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Urban traffic speeds being cut to 18.75 mp/h

The new speed reductions proposed for traffic in urban and rural roads have been described as 'the nuts and bolts of a disaster' that will have huge implications for motorists in Donegal.

By John McAteer

That is the opinion of political sources who've described the new government legislation as completely out of kilter with the public who are forced to use their cars because there are no other alternatives. The first phase of the new Road Traffic Bill comes into operation four weeks before Christmas.

From the middle of next year motorists will be restricted to 18.75mph in urban areas while the speeds on the national secondary network will come down to 50mph.

The new plans for Donegal have been under consideration by the Council for two years and one of the proposed

measures is to close out on the streamlining of the speed limit through Letterkenney between the Dry Arch to the Knocknaraun Roundabouts.

The default limits for national roads and motorways will remain unchanged but Councils will still be able to use other limits, such as 37.5 or 25 miles an hour.

However, dozens of towns, villages and mountain roads are all subject to the most sweeping changes in decades as a new raft of speed signs will have to be put in place before the changes come into effect.

It is predicted the new speed cuts are likely to introduce a new dimension of urban 'go-slow' on the morning commute.



The new limits will apply first for rural road users with speeds restricted to 37.5, a month before Christmas and according to sources, this could add another thirty minutes on a journey to Letterkenney from the farthest reaches of the county. For the owners of diesel powered vehicles, the authorities have made no references to the 'particulate filter' in the exhaust system that captures soot. These vehicles are meant to be driven at a rate close to 50 mph to burn off particles and if not the car will stop running. How the Council intends

addressing this matter will be watched with attention by many drivers who may be forced to get back riding the Penny Farthing.

How the new regulations are going to be enforced seems to be quite the mystery because there is nothing much in the Bill to indicate what measures are being considered to identify speeding vehicles. Politicians are expected to discuss the new regulations raised in public rather than in a workshop before there is agreement on these wide-ranging proposals. Sources who've spoken to the Tribune declared these measures are anti-motorist in a county where the family car is the only source of transport

with no recognition from the Government of the added costs and levies imposed every year.

The Council has undertaken a review over the past 24 months of its byelaws and has consulted with the elected Members and the public. Meanwhile a 'speed limit team' has divided numbers of locations for consideration to be addressed in line with the new time frames to be followed.

In the first instance the 31 rural locations which have been reviewed with the Cllrs. and the public will be dealt with along with a review of all rural local roads prior to these defaulting to the new 37.5mph which is 60kph. The 31 locations previously submitted sought to have the speed reduced from the original rural default of 80kph to a lower speed limit of 50/60kph - the new 60kph will address these.

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Affected Homeowner Meehan Time to hear the facts...

This is a matter of honesty, transparency and integrity and only Cllr. Meehan can answer the many questions arising.

I was among his 2,074 voters who believed his narrative as the unvarnished truth. He put it on public record time after time that he was 'an affected homeowner with defective blocks'.

I now realise this is not the case and I feel I've been misled and betrayed. He's raised serious doubts in my mind about why he put a claim up front and personal that was not proven as fact.

Did Declan Meehan mislead voters on June 7th?

Meehan told the 'Irish Daily Mail' in their mica probe about being 'an affected homeowner' that he believed he had addressed all issues on local radio and that he'd be making no further comment.

But where was the proof of a mica test to back up that statement? Mica was the big issue in the Milford area and facts have to speak louder than all else.

Because Meehan's response to queries from last week's Irish Daily Mail left more questions than answers. I was one of those that voted on his narrative that he was 'an affected homeowner with defective blocks'. I believed him. I now realise that was a mistake. Meehan said many times that he was 'an affected homeowner'.

There is no hiding behind 'a visual inspection'. That is only an opinion and does not count for fact. This is the new Cllr. who went on record campaigning about people being hungry for change and they want honesty, transparency and integrity.

It's now time to hear the facts from Cllr. Meehan!

Big field seeking FF nominations

As the deadline passed for nominations ahead of FF's convention next month, we understand there were at least seven interested parties in the frame.

While FF's nominations are all male and without a female member on Donegal County Council, sources this week said that former Tanaiste Mary Coughlan was under pressure

in the south of the county to put her name forward. We understand she did not seek a nomination.

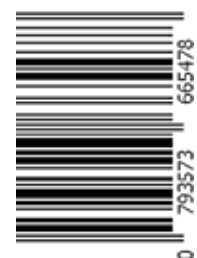
Minister Charlie McConalogue is the obvious front runner and after that it's all to play for.

Surprisingly, former Deputy Pat the Cope Gallagher is reported not to have sought a

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The tradition of dry stone walling was much in evidence at the weekend in Fanad. Residents of the Shannagh townland were joined by many others over Saturday and Sunday to get the 50 metres constructed on schedule. The project was organised by Cáite Fealty. Photo by John McAteer



Rathmullan litter problem raised again



Local Independent Cllr Pauric McGarvey has expressed frustration with the lack of progress on an escalating litter problem in the seaside village of Rathmullan.

Cllr McGarvey said he had raised the matter with the Council a year ago but the problem had only gotten worse since then. He has called on the Local Authority to put more resources in place to tackle the issue as a matter of urgency.

"I brought this same motion this time last year and the issue has gotten worse, nothing has been done to support the groups made up of volunteers. The Rath-

mullan Tidy Towns committee take great pride and time in the town are doing their best and have it looking its best for the summer with painted benches, flowers and planted beds. The Clean Coasts is a fantastic help and certainly do a lot to try and help with the issue. These groups are made up of retired, working and respected residents and business people and the mess they are faced with on a daily basis is simply unfair and can't continue," Cllr McGarvey said.

He says Donegal County Council must do more to resolve the issue. "The problem is not only seasonal as Rathmullan also sees many daily visitors in the spring, autumn and winter, walking the beach and using the park. I asked for a review of the bins last year and all that was done was



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the open bin in the park removed and nothing to replace it. The bins that are in place are not functional and unable to cope with the amount of people and rubbish generated. The businesses in the carpark do their bit by providing a bin outside their businesses," Cllr McGarvey said.

He has called on people to stop putting household waste in the bins and says CCTV should be set up to deter and prosecute the people doing it.

"As well as that full dog poop bags are thrown around the bases of the bins when they are full. That's

not good enough when there's no space for them anywhere else. I have witnessed firsthand the mess that's left to be cleaned up and it is embarrassing, I'm a newly elected councillor now living in Rathmullan and I want this matter to be dealt with by Donegal County Council. It just can't continue. I have asked that the Council install new functional bins, find an external company to service the bins and the toilets. CCTV needs to be installed to prosecute anyone who dumps household waste in the litter bins and around the bottle banks," Cllr McGarvey concluded.

OBITUARY

Bryan Walsh, Portmarnock and formerly Rathdonnell

You laid in state on the longest day. And each and every day since June 21st has been long without your presence in it.

There was still a sense of disbelief that you were gone as we approached Stafford's Funeral Home in Portmarnock. But there in the lobby your name on the electronic board on the wall left us in no doubt. Bryan Walsh, Reposing Room number three.

Surely there had to be a mistake. A young man of 38 years lying in a wicker coffin while we filed past and found no words of true comfort as we embraced the chief mourners. And on a screen projection behind, the proof of that all too short life and of a personality pictured in every frame – that mischievous smile and wicked sense of humour shining through.

A photographic album lovingly put together and featuring so many aspects of your life. You and your beloved wife, Aoife, captured with beaming smiles at the Aviva Stadium, and holding your cherished daughter, Ellie. And your early home life with your devoted parents, John and Eileen, and siblings, Michael, Leanne and Caron. And so many more that brought some crumbs of comfort as we looked at them. But, at those moments in time, only some.

You had originally been diagnosed with a brain tumour seven years previously but had fought the fight and soldiered on. And you were a valued and popular employee in the I.T. department of the E.S.B. – as evident by the many colleagues who turned up to show their respects and share in the sorrow at Staffords Funeral Home and at the funeral service at Glasnevin Crematorium. Bryan James Walsh had entered this life on December 19th, 1985, just a month after his grandfather, Brian, had passed away. He would have been so proud of his grandchild.

Bryan's friends and neighbours in Glencar Park, Solomon's Hills and John and Eileen's current abode in Rathdonnell, Letterkenny, got to know a lively and playful child who invariably had a smile on his face. And a prank or ten up his sleeve (or on Caron's sleeves as Michael recalled at the funeral service)!

National and Secondary schools underlined that popularity and his academic ability shone through.

He brought that to Dublin where he took up employment and made more friends. And nobody more important than the woman who became the love of his life.

Fittingly enough for a man who loved sport –



Arsenal F.C. being his club of choice – they met in Becky Morgan's pub following an Ireland/Italy Six Nations match.

There may be one or two people around claiming they introduced them to one another but the fact is they fell for each other almost immediately. A true love story so appropriate enough that last year Becky Morgan's Pub became 'The Storyteller' after changing hands.

Bryan and Aoife story and love continued through the years following his diagnosis – her job as an oncology nurse enabling her to keep alert to the signs.

And in the months and weeks before his passing, the signs and his health deteriorated badly and the three months of lifetime predicted by his medical team turned into weeks and finally hours until on Tuesday June 18th he succumbed – his parents, John and Eileen posting the devastating news on a family WhatsApp site with the briefest and most heart wrenching of messages: 'OUR BABY BOY R.I.P.'

The inevitability of it didn't prevent the tears – the anguish continuing over the next few days at the funeral home and the funeral service itself. There in front of a huge number of family, friends, colleagues and others who had made

the trip from Donegal and Mayo (Bryan's other adopted county where he had spent so many happy summers with his uncles and cousins and learned how to play pranks!) Aoife spoke movingly about her husband's battle and how Bryan had spoken of "disappointment after disappointment" as the respective treatment failed to respond.

Flanked by her beloved brother, Eoin, she recalled Bryan and herself's initial meeting and life together before and after the diagnosis.

A few short days before he passed they had gone away together where they told each other what they meant to one another and shared a glass of wine and reflections on their time together. It had, said Aoife, been a privilege to know him and to love him and she spoke of how she and Ellie would now have to go on without him. Bryan's elder brother, Michael, also addressed the attendance pointing out that he tried to think of an opening joke to make the celebration of his life what he would have wanted.

"But the more I wracked my brains trying to think of a joke that Bryan would appreciate – he had a great sense of humour – the more I realised it was Bryan's last joke – one social introvert trying to talk about another!"

Thanking all who had travelled for the funeral service, he said: 'Anyone who was lucky enough to have come across him in their lives knew there was something very special about him.'

Describing his brother as a "naturally gifted guy," Michael described how amazing Aoife had been during the years of treatment along with her family.

"Mum and dad, thank you for giving us Bryan. He was taken away from us far too early but he will live forever in our hearts."

Before the curtains drew on an all too young life, the service conductor introduced some of the songs that meant so much to Aoife and Bryan including their wedding song, Bell X1's 'The End is Nigh'; Sinead O'Connor's 'She Moved Thru the Fair'; and a haunting version of 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'.

Grief, they say, is the price of love and all the grief we felt was a true indication of all the love we had for you, Bryan. Rest in peace.

P.M.W.

Month's Mind Mass

A month's Mass commemorating Bryan Walsh will be held in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny this Saturday (20th) at 10.a.m.

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Speed limit cuts

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There are nine locations already considered in relation to local roads in urban areas and these will be further considered under the urban speed limit review to commence in the final quarter of this year.

With respect to other locations assessed over the past 24 months, 36 locations on regional roads and 35 locations on national roads will be further considered in accordance with the new amended speed limit guidelines and new legislation.

It is proposed to close out on the special speed limits at housing estates (slow zones) as per the ongoing review with 139 housing estates to be included in special speed limit bylaws to be in place by November 2024.

The legislation became law in April after the enactment of the legislation relevant sections relating to speed limits will start. Variations to the default speed Limits will be permitted by way of local authority byelaws in accordance with the published guidelines.

It is a priority that the new default speed limits including necessary and supporting byelaws are to be in place as soon as possible.

As a consequence, each Local Authority must now prepare a plan to complete a review of speed limits to meet these deadlines and the requirements in relation to implementing the new default speed limits.

The Bill also makes drug tests mandatory at serious collisions, allows penalty points for multiple offences to be issued at once, and fixes technical issues to scooter legislation.

The changes were planned last year when there was a sharp increase in road traffic deaths, and the trend of deaths on our roads has continued to worsen this year.

Speed limits will still be set by a process that includes councillors approving the changes, but the default limits will be lowered, including on national secondary roads, from 100 km/h to 80 km/h; on local rural roads, from 80 km/h to 60 km/h; and on roads in urban areas from 50 km/h to 30 km/h.

The change will mean that a difference from the default will have to be justified.

Big field for FF nominations

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nomination. But intriguingly for Party Headquarters and Micheál Martin, he has been nominated with a big number of delegates. And it's reported that he will reflect on their support before rushing to judgement.

He declined to make a decision at a moment's notice on Wednesday saying he would take time to reflect and to interact with the membership in what is best in strengthening the Donegal FF team in the Dail. He said it was obvious the organisation is anxious that he should enter the campaign and a decision will be issued later.

Cllrs. Donal Mandy Kelly and Michael Naughton are in the hat and reportedly so is the name of Senator Niall Blaney. Cllr. Martin McDermott could not be reached for comment last night. It had been reported that there was a groundswell of back to nominate him but we understand FF headquarters did not get back to him to confirm that.

However, the name of Ben Harkin from Termon is thought to have attracted lots of attention since the nominations opened. He is seen the future of Fianna Fail and with youth on his side, that should put him in a prime position.

"The tide is coming in, and our time is running out," warned 19 year old Ben in 2020 when his new book 'Time nor Tide: Ireland & Climate Change' warned about the deadly and expensive problem of climate change in Ireland.

Now at 23 years of age Ben might be the next one to set his sight on higher office following in the footsteps of his neighbour, James McDaid.

FF sources told the Tribune this week that all nominations standing at the convention will be referred to FF's Election Strategy Committee. This is to promote the agenda of fair play and equality for all members. The outcome is much anticipated.

New Millbridge Shop owners

The O'Donnell family from Crolly are new proprietors of the Millbridge Shop Service Station in Kilmacrennan. They are taking over from Owen Boyle who had successfully run the business for 23 years. A native of Gweedore, Owen built up a loyal customer base over that time and is happy now to be handing over to the O'Donnell family. The new owners are well known in the retail business with a shop in Crolly and an oil distribution business along with a self-service fuel station at Illistrin. They are delighted to be now taking over the Kilmacrennan business. "We are thrilled to announce that the O'Donnell family has taken over the reins. With nearly 40 years of retail experience at the Crolly and Illistrin service stations, the O'Donnell family is excited to expand to the Kilmacrennan community. As always, we are dedicated to offering top-quality products and excep-



Gavin O'Donnell with Owen and Gabrielle Boyle.

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Newly elected Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Chair of the Regional Health Forum West with Tony Canavan, Regional Executive Officer, HSE West and North West and Executive Chair of the Regional Health Forum West.

Drink/drug driving testing clarified

Local Gardaí have clarified a query on when they carry out drink and drug testing on drivers involved in road traffic collisions. The measures relate to new legislation introduced in May. Gardaí said they have been asked to clarify at what type of collisions do Gardaí perform drug/alcohol testing? They stated: "Since Friday 31st May 2024 it is mandatory for members of An Garda Síochána who attend

at the scene of a road traffic collision where there are injuries to test the drivers of all vehicles involved for the presence of both alcohol and drugs. Gardaí would not ordinarily test drivers for alcohol and/or drugs at the scene of a material damage collision where there are no injuries but sometimes they do if they suspect that an offence may have occurred or if they form their opinion that one or both of the drivers are under the influence."

Jim Lynch Community Centre Building update

Work on the new Letterkenny Community Centre building is progressing satisfactorily and is on track to be completed before the end of the year. The building will be named in memory of the late Jim Lynch a man who was very active in the committee for over 40 years. It will include dressing rooms and a meeting hall facility. The new building is situated in the left hand corner of the current pitch adjacent to the Pearse Road. "We're thrilled to share that the concrete retaining wall of the Jim Lynch Community Building and our state-of-the-art changing facilities for the 4G full-sized Astro turf pitch along Pearse Road is now complete! We couldn't have come this far without your incredible support."



Pringle supports return of election process for Údarás board

Thomas Pringle, has supported the return of elections for the Údarás na Gaeltachta board, calling it more fair and democratic. He also said Údarás should strengthen its focus on culture and heritage. Addressing the Dáil during a debate last Thursday, Pringle said: "I support this legislation and its intention to amend Acht um Údarás na Gaeltachta, 1979, to change the current nomination and selection process governing the appointment of the board of Údarás na Gaeltachta under the Gaeltacht Act 2012. "I always disagreed with the nomination process that has been in place since 2012 and I welcome the return of the election process."

Sli Cholmcille

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

Radio Maria Ireland visit Letterkenny

Join Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, priest director Radio Maria for a Meet and Greet in Veritas, Main Street, Letterkenny. Radio Maria will have a stand in the shop on this Saturday 20th July and Monday 22nd July. To get in touch with Radio Maria, phone 01-4123456 or email: info@radiomaria.ie

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The North had another quiet 12th

This year's 12th of July was one of the quietest of the past couple of hundred years. Recent Twelfths have been similar.

The North is far from perfect. I don't buy the myth that all was solved by the Good Friday Agreement of 1998. Bill Clinton, Tony Blair and John Hume did not wave a magic wand with the help of Bertie Ahern.

I do, though, compare this year to Twelfths within my lifetime. In 1972, 15 people were killed over three days from July 11th to July 13th. Times like the 1950s were seen as 'quiet'. Even then, though, there were riots in various places. This was as Orange marches were forced through Catholic areas.

Thus rioting was part of the Twelfth for many years. We are too early to say rioting has died out. We can say there is, at worst, a lull.

There are now no significant contentious marches. The last was at Rasharkin in Co Antrim. Controversy there ended a few years ago. There was agreement between the Orange Order in the area and Nationalist residents. This year there were rumblings of controversy in Ardoyne, North Belfast. This came to nothing. The Orange Order decided not to try to force an evening march through.

This year there were few violent incidents. There were no deaths and no serious injuries.

That is despite there being always tension at this time of year. This is known as the 'Marching Season'. The Twelfth is the high point. There are literally hundreds of parades from Easter onwards. Thousands take part in some. Others are a couple of dozen marching to a wee country

There is enough bigotry still about. Eleventh Night bonfires in some places burn tricolours and election posters from Nationalist parties. One in Newtownabbey had an effigy of SDLP leader Colm Eastwood.

Maybe the most extreme was in Moygashel, Co Tyrone. The village is just outside Dungannon. There was a mock police car on top of the bonfire. Inside were effigies of Jeffery Donaldson and leading Sinn Féin member Gerry Kelly.

Church.

The Twelfth takes place, too, at a time of bright evenings. The schools are closed. Thus there are thousands of young people at a loose end. A riot means excitement. For many this used to be recreational rioting. However, such can snowball. They can explode and become vicious in the extreme.

There is enough happening to remind us that there is plenty of inflammable material about. On the Eleventh Night there are widespread bonfires. This is part of the tradition of bonfires around the middle of summer. This tradition has been customised for Orangeism.

On one hand, the bonfires are a bit of crack. For some, it's a way of celebrating their identity. The other side is that they can be a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

And forget the big politics of the situation. There are safety issues. Last year a man was killed when he fell from a tall bonfire in Larne. People, mostly young, regularly suffer burns when something goes wrong. Some years ago a bonfire got out of control on the Shankill Road. A row of houses was burned.

Then there are environmental issues. Bonfire burn old tyres, pallets, old mattresses and the likes. The

smoke and fumes are toxic. Burned out, they still leave toxic residues on the ground. This is blown about, or swept into watercourses.

This does not get as much attention; as violence. Over the years, though, the pollution has caused illness and deaths. Because deaths aren't immediate, they don't get the same attention as violent deaths.

Then there is the anti-social behaviour. The Belfast Twelfth has become notorious for anti-social behaviour on parts of the route. That leaves those areas with bottles and cans scattered all over the place. There is also much puking and peeing on the street. That's a reason why the Orange Order itself is shortening the route.

Even more sinister were events in Antrim Town's Ballycraig Estate. Eight African families have been intimidated out of the estate. Some were families of nurses in the town's hospital. Some, too, had been living in the estate for some time.

There was a poisonous mix of home-grown bigotry and racism. Some of those involved have ties to the far right in Britain. As the far-right has developed in the South, that will increase tension.

Ballycraig is one of the few places

where remnants of the Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF) still exist. The driving forces are two notorious brothers. The LVF itself is riddled with state agents. It murdered my friends Martin O'Hagan and Rosemary Nelson.

The Twelfth celebrates the Battle of the Boyne. In this, the Pope backed King William. That is because the battle had little to do with Irish affairs. Nor had the war of which it was a part. This was part of a European war. The great powers of the day were fighting it out. It happened that a significant part of that was done in Ireland.

My late father knew Catholic families in South Tyrone. These families had a tradition their ancestors had fought on William's side at the Boyne. That's because the landlord had mobilised his tenants for that side.

William's victory did not bring civil and religious liberty. Obviously, Penal Laws were strengthened against Catholics. Presbyterians and other



By Anton McCabe

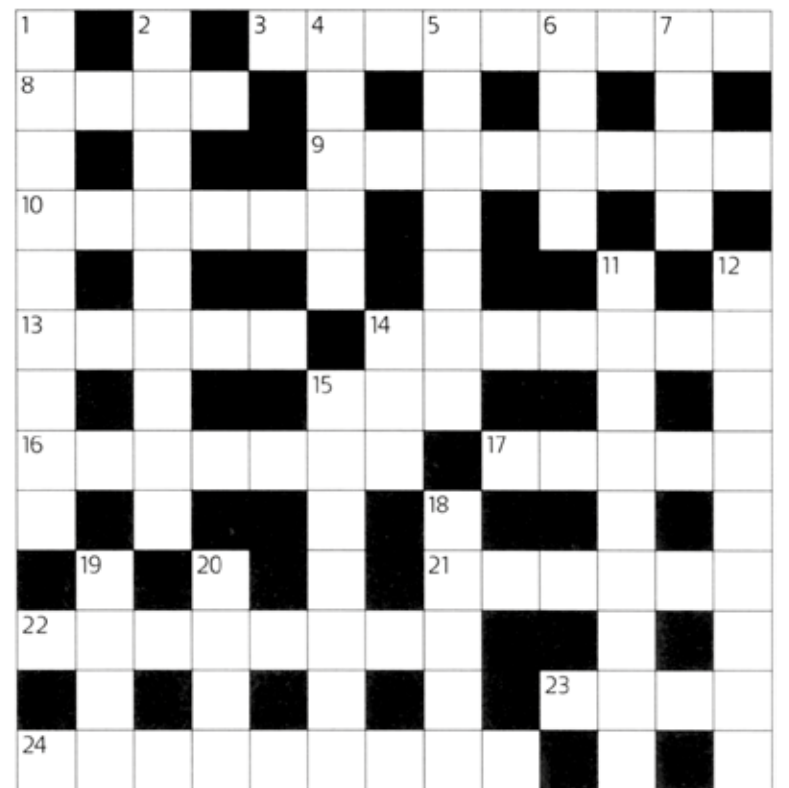
dissenters were persecuted also.

That was long ago and the world has changed. However, Orange marches can rile even the mildest Catholics who wouldn't even think themselves Nationalist. That's because they see the Twelfth as boasting of superiority over them. Sometimes there is genuine misunderstanding. Other times there is deliberate provocation.

I often talked to a Loyalist community worker in Belfast, now dead. He denounced 'seaside Orangemen'. They came from outside and wanted to march in contentious parts of Belfast. Then they left, and local community workers had to clear up the mess.

This year, at least so far, there has been no mess.

