 17ú Lúnasa

Craobh Idirmheánach

Naomh Muire v Gaël Fhánada @ 4:30

Craobh Idirmheánach

Naomh Muire v Gaël Fhánada @ 6:00

Dé Domhnaigh, 18ú Lúnasa

Peil na mBan - Craobh Idirmheánach

Na Cealla Beaga v Gaël Fhánada @ 10:30

Seniors and reserves travel to the Banks

Finbar O' Neill and Declan Coyle and their senior and reserve sides travel to the Banks to face off against Naomh Muire this Saturday.

In terms of the senior game, both sides suffered defeat in their opening round derby fixtures, Gaël Fhánada to Milford and Naomh Muire losing out to Na Rossa.

Ladies begin championship campaign

John McConigley and his ladies side will make the journey to take on Killybegs in the first of their four intermediate championship group games at 10:30.

Senior Men

Milford 1:17 Gaël Fhánada 2:09

A late Kane Barrett goal in the final minute of added time put the gloss on the Milford victory on Saturday. Gaël Fhánada: Mark McConigley, Calum McAteer, Odhrán Shiels, Ronan McAteer, Shaun Kerr, James Gallagher, Jimmy Coyle, Paddy Carr (0:01), Michael Sweeney (1:02), Seán Carr, Liam McGrenaghan (1:03), James Kerr, Alan McAteer, Darren McElwaine (0:01), Paddy Heraghty. Oisín Shiels for Alan McAteer, Brandon McClafferty for Calum McAteer, Eoghan Carr (0:01) for James Kerr, Mark McAteer (0:01) for Paddy Heraghty, Mark Friel for Seán Carr.

Goal the key score in reserve encounter

Milford 1:10 Gaël Fhánada 0:10

A goal in the 48th minute of Saturday's reserve encounter turned the tide in Milford's favour, and that was ultimately the score that separated the sides at the conclusion. Gaël Fhánada: Brian Gallagher, Aaron McConigley (0:01), Seamus Coyle, Emmet Kelly, Jamie McAteer, Paul Coyle, Eoin Logue, Christy Sweeney, Conor Heraghty, Charlie Crerand, Bernard McGettigan (0:01), Patsy Friel (0:01), Dan Kerr (0:02), Fergal Friel (0:05), Eoin McGonigle. Seán Friel for Dan Kerr, Darragh O' Doherty for Charlie Crerand, Kevin McGonigle for Emmet Kelly.

Cailíní Faoi 10

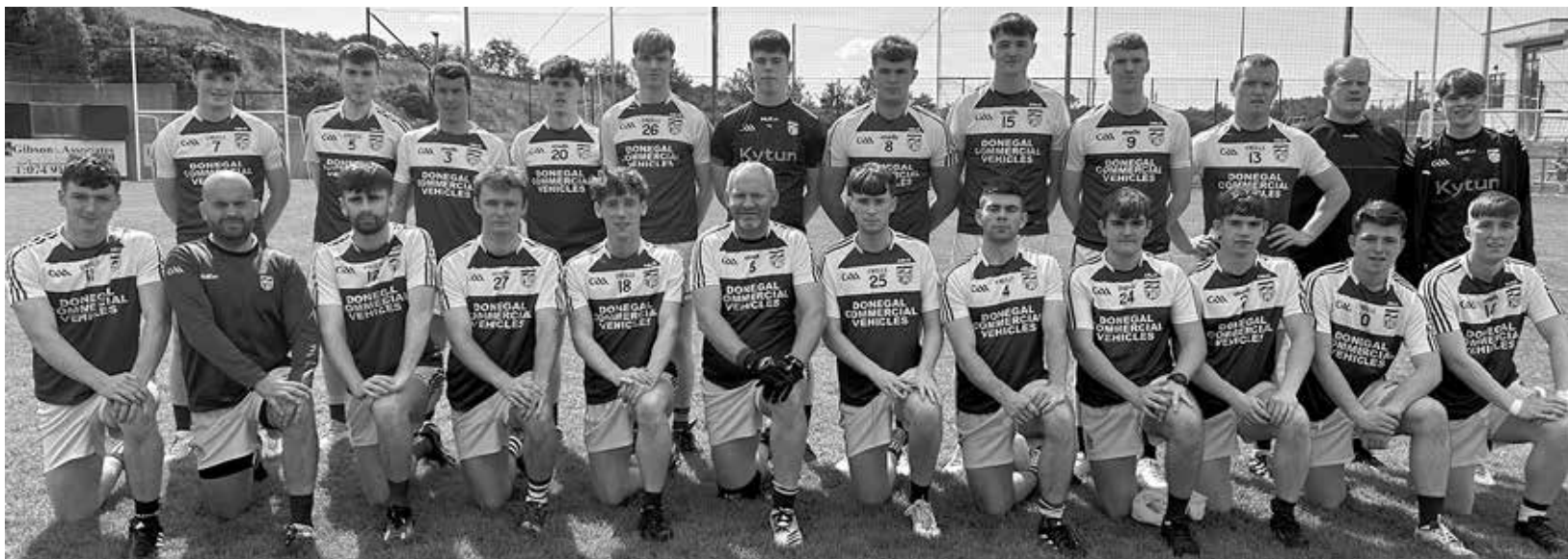
Our U10 girls travelled to Milford on Sunday to take part in a blitz with Milford and Mac Cumhaills.

