



## New Chair for 100% Redress Party

The 100% Redress Party AGM at An Grianan Hotel Burt on Tuesday evening heard a debate about the selection of candidates for the General Election... and much more.

This was the first big meeting since the local elections when their ten percent share of the vote saw them on 7,400 and four Councilors.

The debate will be around the choice and number of candidates... that is going to be a hard call given that the general election is a different political animal with a much wider agenda and one constituency.

The 100% Redress Party is one year old this week and fighting its first gen-



eral election and it is a steep learning curve. At times the AGM appeared to focus on running candidates... in Inishowen and Letterkenny. However, wise counsel prevailed and that is a debate for another night. Apart from the election of a new officer board, the meeting focus

was on organisation, new members, finances and the selection of candidates.

And there is a new officer board. The notable change is that of Cllr. Tomás Séan Devine, who replaces Eamonn Jackson as Chairperson of the party. Jackson contested the local elections for the party in the Milford district in June.

## Local author's book added to Leaving Cert



Local author, Michelle Nic Pháidín, says she is delighted to have her first book added to the Leaving Cert curriculum. The Irish language planning officer for north Donegal said that she is proud to have her first book, 'An tIriseoir', added to both the ordinary and higher level syllabus.

**By Eamonn McFadden**

Based in the office of Céim Aniar in Downings, Michelle is the Irish language planning officer for north Donegal. She now works to help promote and strengthen the Irish language in the area. The Gaoh Dobhair native previously worked as a news reporter in the county for over twenty years and last year decided to turn her attention to the Irish language. Michelle penned her first book 'An tIriseoir' in 2016.

It secured second place in the national literary competition, Oireachtas na Gaeilge and spurred Michelle on to write a sequel 'Fuascailt an Iriseora' which featured on the An Post Irish Book Awards.

Last year she published a compilation of short stories 'Súile Éisc' written in memory of her late father Owen McFadden.

Now, 'An tIriseoir' has been selected for both the ordinary and higher level leaving certificate Irish papers.

She said: "I feel the book highlights issues that young people should feel they can talk about such as drugs, mental health issues and honesty. The three strongest characters in the book are female so I enjoyed having the opportunity to give women a strong voice."

The book features the life of a young reporter, Brid, who

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## Only 14 active farmers appeal land tax decision

With only 14 of the country's farmers appealing their new zoned land tax decision, many others say they were forced to employ consultants and legal opinion in their fight to avoid being classed as 'eligible' for the tax.

**By John McAteer**

And they are now calling on the government to pay their costs.

The Chair of the IFA in Donegal, Joe Sweeney said: "The latest land tax proposal was a crazy

idea in the first instance and it was never going to work."

Farmers who've opposed the land tax claim it failed because it left them exposed to a levy they could not afford in the current climate of their industry and they were forced to fight it tooth and nail.

The IFA says that at the current rate of three per cent, the new tax amounts to €885 per year on the average hectare of farmland. That is twice the return

from farming - and increased input costs and legislation have combined to create a highly negative environment.

Earlier in the summer, Harris set off on a charm agenda touring the country fairs, festivals and wherever an Alpaca raised its head as he got the message out that he was the saving grace for the nation's farmers.

He guaranteed that he would leave no stone unturned in his determination to stop this 3% land tax.

Actually, a large number of farmers were fully aware of the reality that this plan had failed... and they paid a price to prove to the Dept. that they were right. Many have been left with hefty costs in the battle to avoid the residential zoned land tax and they are now calling on the government to cough up the fees and forget the hype.

The Irish Farmers' Association has described the proposed land tax as an effective compulsory pur-

chase order.

Farmers who've spoken to us said that either the information on the maps was outdated or else the entire legislation was designed without proper input or reference to previous failures.

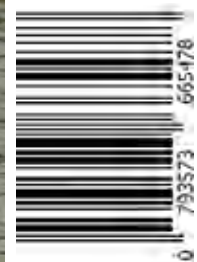
This news leaves the country wondering what is the next move from Simon Harris in his bid to nail down a number of Fine Gael seats in rural constituencies.

A government decision on the tax is

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The Neely family, Mark, Orla, Maria and Marcus presenting a cheque for €40,000 to Isobel Rodgers from the Donegal Hospice. Also included are staff members Shane Martin, Sheila Gilroy and Olivia Kelly. The money was raised at the recent Tawney Tractor Run and Family Barn Dance.





# Buy a hotel for €175k

The online auction website bidxl.com is offering a 11,312 square foot at Glencolmcille for €175,000. The auction will begin this Thursday the 19th of September at 8am and finish at 11am.

The Glencolmcille Hotel is a former Hotel (pictured right) with a large



land holding extending to approximately 0.72 hectares (1.80 acres) of land to the rear. The three storey, detached building is arranged to provide former hotel accommodation at ground, first and second floor level.

The property is situated on the R263 road, approximately 4km from Glencolumbkille village and 15 km from the Slieve League sea cliffs.

Other local properties going under the hammer this Thursday morning include No. 5 Backlane, Ramelton (pictured left) has an invited Opening Bid of €60,000. The end of terrace three bedroom house has a private garden to the rear and is located in Ramelton town centre convenient to a host of amenities. The property is arranged ground and first floor beneath a pitched roof and extends to approximately 80 sq. m. a large storage shed situated to the rear and it is located within walking distance of the White Shore Beach.



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## Letterkenny man found dead in Portuguese police station

A Letterkenny man who died while in police custody in Portugal has been named locally as 29-year-old Ryan Chan.

It is understood he was detained in custody after an alleged domestic incident in Albufeira on Tuesday, September 10th and was found unresponsive in the early hours of the following morning and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Portuguese National Republican Guard issued a statement confirming "that the individual had been detained since the previous night, following attacks on his 29-year-old partner, using a knife (bladed weapon)".

They added: "The circumstances of the death inside the cell are being investigated, and the Guard is ensuring the necessary coordination with other agencies, namely the judiciary police, the public prosecutor's office and the general inspectorate of internal administration."

The Kevin Bell Repatriation Rust also confirmed they were assisting in the repatriation of Mr Chan's remains.

The victim of the alleged stabbing was taken to hospital for treatment but was later discharged.

## Award nomination for Falcarragh's Caring Capall

A Falcarragh-based equine centre that works to provide assisted activities and therapies for those with additional needs has been nominated for an award.

Caring Capall, has been nominated in Equine Awards NI for their work with children with additional needs, as well as their innovative coaching program. The centre was established in 2023 by Katie Coyle and family including husband Michael, daughter Anna and son Joe. Katie had been involved in horses for a long time but saw first hand the impact the positive interactions her son Joe, who has Downs Syndrome, had whenever he began to interact with horses when he was much younger.

A statement following their nomination said: "Thank you to everyone who had contacted Equine Awards NI and recommended Caring Capall and the



work that we carry out with our wonderful horses and ponies to support many young people through our Therapeutic Riding and now the Equimotional Wellbeing Coaching Programme. We are humbled that our family project has been nominated for the Equine Awards NI and feel very privileged and grateful."

They are based in a fully enclosed area in Falcarragh which means they can operate all year around in a private, quiet setting, but they also have access to 20 acres of farmland to experience outdoor activities and have a sensory trail for when they have better weather.

The Equine Awards NI take place in Belfast on October 5th.

To learn more about Caring Capall follow them on Facebook.

## EV charging points for five Donegal clubs: McNulty

Five Donegal sports clubs are set to benefit from funding for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging points on their grounds, according to Fine Gael election candidate, John McNulty.



The five successful Donegal clubs are:

Portsalon Golf Club; Curragh Athletic, Killygordon; Dunfanaghy Golf Club; Letterkenny Golf Club; CLG Ard a' Ratha, Ardara.

This initiative is part of a wider €100 million national investment in EV infrastructure, which positions clubs to play a key role in expanding access to EV charging while supporting environmental and sustainability goals. Over 220 sports clubs across Ireland are eligible for funding under the €15 million Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme.

McNulty said: "This funding is a great boost for EV infrastructure at our local sports facilities. It will cover the cost of installing EV charge points, benefiting both club members and visitors while promoting sustainability."

"Congratulations to these clubs on their successful applications. This funding is a great development for our local communities, enhancing current facilities while helping create a more sustainable future," concluded McNulty.

## Farming appeal

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now off the agenda until next year.

Joe Sweeney added: "The zoned land tax was always a non-runner and now the government is being made to pay the price. In Ireland, there are very strong links with the land because the fight to own a few acres was a long and bitter struggle running into past centuries. It is part of our heritage and we are proud to be custodians of a way of life that is now under threat like never before.

Every previous scheme to tax the land has failed because they were badly thought out and nothing has changed," he commented.

Harris met with IFA officials at the Tullamore Show and he was beacon of positivity and sunlight in a summer when the rains pelted down for months on end.

But in the background is the story of last year's farm incomes.

The Teagasc Survey revealed that 57% of farmers were earning less than €20,000. In last year's Budget, the farm community said their sector was the only one that was forgotten about by Minister Charlie McConalogue.

And this year's weather conditions allied to increased input costs leaves the industry more heavily dependent than ever before on good news in the October Budget.

Both FG and FF have reminded us of their heroic efforts in recent years to free up land for housing development.

The most recent hallmark scheme was the vacant site levy. Since it was introduced in 2018, however, it has proven a challenge for local authorities, with collection rates low across the board. It will now be replaced by the residential-zoned land tax... and there are few guarantees it can be more successful than previous attempts.

The Taoiseach was first to launch the controversy on promising that no active farmer would have to pay the tax on their land. As this was in direct contradiction with the legislative provisions of the Finance Act 2021 that introduced the latest tax. Harris seemed pretty unconvincing that he had a resolution to the farmer opposition that it created.

And then right on cue, Finance Minister Jack Chambers scrapped the idea until next year.

Now, the planning board is left with a major headache. What is the definition of 'vacant'? What precisely does 'actively being farmed' mean? Is a retired farmer leasing his farm classified as 'active' 'inactive' or 'what if a farmer was previously been given 'an exemption'?

The average price of agricultural land sold in 2023 was €29,500 per hectare, therefore it is not surprising that the new tax has been kicked into touch and the new government's farm minister will be left to begin all over again, to sort out the mess.

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## Leaving Cert

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moves to Dublin to work in a tabloid newsroom. The story leads the main character back to Donegal where she finds herself immersed in a life she wanted to escape.

"I am delighted the book has been selected as part of the State exam. You always remember the books you studied for the English and Irish examination papers. I used to love reading the work of local authors such as Seamus Mac Grianna and Cathal O Searcaigh. It is strange to imagine that students will now read my work as they prepare for their final exam in secondary school," she said.

Michelle added she feels young people should enjoy the subjects they study and appreciate that there are an enormous amount of opportunities outside of the leaving certificate: "Young people must remember that the exam doesn't dictate their lives. I always felt that I could have obtained better results but I never imagined something that I wrote, sitting in an armchair, on winter nights, in Gaoth Dobhair would be placed on the leaving certificate syllabus. You never know where life will bring you - the most important thing is to work hard at something you are passionate about."



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# No shocks at FF convention

Fianna Fail selected Deputy Charlie McConalogue and Pat Cope Gallagher as their candidates for the General Election at last week's convention in the Clanree Hotel.

## Report & Photos by Declan Kerr

After less than an hour into the convention balloting, some in the Naughton camp were acknowledging that it was going to be difficult for him to win the contest based on their observations of the numbers of delegates that would be ticking the Cope's box.

And that's the way it turned out when the result was officially announced. Gallagher was declared the winner on 169 votes with Naughton receiving 96. A total of 265 votes were cast and there were no spoilt votes.

We understand that 71 delegates were absent or did not vote. There are a reported 147 registered delegates in the Donegal electoral area and the same in Glenties with 42 in the Stranorlar area. Around 300 people were in attendance and the convention was chaired by FF's Senator Robbie Gallagher.

While the turnout was positive, there wasn't any sense of great excitement and there was clearly an absence of young folk in the room.

With the delegates from the former Donegal NE area not obliged to vote since McConalogue's rat-

ification was secure, there was a noticeable numbers advantage for Pat Cope Gallagher. And that was demonstrated with the volume of the applause when he spoke.

In his address, Deputy McConalogue said that Fianna Fail back in Government again since 2020 had delivered for Donegal in health, education, sport, tourism, housing, agriculture, marine and in defective concrete blocks. He also alluded to progress being made on the TEN-T Project and the A5.

He also referred to staff and bed increases at Letterkenny University Hospital along with the opening of Primary Care Centres in Buncrana and Newtown while there is another due to open in Dunfanaghy. He also highlighted the ongoing construction of the new 100 bed €50 million s Community Hospital in Letterkenny.

Pat Cope Gallagher got a huge welcome from the floor. He referred first to discussion that had been going on about his age in relation to seeking the FF nomination. He told the gathering that he had a biological age of 50 and claimed that his former colleague Dr. James McDaid could verify that. Gallagher said the most important thing to him was individuals and families who came first before politics.

"I kept working after losing my seat the last time. I might have lost my seat but I didn't lose my contacts. The country is awash with money yet people in need of healthcare packages are held up by the processing of them. That's not good enough. It's a very difficult time for people with Defective Concrete Blocks. We must do all we can with the 10% increase. It is a work in progress," Gallagher said.

He also took a moment to reflect on the death of Cllr Noreen McGarvey who was also his former office manager prior to taking a seat on the Council. Gallagher also hammered the impact that Brexit has had on the Donegal fishing industry and criticised Michel Barnier's failure to deliver on promises

in regard to fishing in the Brexit deal. Barnier was the EU's chief negotiator on Britain's exit from the European Union. He is now the Prime Minister of France.

Cllr Michael Naughton said he was naturally disappointed to have lost out in the two-contest with Pat the Cope Gallagher to be the Fianna Fail candidate along with Minister Charlie McConalogue. However, he added that he was heartened by the support that he had received and felt that the Party had been energised by the contest.

"Who wouldn't be disappointed not to be the candidate but it's not about me now. If we all work together we can elect the two candidates. Tourism is very important to us and the summer season was poor. We need to get the 9% VAT rate back" said Cllr. Naughton who is the Clanree Hotel manager.

In his address Donal 'Mandy' Kelly said he had been privileged and honoured to have received a nomination for the FF Convention. "I received a big vote in the Council election and felt I owed it to the people and my team to let my name go forward. But I withdrew as Charlie McConalogue is doing trojan work for the County and I believe we are in a strong position to take two seats. There will be another day for me and I will consider it again" Kelly said.

Senator Niall Blaney said the next two years were crucial for Donegal so the County needed to elect two TDs adding that it was something the Party previously had here for many years. He pointed to a



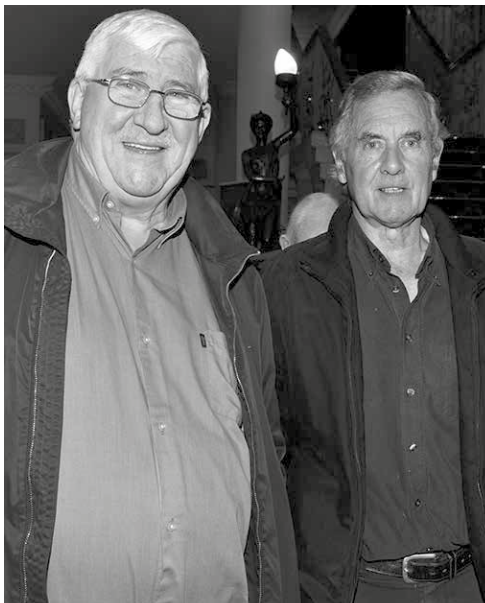
Deputy Charlie McConalogue and Pat Cope Gallagher Fianna Fail's two candidates for the General Election with Mary Coughlan

number of projects that needed the backing of two Donegal TDs including the Bonagee Link, the TEN-T and A5.

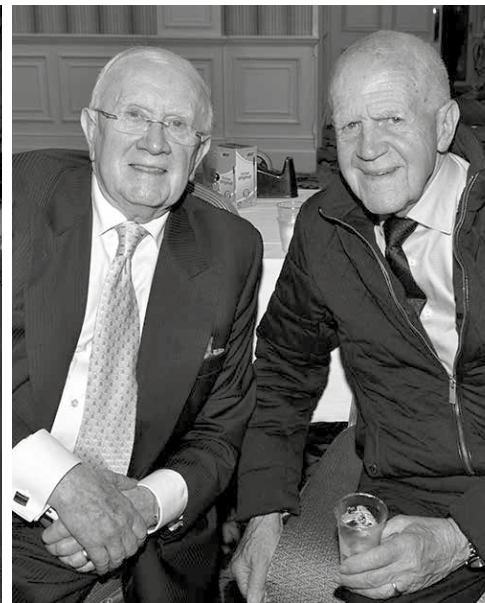
Another man to withdraw from the contest was the youngest nominee Ben Harkin. Addressing the crowd in Clanree, he said it was an honour to be in such distinguished company. A proud Termon man he said it was a neighbour from his own parish Dr. James McDaid, a former Government Minister, that sparked his interest in politics. Harkin became active in politics during the Transition Year at Secondary School through to third level at Queen's University Belfast. However, Harkin said on this occasion he was withdrawing with respect to Minister McConalogue whom he added was doing a very good job for the county.



Senator Robbie Gallagher who chaired Thursday night's FF convention and Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly



Michael McCafferty and Jimmy Friel



Pat Cope Gallagher and Noel McGinley



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Charlie Meehan, Pat Cope Gallagher and Cllr. Anthony Molloy at the convention.



John Diver, Barney Boyce and Hugh Diver in the Clanree Hotel.



# Football... as political football in the North

At time of writing the future of Casement Park in Belfast is unclear. All points to it not being ready for 2028. However, the GAA, Northern Executive and Irish Government have all promised funds.

The planned Casement is more than a football park. It is also a political football.

Broadly, Unionists are opposed. That's because it's the GAA. Broadly, Nationalists are in favour. That's because it's the GAA.

Northing, though, is quite that simple. Many, if not most, residents around Casement oppose the proposed new 31,000 seat stadium. The GAA certainly could have handled the matter better. Residents felt the stadium was rammed through.

When the land for Casement was bought, World War Two was just over. The park was opened in 1953.. Back then, the Andersonstown area was only being developed.

In the next years, Andersonstown was built up. Car ownership grew. Those attending matches abandoned their cars at will in the area. To be fair, being in a built-up area there was little parking space. Residents were hemmed in.

Residents fear this will be worse. They fear the New Casement will not just be about football. The GAA has told them there will be no more than three concerts per year. Given the size of the stadium, these will be big acts. Big acts will bring horrendous levels of traffic.

There was a possible alternative. In the noughties there was talk of building a major sports facility at the Maze. That is on the M1 Motorway, west of Lisburn. That would have provided for all major sports. The idea founded on politics. The Maze had been the site

*So finally, let's put a word in for Clones. That town has hosted the Ulster Final for over 80 years. Donegal people could identify with Clones. It is a small town fallen on hard times. For nearly a century Clones was a prosperous railway centre. Then the railways were shut in the late 50s...*

of the North's main prison. Some Unionists feared it would become a shrine to the IRA. I suspect some in the GAA wanted a site they could fully control.

The old Casement was closed in 2013. Since it is derelict.

There is no doubt the GAA and the Northern nationalist parties see Casement as a prestige project.

Nationalists also see Belfast's major public buildings as reflecting past Unionist domination. The Assembly sits in Stormont, seat of the old Northern Ireland Parliament. This is a spectacular building on a hill. It overlooks Belfast and surrounding area. Remember, there are cities we have never heard of in China and India with more people than the North. The British Parliament sits in the Palace of Westminster. Until after World War Two, nearly half the world was ruled from there. Compared to Stormont, it looks tiny.

The City Hall is a striking building in the city centre. It was built at the turn of the last century. That was the height of Unionist domination in Belfast. It had two of the world's biggest shipyards, and the biggest linen factory.

St Anne's Cathedral is smaller, but still imposing. The Church of Ireland cathedral dominated Donegal St. There is a Catholic cathedral

also. St Peter's is on a side street off Divis St off the Falls Road. Not only is it far smaller than St Anne's. There are several larger Catholic churches in that part of Belfast.

Even the three (relatively) big football grounds are seen to reflect Unionism. The big soccer grounds are Windsor Park and the Oval. Windsor is the home ground of Linfield. They are seen as the club representing Protestantism and Loyalism. That is although the team is now very mixed. The Oval is home to Glentoran. The support is seen as Protestant. The team, though, is very mixed. For a long time it specialised in recruiting Fermanagh Gaelic footballers. Ravenhill is a rugby ground.

Things have changed, but rugby in the North is still seen as Protestant. There is also Belfast's position as second city in Ireland. Dublin has Croke Park, Cork has Páirc Uí Chaoimh. A big stadium would show the GAA's importance in Ulster.

The GAA is the largest sporting body in the North. The facilities are definitely not second-class. The Irish League is the soccer league. It is professional, if mostly part time professional. There are junior and intermediate GAA clubs in country parishes with better grounds than many Irish League clubs.

There is an important question. Even from a GAA point of view, could the money be better spent?

Casement was the home ground of Antrim. Antrim was one of three dominant Ulster Gaelic football teams in the first half of the last century. Before the Great War they won six Ulster titles in a row. They were the first Ulster team to reach an All-Ireland final. They reached back-to-back finals before the Great War. The Cavan team of the late 1940s was one of the great teams. They won three All-Irelands. Antrim beaten twice. Antrim was big when Donegal, Down and Tyrone hadn't even won Ulster.

Then Antrim imploded. They won their last Ulster title in 1951. Hurling is also strong in Antrim. The Glens are a particularly strong hurling area. However, Offaly has won four All-Irelands with half the number of clubs.

There must be a suspicion that Casement is a vanity project. After all, the GAA's Celtic Park in Derry City is a vanity project. It was developed right beside the Derry City ground at the Brandywell. That is despite Derry not being a



**By Anton McCabe**

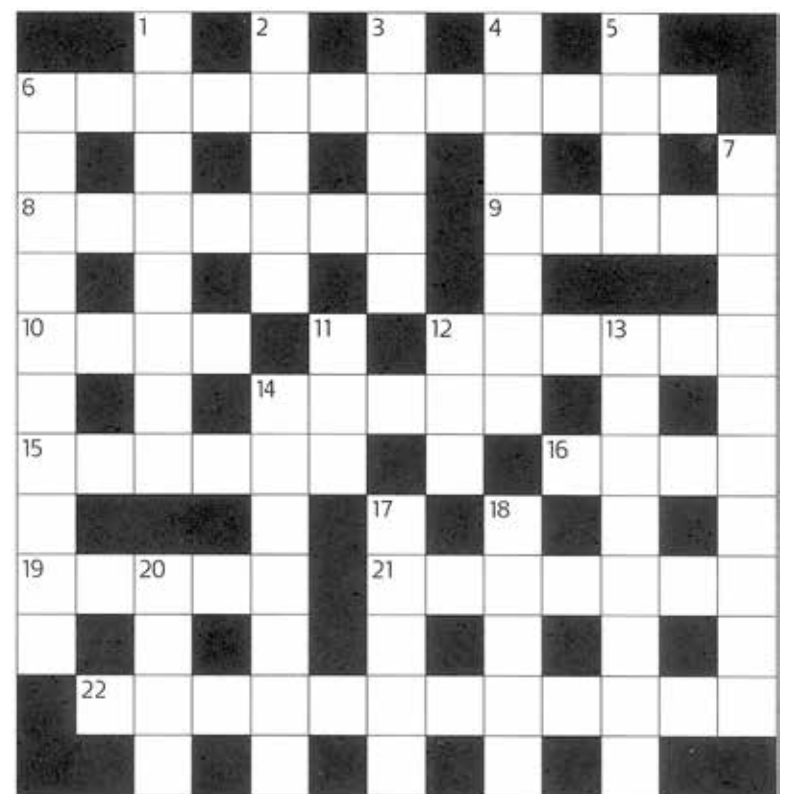
GAA city.

Would the money be better put into club development? Or spent coaching young players? The GAA has said the hope is to have Ulster Finals in the new Casement.

So finally, let's put a word in for Clones. That town has hosted the Ulster Final for over 80 years. Donegal people could identify with Clones. It is a small town fallen on hard times. For nearly a century Clones was a prosperous railway centre. Then the railways were shut in the late 50s.

Crowds come to Clones for the Ulster Final. For a small town, it provides that little roughness of money that goes a long way. The GAA is a community organisation. But is a small community to be hurt to boost a prestige project elsewhere?