Tribune Crossword No. 1073



Across

- 3. Wisdom (9)
- 8. Flying vertebrate (4)
- 9. Hanger-on (8)
- 10. Lure (6)
- 13. Succulent (5)
- 14. Powerful tycoon (7)
- 15. Naughty (3)
- 16. Jumped over (7)
- 17. Likewise (5)
- 21. Overseas (6)
- 22. Radio (8)
- 23. Legume (4)
- 24. Surgical procedure (9)

Down

- 1. Intention (9)
- 2. Hideous (9)
- 4. Chilly (5)
- 5. Explosive part of a bomb (7)
- 6. Simplicity (4)
- 7. Entrance (4)
- 11. Warned (9)
- 12. Taped message (9)
- 14. Insane (3)
- 15. Margaret ____, Labour MP (7)
- 18. Sumo competition (5)
- 19. Hobble (4)
- 20. Costly (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1072

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Nikki Bradley takes her seat in Seanad

Milford's new Senator, Nikki Bradley has taken her seat in Seanad Eireann saying her recent nomination was an "incredible personal honour". A long-time disability rights campaigner, Senator Bradley, was appointed to the Seanad last Wednesday by Taoiseach Simon Harris. She replaces Regina Doherty, who was elected to the European Parliament for the Dublin constituency last month. The Taoiseach said he is honoured to be able to appoint Ms Bradley to the Seanad that her presence there is an important one for the northwest region. She had previously downplayed links to



New Fine Gael Senator Nikki Bradley, Moylehill, Milford.

within the disability community. There are some smaller issues I would like to work on such as a universal access key that will stop the misuse of disabled toilets by those who should not use them. These smaller issues are ones that other people might overlook but they can impact a disabled person's daily life and reduce their quality of life. I am determined to tackle those smaller issues as much as the wider ones." She added that the defective block issue is also high on her list of priorities as she enters the political fray. She added: "Being from Donegal, there is no getting away from the defective

a potential career in politics but had been linked to Fine Gael as a possible candidate in the next General Election.

Now she said the time is right for her as she had been building her voice as "an advocate and a voice for people like me with disabilities and their families."

Senator Bradley was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma aged 16. She has endured a number of major surgeries and went on to become the founder of 'Fighting Fit For Ewing's' that aims to increase awareness about the disease while encouraging people to view exercise as a form of rehabilitation.

Making her maiden Seanad speech she thanked the Taoiseach for his nomination and her family and finance for their support.

She stated: "First and foremost, I thank everybody in this room. I have been welcomed warmly, as have my family who are here today. I am so honoured to see them here, including my fiancée. We have been given the warmest welcome and I thank everyone for that. I also thank the Taoiseach because without his nomination, obviously I would not be here. This is an incredible personal honour for me.

"Once the madness dies down, I am genuinely so excited to actually get to work. What I have been working towards over the past number of years is to be an advocate and a voice for people like me with disabilities and their families. I have been through quite a few things myself but I have learned from them and have grown to become quite resilient as a result. I want to be able to pass that knowledge and experience on to other people. I want to improve services for everybody

blocks issue. We have all seen it. We have personal experience with it. Some of my friends have lost their homes. We have seen the devastation. I have had conversations with the Taoiseach and various members of the Government in Donegal as to what we can do to try to improve the situation for the families affected."

Being a voice for young people is another key area for her.

"Another area I really want to focus on is young people. They are the decision-makers of tomorrow. I want to encourage more young people to use their vote. I also want to encourage fully able young people as well as those with reduced mobility to look at sport because there is a direct correlation between a positive mental attitude and sport. It is important for young people to get outside into the open air and enjoy what our country has to offer. These are some of the many things, off the top of my head, that I am thinking about and I am so looking forward to working with everyone here. Once again, thanks so much for the opportunity," she concluded.

Diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer at sixteen she had a second hip replacement by the age of twenty six.

Following her diagnosis she started an awareness campaign called 'Fighting Fit For Ewing's' (FFFE) in 2013 when she was told she would remain on crutches for the rest of her life.

She stated previously: "It was at this point that I decided to take my life back. Too many years had been wasted while I waited to get better. That meeting with my consultant was the kick start that I needed. Three weeks later, Fighting Fit For Ewing's was born."



Senator Nikki Bradley with An Taoiseach Simon Harris and her family, from left, Vincent, Hazel and Jacqui Bradley, Jovan R Bredell and Kenneth Bradley.

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Festival stage in memory of Paul Mooney

This year's Party In The Park in Letterkenny will celebrate a dearly missed friend when the main stage is officially renamed 'The Paul Mooney Stage'. The youth event returns to Letterkenny Town Park on Friday 26th July. This year will pay a special tribute to the character and talent of the late Ramelton musician Paul Mooney, who died in a tragic car accident before Christmas. Paul's parents Morgan and Gwen will be at the



event to launch 'The Paul Mooney Stage', as it will be forever named, and present a donation to the Donegal Youth Service in memory of Paul. Paul was a former participant of the Loft Youth Project and began his music career with DYS performing at the Party in The Park with his band the Hijacking Camels. Back in 2008, Paul had the opportunity to take part in the Irish Youth Music Awards creating an album with his peers at Ashtown Studios in Dublin. Paul credited this experience as being the inspiration that led him to a life in music. Throughout his life, Paul touched the hearts of so many and was always eager to give back to the Donegal Youth Service by helping other young musicians. The decision to dedicate the stage to Paul was made as a tribute to his contributions to the music community and his commitment to the Donegal Youth Service. His passion for music was matched only by his love for his family, friends, and partner Nicolle.

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Ramelton without 'day-care' since 2010

Ramelton has been without a day care facility for these past fourteen years and that deficit remains to be addressed. Former Cllr. Ian McGarvey who had a big interest in Ramelton's Day Care Service fought hard to have the service restored there. It was discontinued in August 2010. It was located within the Community Hospital and the HSE said the closure was a temporary

measure due to the shortage of nursing staff. In more recent times, Cllrs. Ciaran Brogan and Pauric McGarvey have met with HSE officials who promised that when progress was achieved they would be informed. So far, that has not happened. At this week's Health Forum West meeting, Cllr. Declan Meehan asked about planning permission granted for a healthcare facility to

host services such as OT, physiotherapy and day centre. The premises is at Forquar and Gleenkeen Milford. Meehan asked for information on when this facility will be open for HSE and patient use and a breakdown of clinical spaces and services available there. In reply the HSE said that a facility in Milford has been identified as an option and dis-

cussions have taken place with the landlord in this regard. Any proposed lease arrangement will be subject to national approval. There would also be a requirement for fit out works prior to occupancy. The process needs to be advanced further over the coming period before a timeframe for availability of any such facility can be advised.



Kade Gilchrist in his 2004 Mini Cooper Rally Car in the parade.



Daniel Gardiner in his Nissan 350Z.

Bowling Club

The Ramelton Bowling Club will be running Fun Bowls for during the month of August for schoolchildren aged 7 years and upwards in Mackemie Hall starting on Monday 5th at 6pm to 7.30pm and each Monday during August Junior Bowls available for play and coaching given. Parents are also welcome. Leaders Garda Vetted. Enquiries to 0871355059 or 0874016637.

Fundraiser

Brownknowe National School are holding a novel fundraising event at the Ray Community Centre on Sunday the 11th of August. It will begin with a Vintage Car and Tractor Run starting at 2pm with registration from 11am. The cost is €20 per vehicle. Then at 2.30pm the BBQ will be-

gin with tickets costing €10 for adults or €20 for a family. There will be music and face painting and for further information contact pabrownknowe@gmail.com

Swilly Rovers Lotto numbers

Swilly Rovers Lotto numbers drawn on Friday 5, 6, 18 and 21. No jackpot winners and no three number winners. This week's jackpot is €750.

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.

Church car park works

Work is commencing on an upgrade of the St. Mary's Church car park. Sections of the car park will be closed off as work gets underway. As a

result access this weekend will be restricted. An alternative car parking facility will be available on the grounds of Scoil Mhuire National School at weekends for the duration of the works. It is expected that it will take nine weeks to complete.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 20th July. We have new baker's at our market call in on Saturday and sample the goodies. Get your orders in for the weekend from our food producers on 087 9699715.

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Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

Seaside Market

Ramelton Country Markets will once again host a Seaside Market at the Rathmullan Car park on

Ian celebrates 94th birthday

Congratulations to Ian McGarvey, Glenleary, Ramelton on the occasion of his 94th birthday on Sunday. Ian and Marjorie were joined by close family relatives for the occasion and they enjoyed lunch in the Silver Tassie Hotel.

Sunday morning 21st July from 10.30am. Where they will have locally produced goods including home baking, ready meals, salads, fresh eggs, vegetables and much more. Come along early to grab a bargain, while supporting local producers and sustainable living.

Ramelton Tennis

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

Soccer Camp

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

Ramelton SVP

As the cost of living crisis continues, many families will face impossible choices this winter. If you

are in need of support, contact Ramelton SVP in confidence.

New Yoga Class for beginners

Men only Yoga class every Wednesday at 7pm in the Ramelton Town Hall.

Block booking 4 weeks €40. For bookings contact: 087 6807850



Enjoying the 53rd Lennon Festival Parade in Ramelton on Saturday.



The girls in the New Holland pulling the men in the Fiat at the end of the Lennon Parade on Saturday!



Pat Price and John O'Donnell on their horses in the parade.

Red Cross update on Creeslough appeal funding

A public meeting held on Tuesday evening in Creeslough heard that the Irish Red Cross Society are seeking engagement and ways to identify where the funds remaining from the appeal can be best spent.

by Eamonn McFadden

The meeting took place in Creeslough Day Centre and was attended by members of local voluntary groups and individuals who heard from Liam O'Dwyer and Niall Keane from the Red Cross. They outlined that of the €1.9million raised following the tragedy that claimed ten lives and left others injured following the explosion on October 7th, 2022, that €144,146 of the fund has been earmarked for a "legacy Community Project", which has yet to be determined. They also gave a breakdown of the funds

raised during the appeal outlining that 67 'general donations' totaling €41,180 via bank, postal or phone contributions were received; 72 donations from community events totaled €125,694; 145 corporate donations totaled €1,334,048; and 5,878 public donations came via the website totaling €405,427.

With deductions for tax advice, fees, vouched costs, online translation charges 3rd party support costs for some families, as well as the funds retained for the legacy project, €1,715,857.46 was distributed in a number of categories including Loss of Income, €195,640, replacement of possessions €141,428.23, general emergency assistance €149,938.12, funeral and related costs €53,399.65, rents €11,451.46, bereaved families €1,001,000 and persons injured €163,000.

They highlighted that no contractors had been paid directly from the fund.

They said they had already received feedback on potential areas for the remaining funding to be spent included on trauma support and mental health, youth development and on commemoration of the tragedy, but added they were open to further suggestions from those within the local community and related areas affected.


They said they intend to create a new website to highlight the available funds and also terms of reference as a guide for public interaction on potential projects they could support in due course as well as for making online applications for the funding.

While a number of people present expressed a view that they would like to see a remembrance garden created, the Red Cross representatives said that this was an area that could be explored if the community wished to do so. They did highlight a recent suggestion in local

media that the fund potentially could be used to purchase the site of the tragedy to create such a garden but said this was not feasible as the land in question was in private ownership and was not for sale.

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They also said they are hoping to establish a committee of three to four local representatives and an independent person from outside the community to help with the decision making process on how the allocations are made.

Among the terms of references suggested include that no award will exceed €40,000 in any one instance and the fund is open to people who reside outside of Creeslough but have been affected by the tragedy.



Photos from the Fireworks display at the end of the 53rd Lennon Festival in Ramelton on Monday night. Photos by Clive Wasson.



Cynthia Fury, new Letterkenny Rotary Club president for coming year with Robert O'Connor, outgoing president and Wendy McGarvey, new vice-president for coming year.



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Horse Racing at Portsalon.....



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Check it Out owned by Team Browne (right) winner of the 3rd race at Portsalon.



Hugh Gibbons and Joe Mooney.



Henry Callaghan with his granddaughter.



Gerard, Mary, Joyce and Paula McGivern and Aaron Gibson and Christy Collon from Belfast at the races.



Last ever Letterkenny Reunion

Wednesday August 7th will signal the final event of the 2024 Letterkenny Reunion with a closing dance at the Station House Hotel.

But this time, the term 'closing' means what it says – as this will be the last ever Reunion.

Over thirty years since it came into existence, it has brought huge numbers of emigrants from abroad back to their home town to join in several days of music and merriment.

But more importantly it has reunited townies over the years that may not have seen one another since before they left these shores for a life in the U.S., Australia or the U.K. and many other destinations.

To that extent there will be a huge degree of sadness when the curtain finally comes down on the Reunion but an

added poignancy is lent in that it will be the first such event without its popular chairperson, Dessie Kelly who, sadly, passed away on June 14th last.

His spirit will be felt over the four days of this year's event which begins with the traditional opening Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral at 6p.m. on Sunday August 4th followed later by the opening dance in the Station House Hotel.

Tradition continues with the very popular Fair Day to be held at Lower Main Street on Monday 5th – an event that will include dancing in the old Devlin Hall.

And where would the Reunion be without its magical mystery tour when a fleet of buses will take off on Tuesday morning from the town to a destination unknown – except to committee members and the bus drivers!

The meeting point before departure is at Scoil Mhuire gan Smal at Sentry Hill at 11a.m. Tickets are available from Clarke's Newsagents; Paddy Gildea's Butchers, or from any committee member. The bus tickets cost €10 but the craic will be priceless!

The last day of the Reunion will feature a Cultural afternoon at the Regional Cultural Centre from 2 to 5p.m. Before that there will be a walking tour conducted by local historian, Kieran Kelly and commencing at the Market Square at 1p.m.

And that night, Wednesday 7th, the final ever Closing Dance of what has been one of the town's most popular events since it started in 1991.

A special booklet is being produced to mark the bowing out of the Letterkenny Reunion and will be available shortly.

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Redress Party raises concerns over appeals process

The four 100% Redress Party Cllrs have raised concerns over the lack of progress with the IS465 review and appeals process. The Party says serious issues have emerged in regard to the remediation options recommended by engineers employed by defective block homeowners, being downgraded by independent engineers engaged by the Housing Agency. The reasons cited for this by the Housing Agency at the Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage last month. That position was subsequently

confirmed at a meeting with the four elected representatives of the 100% Redress Party where the Housing Agency stated that it was looking across many different reports and applications meaning it can make a judgment using

a greater knowledge base than relying on individual engineers' recommendations.

Cllr Joy Beard said it was leading to even more stress and worry for affected homeowners: "The decision by the Housing Agency can be appealed but to date none have been completed leaving homeowners stressed and anxious whilst awaiting the outcome of the appeal, even though the Enhanced Defective Block Scheme is now into its second year."

She said it would make sense for the engineers to meet to discuss their respective recommendations: "It would seem reasonable that at some point the homeowner's engineer and the Housing Agency engineer meet to discuss their respective recommendations supported

by laboratory reports and any other relevant information."

Cllr Beard also expressed concern about the lack of progress in other areas including a review of IS465. She said: "The much-needed review of IS465 is ongoing and the 100% Redress Party is appealing to the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) to conclude the review as a matter of urgency. Many engineers are of the view that the existing standard is no longer fit-for-purpose."

"If engineers do not sign off on remediated defective block homes (Options 2-5) this leads to mortgageability issues and could potentially leave homeowners trapped in these homes as they will be unable to sell, remortgage or change lenders. Their futures and those of their families decided for them. This is unjust

and unfair, and all homes must be sellable in the future."

Fellow 100% Redress Party Cllr Thomas Sean Devine has also raised the issue again of semi-detached houses not being treated equally when it comes to remediation.

He cited the example of two semi detached houses that were both approved for demolition as

a result of defective blocks. It has now emerged that one of them has been downgraded to a partial remediation.

Letterkenny based Cllr Devine says it is baffling that the two homes are not being treated equally with demolition the sensible option for both and that should be the recommendation from the Housing Agency. The reason given by the Agency for the decision was based on technical grounds linked to the legislation.

The late May Doherty

The death took place on Tuesday at Hillcrest Nursing Home of May Doherty, Convent Road, Letterkenny. May was a native of Swinford, Co. Mayo. A well known member of the local community May was a former ESB employee. When she came to Letterkenny first the office was on the Back Road and it wasn't far



from there that she was to settle down with her husband Barney. May later worked at the ESB office on Port Road, a building that has now been demolished to make way for a new development. She was a popular member of staff and always had a great manner with customers. She is survived by her daughters Patricia and Assumpta, sons John, Bernard and Diarmaid, sons-in-law Stephen and Patsy, daughters-in-law Dolie and Deborah, grandchildren and great-grandchild, brother Tommy (America), sisters Annie (Swinford), Lena (Ballina) and Chris (Dublin), nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours.

May was predeceased by her husband Barney (2001), daughter-in-law Noreen (2006), brother Sean Gallagher and sister Peggy Rothwell. May's remains are reposing at her late residence on Convent Road. Funeral is from there this Thursday going to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny for 11am Requiem Mass which can be viewed live on www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny. Interment afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Robbie Montgomery

The death took place on Tuesday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Robbie Montgomery, Tirlaughan, Carrigart. Robbie was a former driver for McNutts of Downings. He also had farming interests. Aged 90, Robbie was a familiar figure out and about in his car around the locality. Removal of the remains from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top was on Wednesday to his late residence.

Prayer Service will take place this Friday in Robbie's home at 2.30pm. Funeral will take place afterwards to Holy Trinity Church, Carrigart for Burial Service at 3pm. Interment will take place afterwards in the family burial ground. Robbie was predeceased by his wife Brid. He is survived by his sons James (Downings) and Daniel (England); sisters Frances (Banbridge, Co. Down) and Lily (Carlisle, England).

Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Death of Mary Hughes

The death occurred on Friday of Mary Hughes, née McDermott, Boyne Hall, Drogheda, Co. Louth and formerly of Ballinaheglish, Co. Roscommon and Clonmany. Mary had strong family ties in Rathmullan where her late mother-in-law Mary-Anne McFadden was a native of Woodpark. Mary Anne resided with her husband Peter in Clonmany before moving back to Rathmullan in the latter part of their lives. They had six children Peter, Liam, Paddy, Enda, Peggy and Mary Kathleen. Paddy taught regularly at the summer Gaeltacht schools in Glenvar.



Mary passed away in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. She was predeceased by her parents and brothers Eddie and Patsy. Mary is survived by her husband Paddy, son Fearghal and daughter Criona, son-in-law Brian, daughter-in-law Maria, grandchildren Louis, Sophia and Conall, sister Francie, brothers Tommy and Jack, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Remains reposed in Townley's Funeral Home, Crosslanes on Monday. Funeral Mass took place on Tuesday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda. Burial will take place afterwards in Newtown Cross Lawns Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Gerry McFadden

The death occurred on Saturday of Gerry McFadden, Naas, Kildare. He passed away peacefully at St Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh. Gerry was a native of Glenswilly and was well known in the area. He worked in the financial services sector and was a Bank of Ireland branch manager in Monaghan and Naas where he lived in later years. Before he left his native Glen, Gerry played GAA football with the Termon Club.



Gerry is survived by his wife Ann; children Simon and Joanna, grandchildren Oisín, Ruby, Conor and Finn, his brother Raymond, his son-in-law Derrick and daughter-in-law Siobhan, his brothers and sisters-in-law, his nephews and

nieces and a wide circle of friends.

Remains reposed at the family home on Tuesday. Gerry's funeral took place on Wednesday with Requiem Mass in the Church of Our Lady and St David, Naas, followed by burial at St Corban's Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Eamon Greene

The funeral took place on Monday of Eamon Greene, Teffia Park, Longford Town and formerly of Bonagee, Letterkenny. Eamon passed away on Friday. He was predeceased by his parents Edward and Catherine and by his sisters and brothers Leo, Gertie, Phil, Hugh, Susy, Sean and Imelda. Eamon will be sadly missed by his wife Kathleen, daughter Allison Donnelly, sons Eamon, David and Brian, daughters-in-law Beverly, Denise and Ann, son-in-law Kevin, grandchildren Darragh, Rachel, Aishling, Kristin, Rían, Ciara, Luke, Orrin and Ava, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



Remains reposed at Glennon's Funeral Home, Ballinallee Road and Mass of the Resurrection took place on Monday in St. Mel's Cathedral followed by interment afterwards in Ballymacormack cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Mary Reilly

The funeral took place on Saturday of Mary Reilly Ashbrook, Letterkenny. Mary, formerly a member of the Lafferty, Castlefin passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Wednesday 10th of July.

She was predeceased by her parents Jim and Nora and brothers John and Seamus.

Mary is survived by her husband Louie, sons Alan and Kevin and daughter Norena, grandson Finn and daughter in law Eileen; sisters Noreen, Catherine, Geraldine and brother Michael and all extended family and friends.

In his homily Fr. Damien Nejad described Mary as a quiet, unassuming woman who lived for her family. She was a spiritual person who had a kind and gentle nature. Mary and her husband Louie moved to reside in Letterkenny in 1979.

Funeral took place on Saturday in St. Eunan's Cathedral where the celebrant was Fr. Damien Nejad. Before Mass symbols of Mary's life were brought to the Altar by her sons Alan and Kevin and daughter Norena including two family photos of the Laffertys and Reillys and a letter from Sightsavers, a charity that Mary supported

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loyally over the years. Readings were by Michael and Alan. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Naomi, Tracey, Kirsty, Joey, Michelle and Shane. Gifts were brought to the altar by grandson Finn and daughter in law to Eileen. Music and hymns by Claire and Charmaine. Mary was laid to rest afterwards in Castlefin Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Stanistawa Hencel

The funeral took place on Saturday of Stanistawa Hencel, Leitir Beag Crievesmith, Letterkenny. Stanistawa passed away at her residence on Wednesday 10th July surrounded by her loving family. A native of Poland she moved to reside with her daughter Renata in Letterkenny twelve years ago. Stanistawa's remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Friday. Monsignor Kevin Gillespie officiated at the Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Saturday followed by interment in New Leck Cemetery.

Stanistawa is survived by daughter Renata, son in law Ryszard, grandchildren and great grandchildren, extended family, neighbours and the wider Polish community. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Milford

Wedding

The wedding ceremony between Meadhbh McGinley, Drumbern, Milford and Mohamed Al Mazrouei, Dubai took place on Wednesday 10th July at Harvey's Point Hotel, Lough Eske, Donegal Town. The bride is the daughter of Fergus and Mary McGinley, Drumbern, and granddaughter of Des and Peggy McGinley, Main Street, and Kathleen Waters and the late Tom Waters, Drumbern. Bridesmaid was Kate Halliday, cousin of the bride and the bestman was Daithi McGinley, brother of the bride. The ceremony was officiated by Noel Cunningham and the couple will return to Dubai where they work and live.

Golf

Congratulations to Finian Ferry, Moyle who has led Letterkenny Golf Club to their first senior Ulster Senior Final in their history as he captain's the team of a highly talented group of young golfers, Jack Patton, Chris Duffy, Cian Harkin and Jamie Foley. The team will face either Portrush or Moyola in the Ulster final on Sunday 21st July.

Sponsored Cycle

A sponsored cycle led by Paul McGinley, Moyle Hill, Milford and other members of McGinley and Hegarty families and friends will take place on Friday 30th August in aid Donegal Hospice, Letterkenny and Bolton Hospice. The group of ten cyclist will raise money for both Hospices in memory of his late mother Frances McGinley, Moyle Hill and other family members.

Ballyare Tractor and Car Run

As part of the Ballyare 10k fundraising there will be a Tractor and Vintage Car Run this Sunday the 21st of July.

Starting and finishing at Carrs of the Diamond, Ballyare registration is from 1pm with the event leaving at 2pm.

The entry fee is €20 per vehicle and for further details contact Gerard McGettigan on 086 0858250.

Trophy will be awarded in memory of the late Pat McGettigan, Woodtown, for best turned out vintage Tractor on the day.