Donegal PDP

Well done to the Gaël Fhánada girls who represented Donegal at the U13 PDP in Garvaghey on Saturday.

Ciorcal Comhrá

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



The Termon reserves who played Naomh Columba on Sunday.

McDaid's men make winning start

Termon 4-14 Naomh Columba 0-16
 It was the perfect start to the group stages of the Donegal Intermediate Football Championships on Sunday for Termon as they recorded a ten-point win over Naomh Columba at the Burn Road. Deirdre Gallagher had barely finished singing 'Amhrán na bhFiann' when her side had made a dream start. Start being operative the word and manager Caolan McDaid would have been very happy with his older brother Daire who netted two goals in the opening couple of minutes. McDaid went on to score two more goals in the second half and four in a championship match is a feat that one player has rarely if ever achieved in a Termon jersey. The hosts did play with a strong breeze

towards the main road end of the ground and were a goal up in 50 seconds when McDaid pounced on a defensive error to shoot low past Shane O'Gara. The attacker who had been an injury doubt along with Ryan McFadden struck again in the second minute cutting in from the right to squeeze the ball past O'Gara at his near post with his trusty left foot. Unsurprisingly the Naomh Columba management were not happy with the defending and when chances were gifted to a forward of McDaid's calibre they are going to be punished. To their credit playing into the breeze Brendan Doherty's outfit did have their fair share of possession and attacks but Termon's main priority was to prevent goals and they did that job well with

Ricky Gallagher making one very important interception with a strong fistful clearance in the 12th minute. Keeper Emmett Maguire didn't have a save of note to make in the entire match. Impressive forward Shane Callaghan opened their account in the third minute. He was to be their top scorer from play with three points while county player Aaron Doherty registered 0-7 but six of those were from frees. If Daire McDaid was the goal king Enda McCormick was the point scoring maestro with a personal tally of 0-10 for the home team. Wing-backs Pauric Hegarty and Pauric Ward with two were the other Glen scorers in the first half. Jack Alcorn and Cian McMennamin were among the other first half scorers for the hosts who



Enda McCormick who scored 10 points against Naomh Columba on Sunday.



Daire McDaid scoring Termon's fourth goal on Sunday.

led 2-8 to 0-4 at the break. McCormick was on the mark twice for Termon after the restart as they did better into the breeze than their opponents in the first half. The visitors did notch three points but then conceded a killer third goal in the 38th minute. John James Sweeney found McCormick who in turn provided the assist for McDaid who cut in again from right to find the net with the keeper stranded. McCormick added another point to make it 3-11 to 0-7.