## Tribune Crossword No. 1082



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 6. Private (12)  
 8. Nourish (7)  
 9. Wash (5)  
 10. Flair (4)  
 12. Sweater (6)  
 14. Vaccine (5)  
 15. Pact (6)  
 16. King \_\_\_\_\_, monster film (4)  
 19. Work of fiction (5)  
 21. Petty (7)  
 22. Not content (12)
- Down**  
 1. Escalation (8)  
 2. Native Indian tribe (5)  
 3. Actor, \_\_\_ Davison (5)  
 4. Breast-bone (7)  
 5. Young deer (4)  
 6. Competitor (10)  
 7. Wet and untidy (10)  
 11. Musical pitch (3)  
 12. Ewer (3)  
 13. Forbid (8)  
 14. Chic (7)  
 17. Declare (5)  
 18. Slightly drunk (5)  
 20. Conceited (4)

**Solutions to Crossword No. 1081**

Across 6. Self-employed, 8. Extreme, 9. Seven, 10. Celt, 12. Knight, 14. Cadet, 15. Leader, 16. Zulu, 19. Songs, 21. Habitat, 22. Entrepreneur. Down 1. Flotilla, 2. REbel, 3. Spies, 4. Consent, 5. Derv, 6. Speechless, 7. Instructor, 11. Far, 12. Keg, 13. Gauntlet, 14. Censure, 17. Chaps, 18. Ibsen, 20. Nine.

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# Clean Coasts Workshop in Rathmullan



Pupils from St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan taking part in the Clean Clean Coasts Roadshow on Wednesday with Alena Knunkle.

A fantastic Clean Coasts Workshop with the 5th and 6th Classes of St Joseph's School was held last Wednesday facilitated by Alena Knunkle and we look forward to the next stages of our joint venture in association with the Tidy Towns group.

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10am, with new volunteers always welcome. The Both 2 minute Beach Clean Board are near the Car Park or the beach opposite Patton's Butchers, so please do a litter pick on any beach at a time that suits your own time. The Clean Coasts sponsored Wheelchair accessible picnic table has now been delivered, and the Council have committed to having this installed shortly near the Flight of the Earls monument.

### BBQ

St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan will hold a BBQ at Ray Community Centre on this Friday 20th September from 6pm til 8pm to welcome our new Principal Mrs Oonagh Russell and say a fond farewell to outgoing Principal Mrs Alma Curran. The cost is €25 per family or €10 per person. All are welcome.

### Way Forward Annual meeting

A very informative meeting was held on Monday night in the St Vincent de Paul Centre where progress reports were presented by many the focus groups within the community, including IFI Connecting Communities; Tidy Towns & Clean

Coasts; Rathmullan Football Club; Sailing Club; Christmas Lights, History Society, Where's your nearest Defibrillator, and much more. Thanks to everyone for their reviews, particularly M/S Cunningham Civil who outlined their works in the finishing stages of the Pier refurbishment, and unfortunately Murphy Contractors dealing with the Uisce Eireann works were unable to attend due to a last minute emergency.

### Tidy Towns

The 2024 Community Art Project was unveiled on Friday last and it was delightful to welcome family and friends of the participants to see the finished display, which is laid out adjacent to the Playground. Congratulations to all involved and huge thanks to Murphy Construction for their craftsmanship in creating the cement plinth and to Lough Swilly Ferry for the transport of our four creative artists from Bunrana during the past few months.

This Project would not have been possible without the ongoing support of Donegal Volunteer Centre and it is hoped to create a similar feature in Bunrana, with Hannah, Cassie, Che and Caoimhe once again leading the activities there; thereby connecting our two communities of Rathmullan and Bunrana, as we all work together interacting with all ages groups.

We're very grateful to all who support our endeav-

ours in making Rathmullan a better place for everyone to live in and enjoy all that it has to offer.

### The Swilly Ferry

The Bunrana Ferry has been very busy over the summer months and well done for the excellent service and friendly staff for their commitment. This service has now ceased until after Easter 2025.

### St Vincent De Paul

Any time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, contact 087 698 2822.



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Pictured at the unveiling of the Rathmullan Community Art Project at the weekend.





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# Ramelton

## Coffee Morning

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

## Ramelton Care of the Aged

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

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

## Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends and relatives of Susan McDauid, Farnagh, Ramelton who sadly passed away on Monday. Funeral took place on Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton with burial afterwards in Killydonnell Cemetery.

## Swilly Rovers lotto

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers Lotto on Sunday were 4, 6, 15 and 18. No jackpot winner. No 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €1000. Thanks for your continued support.

## Boyce's Derry in cup semi-final

Well done to Ronan Boyce who was a member of the Derry City side that reached the FAI Senior Cup semi-final after a 2-0 win over Shelbourne at the Brandywell on Saturday evening. Derry will now take on Bohemians at Dalymount Park on the weekend of October 6.

## McNamee's Harps in play-offs contention

Tony McNamee played a captain's role as Finn Harps defeated Longford Town 1-0 in Ballybofey on Friday night to keep alive their hopes of securing a promotion play-off place. McNamee and Harps are away to champions Cork City this Friday night.

## Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00 noon this Saturday 21st September. Stock up on all your food requirements for all Occasions and Parties by ordering in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability when you get to market on Saturday. The best of local homemade food with our

wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and why not pop into our Tearoom for a delicious Cheese Toastie when you have done your shopping. Teas/coffees, scones & sweet treats, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member.

## Sounds Music Camps

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

## Ramelton Tennis

"After-school" tennis-coaching sessions resumed on Wednesday, at Ramelton Tennis Club. 9 year olds and under from 3.30 to 4.30, and 10 year olds and over from 4.30 to 5.30. All equipment provided. The fee for the 5 one-hour lessons is €20.00 per junior. Contact Mary at 087 9773957 for further information.

## Hatha Yoga Class

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

The times are - Monday's 6:45pm ~ 8pm Wednesday's Men Only Class 7pm ~ 8pm Contact: Nuala on 087 6807850 for the start of the next 4 week block.

## Ramelton Bowling Club

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

League games begin on the first week of October and will be played on Tuesday nights and the club will have a few weeks practice before that. New members always welcome, feel free to come along and try it out and see if it is for you. Enquiries to 087 1355059 or 087 4016637.

## Céilí agus Craic

Adult Céilí dancing classes continue in the



Frances McTaggart who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

## Ramelton Community Centre at 7pm on Wednesdays.

Come along to learn some céilí dances and have some fun in the process. For everyone aged 18 and over. For more information contact Eoghan on 0851462689.

## Ramelton SVP

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

## Public Drop-In Clinic

Cllr. Declan Meehan will hold a public drop-in clinic in Ramelton Community Centre on Thursday, October 3rd from 3-5pm.

## FAI Senior Cup

# Boyce helps Derry to Cup Semi-final

Ramelton man Ronan Boyce played his role in seeing Derry City through to an FAI Senior Cup semi-final after a 2-0 win over Shelbourne at the Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium on Saturday evening. Boyce came on as a 41st minute substitute with Derry leading 1-0 at that stage thanks to a Mickey Duffy goal. Danny Mullen added a late second to ease the nerves of the Candystripes in the closing stages against the league leaders who were captained by former Finn Harps player Mark Coyle. Boyce will now be aiming to keep on track to win his



second FAI Senior Cup after playing the full game at right-back when the silverware was secured two years ago at the Aviva Stadium. Also on the victorious Derry side on Saturday evening was another ex-Harps man Ciaran Coll from St. Johnstone. Derry certainly ended up in the tougher side of the semi-final draw as they must travel to fellow Premier outfit Bohemians. The other semi-final sees First Division side Wexford Youths away to Premier strugglers Drogheda United. The matches will take place on the weekend of October 6.

# UTV Mahon's Way in Ramelton

On Friday October 18th the UTV Mahon's Way programme will be featuring Ramelton. The programme starts at 9pm. Joe Mahon returned to UTV at the end of August for another series in which he travels the length and breadth of Northern Ireland exploring the heritage, history and culture which make this place so unique. Joe has spent most of the last year exploring the local countryside and this 10-part series will take the viewer on a fabulous journey of discovery. The series has everything - ancient townlands, castles and stately homes; stories of trailblazing people who helped shape so many places on these shores, and often further afield; flora and fauna of rivers, lakes and forests; and history and stories behind poetry and songs, and art. In the first episode Joe was in Bushmills. And he also gets an exclusive



run out to the Giants Causeway on the tram! In other episodes, he goes as far as Kinawley in Fermanagh and Carrickfergus among others. 'Mahon's Way' is produced by Westway Film Productions for UTV. You can watch the Ramelton episode on Friday October 18th at 9pm on UTV and on catch up on ITVX



The Swilly Rovers who won the under-14 cup on Saturday beating Glenree 4-0. Two goals by Daithi Wilkie, and a goal each for Matthew Mooney and Ryan McFadden sealed the victory. The team is coached by Barry Harte and Paul Stevenson.



Andrew Lockhart, Malcolm Stewart and James Blaney and Purky Durning, William Gardiner and Chuck McDauid at the Tully Lawnmowers Vintage Day on Sunday. All proceeds went to the Donegal Hospice and the Irish Kidney Association.



# Father like son in Cross Country event

It was a unique double for one Creeslough family last weekend when well-known school principal, Danny McFadden, took part in his first ever cross country event following in the footsteps of his Irish champion son, Caolan.

**by Eamonn McFadden**

In the first event of the local cross country season hosted by Finn Valley AC, Danny, who is the Principal of Errigal College in Letterkenny, took part in the masters men's race.

He donned the red striped white vest of Cranford AC and was his first time competing cross country for the club his son Caolan has represented at national level with great success.



Danny McFadden in action in the Donegal Masters Cross Country on Sunday.

Danny took part with team mates Declan McBride, Hugh Duffy, Liam Doherty and Seamus Kelly.

He said he only took running competitively relatively recently and added it was great to have his son supporting him along the route at last weekend's event.

Last year Caolan claimed Under 17 and Under 18 National titles on track and cross country, and at the weekend he claimed 1st place in the under 16-18 boys in the same Finn Valley event.

Danny explained it was on a coaching trip to the Caribbean island of St Kitts with Caolan that he began to take his training more seriously.

He told the Tribune: "That was my first time competing in cross country and I enjoyed it. I think it was nice too for Caolan to see me competing because he was running around after me cheering me on, which was a big switch of events.

It wasn't about being competitive and it was more just about taking part."

He said it was accompanying his son on his elite training trip that got him involved as he enjoyed the team spirit and bond among the Cranford AC members.

He explained: "The trip was hosted by Seamus Kelly, who came through the Club when he was younger, he went away to St Kitts but he never forgot the Club and he brought over a few of the elite athletes a couple of times so they could train at high altitude. He always kept the links to Cranford AC and even brought Eamonn Giles over to coach as well. The first time my wife, Terri, went out and the last time I went with Caolan and that was when I started training with them and I continued it when I came back home. It was the encouragement that made a difference, it was the camaraderie through the team that got me involved



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in taking part in these events. We are always promoting sport and extra curricular activities in the school and for the students to see me getting involved I think it is encouraging as well."

He added that major credit must go to long serving club coach, Eamonn Giles, for his com-

mitment to coaching so many people over many years.

"There are a good number of the parents training now over in Cranford, which is lovely to see and more and more are getting involved," he added.



Ben Harkin with his parents Nicola and Eddie at the Fianna Fail convention in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny last Thursday night.



Jim Patton, Cllr. Donal Coyle and Paddy Martin at the Fianna Fail convention.



John McConigley, John Dorrian, Benny Trearty with Joe and Kathy Stubbs at the Fianna Fail convention.



Joe Cullen, John James O'Donnell with Aishling and Polyanna McGee at the convention in the Clanree Hotel.



Members of the Donegal Ploughing Association who are competing in their respective classes at the National Ploughing Championships in Ratheniska, Co Laois during this week. Pictured right - Rodger McKinney Letterkenny Junior Conventional, Peter Buchanan, Cranford 3 Furrow, Matthew Simms, Milford Senior Conventional, Gary Simms, Milford Senior Conventional, Lee Simms, Milford Under 28 Conventional, Alan Simms, Milford Vintage Lift, Mark Simms, Milford Single Furrow, missing from photo is Dean Conaghan, Milford Under 21 Conventional. Below - Helen Doherty, Kilmacrennan Junior Ladies Loy Digging, Gerry Mallon, Kilmacrennan Senior men's Loy Digging, Marion Boyce, Ramelton Senior Ladies Loy Digging, and Oliver Peoples, Kilmacrennan Senior men's Loy Digging.

# Donegal Ploughmen in Laois



## Connecting for Life at Glenveagh

Lots of smiling faces at the Green Ribbon Family Fun festival which took place in Glenveagh National Park recently on what turned out to be a bright and blustery morning. The interagency event, which was led out by the Donegal Family Resource Centre Network under the HSE banner of Connecting For Life, was essentially a wellbeing and information day for individuals and families. It provided the community with an opportunity to open up to conversations around mental health and suicide and to become more familiar with many of the support services and resources available in the various FRCs, community centres and agencies located

throughout the county. The event was planned to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day which took place on the 10th of September and with Green Ribbon Month - which runs throughout September. The event was supported by a wide variety of interagency services from around Donegal who contributed to both the planning and the delivery of this very special event. The FRC network would like to thank all service providers who gave up their weekend to provide information, help, and support to the wider community - who in turn came out in their droves to support this fun family event.

Una Collier and Catriona Boyle at the Green Ribbon Family Fun Day. (North West Newspix)



Representatives from some of the services at the Green Ribbon Family Fun Day. (North West Newspix)



The Raphoe Royal and Prior's School football trip to see both Walsall FC and Aston Villa on their trip to Birmingham.

## Ray Community Centre

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

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

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

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

**Mixed Circuit Class**  
This popular class with Amanda on Monday and Wednesday evenings is from 7pm to 8pm and continues until the end of September. Any enquiries contact Syria on 0872877900 or rayactivityhub@gmail.com

**Men on the Move Class**  
This popular class with Amanda plans to return end of September on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8.15pm to 9.15pm. Membership for 4 weeks is €50 and payable on klubfunder. Any enquiries contact Syria on 0872877900 or rayactivityhub@gmail.com

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

**Take Your Pick**  
Congratulations to Marie Gordon, Carol Delap and Pat Barrett who all won €20 in the Take Your Pick this week. Jackpot next Sunday 22nd September is €375.

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

**Information for Ray notes**  
If you have anything that you would like included in the Ray Community Centre notes please contact Fiona on 0872514790 with the details. Especially births, marriages, significant birthdays etc.  
**Ray Community Group Contact Details**  
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# New Veterinary Programme for ATU

A new dual-campus veterinary medicine programme has been established between Atlantic Technical University (ATU) Donegal in Letterkenny and ATU Mountbellew in Galway.

A second veterinary programme will be established at South East Technological University in Kilkenny.

Once they are up and running the new programme will contribute to 80 additional veterinary graduates in Ireland each year, it is claimed.

The new Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMS) programme will primarily take place at ATU Donegal, in collaboration with ATU Mountbellew.

Students enrolled in the program are expected to spend up to two semesters on the Mountbellew farm, where they will engage with local veterinary practices while other teaching and clinical facilities will be based at the Donegal campus.

A statement announcing the news said

ATU is working towards meeting regulatory and validation requirements for an initial intake of 30 students in September 2025, with plans to increase this to 40 students in subsequent years. It is anticipated the first enrollments will take place in September 2025.

Minister Charlie McConalogue confirmed that ATU is one of two locations for a veterinary school that cost €50 million to establish. "I have worked closely with the ATU over the last two years, and I congratulate all involved in the process. It is a significant development for third-level education in the North West, and for agriculture in the region as well. The clinical part of the veterinary course will be provided in Letterkenny, while the practical side will be delivered in collaboration with Mountbellew Agricultural College in Galway. I look forward to ATU working towards the commencement of the courses in 2025," Minister McConalogue added.

The Veterinary Council of Ireland has

also welcomed the Government's announcement.

They stated: "VCI accreditation enables professional recognition in Ireland which then further affords access to registration in the UK, Europe and Australia and New Zealand."

Fine Gael Senator Nikki Bradley said that the new BVMS will help address shortages of vets in rural Ireland. She stated: "For years, students who did not get accepted into the programme in UCD were forced to travel abroad. The addition of this new programme will allow more students who wish to study veterinary medicine to stay in Ireland to get their degree."

Fine Gael candidate John McNulty, welcomed the announcement and praised the initiative, stating, "This new programme is a fantastic development for our region. I recently met with members of Donegal IFA, and a shortage of support for veterinary practices was a real concern discussed."

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### The late Bernard Dillon

The death occurred on Monday of Bernard Dillon one of Letterkenny's best known businessmen. Bernard who resided on Ballyrairie Road passed away at the Donegal Hospice. He was aged 94.



Glowing tributes have been paid to the Roscommon native who made Letterkenny his home for over 60 years ago. Bernard and his brother Jimmy (RIP July 2022) started the landmark Dillons Supermarket on the town's Main Street which is now a hotel. They had already opened a small grocery business on Main Street. A decade later, they decided to expand, acquiring adjoining land and buildings to build a groundbreaking new supermarket.

Letterkenny History said it was revolutionary at the time as prior to this customers who required bread and milk etc. asked the merchant to fetch it for them. Now customers could take the various goods off the shelves themselves, place them in their basket or trolley and pay for them at the counter. This new system of shopping changed the way that local people shopped for their groceries and brought many people to the town from around the county to do their shopping and witness this exciting new way to buy their groceries.

The Supermarket closed in 1998, being demolished a year later to make way for a new hotel. Originally named the Letterkenny Court Hotel, it was taken over by the McKeever family in 2014, who decided to retain the link to the well-known and popular landmark and appropriately renamed it Dillon's Hotel.

Dillons Supermarket had been a huge success and it was an outlet where so many customers came to do their weekly shopping. Bernard was a visionary and wanted to see the Cathedral Town prosper. That led him to being a founding member of the Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in 1965. Their 60th anniversary is next year. Although retired from business for over 25 years he was still a Chamber member until very recently.

Letterkenny Chamber paid a special tribute to the man who was inextricably linked with business in the town for over six decades. "Bernard was made an Honorary Member of the Chamber in 1997, when he retired from the family business. No person was more deserving of the accolade. 59 years service to any organisation is a remarkable achievement, but when you give your time and expertise for free then it is pure selflessness."

"Bernard attended the inaugural meeting of the Chamber in 1965. He had great foresight and realised that a Chamber would serve the town well into the future. Despite the fact that he was busy with the supermarket, he wanted to commit to it and to ensure that it became part of the commercial development of Letterkenny."

He was heavily involved particularly in the St. Patrick's Day Parade acting as our Judging Panel Chair for many years, a job that he took very seriously.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Brid, children, Ciarán, Bronagh and Sinead and all his family."

Remains reposed at the family residence on Ballyrairie Road. Removal will be from there this Thursday 19th September to St. Eunan's Cathedral for 11 am Requiem Mass which can be viewed live on www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny followed by burial in Conwal Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by his wife, Brid, son Ciarán (Jacqui), daughters, Bronagh and Sinead (Gráinne), granddaughter, Aoife (Graham), great-granddaughter, Fiadh, nieces, nephews and extended family, friends and neighbours. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

### Funeral of Connie Maguire

The funeral took place on Saturday of Connie Maguire, Lismonaghan, Letterkenny. Connie who passed away on Thursday was a native of Glenties. A very well known member of the local community, his working career had been spent with the ESB. He was aged 78.

Connie was a prominent figure in GAA circles going back to his childhood. He was a member of an Ulster Minor League winning team with Donegal in 1962. Connie also won a Minor Club Championship medal with Naomh Conaill in 1962. When Connie moved from Glenties to take up an apprenticeship with the ESB in Letterkenny he got involved with the St Eunan's Club serving in various roles over five decades. Poignantly he was at the Eunan's club meeting in the O'Donnell Park last Wednesday night and the next morning news emerged of his sad passing.

In a tribute the Club said "As we left the Clubhouse after our monthly meeting little did we know that he had attended his last meeting at the Club. His final act was to give a report from the recent Co Board meeting in Convoy. As always Connie gave his own unique opinion on various issues from that meeting, from club boundaries to a robot that could line all the pitches in Convoy in 90 minutes. Connie was skeptical of the robot and reserved judgment."

He was part of the Senior Championship team of 1972. He moved from the playing fields to the committee rooms and it was here that Connie flourished. It's fair to say that we wouldn't have the great facilities at O'Donnell Park without his commitment that was central to the redevelopments in the late 1990's and early 2000's and was a proud man when Inter County football returned to the Park in 2007."

Connie is survived by his wife Ursula (née Crawford); daughters Michelle Yeates, Caroline Spillane and Joanne Cahill; his sons-in-law, Kevin, Tony and John; grandchildren Emily, Michael, Rory, Rachel and Orla; brothers Dom, Gerard, Enda, Patrick, Brendan and sisters Dolores Garden, Dymrna Wordie, Colette Devine and Rosie Whelehan; sisters-in-law, Fay, Elaine, Christine and Patricia, brothers-in-law Billy, Graham, Kevin and David, and Mary and Paul Kennedy and Gerard Luttrell. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and colleagues in the ESB and St Eunan's G.A.A. Club, Letterkenny.

Remains reposed at the family residence from Thursday. Funeral was from there on Saturday to St. Eunan's Cathedral where the Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr. Dami-

an Nejad. Readings were by Pat Conaghan and John Cahill. Prayers of the Faithful were ready by Michael, Rory, Rachel and Orla. Music and hymns were Clann Ui Domhnaill Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

### The late Mary Breslin

The death took place on Thursday at LUH of Mary Breslin, Father McLoone Terrace, Letterkenny. Mary was formerly a member of the Daly family of the Back Road. She was the second eldest of five siblings. Mary was aged 88. She married Jim Breslin in 1957.

She was a very active member of the local community involved in school committees at primary and secondary level. She was also an integral part of parish life and always on hand to assist with fundraising. Mary was a member of the church choir and also enjoyed being part of the team doing the flower arranging at St. Eunan's Cathedral. She was a lifelong member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association and was proud of her Gold Pin. She loved singing, dancing, cooking and gardening. Mary is survived by her daughters Mena Breslin-Delap (Anthony), Celine Bradley (Mark), Berni (Eugene) and Ann (Tarik), sisters Bernadette Gallagher, Margaret McCormack, brothers Tommy Daly and Hugo Daly, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. She was predeceased by her husband Jim and son James. Her Funeral Sunday was in the Church of the Irish Martyrs for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Ciaran Harkin P.P. Before Mass her son-in-law Anthony Delap introduced symbols of Mary's life which were brought forward by her carers Margaret and Roisin. They included a Padre Pio photo, a CD, flowers and a cookery book. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Majella. Music and hymns were by the church choir under the direction of Declan Nee. Interment took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

### Funeral of Maryann McCreadie

The funeral took place on Friday of Maryann McCreadie (née Cunningham), Coole, Cranford and formerly of Crossroads, Dunkineely. Maryann passed away on Wednesday of last week at Harbour Lights Nursing Home, Killybegs. She was predeceased by her husband John, her brothers James, Andy, Willie and Peter and by her parents James and Lizzie. Maryann is survived by her brother Francis (Dunkineely), relatives and friends.

Remains reposed at Gallagher's Funeral Home, Station Road, Mountcharles on Thursday. Removal from there was on Friday to the Church of the Immaculate Con-

ception, Coole, Cranford for afternoon Requiem Mass. Interment took place afterwards in Milford Cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

### Funeral of John Bonner

The funeral took place on Saturday of John Bonner, Ballygawley, Newmills. John passed away on Wednesday of last week at Letterkenny University Hospital.

John was a well known figure in the local community especially in farming circles. In his homily Fr. Liam Boyle spoke about John's strong work ethic and a man who took great pride in keeping the farmyard and sheds tidy. John is survived by his wife Eileen and family Joanne (Patrick), Charlie (Amanda), Siobhan (Paul), Sean (Deirdre), Cathy (Patrick), Diane (Stephen), Mary (Bernard) and Ciaran; brother Charley and sisters Frances, Josephine and Susan and all his grandchildren. Funeral was on Saturday in St. Columba's Church Glenswilly where the celebrant was Fr. Liam Boyle C.C. Concelebrants were Fr. Francis Ferry and Fr. John Joe Duffy. Fr. Ferry proclaimed the Gospel. Finals Prayers of Commendation were said by Fr. Duffy. Interment took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

### Death of Susan McDaid

The death occurred on Monday at her home of Susan McDaid (née Murray), Farnagh, Ramelton. Susan was born in 1945 in Ramelton. Apart from a short time in Glasgow in the 1960's her life was spent in her native parish. Susie worked in Milford at the Pre-wood Factory and the Bakery down at the Quay. She also looked after her mother in her latter years. Susie married Vincent McDaid, a farmer from Gortaway in 1969. She was a devoted mum to her two children Mark and Debbie and welcomed son-in-law Chris into the family circle.