Also Ballyare 10k Summer Cup finals will be played for at Diamond Park on this Friday 19th July starting at 7pm.

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. **John Kilmartin 5k**

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

50/50 Draw

The next draw will take place on Sunday 4th August in the Hi-da-way Bar for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Girls Summer Camp

M32 Football Academy in association with Milford United are delighted to announce it's new girls only camps for teenage girls aged 13 to 16. With the women's game going from strength to strength and following recent success of our girls camps this new workshop is aimed at developing players technical skills, tactical awareness and love for the game. The camp is for all abilities, girls who are just starting football, currently playing or wanting to break into that next level. The workshop will be led by Irish Schools & Emerging talent coach Kaneshia McKinney and will run from 29th of July to 1st of August from 3pm to 6pm at Moyle View Park, Milford. Registration Link on M32 Football Academy or contact coaches at Milford United FC.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing on Saturday



Lucy McNulty, a pupil at Scoil Mhuire Milford who represented Cumann na mBunscoil Donegal in the Mini Games Series at Croke Park on Sunday as part of the occasion for the All-Ireland semi-final.

20th July at City of Derry Golf Club, Derry, first tee 12pm. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

City of Derry Golf Club. Tee Times are 13:30 Fergus Friel, Denis McBride, Cian McGettigan; 13:38 John McGettigan, Patrick McBride, Adam Bolton; 13:46 Michael O'Hara; Paul Murphy; Colin McElwee; 13:54 Mr. Captain David Bonner, Scott McBride, Brian Forrest, Noel Gillespie; 14:02 Donal McCafferty, Stephen Boucher, Peter Doherty, PJ Hagan.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 18th July 10am, Friday 19th July 10am; Saturday 20th July at 7.30pm; Sunday 21st July at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 20th July at 6pm.

Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 28th July at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 4th August 2024 at 3pm.

Lough Derg Retreat

Fr Stephen Gorman is organising a One Day Retreat to Lough Derg on Saturday 17th August. A bus will be organised from the Parish with more details later.

Milford Yoga

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Credit Union Draw

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

Brownknowe fundraiser

Brownknowe National School are holding a novel fundraising event at the Ray Community Centre on Sunday the 11th of August. It will begin with a Vintage Car and Tractor Run starting at 2pm with registration from 11am. The cost is €20 per vehicle.

Then at 2.30pm the BBQ will begin with tickets costing €10 for adults or €20 for a family. There will be music and face painting and for further information contact pabrownknowe@gmail.com

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Milford Art Exhibition

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The exhibition by Igor Krafets is entitled "The Passage of Time" and you're invited to step into a space where you can view familiar places from new angles, different times and unique perspectives. Immerse yourself in the historic beauty of Milford and the modern day charm of various Irish locales all captured through the eyes of renowned Ukrainian artist Igor.

The walls of the former AIB Bank are adorned with stunning watercolour paintings and etching prints showcasing both historic and contemporary views. Experience the mastery of Igor Kravets, an artist of old art school whose works brings scenes to life with vivid detail and emotion.

Whether you prefer an original piece or a high quality print, everyone has the chance to own a part of this unique exhibition.

Everyone is invited to view the exhibition which is over two floors and entry is free.

Drawing Fundamentals

Drawing Fundamentals for Teenagers (Age 12-16) in Art and Craft Studio "First House" on Main St. F92 C586, (old AIB Building) at 2p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Don't miss the chance to join the group. Skilled teacher. All materials are provided by Studio. Booking is essential www.artstudio1house.com/services-classes

Milford Hall Dancing

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

Barrett late sub in Ireland win

Milford's Amber Barrett was a late sub in the Republic of Ireland Senior Women's surprise 3-1 Euro Qualifier win over Germany at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Tuesday evening. Barrett had started against England in Carrow Road on Friday night where the hosts won 2-1. St. Johnston's Tyler Toland was an unused sub in both games. The Germans had made 10 changes from their previous game having already qualified for the finals which take place in Switzerland next year.

Second-half goals from Denise O'Sullivan, Julie-Ann Russell and Anna Patten gave Eileen Gleeson's team their first win of the campaign. The result means the Irish will be a seeded side for the autumn's play-offs. The draw for that takes place this Friday in Nyon, Switzerland.



Milford United U15 team who topped their group in the Foyle Cup in Derry with three victories and will face a team from Finland in the knockout stages on this Thursday at 5pm in Dunree, Inishowen.

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Pictured following their wedding at Irish Air Corps, Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel, Co. Dublin are Ross Conaghan, Milford and Aifric Gallagher, Glasnevin, Dublin. Ross is the son of Gary and Derval Conaghan, Drumern, Milford and grandson of Lizzie Buchanan, Rosgarrow, Milford. Aifric is the daughter of Noelle and the late Sean Gallagher, Glasnevin, Dublin and Cruit, Annagry, Donegal. The ceremony and reception was held at the Casement Aerodrome Baldonnel and was officiated by Fr Bernard McCay Morrissey, Chaplain. The couple are spending their honeymoon in Sicily.

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Lifeboats fundraising events

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

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

The 42nd Annual Downings Windsurfing 2024 event will take place on 20th and 21st July in association with the Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre. Briefing 10 on Saturday and ending on Sunday with prize giving on the beach at 4.30pm with a full schedule of events taking place inbetween. All ages and capabilities welcome. and this is an Irish Windsurfing ranking event for Slalom and the National Youth Championship. For more information contact Nick Fletcher 0044 7833 436 834 of nicolasfletcher88@hotmail.com

John Kilmartin 5k

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Comhlacht Forbartha An Tearmainn T/A Craoibhin
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Leave Your Bags Behind

“Go forwards, do not take your bag! Go forwards, do not take your bag!” The instructions could hardly be clearer and yet they were roundly ignored by the sheepish passengers onboard a flight at San Francisco airport last weekend.

Thankfully the flight had not yet taken off when the lithium battery in a passenger's laptop burst into flames. With passengers being crammed into an enclosed space that was filling with smoke, it was imperative that an evacuation be carried out immediately yet there was nothing immediate about what unfolded: rather than scurrying for the exits, a number of those caught up in the chaos instinctively reached for their baggage in the overhead lockers.

If you watch on YouTube you can hear the exasperation in the flight attendants' voices as they plead with them to quit rummaging around and let others get past. Credit to the staff who managed to remain professional even amidst

such frustration; some of what the other passengers had to say is unfit for publication.

You would think that when it comes to an emergency like this, common sense would prevail. You would think that with lives potentially being at stake, people would forget about the tat in their suitcases and get out before it's too late. At the very least we tell ourselves that WE would think clearly and do the right thing in this situation. Yet would we really? Time after time it has been shown that people just don't think rationally in emergencies. This is not the first time that an aircraft evacuation has been held up by an irrational regard for baggage and it won't be the last. In fact, it's not even the first time I've written about it and so I'd like to remake the same point as last time.

The incident at San Francisco and other incidents like it remind me of the plea in Hebrews 12:1: “Lay aside every weight... looking to Je-

sus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.”

It is possible for someone to know that he or she is in danger, even danger of the eternal kind. It is possible for someone to hear that Jesus Christ is the only way of escaping that danger. And yet it is possible for someone to neglect the way of escape because, like the passengers in San Francisco, they're weighed down by baggage.

For some, the baggage is made up of things they long to cling on to but are terrified of losing if they come to faith. They weigh up implications for their relationships, their family dynamics, their hobbies, or their standing in their communities and, as terrifying as the danger may be, the thought of parting with what they have worked to accumulate can somehow seem more frightening still.

The good news from San Francisco was that no-one was killed amidst the melee. The even better news is that it illustrates God's warning earlier

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

in the book and reminds us of its urgency. “How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3)

Rathmullan

Percy French night

Rathmullan History & Heritage Group are presenting a Percy French night on Tuesday 23rd July in the St Vincent de Paul Centre at 8pm. There will be songs of 'people and places', from the Mountains of Mourne to the West Clare Railway, with a stopover in Rathmullan. The show will feature Mary, Alex, Sean, Anne, Martin F, Martin S and more. Enjoy Anne's account of the superb storyteller's impression of Rathmullan and some of its folk over a hundred years ago when he holidayed here. Admission including refreshments only €5, with a Raffle also on the night.

Tidy Towns

Thanks to the business and residential community for their efforts in presenting Rathmullan at its best, with bright colourful premises, window boxes and gardens. As a Tidy Towns group, we're trying our best to keep Rathmullan litter free, but overflowing bins and discarded food & take away wrappers are just magnets for our early morning bird scavengers. Dog poo bags dropped into flower beds are not acceptable behaviour at any time either, so please use the bins or take them home.

While the good weather is here and the sun is shining, lets support Plastic Free July, and take more action together joining millions of people worldwide choosing to refuse single use plastics. Of course we can all still enjoy our picnics and outdoor activities, but let's recycle more to help keep the plastic rubbish out of landfills and incinerators. Use resealable boxes instead of plastic bags for the food stuffs, and avoid buying prepackaged fruit and snacks.

Is your bicycle & cycling gear roadworthy?

The Tidy Towns group are hosting Bicycle Repair & Maintenance Workshops this Thursday 18th July, at the Boatyard Sheds, courtesy of Gavin Hunter of LK Bikes. These workshops are free, but places are limited so booking is essential on Eventbrite for the 3.30pm or 4.15pm sessions. Later that evening an All Age Cycle will take place at 7pm., with preregistration open from 6.30pm

at The Boathouse Sheds, to the rear of the carpark.

This is not a Race, but a Fun event to encourage sustainable safer cycling within the area for our younger people and to provide safer routes for all involved. Younger cyclists must be accompanied by Buddy adult cyclists, helmets compulsory.

Country Markets

Ramelton Seaside Country Markets will once again host a Seaside Market at the Car park next Sunday morning 21st July from 10.30 am. where they will have locally produced goods including home baking, ready meals, salads, fresh eggs, vegetables and much more. Come along early to grab a bargain, while supporting local producers and sustainable living.

Film winner

An Fihil Ghorm which was filmed in Rathmullan and surrounding areas last summer, has just been announced as 'Winner of the Best Irish First Feature with Element Pictures' at the Galway Film Fleadh last week. Written by Patricia Forde, directed by Anne McCabe and produced by Pierce Boyce and Brid Seoighe of Abu Media, the film tells the story of 10 year old Molly who believes that if she learns to play the fiddle like her dad did, and win the All Ireland's, then she can wake him up from a coma. Congratulations from the Rathmullan Community and we look forward to the Rathmullan debut showing in the not too distant future.

Artlink

The Little Gallery will be open for business at the Pier Building Tuesdays to Sundays going forward, featuring works by Lisa Burkitt McGill and Siobhan Gillespie (Happy Art)

Walking Tours

Deirdre Friel's popular Walking tours of Rathmullan take place every Thursday at 3pm with meeting point at The Putting Green. Extra or private tours can be organised, call 086 2421008 for more details.

Earigail Arts Festival presents interactive talk with Patrick Holloway, Rathmullan House, Sunday 21st July at

3.30pm. Contact Rathmullan House 074 9158188 for tickets and more details.

Mass

Annual Graveyard Masses will take place in Glenvar on Saturday 20th, and in Rathmullan on Sunday afternoon 21st July.

Community Festival events

There was another huge entry at last Friday night's Annual 5k Road Race, with special thanks to sponsors Kernans Ramelton and The Rathmullan Chippy. A very successful event, and congratulations to all of the winners, and huge gratitude to the Marshalls and everyone who helped out on the night.

Dog Show

Scruffs Dog Show is taking place once again on Sunday 4th August at The Battery with registration from 1pm and show starts at 2pm. enquiries : scruffsfgrathmullan@gmail.com or 086 8691409.

Community Art programme

The 2024 Community Art programme will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and thanks to Hannah Pidkalkuk for facilitating this project. We're grateful to the Donegal Volunteer Centre and Swilly Ferry Service for their ongoing support. Don't forget that we're also a nominated recipient in the current round of the Tesco Irl Community Fund in Letterkenny, so if you're in shopping, then we'd really appreciate your vote by using your blue token. Huge thanks also to Donegal Volunteer Centre for acknowledging our 2023 Community Art Project 'Times Running out' last Thursday evening at their Annual Awards ceremony. Congratulations to Emma Grace, our hugely talented lead artist who was given an Individual Award recognising her huge voluntary effort also during that project.

Clean Coasts Roadshow

The weekly Pier area, village and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am. Anyone welcome to join in and we usually have a sociable coffee afterwards. There will be a Clean Coasts Roadshow at the seafront on Thursday 25th July,

(11am to 2pm) which coincidentally is World National Drowning Prevention day, hosted by our local Clean Coasts representative Alena Kunkel. Join us for a bit of fun, while we appreciate the value of our coastline, and reducing the impact of litter and other environmental damages, as we endeavour to preserve the aesthetic appeal, and its economic value to our local Rathmullan community and our tourists.

Rathmullan Celtic & Lansdowne Yonkers FC

The kids academy has finished for the summer and the Foyle Cup is currently ongoing, and the Lansdowne Rathmullan Celtic Team are definitely having a ball. Huge thanks to all of the sponsors and everyone who has facilitated this fabulous collaboration during the past year to ensure it happened, and undoubtedly the combined teams will make memories to last a lifetime. Sop lads, enjoy the Soccer and your time in Rathmullan.

The Swilly Ferry

The Buncrana 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.

Mevagh News

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

Men's Group – will meet at Mevagh FRC on Thursday 18th July at 7pm. Come along for tea, chat and craic.

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

Paint Me Glaze Me Pottery Studio – held in Mevagh FRC, Monday to Friday at 11am-3pm, throughout

July & August. Paint your own pottery and t-shirts. Choose from a selection of pre-made ceramic figures, mugs and t-shirts to paint in your own unique way. Facebook: 'Paint me Glaze me Pottery Studio Downings'. Tel: 00 44 7866510852. Walk in or book for parties of four or more.

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

Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11.45am. Contact Fiona directly to book your place. Tel: 0851569424 or Email: risehealthhub@gmail.com

Yoga Kindly with Brigitte continues on a Saturday morning at 9:45am in the Resource Centre. Contact Brigitte on 087 0653333 for more information.

Government bans 51-week leases – Minister McConalogue

The introduction of emergency legislation aimed at stopping student accommodation providers from forcing students to pay for housing during the summer period is a welcome development, according to Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue.

The legislation bans accommodation providers from only providing 51-week leases to students.

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine said that the legislation, which has been signed into law, was expedited by his party colleague, Minister Darragh O'Brien, due to a recent increase in student accommodation providers only offering 51-week leases for students.

“This ban on students being forced to pay for 51-week leases for student accommodation is necessary because providers have increasingly been forcing students to pay for housing during the summer. This creates unnecessary hardship and additional costs for students and their families.

“Fianna Fáil in government is committed to removing barriers to education wherever possible and will continue to tackle issues with student accommodation and housing through our Housing for All plan,” the Donegal minister added.



The Lansdowne Yonkers New York/Rathmullan Celtic squad in Monday's parade ahead of the Foyle Cup

Double Euro gold for Shane Porter

A young Letterkenny dart thrower is celebrating this week after helping the Irish Youth Team to win two gold medals at the WDF Europe Cup 2024 Team event in Latvia.

Shane Porter, a student at St. Eunan's College was a member of the side that were winners of the team category and an overall boys award. They defeated Northern Ireland 9-1 in the last 16, Turkey in the quarter-finals 9-3 and then Wales 9-3 to secure their place in the decider. The Netherlands provided tough

opposition in the final but Porter and his teammates performed really well to win 9-7 in the end. Not only did the Republic of Ireland boys win the team event they also came home to a heroes welcome with Boys Overall Gold from the WDF Europe Cup 2024.

Shane had also competed in the pairs competition with Callum Coade. The pair came out second in their group from the round robin stage but unfortunately they lost out in the quarter finals 4-2 to England.



The 16-year-old Letterkenny man also competed in the singles event, but did not make it out of his group.

A son of Gerald and No-reen Porter he has been playing darts from a young age. No doubt influenced by dad who was a former international darts player. Shane is the skipper of the Donegal Youth Team. Along with his younger brother, Jack the brothers are bound for this year's WDF World Masters competition. Shane plays for the Glencar Inn, the reigning Letterkenny League champions. He also features for Brownes Bar in Twin Towns League.



Paul McDaid with Conrad and Joe Logan making a presentation of a Swilly Rovers jersey to Jimmy Harte in recognition of his time as a member of the club's youth team in the late 1970s. The Ramelton side reached the knockout stages of an FAI competition at that time. Jimmy has fond memories playing with Swilly Rovers and was delighted when another former player Paul McDaid organised the jersey presentation thanks to the assistance of club officer Edward Diver. He was also pleased to meet up again with ex-Swilly and Finn Harps player Joe Logan and his son Conrad who is home on holiday from Leicester. Conrad started his football career with his hometown club before signing for Leicester City.

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In Donegal, 80% of homes attracted an annual charge of €103.50 (band 1), with a further 12% attracting a charge of €258.75 (Band 2). The LPT income in 2024 is €28m and comprises around 15% of Donegal County Council's total

income for the year.

The deadline date for receipt of submissions is the 23rd August. Submissions should be made in writing, by email to LPT@donegalcoco.ie, or posted to 'Donegal County Council, LPT Submissions, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal F93 Y622'.



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Murphy's men lose in Cork

Cork City 1-0 Finn Harps

Despite a decent performance Finn Harps left Turners Cross last Friday night with nothing to show for their graft. A wonder goal early in the second half from highly rated youngster Cathal O'Sullivan was all that separated the two sides at the final whistle. The visitors started well with Tim Clancy's men coming more into the contest as the first half progressed.

Murphy emptied the bench in the second half with the changes certainly giving Harps spells of attacking momentum. Once again 16-year-old Milford lad Gavin McAteer impressed. But, Cork held on to move them closer to securing the automatic promotion place. The manager made four changes from the Kerry game as Conor Tourish, Stephen Doherty, David Cawley

and Aaron McLaughlin all started. McAteer and Noe Baba dropped to the bench while Success Edogun and Kevin Jordan were not in the match day squad. New signing Gavin Gilmore was on the bench.

Both Ryan Rainey and Conor Tourish had decent early chances while City's first opportunity came on 16 minutes when Evan McLaughlin's ball across found Malik Dijksteel, who failed to make the proper contact before it was cleared away. There was a let off for the visitors when the referee waved away a penalty call after McLaughlin appeared to be pushed in the area. Instead it resulted in a booking for the left-back.

Tourish came very close to putting the visitors in front on 32 minutes with a header that keeper Brad Wade appeared to touch on to the post.

At the other end Tourish blocked a Jack Doherty effort before the break.

There was a plethora of yellow cards in the second half count then there was that moment of sheer class from Cathal O'Sullivan. He picked up the ball before going past two Harps players to unleash a curling effort into the top corner past a helpless Tim Heimer. Barry Coffey and Fitzpatrick could have doubled the advantage.

The visitors went in search of an equaliser in the closing stages and applied pressure as the game approached the finishing stages. Sub Max Johnston was denied by the Cork keeper in the best opportunity that was created. The hosts held on and maintained their 15-point advantage at the top of the table. Harps remain fourth and well placed to be in the promotion players come the end of the season.

Cork City - Brad Wade; Darragh Crowley, Cian Coleman, Charlie Lyons, Evan McLaughlin; Greg Bolger, Barry Coffey (Arran Healy 78); Cathal O'Sullivan (Matthew Kiernan 86), Jack Do-



Cork's Cathal O'Sullivan curls the ball past Harps keeper to score the winner on Friday night.

Harps head back to Turners Cross

Finn Harps are back in the Munster capital this Saturday evening to take on Cork City in the second round of the FAI Senior Cup (kick-off 5.00). It's just eight days after Darren Murphy's men made the trip for the First Division game against the same opposition. That ended in a 1-0 loss for the visitors who performed reasonably well in spells and might have got a share of the spoils. But the record this season shows that Harps have taken just a point from the three games against the runaway league leaders.

The best result was a 1-1 draw in Ballybofey. The second game between the sides at Finn Park was a 2-0 victory for Cork and last Friday night's game resulted in a 1-0 victory for the hosts. Safe to say that a run in the FAI Senior Cup is not a priority for manager Murphy with the number one objective being to secure a promotion play-off spot. At the moment they are well placed to achieve that.

Still, Harps would very much welcome a draw at Turners Cross to give the club a boost of a big gate at Finn Park. That is certainly within the team's capabilities and a win on Leeside cannot be ruled based on their performance there last Friday night. But, what has to be factored in is another long journey south early on Saturday morning probably leaving around 7a.m. That's

herty, Malik Dijksteel (Cian Murphy 68); Conor Drinan (Josh Fitzpatrick 68). Finn Harps - Tim Hiemer; Jamie Watson, Conor Tourish (Noe Baba 78), Matthew Makinson, Stephen Doherty (Darragh Coyle 73); David

after doing the same journey last Friday. Recently a Waterford Utd underage side came to play Harps U20's and were able to travel up the night before.

The official line on the reason for no overnight stays is that the Harps senior team management is doing their bit financially to help expedite the planned move to the new stadium which is a wonderful gesture. The counter argument articulated earlier in the season was that throwing everything at the bid to get promoted to the Premier Division would have bigger benefits in terms of progressing the stadium project. The reality is the club doesn't need a new stadium to play in the First Division of the League of Ireland. When they were in the Premier Division for six out of seven seasons under Ollie Horgan the club made little inroads of delivering the new facility.

Harps lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 11th July. The numbers drawn were 15, 16, 18, 23. The next draw takes place on Thursday 18th July and the jackpot is €10,000. There were no match 3 winners this week so next weeks match 3's will win or share €600.

Cawley, Ryan Rainey (Gavin Gilmore 61); Aaron McLaughlin (Max Johnston 61), Tony McNamee, Patrick Ferry (Gavin McAteer 61); Seán Patton. Subs not used: Oisín Cooney (Gk), Nathan McDauid, Max Hutchinson.



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Book Review by Connie McGranaghan

The First Day of Spring Nancy Tucker

Eight-year-old Chrissie is hard to like. Already she could be described as a vindictive little bully. She spends her days between being neglected by her parents and by verbally abusing and bullying her 'friends'. This book gives the reader an insight into the mind of a child starved of attention and filled with envy and hatred toward another younger child who is dearly loved. Chrissie commits one of society's most heinous of crimes and murders the little boy. Totally lacking in compassion she states that 'it felt wonderful'. It is hard not to feel slight pity for Chrissie as she wanders from house to house trying to scrounge for food or pushes to be invited to stay for dinner by reluctant neighbours. She is starving and just wants to be loved, something that people find hard to do because of her vindictive nature.

Years later and released from a secure children's home, Chrissie or Julia as she is

now known is a single Mother. She is living with the guilt of what she did fifteen years ago. She wants to be a good mother, but she does not know how to do it. Her greatest fear is that social services may take her daughter Molly away from her especially after Molly breaks her arm after a fall. She starts receiving silent telephone calls and worries that someone knows the truth about her past. This compels her into taking drastic action, facing up to her horrific past and returning home and to the Mother that detested her.

This book is not for everyone. It is the disturbing story of a desperate child who carries out the worst of crimes in order to feel power and get the attention that she craves at home. A thought-provoking psychological drama that is so well written, it is hard not to recommend.



McMonagle's Killarney winners

Dylan Browne McMonagle rode two winners at the July Festival at Killarney on Monday. The Letterkenny jockey also had two second placed finishes all for his trainer Joseph O'Brien. The wins came on 11/4 shot Apples and Banannas and on Galen at 4/9.

Browne McMonagle also had a winner on Friday in Dundalk on Aeronautic who landed the 10-furlong maiden for Joseph O'Brien. In the familiar Newtown Anner Stud colours, the 17/2 chance came with a sustained run inside the final furlong and got up in the dying strides to beat Johnny Murtagh's 9/2 shot Raydamann by a head. In the UK Oisín Orr was in the winners enclosure again on Monday after victory on My Harrison George at Ayr. It was the Rathmullan man's 41st winner of the season.