With seven minutes of normal time to go the margin was a bit more respectable at 3-13 to 0-15 but then came McDaid's fourth goal from the penalty spot after Philip Doherty was adjudged to have made a foot block on McCormick. If there were any doubts about the winners it was ended by that goal. Naomh Columba will rue their horrendous start. They struggled to get their short kick-outs away and paid dearly for that especially in the early stages. When they went long they were in bother too with big Bobby McGettigan doing very well with fetches particularly in the first half. Caolan McDaid and the management team will now prepare for the long away trip to Malin this Sunday (3.00).

Termon - Emmet Maguire; Cormac Gallagher, Ricky Gallagher, Cormac Brady; Patrick Fagan, Jamie

Grant, James McSharry; Bobby McGettigan, Ryan McFadden; Cian McMennamin 0-2, Steve McElwaine, John James Sweeney; Daire McDaid, 4-1 (1 pen) Enda McCormick 0-10 (3fs 1m), Jack Alcorn 0-1. Subs: Evan Coleman for McMennamin 43 mins, Kevin McGettigan for McElwaine 46 mins, Steve McDaid for Alcorn 50 mins, Anthony Grant for Sweeney 53 mins. Naomh Columba - Shane O'Gara; Barry Carr, Philip Doherty, Paul O'Hare 0-1; Pauric Ward 0-2, Eric Carr, Pauric Hegarty 0-1; Pádraig Byrne, Declan McGuire 0-1; Darragh Cunningham 0-1, Aaron Doherty 0-7 (6fs), Ryan McNern; Shane Callaghan 0-3, Christopher Byrne, Ronan O'Hare. Subs: Stephen Callaghan for B Carr; Sean Hardy for McNern; Liam Boyle for R O'Hare; Michael Callaghan for P Ward.



The Termon team who defeated Naomh Columba on Sunday.



Cormac Gallagher is tackled by Eric Carr

Club Championship preview

St. Michael's look for win in Ardara

There's an away trip for St. Michael's on Sunday to take on Ardara with the visitors aiming to put themselves in pole position to make it straight to the quarter-finals. However, while Ardara aren't going all that well and were well beaten by MacCumhaills complacency would be fatal at Pearse Park. St. Michael's opened the group phase with a comfortable victory over Killybegs at the Bridge on Saturday evening. In Foxhall on Sunday, Glenswilly should make it back-to-back wins in their group when they take on a Cloughaneely team who were hammered by Naomh Conaill in Falcarragh last weekend. The biggest match will be at Davy Brennan Park where reigning County champions Naomh Conaill play St. Eunan's. Martin Regan's side will be favourites to secure the two points. After defeat in Ballyshannon in their opener the stakes are

high now for Na Dunaibh on Saturday as they host Four Masters (throw-in 7.00). And the Donegal Town side will come to the Rosguill peninsula on a high after the win over Gweedore at Tirconail Park on Sunday. Fanad Gael will be in action at 6pm at the Banks against Naomh Muire. Both sides lost their opening round matches but it will be Danny O'Donnell's men who will be under the most pressure to deliver on home turf. Milford will be expected to take a step closer to the knockout stages with a win over Letterkenny Gaels. Jamesie McGinley's outfit overcame Fanad Gaels in Portsalon last Saturday for the perfect start to the group stages. Termon will face a stiff test away in Malin but do have the cushion of that impressive opening group game win over Naomh Columba at the Burn Road on Sunday.



Gaeil Fhánada girls who represented Donegal at the U13 PDP in Garvaghy at the weekend Back row L-R Cara Gibbons, Emer Doherty, Cliona Robinson, Etaine Sheridan. Front row L-R Alice Gibbons and Nhi McDaid. Missing: Clodagh McAteer.



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League of Ireland First Division

Calls for Horgan to come back

It's unlikely to happen but Finn Harps fans have been calling this week for Ollie Horgan to return to the managerial role in Ballybofey amid genuine fears that the club might never see Premier Division football again after the fiasco of the last two seasons.

That fan reaction is coming on the back of a recent dismal run of results that has now seen Darren Murphy's side slip to third from bottom. There is no managerial vacancy at Finn Park but the silence from the club since Friday night's loss in Wexford has been deafening.