In his homily Fr. Damien Nejad spoke about the pain of the sad passing of the couple's son Mark 24 years ago. She was also predeceased by four brothers and two sisters. The arrival of her granddaughters Ellie and Livvy gave Susie a new lease of life. She was well known for her generosity in the local community. She also looked after children in the locality including Shirley and David whom she treated the same as her own children. Susie was also a woman of strong faith and she had great belief in the Retired Parish Priest of Ramelton Fr. Des Sweeney.

Susie is survived by husband Vincent, daughter Debbie, son-in-law Chris, granddaughters Ellie and Livvy, also Shirley and David, brothers Paddy and Corny, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her son Mark.

Remains reposed at her home at Far-

nagh from Monday. Fr. Damien Nejad C.C. St Eunan's Cathedral officiated at the Requiem Mass on Wednesday in St Mary's Church, Ramelton. Readings were by Susan's granddaughters Ellie and Livvy. Claire, Elaine and Shirley read the Prayers of the Faithful. Music and hymns were by Patrick Shiels. Burial took place afterwards in Killydonnell Graveyard. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

### Death of Kathleen Higdon

The death took place on Tuesday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Kathleen Higdon Binnion Avenue, Letterkenny. Aged 80, Kathleen was formerly a member of the McDaid family from Drumoghilly. She was a very well known member of the local community.

Kathleen is survived by her daughters Eileen McCormack (Paul) and Shirley Duddy (Mick), son Mark (Trish), grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sisters Margaret Matthewson, Annie O'Brien and Angela Dorrian, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. She was predeceased by her husband Howard, parents Neil and Eileen McDaid, sister Bridie Gibson and brothers John and Neil.

Kathleen's remains are reposing at the family residence on Binnion Avenue. Funeral will be from there on this Thursday 19th September at 12.30pm going to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny for Requiem Mass at 1pm which can be viewed on www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny. Interment afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

### Funeral of James Blaney

The funeral took place on Monday of James Blaney, Newrath, Castlebellingham, Louth. James, a native of Rathmullan, passed away on Wednesday of last week.

Remains reposed at the family home from Saturday. Funeral Service took place on Monday in Dardistown Crematorium.

James was predeceased by his mother Annie. He is survived by his daughters Ruth and Caoimhe and their mother Denise (Clarkin), sisters Mary and Margaret, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.





# Milford

## Milford to contest U16 County Final

Best wishes to Milford U16 Boys team who will contest the Donegal Premier U16 Cup final against Letterkenny Rovers on Sunday 22nd September at 2.00pm in Swilly Park, Ramelton. The Boys team who qualified for the Final following a 4-1 victory over Ballyrairie FC on Saturday evening at Moyle View Park, Milford thanks to a hat trick by Ryan Doherty and a goal from George McNulty. The team is coached by Noel Gillespie and Benny McGinley and includes Liam Tierney, Ryan Doherty, Matthew Miller, Mark McCleary, Flynn Nash, Daithi McTaggart, Declan Moran and Ryan McElhinney, at back Ben Giles, Conor McLaughlin, Caolan McBride, Jack Mailey, Jack McLaughlin, Conan Jack Strain, Shea Gibbons, Sean Baxter, Dagh O'Connell, George McNulty and Caolan Carr. A big crowd is expected in Swilly Park on Sunday to cheer on the talented group of boys in their quest to win the County Title.

## FAI Junior Cup

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

## 50/50 Winner

The winner of the Milford United 50/50 Draw on Sunday 15th September was Paul Sweeney, George Sweeney's Shop, Letterkenny.

## Cash for Clobber Fundraiser

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

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

Items which can be donated: All items of general clothing; Old schoolbags, Shoes (tied in pairs), Hats and Belts, Towels and Curtains. For hygiene reasons pillows and duvets are not accepted. Drop Off at Scoil Mhuire Milford School Gate each morning on Monday 23rd til Thursday 26th September between 9.15am - 9.30am. If these times do not suit, please contact the school office on 074 91 53494 to arrange another drop-off time.

## Social Dancing

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

## Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first

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Sunday of each month at 8pm are: October No Services; Sunday 3rd November Harvest Service with Bishop David McClay.

## Activities at the Gallowglass Centre

The Gallowglass Community Centre is thrilled to unveil its Autumn schedule, packed with a variety of activities designed to engage and inspire the community. Classes which are taking place are Baby-Toddler Group: Conversational English: Men's Pilates: Active Retirement Contact Emma Doherty directly on 086 7707586; Line Dancing; Pilates CL Wellness: Healing Flow Yoga: Antenatal Classes: Milford Yarns: Move2TheBeat: Phone Photography/Digital Skills: Sounds Music Workshop: Community Choir: Scouting Ireland Info and Sign-Up: Jane Watt Chair Yoga: Social Dancing. For bookings and more information, contact Emma Lou at emmalou@mrc.ie or call 074 9153736. Follow on Facebook and Instagram for the latest information and updates.

Weekends are available for party and event bookings, providing a versatile space for community gatherings.

Upcoming Health and Wellness Events, the centre will host a Women's Health and Wellness Event on October 20, followed by a Men's Health and Wellness Event on November 21st.

## Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will host their Captain's Day outing on Saturday 21st September in Sandy Hills, Rosapenna at 11.30am. The following are the Tee Times for the day - 11:30 Captain David Bonner, Eugene Mac Cafferty, Jimmy Chawke; 11:38 Donal McCafferty, Adam Bolton, Pauric Curley; 11:46 Gary Sheehan, Denis McBride, PJ Hagan, Mick Bowe; 11:54 John McGettigan, Peter O'Donnell, Paul McGinley, Jim Deeney; 12:02 Scott McBride, Cian McGettigan, Damo O'Donnell, Brian Forrest; 12:10 Fergus Friel, Michael O'Hara, Dean Shields, Oisín Friel. Presentation of prizes will take place on Saturday night at 9.30pm in the Hi-da-way Bar. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

## Change of Mass Times

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



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The weekend Masses will be changed to the following: St Peter's Church, Milford: Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 11.00am. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel - Sunday morning at 9.30am.

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 19th September at 10am; Friday 20th September at 10am; Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm; Sunday 22nd September at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 21st September at 6pm.

## Drop-In Clinic

Cllr. Declan Meehan will be running a public drop-in clinic in the board room of Milford & District Resource Centre from 3pm-5pm on Thursday September 19th. Public Drop-In Clinic

## Sounds Music Camps

Sounds Music Camps return this September. Classes in Milford, Ray, Ramelton and Letterkenny. Under 8's will have an opportunity to ex-

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## Defective Concrete Blocks protest

Below left - Róise Ni Laifeartaigh, Martin Monaghan and Brian McGranaghan taking part in the Defective Concrete Blocks protest during the Fianna Fail Party Convention at the Clanree Hotel on Thursday evening

Far right - Liam and Jennifer Devine Killylastin, Letterkenny

Below right - Emma and Margaret Floyd (Ramelton) with Peter Patton (Magheraboy) and Margaret Wilkie (Stranorlar)

Right - Carmel Ponsonby and Mary Harkin  
Left - Elaine and Joe Morgan (Ray, Rathmullan) Melanie Stevenson (Killygordon)  
Below - Marty and Debbie Sandilands Milford with George McConnell Letterkenny





# Milford Athletic Club news



The Milford AC over 35 team at the Donegal Master's Cross Country in Stranorlar on Sunday, Paddy Ryan, Stephen Devlin, Marty Lynch, Joe Gibbons, Anthony Doherty and coach James Gibbons.

Great running by the 5 lads at the Donegal Master's cross country championships at the Finn Valley Centre on Sunday.

Competing in the 0/35 team category, Milford finished second to Finn Valley.

Marty Lynch led the team in 3rd place overall, claiming the bronze medal behind Jon Jo Doherty and Gerard Gallagher, FV.

Strong running from Marty over the 5.3km course averaging 3.27/ km on the dry but undulating terrain.

Joe Gibbons ran strongly for 6th and was closing on 4th and 5th place over the last of the 5 laps.

Anthony Doherty and Paddy Ryan ran side by side and pushed each other over the 5 laps but over the closing stages Anthony pulled away showing he has returned to form. A great run though from Paddy who's missed out on continuous training and racing over the Summer.

Steven Devlin is always on hand to help out and the Bunlin man battled hard throughout to finish just outside the top 4 scoring team members.

With the exception of Paddy the other 4 lads ran 22km on the roads around Ballybofey after the race.. about 32km in total.

Well done to all the juveniles who took part and to all the coaches and parents in attendance.

Milford had the second highest number of juvenile athletes entered which is testament to the weekly work put in by all the coaches.

Cross Country Relays are next Sunday at Finn Valley with the Novice and juvenile cross country races in Carndonagh the following Sunday, the 29th September.

### Bonus Ball

Congratulations to Bernie O'Donnell who won the Bonus Ball and she received €295.

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### Pictured left -

Milford United Football Club U16 Boys team who qualified for the Donegal Premier U16 Cup Final following a 4-1 victory over Ballyraine FC on Saturday evening at Moyle View Park, Milford. The goal scorers were Ryan Doherty (Hatrick) and George McNulty. The final is fixed for this Sunday evening 22nd September at 2pm at Swilly Park, Ramelton against Letterkenny Rovers. Pictured are team members with coaches Noel Gillespie and Benny McGinley, front row Liam Tierney, Ryan Doherty, Matthew Miller, Mark McCleary, Flynn Nash, Daithi McTaggart, Declan Moran and Ryan McElhinney, at back Ben Giles, Conor McLaughlin, Caolan McBride, Jack Mailey, Jack McLaughlin, Conan Jack Strain, Shea Gibbons, Sean Baxter, Dagn O'Connell, George McNulty and Caolan Carr.

*Congratulations to*  
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Some of the infant class at Scoil Mhuire Milford busy at work on Monday with their teachers.

## Coole Cranford Community Centre

Fitness Classes Ladies only fitness classes commencing October 8th 6.15-7.15, Tuesdays and Thursdays €60 for a 6 week block. Suitable for all levels. To book your place contact Maggie on 0879252181 Men only fitness classes commencing October 1st 7.30 -8.30, Tuesdays and Thursdays €60 for a six week block. Suitable for all levels. To book your place contact Michael on 0879252181. Disco The committee of the Coole Cranford Community Centre are organising a fundraising Adult fancy dress Disco on Friday 25th October in Logues of Cranford with D.J John Bosco. Admission €10, Raffle and prizes to be won on the night.

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## Portsalon Golf Club Ladies

### Mary McDaid Tournament

The annual tournament for the much sought after Mary McDaid Trophy was won by the ladies from Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday 14th September. Roisin Kerr, daughter of the late Mary McDaid represented the McDaid family in presenting the trophy, which is in memory of all deceased members of each of the clubs.

The three-ball team format made up of a member from each club, not only are playing for their club but also for their team. The added twist of each team being given the yellow ball, with every team member playing a hole in turn with the said yellow ball until it is either lost, sunk or handed back after the 18 holes. The day as always produced a great spirit of friendship among the ladies and congratulations to Letterkenny on their great score.

### Past Captain's Day

Lady Captain Noreen wishes all the past Lady Captains a great day this Saturday. Tee times from 11am are reserved for the ladies preceded by tea and scones in the clubhouse at 10.15am. The annual Past Captain's dinner will take place at 7.30pm.

### Ladies Winter Links

The ladies winter links commences on Thursday 26th September. Book online on BRS or call the club house 074-915-9459.

### Play in Pink Ladies Open

Breast Cancer Research is the recipients of all funds raised from this fun event. Play in Pink is about raising awareness of breast cancer and research. Friday 4th October has been allocated as a Ladies Open to raise funds. Book online through BRS or call the club on 074-915-9459

### October Re-Entry

All fees from the October Re-Entry competition will also be donated to the Breast Cancer Research fund. Remember, your first entry must be in a qualifying competition and thereafter for the rest of the month play as often as you can!

### Results

Mary McDaid Trophy - Letterkenny Golf Club Team Results Winners - Team 6 - 101 pts Frances Shannon Portsalon, Kathleen

Kelly Letterkenny, Hazel Russell Rosapenna; Runners-Up team 5 - 95 pts Roseanne Logue Portsalon, Angela Kilgallen Letterkenny, Terri Martin Rosapenna; 3rd - Team 7 91 pts Deirdre Hensey Portsalon, Lorna Reynolds Letterkenny, Terri McBride Rosapenna. Overall Individual Winner - Gillian Dempsey Letterkenny 39pts. Yellowball Winners Team 1 - Lady Captain Noreen McConigley Portsalon, Lady Captain Anne Flannery Letterkenny, Vice Lady Captain Helena McBride Rosapenna.

Sunday Members Results - Winner - Anne Speedie 34 pts Bot; Runner-Up Mae Blaney 34 pts.

### Letterkenny Ladies

Congratulations to the 12 new ladies who successfully completed the 2024 Get Into Golf (GIG) Programme which was co-ordinated by Jackie Ireland. They initially received their 5 group lessons from Club Professional, Seamus Mc Monagle, which were followed by numerous 'on the course' sessions with volunteer lady members. The GIGs had a final social night together, along with co-ordinator and volunteers, in Hunter's Bar and Grill on Thursday 29th August where they were presented with their certificates and received their goodie bags which were full of the essentials for anyone starting a golfing career! Lady Captain Anne Flannery would like to thank Seamus for his commitment to the Get into Golf Programme and to all those who volunteered to help and mentor this year.

The 1st and 2nd year beginner ladies and mentors of the Lady's club also came together for an end of year presentation night - on Thursday 5th September. This brought to an end a very successful season for this group of who took to the fairways on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm for mentoring, getting cards marked for handicaps, 9 hole competitions and the odd scramble and putting competition during the summer months. This 1st/2nd year beginners group was co-ordinated by Catherine Cooke Harkin, assisted by Lady Captain, Anne Flannery, but the sessions would not have happened without the dedicated and enthusiastic

group of volunteers who gave of their time willingly each week to provide mentoring and support. This group gave the ladies valuable course time and an opportunity to get to know each other and learn the rules and etiquette of golf in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Lady Captain Anne would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped in any way with these groups this year - to ensure that we can continue this extremely important element of the Ladies Club in Letterkenny.

### Team News

Congratulations to the Letterkenny Ladies team who won the Mary McDaid memorial cup in Portsalon on Saturday. It is a great honour for Letterkenny to win this competition in memory of all the deceased golfers across the county. Weather conditions were challenging, to say the least, but that didn't stop the brave ladies from each club battling it out to the very end with Letterkenny just pipping Rosapenna to win the cup.

The first leg of the Maire O'Donnell Final, under the captaincy of Triona Daly and Anne Mc Grath, will take place in Letterkenny against Gweedore on Sunday 22nd Sept at 1pm with the return game to take place in October in Gweedore. Best luck to the ladies on Sunday and as always supporters are very welcome.

### Cloughaneely Golf Club

The club had a fantastic turnout last week for the Play in Pink fundraiser with over 75 golfers playing over both days. Still a few donations coming in but overall between the golf competition and the raffle draw over €4000 raised and will be donated to Breast Cancer Research. Thank you to Bridie Doherty for helping with the raffle and to Margaret Mulhern and all the Ladies for their help with organising the competition.

A special Thank you to Thomas McClafferty Eurospar Gort a 'Choirce' for sponsoring all the prizes for the golf and for the raffle. Raffle Draw in aid of Breast Cancer Research. - 1st Prize: Fionnuala Ni Chuireáin Golf at St. Patrick's Links, Rosapenna; 2nd Prize: Bridie Doherty Golf at Sandy Hills, Rosapenna; 3rd Prize:



Team Event winners of the Three-ball at the Mary McDaid Trophy played at Portsalon Golf Club last weekend, Left to Right Kathleen Kelly Letterkenny Golf Club, Hazel Russell Rosapenna, Roisin Kerr presenting prizes on behalf of the McDaid family and Frances Shannon Portsalon Golf Club.



The Letterkenny Ladies Team, winners of the of the Mary Mc Daid Trophy, L to R Margo Birmingham, Lorna Reynolds, Kathleen Kelly, Cynthia Fuery, Roisin Kerr representing the family of Mary McDaid, Lady Captain Anne Flannery, Gillian Lowry, Monica Mc Donagh and missing from photo, Angela Kilgallen.

Bridie Doherty A Meal for 4 People at Teach Coll; 4th Prize: Fiona Doherty; 5th Prize: Brian Dolan; 6th Prize: Gerry Sheehy; 7th Prize: Margaret and Tony Mulher; 8th Prize: Liam Sweeney.

Gents Results - 1st Michael McClafferty (10) 22pts, 2nd Martin Giles (6) 19pts, 3rd Kevin Coyle (12) 18pts. Ladies Results: 1st Caroline McGee (24) 25pts, 2nd Theresa Farrell (10) D/F 21pts,

3rd Mary Barrett (12) 17pts. Nearest the Pin 2nd Hole - Thursday Kevin Coyle; Friday - Brian Dolan. Nearest the Pin 7th Hole: Michael McCausland. Best Dressed in Pink: Frank Honan.

Well done to Bernie McCallion who had a Hole in One on the 7th hole last Sunday morning.

Tony McGinley's Donegal Seniors team played the first leg of the 2024 Final last week in Portsalon coming away with 2.5 matches in Portsalon. The home leg of the final is on this Sunday at 1pm.

Martin Terry's Donegal League team lost 5-0 away in Gaoth Dobhair a few weeks back. A very tough task at home last week but with a very determined effort we won 4 matches and came

just short on the 18th green in match two with Emmet McGee birdieing the final two holes to win. Well done to Sean Sweeney and Gaoth Dobhair a few very good matches both home and away. They meet Portsalon GC in the Donegal League Final and we wish them all the best.

Vincent Collums' Minor League played Gaoth Dobhair recently in the first leg of the semi final away and won 2 matches and at home next week. Cumann Gaif Chloich Cheann Fhaola hosts the inaugural Strand Road Singles Competition this Saturday 21st September. Presentation of Prizes on Saturday @ 9pm in Strand Road with music after. Thank you to Michael McClafferty from the Strand Road Bar & Kitchen for organising this new competition.

## Bridge Bar Captains Day

The Bridge Bar Golf Society assembled on Saturday morning in Portsalon Golf Club to compete in Kristofer McFaddens Captain's Day competition. The course was in great shape however the weather conditions proved very challenging with high winds and rain throughout the day. When the golf had been played and the cards were marked



Bernie McCallion who recorded a Hole in One on the 7th hole at Cloughaneely Golf Club last Sunday morning.

it was back to avail of the comforts and hospitality of the Bridge Bar and Restaurant .After enjoying a fine meal the society Captain took the floor to welcome Ciara Johnston of the Mackey family to present the prizes and proceed with the evening events.

The winners on the day were as follows: Lester Speer was the winner of the Captain's Day event with a very credible 36 points. Kristofer McFadden picked up second place also with 36 points. Golfing enigma Gavin Mackey won third place with 31 points. Gerry O'Donnell was 4th with 27 points. The front and back nine category winners were Ray Schueneman with 19 points and Joe McManus with 15 points. The nearest the pin prizes were won by Becky Sweeney and Joe Diver. Kristofer then thanked the Bridge Bar for their continuing support in making the Golf society such a success.

The Golfing Committee was then thanked for all their efforts throughout the years and the role played by the members in participating in the events was also much appreciated. It was then time to announce Gerry O'Donnell as the incoming Captain for 2025. To conclude events Kristofer then presented Ciara Johnston with a bouquet of flowers to mark the close bond and connection between the society and the Mackey family.



GIG Co-ordinator, Jackie Ireland, and Lady Captain Anne Flannery, with the recent Get into Golf graduates at Letterkenny Golf Club. Missing from the photo Maeve Ward, Susan McKelvey and Sharon Neillis.



1st and 2nd Year Beginners with their co-ordinator Catherine Cooke Harkin, pictured with their mentors and Lady Captain Anne Flannery at the presentation evening at Letterkenny Golf Club. Missing from photo Sile Kelly and Patricia Breen



# Rome to Rathmullan - a Unique Event



The commemoration of the Flight of the Earls in Rathmullan on the 417th anniversary this year, centred on magnificent artworks by artist Anne McCloy of Derry. These are beautifully crafted tracings from the ornate grave-slabs in the church of San Pietro in Montorio, Rome where the O'Neill and O'Donnell exiles were buried. These artworks were ceremoniously brought by boat to Portnamurry as a symbolic gesture, arriving into the small bay where the memory resides of that watershed event in Irish history. On arrival of the group from Portnamurry at the SVP Centre, the commemoration continued with a performance by Maura Logue, director of Dark Daughter Productions. In her dramatic and riveting presentation Maura

personified Inghean Dubh, the lonely, heart-broken mother of Red Hugh, Rory, Cathbarr and Nuala O'Donnell. Deirdra Friel, Donegal Heritage Trails, introduced the background to and provided descriptions of the Flight as depicted in the contemporaneous writings. Deirdra together with Rathmullan History & Heritage Group made this year's commemoration a memorable one with a huge thank you to John and Mick, Rathmullan The Way Forward, to Clare at Connecting Communities, Coasts, Hills and Glens, to Arthur and Paul for photography and to the staff of the SVP Centre who graciously accommodated every request in every detail as always. Go raibh maith agaibh uilig.

Mark and Orla Neely's  
**TAWNEY TRACTOR RUN & Family Barn Dance**  
HELD ON SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2024

are absolutely delighted to have raised

**€40,000**

for Donegal Hospice

We couldn't have done it without the generous support we have received!  
A massive thank you to everyone that took part.



## Brigid raises €2,450



Brigid O'Rourke presenting cheques the proceeds from her recent Jumble Sale in Carrigart at which a total of €2,450 was raised for animal charities in Donegal. Brigid presented €1,225 to Zita (below left) from Animals in Need, €1,225 to Danny Curran (below right) of the The Donkey Sanctuary and €200 Breda McGeever (above) Headmistress at Scoil Eoin Baiste, Carrigart along with Brigid's grand nieces Mia McGettigan and Rianagh McGettigan and grand nephew Louis McClafferty. Brigid would like to thank everyone who helped, especially family and friends who donated goods for sale, donated money, everyone who came and bought the goods and Scoil Eoin Baiste for the use of the school hall. Special thanks to Rose Farrell, Margaret McBride and Cliona Murphy who donated the wonderful prizes for the raffle. The winners were 1st Hamper - Evelyn McGettigan; 2nd Painting - Carol Ann Gartland; 3rd Painting - Teresa McGettigan; 4th Ceramic Handbag - Marian Gallagher; 5th Plate - Barry Devenney.



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# How do you measure generosity?

We measure generosity in different ways. Consider a few: Who is the recipient? You are driving home some evening; it's wet and miserable - and along the side of the road you see hazard-lights flashing. Someone is struggling in the driving rain to get a flat wheel loosened. You recognise them - it's that person who has been backstabbing (and front-stabbing) you. They have lied about you, turned people against you and manipulated those close to you. What will you do? You decide to stop to help. You end up taking them to your home, warming them by the fire and providing a hot meal. It's generous by any measure. Another way to measure generosity is by what is given - It's your birthday and someone gives you this incredible gift. You know they have gone to an immense amount of effort to get this just right. It is exactly what you needed - they have understood your circumstances, your trials - you - and this is perfect. You are deeply moved to the very core of your being each time you look at what they have done. Or a third way to measure generosity is by what price is paid. A person could give you something extravagant, but it hasn't actually cost them much - maybe they won it, or are repurposing a gift they received, or had a spare sitting around. But then there is the

person who has dug deep, not just in terms of money, but in time and effort, to get you exactly the thing you needed. You know it cost them to provide this for you. And each time you look at it you are moved by their lavish generosity. I was preaching on Sunday at the baptism of a little boy called Theodore - his name means 'Gift of God'. I wanted us to think about God's generosity to us. The verse I picked was from Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast" (v8,9) Here is God's generosity: his rescue plan, his salvation is not something we earn or deserve, but it is his gift to us. Are you used to thinking of God as generous? That's what we see here. But just how generous? How deserving is the recipient? We certainly didn't deserve it. Earlier verses tell us that we have done much that displeases God, yet he still holds out a gift to us! Like the car stopping, he is the last person we would expect to be offering us this gift. What about the gift itself? God's gift contains forgiveness, adoption into his family, rescue from our old nature and from Hell, and an eternity

## Food for thought



Mark Loughridge

of perfect life. A previous verse calls this 'exceeding riches' - and so it is! What was the price paid? God could have more easily created another universe than forgiven our sins. To do that, all he had to do was speak. To redeem you and me he had to taste suffering and death, be despised and rejected by men, unjustly treated, accused, beaten, condemned and crucified. He had to bear our sins, and the punishment those sins deserved. All that he was willing to pay so that we could be offered this gift. By any measure he is a generous God. The only question is - what will you do with that generosity - receive it, or reject it?