Another Rathmullan man Luke McAteer took the seven-furlong handicap for three-year-olds on the David Marnane-trained Tokenomics at Dundalk on Friday afternoon. A strong 5/2 favourite in the colours of MCR International, he defied top-weight in convincing fashion when getting the better of the Adrian Murray-trained Elegant Madame by a length.

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Fr Hugh marks 60 years in priesthood

A large crowd gathered in Coole chapel last week for a special anniversary Mass to mark Fr Hugh O'Donnell's 60 years in the priesthood. Fr Hugh was joined by a family and friends and fellow clergy including Fr Paddy Dunne, Fr Stephan Gorman and Fr Charlie Byrne who concelebrated Mass to give thanks for his long career.

Fr Hugh was born in Scotland in 1938 to Dan O'Donnell from Termon and Maggie Boyce of Towneylough, Carrigart.

He was a regular visitor to the Carrigart and Cranford areas all through his life where he was and remains very well-known.

He studied at the Saint Joseph's Missionary Society of Mill Hill in England, was ordained in Lon-

don and spent 40 years serving as a missionary priest in Kenya.

Despite the long distance he regularly returned to his native Scotland each year, as well some time in Cranford where he would regularly stay in Logues Guesthouse.

He was an active sports man in his younger days and was a regular player taking part in the annual Summer Cup football games during his time in Donegal. Indeed, his skills were noticed elsewhere and he even got a trial with Glasgow Celtic.

Following his 40 years in Kenya he returned to Scotland before he moved to Mill Hill House in Dartry, Dublin on his retirement, where he currently resides.



Fr. Hugh O'Donnell with members of the McGeady family.



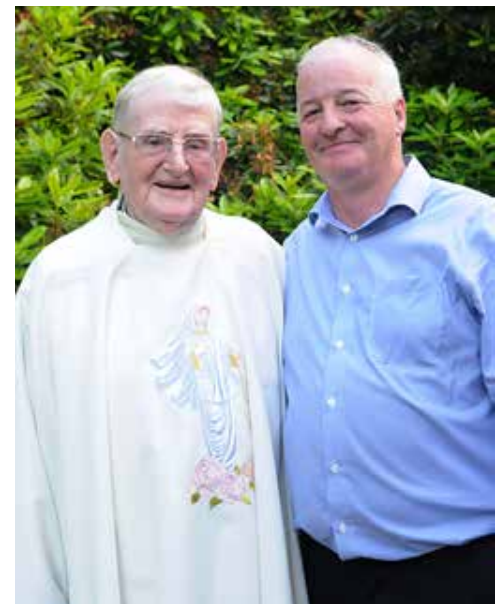
Fr. Hugh O'Donnell with Michael Shiels, Mary McHugh, Martina Grier and Margaret Shiels.



Fr. Hugh with Phonsie McElwee, Kathleen Logue, Margaret Mary Boyce and Brigid Wilhare.



Fr. Hugh with Fr. Charlie Byrne, Fr. Stephen Gorman and Fr. Paddy Dunne after his 60th anniversary Mass in Coole. Right Fr. Hugh with Kevin Logue who organised the anniversary celebrations.



He addressed a packed church saying how grateful he was to all the people who prayed for him and helped him during his life and for so many to join him on his anniversary.

Readers included Christine Logue, Euan Corrish. Prayers of the Faithful were by Danielle Boyce, Catherine and Hugh Wilhare. Offertory was by Ben, Daniel, Emily, Leah, Monica and Margaret Mary.

Following the Mass a reception was held in Logue's of Cranford where guests and Fr Hugh got to socialise and look back on his long association with the area and its people.

Fr. Hugh said he would like to sincerely thank all who came along and joined in the celebrations in what was a very special night.



Fr. Hugh O'Donnell with friends including Mary T. Sweeney, Catherine Ronaghan, Hugh Wilhare, Nan Wilhare, Brigid Wilhare.



Fr. Hugh O'Donnell with members of the Boyce family after the Mass.

A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

Perhaps I'll try my hand as a film star

It's been a long, busy and tiring fortnight. We went up to Rathmullan for one weekend, which just happened to coincide with the Omagh Show. Big mistake! The town was wedged and we could have done with a helicopter to get across it. Himself was having a grand bit of a snooze in the passenger seat and was totally oblivious to the frustrated curses buzzing like wasps round the jeep.

We eventually got through and sailed on in relief. My energy levels were pretty low because I was due a vitamin B12 injection and there was no way I could complete the journey safely, so I had to pull in for forty winks just before we hit the dual carriageway outside Letterkenny. I needn't have bothered! I could have slept soundly for ages in the car park that has become the regular approach to Letterkenny on a Friday evening. Will they ever build the by-pass to take the north bound traffic away from the damned Polestar roundabout, and surely the traffic levels have already outgrown the proposed by-pass? The approach to Letterkenny is an irritating and time consuming farce.

I needed to make a serious dent in my bank account and get a bathroom suite and the kitchen essentials; oven, hob and sink unit. I don't like company for ordeals like that but Margaret offered to drive me around and keep her input to a minimum, so I gratefully accepted. I left Himself the jeep and advice to fend for himself for the day, which he's got very good at doing over the years.

Shopping is a chore and I can't stand to have anyone trailing after me while I'm doing it. It's far safer for all concerned if no one else has any input so they can't be blamed for horrendous decisions. It actually went very smoothly, for once. We went to Global Tiles and Bathrooms where Johnny looked after me efficiently, without trying to sell me things I neither wanted nor needed. I duly purchased a toilet with buttons instead of a lever flush, an ordinary wash hand basin, not one of the fancy square or bowl ones, and a straightforward shower without waterfalls or monsoons.

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Personally I don't see the attraction of spending a lot of time or money in the bathroom; it's an in and out job, not a day's work. Some of the yokes that emerge from long-stay bathroom visits look like Oompa Loompas with black eyes after applying their false body parts and spray paint. It's a panel beaters workshop they need, not a bathroom. We duly moved on to Irwins Expert Electrical store where Declan looked after me very knowledgably. I was determined to have a gas hob flush with the counter, not standing up above it. I'm a terror for grabbing the saucepan handle and pulling the pot off the ring onto the worktop, and the contents go overboard when the pot tilts.

There was only a choice of two flush-fit hobs, neither of which was in stock, but I went ahead anyway and ordered one. I also bought a double electric oven for all the big family meals I'm planning. Sez she... a single owl wan with only one child and not a ghost of a chance of any more. Not even a whisper of any grandkids either to complete the picture. Ah well, it's a case of build it and they will come! I needed a sink unit too, but the energy and enthusiasm levels were dwindling by that stage so I decided to walk away while my nerves were still intact and no one had been hurt. I'll pick one up around Cavan, if I ever have time.

On the Sunday, Garrett dropped Himself up to Oughterlin to pray for his eternal salvation while I took Moll the dog up to Craig to walk the forestry loop. It's a rather dreary walk because you have no long distance view in the forestry, but it has the advantage of being at

least 50% uphill walking and can be completed within 30 to 40 minutes. Perfect time if you have to collect a praying man(tis) from the church.

Last week was one of nonstop travel for me; on Monday I had to get to the quack after work for my B12 jab and for an antibiotic for a dodgy gum where I had surgery a couple of months ago. When I was last in Rathmullan I crossed a tree trunk hidden in the grass verge and dinged the underside of my faithful Cad-dy. I'm a "fix it immediately" person, there's no long finger for vehicle issues, so it was off to the garage after the doctor to book it in for this week. Tuesday saw us on the road to Mullingar yet again, for an MRI for Himself. There they were able to confirm a long-held suspicion that the unidentified object floating round in his head is indeed a brain. Wednesday saw us on the road to Athlone for a trip to a physiotherapist to try to get the aforementioned brain to communicate with his ears, with a view to ending his dizziness and deafness. Thursday found me off to the Galway Film Fleadh to hook up with Margaret for two nights.

I think I told you last year that she had been a finalist in the Calor Housewife of the Year contest many moons ago; it was a bit like a Miss World for Mammies. Anyway, Little Wing, a programme making company, was making a documentary film about how women's roles have changed in Ireland over the past 40 odd years, and they did it using some of the past finalists as role models. Ciaran, the producer, had asked me if I would be willing to participate and I had agreed. The screening was the Irish premiere (as far as I know) and it was something I was looking forward to with mixed feelings. We were housed in the Nox hotel, which was comfortable and functional and had the advantage of being within easy walking distance of the best Dunnes Stores I was ever in. I was very tired and after strolling round the city centre on the Thursday night I opted to have a lazy day on the Friday before



Kate Carton

the 6.30pm screening.

Margaret went off and did her own thing and I bought a bottle of nail polish and an emery board and surgery commenced. It must be ten years since I last had nail varnish on and after doing it I can safely say it will be another ten before I bother again. The frocks were donned before we met some of the other participants in the lobby for a 5.30 departure to the theatre. There was great razzamatazz in the street, with photographers vying for the best shots and calls to "look this way" and "stand that way" for the sash-wearing stars of the film. The film itself was fascinating to watch, in much the same way as seeing a very old episode of Reeling in the Years blended with current day footage of the same people would be. The women were fantastic ladies and really were the backbone of Irish society, and their positive, "can do, will do" attitudes in the face of, in some cases, considerable hardship and oppression were brilliant.

We were all unexpectedly called up on stage afterwards to say a few words, which was when I felt very odd one outish as I'm neither an ex-contestant or a housewife, or indeed, any sort of wife. We all managed to gabble out something in praise of the women, the film and the production team before adjourning to the Skeffington Arms Hotel for congratulatory gargle and gossip. It was lovely to be stopped many times by strangers in the street to be thanked for our contribution to the film.

To the best of my limited knowledge, the film has been bought by RTE and will be screened on the telly next year before going on RTE Player. We met up with some of the women over breakfast the following morning, where we exchanged email addresses and promised to keep in touch, as you do. After a very different and enjoyable interlude in the daily routine of life we returned to reality on the Saturday; for me to resume caring and farming and for Margaret to rejoin Garrett and Moll in the quiet beauty of Rathmullan. When my present work ends, as end it unfortunately must, perhaps I'll try my hand as a film star. Might as well dream here as in bed!!



Runners at the start of the Rathmullan 5k on Friday evening. Photos by John Bradley.



Mark McPaul leading the start of the Rathmullan 5km from eventual winner John Joe Doherty (89) and John McCallion (94).

Rathmullan 5km

Almost 200 people finished the Rathmullan 5km on Friday evening and it was won by Finn Valley's John Joe Doherty in a time of 14minutes 58 seconds with Let-

terkenny's John McCallion in 15.25 second and Mark McPaul third in 15.31.

Chris McGuinness from Foyle Valley was next in 15.38 and also the first over 40.

Eoin McConnell in 8th in 16.15 was the first junior. The first lady home was Leoni Cooke of Finn Valley in 17.25 followed by Bernie Boyle from Rosses AC in 18.19 and Louise Mahon City of Derry in 18.31.



A well earned drink for Declan Black's dog after completing the Rathmullan 5k.

Meehan must provide facts as 'an affected homeowner'

This is a matter of integrity, truth and trust and only Cllr. Meehan can answer the many questions arising. I was among his 2,074 voters who believed his narrative as the unvarnished truth. He put it on public record time after time that he was 'an affected homeowner'. But where was the proof of a mica test to back up that statement? Because Meehan's response to queries from last week's Irish Daily Mail left more questions than answers. I was one of those that voted on his narrative that he was 'an affected homeowner with defective blocks'. Had he said he was not 'an affected homeowner,' I would not have voted for him. Therefore he's raised serious doubts in my mind about why he put this claim up front and personal.

Did Declan Meehan misled voters on June 7th? I have the most serious reservations about having put my vote and trust in him. I have to ask, did he tell me the truth or did he mislead me... or what?

Meehan told the 'Irish Daily Mail' in their mica probe about being 'an affected homeowner' that he believed he had addressed all issues on local radio and that he'd be making no further comment. That is the first question among many others he must address. There is no hiding behind 'a visual inspection'. That is only an opinion and does not count in the cut and thrust of an election when we depend on being given the facts and nothing else.

This is the new Cllr who went on record campaigning on people being hungry for change and they want honesty, transparency and integrity.

Cllr. Meehan said he tracked down the engineer who carried out the initial test. "Off the record he sent us a text to say "the test wasn't carried out to IS456 standard but indicated high levels of mica and would definitely not be clear of mica if it was tested." But there is no logical reason for tracking down any engineer, other than to carry out a full mica test. And so far the electorate is waiting for Meehan to tell them why he failed to have the mica test carried out because it was the only relevant option given that he was publicly using his 'affected homeowner' status in the election.

On Wednesday of last week 'The Irish Daily Mail' published a lead story 'Mica Politician: My Home On Sale Without Defects'. It was written by Ian Begley and Craig Hughes.

Their standfirst read: "Donegal councillor denies using scandal for his political advantage as Government says this proves need for checks on any redress scheme." The reference was in relation to correspondence from the Attorney General, Paul Gallagher SC on September 7th 2021 sent to the Minister for the Environment, Darragh O'Brien in relation to a proposed redress scheme that included this county.

The Attorney General's remarks have been attacked by mica campaigners.

At the other end of the scale Mica campaigners claim they believe the Government has been engaged in a

'go-slow' mechanism that has been delaying payments to homeowners rebuilding their 'mica infected' houses in Donegal.

In the Milford LEA, Declan Meehan made it absolutely clear to the electorate he was 'an affected homeowner' and this mantra would become a big message on the doorsteps as it became a dominant feature. Nobody questioned the truth of his claim, seemingly, secure in the knowledge that he had proof for the information put in front of voters.

However, Meehan has failed to provide any real clarity on why, in the first instance he made the claim without any proof of tests required to substantiate that claim.

Cllr. Meehan is facing questions about putting a false narrative in front of the voters and so far he's ignored that issue.

Meehan's commentary included living with 'firsthand experience as an affected homeowner' and who can advocate on a wide range of challenges faced by families.

This was not built on any proof other than a 'visual inspection'. This seems an astonishing claim that demands the clarity of his test results before making these statements..

The 'Irish Daily Mail' states in their lead paragraph: "A newly elected councillor who claimed he was told his home was 'riddled with mica' and joined a legal class action on the issue has placed his house on the market - saying he has now learned it does not contain defective materials...

he has denied a suggestion that he was seeking to make political advantage out of a miserable situation for others and insists the new test results on his home are a real stroke of luck." Many will not agree with such a claim.

Yet Meehan carried on a narrative that effectively had no legal basis and he stated: "As an affected homeowner with defective blocks, I am sick of hearing from FF and FG that this scheme is working for people. It's not. The numbers don't lie. We can't afford another five years of the same representatives in the Milford Electoral Area."

One of the golden rules in politics is that it's vital to provide facts before putting 'fine details that withstand any scrutiny' into the public domain.

Facts are facts... all else are not. Meehan failed to do so and the electorate deserves answers and full disclosure from him.

Clearly that is what the electorate expects from election candidates at a time when waffle, flannel and spin are all too prevalent.

Cllr. Meehan failed to establish the facts and he has to explain why he failed to do so, all the while stating he was 'an affected homeowner' - but affected by what?

That is a leading question that he has failed to answer. Because, otherwise he is leaving other election candidates in Milford and indeed the electorate wondering if his original claim slewed the result in his favour, or of more import that might have denied others a much bigger vote?

Now it is up to Meehan to remove all such concerns in the interests of the public.

This was an emotive subject with just about everyone informing the mica homeowners 'had their backs' on mica redress. Given the reality of these claims, the facts are clear: Mica Redress is beyond the reach of Councillors and indeed that of Donegal County Council. It rests with the government through the offices of the Minister for the Environment.

However, mica became the topic of emotive debate from heartbroken families who've had to stand aside and wonder why their life investments are crumbling into dust. In reality, the candidates were not troubled by nests of

far right views. It would have been disingenuous of candidates to merely hint they could do something about the crisis. And blaming the three outgoing Cllrs for doing nothing in the previous five years was also touted strongly on the campaign trail. It was also a false narrative as the successful candidates got returned to Lifford on the back of their track record of the previous five years.

Therefore the management of the clarity of the mica claims put into the public domain by Declan Meehan in his election campaign deserves the utmost detail from him.

His response has been seen as a dismissive response to queries from the 'Irish Daily Mail'. It falls far short of public expectations and well below his own stated claims of public service.

He addressed the mica issue at his campaign launch saying: "As a Mica affected homeowner the scheme does not meet the needs of anyone. It's a huge failing on part of the Government; it is inaccessible for many, due to the administration and the Council needs to be held accountable for it. Our three County Councillors are doing nothing about it. Once I get my teeth into it I won't give up."

For Cllr. Meehan to tell the 'Irish Daily Mail' that he believed he had addressed all issues on local radio and that he'd not be making any further comment was simply deplorable.

By his response he has only added to the demand for more questions rather than answers. Yet, he is the elected one and the only person with responsibility to ensure he had a mica test on his home before putting it into the public domain.

To claim that he had a 'visual inspection' carried out on his home is simply not addressing the issue. Who told him his house was 'riddled with mica'?

Can he clarify if he's checked to establish how many others were given similar information by his source? Can he tell the public why he failed to ensure he had undertaken a mica test that would be crucial to his direction of travel in the local elections?

It is quite extraordinary and is stretching cognitive clarity that Cllr. Meehan would claim to be 'an affected homeowner' in his campaign information, when in



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fact he did not have proof of a mica test.

Cllr. Meehan, you must inform the voters why you failed to have the results of a mica test on your home and put into the public domain before we voted for you on June 7th?

After all no institution, banking, legal or statutory will ever accept a visual inspection of a house being free of mica as a metric for forming a definitive legal status.

And that is why a full suite of tests had to be carried out before announcing on March 9th that he was seeking election to the Council. This is not rocket science and it is not expensive.

So why did Meehan not ensure these tests were completed last year or in enough time before the election campaign began?

This had to be the most basic of measures to ensure that what was put into the public domain was fully informed and without prejudice because it may have had the potential to deliver - or not, depending how convincing the candidate came across in the campaign.

Establishing the basic legal facts are the most fundamental foundations of political participation. Therefore Meehan must address this matter in a comprehensive manner. He must put the facts into the public domain rather than his own interpretation that it was 'a stroke of luck'.

It is really unwise in this country to mention a stroke of luck and politics in the same sentence. Nothing there to query, so let's move on. However in an ever challenging demand for clarity in public office, this is exactly what Meehan was calling for in the local elections! And rightly so.

Meehan campaign literature stated: "The Defective Blocks Redress Scheme needs a complete overhaul. It does not deliver what homeowners need and it is, for many, entirely inaccessible due to the administrative shortcomings and costs associated."

We need a stronger, proactive voice at the table on this issue - one who, like Declan, has firsthand experience as an affected homeowner, and who can advocate effectively on the wide range of challenges faced by families."

By his failure to address the issues raised in the 'Irish Daily Mail' he has simply left himself wide open for the public to draw their own conclusions. Saying he had addressed the issues on local radio is highly presumptive because having listened to him and who gave him a vote, I have to confess I'm none the wiser with his answers. And I'm not alone in that view.

And he went on to top the poll in the Milford area and was duly elected on the 4th count. And with every candidate and every party claiming to be in favour of mica redress, the reality is that among the nine candidates in Milford, there was one true registered 'Party' in the contest. The 100% Redress Party. Eamonn Jackson was that candidate. Along with a dedicated team he had a very powerful message and a powerful life experience. To say that he polled very poorly on 502 votes is quite the mystery when all around him his party colleagues were winning four seats and in contention for one other - in Stranorlar.

This result in the Milford area was a huge shock to 100% Redress given that they polled 7,400 votes in Donegal. Questions will be raised as to if and why 100% Redress voters were persuaded to back others in the lead into election day.

Cllr. Meehan has now raised concerns in his failure to respond in any logical manner to newspaper queries about his claims that he was 'an affected homeowner with firsthand experience'.

In the local elections, Meehan's claims were not accompanied by mica test results to justify his claim.

Meehan's responses have failed to address the most basic issues raised. His 'no further comment' says it all.

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Lennon Festival 2024 Parade



Lennon Festival Queen Chantelle Murray with Cliona Coyle Little Miss Rose Bud, Nova Curran, Little Miss Ramelton and Adam Gordon, Prince Charming.



Members of the Ramelton Tidy Towns Working Group enjoying the parade.



Billy Blaney in his 4WD Modified 1969 Massey.



Hollie Boyce on her tractor.



Children from the Ramelton Playgroup with their parents in the parade



Michael and Sharon Hunter in their late dad's 1947 David Brown.



Members of Milford AC in the Parade.



Holly Crerand and her crazy pets float.



In the Boyce Van Sales float.



Dessie Dolan in his 1995 BMW.



Alan Fisher in his 1967 Reily Elf.

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On one of the Jasey Glor Tire Floats in the parade.



Jason McCahill enjoying the crack in the parade.



Amelton Playgroup with their kids in the parade



Angela and her crew from Body Maintenance in the parade.



"Sidewinder" after getting the Body Maintenance treatment!



Caroline and her team from La Mour Beauty looking for the Jasey Wiggle.



Craig Veitch and friends in his 1992 VW Golf.



Reilly Elf.



The Donegal to Croke Park float.



Michelle Burke School of Motoring with some early recruits.

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Melmore water being cut deliberately - claim

The anger and frustration of local communities over the failure of Donegal County Council to address basic demands came into the open in Downings on Monday night when the Mevagh Development Group accused officials in Lifford of 'faceless bureaucracy' who had no interest in local communities or their affairs.

Accusations were made during the meeting that a booster supply pump to improve water pressure in the Melmore area was turned off at crucial times.

Cllr. Liam Blaney said a comment that the water supply was being 'deliberately cut' was a matter of the most urgent concern and he would seek an immediate response from the Council's water services department.

Speakers at the meeting alleged that there was an agenda to cut the supply when holiday homes were occupied. The meeting heard that officials were 'only toying about with local communities' and it was contended they were doing likewise with the elected representatives.

The meeting in the 'Teach Ceoil' in Clontallagh was attended by the three newly elected Cllrs. for the Milford area and they heard stinging criticisms of the Council's failure to come to terms with the ongoing infrastructure problems. The Cllrs. also heard criticisms of the political process which it was alleged had let down such small rural areas.

At the heart of the criticisms was the evergreen problem of a lack of water amid claims by the residents that a basic reservoir on Gainne Hill would solve the crisis. The meeting heard that officialdom had already failed to listen to community concerns and there were predictions that despite expenditure of six hundred



thousand Euro on works on the system at Cranford it would have no appreciable impact on delivering a satisfactory supply to the Atlantic Drive area of the parish. Claims of 'hidden agendas' and political agendas' and the water pumps not operating at appropriate times were levelled with the Cllrs saying they were not aware of this and these matters would be raised at next week's electoral area meeting in Milford.

Denis Boyce who runs a caravan park said the council could have adopted a number of options if they were serious about tackling the water crisis. In his own instance Mr. Boyce had two wells drilled to provide his own private supply. One well was yielding six hundred gallons per hour while the second one was pumping three hundred gallons.

The response 'the Council is not serious about us,' echoed round the room as the meeting continued to hammer home the list of failures they'd experienced since their foundations over three years ago.

Joe O'Donnell said their primary problem with the water supply was that the old reservoir at Gainne was constructed long ago to cater for less than forty houses. He said despite hundreds of new developments in the intervening years the reservoir capacity had remained the same.

The Councillors were asked to respond to questions as to their powers in Lifford and indeed if they carried any clout at

all. It was claimed they were helpless in effecting change. "We have to depend on the Cllrs. but they don't seem to have sufficient clout to being about that change. Is the Council being run by faceless men who make the decisions and do you have any power at all," queried Joe O'Donnell, the Chairperson of the Mevagh Development Group.