Horgan is happy in his role as assistant-manager at Galway Utd who are in the top six and still in with a chance of securing a place in European competition so his coming back is a very long shot not helped by the circumstances of his departure from Harps after giving nine years of loyal service. He lost virtually a whole squad of good players at the end of the 2021 season because they were on one-year contracts in the Premier Division. A year later in the First Division, Harps were offering players two-year contracts.

When Horgan took over Harps in 2014 it took him the first season to get to grips with the squad he had inherited with one or two of them having to be confronted about their commitment to the cause. They didn't like that approach because they weren't used to it but the next season there were no downing tools from those players as Horgan also brought in new faces to shake things up.

But for now it's Darren Murphy and his backroom team that have had a challenging week trying to work out a way of getting back on track for a promotion play-off spot. Maybe, it is welcome that Finn Harps doesn't have a game this weekend due to the FAI Senior Cup. Harps are out of the competition after the loss to Cork City at Turners Cross last month. Murphy's men were

beaten 2-0 by Wexford Youths in the league on Friday night. Wexford also defeated Athlone away on Monday night in a backlog fixture.

Those results mean that Harps drop from fifth to seventh in the First Division table. Wexford are now fifth and Cobh Ramblers sixth. Treaty are just two points behind Harps in eighth place. Fifth place guarantees a play-off place and just a fortnight ago Harps had been in a reasonably comfortable fourth place in the table. Now they are in a dogfight for that precious fifth place.

The next league game for Harps is away to UCD on Friday week the 23rd August. UCD are in FAI Cup action this Saturday evening against Sligo Rovers at the Showgrounds. So they will have had the benefit of a competitive match but do have to travel so it will be interesting to see how all that pans out when Harps go to Belfield. For now Harps are only one place better off in the league than last season when they finished second from bottom. The new manager Davey Rogers who had been appointed to much fanfare on a four-year contract in December 2022 had left by apparent mutual consent. That was just nine months into this tenure. That was a costly failure between his salary and whatever was paid to him from his outstanding contract. Darren Murphy had been appointed by Rogers to be his assistant-manager. He took over from Rogers on a caretaker basis until the end of the 2023 season. Murphy was subsequently appointed as the permanent boss but there was no four-year contract and probably won't be ever again at Finn Park. Now Murphy finds himself in not to dissimilar a situation as Rogers. He had a good first half of the season and is very popular with the players. That is a good thing to an extent as long as the players are not too comfortable. Young players like Gavin McAteer have been introduced and done well but need to be managed

in a responsible way in order to develop physically for the challenges of senior soccer. It just looks now as if the squad as a whole is suffering from the fatigue of the season especially the last five weeks where they had four long day trips to Cork twice, Cobh, Treaty and Wexford. That is absolutely brutal on part-time footballers. These players are owed a duty of care better than they have received.

The club has paid dearly for the costs incurred with the last manager just coincidentally it was announced at the start of the 2024 season that the management and players had agreed to forego overnight stays in order to allow the money saved to be diverted to the new stadium development. That hasn't been heard about since a meeting in the Villa Rose Hotel on April 28th. The appointment of a CEO to oversee the stadium development was to happen within a month, the meeting was told as fatigue had set in with the team that had been driving the new stadium development for 20 years. Nearly three months later there is no word of that CEO appointment. Neither has there been any update on the sale of Finn Park which the club said was necessary to build the new pitch and stands in Stranorlar. As part of the Government grant arrangement the club is obliged to raise €1.5 million themselves. They were hoping to realise that figure from selling Finn Park but is not at all straightforward as the ground is not owned by the club. There are a number of trustees who look after it for the communities of Ballybofey and Stranorlar. Selling Finn Park was never part of the original agreement to build the new stadium.

Indeed, legendary Finn Harps manager Patsy McGowan says League of Ireland football should continue at the ground and all that is needed is a new Stand to replace the corrugated tin structure that has been there for the past 50 plus years.

Harps third from bottom

Wexford Youths 2-0 Finn Harps

For the first time this season Wexford Youths got the better of Finn Harps and it was a significant defeat for Darren Murphy's side who are now two places outside the play-offs after being in the top five all season.