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL (DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL)

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

### TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

#### Harvest Rally

Saturday, 12th October 2024

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to make an Order to have the following roads closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate the Donegal Harvest Stages Rally 2024.

#### STAGES SS / 1 / 4 / 7 (Trentagh) -09.00 am – 18.15pm

The townlands involved are: Stackarnagh, Sockar, Glenkeo, Magheran, Kirkstown, Rathdonnell, Gortnacorb, Garrowcarry, Killyclug, Edenacarnan South, Killydesert, Coolboy Big, Bellanascaddan, Coolboy Little, Ballagherg

#### The road numbers involved are:

L-63921-1, L-6072-1, L-6092-1, L-6082-1, L-6152-1, L-6122-1, L-1512-5, L-1512-6, L-6032-1, L-5972-1, L-5962-1, L-5942-2, L-5942-1

#### Alternative Route:

R-251 – R-250 Churchill to Letterkenny Road & N-56 Kilmacrennan to Letterkenny Road

#### STAGES 2 / 5 / 8 (Carn Hill) -09.45am – 19.00pm

The townlands involved are: Tawny Lower, Drumabodan, Aghawoney, Grovehall or Newtowngrove, Drummam, Ballyarr Glebe, Mullagheep, Gortnavern, Ballyarr, Barrack, Bohirril Park, Meenatole, Borragh, Breaghy, Ards Big, Carnisk.

The road numbers involved are: R-249-2, R-249-3, R-249-4, L-1352-4, L-1412-2, L-5892-1, L-5882-1, L-5862-1, L-1352-5, L-5842-1, L-5822-1, L-5842-0, L-5702-1, L-5762-2

Alternative Route: R-245 Ramelton to Milford Road and R-246 Milford to Kilmacrennan Road

#### STAGES 3 / 6 / 9 (Ardrumman) -10.15am – 19.30pm

The townlands involved are: Rathmelton, Ballybokeel, Newmill, Glenleary, Ardrumman, Carrowcashel, Killydonnell, Carnhill, Prablin Kilcreen, Carrygalt, Croaghan

The road numbers involved are: L-7272-1, L-7272-7, L-5782-1, L-1582-1, L-5792-1, L-5802-1, L-1592-1, L-16121-0, L-1602-1, L-1582-1, L-6462-1, L-1612-1

Alternative Route: R-245-8, L-7272-3, L-7272-5, L-7272-4, L-1422-1, L1422-2

Any branch roads leading onto the Roads mentioned above may also be blocked at the junctions for a distance of up to 300m to ensure public safety on the closed roads.

Persons wishing to object to the closure should submit objections in writing to Roads & Transportation, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford before 4.30pm on 24th September 2024.

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

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, Roads and Transportation

### Appeals to customers in Letterkenny to conserve water

Uisce Éireann is continuing to experience high levels of demand on the south side of Letterkenny and has called on customers to conserve water and protect supply. The surge in demand for water supply has affected reservoir levels with some customers in elevated properties at Bomany, Newmills, Roughan, Drumanaught, Conwal, Tullygay and surrounding areas experiencing intermittent supply issues.



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

### COMÓRTAIS EARCAÍOCHTA

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

- **Riarthóir Sinsearach Fáilteachais - Ionad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach.**
- **Oifigeach Teicniúil agus Áiseanna - Ionad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach.**

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

Is é an dáta deiridh fá choinne foirmeacha iarratais comhlánaithe a bheith linn ná 12 meán lae: **Dé Luain, 7 Deireadh Fómhair 2024.**

Tá Foirmeacha Iarratais agus Tuilleadh Eolais ar fáil ag [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)

Ní ghlacfar le hiarratais a gheofar mall.

Is fostóir comhionannas deiseanna í Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall.

### RECRUITMENT COMPETITION

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

- **Front of House Senior Administrator - Regional Cultural Centre.**
- **Technical & Facilities Officer - Regional Cultural Centre.**

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

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday, 7 October 2024.**

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

No late applications will be accepted.

Donegal County Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

## LUH launch Patient and Family Experience Group



Members of the LUH Patient and Family Experience Group with Sean Murphy.

A newly formed voluntary group has been established to work with staff at Letterkenny University Hospital to help improve services for patients and their families, it has been announced. The group will also be involved in developing a number of new initiatives in LUH. LUH Hospital Manager, Sean Murphy, said that patient engagement was "hugely important" for the delivery of hospital services. He stated: "My sincere thanks to the group members who are giving up their time and sharing their lived experience to improve our services in LUH. Patient engagement is hugely important; we know that only by listening and responding to feedback can we create meaningful change to our patient's experience. We want our stakeholders to play an

active role in how services are delivered and the Patient and Family Experience Group is an important mechanism for formal engagement and communication. Working in partnership with this group we can better understand and meet the needs of our patients as we strive to create a culture of quality, safety and transparency in the hospital." "Though the group only formed in recent months, they are already having a positive impact in the hospital and are working on a number of quality improvement projects to improve patient experiences," he added. Chairperson of the group Kenneth Harper said: "The input of service users and their families is helpful in the design of new services, proposed changes in existing arrangements and in the appearance and upkeep of the hospital estate. We welcome the opportunity to

explain our experiences afforded by the liaison group and the time given to it by healthcare officials at LUH." Group member Siobhan Cullen added: "The Patient and Family Experience Group is a very collaborative team, working with patient and family representatives as well as hospital staff to review and improve patient experience. It is very much based on the lived experience of patients from children to elderly people including feedback from family members. It's so useful to share ideas and listen to different perspectives around the challenges faced and some positive actions so far by LUH make it a very worthwhile experience." Anyone who has recently been in hospital and would like to contribute as a member of this group, please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service by emailing: [PAL.S.LUH@hse.ie](mailto:PAL.S.LUH@hse.ie)





Ben Boyce, Danny Nairn, Hollie Moore and Kit Lane the new pupils at Cashelshanaghan NS with their teacher Jannett Russell.



The Junior Infants at St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan with their teacher and new principal Oonagh Russell - Clara Rose McHugh, Beo Allison, Clara Shovelin, Sasha McCarron, Joshu Collins, Zoe Ryan, Jonah McAteer, Mia Miller and Muhammed Chaudary. Missing are Katie Lynch and Zara Gallagher.



The Junior Infants at Browneknowe NS, Juidi, Elanar, Mohammed, Tommy, Llyas, Holly and Matar and their teacher is Ms. Ferry.



The new junior infants at Scoil Mhuire Ramelton.

# Goodbye Donald? An American Odyssey

by Lawrence Donegan



Up until election day in the States, while American voters decide who to vote for in the 2024 Presidential election, former Tribune journalist, Lawrence Donegan will be travelling across the USA, from his home town just north of the Golden Gate Bridge, into Nevada and Arizona. From there he will head west to New Mexico and then north to Colorado, followed by Wyoming and Montana. After that, he's not exactly sure but expect to find him in the swing states that will decide this election - Wisconsin, Michigan, Philadelphia.

His final destination is Palm Beach, Florida, where Donald Trump will be hosting his election night party at his Mar-a-Lago club/home. Lawrence still hasn't received an invite yet but there's still time. He said "I've been thinking about this journey for a long time, about the story I intend to write. I was going to call it Goodbye Donald. I figured Trump's electoral hopes were as lost as his relationship with truth. My story would serve as my gift to anyone who cared, an epithet for the American nightmare now over. Not any more, not now that Trump is favoured to win. For now, I'll write under the working title, Goodbye Donald? - a question, obviously, not a statement. I thought I knew America and Americans. I thought this country and the folks who live here had given up on Donald Trump. I was wrong. Turns out I knew the wrong Americans and the wrong America. It is time to hit the road and find out why."

## Debate Night in Phoenix

The Republican Party of Arizona held a watch party at HQ. The pizza was free and the heckling was outrageous. WHAT A triumph for Donald Trump. A blowout. He wiped the floor with her. That b\*tch is a disgrace to women. All of this is her mess. She should go back to India. She's not an American. Hell yeah. The thing about him is he tells his fair share of lies but he gives it to you straight. Time for her to go back to the pole, which reminds me - did you know Kamala Harris

used to be a stripper? That's how she paid for law school. Honestly. There's a video. With people from Hollywood. You can find it on the Internet.

Welcome to debate night on the third floor of a downtown office in Phoenix, home of the Arizona Republican Party, where the pizza is free, and the heckling is offensive and not often grounded in the fact-based world.

I feel bad pointing this out because party officials were kind

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Free pizza and cookies at the Republican Party of Arizona held a watch party at HQ.

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enough to invite me to their watch party and not everyone in the room was a bat-shit crazy, misogynistic, racist Trump devotee. Take Kendall Herrera and Eliana Castillo, two college-age women who looked like they got lost on their way to a Sabrina Carpenter concert. Tragically, under 50% of the 18-29 age demographic voted in the 2020 election. Not only will both be voting this time around, they will be campaigning. For Trump, obviously.

“Looking at the last debate against Biden, you would have to agree there was a stronger argument from the other side tonight but overall he just had stronger points.” Kendall looked at her friend for support. “Right?”

Eliana is for Trump but that wasn't always the case. “I used to be right down the middle but in the last couple of years I've been growing up and maturing, and seeing what's been going on and it's not good.”

In an age when Gen Z is boastfully checking out of politics, this kind of engagement is to be admired and encouraged. Kendall and Elina are young and attractive. They probably had other options, even on a Tuesday night in Phoenix.

‘Mike’, on the other hand, surely had a wide-open Google calendar. Leathery and agitated, he stood at the back of the room barking at the projection screen throughout, as if the moderators could hear him. “That's not true. She's lying. Do something.” Mike could hardly watch at times. He put his head in his hands and stomped off down the corridor so he couldn't see what was going on.

I caught him in a calmer moment. That's when he told me his name was Mike.

“How do you think it's going, Mike?”

“The problem is that none of these people are telling us what is going on in this country and that's exactly how they like it because if we Americans are ignorant then they can control us much more easily.”

Who's controlling us - Trump?

That got him agitated again. He went over to the cooler to get a bottle of water and took his time to return, having finally formulated an answer.

“None of this matters.”

You could have fooled me, Mike.

The watch party started at 5pm, an hour before the debate. I got there early, just in time to gate-crash a training session for Trump Force 47, the name given to the volunteer army of supporters who will be out knocking on doors and making calls for the next eight weeks. JP, a full-time party official and Phoenix area captain for the Trump campaign, was in charge. “If there are any journalists here they gotta leave now because this is only for Trump Force members.”

I confess I stayed put but JP seemed like a stand-up guy so I feel duty-bound to respect his off-the-record request. But I will say this - if you are out knocking on doors for Trump and collect 30 phone numbers you'll get a free Trump Force 47 baseball cap.

After JP's talk, it was game on.

There is no need here for a tick-tock of the evening. You can get that elsewhere. My job is to report from the election frontline and I have to tell you the Trump folks at Arizona HQ genuinely believed their guy won. They loved it when he told Harris, “Wait a minute, I'm talking now” and cheered to the rafters when he said, “I'm going to send you a MAGA hat.” At one point, the video stream buffered with Trump mid-rant, triggering the conspiracy theorists in the room. “Hey, I wish I had a button like that and could shut someone up whenever I wanted.”

As time went by, interest waned. Ninety minutes is a long time even for political junkies and, besides, the foreign policy segments were way too detailed for general consumption. By the end, even when Trump was making his final pitch to the country, conversations were ongoing in every corner.

Nobody cheered at the end. Everyone gathered their stuff and left. I talked to a few people as they departed and they all gave Trump the thumbs up. I asked if anyone had been following the debate on social media. The verdict was in and he had been adjudged the loser. Bigly. “It's always about feelings and vibes, isn't it? When it's about the law our guy wins every time.” said an African-American guy called Talib. I was sure the night had been catastrophic for Trump. He came across as too angry and the whole “they're eating cats and dogs in Springfield, Ohio” line was memorably insane, even for Trump. What right-minded person is going to listen to that nonsense and think, “There's my President?”

I was in the minority of one, though, until I caught the elevator down to the ground floor with Mikel Ann Dylan. She had grabbed a pile of Trump campaign memorabilia on her way out. An older woman who walked with a stick, she was smart and articulate, at that stage of her life where she says what was on her mind and doesn't give a hoot for the consequences. “Kalama is a liar and she lies all the time. But if I'm a Democrat and I look at her performance tonight, I'd say she did pretty well. And I'd agree with that. She did do really well.”

Full marks for honesty but Mikel better be warned. It won't matter how many phone numbers she collects for Trump Force 47 - any more sacrilege like that and she won't get a baseball cap to add to her memorabilia collection.



The Junior Infants at Ayrhill NS, Ramelton - Cheryl Colin, Lexi Simms, Alpha Joseph, Alanna Roulston, Jennifer Lockhart, Aaron Peoples, Alana Simms while missing is Erik Fontosh with their teacher Ms. Scott.



The Junior Infants at Drumman NS, Ballyare - Cáit McGinley, Senan Doherty, Pasha Tymchenko, Harry Peoples, Rory Sweeney and Rebecca Friel.



The Junior Infants at St. Garvan's NS Drumhalla Jamie Gallagher, Millie Gavaghan, Eoin Boyce and Killian Loughrey.







# Staff Past and Present

Staff past and present enjoyed a lovely St. Conal's Hospital social event in the Mount Errigal Hotel recently. A huge amount of work went into making it a success and the organising committee deserve a lot of credit for that.

## Report and photos by Declan Kerr

And with a lot of positive feedback it's certainly something that the organisers will consider in terms of making it an annual event. From staff who had started their careers in the 1960's to those currently working in the service there were many stories shared of life caring for people in the mental health sector.

One of the organisers Eugene Duffy said he was delighted with the turnout adding that the most important part of the evening was the social engagement that took place. It was also a time to remember so many staff members that have passed away. There was an array of photo memorabilia from different decades that added to the occasion. It was a little village on its own inside of Letterkenny town up until the early 1980's when the move began to a more community based service. The big walls came down but Eugene Duffy said one thing



Three retired Directors of the Donegal Mental Health Nursing Home with Damian McCrory who was recently appointed as the new director.



Kathleen and John McCloskey, Tommy Ronaghan, John and Eileen Doherty



Geraldine Cullen, Mary Rooney, Hugh Devlin, Avril Fox



Mary Gillespie and Kathleen Carr-Hester (Tullyconnell, Fanad and Castlrea, Roscommon)



Mary and Tony Breslin with Noreen McConigley (Kinnaham)



Kathleen Gallagher with her daughters Jacqui and Nicola



Brenda Ponsonby and Margaret Doherty



Mary T Doherty, Angela Doherty and Margaret Hamilton.



At back - Sinead McCorkell, Martin Gallagher, Tommy Daly, Adele Lynch, Lisa McNulty, Maria Buchanan, Catherine McBride, Neil and Mary Martin. Front from left - Marie Pearson, Terri McFadden, Caroline McDermott and Eilish McElroy



Back from left - Mags Kerlin, John McCardle, Liam Donnelly, Andy McGraw, McGlynn, Eddie Moy, Kevin Mills, Jonathon Scanlon, Andrea McGarvey



# Present enjoy St. Conal's reunion



Donegal Mental Health Nursing John McCardle, Kevin Mills Hugh McClafferty recently appointed as the new area head of the service.



Anne-Marie and Gerry McDermott (Garryharry and Creeslough and now Adelaide. South Australia)



Paschal Blake with P.J. and Majella Sweeney



with Noreen McConigley (Kinnalough, Fanad and Birmingham)

that didn't change was the camaraderie among the staff and their commitment to the service continues to be unwavering.

Mental Health is a huge service in Donegal with a big workforce that includes nursing, medical, domestic and administration. However, the St. Conal's Campus is now much different as it no longer provides an in-patient service with just the Park View House Day facility and the administration offices on site there now.

Eugene Duffy and Paschal Blake were the MC's for the function and among the speakers were the Mayor of the Letterkenny/Milford Municipal District Cllr Gerry McMonagle and a former staff member Andy McGranaghan who reminisced about his own personal journey through the service from being a porter in the early 1980s, to working in the boiler house and later years in administration. Dr. Eleanor Corcoran, a former psychiatrist at St. Conal's also spoke along with Damien McCrory who was recently appointed as new Area Director of Mental Health Services. And there was a video message from Mrs Brown's Boys star Danny O'Carroll.

There was plenty of memorabilia on display including an old safe from the Occupational Therapy Department and a blood pressure set from the 1970's. There was also an old record resurrected from the former laundry which was a huge service provided in St. Conal's Hos-

pital where Pat McGlinchey was the manager for many years. One of the notes from 1964 shows 7,500 items of clothing being laundered in one week for St. Conal's and the General Hospital.

Among those in attendance were two Fanad women who qualified as psychiatric nurses at St. Conal's and before moving to other destinations. Noreen McConigley a native of Kinnalough, Fanad spent the most of her nursing career in Birmingham while Kathleen Carr-Hestor from Tullyconnell has been residing in Castlerea, Co. Roscommon for many years.

All the way from Australia were a couple back home on holiday both of whom worked in St. Conal's. Anne-Marie Robinson, Garryharry and Michael McDermott worked in the laundry and maintenance departments respectively. They reside in Adelaide, South Australia.

In a post event thank-you the organisers said: "We want to thank everyone who came on Friday night and made the night a huge success. To everyone who bought tickets and couldn't make it, to everyone that donated and sponsored spot prizes, our MC's and our guest speakers, our band Sailor Bill, our hosts the Mount Errigal Hotel, our helpers on the night and our fabulous Committee, Thank You. And for all those who asked if this is going to be an annual event. Sure why not!"

There were lots of lovely spot prizes. One of them went under the hammer at a public auction making €150.

Any money left over after all the costs have been covered will go to the Donegal Mental Health Services Patients Comfort Fund and the Donegal Women's Centre.

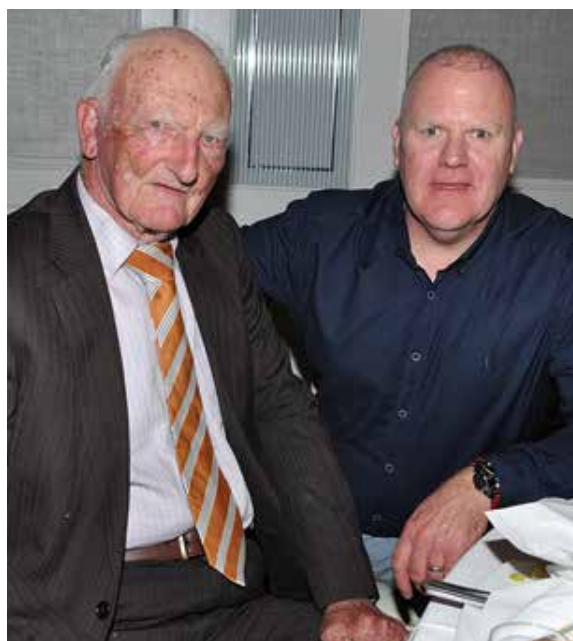
Among those involved in planning the social evening were Eugene Duffy, Marie McGlynn, Sarah Toye and Nancy McNamee.



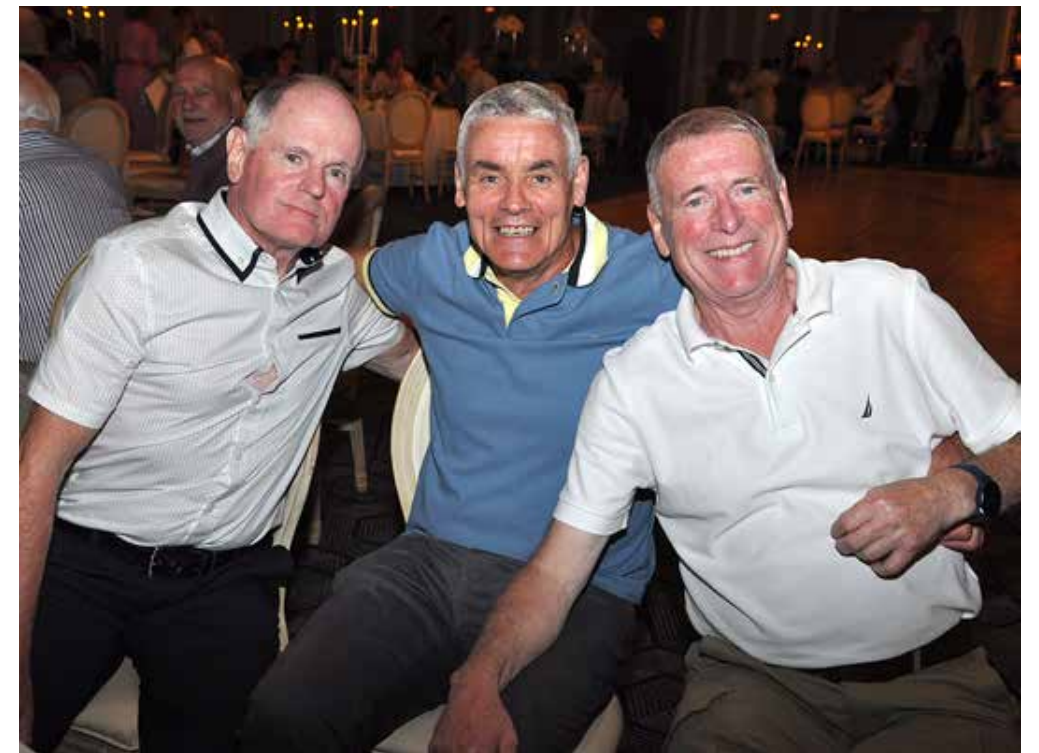
Oliver McDevitt, Dr. Eleanor Corcoran Grace McElwaine and Ciaran Cullen



Margaret Hamilton.



Eugene Duffy and Ken Sharpe



Noel Duggan, Andy McGranaghan, Hugh Wilhare



McCardle, Liam Donnelly, Andy McGranaghan, Hugh McClafferty, Dr. Angela McGilloway. Front - Jim Scanlon, Andrea McGarvey



Sisters Kathleen Duffy, Mary Sweeney and Dorothy Maguire who all worked in St. Conal's Hospital enjoying Friday night's function in the Mount Errigal Hotel with Noel Sweeney and Paddy Maguire



# Son of Termon parents revoked Chaplin re-entry to the US

It was September 18th 1952 and Charlie Chaplin left New York for the London premiere of his new movie 'Limelight' but little did he realise that the son of parents born in Termon would revoke his re-entry permit.

When Patrick McGrenra of Barnes and his wife Bridget Gallagher from Fawns, in the parish of Termon, fled the familiar poverty of their whitewashed cottage for America, little did they guess that their son James Patrick McGrenra would make it all the way to the White House.

by Jim Nesbitt

Not only that, McGrenra would go on to play a leading role in one of the most colourful events in American legal history, involving English comic genius Charlie Chaplin's fall from grace – perhaps the most dramatic ever descent in stardom.

James Patrick McGrenra was welcomed into this world on July 8th, 1895. Being devout and practical parents they sent him to the parochial school, but he quit classes to take up employment in a Philadelphia print shop.

When the United States entered the fray of World War One, James immediately enlisted, serving as an observation pilot and adjutant with the 111th Infantry.

At the end of hostilities, he returned home with a new-found view of the world and a strong will to further his education. Graduating from law school, James built up a successful practice and became active in local politics. In due course, McGrenra was elected to Congress in 1936, standing under the Democrat banner in Pennsylvania, a seat he held for four terms.