It was claimed that a simple solution of extra storage capacity costing no more than fifteen thousand Euro had been completely ignored by council engineers and this was completely unacceptable. The meeting heard, once again, that the water crisis in the Melmore area was a perennial one and despite many complaints and promises no real progress was being made.

Cllrs. Liam Blaney, Noel McBride and Ian McGarvey said they would do everything possible to address the queries and concerns raised and in relation to claims that the water pumps were not in operation at crucial times Blaney said this was a very serious allegation. He promised to have this matter raised with the relevant authorities immediately.

He said an allegation that the water pump was turned off deliberately was a very serious matter and this was the first he had heard of it and he would be seeking urgent clarification on this issue.

'We want answers to our questions' was an oft-repeated comment as the meeting drew to an unresolved finish.



May McFadden, Ray with her daughter Marianna and grand-daughter, Kelly Ann Buchanan at the Milford Adult Education Centre at the end of the computing course

Some 45 years after completing her secondary education at the Milford Vocational School May McFadden Ray has graduated with a FETAC and ECDL diploma in computing. She is pictured with her daughter, Marianna Buchanan and grand daughter Kelly Ann. It was Marianna who encouraged May to return to adult education and since Marianna was completing the course why not have her mother along for a bit of moral support.

May (nee Mills) completed her vocational training back in 1959 having completed her Group Cert. She had studied secretarial and typing skills under the guidance of the Commerce teacher, Miss Doherty from Glenvar.

Then in 1974 she married Francie McFadden in the US. They returned and reared their family down near Ray Bridge overlooking Lough Swilly: Liam: Marianna: Josephine and the twins, Shaun and Sinead are proud of their mum and justifiably so.

With the advent of the technology era she says there was always a computer in the house but she never knew how to use it. However when her daughter got married four years ago May was persuaded to sit at the keyboard and type up the invitation list. And the bug to learn more about these mysterious machines

may also have bitten her. Then two years ago she took the bold step to enrol at the Old Tech to begin a two-year course in computing. Being away from the disciplines and learning schedules was a worry and she says that being in a class of sixteen was a fairly daunting experience at first. But she need not have worried and the two years training has been the best thing she's ever done.

Learning new skills is always an exciting prospect and May says the experience she's gained has added greatly to her confidence. "It was difficult and at times I wondered if I'd ever get through it. However the rest of the class was brilliant and I cannot thank them enough for their support." And along the way new friendships were forged and the two years was about more than sitting at a keyboard.

The course tutor was Siobhan Walsh and May says that with her marvellous support the course proved less difficult. And she is thankful to the rest of the students (all younger than May) who were also a great help.

Having completed such a course opens up a whole new range of options and May intends to use her skills to give her grandchildren a helping hand in the world of computing.

She said "We must remember those founder members who are no longer with us: Seamus Hayes: Johnny Fealty and Eddie McGrenaghan and we hope they are looking down at us with pride.

When the band started people could not have imagined the success that was to follow: six All-Ireland Titles: many county Championships: an All Ireland Slogadh. But the band is not about taking part in competitions; there is a social aspect to this also. We have been to many homecomings, celebrations, ordinations, festival openings and last year we played at celebrations to mark a one hundredth birthday party.

Down through the years you have all enjoyed many happy outings and days with the band. This is what this event is all about. A day to look back at old memories: photos and videos.

Looking at the people in the community centre today you could see how happy everyone was, telling stories and recalling happy days. We would like to thank all the people who have brought us this celebration.

This includes the founders of the

band: the various different committees down the years: all our generous sponsors and the talented and excellent teachers: the families of all the current and former band members who have always taken pride in ensuring that their children were always turned out to the highest professional standard.

We thank Lawrence and the bus drivers: the Fanad Development Association for their financial support and facilities at the Community Centre and we thank all our band members over the years who've represented this parish with honour and pride."

Thanks were also extended to the local curate Fr. Martin Doohan for the Mass. A special word of thanks was also extended to Jerry Carr for the wonderful display of photos.

Jimmy Begley of the Fanad Development Association made presentations to the former bandleaders. These included Catherine Coll: Patricia Carr: Grainne Friel: Maria Doherty: Caroline Carr: Clodagh McElwaine: Sinead Friel: Emma McAteer: Teresa McBride: Caroline Callaghan and Elisha Dorrian.

Happy Days at Fanad Band Reunion



Jimmy Begley of the Fanad Development Association made presentations to the former bandleaders Caroline Callaghan and Catherine Coll. Also included are some of the other leaders Elisha Dorrian, Grainne Friel, Clodagh McElwaine, Sinead Friel, Emma McAteer and committee member Catherine Coyle.

The Fanad Band Reunion on Saturday was a big success and a large crowd attended the function at the Atlantic House Hotel later in the evening. Earlier an exhibition of old photos of former times and All Ireland glories were on display at the local Community Cen-

tre and big crowds came along to relive those memorable former times.

The band also participated in the celebration of Mass in St. Mary's Church, Fanavoly on Saturday evening.

It was the first such reunion and the organisers have expressed their satisfac-

tion with the event. Kathleen Coyle of the organising committee told Saturday night's function that it was important to pay tribute to the founders: to all who had contributed to the establishment of the band in Fanad and to all those who continue to work to keep it going.

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New group to represent resident's concerns in Letterkenny

A new organisation has been formed in Letterkenny to be an overall representative body for local residents associations.

The aim of the new group is to create a better environment by addressing resident's concerns on planning, environmental and infrastructure issues under a single umbrella. In recent years a number of residents groups have highlighted and campaigned against particular developments in the town. The new Community Residents Group was launched on Tuesday night and there are plans to meet with the Town Council later in the year to discuss the relevant issues that have been raised at a number of consultation meetings in recent months. The organisation plans to be a lobbying-community pressure group.

The seeds of the new umbrella group began last March when representatives from Ballymacool and Whitethorn met with a large number of interested groups in the town. It proved to be a very worthwhile exercise and set in train the moves to establish the umbrella association which it is hoped will have a stronger voice in dealing with relevant issues. The new group has, to a great extent achieved their aim of a broad geographical spread.

Margaret Toner, Project Co-ordinator of Letterkenny Community Development Project has agreed to facilitate the setting up of the new group. A steering group has been working hard over the past four months to get everything in place for this week's

launch. The areas covered include Glencar, Ballyboe, Oldtown, Gortlee, Ballymacool and Mountain Top.

At Tuesday night's meeting with the media, frustration was expressed with the planning system that they say has allowed over-development where services like sewers were unable to meet the excessive demands.

Rezoning controversies such as in Ballymacool were also highlighted with claims that the Council was totally ignoring the community when it came to such developments. The new group aims to present a united front and will move to meet with Letterkenny Town Council in the autumn to address a number of their priorities. It is hoped that a good working relationship can be nurtured between the two bodies where full consultation on matters of mutual interest will be the order of the day.

The group will be asking the local authority to liaise with them on future plans for the town.

The Secretary, Francis McCafferty explained that the consultation process was ongoing with the aim of giving as many people as possible the opportunity to submit the issues that concern them.

The officer board includes Fran Burns, Chairperson; Francis McCafferty, Secretary; Tom Crossan PRO; Vice Chairman, Noel Reilly; Ass. Secretary, Bridie Peoples; Ass. PRO Karl Curran. Including the officers there is a total of 33 residents on the committee.



Kevin Coyle of the Lennon Festival presents a water colour scene to John McAteer at the opening of the festival on Friday night. Also included are Fr. Declan Boyce, Charles McDaid, Lee Mooney, Catriona McCafferty, Joe Coyle, Sean Gallagher, Thomas Harte, Kathleen Duffy, Cllr Ian McGarvey, Festival Queen Freda Diver, Cllr. Liam Blaney and Ann Marie Collum.

Letterkenny group at Retired Nurses AGM

The National Conference AGM of the Retired Nurses Association of Ireland was held in the West County, Ennis with over 300 delegates attended including 22 from the Letterkenny Branch. The Nursing Alliance was represented at the Conference by David Hughes I.N.O. and Sheamus Murphy P.N.A., with an apology from Oliver McGuinness S.I.P.T.U. Mr. Hughes pledged full support from the alliance in obtaining

and restoring full parity to Retired Nurses who retired before 5th November '99 which occurred after the Nurses Dispute settlement in '99.

He gave an outline of Retired Nurses affected - Public Health Nurses 7900 and midwifery allowance, Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (formerly Dep. Chg. Nurse) 7750, Theatre Nurses / Night sisters 7450, Staff Nurses with 20 years service 5%.

Mountain Top group wins quarry appeal

An Bord Pleanala has overturned a decision of Donegal County Council to grant planning permission for the retention and extension of a quarry at Calhame, Mountain Top, Letterkenny.

The news has been given a guarded welcome by the resident's committee who are still waiting a full report from the national planning board.

A strong campaign of opposition was mounted to the proposed development by the Mountain Top Quarry firm over the past 18 months.

The controversy first arose at the beginning of last year when the company applied for planning permission that included a four acre extension to their operation at Calhame.

The Calhame/Ballaghderg resident's action group held public meetings highlighting their concerns on health and environmental grounds as well as opposition to such a commercial business in a growing residential area. Last November Donegal County Council granted planning permission for the retention and extension of the Calhame quarry. The residents group then lodged an appeal with An Bord Pleanala.

Confirmation that their objection was upheld has been greeted with a sense of relief and a feeling on their part that justice can still be got in this country.

Declan Orr is one of the residents who lives closest to the quarry and this week he said that confirmation of the successful appeal was the best news that they had all year. He added that the Calhame/Ballaghderg resident's action group had fought a long and lonely battle on the controversial planning application while he

expressed disappointment with the lack of support that had come from the Councillors in the Milford Electoral Area.

Mr Orr said that the Inishowen Sinn Fein Cllr Padraig McLochlainn was the only public representative that had taken an interest in their case.

Having spent €8,000 personally in the campaign against the Calhame quarry Mr Orr says he now intends to pursue Donegal County Council under the Freedom of Information Act in an attempt to identify the names of Councillors who he claims backed the planning application. According to a spokesperson for An Bord Pleanala the grant of planning application was overturned because of conflicting information in relation to the nature and extent of development to be retained and extended.

The spokesperson added the application didn't comply with the requirements of the planning and development regulations 2001 and precluded the Bord from considering granting permission which would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development in the area.



The Letterkenny Community Residents Group at their launch on Tuesday night in the Cheshire Homes.



Michael McCafferty on behalf of the group from the Anglers Haven in Kilmacrennan who held a sponsored headshave presenting a cheque for 717,444.57 to Bobby Hawkshaw, Development Officer of Our Ladies Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin. Also included are Anthony Gallagher, Jimmy Flood, Davy Stewart, Niall Doherty and Trevor Moore who along with Shaun McBride, John McGrenra and Tommy Hegarty had their heads shaved by hairdresser Lucy McConnellogue.



Members of the choir and Altar Servers at the Mass to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Coole Chapel with Bishop Philip Boyce and Fr. Kevan Driver, CC Golán.

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Bhuel, a chairde Ghaeil, sin seachtain eile den tSamradh fliuch seo inár ndiaidh. Ach, tá muid beo agus bríomhar go fóill, agus ag éirí cleachtaithe leis an fhearhainn. Mar a dúirt mé riamh, níl fadhb ar bith agam agam fulacht a bheith agam agus é ag cuir fearhainne amuigh-faraor, le bheith thar a bheith macánta is breá liom sin a dhéanamh. Aithním go bhfuil sé rud beag frithiomasach, agus bfeidir gur is é sin an fáth a thaitníonn sé liom. Is cuimhin liom uair amháin ag déanamh fulacht agus é ag cuir sneachta go trom, agus bhí an cráic ar dóigh ar fad! Caithfidh go bhfuil clár ar an fulacht, faraor! Mar sin, tá orainn a bheith solúbtha- ábalta fadhb a aithníú agus réiteach a fháil! Fearhainn? Fadhb ar bith!



bhí mé ar ais sa bhialann nua i Ráth Mealtáin, TAP UP, agus bhí mé ag amharc ar an foireann sa chistin ag cuir amach mias i ndiaidh mias iad uilig galánta agus diofríúil agus bhí mé ag smaointiú arís gur is é an rud a bhí ag tarlú ansin ná CLEACHTADH! Agus, muna raibh sibh ann go fóill, déanaigí gar díobh féin agus gabh ann. Diomaite den bia é féin, tá liosta fiona ann atá go hiontach ar fad, agus a athraíonn go minic. Lean-aigí ar aghaidh, a chairde!

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Tá rud éigean eile agam agus mé ag déanamh fulacht agus is é sin SIMLÉIR FIOGHUALA, rud atá go hiontach úsáideach agus atá neamhdhíobhálach don timpeallacht. Is rud é úsáid-tear leis an fíoghual a lásadh. In áit pairifín nó fíoghual atá cóireáilte le pairifín, úsáidáíonn tú an simléir go simplí agus glán. An rud atá ann ná go bhfuil spás ann ag bun na simléire a thig leat eadar paipéar nó lastóir agat. Nuair a lásann tú an paipéar nó lastóir cuireann sé an fíoghual cuireann sé an fíoghual trí thine mar téann an bhladhair suas an simléir go laidir agus go héifeachtach. Níl ort ach fánacht go dtí go bhfuil an fíoghual lásta go barr na simléire agus tá tú réidh an fíoghual lásta a dhoirteadh amach ar an fulacht! Déanta!

Tá siad measartha saor a cheannacht agus éasca a aimsiú. Tá cúpla cinn agam agus Tá mé ábalta an bhéirt acu a úsáid le chéile nuair atá tine mhór de dhíth orm. Mar sin, bainigí triall as SIMLÉIR FIOGHUALA. Chífidh tú go gasta cé chomh maith agus úsáideach agus atá siad. Rud eile a thug mé faoi deara ná an méid earraí atá le fáil ins na hollmhargaidh uilig atá réamhbhlaithe agus réidh le cócaireacht. Bhí cuairteoirí agam an oíche faoi dheireadh; lás mé an fulacht, ag úsáid an simléir, bhí mé réidh le cócaireacht taobh istigh 15 bomaite, agus ansin bhí mé ábalta na rudaí seo as ollmhargadh a bhí blastaithe le PIRI PIRI, LÍOMA, SINSEAR agus a leithead a chuir amach i ndiaidh 20 bomaite! Tá sé soiléir go dtig leat a bheith gasta agus feidhmiúil agus an trealamh ceart agat. Fosta, gan amhras, tá cleachtadh agus taithí go maith ag amanna mar sin. Agus, mar sin, a Chairde Ghaeil, ná stadaigí ag cleachtadh!

Molaim díobh go mór amharc ar leabhair cócaireachta le fáil smaointí nua agus léideanna ar rudaí nua nó le athrú a chuir ar béilí a bhfuil cleachtadh agat orthu. Tá a fhios agam go mbím ag éirí leadránach ag athrú i gcónaí faoi cleachtadh, cleachtadh, cleachtadh! Ach ní hionann sé d sin agus a rá go bhfuil mé ag gabháil a stopadh! Le sampla a thabhairt díobh ar seo,

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- 2 tbsps citseap trátaí
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MODH

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| Frithiomasach. | Counterintuitive |
| Solúbtha. | Flexible |
| Fadhb a aithníú. | Recognise problem |
| Réiteach. | Solution, answer |
| Simléir fíoghuala. | Charcoal chimney |
| Neamhdhíobhálach. | Harmless |
| Doirteadh. | Pour, spill out |
| Cuairteoir. | Visitor |
| Leadránach. | Boring |
| Feidhmiúil. | Efficient |
| Trealamh. | Equipment |
| Aimsiú. | Find, source |



Graffiti vandalism in Falcarragh area

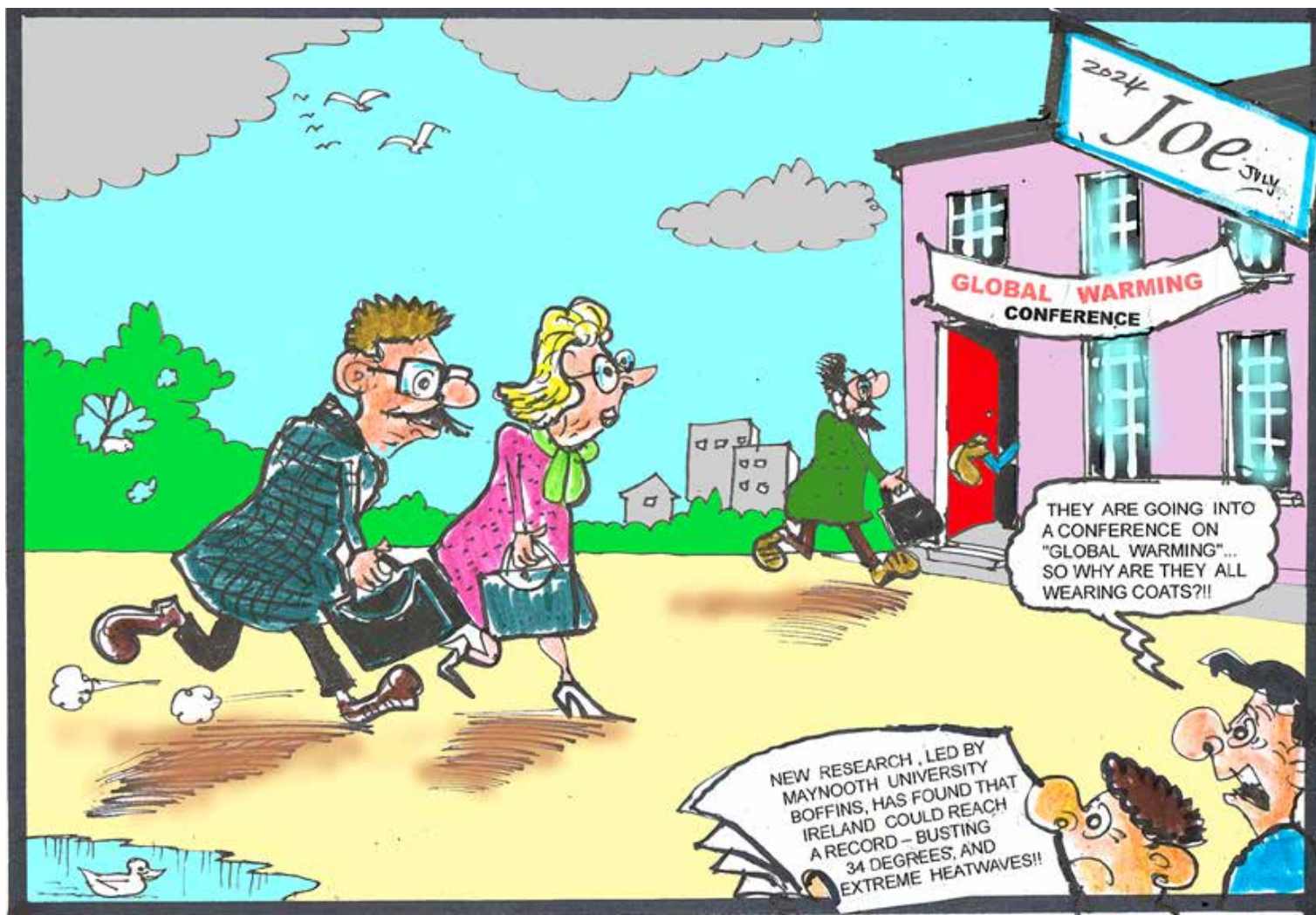


A number of graffiti incidents have been branded “extremely concerning” by a local area councillor.

The incidents occurred in the Moyra and Fanmore areas of Falcarragh.

Cllr Michael McClafferty said the matter of the vandalism carried out by a “mystery sprayer” had been brought to his attention by local residents when slogans were daubed on walls and road signs.

He stated: “The mysterious sprayer has been out painting our road signs with their well-known red paint. These signs are an important feature for our communities and Donegal County Council do not have the funding to be replacing them. I have a list of signs that I have requested for various areas and I have been told the funding isn’t there at present for them - this is before the replacement signs are even considered. Vandalism and damage to private properties and homes has also been carried out. This behaviour is extremely concerning and worrying. I urge anyone that may have any information regarding this spate of concerning activities to please contact the local Garda.”



Rosapenna Golf Club

Terry Casey Memorial

The annual Terry Casey Memorial took place on Saturday July 13th over 27 holes - the Sandy Hills Links + Valley nine. The top 6 nett & 2 gross qualified from the morning 18 holes for the additional evening 9 holes. The aggregate results were as follows - 1st Paul Kelly with 59pts bot; 2nd John Lindsay with 59pts bot; Gross - Seamus Connor with 55 gross pts; 3rd Joe McHugh with 58pts; Valley Nine - Brian Garrity with 21pts. Two's - Pete McBride Jr, Michael Gallagher, Barry Connor, John McBride, Tony Carroll, John Doran, Michael Treanor, Rod Geddes, Michael McBride(M), PJ Gallagher, Mark Lenny, Brian Kelly, Shaun Boyce

The Ladies section of the Terry Casey Memorial, sponsored by The Casey Family, resulted as follows - 1st Susanne Gallagher (22) 40pts; 2nd Ann McKeague (16) 38pts

(BOT); Cat A Lorraine Toolan (17) 37pts; Cat B Cecilia Doran (29) 38pts; Front nine Bernie Ladley (28) 17pts (BOT); Back nine Terri Martin (30) 21pts (BOT)

Gents Section Results

Sunday 14th July - OTM Cat A - Paul Hughes (3) 37pts; Cat B - Garvan Toye (17) 44pts; Cat C - Brian Currie (25) 39pts; Gross - John Doran Snr (7) with 28 gross pts. Two's - Thomas Doran, Jon Wilson

Team News

Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures: Donegal League vs Portsalon - Home July 19th / Away July 26th. Donegal Junior League - Home July 18th / Away July 22nd. JB Carr ULSTER FINAL vs Rossmore - Home August 2nd / Away August 9th. July - Sunday 21st - Golfer of the Year sponsored by The Downings Bay Hotel; Sunday 28th - Club Competition

Portsalon

Lady Captain's Prize 2024

Saturday 27th July is Lady Captain Noreen McConigley's Big day with Captain's Prize. The first tee is re-

served for the ladies and captain's guests from 11am, with spots before and after available for gents wishing to compete on the day. Timesheet opens via BRS on Saturday 20th July at 6.00pm for booking. Best wishes to Noreen on the day and here's hoping for some summer sunshine!

Portsalon teams in action

On Friday evening, team captain Cathal Canning will send his Donegal League troops into battle in their first leg against Rosapenna in Downings from 4.00pm on Friday.

On Saturday Joe Hensey sends his Donegal Seniors to Ballyliffin for first leg action in what is a semi-final clash. On Sunday Sean Canning's Ulster Cup team in a split-venue clash with Faughan Valley GC in Derry and Portsalon, with matches underway in both venues at 2.30pm. Any and all support for the Portsalon team is welcome!

Open Week Results

Wednesday 10th July, Letterkenny Driving Range - 1st Brendan McGet (15) 40 pts; 2nds Cian McGettigan (18) 39pts BOT; Gross: Shane Magee (3) 31 gross pts; 3rd Patrick

McFadden (15) 39pts; 1st 9 Darren Murphy (33) 24pts; 2nd 9 Colm McConigley (10) 21pts; Best Lady: Cecilia Doran (Rosapenna, 31) -34pts
Thursday 11th July - Stroke, Total Golf 1st Cian McGettigan (18) 67; 2nd Cathal McGettigan (19) 68 BOT; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (Scr) 75 gross; 3rd John Shields (17) 68 nett; 1st 9 William Hewitson (1) 36; 2nd 9 Enda McHugh (32) 29; Visitor: Raymond Phelan (14) 71.