The wheels have come off the Harps train and fixing the problem is going to prove a real headache for the management team with just nine games now remaining in Division 1. Wexford who had lost twice to Murphy's men in the 2024 campaign now leapfrog them into fifth place after also pulling off a surprise 3-2 away win over second in the table Athlone Town on Monday night. Cobh Ramblers after their victory at the weekend have also overtaken Harps to go fifth.

Murphy made one personnel change for the long trip to the sunny south east with Luke O'Brien coming in for Max Johnston. New signing Bruce Strachan was added to the subs list with Oisín Cooney moving out of the match day squad meaning that Harps travelled without a reserve goalkeeper which is very rare considering that on a handful of occasions the match day squad this season included two keepers Cooney and Conor Walsh on the bench along with first choice Tim Heimer in the starting 11.

There were precious few chances in the opening half with home player Darragh Levingston having a shot from the edge of the box that was deflected just wide of the upright. Just when it seemed the half was going to end up scoreless the hosts broke the deadlock at Ferrycarrig Park



Finn Harps Noe Baba tries to get ahead of a Wexford player on Friday night.

on the stroke of half-time. Luka Lovic provided the assist for Thomas Oluwa who squeezed the ball past Tim Heimer at his near post. James Keddy's men had the upper hand in the early stages of the second half with a 57th minute Kian Corbally cross only needing a touch to double Wexford's advantage. Then Mikey Rowe should have tested Heimer but his header went over the crossbar. Rowe came very close to making it 2-0 in the 72nd minute from a free-kick that came back of the post. Murphy emptied the bench but to no avail as the

visitors failed to seriously test home keeper Conor Walsh once in the entire game. Instead the Wexford nerves were eased in the 90th minute with a second goal scored by Darragh Levingston.

Finn Harps - Tim Heimer; Jamie Watson, Conor Tourish, Matty Mackinson, Noe Baba (Aaron McLaughlin, 84), Luke O'Brien, David Cawley (Gavin McAteer, 84), Max Hutchinson (Ryan Rainey 70), Tony McNamee (Bruce Strachan, 70); Success Edogun, Sean Patton (Patrick Ferry, 70). Subs not used: Stephen Doherty, Kevin Jordan, Gavin Gilmore, Max Johnston.

Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 8th August. The numbers drawn were 1, 8, 17, 23. The next draw takes place on Thursday 15th August and the jackpot is €10,000. There were five match 3 winners this week winning €40 each: Carmel Gillen, Ballyraine, Letterkenny. Dom Devenney, Ard McCool, Stranorlar. Craig Bonner, Blue Cedars, Ballybofey. John Patton, Gortletteragh, Ballybofey. John McDevitt, Ard McCool, Stranorlar.

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Burns back in World Rallying



Kilmacrennan based Niall Burns is set to return to co-driving duties next month in the World Rally Championship. The Sligo native will be calling the notes for Oman's Hamed Al Wahaibi in Rally Greece which takes place on the weekend of September 4-6. Burns was a high profile co-driver in the WRC circuit but hasn't been involved at that level for the past seven years.

He is thrilled to agree a deal to return to the elite rallying stage again. "The deal has only come to plan in the last two weeks, the opportunity came around and I'm delighted to take it. It was 2017 when I last competed in the World Rally championship in Wales and finally the doors opened for me to come back in and I can't wait to get going."

McGarvey nets eight for Rovers

Letterkenny Rovers Ladies have advanced to the final of the Interleague Cup after overcoming Raphoe Town. Creeslough woman Ciara McGarvey was on fire and a thorn in the Raphoe defense all evening scoring a total of eight goals. However it was the build up and passing from Erin Doherty, Mia Devenney, Lucy Canning that set McGarvey up for her goal feast. Raphoe scored twice through Aimee Gallagher and Orlaithy Connolly. Rebecca McGinley finished the scoring for Rovers after a long diagonal ball by Nadine Crawford. Rovers now await the winners of Clonmany Shamrocks and Bonagee this Thursday evening. The final is scheduled for September.

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