His talents and loyalty did not go unnoticed, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt created a position for James in the Justice Department. Judge McGrenra quickly established a reputation as a formidable enforcer, a trait very much admired by President Truman who, in the spring of 1952, confirmed James Patrick McGrenra as Attorney General – the top law post in the United States of America – an occasion joyfully celebrated by his relatives back in Termon.

While McGrenra's career was progressing, Charlie Chaplin had risen to fame during the era of the silent screen, an international icon encompassing both adulation and controversy. Like McGrenra's parents in Termon, Chaplin's childhood in London was one of prevalent poverty and hardship, and he was sent to 'The Workhouse' twice before the age of nine. Furthermore, when he was fourteen, his mother was committed to a mental asylum.

Despite these early adversities, Chaplin embarked on a career touring music halls as a gifted, young actor and comedian. Soon his obvious talent was spotted by the growing American film industry. With a dogged determination to succeed, Chaplin continued to hone his stagecraft and in time developed his legendary film persona 'The Tramp'. Chaplin then co-founded distribution company United Artists giving him complete directorship of his productions. He initially refused to make films with dialogue and it wasn't until 1940 that he released his first 'talkie' 'The Great Dictator' – a political satire of Hitler. However, Chaplin's political opinions were in stark contrast to that of McGrenra. His political pursuits triggered incendiary issues with wary American authorities during World War II, particularly when he campaigned for the opening of a second front to aid the Soviet Union's battle against Nazi Germany. Chaplin also attended functions given by Soviet diplomats in Los Angeles.

Such activities meant Chaplin was considered "dangerously progressive and amoral". As Cold War fears grew, the FBI launched an official investigation and he was accused of communist sympathies while questions were raised over his failure to take-up American citizenship.

Charlie Chaplin denied being a communist. Instead he labelled himself a "peace-monger", but felt the USA government's effort to suppress the ideology was an unacceptable infringement of civil liberties. Unwilling to be silenced, he continued to vocalise his views. In June 1947, as public sentiment began to frown down upon the artist, Democrat politician, John E. Rankin, a leading spokesman for the House of Un-American Activities Commit-

tee, castigated Chaplin in Congress saying: "Chaplin's very life in Hollywood is detrimental to the moral fabric of America. He should be deported and gotten rid of at once, and his loathsome pictures be kept from the eyes of the American youth." Although his next movie, 'Limelight' was devoid of political themes, Chaplin decided to hold the world premiere in London, it being the setting of the film. So on 18th September, 1952, at New York, he boarded the Queen Elizabeth with his family and set sail for England. The very next day, James McGrenra, exerting his influence as United States Attorney General, revoked Chaplin's re-entry permit. The decision was taken that he would have to submit to an interview concerning his political views and moral behaviour to re-enter the USA.



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McGrenra told the American media he had "a pretty good case against Chaplin". However, on the basis of FBI files released in the 1980s, the US Government had no real evidence to prevent the performer's re-entry. Still, when Chaplin received the telegram informing him of McGrenra's ruling, he quietly and privately decided to cut all connections

with the United States.

He later divulged: "Whether I re-entered that unhappy country or not was of little consequence to me. I would like to have told them the sooner I was rid of that hate-beleaguered atmosphere the better. I was fed up of America's insults and moral pomposity."

Settling in Switzerland with his wife and family, Chaplin put his Beverly Hills house and Hollywood film studio up for sale, severing the last of his ties with the United States in 1955.

Charlie Chaplin remained a controversial figure throughout the 1950s, especially after he was awarded the International Peace Prize by the communist-led World Peace Council, and his meetings with Soviet leader, Nikita Khrushchev.

However, during the evening of his life, the political atmosphere began to change and in 1972, Chaplin returned to the United States for the first time in 20 years.

At the Academy Awards gala, he received a rapturous reception and a 12-minute standing ovation, the longest in the Academy's history for "the incalculable effect he has had in making motion pictures the art form of this century".

In the early morning of Christmas Day 1977, Charlie Chaplin died at home after suffering a stroke in his sleep. He was 88 years old, leaving more than 100 million dollars to his widow.

Ironically, after James Patrick McGrenra quit public office, he famously commented: "I wouldn't do it again for 100 million dollars, but on the other hand, I wouldn't have missed it for twice that much!"

## Historical Society field day visit to Donegal Town



Seamus O Doherty recounts stories surrounding Donegal Abbey at the Donegal Historical Society's field day visit

Members of County Donegal Historical Society had a wonderful conclusion to their field days with their recent visit to Donegal Town. The visit, which marked the town's 550th anniversary, was filled with historical insights and exploration.

The day began with a visit to Donegal Abbey, an important historical site. Historian Seamus O'Doherty delivered a talk, diving into the rich history of the abbey, which is a key part of Donegal's heritage.

After the Abbey, the group toured Donegal Castle, where Sean Browne from the OPW provided a presenta-

tion on the castle's storied past.

His talk offered an in-depth look at the castle's history, from its days as a stronghold of the O'Donnell clan to its transformation under English rule and eventual restoration.

The event drew a large crowd, reflecting the keen interest in the county's history and heritage. Attendees enjoyed both the presentations and the chance to immerse themselves in the historic surroundings.

The day was a fitting celebration of both the historical society's work throughout the year and Donegal Town's rich 550-year history.



Long-standing Donegal Historical Society members (l-r) past-presidents, Lochlann McGill and Declan O'Carroll with current president, Joe Gsatins at the recent society field day trip to Donegal Town





Right - The Junior Infants at Scoil Naomh Bríd, na Dúnaibh with Múinteoir Caitríona - Charlie Mac Lai-feartaigh, Rosey Nic Giolla Bhríde, Brooke Nic Giolla Bhui/Giolla Bhríde agus Leo Ó Maille.

Left - The new pupils at Cranford NS Abbie McBride and Fiadh McKensey and their teacher Teresa Doherty.



The Junior Infant class at Scoil Eoin Baiste, Carrigart with their teacher Tina McLaughlin and assistant Jennifer Gallagher - Abaigh, Tiernan, Zara, Dara, James, Eoghan, Aoibhinn, Elix, and Harper.

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

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

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

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



The Junior Infants at Scoil Mhuire NS Milford pictured with their teacher Michelle Harte and SNA Peter Doherty.



# Tully Lawnmowers Vintage Day

Scenes from the Vintage Day at Tully Lawnmowers on Sunday in aid of the Donegal Hospice and The Irish Kidney Association.



Michael McHugh, Noel Kilpatrick and Raymond Wilson.



Busy making the tea were Elaine Scott, Carmel Kilpatrick, Mairead Bowe and Sharon Molloy.



Olivia Murray, Noelle Ryan and Sadie Doherty.



Elsie Fisher, Ramelton after having her face painted.



George and Siobhan Bates and Kieran Murray from the Donegal Branch of the Irish Kidney Association.



Paddy and Evelyn Tinney, Ramelton.



Bernie Baird, Creeslough and Francie Logue, Glenvar.



Dermot Farren, Michael Gallagher and Declan Friel.



Getting off their shoes before the bouncy castle.



Trevor Moore, Philip Moore, Jack King, Orla Wilkinson and Nathan King from Dunfanaghy.



# Cranford AC at cross-country

On a bright and sunny September morning, Cranford AC made a strong start to the cross-country season at the first competition of the year, hosted by Finn Valley last

Sunday. Both young athletes and masters men delivered impressive performances, kicking off the year on a high note.

In the masters men's race, congratulations are in order for Declan McBride, Hugh Duffy, Liam Doherty, Danny McFadden, and Seamus Kelly. Special mention goes to Seamus Kelly who took home the win in the Over 50 category. Their combined efforts earned them a well-deserved third place finish in the team event.

The Under 9 girls had a fantastic race, securing third place as a team. Well done to Aibhe Gallagher, Ciara Duffy, Sarah Kate Boyce, and Lily Rose Browne for their strong performances.

Adam Rogers and Frank Meehan represented the Under 9 boys and had great races, finishing well up the field.

In the Under 10 girls' race, Sadbh McBride took 7th place, with Alanna Curran following in 17th.

The Under 10 boys had four competitors, with John Patrick Duffy securing a brilliant 2nd place finish. His teammates, Conall McCloskey, Dara Gallagher, and Gavin Boyce, also delivered solid runs, finishing strongly.

The Under 12 girls, Rose O'Toole, Aisling Toner, and Annie Meehan,

all ran well, continuing the club's success.

The Under 12 boys secured a silver medal in their race. Well done to Bobby Browne, Charlie Rogers, Faolan Caldwell, Oisín Giles, and Seamus McCloskey for their fantastic performance.

Olivia Curran and Colleen McCloskey ran well for the Under 14 girls, while in the Under 14 boys' race, Oisín McBride secured victory, with Ben McGee finishing 4th and Tarlach Duggan in 14th place.

Karen Neely was Cranford's only representative in the 16-18 girls' race finishing 17th.

The Under 16-18 boys performed strongly, with Caolán McFadden claiming 1st place and Michael Moore following in 3rd. Odhran McGroddy finished in 18th place, and Dylan Finnegan in 22nd, rounding out a solid team performance.

A big thank you goes out to the coaches and parents for their continued support.

Additionally, congratulations to Declan McBride on successfully completing his Level 1 coaching course. Well done to all our athletes on a brilliant start to the season!



Oisín McBride 1st Ben McGee 4th and Tarlach Duggan 14th in the U14 boys.



Cranford AC Team U16/18 who got silver medals at the champions cup Dylan Finnegan, Caolan McFadden, Michael Moore and Oran McGroddy.



Cranford AC boys U10 Conall McCloskey, John Patrick Duffy 2nd Gavin Boyce and Dara Gallagher.



Seamus Kelly who won the over 50 Master's at the Donegal Cross Country Championship.



Colleen McCloskey and Olivia Curran U14 Girls.



Cranford AC U9 girls who got bronze medals at the Champions cup Ciara Duffy, Sarah Boyce, Ailbhe Gallagher and Lily Rose Browne.



Cranford AC girls U10/12 Annie Meehan, Aisleen Toner, Rose O'Toole, Alanna Curran and Sadhbh McBride.



Cranford AC boys U 12 who came 2nd Team at the champions cup in FV last weekend Seamus McCloskey, Bobby Browne, Faolan Caldwell, Charlie Rogers and Oisín Giles.



Cranford AC Team who finished 3rd team at the Donegal Masters Cross Country Championship Hugh Duffy, Seamus Kelly, Liam Doherty, Danny McFadden, Declan McBride with Eamon Giles.



# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam



Fáilte roimh achán duine, mar is gnáth, go dtí ár spás féin, Bia ag Caint, an áit a mbíonn bia ag caint linn. Bhí mé ag smaointiú i rith na seachtaine faoi cultúr agus scéaltaí a bhaineann le bia agus cócaireacht, agus chuaigh mé ar áis go leabhar a bhfuair mé bliaintaí ó shin mar bhronntanas, SCHOTT'S FOOD AND DRINK MISCELLANY, leabhar siamsach agus cliste.

Bím ag scimeáil tríd an leabhar seo nuair atá an deis agam, agus ní bhíonn díoma orm am ar bith a dhéanam sin. Tá sé lán le firicí suimiúla faoin ábhar seo ó gach cearn den domhain. Mar shampla an uimhir 13. I neart tíortha smaointear go bhfuil sé thar a bheith mí-amharach má tá 13 daoine suite le chéile ag ithe. Sa Fhráinc ba gnáth leo aoi breise a fháil ar cíos, darbh ainm Le QUATORZIEN (an Ceathrú duine Déag) mar réiteach ar an fadhb sin!

Fosta ins an OSTÁN SAVOY i Londain bhí dealbh cait déanta as adhmhaid darbh ainm KASPAR curtha ina shuí mar aoi breise! Deirtear go dtagann an phisreog seo ón SUIPÉAR DÉANACH nuair a shuigh ÍOSA síos leis na hAspail ag déanamh 13 daoine suite le chéile ag an tábla. Tá píosa eile ann a dhéanann cuir síos ar an blas atá ag ainmhithe coimthíocha, mar a scríobh síos daoine a bhlas iad, mar shampla taiscéalaithe i rith an Naoiú gCéad Déag:

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| Ainmí.      | Blas       |
| PÚMA.       | LAOFHEOIL  |
| DOBHAREACH. | MAIRTEOIL  |
| BROC.       | CAOIREOIL  |
| FOICHE ÓGA. | UBH SCROFA |
| CAPALL.     | MAIRTEOIL  |
| MONCAÍ.     | CÓINÍN     |

Tá liosta fada ann! Bhí firicí eile faoin dobhareach- bhí cead ón Eaglais ag lonnathoirí dobhareach a ithe le linn An Cargas mar deirtear gur chaith sé an méid ama sin san uisce gur saghas éisc a bhí ann! Tá a fhios againn an tabhacht a bhaineann le bia agus cócaireacht eadar na cultúir thart timpeall an domhan agus mar a thaispeanann sé na difríochtaí eadar na tíortha uilig, go mór mhór mar gheall ar na comhábhair a úsádaíonn siad, a thagann ón aeráid sa tír agus na plandaí agus ainmhithe atá le fáil ann.

Agus difríochtaí cultúracha fosta. Mar shampla sa Fhráinc agus an Bheilg itheann siad capall go minic- rud nach dtarlaíonn in Éirinn. Itheann na Francaigh cosa froganna go minic. Bhlas mé iad uair amháin. Bhí cuma cosa froganna orthu, rud a chuir as mé, caithfidh mé a rá, ach lean mé

ar aghaidh agus d'ith mé iad. Bhí siad go díreach cosúil le sicín le blas láidir éisc ann. Cé go bhfuil mé bródiúil gur bhlas mé iad uair amháin tá a fhios agam nach ndéanfainn arís é! Ba dúshlán dom é. Brathann na rudaí seo ar an duine féin fosta. Bhí mé le cara de mo chuid ag ithe agus bhí súile éisc ann mar bhia speisialta na háite (bhí muid i bhfad ó Thír Chonail) agus bhí sé ag a ithe gan fadhb ar bith air. Dúirt sé go raibh siad deas brioscach agus suimiúil.

Níor bhain mise triall astu, caithfidh mé a rá! Am éigean eile bhí seans agam smugairle róin a bhlaiseadh. Bhí mé i mBoston Massachusetts agus mé féin agus cara de mo chuid i mbialann i mBaile an tSín agus chonaic muid smugairle róin ar an biachlár. Bhí sé blasta le sillí agus anlann seoihe. Ba áit intaofa é, mar bhialann, agus bhí an cuid is mó den dream a bhí ann Síneach.

Bhí mé ag amharc ar rudaí nar aithin mé ar chor ar bith, ach d'aithin mé na crúbanna sicín a bhí daoine ag ithe go díograiseach. Ar scor ar bith d'ordaigh mo chara an smugairle róin agus sa deireadh, mar éiligh sé orm, bhlas mé é. Le bheith macánta bhí saghas díoma orm nuair a bhlas mé é mar ní raibh mórán blas ann. Cibé blas a bhí air thainig sé ó na spíosraí a bhí air. Bhí sé go díreach mar ghlóthach fuar le blas sillí air. Ní bhacfaidh mé leis arís, dar ndóigh.

An an t-am céanna, áfach, is maith an rud é turgnamh a dhéanamh le rudaí nua. Cloisim daoine ag cuir síos orthu féin mar dhaoine a itheann gnáthbhia- ní maith leo iasc nó sloigias, b'fheidir. I mo bhariúil tá siad ag cailleadh go mór. Ba chóir go raibh muid leathanaigeanta agus oscáilte maidir leis an saol iomlán. Bain triall as, mar a deirim i gcónaí!

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Mar is gnáth.     | As usual       |
| Siamsach.         | Entertaining   |
| Cliste.           | Clever         |
| Ag scimeáil tríd. | Dipping into   |
| Díoma.            | Disappointment |
| Mí-amharach.      | Unlucky        |

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Aoi.                | Guest           |
| Dealbh.             | Statue          |
| Déanta as adhmhaid. | Made of wood    |
| Coimthíoch.         | Exotic, strange |
| Taiscéalaí.         | Explorer        |
| Laofheoil.          | Veal            |
| Dobhareach.         | Hippopotamus    |
| Broc.               | Badger          |
| Foiche.             | Wasp            |
| Ubh scrofa.         | Scrambled egg   |
| Lonnathoir.         | Settler         |
| Cargas.             | Lent            |
| Aeráid.             | Climate         |
| Dúshlán.            | Challenge       |
| Smugairle róin.     | Jellyfish       |
| Iontaofa.           | Authentic       |
| Crúbanna sicín.     | Chicken feet    |
| Éiligh sé.          | He insisted     |
| Glóthach.           | Jelly           |
| Turgnamh.           | Experiment      |
| Gnáthbhia.          | Plain food      |
| Leathanaigeantach.  | Broad minded    |

## Bailte features Tory

The award-winning series 'Bailte' returns this September for its 4th season with Síle Nic Chonaonaigh continuing her journey through the townlands of Ireland. It will feature Tory Island this Thursday the 19th of September at 8pm on TG4. There are over 60,000 townlands in Ireland and they remain one of the pillars of modern Irish life. On this



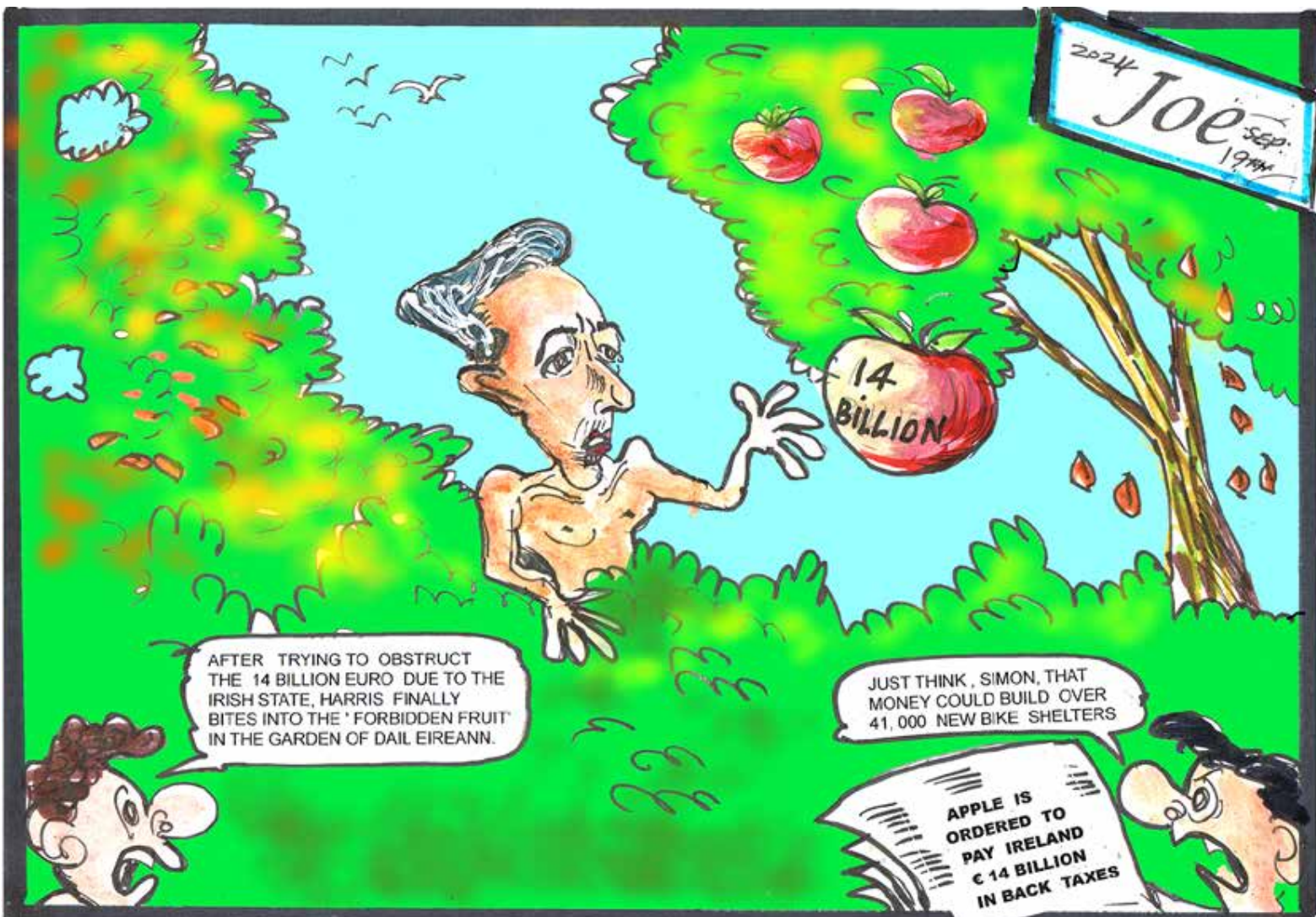
Síle with Marjorie Uí Chearbhaill.

journey, Síle explores the resilience of our rural communities and reveals the deep connection people have with their townland and how local landscapes and traditions remain a constant influence on our daily lives.

On the episode this week 19th September Síle heads to Oileán Thoraigh. Toraigh is Ireland's most northerly inhabited island and seeing as it's situated over nine miles from Donegal's northwest coast, it's certainly the remotest area Síle has visited so far. Amongst those who Síle meets during this programme are Anton Meenan, who regales Síle with tales from the Bronze Age, Marjorie Carroll who tells Síle about the islanders' plans for the future, and Willie Ghráinne Ó Dubhgáin, the captain of the Tor Dearg who takes her on a boat trip around the island's stunning Atlantic coastline.



Nóirín Ní Mhianáin.





Brian McCormick Cup Area Final

# Shield success for Kilmac

**Kilmacrennan Celtic 5-0 Cranford Utd**  
Pre-match favourites Kilmacrennan Celtic did indeed prove too strong for Cranford Utd in Sunday's Brian McCormick Cup Gweedore Area Final. The decider was played at Kilmac's designated home ground at Letterkenny Community Centre. Gerard McGranaghan's side were 4-0 up the break and now advance to the County semi-finals which will take place in the latter stages of the season where they will be joined by Castlefin and Donegal Town. The other team will be confirmed by the league when they decide what direction to take with the abandoned Swilly Rovers/Rathmullan Celtic tie.

In Sunday's Area Final it was Cranford who had the best early chance when Stephen Shevlin ghosted past the Kilmac defence but he shot wide. The hosts soon found their feet with Shane McNamee slipping through for a shot that was well blocked by the feet of Cranford keeper Cathair Sweeney at the Community Centre end of the ground. With a breeze blowing across from the Main Road, Kilmac began to turn the screw and the unmarked Sam Harvey should have headed them in front on 13 minutes from a Paul Bradley corner. Two minutes later the home team broke the deadlock. Following a foul on Bradley, Chris Dillon's free-kick into the danger area fell to James Doherty. He returned the ball to Dillon whose initial shot was blocked but he then swept the rebound past Sweeney from nine yards. Cranford were in even bigger bother on 19 minutes when Harvey latched on to a quick free-kick from the half-way line. His first strike came off the butt of the post but Harvey reacted quickest cutting inside from the right to slot the ball home. It was 3-0 on 24 minutes when Harvey's low cross from the right ended in an unfortunate own goal. Sweeney saved well from Bradley at the expense of a corner just past the half-hour mark. Just two minutes before the break the final was over as a contest when Shane McNamee's deflected strike gave the keeper no chance.



Kilmacrennan Celtic captain Paul Bradley receives the Brian McCormick Area Shield from Donegal Junior League Committee member Tam McLaughlin after the final win over Cranford on Sunday at the Letterkenny Community Centre

It was very much a low key second half with Kilmac able to make three early second half substitutions. Dillon had a couple of chances for the home side while Harvey forced a fine save from Cathair Sweeney. At the other end Adam Patton shot wide and their best second half chance of a goal fell to sub Conor Boyce in the 73rd minute. Boyce dispossessed Stephen Black but his strike was well parried by the legs of Liam McBride. In the last minute of normal time Kilmac did add a fifth when James Doherty set up

sub Cathal McDaid's whose initial low shot came off an upright before he steered the rebound past Sweeney. Afterwards it was Kilmac captain Paul Bradley who received the Brian McCormick Area Shield from Donegal Junior League Committee member Tam McLaughlin. Kilmacrennan Celtic - Liam McBride; Alan Boal, Stephen Black, James Doherty, Rory McGrenra; Sam Harvey, Caolan Curran, Matthew McLaughlin, Paul Bradley; Chris Dillon, Shane McNamee.

## DONEGAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

Voodoo Venue Cup Area Finals

FIXTURES

| Saturday 14th September          | K.O. 1p.m.                          |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bonagee Utd Res v Copany Rovers  | Kildrum Tigers Res v Erne Wanderers |
| Fanad United Res v Strand Rovers | Oldtown Celtic v Gweedore Cel Res   |

Brian McCormick Cup Area Finals

Sunday 15th September

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Castlefin Celtic v Donegal Town | Kildrum Tigers v St. Catherines |
| Kilmacrennan Cel v Cranford Utd |                                 |

Results

Voodoo Venue Cup Area Finals

| Saturday 14th September |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bonagee Utd Res 1-2     | Kildrum Tigers Res 2-4            |
| Copany Rovers 2-4       | Erne Wanderers 1-5                |
| Fanad United Res 3-5    | Oldtown Celtic v Gweedore Cel Res |

Brian McCormick Cup Area Finals

Sunday 15th September

|                      |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Castlefin Celtic 3-2 | Kildrum Tigers 3-0               |
| Donegal Town 5-0     | St. Catherines v Cranford United |

Subs: Cathal McDaid, John Sandilands and Eoin Browne Boal, McNamee and McLaughlin 50 mins, Oisín Harkin for Bradley 54 mins, Danny Hall for Curran 62 mins. Not used: Kieran Gorman, Niall O'Regan (Gk). Cranford Utd - Cathair Sweeney, Joshua Patton, Jack McAuley, Shane Coll, Chris Duffy, Chris Carr, Domhnall Sweeney. Conan Doran, Adam Patton, Patrick McGeever, Stephen Shevlin. Subs used: Seamus Carr, Harry Winfield, Patrick Shiels, Dylan McFadden, Conor Boyce. Not used Kyle Doherty. Ref: Vincent McLoughlin. Assistants Thomas Ferry, Alastair Gourley.



Cranford's Joshua Patton gets a tackle on Kilmac's Rory McGrenra



The Kilmac squad and young supporters celebrate after the Cup triumph on Sunday



The Cranford F.C. squad prior to Sunday's Brian McCormick Cup Area Final

FAI Junior Cup

# Fanad host Carn in Cup clash

Traigh-a-locha is the venue for Sunday's FAI Junior Cup tie where Fanad Utd will take on Carndonagh F.C. It's the second competitive game of the new season for Arthur Lynch's side having lost to Bonagee Utd in the first round of the Brian McCormick Cup three weeks ago. Fanad should have a couple of extra players available for Sunday including Darren McElwaine and Liam McGrenaghan. However, the likes of Oisín Langan, Eddie O'Reilly and Paddy McGinley are unlikely to feature. Inishowen opposition are always formidable so it will take a big performance from Fanad to advance to the second round.

Three other local sides are away from home including Bonagee United who will be given a good test by Keadue Rovers at Central Park. Kilmacrennan Celtic travel to take on Bun-crana Hearts and while the visitors have strengthened they will still go in as slight underdogs in this FAI Junior Cup clash. Also on the road to Inishowen on Sunday is Swilly Rovers who will play Culdaff FC. New manager Damian Friel will be looking to build on a decent start but again the opposition here will be hard to overcome on home turf. St. Patrick's Park is the venue for the meeting of Drumkeen United and Letterkenny Rovers. Stephen McConnell's men should be too strong for the hosts. All the FAI Junior Cup games kick-off at 1.30 with extra-time and penalties if necessary.

Voodoo Venue Cup Area Finals

**Oldtown too strong for Fanad**

Fanad Utd Res 1-5 Oldtown Celtic  
Oldtown Celtic won the Area Final of the Voodoo Venue Cup defeating Fanad United 5-1 at Traigh-a-Loch. It was Fanad who took the lead as early as the 3rd minute when Eddie O'Reilly controlled the ball 20 yards out and his shot found the bottom corner. On 20 minutes Oldtown got the equaliser their play deserved when Giovanni Russell rose highest

in the box to head home. In the 35th minute Fanad keeper Darran Nash produced an excellent double save to deny John Mc Fadden. Just before halftime, Caolan Mc Elwaine was unlucky to see his header from a corner go just wide of the Oldtown post. Playing with the breeze, Oldtown attacked from the start of the second half and quickly established a 2-goal lead. First in the 48th minute, Kevin McGrath found space in the box and fired home. Three minutes later McGrath turned provider when his cross found Ciaran Gibson who took a touch before slotting home. On the hour mark Oldtown extended their lead when Giovanni Russell headed home a Michael Doherty corner. Fanad did have a chance to get a goal back five minutes later, however, Darragh McElwaine was denied by a superb point blank save from Michael Gibson. With the final whistle about to blow, Oldtown got their 5th when Kevin McGrath scored with the aid of a slight deflection. Fanad Utd Res - Darran Nash, Oisín McHugh, Oisín Sweeney, Caolan McElwaine, Daibhid Lynch, Paul Nash, Darragh McElwaine, Niall Toland, Ciaran Coyle, Eddie O'Reilly, Shane Carr. Subs used: Caolan Gibbons, Dylan McBride, Shea Cannon, Keelan Kerr, Alex Gerwatowski

## FAI honours the late Dessie Kelly

Dessie Kelly was one of the people honoured by the FAI in the match programme for the recent Republic of Ireland Nations Cup game against Greece at the Aviva Stadium. Dessie who passed away in June was a well known football figure all of his adult life from being a founding member of his hometown club Letterkenny Rovers in 1962 to a string of roles in local administration to being a member of the FAI Senior Council. Also honoured was the legendary League of Ireland manager Jim McLaughlin who guided his native Derry City to a treble in 1999. McLaughlin passed away last month.

## REST IN PEACE



Christy Moore regularly sings about remembering the brave ones - tonight at the Aviva Stadium we remember the football ones, those who passed recently after a lifetime of devotion to the club game in every game. Dessie Kelly and Kilian Collins were at opposite ends of the age spectrum when they departed our lives earlier this year but both shared a love for the beautiful game that stayed with them from the cradle to the grave. A founder member of Letterkenny Rovers back in 1962, Dessie served as player, manager, groundsman, fundraiser and administrator with an opinion that was recognized by his election as an Honorary Life Member of the FAI in 2022. That award was well deserved for a man known simply known as Mr Football, an administrator who led

the way as secretary of the Donegal Junior League and as well as filling roles with the Donegal Women's League, Youth League, Schoolboys League and the Letterkenny & District Schoolboys League. He also served as secretary of the Ulster Football Association into the bargain. Mr Football indeed. Dessie was 79-years-old when Irish football mourned his passing in June. Kilian Collins was so much younger but just as much in love with football, an under 16 player with Portlaoise when he died earlier this year. A death that sparked so much emotion across North County Dublin and beyond. To his family, here with us tonight, our deepest condolences. Also with us tonight are members of the Keating family, as we celebrate the football life of former Portlaoise chairman and loyal servant Martin, and the Cummins family, here to remember Castleknock stalwart and good family man Brian. We remember too League of Ireland stalwarts Jim McLaughlin, whose story appears elsewhere in this programme, and Eugene Davis - known to one of us as Pooch - who graced the jerseys of Athlone Town and Bray Wanderers just to name two of his clubs and always played with a smile on his face and a goal in his boots. Joseph Barry Wallace was a fine young player with

Wexford in his League of Ireland career of a time when the senior game was really taking root in the sunny South-East and a fine young man who left this world too soon earlier this year. Finally, no Aviva Stadium tribute would be complete without the opportunity to remember an Ireland fan, in this case Declan Clarke, a man who travelled the world supporting the Boys in Green at Italy '90, USA '94, Japan recently as Paris a year ago. Like all of you here tonight, Declan was proud of his team and proud of his country. To Declan and all those we remember here this evening, thank you on behalf of Irish football. May they rest in peace.

- TRIBUTES LIST - IRELAND V GREECE**
- Dessie Kelly - Honorary Life Member - Donegal
  - Joseph Barry Wallace - Wexford FC
  - Eugene Davis - Athlone Town and Bray Wanderers
  - Jim McLaughlin - Legendary LDI manager
  - Martin Keating - Portlaoise FC
  - Kilian Collins - Portlaoise FC
  - Brian Cummins - Castleknock FC
  - Declan Clarke - Ireland fan





The last Class at Doaghbeg NS, Fanad - Kyle McAteer, Teighernan Durden, Clodagh McVeigh and Mia Friel with the Principal, Aideen McGettigan.



Naíonáin Bheaga at Devlinreagh National School - Aoihbín Ní Ghallchóir, Laura Ní Dhochartaigh, Micheál Mac Bhloscaidh, Sophie Anna Nic Giolla Chearra, Joe Mac Pháidín agus Indie Nic Uaitéir. Photo by Martin Fleming.

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St. Davadog's NS, Tamney pupils with their teachers, new Principal Sarah Heraghty, Sarah Harkin, Sally Anne Talbot and secretary Margaret Martin.

## Road Safety Audit for Kerrykeel NS

Donegal County Council are to carry out a road safety audit at Kerrykeel National School. The move comes after a motion brought by Cllr. Declan Meehan to Tuesday's municipal district meeting was passed. "The issue of road safety has been raised with me by a number of parents of pupils at Kerrykeel NS, where there are concerns regarding drop-off and pick-up times. These concerns relate to the parking and speed of vehicles passing on the road. The safety audit agreed is the first step to measuring risks and hopefully securing funding to mitigate against

those risks for everyone's safety," he said. Responding to the safety assessment call the Council said there are currently measures in place at the school including road marking to prevent obstructive parking. The Local Authority added that school management should issue an alert to all parents to follow traffic regulations. A safety assessment is to be carried out including a traffic survey to identify what improvements can be made. Any improvements works will be dependent on the availability of funding.

## Cranford mains replacement works

A 2km-long section of water mains on the western shore of Mulroy Bay which was prone to bursts has been successfully replaced by Uisce Éireann. The repairs between Coole Upper and Cranford were carried out under Uisce Éireann's national Leakage Reduction Programme and will lead to a more secure and reliable water supply for customers in the area. The works were carried out along

the L12123 at Coole Upper (from the R245 Carrigart Road junction to Coole Chapel). The replacement works involved replacing approximately 2km of aging trunk mains with new, modern pipes. The works also included laying new water service connections from the public water main in the road to customers' property boundaries, connecting it to the customers' water supply. The works began in early March of

## Three awards for Carrigart Tidy Towns Awards

Normally the Tidy Towns Competition and the awards ceremony take place in the same year, however, due to abnormal circumstances, the awards for 2023 were presented by Richard Lennon, Regional Manager SuperValu & Minister of State, Alan Dillon in the Knockranny House Hotel in Westport this year on Tuesday September the 10th. Carrigart received three awards, second place by two marks to

Bellmullet for the prestigious Gaeltacht Award, third place in Donegal behind the winner Buncrana & runner-up Letterkenny.

The village also secured a bronze medal. A spokesperson for Carrigart Tidy Towns expressed satisfaction with the awards and said that it was nice to meet up with members of the Buncrana and Letterkenny committees.

### Mevagh Family Resource Centre

Downings Wellness Café - continues on Wednesday 25th September from 10:30am to 12:00pm in The Galley, Downings. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome. Mevagh Craft Group - Have you ever thought about sharing your craft skills or learning a new skill? Why not come along to our weekly craft group in Mevagh FRC. Group member's talents include knitting, crochet, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Members freely share ideas with new friends, swap patterns, help one another along and enjoy a cuppa. The group meet throughout the year in a relaxed, comfortable and spacious environment. Our Craft Group are starting back on Thursday 5th Septem-

ber, 10:30am to 12:30pm, new members are always welcome, cost per session €3. For more information on our Craft Group contact Centre.

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

TÚS Community Employment Scheme - Administrative Assistant - A vacancy exists at Mevagh FRC for an Adminis-

trative Assistant. Experience an advantage. To confirm eligibility contact Áine Uí Rabhartaigh on 087 2366912 or email [a.uirabhartaigh@udas.ie](mailto:a.uirabhartaigh@udas.ie)

#### Other Notes:

Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11.45am. Contact Fiona directly on 085 1569424 or email [risehealthhub@gmail.com](mailto:risehealthhub@gmail.com)

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.

this year were completed in late summer and were carried out by Farrans Construction on behalf of Uisce Éireann. The completed works will provide a number of benefits for the local communities. As well as significantly reducing the volume of drinking water lost into the ground before reaching customers, the upgraded water mains will secure a more reliable

water supply for customers by reducing the risks of bursts or other operational issues.

Patricia Lowry, Programme Manager with Uisce Éireann, said that customers in the Cranford and Milford areas can be assured of a cleaner, more reliable water supply as a result of the successful works.



# Fanad

**The late Mary Sweeney**  
The death occurred at her home on Tuesday of Mary Sweeney, Cooladerry, Ballylar. She was a well known member of the local community and her passing is deeply mourned.



A native of Roinn Bui, Mary was formerly a member of the McGroarty family. As a young woman she emigrated to the UK and worked in the hospitality sector in Leicester.

When Mary returned home she built the Atlantic House in the 1960's. It was a residence with a lounge bar and guesthouse. It was a hugely popular venue in the era of Fanad Utd and other sporting clubs. And effectively it was also the headquarters for the newly formed Fanad Development Association and Fanad Festival. The Atlantic House hosted weddings, fundraisers and many functions. The success of the venue was down to the hard work of Mary and her husband Patrick. Mary was a quiet unassuming lady who had a very strong faith.

Mary's remains are reposing at the family residence in Cooladerry. Removal will be from there to St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty at 11.30am on this Thursday, 19th of September, for Requiem Mass at 12 noon. Burial will take place afterwards in the adjoining graveyard.

Mary is survived by her husband Patrick, daughter Rose and son John, sister Resa Sweeney, her nephews and nieces, extended family, neighbours and her many friends. She was predeceased by her parents Johnny and Sally, brother Jim and sister Rose.

Deepest condolences are extended to Mary's family and friends.

## Funeral of John McGinley

The funeral took place on Sunday of John McGinley, Leatmore, Fanad. John passed away last Thursday at Letterkenny University Hospital. Aged 82 was a well known member of the local community where he had farming interests. He was a big follower of Fanad United and had a keen interest in sport generally.



John's remains were received at St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty, Fanad on Saturday to repose overnight. Fr. Anthony Briody C.C. officiated at the Requiem Mass on Sunday. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining graveyard.

He was predeceased by his parents Mickey and Ellen and brother James. John is survived by his sisters Norah Roper (Rossnowlagh), Sheila Devenney (Hertfordshire, England) and brother Michael (Leatmore). Sadly missed by his extended family, neighbours and many friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

## Fanad Coffee Morning

The annual Donegal Hospice Coffee Morning will be taking place on Thursday 26th September in Bridget and Jimmy McAteer's House, Ballynacrick from 10am until 8pm. All very welcome.

## Change of Mass Times

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

Following a recent Poll in the parish the results were -

Leave Mass Times As They Are 164 votes;

Change Mass Times 220 votes;

Spoiled Votes: 8 votes. The weekend Masses will be changed to - St Peter's Church, Milford: Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 11.00am. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel - Sunday morning at 9:30am.

## Sounds Music Camps

Sounds Music Camps return this September. Classes in Milford, Ray, Ramelton and Letterkenny. U8's will have an opportunity to explore key musical concepts through singing, percussion, fun and games. Ukulele classes for 8

years and older. Beginners are welcome and all instruments are provided. Contact Tracy on 0851500123

## Bingo

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

## Fanad SVP

The Fanad St. Vincent de Paul Society can be contacted on 0877003732.

The Society is a voluntary organisation available to help anyone in Fanad who may be experiencing

long-term or short-term difficulties. The Society is forever grateful to all those who donate to our collections. All monies collected in Fanad are spent in Fanad.

months : €100; Annual : €180

## Upcoming Events/Classes/Talks

• Yoga Kindly with Brigitte (Date/time to be confirmed). Enquiries contact: Tel: 0870653333

• Alzheimers/Dementia talk. On Thursday 24th of October at 7pm, we will host at Rosnackill Community Hub a talk on Alzheimers and Dementia facilitated by 'The Alzheimers Society of Ireland'. Please share with anyone you think may benefit from this talk.

• Autumn Courses (pending on interest/funding). Home Baking with Ruth (Date/time to be confirmed) Photography with Shaun Egan (Date/time to be confirmed) Genealogy with Boyd Gray (Date/time to be confirmed)

## Schedule for week Rosnackill Community Hub

### Monday:

• 6.45pm - 7.30pm 'Fit in 45'. A brilliant opportunity to bring on a healthier and fitter you. Booking essential on : Tel: 0862240321

• 'Men on the move' returns on Monday & Wednesday evenings. Registration on Monday 23rd of September at 7pm. All levels of fitness welcome.

### Tuesday

• 7-9.30pm Mens Healthy Eating / cooking course starting Tuesday 24th of September. This 6 week course is Free.

• 6pm - 7pm & 7.15pm - 8.15pm Pilates with Catriona. Booking essential, direct with Catriona on : 086 0466295.

### Wednesday

6.45pm - 7.30pm 'Fit in 45'. Booking is essential on : Tel 086

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8pm - 10pm : 'Men on the move'. All levels of fitness welcome.

### Thursday

Fanad Jujitsu hoping to return end of September, time to be confirmed.

### Friday

Mulroy Hoops Basketball. Registration online.

• 5.15pm - 6pm under 6's.

• 6pm - 7pm under 8's

• 7pm - 8.15pm under 10's

7pm : Gathering of gardeners facilitated by Evelyn McKemey Gallagher. Tea and refreshments on evening. Entrance : €5.

Rosnackill Community Hub Gym is open from the hours of 9.30am-1pm and 5.30-10pm. Monday to Friday Price: 1 hour: €5.

1 month : €25; 3 months: €60; 6



Portsalon Hotel late 1950's... A crowded house at a function in the Portsalon Hotel about 65 years ago. Does anyone remember the occasion or the names of any of those present? Email Mary Doherty at doherlyclaggan8@gmail.com or email us here on tribune15@gmail.com

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Pan Fried Fillets of Salmon - Lemon & Butter Sauce

Roast Sirloin of Beef -Yorkshire Pudding - Gravy

Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

Warm Chicken Salad

Seafood Linguine

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Fish & Chips

Cajun Chicken Pasta...Garlic Bread

### DESSERTS

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## Fanad Sheep Dog Trials raise €3,185 for Hospice

The organisers of the Fanad Sheep Dog Trials have presented a cheque for €3,185 to Donegal Hospice.

Thanks are extended to the sponsors - Murrin Civil Ltd and Mulroy Vets; Gibson Farm Services Ltd and Value Centre, Letterkenny.

Thanks to the judges - Gerard Foy and Brian Farrelly.

The organisers would also like to thank all participants and all who gave donations towards the Hospice and to the stewards and workers on the day.

Thanks to the support of everybody on the day.

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## Rosapenna Golf Club

### Gents Past Captains & Presidents

A host of Past Club Captains and Presidents of the Rosapenna Golf Club spanning more than 50 years attended a special gathering at the weekend. They played in our first men's Past Captains & Presidents competition before attending a formal dinner and presentation in

the Rosapenna Hotel. A total of 30 Past Captains turned out including Columba Boyce who wore the club blazer in 1974 and his brother Patrick - a two time Club Captain.

But it was another Boyce who claimed the top prize, young Louis Boyce with a fine score of 40pts on a blowy autumn day. Full results as follows - 1st Louis Boyce 40pts BOT; 2nd Johnny Dowds 40 pts.; 3rd Michael Bradley 38pts; 4th PJ Gallagher; Front 9 Garvin Toye

19pts; Back 9 Kieran Gallagher 21pts; Last three holes Tony Diver 9pts; Closest to the pin Fr Charlie Byrne. Thanks to all those who played and attended the dinner on what was an enjoyable night of nostalgia.

Club Competition - Sunday 15th Sept Cat A (<12) - Brian Toomey (22) 39pts; Cat B (13-18) - John (Junior) McClafferty (13) 30pts; Cat C (19>) - Brian Toomey (22) 39pts; Gross - Seimi Conner (1) 31 gross pts BOT. Two's - John McClafferty, Michael Kelly, Albert Strain, Brian Toomey

### Upcoming Fixtures -

September: Sunday 22nd - Club Competition; Thurs 26th & Fri 27th - Gents Captains Trip to Portrush; Sunday 29th - Club Competition. October: Saturday 5th - Lady Cup Final; Sunday 6th - Club; Saturday 12th - Ladies Christmas Hamper sponsored by Boyces Centra (final G.o.Y); Sunday 13th - Club; Sunday 20th - Club; Saturday 26th - Winter Event Series; Sunday 27th - Winter Event Series & Club Competition; Monday 28th - Donegal GAA Golf Day on St Patrick's Links.

## Portsalon Golf Club

### Seniors set for battle

Joe Hensley and his Donegal Seniors side are in a battle after the first instalment of their final against Cloughaneely. The Falcarragh side emerged unscathed from that outing, taking 2.5 matches to equal the home side in Portsalon. They go again in Cloughaneely on Sunday, 22nd September with a 1.00pm start. Best of luck to Joe and his team, all support welcome.

### Results

Saturday 14th September - Winner: Joe Coyle (13) - 36 pts BOT; Runner-up: Alan O'Doherty (13) - 36 pts.

Sunday 15th September - Winner: Brendan McHugh (17) - 38 pts BOT; Runner-up: Mark Cohen (20) - 38 pts; Gross: Daniel Shields (6) - 32 gross pts; Third: John Shields (16) - 37 pts.

Sunday 1st September - Winner: Gerard Duffy (13) - 41 pts; Runner-up: Gerard Gallagher (22) - 40 pts BOT; Gross: Eamonn McConigley (5) - 30 gross pts; Third: Gary McBride (21) - 40 pts

Captain's Outing - Rosses Point Saturday 14th September - Winner: Charlie Hickland; Runner-up: Johnny Kelly; Third: Shane Sandilands. Ladies - Sunday 15th September - Winner - Anne Speedie - 34 pts BOT; Runner-Up Mae Blaney - 34 pts.



Rosapenna Golf Club Captain Enda McClafferty presenting Louis Boyce with the winners prize at the Past Captains & Presidents Day.

## Planning Notices

### Donegal County Council

#### Cashelshanaghan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

We, Darragh & Sacha McGowan intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Cashelshanaghan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Cashelshanaghan. The development will consist of the construction of a two storey dwelling with single storey detached domestic garage/store, to include sewage treatment system and all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Tirargus, Trentagh

I, Marcus McLaughlin, am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain and utilise an existing entrance/access, and planning permission to erect a dwelling house with onsite sewerage treatment and all associated site works, at Tirargus, Trentagh, County Donegal in the townland of Tirargus. 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

#### Cloghroe, Kilmacrennan

We, Kirsty Barnett & Aaron Forde, are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house, with onsite sewerage treatment, and a domestic garage including all associated site works, at Cloghroe, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal, in the townland of Cloghroe.

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

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We, Ryan & Laura McBride are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house, domestic shed and install wastewater treatment system at Cranford, Co. Donegal in the townland of Woodquarter. 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

#### Massreagh, Kilmacrennan

I, Joe Gallagher am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain & complete dwelling house under construction and is connected to the main sewer at Massreagh, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Massreagh. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Drumnatinny, Falcarragh

We, Kevin & Kathleen Corley are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect an extension to the side of our existing dwelling house and construct flat roof dormer window and erect domestic garage at Drumnatinny, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Drumnatinny. 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

#### Drumany, Letterkenny

I, Trevor Wylie intend to apply for planning permission to erect dwelling house with septic tank including all other associated site development works at Drumany, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumany. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee

## In Memoriam

### Doherty

#### Woodquarter, Cranford



Willie

#### 10th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear parents Willie who died on 21st of August 2014 and Philomena who died on 18th of September 2015.

*Time slips by, life goes on but in our hearts you are never gone. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, of a mother and father we will never forget. In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain, in God's own time we will meet again.*

Sadly missed by your family Margaret and Mike, Annette and Kieran and Charlie and Sally.



Philomena

#### 9th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear parents Willie who died on 21st of August 2014 and Philomena who died on 18th of September 2015.

*Time slips by, life goes on but in our hearts you are never gone. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, of a mother and father we will never forget. In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain, in God's own time we will meet again.*

Sadly missed by your family Margaret and Mike, Annette and Kieran and Charlie and Sally.

*Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday Unseen, unheard, but always near still loved, still missed and very dear Looking back as we always do we treasure the memories we have of you.*

Loved always and sadly missed by your grandchildren, John, Emma, Stephen, Erin, Ava, Patrick, Maria, Ben, Rachel and James.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday the 22nd of September at 11am in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan.



Logue Katie

#### Glenvar

#### 23rd Anniversary

In loving memory of our mother Katie who died on 18th of September 2001.

Sadly missed by all your family.



Irwin David Ramelton

#### 22nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather David who died on 22nd September 2002.

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

Loved and missed your wife Frances and family.

not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours.

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**In Memoriam**



**Irwin**  
David  
22nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Dad

*If I could have one lifetime wish, a dream that would come true I would pray to God with all my heart for yesterday with you In life I love you dearly, in death I love you still In my heart you hold a special place no one can ever fill You left behind a broken heart and happy memories too But I never wanted memories Dad I only wanted you.*

Loved and missed xxx son David and partner Noreen.

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*Grandad We never got to see you You were gone before we came Our hearts are forever broken And never will be the same We never got to meet you But we loved you from the start Until we finally meet in Heaven we will keep you in our hearts.*

Hugs and kisses beloved grandchildren Ben, Kyle, Jamie, Cody and Maisie xxx



**Braid**  
Seamus  
32nd Anniversary

In loving memory of Seamus Braid, whose 32nd anniversary occurs on 21st September.

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by his Auntie Mary, cousins Shay and Breige.  
*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dlís*



**Simmons**  
John  
'Crossan Cottage', Milford Road, Ramelton  
20th Anniversary

*You always had a smile to share, time to give and time to care A loving nature kind and true You'll never be forgotten for we thought the world of you We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.*

Always remembered by your wife, Thora, Jackie, Martin, Oisin, Caoimhe, Bronagh and Lara, Fiadh, Jim, Bobby, Veronique, Dwane, John, Elsie, Edwina, Lucia, Edwin, Michael, Martin, Jackie and Lisa.

**Patterson**

Ciarán  
Ballynabrockey, Fanad  
18th Anniversary

*Life is not measured by how long we live It's the person you are and all that you did Your generous nature and your heart of gold are the memories of you that never grow old. A beautiful life came to an end, you died like you lived, everyone's friend a laugh, a chat, a joke or two this is how we remember you.*

Always loved and sadly missed by the Patterson and Shiels families.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Fanavoly on Saturday 21st September at 11.00am.**

**McGettigan**  
Nan  
17th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a dear mother and grandmother whose anniversary occurs around this time.

*Think of her as living in lives of those she touched For nothing loved is ever lost and she was loved so much.*

Always remembered by her loving daughter Mary Kate and son-in-law Charlie, Letterkenny.

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*Will those who think of granny Nan today A little prayer to Jesus say.*

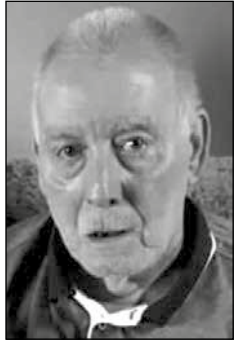
Always remembered by her granddaughter Anita and Paul, Ramelton.

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*Hugs and kiss to the sky so blue Catch them granny Nan they are all for you.*

Always remembered by your loving grand daughter Aoife, Ballyare, Ramelton.

**McBride**

Barney  
Golan, Milford  
2nd Anniversary



In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who died on 24th September 2021.

*When God was making husbands as far as I can see He made a special soulmate especially for me He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind With more love and affection than you would ever find He gave me a darling husband with a heart of solid gold He gave me wonderful memories only my heart could ever hold He gave me someone I could talk to that no one can replace He was someone I could laugh with until tears ran down my face Next time we meet will be at Heaven's door I will see you standing there and I won't cry anymore I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place*

Sadly missed by your loving wife Vera R.I.P.

~~~~~  
*Daddy... They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal But neither time nor reason will change the way we feel For no one knows how many times we have broken down and cried We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to live without.*

Love and miss you so much from your loving daughters Kathy, Veronica, Bernie, Noreen and partners R.I.P.

~~~~~  
*You left us precious memories Your love is still our guide And though we cannot see you You are always by our side*

Sadly missed by son Hughie, daughter-in-law Maura, grandchildren Matthew, Lauren and Adam R.I.P.

~~~~~  
*Granda Barney, There is a star in Heaven It comes out every night We know that star is our Granda who has come to say goodnight.*

Hugs and kisses beloved grandchildren Ben, Kyle, Jamie, Cody, Maisie, Conor, Shay and Abbie.

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

Loved and sadly missed by your loving daughter Winnie, grandchildren and great grandchildren xx

**Barney's Anniversary Mass will be held in St Brigid's Church, Golan on Sunday 22nd September at 9.30am.**

**Jordan**

Woodside, Ramelton



**John**  
19th Sept 2018  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of our much loved and missed parents and grandparents.

*You did so many things for us Your hearts were warm and true And when we needed someone We could always count on you. Those special days will not return When we were all together But with the love in all our hearts You will walk with us forever.*

Love and missed every day by your loving family son John, daughters Jacqueline and Julie, grandchildren Eoghan, Anna, Emily and Tabatha xxxxxxx



**Esther**  
3rd Oct 2009  
15th Anniversary



**Gallagher**  
Hugh  
Loughaskerry, Termon  
12th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on 20th September 2012

*Lonely is the home without you Life to us is not the same All the world would be like Heaven If we could have you back again.*

Always in our thoughts and prayers and sadly missed by his wife Kathleen, sons Eddie, Manus (USA), Willie, Hugh and daughter Rose, daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren.  
*Our Lady of Lourdes pray for him.*

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Columba's Church Termon on Saturday 21st September at 6.30pm.**



**McDaid**  
Grace  
Lower Croaghan, Ramelton  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and sister who passed away on the 16th September 2021

*Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every day Unseen, Unheard but always near so loved, so missed so very dear No one knows the grief we bear when we all meet up and you are not there We laugh, we talk, we play our part but behind our smiles are broken hearts. We miss you Mum and always will Deep are our memories, precious they stay No passing of time can take them away*

Always remembered and sadly missed Pat, Meleesa, Darren, Grannia, Adrian and Tommy.

**Grace's Anniversary Mass will be in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Saturday 21st September at 6.30pm.**



**Tease**  
Arlene  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of Arlene who died on 22nd September 2019.

*There are no goodbyes for us Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.*

Loved and sadly missed by your husband Stanley, children Kelsi, Jessica and Scott

~~~~~  
*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be So He put His arms around you and He whispered "Come to Me" With tearful eyes we watched you We watched you fade away Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay A golden heart stopped beating, Hard-working hands at rest God broke our hearts to prove to us, He chose to take the best It's lonesome here without you we miss you more each day Life doesn't seem the same since you have gone away When days are sad and lonely and everything goes wrong We seem to hear you whisper "Cheer Up and Carry On" Each time we see your picture you seem to smile and say "Don't cry, I'm in God's hands, we'll meet again someday!"*

Loved, sadly missed and forever in our thoughts, Mum, Dad, Jeanette, Lorraine, Ivor, Valerie, Raymond and their families.

**Planning Notice**

Donegal County Council  
Carn High, Ramelton, Letterkenny

We, Elsa Stewart & Peter Scott are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Carn High,

**Acknowledgement**

**Doherty**



Rina and Peter Doherty would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for their kind support shown to us on the loss of our daughter Rina. Many thanks also for all the Sympathy and Mass cards received at this sad time. Our thanks also go to Seamus Gallagher for his organising of funeral arrangements. A big thanks also to the many mourners who travelled long distances to attend Rina's funeral especially those from Scotland. Our thanks also to Monsignor Joseph Chambers and Fr. Charlie Byrne who celebrated the Mass also the Choir for their lovely music. We would also like to thank the hospitality team for all the work they did in the catering for the congregation after the Service, it was much appreciated. I would like to give a special mention to the Doctors and Nurses at the Altnagelvin Hospital, Derry for the loving care they bestowed on Rina.

**Rina's Month Mind Mass will be on Sunday 22nd September at 11.30am in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.**

**Shiels**

Mickey  
Ballylar, Fanad  
22nd August 2024



We, the family of the late Michael (Mickey) Shiels wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who sympathised with us on our recent bereavement. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the wake and funeral. A special word of thanks to friends and neighbours for their help during the wake. We would like to extend thanks to all the staff at Tamney Health Centre, the staff at McFadden's Pharmacy Letterkenny, the staff at L.U.H, the carers and the home helps and all who attended and cared for Mickey throughout his long illness.

We sincerely thank Fr. Anthony Briody and Fr. Liam Boyle for their help and guidance through this difficult time. Thanks to those who helped with the traffic control, the digging of the grave, the music at the Church and the food in the Hall afterwards. Thanks is also extended to Harry and Colin from McAteer Funeral Directors for the professional and dignified manner in which they carried out the funeral arrangements. It is impossible to thank each and everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude. Your kindness will always be remembered.

**Mickey's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday the 22nd of September in St. Mary's Church Fanavoly at 11am.**

Ramelton, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Carn High. The development will consist of the construction of a two storey dwelling house, detached domestic garage, new access laneway, a sewage treatment system and all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation

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# Creeslough

## The late John Ferry

The death occurred last week of John Ferry, Meenabrock, Dunkineely and formerly of Cashel, Creeslough. Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Church by Fr. John Joe Duffy assisted by Fr. Seamus Murphy. Fr. John Joe in his homily said that John had lived in Croagh for the last eighteen years and that he had moved from one beautiful place to another beautiful place.

John was born in Hammersmith, London on September 21st 1955 to his parents, John and Mary. He was the youngest of four. He enjoyed music, horse racing, reading and had a great interest in learning languages especially German and French. He was an ideal man to help with essays. He also enjoyed Chess and taught his nieces and nephews how to play.

The hymns were sang by Brigid Sweeney and also the music. The final prayers and blessing were recited by Fr. John Joe before interment in Doe cemetery. Sympathy is extended to his sister Sarah, his brother Jim in Cork, sister Mary, sister Maureen in Manchester, brother-in-law Patrick Mc Closkey, Chris, nephews, nieces, in-laws and relatives.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Maureen and Hugh McClafferty, Drimmaraw on the death of Maureen's nephew, Ronan McEnroe in Monaghan last week.

## The late John Bonner

The death took place last week of John Bonner, Ballygawley, Newmills. Sympathy is extended to his wife Eileen, family Joanne (Patrick), Charlie (Amanda), Siobhan (Paul), Sean (Deirdre), Cathy (Patrick), Diane (Stephen), Mary (Bernard)

and Ciaran, brother Charley and sisters Frances, Josephine and Susan and all his grandchildren and relatives. Mass was celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly on Saturday with burial afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

## Tridium

The Tridium for the Feast of St. Padre Pio begins in Ards Friary on Saturday evening with Mass at 7.30p.m. Sunday Mass at 5.30p.m. ending on Monday evening with Mass at 7.30p.m.

## Creeslough Youth Club

Creeslough Youth Club Annual General Meeting and Registration night is on Thursday the September 26th in Massinass Hall at 8p.m. Registration fee is €10. 5th and 6th classes only. All children must be registered and parents must commit to being on the supervisor rota (2 nights per household) therefore must be Garda vetted. Please bring identification with you to meeting as our vetting officer will be processing identification and forms.

## Beginners Yoga

Beginners Yoga Classes by Patricia Swan have commenced in The Hub every Monday night. Classes begin at 7.15 p.m. €30 for 6 weeks. For more information tel. 0872923102 or info@creesloughcommunity.com

## St. Michael's Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 2,5,13,15,17,20. There were match 5 winners. The match 5 winners were Evan Wilkin, Hornhead, Noreen Gallagher, Letterkenney and Elaine Wilkin Churchhill who won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3200.

## Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held in St. Columba's Church

in Cashel Cashel on Friday 11th October preacher Rev David Skuce at 8pm.

## Conversational Irish

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

## Cursillo

Cursillo is a movement of ordinary lay women and men who share their faith in their everyday lives. 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 evening Oct 24th to Sunday afternoon 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.

## Reading of the Bible

A prayerful reading of the Bible at Ards Friary



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

## Creeslough View

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

## Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. No partner needed. Dance teacher is Celine. Beginners are very welcome. 50/50

Congratulations to Cassie Sheridan who won €300 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## Ards Friary Shop

Opening Times : Monday – Saturday 12 noon until 5p.m. Sundays : 12 noon until 7p.m. Closed during evening Mass from 5.30-6.15p.m.



**Scenes from the 5k in Creeslough on Saturday morning organised by McFadden Performance in aid of the St. Michael's Minor Board.**





## Cloughaneely

### A Night for Charles

Join us on Saturday night, the 21st of September, for a special evening to celebrate Charles Boyle of Tory Island, who made history by winning first place in the Under-12 singing category at this year's Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann which takes place in Ionad Phobal Machaire Rabhartaigh starting at 8pm.

This victory is particularly significant as it marks Tory Island's first-ever All-Ireland win. In August, many of Charles' family and friends from Tory Island travelled to support him at the final, and now we come together to honour his incredible achievement. The celebration will feature a presentation of the winning cup to Charles, with special guests from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. There is an open invite everyone to come and enjoy a wonderful night filled with music, song, and dance, celebrating the rich musical traditions of Tory Island.

### Ionad Naomh Fionnán

The Annual General Meeting takes place this Sunday the 22nd September at 8pm. All are welcome!

Manager's Job - The centre is currently looking for a Centre Manager at Ionad Naomh Fionnán. For more information please contact managerionadnf@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Tina and Helen (bingo ladies) from Gweedore who won this week's 50/50 prize of €1028.

### Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the lotto

## Letterkenny NW U12 Div 1 Cup Final

### Second cup for Dunfanaghy Youths

#### Lagan Harps 1 Dunfanaghy Youths 3

Dunfanaghy Youths secured their second cup when they went to Lagan and defeated them 3-1 on Sunday.

It's been a brilliant season for this group of players winning their second cup, finishing second in the league, and only being defeated once in 20 matches all year.

Lagan started the match strong, and Dunfanaghy were made to defend well in the first 10 minutes. Oisín Sweeney and Oisín Nelis put in some great blocks and were well supported by Caolan and Anthony with Rory very composed in goals. Dunfanaghy then began to dominate in midfield through Seve and Oliver and created some good chances for Cian and Matthew.

Liam came on and made an immediate impact when he beat his marker before slamming the ball into the bottom corner. This gave Dunfanaghy a deserved 1-0 half time lead.

last week and the winning numbers were 2-5-6-12-13-20. The Match 5 winners were Adrian McFadden and Philip Gallagher €50 each. This week's jackpot will be €8250.

### Coffee Morning

Hospice Coffee Morning will take place in Ionad Naomh Fionnán, Falcarragh on Friday 27th September from 10am - 1pm, all welcome.

### Falcarragh Medical Centre

Falcarragh Medical Centre will be holding a Covid Booster and Flu Vaccine clinic on Monday 7th October and Monday 14th October. Please call the surgery to make an appointment on 9135491.

### Pobal Eascarrach

A unique 10 week Irish language course for beginners. This course is tailored for new members of the community and for anyone who did not study Irish at school. There will be a social element to this course with an intercultural party at end of course! Starting 26th of September from 7-9in. This course is being offered free of charge. Register at pobaleas@gmail.com / 9180571 / 085 8670762

### CE Positions Available

CE positions available with Falcarragh Community Organisation. Applicants must be over 21 and signing on Social welfare for at least one year.

Administrator: General office duties to include computer skills and general Office skills, filing etc. Training will be provided for this position.

Environmental Worker: This position is with the Falcarragh Tidy Towns. The participant will be required to clean the

Lagan scored a fortuitous goal when a corner deflected off a Dunfanaghy defender and went into the goal shortly after half time. Odhran put in a huge effort in midfield wining tackle after tackle and Matthew twice, and Oisín Sweeney once, went close to scoring. The relentless pressure by Dunfanaghy paid off in the 57th minute, when Dylan expertly controlled the ball in the box and laid it off to Matthew. Matthew kept his cool to finish from close range to put Dunfanaghy 2-1 up. Dunfanaghy defended well with Alfie putting in some great tackles in midfield. From a Lagan corner that was well defended by Dunfanaghy again, Seve set off on one of his trademark runs to finish into the net and clinch the final 3-1. This sparked huge celebrations amongst the large support that Dunfanaghy brought with them.

The final was off a very high standard and was keenly contested between two excellent teams. Hard luck to Lagan, who have had a very good season themselves.

The Dunfanaghy Youths Panel was Rory Boyce, Oisín Nelis, Oisín Sweeney (Capt), Caolan Sweeney, Oliver McGinty, Seve Roarty, Anthony

## Scéim Cóitseála CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola



Príomhoidí agus ionadaithe ó bhunscoileanna Chloich Cheann Fhaola, Stiofán Ó Canainn, Patricia Mhic Thoirealaigh, Rose Ní Chuireáin, Louise Mhic Giolla Chearra agus Fearghal Mac Grianna i gcuideachta Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga Chloich Cheann Fhaola, Caitlín Ní Bhroin agus oifigigh CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola, Mairtín Ó Dúgáin, Conor Ó Gallachóir, Eibhlín Uí Scanláin agus John Paul Ó Gallachóir ag teacht le chéile le ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar an Scéim Cóitseála CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola a bhí ar bun san Earrach sna bunscoileanna faoi stiúir an chóitseálaí, Remy Ó Móráin. Bunaíodh an scéim seo le cuidiú leis na páistí feabhas a chur ar a gcuid scileanna peile agus é uilig a dhéanamh trí mheán na Gaeilge. Ba é CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola a d'eagraigh an scéim agus ba é Pleanáil Teanga Chloich Cheann Fhaola a chur maoiniú ar fáil don scéim.

streets, litter control, grass cutting, brushing footpaths, weeding etc. Apply To: Kevin Barrett on falcarraghce@gmail.com.

### RI-Oga Dance Academy

Irish Dancing classes continue with Maureen on Wednesdays in Aras Begley Hall at 4pm.

### Donegal Down Syndrome

The collection taken up last weekend amounted to €843. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously.

### Pobail Le Chéile

Come join us this Friday 20th September in 6 Garradh Cholmcille for Culture night where there will be an art exhibition of local artists, a short film in Irish, some Irish traditional music, as well as tea and coffee refreshments from 7:30-9pm.

Classes in Drama & Musical Theatre with Nora Kavanagh on Mondays in Ionad Garradh Cholmcille, Falcarragh 7-9yrs at 3.45-4.45pm

/10-12yrs at 5-6pm. Art Club for children aged 8-12 years old with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Fridays from 6pm-7pm.

Chair Aerobics: Mondays 10-10.40am. €5 pp English Conversation group - Friday 20th September from 10.30am-12pm. Beginners welcome. Contact 086 455 7519 to book.

### Thursday Café

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



The victorious Dunfanaghy Youth's U12 Division 1 team pictured after their cup victory with manager Liam Langan.

Wilkinson, Matthew McFadden, Cian Langan, Odhran Sweeney, Alfie Roarty, Dylan Robinson, Liam McFadden, Riley Sweeney, Hugh McNulty, and Dinnie Sheridan.

## Magheraroarty prepares for a thriller this Halloween!



Spooktacular details have been released for Magheraroarty's major 'Splanc' festival, which returns to the area on Sunday 27th of October, 5-8pm!

Plans are well underway for the family-fun Halloween show and fireworks display, which will see some important changes this year. The 2024 event will be ticketed to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all, following the massive turnout of 4,500 attendees last year.

A large stage will showcase talented acts performing live throughout the evening. From electrifying local performers to artists from across the country, the Splanc Féile stage promises non-stop entertainment. Towering 12-foot-tall puppets will

roam the grounds and talented musicians will be decked out in their finest "ghoul suits," adding a spooky soundtrack to the festivities.

Tickets are priced at €5 for children and €10 for adults. This includes a party bag and drinks for kids, face painting, and complimentary tea and coffee for the adults. Shuttle buses will be running from Derrybeg, Falcarragh and Gortahork.

So get your tickets, get your fancy dress planned, and enjoy the festivities - all in support of local charities and schools! The organisers wish to thank everyone who helped in any way and anyone who has donated.

For all the details, including shuttle bus schedules and locations are available at [www.splancfeile.ie](http://www.splancfeile.ie)

## Clean Coasts camp in Dunfanaghy

Pictured above left are participants in the recent 2 day Clean Coasts Camp which took place in Dunfanaghy. This was an amazing camp which discussed and explored LIFE UNDER WATER. It was delivered by The Sea Collective in both the Ozanam Community Centre Dunfanaghy and outdoors at Killahoe

Beach. The camp, which was organised by Dunfanaghy FRC was supported by Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns who made the application for funding and by our young people here in Dunfanaghy, Portnablagh, Falcarragh and Creeslough who took part on the days in question.



Various interagency partners for the Clean Coasts camp from left - Breege Ward from Dunfanaghy FRC, Gillian Tricoglus from Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns, Dave McCann The Sea Collective, Alena Kunel Clean Coasts, Diana Wolford Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns, Bo Bonner Dunfanaghy Youth Club and Cat McCann The Sea Collective.





# Dunfanaghy

### Big Beach Clean

Join the Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns for the Big Beach Clean on this Saturday, September 21st at Killahoey Beach. Everyone will be meeting at the car park at 10am and everyone is welcome to join this great event with Clean Coasts.

### Doe Swimming Club

The '24-'25 swimming season starts this Saturday, Saturday 21st September at the Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny. There will be 2 buses going this year, it's important children return on the same bus they go out on to make it easier for supervisors doing the check list for way back.

Bus 1 leaves Dunfanaghy Square at 4:45pm. Supervising parents are Ita O'Sullivan and Enda Boyce. Bus 1 & 2 leaves Creeslough chapel carpark at 5pm. Supervising parents for bus 2 are Mark McFadden and Joanne Hughes. Buses returning to Creeslough at approx 8:10pm and Dunfanaghy at approx 8:20pm.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held in St. Columba's Church in Cachel Cachel on Friday 11th October preacher Rev David Suce. Both at 8pm.

### Cars and Coffee

A Cars and Coffee event will take place in Dunfanaghy this Sunday 22nd September from 12- 3pm at the car park at the top of the town. There will be Classic and Vintage cars and everyone is welcome.

### The Workhouse

The Muckish Film Festival will be running in the Workhouse from October 11th to 13th. Call 9136540 if you're a filmmaker that would like to get involved or if you have any questions.

### Ballymore Bowls

Bowls began on Monday in Ballymore Parish Centre at 8pm and will continue every Monday and Wednesday evening. New members welcome.

### Dunfanaghy FRC

Citizen Information Service - Monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, of each month, 10-12noon. No

booking necessary- drop in welcome.

Regional Employment Service - Employment support including CV preparation. Call Mary on 0879926681 or email: mhiggins@dldc.org.

### Wellness Café

The Wellness Café takes place on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon at The Workhouse and the meeting for September is on Monday 24th.

### Citizens Information Service

They provide a community information and advice clinic at Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre every second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am to 12pm. Next dates are Tuesday 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

### St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 2,5,13,15,17,20. There were match 5 winners. The match 5 winners were Evan Wilkin, Hornhead, Noreen Gallagher,

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### 50/50

Congratulations to Cassie Sheridan winner of €300 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50.

### Prayer Meeting

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

from addiction.

### The Workhouse

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from 10am until 5pm featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground and the team welcome everyone over the coming months.



**Pictured are groups and musicians enjoying the Saturday afternoon at the Annual Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues Festival which took place in Dunfanaghy laset weekend.**

Photos by Moses Alcorn





# GAA Club News

## Gaeil Fhánada

Lotto Results 15/09/2024

Numbers: 7, 13, 14, 16, 23. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Deirdre Friel. This week's Jackpot: €2,050.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé hAoine, 20ú Meán Fómhair

Cailíní Faoi 13

An Clochán Liath v Gaeil Fhánada @ 6:30

Dé Domhnaigh, 22ú Meán Fómhair

Peil na mBan - Craobh Idirmheánach

Ard an Rátha v Gaeil Fhánada @ 10:30

Sraith an Pharóiste

Faoi 6, Faoi 8, Faoi 10, Faoi 12 @ 5:00

Dé Luain, 23ú Meán Fómhair

Buachaillí Faoi 18

Na Ceithre Máistrí v Gaeil Fhánada @ 6:30

### Semi final for Senior Ladies

The Senior ladies are on the road on Sunday morning in their highest stakes fixture to date this season, the Intermediate championship semi final against Ard an Rátha. The game will be played at Pearse Memorial Park at 10:30am.