Friday 12th July Donegal Oil - 1st Cian McGettigan (16) 44pts; 2nd Orla Gallagher (12) 43pts; Gross: Shea Dorman (+2) 38pts; 3rd Bernard Maguire (36) 41pts; 2nd 9 Eamonn Doherty (21) 23pts; 2nd 9 Declan Carr (29) 23pts

Saturday 13th July - 4BBB Knockalla Caravan Park - 1st David Deeney / Teddy Russell- 50pts; 2nd Ronan M Clafferty / Eamonn McConigley 47pts BOT; 3rd M Stirrat / E Cullen 47pts BOT; 4th Aedeon Conway / Denver Kirk 47 pts BOT

Sunday 14th July Pat O'Neill Building Supplies - 1st Ryan Canning (24, Letterkenny) 45pts; 2nd Gerard Gallagher (22)



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty (R) presenting Paul Kelly with the Terry Casey Memorial 2024. First prize was sponsored by The Casey Family.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty (R) presenting Seamus Connor with the gross prize from the Terry Casey Memorial 2024



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty presenting Suzanne Gallagher with the Terry Casey Memorial Plate 2024. All ladies prizes were sponsored by The Casey Family.

Portsalon Ladies

Lady Captain's Draw

The draw for playing partners for Lady Captain's Day will take place on Sunday 21st July. Please make sure your name is on the list if you intend playing. The draw will be posted on BRS.

Golfer of Year

As Open Week clashed with GOY points last week, these will be played for on this Alternate Friday 19th and Sunday 21st July.

Open Week

There have been some excellent scores from the ladies, particularly a great Runner-Up from Orla Gallagher (12) Otway Golf Club with 43 pts on 12th July.

Lady Beginner's Scrambles.

If you can spare some time and a putter, 6pm Friday evening to help and assist the new Lady Beginners Scramble would be most appreciated.

Letterkenny

Barton Shield

Letterkenny are through to their first senior Ulster Final in history. On Sunday Letterkenny's victory came over Fortwilliam GC which is Barnhill's 5th match in this competition.

Team captain Finian Ferry sent out the first foursomes pairing of Jack Patton and Chris Duffy who were always in control. With Chris bringing the heat with his Scotty Cameron putter, they were 3up thru 17 holes.

In the second pairing of Cian Harkin and Jamie Foley, again, some solid short game allowed them to win holes that were never theirs and see them 2 up thru 15, mathematically sealing the victory. The team will face either Portrush or Moyola in the Ulster final on Sunday. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Also on Sunday, John Russels Pierce Purcell team take on Omagh GC in their semi final at 1.10pm in Barnhill, while at 2pm, Kevin Roches Minor League host B&S in the quarter final.

Saturday August 3rd their will be a classic held at Letterkenny Golf Club sponsored by Kellys Lexus. Entry fee is €120 per team of any combination. Total prize fund of €2500. Top 4 teams get prizes plus a prize for best all ladies team. Members can book via the Clubnet app and visitors, or to find out more information, can contact the club shop on 074 9121150.

Letterkenny Ladies

Results from July Medal - 1st Anne Flannery (30) 69net; 2nd Marian Keating (25) 69 BOT; 3rd Pauline Curley (26) 69net BOT; 4th Angela Kilgallen(20) 71net BOT; Front 9 Celine Bradley (19) 32.5net; Back 9 Clodhna Patton (21)36.5 net.

Value Centre Results - 1st Sarah Buchanan (36) 38pts; Front 9 Kathleen Canning (40)20pts; Back 9 Bridie Gildea (30)14pts.

Results The Gray Room (Categories) Overall Winner Deirdre McCarron (33) 37pts; Division 1 0-27.9 Catherine Cooke-Harkin(28) 36pts; Division 2 28-35 Sarah Buchanan (35) 34pts; Division 3 35.1-54 Maura Cavanagh (40)34pts

Team News

The Challenge Trophy team under the captaincy of Mary Fowley and assisted by Kay Kelly had a strong performance against Moyola and now progress to the Semi-Final. The Challenge Trophy Team is playing on Saturday 20th July against Ballycastle at 3.30pm in Letterkenny and the away match is on Thursday 25th July in Ballycastle at 3pm. Supporters are very welcome. The Revive Active Team, captained by Monica Mc Donagh and Celine Markey have progressed to round 4 and play against Portsalon both home and away on Saturday 20th June at 2.30pm. Supporters are very welcome.

The Maire O'Donnell Team under the captaincy of

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Letterkenny Golf Club Barton Shield team who are through to the Ulster Final includes Jack Patton, Chris Duffy, Team Captain Finian Ferry, Jamie Foley and Cian Harkin.



Cloughaneely Golf Club Lady Captain Roisin McGee with Joe McGarvey 2nd in Gents Competition.



Cloughaneely Golf Club: Lady Captain Roisin McGee with Anne Collum 3rd in Ladies Competition.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty (R) presenting Joe McHugh with the third prize from the Terry Casey Memorial 2024

Triona Daly and Anne Mc Grath will play the return leg against Redcastle in Letterkenny on Sunday 21st at 3.20 pm. Supporters are very welcome in what should prove to be an action packed weekend of matches.

Cloughaneely

Results from the 2024 Open Week are - Monday 8th July McNutts Corner Champagne Scramble: 1st Francis Boyle (17), Brian McGee(19), Paul Harkin(19) 67pts; 2nd Caolan Collum(15), Vincent Collum(22), Anne Collum(34) 66pts; 3rd Patsy McVicar (29), Noel O Gallchoir (31), Sean O Gallchoir (7) 64pts.

Sunday 7th July Boyces Centra Singles Stroke: 1st Michael McClafferty (24) 66; 2nd John Murphy (22) 69 BOT. Gross Daniel McColgan (Dunfanaghy GC) 78. 3rd Joe Doherty (24) (69) BOT. Front 9 Hugo Cannon 31.5. Back 9 Seamus McGee 34. Visitors Neil Paul Whoriskey (Gaoth Dobhair) 73net.

Saturday 6th July Kevin McCarr 3 Person Scramble: 1st Michael McClafferty (25), Paul Ferry (18), Michael Gallagher (15) 55.4; 2nd Martin Giles (13), Lorraine Giles (41), Brendan Sharkey (34) 56.17; 3rd Brian McGee (19), Kevin Boyle(17), Paul McGranaghan (26) 57.7.

Friday 5th July Mangan Tours 9 Hole Singles Stableford: 1st Seamus McGee (16) 23pts. 2nd Paul Ferry (9) 21pts.

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Paul Doherty's Junior Scratch team line out at B&S this Saturday at 2pm. All 5 singles matches at home all support welcome.

Mr Vincent's Collum's 2024 Captain's Prize takes place on Saturday 20th July more details to follow next week.

Second half fade costs Donegal dearly

Galway 1-14 Donegal 0-15

For the one and only time in this championship season Donegal's composure let them in the second half of Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Football semi-final. That allowed Galway to get over the line with some difficulty after Pauric Joyce's side were fortunate to be level at the break courtesy of a soft Paul Conroy goal. After a slow start Jim McGuinness's men were the better side and their superb scoring conversion rate that had been a hallmark of their campaign continued. But in the second half Galway successfully slowed up the game and then Donegal's shot selection and passing accuracy dipped alarmingly. And in the end that is what brought down the curtain on what was still a hugely successful year for the squad at the start of McGuinness's second term

in charge.

In the team named by McGuinness on Friday Naomh Conaill's Jaic Mac Ceallabhuí was included to start at right half-back in place of Carndonagh's Conor O'Donnell who was not even listed among the subs. But there wasn't a lot of surprise when Mac Ceallabhuí was then one of three late changes before the throw-in on Sunday. The Naomh Conaill man was replaced by Caolan McColgan while Cloughaneely's Jason McGee returned after missing the previous two games against Clare and Louth due to injury. McGee and Aaron Doherty replaced Niall O'Donnell and Daire O Baoill. Also listed among replacements was Glenfin's Luke McGlynn who was promoted to the matchday panel with Conor O'Donnell ruled out altogether. Galway made one late



Shane O'Donnell on the attack for Donegal on Sunday.

change which wasn't a shock as their injured captain Sean Kelly was replaced by Cian Darcy.

Galway won the throw-in with Donegal playing into the breeze at the Hill 16 end of the ground on a dry, sunny afternoon before an official attendance of 67,000. Oisín Gallen and Michael Langan had early wides with Galway grabbing the opening two points through Dylan McHugh and Robert Finnerty. The Tribesmen were going long with their kick-outs to good effect while Donegal went short with all theirs and weren't put under any pressure. Ciaran Thompson began to have an influence on the game and it was from his burst forward that Shane O'Donnell got the Ulster champions first score in the eighth minute.

What will be hard to take for McGuinness in the post-match analysis was

that his defenders did very well on the Galway dangermen Shane Walsh and Damian Comer and still lost the game. But, the two players in question have had their injury problems in recent times which may have had an impact on their capacity to be at their best. Walsh did put his side 0-3 to 0-1 in front on 10 minutes before Donegal hit the first of two purple patches in the opening half. Thompson and then both Langan and Gallen off their weaker left pegs put their side in front for the first time in the match.

Finnerty made it 0-4 a piece but Galway would have been disappointed with that return in the first quarter. They had mounted a couple of penetrating attacks that came to nothing. Caolan McGonagle and Walsh swapped scores before one of the biggest moments of the match arrived on 23 minutes. It was



Five years old James McGroarty, Fanad at the semi final.



Caolan McGonagle in control for Donegal on Sunday.



Gerry Branch at the match.



John Doherty flying the flag for Donegal on Sunday in Dublin.



David Leadley enjoying the Semi Final.



All-Ireland Senior Football Championship semi-final

Second half fade costs Donegal

hard to know what Paul Conroy's intention was but his low ball in saw his teammate Matthew Tierney cross in front of keeper Shaun Patton. That unsighted him momentarily and agonisingly the ball crossed the line for a soft goal. That left it 1-5 to 0-5. Captain Paddy McBrearty from play and a Finnerty free at the other end kept the three point gap. Then to their credit and as they had done more than a few times in this championship McGuinness's men showed their mental strength and ability by converting the next three points courtesy of Thompson (mark), Gallen and Langan to draw level again. Paul Conroy broke that momentum briefly but it was the impressive Langan who tied the teams up at 0-10 to 1-7 ahead of the break. By that stage the manager had made his first change of the game, sending on Daire O Baoill for Caolan McCole.

The sides were level twice more in the early stages of the second half with Walsh (free) and McHugh for Galway while Shane O'Donnell and another beauty from Gallen from out on the right wing were on target. That pattern continued twice more till the hour mark when Langan landed Donegal's last score of the game. There was still 16 minutes of play remaining. Their conversion rate had been dipping from the end of the third quarter. Thompson and Gallen were short with attempts while Ciaran Moore posted a wide.

McGuinness also had to make an enforced defensive alteration when the injured Eoghan Ban Gallagher was replaced by Jack McKelvey in the 46th minute. The manager made further changes but this time nothing really seemed to work as Hugh McFadden, Niall O'Donnell and Odhran Doherty were introduced for McBrearty, McGee and Aaron Doherty. A Finnerty free after Thompson handled the ball on the ground gave Galway a 64th minute lead that they weren't to relinquish. Donegal players including Ryan McHugh were not happy with the decision but replays showed that the ball had indeed touched the ground. Ciaran Moore after a fine run got the pass all wrong and at the other Paul Conroy was unlucky not to stretch the Tribesmen lead to two points with an effort that came back off an upright. Donegal's renowned composure in the heat of battle in previous games painfully deserted them as the second half progressed at GAA Headquarters. O'Baoill's attempt from the right ring went past the far post. Then Silke landed the last score of the game to give Padraig Joyce's side a two-point advantage in the last minute of normal time. There were still four minutes officially of injury time that stretched out to six by the time the referee blew the final whistle. Langan held his hands in head with a kick that went well wide. Then Mogan's attempt to drop the ball into the danger area in



The Donegal team before the Semi Final on Sunday.

search of a goal went out over the end line. A Galway attack in the 75th minute earned them a 45' that keeper Gleeson sent wide. There was still time for one more attack but when the high ball was sent in it was a Galway player who emerged with the ball and then came the final whistle. It was heartache for the Donegal players who knew in their hearts that they had the chances to make it to the All-Ireland Final. Galway didn't play all that well but managed to take advantage of a really disappointing second half from the opposition. Joyce will know that a much better performance will be needed if they are to defeat Armagh in the All-Ireland Final on Sunday week. Brendan McCole, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Ciaran Thompson, Michael Langan,

Shane O'Donnell and Oisín Gallen were best for Donegal on a very difficult day for their supporters. Donegal - Shaun Patton; Ciaran Moore, Brendan McCole, Eoghan Ban Gallagher; Ryan McHugh, Caolan McGonagle 0-1, Peadar Mogan; Ciaran Thompson 0-2 (m), Michael Langan 0-4; Caolan McCole, Shane O'Donnell 0-2, Jason McGee; Patrick McBrearty 0-3 (1f), Oisín Gallen 0-3, Aaron Doherty. Subs: Daire Ó Baoill for McCole (30), Jaic Mac Ceallabhuí for Gallagher (48), Hugh McFadden for McGee, Niall O'Donnell for McBrearty (both 59), Odhran Doherty for A.Doherty (63). Subs not used: Gavin Mulreany, Stephen McMenamin, Luke McGlynn, Mark Curran, Jamie Brennan, Charles McGuinness.

Standby panel: Kevin McGettigan, Donal McBride, Oisín Caulfield, Caolan Ward. Extended panel: Conor O'Donnell, Philip Doherty, John Ross Molloy, Rory O'Donnell, Daithí Roberts, Ronan Gallagher, Evan Broderick, Ronan Frain. Galway - Connor Gleeson; Johnny McGrath, Sean Fitzgerald, Jack Glynn; Dylan McHugh 0-2, Liam Silke 0-2, Sean Mulkerin; Paul Conroy 1-1, Cein Darcy; Matthew Tierney, John Maher 0-1, Cillian McDaid 0-1; Robert Finnerty 0-4 (2fs), Damien Comer, Shane Walsh 0-3 (2fs). Subs: Johnny Heaney for Darcy (58 mins), Daniel O'Flaherty for Walsh (63 mins), John Daly for Fitzgerald (67 mins), Kieran Molloy for Comer (72 mins), Tom Culhane for McDaid (73 mins).

A super season despite Croke defeat

When Jim McGuinness spoke in Donegal Town after the Ulster Final triumph he said there was only one other major trophy to go after. It might have been his first season in charge of this Donegal team but he wasn't settling for the Anglo Celt Cup. Sam Maguire was firmly in his sights and all the Glenties man's meticulous planning was geared towards reaching the All-Ireland Final. There was only one blip in Cork on the way to Sunday's semi-final. Donegal finished top of the group and automatically into the quarter-final where they defeated Louth. They went into Sunday's game in a confident mood and rightly so after a hugely impressive season where McGuinness guided the team to the Division 2 league title and then the Ulster Final success. Going into the second half of the Galway game, Donegal were in a good place in terms of the goal of reaching the All-Ireland decider. But from the time that Paddy McBrearty converted a 46th minute free that confidence and composure drained from the players legs. Was there also an element of fatigue engulfing a squad that has put in a massive shift in terms of training and competitive games since last autumn? Or was it a case that the winning line was in sight and that impacted their way of playing? Galway did make it a bit harder for the Donegal attack in the second half but that ultimately wasn't the reason for the defeat. Chances that were being converted in some style in the first half just didn't happen in the final quarter. The opportunities were there to win the game and that is something that the squad and management team will be so disappointed about. Galway's more recent experience of an All-Ireland semi-final and final certainly helped them in the closing stages of Sunday's game. Over the whole game Padraig Joyce got a number of things

right including pretty much nullifying the influence of both Peadar Mogan and Ryan McHugh. Mogan only became prominent in the final ten minutes but even then there was no joy for the St. Nauls man. Galway were masters in winning their own long kick-outs. They also didn't allow Donegal a single shot on goal and keeper Gleeson didn't have a save of note to make. Likewise Sean Patton wasn't tested apart from the goal but there were a few high balls into the danger area that caused anxious moments. Eoghan Ban Gallagher's 46th minute departure didn't help the Donegal cause. He sustained an injury after winning a free that was certainly soft with Paddy McBrearty successfully converting the placed ball. The absence from the matchday squad of Conor O'Donnell due to injury was a big blow. Whether he would have been able to give the team that extra edge we will never know. Jason McGee was much less of an influence on Sunday due to the injury that had kept out of both the Clare and Louth games. Even though there was still a chance to win through injury time with a one point and then two gap there was a sense that it was going to be Galway's day when Oisín Gallen missed a relatively easy free in the 62nd minute. The Donegal attackers had lost their 'Mojo' and the McGuinness magic that almost always works wonders in tight corners just couldn't get his team over the line on this occasion. The body language in the latter stages of the second half demonstrated his frustration and maybe just a feeling of helplessness that the players weren't able to deliver this time. McGuinness won't be too hard on the players and rightfully reflected on how much had been achieved in the 2024 season. But, talk of next year and being more bedded in as a squad is not



Jason McGee and Michael Langan in midfield action against Galway on Sunday.

McKelvey, Hugh McFadden, Niall O'Donnell and Odhran Doherty were unable to turn the game around. Of the other unused substitutes probably only Jamie Brennan would have been considered as an attacking option. The other subs were goalkeeper Gavin Mulreany, defenders Mark Curran who did feature a bit in earlier rounds and Stephen McMenamin (Red Hughs) whose only championship appearance was as a sub in the easy victory over Clare. Also unused were young attacker Luke McGlynn who didn't feature at all in the campaign. The other forward on the bench was Naomh Conaill's Charles McGuinness who was in the match day squad throughout the eight-game championship season with the No. 26 jersey but didn't see a minute of action. Apart from the one bad wide each Michael Langan and Oisín Gallen were Donegal's two best players from an offensive perspective on Sunday followed by Ciaran Thompson and Shane O'Donnell. Brendan McCole was the pick of a defensive setup that overall did quite well as a unit. Jim McGuinness and his management team will now throw a forensic eye over the club championship to try and unearth a few more players to freshen things up for next season. There will be a little break now for the Donegal squad and management team. McGuinness as always has put in an unbelievable shift since taking over for his second stint in charge of the Donegal senior footballers. Along with his management team that includes Neil McGee, Colm Anthony McFadden and Luke Barrett, he has given the County a great lift. The panel were given a sense of self-belief to deliver on the pitch after a hard pre-season training programme. A lot of man hours were put in and a huge amount of resources were provided to enable amateur players to be well prepared to perform at their peak. And they did that successfully and in some style. The only off days were the McKenna Cup Final loss to Derry in January, the Cork defeat last month and the second half performance on Sunday that denied them a place in the All-Ireland Final.

Langan on Team of the Week

After an outstanding performance that included four fine points Michael Langan was deservedly named on the Team of the Week along with full-back Brendan McCole and Oisín Gallen who notched 0-3 in Sunday's All-Ireland semi-final loss to Galway at Croke Park. The St. Michael's man who lined out at midfield was also named among the nominations for Player of the Week along with Galway's Dylan McHugh and Armagh's Rian O'Neill.



Tom McBrearty, right and friends at the match.

Fanad Dry Stone Wall

Scenes from the Stone Walling Workshop at Shannagh, Fanad as part of the Dry Stone Walling weekend.

A team completed the wall of 50 metres. Rosaleen Begley placed the time capsule into the wall which contained the front page of last week's Tirconail Tribune, names of all on the wall and a coin.

This year they partnered with Cuala Foundation, founded by Irish folk musician Susan McKeown. Cuala produces intercultural projects in Ireland and the U.S. There were community workshops in Intercultural Drumming and Irish Stick Fighting (Shillelagh Self Defence) given by Éamonn Cagney and Bernard Leddy. At the session in the Fanad Lodge, Adenike Anifowose gave a demonstration of the Talking Drum. Five American interns working with Cuala this summer lent a hand to the dry stone wall construction.



Craig McAlister, Dungannon and Shannagh the Fanad Horse Shoe Throwing Champion receiving his cup from Cait Fealty.



Rosaleenn Begley placing the time capsule in the wall.



Graham Pickett, Gortnatra with Cait Fealty.



Fanad

50th anniversary of Fanad Community Centre
The Fanad Community Centre 50th anniversary is this year and they are planning big celebrations to mark the occasion.

On Saturday the 27th of July there will be an Anniversary Concert featuring David James and Band with special guest Sandy Kelly. Doors open at 8pm and there will be music and dancing from 9pm by local artists.

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

Circus in Fanad

As part of the Fanad Community Centre's 50th Anniversary celebrations the circus is coming to town! Fanzini's Impossible Circus will have two performances at Trialough on Saturday 27th at 3.00pm and Sunday 28th at 1.30pm.

Tickets are available from Ballylar PO, Malachy's

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Ticéid ar fáil ó: Wendy in Oifig an Phoist Baile

Láir, Siopa Malachy, Clinton's Tamney, ó Elaine in Latte Love, sa siopa ag an Teach Solais nó ó Roisín ins an Ionad Lae.

Tá costas €5 an duine ar thicéad nó €18 do bheirt daoine fásta & 2 pháistí.

Cáilithe i bhfad agus i gcéin tá laochra sorcais na hÉireann, na Fanzini Brothers, ag cur gáire le daoine le blianta beag anuas. Seó lán pearsantacht, scil, greann agus foinsí eolais. Déanfaidh na máistrí seo tú a mhealladh lena sorcas grinn idirghníomhach iontach. Is iad Con Horgan agus Denis Butler na Bráithre Fanzini. As Trá Lí don bheirt acu agus b'iad na Ciarraioch Iodálach is greannmhaire in Éirinn! Tá siad ag feidhmiú le chéile go náisiúnta agus go hidirnáisiúnta ó 1997 i leith.

Summer Sale.

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

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Credit Union Draw

The Swilly Mulroy Credit Union Prize Draw will take place on Saturday 17th August. Tickets cost €20 and are limited to 1 per member (over 18s).

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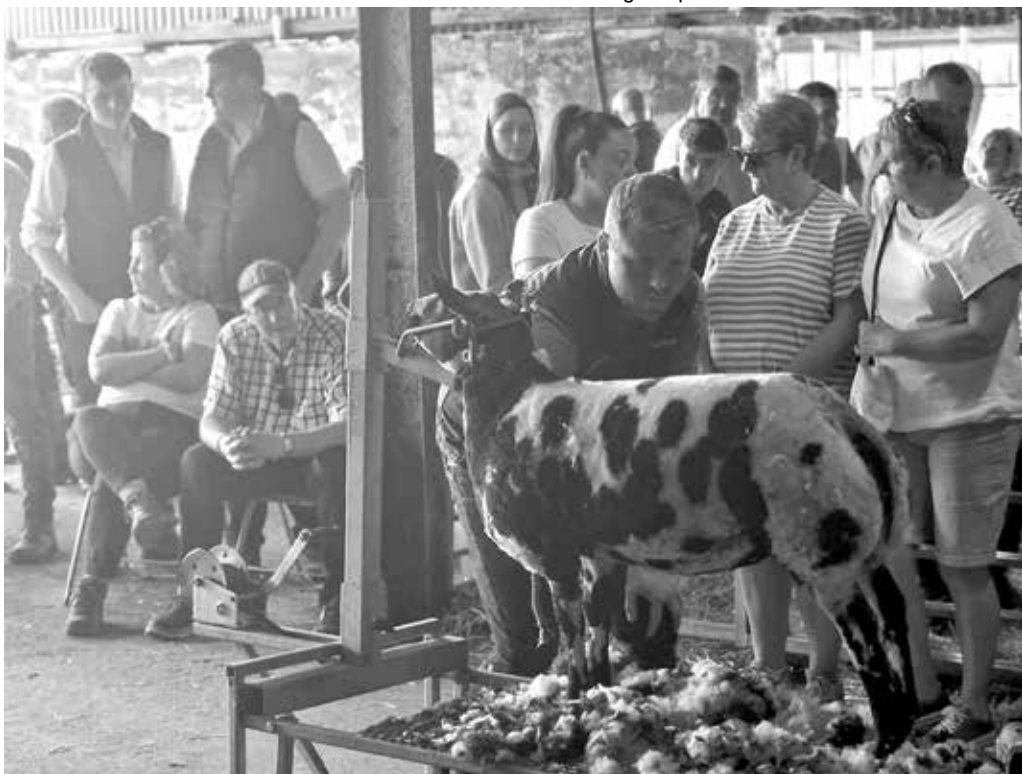
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Donegal County Council Ballincrick and Ballynabrocky, Fanad North, Letterkenny M.D.

I, Enda Carr, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Slatted Shed to Side of Existing Shed on Site and for Planning Permission to Erect New Silage Pit to Rear of Proposed New Slatted Shed and Existing Shed and all associated site works @ Ballincrick and Ballynabrocky, Fanad North, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council Drumhallagh Upper, Killygarvan, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Shaun and Linda Mc Collum, are applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for Construction of Sun Room to Side of Existing Dwelling House @ Drumhallagh Upper, Killygarvan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council Craigmaddyroe Far, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Gerard and Charlotte Black, are applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Planning Permission for 1) Alterations and Amendments to Dwelling House Granted under Planning Application Ref. No: 19/51167 to form New Dwelling House Construction on Site, 2) Retention Permission for the importation of Rock and Fill and the creation of a new roadway to the East of the Dwelling House and for 3) Planning Permission to put Surface Water measures in place to prevent the discharge of Surface Water onto the Public Road and all associated site works @ Craigmaddyroe Far, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council Swilly Park, Rathmelton, Ramelton, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Mick McGeever and Edward Diver, of Swilly Rovers Football Club Committee, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect Modular Structure for the purpose of Spectator Viewing Area, Toilet Facilities and all associated site works @ Swilly Park, Rathmelton, Ramelton, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning

Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council Cranford, Letterkenny

We, Deirdre and Billy McCooey, 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 Ballagherg, Letterkenny

I, Pearse Duddy, intend to apply for planning permission for development at Ballagherg, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ballagherg. The development will consist of planning permission to construct an extension to the existing dwelling house and for change of use of dwelling house to guest house with upgrade of on-site sewerage treatment system and all associated 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 at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to, or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council Ballygay, Milford

I, Neasa McBride am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction of four number childcare units and a staff facility building with connection to a sewage treatment system, additional carparking arrangements and all associated site development works at Ballygay, Milford, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ballygay. The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public

opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority, in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee of 20 euros within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority.

Donegal County Council Clonbara, Falcarragh

We, John McCauley & Sile Toland are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank & domestic storage shed with all associated site development works at Clonbara, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Clonbara. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Drumdeevin, Termon

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

Donegal County Council Knockybrin, Letterkenny

I, Mark McGowan am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to change the house type previously granted under Ref:22/51329 and making use of approved access road granted under Ref:23/51015 at Knockybrin, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Knockybrin. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the 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 Trimragh, Letterkenny

I, Sean Harris intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning retention permission for change the use of my existing dwelling house and ancillary domestic garage to guesthouse accommodation with all other

associated site development works at Trimragh, Letterkenny, County Donegal, in the townland of Trimragh. 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 Mevagh, Downings, Letterkenny

I, Eileen Connors have submitted significant further information including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) to Donegal County Council for Planning Application Ref No: 24/50077 which was made on the 6th March 2024 for permission for the erection of a new dwelling house with septic tank system and all other associated site development works. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) accompanies this application at Mevagh, Downings, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Mevagh. The significant further information including information in relation to the effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) in relation to the application has been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours of the Authority. A submission or observation in relation to further information including information in relation to the effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be made in writing to the authority on payment of fee of €20.00, not later than 5 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and Site notice by the Planning Authority

Donegal County Council

I, Kieran Martin am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct machinery/storage shed at Termon, Co. Donegal in the townland of Stragradly. 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

I, Paul Fergus am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to renovate existing derelict cottage, construct extension to the North and West elevations and install wastewater treatment system including all associated site works at Downings, Co. Donegal in the townland of Doagh. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be submitted as part of the application. The planning application and Natura Impact Statement 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

In Memoriam

Begley



Mena
13th Anniversary



Kevin
30th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 22nd July 2011 and a dear son, brother and uncle who died on the 7th August 1994.

*God called your names so softly
that only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
of Angels drawing near
The golden gates stood open
God saw you needed rest
His gardens must be beautiful
as He only takes the best.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by Neil and all the family, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all your nieces and nephews.

Cannon

Hughie
146 Mount Marian
21st July 2000

In loving memory of a special father, grandfather and great grandfather.

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

Always remembered by Rosemary, Brian, Michael and families.



Herron
Bridget
Glenwill /
Letterkenny
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a much loved Mammy and Granny Bridget who died on 23rd July 2023.

*"A year has gone by
without you, it seems
like only yesterday
you were here"*

Always loved and missed by all your family.

**Anniversary Mass
will take place in St.
Columba's Church,
Glenwill on Saturday
20th July at
7.30pm.**

Doherty

Brendan
Creeve,
Rathmullan
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of Brendan who died on the 23rd July 2020.

*On earth you toiled,
in Heaven you rest
God rest you
Brendan you were
one of the best.*

Sadly missed by Bridget and Tom, Anney, Glenvar.



Callan
Seamus
Loughagannon,
Letterkenny.
14th Anniversary

In loving memory of a much loved husband, father, Granda and great Granda who died 19th July 2010.

*A daily thought
a silent tear
A constant wish that
you were still here.*

Sadly missed by Ann and family, Loughagannon, Ramelton and Kings. Lynn, England.

Prayer for Publication

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail).

Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me that herein You are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Make request). There are none that can withstand Your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (three times). Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted. **A.B.**

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.

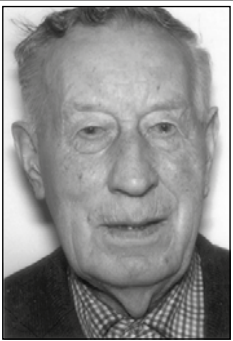
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In Memoriam



Campbell
Daniel
Rosskirk, Portsalon

In loving memory of Daniel Campbell who died 28th July 2013.

I know you can hear us up in Heaven because we talk through our hearts dear Daddy in Heaven We miss you every day and I know you miss us too No matter how old we get or how long you're gone We hear you Daddy up in Heaven through the love in our hearts.

Always remembered by daughter Tessa Campbell Harkin, son-in-law Seamus Harkin, Rosskirk, Portsalon.



Duffy
Dan
Portsalon
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather who died 24th July 2019.

I thought of you today but that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday and the days before that too I think of you in silence and often speak your name All I have are memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is a keepsake from which we'll never part God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sister and family circle.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 21st July in St. Columba's Church, Massmount at 9am.



Carr
Eddie,
Terlin, Creeslough
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Husband, Dad and Granda who died 22nd July 2022.

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on Special memories never fade because a loved one gone Rest in Peace dear Eddie, until we meet again.

Loved and missed by your loving wife Madge.

We will never forget that night God took you from this life We didn't want to say goodbye but we knew you had to go May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear How much we love and miss you and wish that you were here.

Remembered and Sadly missed by your sons Hughie, Dominic, Danny, Tootsie and your daughter Marjorie and their families.

Anniversary Mass at St Michael's Church, Creeslough on Saturday 20th July at 7.30pm.



Mulvihill
Patrick (Patsy)
Ballykerran,
Kilmacrennan
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of Dad who died on the 24th July 2022.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be So he put his arms around you and whispered come to me A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

Fondly remembered and sadly missed by sons Gerald, Nigel, John and daughters Caroline, Fiona, Maureen and sons and daughters-in-laws and all the grandchildren Rest In Peace

Anniversary Mass will take place in St Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan at 6pm on Saturday 20th July.



Hunter
Thomas & Mary
Creeslough
Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear father and mother and grandparents who died 21st July 1996 and 18th July 1999.

Our hearts are full of memories we cherish them with care You are always in our thoughts and forever in our prayers.

Always remembered and sadly missed by all your loving family.



McLaughlin
Madge
Drumtrumman,
Kerrykeel.
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister who died on the 22nd July 2022.

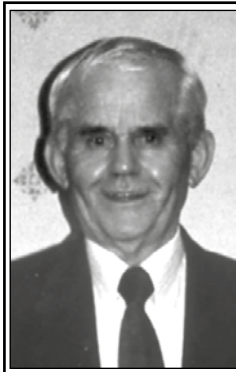
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept to love, to cherish and never forget Will those who think of her today a little prayer to Jesus say.

Always remembered by your sister Teresa and brother-in-law Willie and all the family.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council
Ballyare Glebe, Ramelton

I, David Maguire, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the following: (a) Demolition of Existing MICA Defective Block Two Storey Dwelling granted under Planning Ref: 04/8078 (b) Construction of a Replacement Two Storey Dwelling (c) Retention of Single Storey Domestic Garage (d) Replacement Dwelling Storm & Foul Drainage to be Connected to Existing Previously Approved Storm & Foul System Granted under Planning Ref: 04/8078



Duffy
Dickie
Ramelton
12th Anniversary

In memory of a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who died on 22nd July 2012.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be So he put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me". A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Loved and missed by your wife Kathleen.

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

Sadly missed by your sons Anthony, Martin, Damian and Jonathon, daughters-in-law Margaret, Bridie and Fiona.

We miss you more than words can say But in our hearts you will always stay The flowers may wither the sun will set But you Grandad we will never forget.

Missed by your grandchildren Katie, Erica, Louise, Zoe, Shaun, Lee and Shane

The angels sang Amazing Grace, God came down and touched your face Then He whispered soft and low, come with me it's time to go".

Missed by your great grandchildren Heidi, Lucy, Zara, Amelia, Jayden and Noah.

(e) and all associated works and site works. All located at Ballyare Glebe, Ramelton, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ballyarr Glebe. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond, Lifford,

Acknowledgement

Lynagh
Lily
Umlagh, Carrigart

We, the family of the late Lily Lynagh wish to express our deep gratitude to all who supported us in our recent bereavement. Thank you for all the Mass cards, sympathy cards and all who expressed their condolences through phone calls, messages and online.

Thanks to Dr Lennon, Dr Brennan, Nurses Eileen and Bernie, all the staff at Carrigart Health Centre, the NowDoc service, the staff at Letterkenny University Hospital, Donegal Hospice and to Aidan, Christine and all the staff at Carrigart Pharmacy. A special word of thanks also to Mum's Home Helps, Anne, the two Bernies, Noreena and Carol.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Charlie Byrne for the funeral service and his regular visits to Mum. To Seamus Gallagher Undertaker for his care and organisation over the wake and funeral. To the Choir for the lovely music. To the Beach Hotel for providing the funeral food.

Thank you to our neighbours, friends and those who travelled long distances to be with us, to all who called to the house and to those who brought food. Thanks also to the gravediggers and Carrigart Fire Brigade for all their help during the wake.

Finally, to our and Mum's cousins and their families, we will be forever grateful for the tremendous support that you gave us at such a difficult time. As it would be impossible to thank you all individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Lily's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Thursday 25th July at 7.00pm.



Doherty
Brendan
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother who died on the 23rd July 2020.

A life is not measured by how long you live, it's the person you are and all that you give Your generous nature, your heart of gold Are the memories of you that will never grow old You were always so happy your smile touched us all We know we will meet again, when God give us our call.

Always remembered by your brother Hugh.

Anniversary Mass in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin on Sunday 21st July at 11am.

Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Donegal County Council
Croaghan, Ramelton
We, Gerard and Mary Gallagher are applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for devel-



Jordan
Mickey
St Mary's Tec,
Ramelton
18th Anniversary

In loving memory of our beloved uncle Mickey who died on the 18th of July 2006.

Memories have such lovely ways of bringing back our yesterdays A heart of gold a life so true, loved and respected by all you knew Always willing, helpful and kind, these are the memories you left behind.

Always loved and remembered by your nephew John, nieces Jacqueline and Julie and their children Eoghan, Tabatha, Anna and Emily X.

oment at Croaghan, Ramelton, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Croaghan. The development will consist of retention of a conservatory to the side of the existing dwelling. 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

McBride
Mary
Clontallagh,
Downings



Mary's husband Michéal, daughter Aoife and son Joey wish to thank all our kind neighbours, friends and extended family who greatly supported us on our recent sad bereavement. Thanks to all who came to the wake and funeral, especially those who travelled long distances and to the many people who sent Mass cards and sympathy cards. Thanks also to those who provided food and assisted at the wake.

Our sincere thanks to Fr. Charlie Byrne who supported us at a very difficult time, Fr. Martin Doohan and Fr. Michael McClafferty who officiated at the funeral Mass. Thanks also to Seamus Gallagher Undertaker for his kindness and organising the wake and funeral. Thanks to the Choir who provided the lovely music at the funeral and the Hospitality Group who assisted with the refreshments in the Hall afterwards. Thanks also to the Beach Hotel who provided the food.

Thanks to Dr. Lannon, Nurses Eileen and Bernie and all the staff at the Carrigart Health Centre. We are also grateful to Aidan and staff of Carrigart Pharmacy for their assistance at all times. We also must thank the Palliative Care Team, Carmel and Deirdre who were a great help to us in Mary's final days. Sincere thanks to the NowDoc Service, Ambulance Service and staff at Letterkenny University Hospital.

A special thanks to Mary's Home Helps Fiona, Eileen and Catherine. Thanks to the Rally organizers for their consideration in cancelling the stage after Mary's passing. A special mention for Margaret and Grannia whose help and support will never be forgotten.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we offer this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Mary's Month Mind Mass will take place in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart on Friday the 26th July at 7pm.

Montgomery

Tommy
Hornhead, Dunfanaghy

Evelyn, Roy, Lesa, Maree and families wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who offered help, kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort during Tommy's illness and recent passing. We deeply thank you all, family, friends, neighbours and those who travelled near and far, to be with us at this sad time.

A special word of thanks to everyone who brought gifts of food, baking, made phone calls, sent flowers, cards and gave a donation. Also to anyone who helped in any way during the wake and funeral, we are so grateful for everything.

Thanks also to all the staff at the Creeslough / Dunfanaghy Health Centre and especially Doctor Rory for the care and compassion shown to Tommy and our family, appreciation also to all the staff at Flynn's Chemist Dunfanaghy.

Gratitude to James Harkin for his truly caring, professional, dignified and respectful funeral services.

Grateful thanks to the Reverend David Skuce for attending to Tommy's spiritual needs while in the Lakehouse, for the very special and intimate service we were able to share with Tommy on the night before he passed and for the funeral service conducted according to Tommy's wishes and to Hazel for providing our chosen music. We are also grateful for the minister's continual support to our family.

It is impossible to find the words strong enough to thank Jennifer Rankin and all her wonderful staff at the Lakehouse Nursing Home for the last three years. You all have - along with the residents and their families - shared our world and Tommy's journey. You have enabled us to spend so many happy times and the opportunity to create precious, treasured memories. Your care has been outstanding, your friendship a blessing and Tommy loved you all.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude for your support.

Please cherish any memories you have of Tommy and continue to keep us in your prayers...

The Montgomery Family.

of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

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Dunfanaghy

Workhouse Anniversary

This week, the Workhouse celebrated its 29th year in business with a special day of guided tours through their exhibition of The Workhouses of County Donegal. Organised and run by the Donegal County Museum, and will be held at the Workhouse until September. Be sure to call in and learn more about the impact Workhouses had across the county. They are open daily from 10am every day.

Wee Hannah Day at Workhouse

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

Cup Cake Making

Sian from Wild Fuschia Bakehouse will be hosting a Cup Cake Making Workshop on Tuesday 23rd of July at 10.30am - 12noon for children ages

9+. Come make, bake and decorate your own cupcakes. To book, contact The Workhouse on 074 913 6540.

Fairy Godmother Sing Along

Come join the Fairy Godmother at The Workhouse Cinema Room in a Disney inspired sing along experience for all the family to enjoy on Thursday 18th of July. There will be singing, dancing to all your favourite Disney classics and fun with a bubble machine! The time slots available are: 11am - 12pm and 1pm - 2pm. Suitable for kids 3+ - please note parents must be in attendance with their child at all times. To book ring Anna Devine on 085 112 1264.

Mollys Pop-Up Market

Molly's Pop-up Craft Market is running every Sunday during July and August from 12 to 4 pm. All producers are local and all their products are hand-crafted. 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 Summer Kids Club

The Olympics are coming to Dunfanaghy from the 7th - 11th of August from 10am - 12.30am each day. There will be sports, games, crafts and bible studies and much more. Come along and enjoy the fun in Holy Trinity Hall.

individuals in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas. Note the quiz on Tuesday 30th July will be in aid of Dunfanaghy August Fair.

Wellness Café

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

Quiz Nights

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

St. Michael's Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were: 1,8,9,10,15,20. The match 5 winners were Anthony Langan, Cloone, Creeslough and Sean Moloney, Letterkenny who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3100.

50/50

Congratulations to Aisling Toner who won €330 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.

Mass in Doe

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

Dunfanaghy FRC

Dunfanaghy FRC Quiz Nights in Arnolds Hotel on Tuesday at 9.30pm for July & August in aid of supporting, improving and enriching the lives of Children, Families and

Dunfanaghy Square receives Facelift



Ukrainians Ludmilla Sharko (left), Elya and Aleksandr Khrystenko who have been busy giving Dunfanaghy square a facelift, along with Diana Walford (second left) chair of Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns committee.

The Square in Dunfanaghy has been receiving a facelift courtesy of a group of Ukrainians who are resident in the area. The team were busy on July 9th repainting the metalwork on the railings, benches, bollards, and signboards, which had been badly tarnished. The operation was organised by Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns, which provided tins of black paint and brushes, and is part of the organisation's programme to improve the appearance of the village. The three painters are Ludmilla Sharko, Elya Khrystenka and her husband Aleksandr, who are among a number of Ukrainians who settled in the Dunfanaghy area last September. Diana Walford, chair of Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns, said:

"The Ukrainians were keen to assist with the painting and they have done a very professional job. They are enjoying being part of the community and have been made to feel welcome here."

As they worked away there was an opportunity for them to chat with local people and tourists, including a couple from Germany. Their elevenes refreshments were kindly provided by Cafe Revive in the square.

Elya said: "We were pleased to be able to help Tidy Towns in their ongoing efforts to make the square look a little smarter so thanks to Tidy Towns for involving us."

Last month the Ukrainians were involved in the tree-planting programme along the N56 close to the Golf Club.



Dunfanaghy Youths 5K

The Dunfanaghy Youths annual 5km road race was held in Dunfanaghy on Saturday morning and the Club wish to thank everyone who took part or helped in any way.

First home was Milford AC's Paddy Ryan in 17minutes 45 seconds with 2nd place going to William Brown at minute later at 18.46, 3rd was Max Miller 19.29, 4th Carol Doolan 20.01, 5th Gary McGovern 20.17, 6th. Paucic Hanon 20.17, 7th and first lady was Roseanne Spence in 20.17, 8th was Norman McLean in 21.12, 9th Aidan Alcorn 21.48 and Ben Martin in 21.59 made up the top ten.



Eventual Winner of the Dunfanaghy 5k Road Race Paddy Ryan, Milford AC leads the runners up hill at the start of the race, winning in a time of 17mins 45secs.



Creeslough

Sympathy

The death has taken place at her home of Mary Durning, Newmills, Ramelton, sister of Patrick Durning, Drimmaraw. Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church Ramelton last Thursday and Mary was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery. Sympathy is extended to Patrick and family and to all her family members and relatives.

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday evening last. The numbers drawn were: 1,8,9,10,15,20. The match 5 winners were Anthony Langan, Cloone, Creeslough and Sean Moloney, Letterkenny who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3100.

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

Community Association

Fused Glass Workshop: (Ages 5-12) 10am-11.30am / (Ages 13-18) 11.45am - 1.15pm August 6th. Kids Musical Instrument Making Workshop: (Ages 12-18) 10am - 1pm August 14th - 16th. "Last Week of Summer" Camp for Teenagers: (Ages 13-17) - August

21st - 23rd.

To Register for the Workshops/Camps Please Text or Email the CCA: info@creesloughcommunity.com / 087 292 3102.

St. Michael's Lotto

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

50/50

Congratulations to Aisling Toner who won €330 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Ards Friary Shop

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

Mass in Doe

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



St. Michael's GAA Club Under 14 Girls team who recorded victories over Glenswilly and Gweedore recently.



Pictured are groups enjoying the Garden Fete in aid of Clondehorkey Parish Funds in the Ballymore Parish Centre last weekend.



Cloughaneely

Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Band Lotto Results last weekend and the numbers drawn were 1-14-15-18-19-20. Shaun O'Grady won the €100. This week's jackpot will be €7,850.

Pobail Le Cheile

Siopa Pobail Summer opening times: Monday- 1-5pm; Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 10am-5pm; Thursday 10am-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 11am-5pm; Sunday Closed

Customer Appreciation Day on Friday 19th July to celebrate Siopa Pobail's 15 year anniversary.

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.

Open to all parents, carers etc caring for babies/children. Are you looking for ways to stay connected and keep healthy over the summer? Summer Buggy Walks could be your answer We'll take a

stroll around town or Parkrun and then go for tea/coffee at the tSean Bheairic in their library area. We are very grateful to the Donegal County Childcare committee for supporting this project. No need to book. We will meet at the car park beside the Little Free Library (behind the Strand Bar) 10am on July 18th & 25th. Call 086 455 7519 for more info.

Youth Activities:

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

ARTSPACE

ARTSPACE - Pobail le Chéile Summer Exhibition will launch Friday July 26th. The Summer Exhibition artists are Ian Fleming, Ian Gordon, Teresa Jordan, Fran Boyle, Frances McKenna, Ann Walsh and Mairead Harking McGee. Come join us on Friday 26th July between 7-9pm for the exhibition launch. Meet the artists and view their works. They'll be

wine and cheese and music from talented young musicians.

Reek Sunday

National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick is the dedicated Year of Prayer and Reek Sunday is on 28th July.

On this day we also celebrate World Day for Grand Parents and the Elderly. Garland Friday, 26th July - Local Pilgrimage 10am. Mass on the summit of Croagh Patrick 7:30pm. Mass at Murrisk Community Café - Croagh Patrick Car Park. Reek Saturday, 27th July 8:30am. Tóchar Phádraig Pilgrimage begins at Ballintubber Abbey, 6:30pm. Vigil Mass in Saint Mary's Church, Westport, Archbishop Francis Duffy of Tuam. Reek Sunday, 28th July - 7:30am until 2:00pm, Confessions will be heard on the summit. 8am. First hourly Mass on the summit. 2pm Last Mass on the summit.

Dates for your Diary

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

Pobail Le Cheile

Free Art Club for 10-12 year olds with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Garradh Cholmcille. 6-7pm. Booking on 086 455 7519. Introduction to Pranice Healing and Healing



Catriona Kelly, Paul Anthony McFadden and Helena McClafferty of Cloughaneely Community Group receiving their award from Angela Wren DLDC & John Curran DVC at the Donegal Volunteer Awards 2024 in the Radisson Hotel Letterkenny on Thursday last. Photo Clive Wasson

Clinic. Learn about 'non-touch' energy healing system.

Thursday Café

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

Campai Samhraidh Eascarrach

6 Weeks Camp continues until the 2nd August. Contact pobaleas@gmail.com nó 074 9180571 to register. Sport, Art, Karate, Nature, Friends, Fun, Music, Archery,

Drama, Storytelling and much more. For children aged 4-12 years. 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday. €50/Child per week. Family discount - second child €40, third child €35.



Scenes from the North West Donegal Vintage Club Vintage Show at the Dunfanaghy FC grounds on the Horn Head Road on Sunday.

Photos by Moses Alcorn.



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Milford

Lotto: 9/7/24

2-10-19-26 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Agnes Devine, Bingo.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 20th July: Maple, Milford: Joe Mc Nulty and AnneMarie Hannigan.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Senior Men

Our Senior men concluded their league campaign with a win away to Cloughaneely on a 2-13 to 0-8 scoreline. The Reserves were defeated by 1-13 to 1-04.

Focus now shifts to the Intermediate Championship where we have been drawn against Fanad Gaels (away), Letterkenny Gaels (home), Bun-crana (away) and Na Rossa (home).

U14 Boys

Unfortunately, our U14 boys Blue team were beaten by Bun-crana in the Shield final last week on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-5.

U14 Girls

Our U14 girls beat Gweedore last Saturday last. They now host Glenswilly at Moyle Park on Saturday (20th) at 11am. All support welcome.

Minor Girls

Our Minor girls hosted Malin on Tuesday and just came up short in a very tight, competitive game. They now travel to Malin this week.

Hard Luck

Hard luck to Club members' Donall Barrett, Luke Barrett and Rory O'Donnell on Donegal's defeat against Galway on Sunday in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Club Golf Classic

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

St Eunan's

Senior Men

Club championship Round 1 fixture (to be played weekend of August 10th / 11th To be confirmed) Naomh Adhamhnáin v Kilcar

Round 2

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

Minor Board:

U16 Upcoming fixtures:

Monday July 22nd U16 Division 1 - Nh Adhamhnáin v Sean Mac Cumhaill 6:30pm
Monday July 22nd U16 Division 5 - Nh Adhamhnáin v Bun Cranncha 8pm

U14 Upcoming fixtures:

Wed. July 24th U14 Division 1 League Final - Gleann tSúil v Nh Adhamhnáin 8pm in Moyle Park.

Club Lotto

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

Hurling

Results

Junior Hurling Championship Round 4 - Nh Adhamhnáin 0-8 : 1-7 Four Masters
Senior Championship Group B - Setanta 3-20 : 0-15 Nh Adhamhnáin

St. Michael's

League

On Saturday we took on Naomh Columba at The Bridge. Billed as the battle at the Bridge St Michael's avoided relegation with a good victory to ensure division one football for another year.

Goals from Martin McElhinney and Carlos O'Reilly laid the foundation for the victory.

Congratulations go to managers Cathal Sweeney and Raymond McLaughlin and the backroom team for the effort they have put in since February they had to contend with key injuries to vital players and the loss of some key forwards due to emigration. On a positive note it was fitting to see Daniel McLaughlin getting his first action of the year and he also chipped in with a score.

It was also fitting to see to club stalwarts among the crowd namely Andy Hanlon and George Sterritt to witness our win.

The scorers were: Micheal McGinley 0-4, 3f, Carlos O'Reilly 1-3, Martin McElhinney 1-0, Colin McFadden, Daniel McLaughlin 0-1 each.

St Michael's: Mark A McGinley; Jamie Hunter, Liam Paul Ferry, Stephen Doak; Andrew Kelly, Ciaran Kelly, Paddy McGinley; Kyle McGarvey, Colin McFadden; Martin McElhinney, Michael McGinley, Paul Johnston; Edward O'Reilly, Carlos O'Reilly, Oisín Langan. Subs: Chris McElhinney for A Kelly Ht Daniel McLaughlin for E O Reilly 44 mins Eddie O Reilly for P Johnson 52 Mins Martin Breslin for C O Reilly 58 mins. The Reserves lost by 1-10 to 1-11.

St. Michael's Scorers: Dean Fleming 0-4, Calvin Murray 0-2, Ethan Ferry 0-2, Seamus Ferry 0-1, Callum Finnegan 0-1, John Flynn 1-0. Team: Dylan O Toole, Seamus Ferry, Thomas O Donnell, Dara Breen Peter Sweeney, Ethan Doherty, Kit Regan, Andy Ward, Callum Finnegan, Ethan Ferry, Dean Fleming, Jack McKinley, John Flynn, Niall Cleary and Robbie Murray. Subs: Calvin Murray for J McKinley HT

Senior Championship

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

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner on Monday. The numbers drawn were: 1,8,9,10,15,20. The Match 5 Winners were Anthony Langan, Cloone, Creeslough and Sean Moloney, Letterkenny who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3100.

North West Coastal Challenge

North West Coastal Challenge - Donegal's newest adventure race on 5th October - save the date. A fundraiser for Youth Development of all underage players in Naomh Micheál. Entries are now open : www.nwcc.ie.

Minor Girls

In a hard-fought contest at The Bridge, the Minor girls lost to Urris 1-09 to 3-05.

Under 16 Boys

Congratulations to our Under-16 boys who defeated Naomh Mhuire and now sit at the top of the NRB division 2.

St Michael's Under-14 Girls faced off against Gaoth Dobhair winning 2-7 to 2-5.

Under 10 Girls

Our Under-10 girls travelled to Fanad with an impressive squad of 26 footballers. The squad was Niamh Dawson, Caoimhe Langan, Alan-na Ní Churráin, Kaylee Wilkinson, Caoimhe

Donegal Ladies GAA stats 2024

Friel, McLaughlin and McGinley top appearance stats



Claire Friel (Fanad Gaels) and Termon duo Shannon McLaughlin and Evelyn McGinley.

Claire Friel (Fanad Gaels) and Termon duo Shannon McLaughlin and Evelyn McGinley are among nine players who featured in all 11 of the Donegal senior ladies games in 2024. Friel was the first choice goalkeeper right through the league and championship season. The other six players with the 100% appearance record are Niamh Boyle (St. Nauls), Tara Hegarty (Moville), Róisín Rodgers (Naomh Muire) , Katie Long (Glenfin), captain Niamh McLaughlin (Moville) and Suzanne White, Killybegs (9).

Donegal's leading GAA statistician Fr. Sean Gallagher also tells us that Termon's Jodie McFadden featured nine times while former Milford and now Kilmacud Crokes player Niamh Carr made four appearances in 2024 for new manager John McNulty who had succeeded John McNulty. Among the players to have featured twice were Shauna McFadden and Laoise Ryan (St. Eunan's) and Shannon McGroddy (Downings). Termon trio Jenny McGettigan, Orla Corry and Chelsea Gorman played once for the Donegal seniors as did St. Eunan's team members Sophie McFeeley and Shauna Higgins.

Jodie McFadden with 1-7 (10) came in as the fourth highest scorer in 2020 for the County seniors behind top markswoman Suzanne White 2-54 (60), Katie Herron 4-10 (22) and Katie Dowds 1-8 (11). Defenders Shannon McLaughlin and Evelyn McGinley both notched 0-2

N.E.L. DIVISION 2

1. Dún na nGall 0-7 Laois 0-3
2. Dún na nGall 1-4 Cill Dara 1-8
3. Dún na nGall 1-9 An Íarmhí 1-3
4. Dún na nGall 1-13 Muineachán 2-10

Heavy defeat for Eunan's hurlers

St. Eunan's suffered a heavy championship loss to Setanta at the weekend going down 3-20 to 0-15 in Killygordon. It was a 14-point winning margin with the Setanta goals coming from county players Josh McGee Cronolly and Danny Cullen. An under strength Eunan's trailed 1-12 to 0-8 at the break. Their top scorer was Peter Kelly who converted six frees.

McGee, Sarah Louise Toyne, Darcy Coll, Ciara Alcorn, Meave Monaghan, Aoife McNiff, Sarah McNulty, Sarah Kate Boyce, Orlaith Hughes, Anna McGinley, Aisling Toner, Rose O'Toole, Ellen Byrne, Tanya Hogan, Cara Murphy, Robyn Collett, Anna Jane Baird Shayla Finnegan, Tilly Roarty, Leah Sweeney Bonner, Eimear Gallagher, Ella Barnes.

Donegal Under 15 Development Squad

Well done to Mark McGuinness, Ryan Toyne, the currently injured Shay Sweeney and the Donegal U15s development team who drew with Derry on Saturday.

Under 14 Girls

Well done to our u14 girls who defeated Glenswilly by 2-06 to 1.08.

Fixtures

Sat 20th July
U10 Boys Away
Red Hughs, Joe Carlin Memorial Tournament
10am
Mon 22nd
U16 Boys
Home V Burt all county
D3 7.30pm
U14 Girls
Away v Gaoth Dobhair

6.30pm

Gaël Fhánada

Lotto Results 14/07/2024

Numbers: 1, 13, 16, 17, 25. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Siobhan Coyle. This week's Jackpot: €1,600.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Déardaoin, 18ú Iúil Cailíní Faoi 14

Gaël Fhánada v Naomh Conaill @ 7:30
Páirc Chuimhneacháin Dháithí Uí Bhraonáin
Dé Céadaoin, 24ú Iúil Cailíní Faoi 12
Gaël Fhánada v Naomh Micheál @ 6:45
Páirc Uí Shíadhail

Ladies Intermediate Championship Draw

Donegal LGFA conducted their championship draws and our ladies side face Killybegs, Ardara, Gaoth Dobhair and Carndonagh with two games at home and two on the road.

They will make the trip to Fintra to face Killybegs in the opening round before a home game against Ardara. Machaire Gathlán will be the venue for their third match and they'll enjoy home advantage in their final game against Carndonagh.

Comhghairdeas Mark

Well done to Mark Dorrian who was 4th official in the All Ireland Junior Football Final which preceded the Donegal v Galway game. New York defeated London by a point in that encounter.

Nh Pádraig finish season on a high

Naomh Pádraig 1:10 Gaël Fhánada 1:09
A lacklustre five minutes just after half time from



Minor Girls who played against Malin last week

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the hosts, where the Muff side hit four points on the bounce and moved five ahead was the pivotal period in this clash, and even though the hosts would dominate the majority of the remainder of the half and get back on level terms briefly, Naomh Pádraig had enough in the bank to steer themselves home by the narrowest of margins.

Mark McConigley, Oisín McFadden, Paddy Heraghty, Shaun Kerr (0:01), Eoin Logue (0:01), Jimmy Coyle (0:01), Ronan McAteer, Sean Carr, Michael Sweeney (1:01), Paul Coyle, Mark Friel, Bernard McGettigan, Odhrán Shiels (0:01), Darren McElwaine (0:01), James Kerr (0:01). James Gallagher for Paul Coyle, Liam McGrenaghan (0:02) for Mark Friel, Alan McAteer for Darren McElwaine, Conor Heraghty for Shaun Kerr, Emmet Kelly for Paddy Heraghty.

Spoils shared for u14 Girls

Gaeil Fhánada 3:11 Cloich Cheann Fhaola 4:08
The u14 Girls were on home soil last Saturday when they hosted Cloich Cheann Fhaola in their latest u14 Division 1 league fixture.

Cailíní Faoi 10

Our U10 Girls faced off against St. Michael's and Glenswilly at Portsalon.

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 piosa ceoil a chloisteáil ag an am céanna. Bhí slua breá ann le cúlpa seachtain anuas, bígí linn arís Déardaoin.

Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

Well done to the senior footballers who finished up their 2024 league campaign with a victory over neighbours Naomh Colmcille. Attention now turns to the Intermediate Championship where we will compete against Bunrana, Milford, Naomh Muire LR, and Fanad Gaels. Fixture dates to be finalised.

The senior ladies lost out by a late goal in their Division 2 semifinal encounter against Robert Emmets last Saturday evening at Páirc na nGael. They now look forward to competing in the Junior B Championship which gets underway on the 11th August.

The senior hurlers recorded a win over Burt in last weekend's match in the Junior Hurling Championship at the Glebe. Next up is a home game against Setanta at the end of the month.

The Club in association with Arena 7 are holding our annual Champagne Scramble at Letterkenny Golf Course this Friday 19th July. The cost is €120 per team of four (any combination). Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd and Best Ladies Team & Best Mixed Team. To book a team, enquiries or to sponsor a Tee please contact Tom on 087 2834 207 the Golf Shop on 074 9121150. Online bookings can also be completed at www.letterkennygolfclub.com

Bingo continues every Monday evening at the Arena 7 and online. Books can be purchased every Thursday evening at A7 from 6.30-7.30pm and Saturday from 11am to 12 noon. This Monday we have €2,260 up for grabs.

Termon in promotion play-off

There is a chance for Termon to return to top flight football next season when they take on Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon in a promotion/relegation play-off this Sunday at midday at Davy Brennan Memorial Park, Glenties. Termon gave themselves that opportunity to secure promotion to Division 1 after an easy win over St Naul's in Mountcharles at the weekend on a final score of 2-16 to 0-7.

It meant that the Burn Road outfit finished third in Division 2. They will play Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon who finished third from bottom of Division 1.

The Ballyshannon outfit had ended up on the same points as Naomh Columba but finished above them having won the head-to-head game. Four Masters and Bunrana have been automatically promoted from Division 2.

Red Hughs and Na Rossa are the two teams that will be going to Division 3 football next season. Meanwhile Glenfin will be the venue for the Division 2/3 play-off between Cloughaneely and Naomh Brid which has a noon throw-in. Cloughaneely will be aiming to preserve their Division 2 status and will be hoping that county star Jason McGee will be available for the crucial clash.

The Division 1 league final between Naomh Conaill and Gweedore will take place this Saturday in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny with a 4.30 start.

The Division 2 decider between Four Masters

and Bunrana will take place that night at MacCumhaill Park with an 8pm throw-in. St Mary's of Convooy and Carndonagh will contest the Division 3 final in Burt on Saturday with a 3.30 start.

Fixtures

Saturday July 20th

Division 1 final

Nh Conaill v Gweedore, 4.30pm, O'Donnell Park

Division 1B final

Nh Conaill v McCumhaills, 2.30pm, O'Donnell Park

Division 2 final

Four Masters v Bunrana, 8pm, MacCumhaill Park

Division 2B final

Four Masters v Termon, 6.15pm, MacCumhaill Park

Division 3 final

Carndonagh v St Mary's, Convooy, 3.30pm, Burt

Division 3B final

Carndonagh v Nh Brid, 1.30 pm, Burt

Sunday, July 31st

Relegation Playoffs

Division 1/2

Aodh Ruadh v Termon, midday, Davy Brennan Park, Glenties

Division 2/3

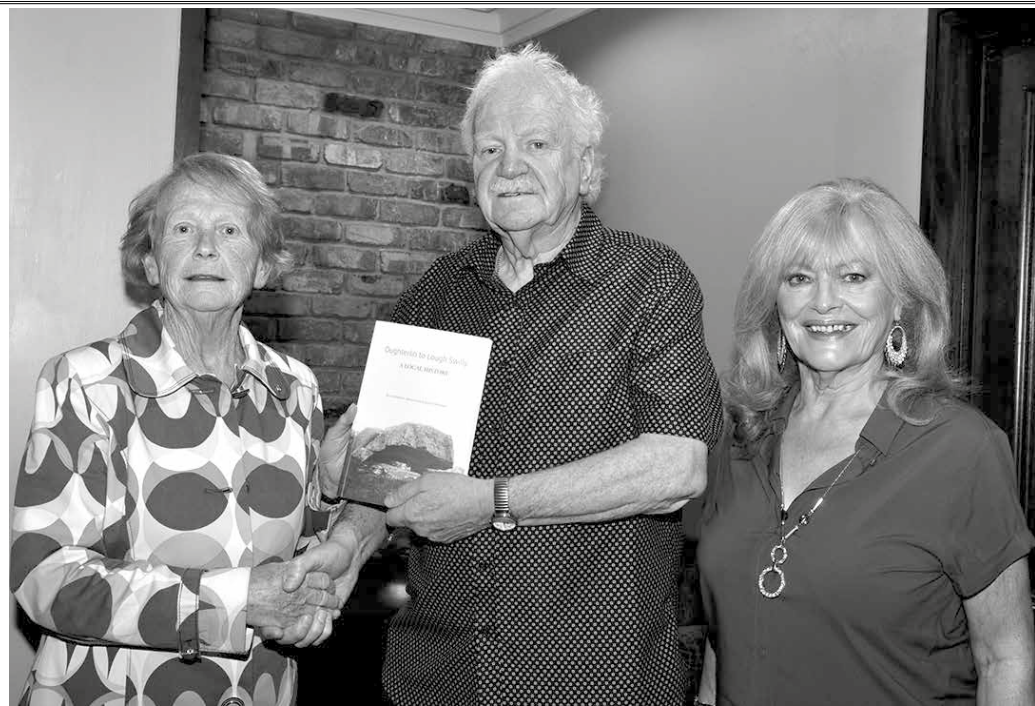
Cloughaneely v Nh Brid, midday, Glenfin

Hegarty in Irish Euro boxing squad



Young Letterkenny boxer Roisin Hegarty has been included in the Irish boxing squad for the European School Championship which take place in Bosnia & Herzegovina from Thursday 1st to Sunday 10th of August. Hegarty is a member of the Illies Golden Gloves Club in Bunrana.

In June Hegarty won her third National Junior Cadet title, seeing off the challenge of Olivia Farrell, Edenderry. In April Roisin had also won a national title so she was always a contender to make this Irish schools squad.



Kathleen Deeney presenting a copy of the book Oughterlin to Lough Swilly - A local history to Letterkenny Community Heritage Group Chairperson Johnny Joe McCollum. Also included is Johnny Joe's wife Kathleen.

Richard Kerr back on UK circuit

Kilmacrennan motorcyclist Richard Kerr will be returning to the UK this weekend to make his British Superbike Championship debut. Kerr has been brought in for Rory Skinner who continues his recovery from injury. Kerr will line up at Brands Hatch aboard the TAS Racing prepared BMW M 1000 RR Superbike and further rounds will be taken into consideration based on Skinner's full recovery and return to racing.

This year to date, Kerr has been racing stateside in the Moto America's Superstock series but the 23-year-old is relishing the opportunity to ride the Cheshire Mouldings BMW Superbike this weekend.

"First of all, I'd like to wish Rory a speedy recovery. As a racer no one likes to be out injured and especially as he has been doing such a great job for the team. I've known the TAS guys for quite some time and have obviously raced against them in Superstock.

"I'm also aware of their pedigree and history, so when asked to stand in for Rory in British Superbike, it was an easy decision to make. I'm looking forward to the challenge and representing Cheshire Mouldings BMW in BSB and I'd like to thank the team for this opportunity."

Team Manager Steve Plater commented: "A few



weeks in racing can certainly throw a few curve balls. Rory has shown great pedigree this season in BSB, as has Davey in the Superstock series, so taking this into consideration, we felt it best for Davey to continue in Superstock and chase his second title in the class - this time for Cheshire Mouldings BMW. Taking on Superstock and Superbike is just too much to ask of one rider and he understands the decision.

"Richard is a talented young man and fully understands that he will stand in until Rory is fit to ride. He comes with a title under his belt, and we are confident he is the correct choice in the circumstances. It's always nice to give up-and-coming young riders an opportunity and I firmly believe he will fit in very well at TAS Racing."

Letterkenny AC News

Club members would like to send warm wishes to Teresa McDaid as she departs with Team Ireland to compete in the Olympics in Paris in her role as team manager.

LAC would like to wish Erin Friel the very best in her endeavours in Slovakia as she competes in the European U18 championships.

Congratulations to Danny Mooney and Niamh McDaid on the birth of their baby boy last weekend.

The Divers Hyundai 10km road race saw LAC's Philip McHugh cross the line in first place in an excellent time of 33:41.

Michael Black ran 34:48, Ciaran McGonigle ran 35:09, Michael Harkin ran 36:37, Kieran Crawford ran 37:16, Enda McLaughlin ran 37:34, Cian Friel ran 38:19, Stephen Woods ran 38:42, Barry Mackey ran 39:13, Sean McFadden ran 40:56, Mark Nee ran 41:28, Craig Ross ran 42:10, Azpeitia Alvaro ran 42:22, Adrian Callaghan ran 42:53, Stephen Shiels ran 43:32, Paul McMonaigle ran 43:43, Robert Kavanagh ran 44:03, Gary Price ran 46:00, Graeme Michie ran 47:31, Ray McDermott ran 48:37, Margaret Shiels 50:26, Liam Wiseman 53:05, Con Duffy ran 53:42, Kevin Lynch 57:40, Claire Price 57:57 and Linda Cronin ran 1:09:49.

At the Rathmullan 5km LAC athletes produced some fine performances.

John McCallion ran a superb time of 15:25, Mark McPaul ran 15:31, Philip McHugh ran

15:38, John Foley ran 16:49, Kieran Crawford ran 17:20, Liam Tinney ran 18:00, Barry Mackey ran 18:23, Patrick Brennan 19:04, Eimear Gormley 19:16, Peter Gallagher ran 19:39, Georgina Reid 21:46, Margaret Shields 23:11, Con Duffy 23:26 and Alicia McNulty 24:09.

The Station House Hotel Danny McDaid 15km will take place on the 28th July starting at 10.30am and will be based at the Aura Leisure Centre and all runners and walkers are welcome.

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.

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

The 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.

The aim of the programme is to reach out to those who wish to improve their fitness and all are most welcome any Monday they choose to attend.

Fit 4 Life is not about speed but fitness and the coaches from LAC particularly welcome newcomers.

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2024 Donegal Volunteer Centre Awards

The annual Donegal Volunteer awards ceremony took place in the Radisson Blu hotel on Thursday 11th July. The awards recognise and thank Individual Volunteers and Community Groups throughout County Donegal

who work to improve their area and Community. All winners received specially commissioned certificates and wall art pieces by Ramelton designer Laura Buchanan. Community Groups Awards There were 16 nominees for the

Community Groups category, where six projects also won €350 Shop LK vouchers for their groups. Individual Awards There were twenty-nine individuals nominated for awards. Some recipients had over 50 years volunteering in their communities.



Aisling Jarvis, Katie Barry and Lara Dunne from Letterkenny Pride winners in the Projects section at the Radisson Hotel Letterkenny. Photo Clive Wasson



Andrii Kotkovets with John Curran & Roksana Oliinyk DVC at the Donegal Volunteer Awards 2024. Photo Clive Wasson



Shane McBride making a presentation to Mary Patton volunteer artist from the Rathmullan Community Arts Project with their award. At back are Teri Russell and Ellis McGlynn Rathmullan Tidy Towns and Pat Patton, volunteer artist



Liam McGrath Irish Scouting with Shane McBride DVC at the Donegal Volunteer Awards 2024. Photo Clive Wasson



Emma Grace receiving her Volunteer Recognition Award for her works on the Rathmullan Community Art Project from John Curran, Donegal Volunteer Centre.



Letterkenny Lions Club, John O'Connell with Margaret Larkin DLDC & John Curran DVC at the Donegal Volunteer Awards 2024 in the Radisson Hotel Letterkenny on Thursday last. Photo Clive Wasson



Kilmacrennan Foroige Group winners at the Donegal Volunteer Awards 2024 in the Radisson Hotel Letterkenny on Thursday last. Photo Clive Wasson

Portsmouth trial for Patton

Young Finn Harps striker Sean Patton is on trial at English League Club Portsmouth this week. The Drumkeen boy is currently on loan at Harps from Derry City. He has started well with Harps scoring on his debut against Kerry and also netting in a friendly fixture against Cliftonville.

Ballinamallard draw at Finn Park

Finn Harps drew 2-2 with Irish League Championship side Ballinamallard on Tuesday night in Ballybofey in a friendly fixture. Max Johnston and former Mulroy Academy player Aaron McLaughlin netted early goals for Darren Murphy's side. A big worry for the manager will be the injury sustained by young Darragh Coyle that forced the Burt lad off only a short time into the game. The Co. Fermagh side secured a share of the spoils with a brace of second-half goals.

Donegal Half Marathon in August

The organisers of the 2024 Donegal Half Marathon are expecting a large entry for this year's event that takes place on Sunday, August 25th.

The Letterkenny-based race, which is being held in association with the Kernan Retail Group

Almost 400 completed the Donegal Half Marathon in 2023 and we are planning for a similar field this year. We have the signs up around Letterkenny and the entries are coming in at steady rate."

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