### Parish League

Well done to all the children from our U6, U8, U10 and U12 sides who were in Portsalon on Sunday for Week 3 of our Parish League. The League goes ahead at 5pm this Sunday.

### Tráth na gCeist Bord

Comhghairdeas le foireann Ghaeil Fhánada a bhain an Tráth na gCeist Bord as Gaeilge a bhí ar siúl in Ionad Dhúin na nGall oíche Dé hAoine. B'iad Micheál Ó Frighil, Seán Ó Dorraidhín, Maghnus MacGiolla Bháin agus Gearóid P. Ó Siadhail a rinne ionadaíocht ar son an chlub ar an oíche.

### Suirbhé An Ghaeilge sa Chlub

Tá Gaeil Fhánada cláraithe le Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha arís i mbliana agus mar chuid de, bheadh muid an-bhuíoch dá mbeadh sibh ábalta an suirbhé a líonadh atá ar fáil ar ár leathanach Facebook.

### Intermediate status secured

Gaeil Fhánada 0:06 Beart 0:04

In extremely difficult weather conditions at O'Donnell Park on Saturday, Gaeil Fhánada secured the victory they required over Burt to consolidate their Intermediate status for next year.

Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McAteer, Shaun Kerr (0:02), Odhrán Shiels, Ronan McAteer, Eoin Logue, James Gallagher, Jimmy Coyle, Seán Carr, Oisín Shiels, James Kerr (0:01), Liam McGrenaghan (0:01), Darren McElwaine (0:01), Alan McAteer, Bernard McGettigan (0:01), Paddy Heraghty. Brandon Mc Clafferty for Ronan McAteer, Shaun Friel for Alan McAteer, Eoghan Carr for James Kerr, Conor Heraghty for Eoin Logue.

### Disappointment as reserves defeated

Málainn 1:05 Gaeil Fhánada 0:07

The quest for honours at Intermediate reserve level came to an end on Saturday, as a more efficient Malin outfit edged over the line by a single point in this quarter final clash.

Brian Gallagher, Patrick Shiels, Seamus Coyle, Emmet Kelly (0:01), Jamie McAteer, Aaron McConigley (0:01), Kevin McGonigle, Christy Sweeney, Eoin McGonigle (0:01), Charlie Creand, Paul Coyle (0:01), Declan Brougham, Seamie Friel (0:01), Dan Kerr, Jonny Friel (0:01), Patsy Friel (0:01) for Dan Kerr, Darragh O'Doherty for Charlie Crerand, Oisín McFadden for Patrick Shiels. Eoghan Logue, Seán Friel, Aiden Heraghty, Conor McConigley.

Buachaillí Faoi 18

Baile na nGallóglach 2:10 Gaeil Fhánada 1:11

Our minor side were defeated by a margin of two points by Milford on Monday. Killian Friel; Darragh McElwaine, Eoghan Logue, Conor Callaghan; Jamie McAteer, Caolan McElwaine, Harry Blaney; Shane Carr, Declan Brougham; Niall Toland, Cormac Dunleavy, Evan McDaid; Christian Gibbons, Daibhid Lynch, JP Gallagher. Cormac Sweeney, Ronan McVeigh, Keelan Kerr. The next game is a trip to Four Masters next Monday.

### U13 Girls

Gaeil Fhánada 3:08 An Tearmann 0:08

Well done to the u13 Girls who got their league campaign off to a positive start with a win against An Tearmann at the Burn Road on Sunday. Next up is an away trip to take on An Clochán Liath.

### Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior footballers lost to Na Rossa in the Relegation Semifinal Playoff last Saturday in Glenties. The lads will play Burt on the weekend of the 28th/29th in the final playoff. Details of fixture will be available next week.

The senior ladies were victorious over Red Hughs in the final Junior B Championship group game last Sunday. This result means that they now progress to the Shield Final where they will play in Aodh Ruadh 2 this Sunday.

Well done to our both our U-14 football teams who progress to their respective divisional finals this week. The Division 2 lads take on MacCumhaills while the the Development team play Bunrana.

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

### Baile na nGallóglach

Lotto: 10/9/24

1-10-13-21 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel.

No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Malachi Eastwood, Kilmacrennan Rd, Milford.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 21st September: Maple, Milford: Joe McNulty and Anne Marie Hannigan.

### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

#### Senior Men

The Seniors bowed out of the Intermediate Championship on Saturday last as they were defeated by N Muire on a scoreline of 1-9 to 0-8.

#### Senior Reserves

The Reserves are also out of the Championship after their defeat to Burt in Letterkenny on Sunday last on a scoreline of 3-5 to 1-5.

#### Minor Boys

##### Under 18 Boys

Fanad Gaels 1 - 11 Baile Na nGallóglach 2-10

The boys had an excellent victory in Portsalon in a close game. Despite falling 5 pts down early on it was level at half time and still level with 5 minutes to go. A late Rory O'Brien goal after an assist from Adam Morgan was the decisive score and the boys ran out deserved 2 point winners. Next up are Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon on Wednesday 25th September in Milford. Some excellent performances on the night from Sean Black, Conor Houston, Conor McLaughlin, Martin Buchanan, and Joey Barrett as he continues his recovery from a broken arm. Rory O'Brien was again very accurate from frees.

Rory O'Brien 1 - 06 (6f); Joey Barrett 1 - 01; Adam Morgan 0 - 01; Hayden Nelis 0 - 01; Martin Buchanan 0 - 01

#### U14 Boys

U14's had a slim one point victory away to Burt

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# Clubs missing key players

It has been a challenging summer for some GAA clubs who have been missing key players mostly through injury. St. Nauls didn't have Brendan McCole while Jason McGee wasn't available for Cloughaneely. Significantly both those sides have now ended up in the relegation play-off final with the loser dropping to the Intermediate Football Championship next season. If fit both players would certainly have made a realistic difference to their respective teams chances of at least avoiding the situation they now find themselves in trying to avoid the drop.

The County players were coming to their clubs after a really intense year that began with a busy pre-season training schedule followed by the McKenna Cup, the league and then championship that took Donegal to the All-Ireland semi-final. McGee and McCole played in that semi-final as did Caolan McGonagle who then got injured in the early stages of the Intermediate Club Championship and was clearly a big loss to Bunrana who made their exit on Sunday by just a point against Malin. McCole and McGee had been hampered by injury at different times during Donegal's campaign.

It will be interesting to see whether the duo are fit for that big Senior Championship relegation play-off involving St. Nauls and Cloughaneely that is scheduled for Saturday week the 28th of September.

Eoghan Ban Gallagher who was forced off in the early stages of the second half of the All-Ireland semi-final only returned for his club Killybegs in the County Senior quarter-final against Four

Masters on Sunday. A couple of other Donegal players took a short break after that Galway defeat before returning to their clubs during the early games of the championships. Michael Langan won't be available for St. Michael's quarter-final against Kilcar on Sunday due to a planned holiday and will be out of the country until after this season's championship is over.

And before you know it these players will be preparing for the Donegal senior squad's return to training for what will be a massive 2025 that starts with a return to top flight football after promotion from Division 2. Jim McGuinness will be looking to have everyone on board from the very start if possible as he looks to get balance right to be competitive in the league and then be ready for the championship.

Like any other County the senior club winners will go into the Ulster Championship and depending on how that goes the players involved may not have much of a break.

The Donegal panel put in a massive shift last season and will take an even bigger commitment in 2025. Likewise the management and backroom team put in a huge effort to deliver the Division 2 league title and then that memorable Ulster Championship triumph against Armagh in Clones. The most important thing is that all those with injuries will be deemed fit to return when the County team resumes training again. It will be Jim McGuinness's second season in charge. In his first stint as Donegal senior team manager it was in the second season that the Glenties man guided the team to the All-Ireland title in 2012.

### Donegal Club Championship preview

## St. Michael's take on Kilcar

It's going to take a top drawer performance from St. Michael's to reach the last four of the Donegal Senior Football Championships after they were drawn against Kilcar in the quarter-finals. That game has an early 1.30 throw-in on Sunday at Davy Brennan Park in Glenties. It's a challenge that is certainly not beyond the Bridge Boys who won all four of their group games to qualify automatically for the last eight.

They will get on with that mission minus Michael Langan. That topic is closed as far as the management is concerned and the sole focus now is on a game plan that can take them into the County semi-finals. They have played well as a unit in all four games and that will have to be replicated on Sunday. There is plenty of talent within the squad along with steely determination. Liam Paul Ferry is at the heart and soul of this team for over a decade along with Stephen Doak, Martin McElhinney, Mark Anthony McGinley, Andrew Kelly, Oisín Langan, Michael Cannon and Daniel McLaughlin.

So there is lots of experience and then there is Colin McFadden who has the capacity to change a game in an instant while the O'Reilly brothers Eddie and Carlos are always a threat going forward. They will have to be at their best against the McHugh brothers Mark and Ryan, their cousin Eoin along with Paddy McBrearty, Ciaran McGinley and Matthew McClean. On paper Kilcar will go into the fixture as slight favourites.

Glenswilly, the only other side who had won their four group games take on Dungloe in the opening quarter-final at Páirc Naomh Fionnan, Falcarragh on Saturday afternoon (2.00). Gary Mc-

Daid's outfit will be tipped here to advance to the last four but you are only as good as you last game so the manager will certainly be guarding against complacency. This could be the last chance for Michael Murphy to win a fourth senior championship medal so no stone will be left unturned in terms of making it to the last four. Caolan Kelly and Gary McFadden are the other veterans who have nurtured a fine group of young players through a super championship season to date.

Reigning champions Naomh Conaill tackle St Eunan's in MacCumhaill Park on Saturday (7:30pm). Barry Meehan is in charge of Eunan's with Brendan Devenney also playing a leading management role. There is enough quality in the Letterkenny outfit but they have to deliver in white heat of battle. Their last title was three years ago when they defeated Naomh Conaill and Rory Kavanagh was the manager back then. If Martin Regan has his men fully tuned up then it will take the class of the O'Donnell brothers Shane and Niall to see the Cathedral Town advance to the semi-finals.

The other quarter-final sees Gweedore taking on Four Masters at MacCumhaill Park on Sunday (3.30). On paper this would be a pretty even contest. Gweedore did manage their game very well against MacCumhaills to advance to the last four. A repeat of that would likely see them advance but this is an impressive young Four Masters team who are well capable of winning this tie. Gweedore have the experience of being in the final last year so it will be interesting to see if that kind of knowhow gives them the edge over the Donegal Town outfit.

## Termon bid for final spot

It's down to the last four in the Donegal Intermediate Football Championship with first of the semi-finals taking place on Saturday at the O'Donnell Park where Termon take on Naomh Muire (3pm).

Then on Sunday it's Malin against Naomh Columba also at the O'Donnell Park. There's no easy games in this championship with both teams having come through serious tests in the quarter-finals. Termon saw off the challenge of Red Hughs while Naomh Muire caused somewhat of an upset in overcoming Milford in Falcarragh on Saturday.

Caolan McDaid's men have already secured promotion to Division 1 so they will be considered favourites to advance to the County Intermediate Final. However, the Annagry outfit will definitely

have something to say about that. Danny O'Donnell is an experienced manager who guided Milford to an Intermediate title seven years ago. Termon has a group of fine footballers but they will be tested mentally and physically by Naomh Muire. If Daire McDaid and Enda McCormick get the right service then it's the Burn Road men who will be advancing to the decider.

The second semi-final on Sunday will be an intriguing contest when Malin takes on Naomh Columba in Letterkenny.

The Glencolmille side just might have the edge here. Termon play Bunrana in the Intermediate B semi-final on Saturday at O'Donnell Park at 1:30pm.

The other semi-final sees Burt take on Malin at 1:30pm on Sunday at the same venue.



Pauric Orr accepting his Club Player of the Tournament award.

Matthew Peoples accepting the Micheal Farren award from Paul Doyle at the Gary Doyle tournament

Paul Doyle receiving the Bronze Cup award from Paul Doyle.



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on Wednesday. They now face Termon in the County final on Wednesday 25th of September.

## U12 Boys

The U12 boys Finals Day will take place this Saturday in the Centre of Excellence in Convoy and both Baile na nGalloglach teams (Navy and Blue) will be in action.

## U10 Boys

Our U10 boys participated in the Gary Doyle memorial tournament in St Eunan's on Saturday. The boys had a great day competing against clubs from Donegal, Connacht and Ulster - eventually losing out to Moville in the final of the Bronze competition.

Congratulations to Pauric Orr on winning the Club Player of the tournament and to Micheal Farren on winning the Bronze Cup Player of the Tournament. Matthew Peoples accepted the participation plaque on behalf of the team.

## U13 Girls

Well done to our U13 girls who had a great 1 point win away to Dungloe on Saturday in very tough conditions.

## U8 Girls

Well done to our U8 girls last Wednesday who displayed some fantastic football at O'Donnell Park.

## St. Michael's

### Senior B Championship

The Reserves travelled to MacCumhail Park on Saturday to take on Ardara in the Senior B Preliminary Quarter Final, despite leading at half time it was the Ardara men who ran out winners on a scoreline of 1-12 to 2-5. Team and Scorers were: Dean Fleming, Andy Ward, Thomas O'Donnell, Brandon McColgan, Callum Finnegan, Martin Breslin, Tomas Gribben, Chris McElhinney, Calvin Murray, Ethan Ferry 1-0, Eoghan Kelly 0-1, Ethan Doherty 0-2, Max Roarty 1-2, Packie O'Neill and Peter Sweeney. Subs: Lorcan McDaid for Callum Finnegan and Conor Carroll for Tomas Gribben.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Brian McLaughlin and Stephen Coyle who were part of the Donegal Masters Team that beat London to win the All-Ireland Plate in Breffni Park on Saturday.

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 2,5,13,15,17,20. There were Match 5 Winners. The Match 5 winners were Evan Wilkin, Hornhead, Noreen Gallagher, Letterkenny and Elaine Wilkin, Churchhill who won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3200.

### North West Coastal Challenge

The North West Coastal Challenge is taking place on Saturday, 5th October in Dunfanaghy. The Run, Cycle & Kayak covering 36km. Entries are now open on [www.nwcc.ie](http://www.nwcc.ie)

### Gaelic4mothers and Others

Since kicking off in May, nearly 40 women have joined in the fun. They train every Wednesday at 8pm and Saturday at 9am at the Bridge.

### St. Michael's vs Red Hughs

St. Michael's welcomed Red Hughs to The Bridge for the third meeting between the teams this year. Red Hughs won the toss and chose to defend the bridge goals in the first half. St. Michael's started brightly with early points from Michael Gallagher, Ryan Toye, and Eamon McTeague. Despite this, Red Hughs found their rhythm, managing five scores before the half-time whistle. The scoreline at the break stood at St. Michael's 0-5,

Red Hughs 2-3.

The second half saw a rejuvenated St. Michael's side, with Fionn Chernick and Ryan Toye leading the charge. Fionn found the net and added three points, while Ryan also added a crucial goal. However, Red Hughs remained resilient and secured a late goal and point, keeping the game competitive until the end.

The final whistle saw St. Michael's edge out a victory, with the score 2-8 to 3-4. Special mention to Jamie Druce, who was exceptional at fullback, contributing to a strong overall team performance.

### Under 14 Boys

Well done to the U14's who had a good victory over Downings on Wednesday at The Bridge.

### Under 13 Girls

Hard luck for the Under 13 girls on Saturday evening as they fell short against Cloughaneely. A big well done to all 20 players.

### Under 13 Boys

Well done to the U13s who took part in the Patsy Furey Tournament on Saturday in Naomh Conaill. The team faced Ardara, Naomh Mhuire, Cloughaneely, Naomh Conaill, and Glenfin in a 7-a-side competition. Despite challenging weather conditions, the boys had an enjoyable day filled with exciting football.

### Fixtures

#### Friday, 20th

U16 Boys: Away vs. Glenfin @ 6:30pm

#### Saturday, 21st

U10 Boys: Home vs. MacCumhail's @ 10:30am

U13 Girls: Away vs. Naomh Mhuire @ 11:00am

St. Michael's G4MAO is hosting their first blitz this weekend, welcoming teams from Gaoth Dobhair, Burt, Ballerin, and St. Mary's Faughanvale to the Bridge.

#### Tuesday, 24th

U13 Girls: Home vs. Gaoth Dobhair @ 6:00pm.

## Glenswilly

### Senior Men

The Reserves booked their place in the Quarter Final stages of the championship after a 2-6 to 2-5 victory over Kilcar on Sunday. They now face St Eunans in MacCumhail Park on Saturday at 6pm.

The Senior men have been drawn to face Dungloe in the Quarter Final of the Championship. They make the trip to Cloughaneely on Saturday afternoon at 2pm.

The Senior C team are also in Quarter Final action this weekend and face Termon at the Burn Road. Throw in is 1pm on Sunday 22nd.

### Minor Board

The U9 boys welcomed Termon to Páirc Naomh Columba on Saturday where some great battles were contested in wet conditions.

The U10 boys travelled into O'Donnell Park on Saturday to compete in the Gary Doyle Memorial Tournament. The boys topped their group and made it all the way to the cup final but unfortunately were beaten. A great day was had by all and the boys showed great skill and character.

### Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies will travel to Muff on Sunday to take on Naomh Pdraig, Muff in the Semi Final of the O'Reilly Sports Junior A Championship. The girls will be hoping to build on last weeks performance against Four Masters as they play for a place in the final at 10.30am

The U13 girls played St Marys Convoy in Convoy on Saturday. A brilliant team performance in very miserable weather conditions ensured a win

for our girls away from home.

### Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

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

### Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start! Over €2000 in prizes guaranteed every week. 50/50 draw occurs every Wednesday night during the Bingo in the Glenswilly GAA Hall. Well done to last weeks winner Paddy Patton who won €900 in our largest 5050 prize yet!

Well done to Eamon Ward, Eddie Crawford and all involved with the Donegal Masters team as they won the Shield final on Saturday against London.

## St Eunan's

### Senior Men

#### Senior B

Our Senior B team started our championship weekend with a comprehensive win over Gleann Fhinne. Nh Adhamhnáin 4-13 : 1-8 Gleann Fhinne

#### Senior A

Ardara 0-05 : 2-11 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Naomh Adhamhnáin played Ardara in Mac Cumhail Park on Saturday in the Senior football Championship preliminary Quarter Final. Before throw in there was a minute's silence to mark the passing of another Club stalwart Connie Maguire. May he rest in peace.

Ciaran Moore hit the opening score from play, three minutes into the game, before the industrious KJ Molloy hit the post for Ardara with a goal chance shortly after. Conor O'Donnell (Jnr) hit two great back-to-back points matching Pauric Boyles two first half points, while Anthony Gallagher and Aaron Deeney also added a point each while Eoin McGeehin and Eoin Dowling kicked the final two points of the opening half to give Naomh Adhamhnáin a 0-9 to 0-3 half time lead. Ardara started brightest in the second half with an early score before Kieran Tobin landed a well worked score. There was a lull period in the game before Conor Morrison hit the opening goal of the contest after 57 minutes after a brilliant pass from Niall O'Donnell and unselfish play from Eoin McGeehin who laid the ball off to Morrison. Naomh Adhamhnáin added their second goal after a turnover inside their own '45 was transitioned quickly up the field before being coolly finished by Niall O'Donnell.

Final score : Ardara 0-05 : 2-11 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Scorers: Conor Morrison 1-0; Niall O'Donnell 1-0; Pauric Boyle, Conor O'Donnell (Jnr) 0-2, Eoin Dowling 0-2, Ciaran Moore 0-1, Anthony Gallagher 0-1, Kieran Tobin 0-1, Aaron Deeney 0-1, and Eoin McGeehin 0-1.

Team: Shaun Patton; Conor Morrison, Anthony Gallagher, Aaron Deeney, Oran Winston, Conor O'Donnell (Snr), Kieran Tobin; Eoin Dowling, James Kelly, Ciaran Moore, Shane O'Donnell, Conor O'Donnell (Jnr), Eoin McGeehin, Lee McMonagle, Pauric Boyle. Subs: Kevin Kealy and Caolan Ward for Tobin and Gallagher; Niall O'Donnell and Dara Mulgrew for Boyle and McMonagle; Brian McIntyre for Winston.

Senior Championship upcoming fixtures:

Saturday September 21st - Senior B Championship Quarter Final - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Gleann tSúilí - 6pm in Mac Cumhail Park.

Saturday September 21st - Senior A



The Milford U10 Boys at the Gary Doyle Tournament in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny at the weekend.

Championship Quarter Final - Naomh Conaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin - 7:30pm in Mac Cumhail Park.

### Lip Sync Battle

Naomh Adhamhnáin and Letterkenny Music and Drama Group will be battling it out in a Lip Sync battle on Friday November 8th in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Tickets are now on sale through the club and at hotel. This promises to be a fun night out for all the family.

There will be a launch night for the event at the Clubhouse Bar on Friday September 27th at 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend to show support to the volunteers who have signed up to participate.

### Hurling

Congratulations to our Minor hurlers who won the Minor Hurling League B final.

Final score Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon 2-11 : 4-10 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

### Club Lotto

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

### Minor Board:

#### U18 Results:

Monday September 16th All County U18 Division 1 - Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-7 : 0-10 Gleann tSúilí in O'Donnell Park.

#### U18 Upcoming Fixtures:

Monday September 23rd All County U18 Division 1 - Gaoth Dobhair v Naomh Adhamhnáin 6pm in Gaoth Dobhair.

## Letterkenny Athletic Club Notes

In the Dromore NS 5km road race Noel Lynch ran 25:49 while Noelle Lynch ran 30:56.

In the Woodland NS 5K LAC filled the podium when Philip McGee crossed the line in first place in a superb time of 16:00 to win the race. He was followed closely by Eoghain McGinley in second place in a time of 16:14 while Ciaran McGonagle finished in third place in a time of 17:05.

Peter Gallagher ran 21:03, Gary Price ran 22:24, Paul Lee ran 23:08, Denis Shields ran 23:16, John Foley ran 23:17 while Paul Toner ran 23:17. Con Duffy ran 24:34, Zoe Marley ran 25:14 and Richard Raymond 26:14.

In the Charles McGinness 5k in Glenties Naita Burke won the women's race in an excellent time of 17:01.

In the National Half Marathon staged in Charleville Co. Cork Barry Mackey ran a fine time of 1:27:48 which was a season's best for Barry.

LAC's A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday the 25th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Station House Hotel. All members are encouraged to attend.

LAC host running sessions from the Aura Leisure Centre on a Tuesday at 5.15pm and 6.30pm for interval running sessions, a Thursday evening hill run at 6pm, Saturday mornings at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday mornings at 8am for a long run. Fit 4 Life which is run by LAC in conjunction with the Donegal Sports Partnership takes place every Monday at 6pm on the track at the Aura Leisure Centre Letterkenny.



Gaelic Fhánada U13 Girls who played against Termon at the weekend.



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**September Sales**

Fri 20th Sept - **Tir Conaill Sheep**  
**Breeders Annual Female Sale** 3pm

Mon 23rd Sept - **Breeding Sheep Sale** 7pm  
Booking in Monday 23rd Sept from 10 - 10.30am.

Wed 25th Sept - **Cattle Sale** 12noon  
For Sale at 12noon -  
17 Angus Bullocks 450kg - 550kg

Sat 28th Sept - **Weanling Sale** 11am  
Booking in Thurs 26th Sept from 8 - 8.30am.

Mon 30th Sept - **Ram Sale** 7pm

League of Ireland First Division

## Long Cork trip for Murphy's men

Finn Harps face yet another marathon round trip this Friday to the far south of the country and the opposition couldn't be any tougher as Darren Murphy's men take on Cork City who have already secured promotion back to the Premier Division. The Leesiders, the only full-time outfit, in the First Division

have been way ahead of the rest of the promotion contenders for most of the season. Once again the whole journey will be done on the one day which greatly diminishes their chances of getting anything from the game. In saying that Harps have only lost narrowly to Tim Clancy's side in their three previous meet-

ings this season. However, the gap between the two sides is massive in terms of points difference. Cork are 29 points ahead of Harps who are sixth in the table with five games remaining now for both sides. The aim for Murphy's men now is to try the final play-off spot now occupied by Bray Wan-

derers who are two points ahead of Harps after drawing 0-0 with Wexford Youths at Ferrycarrig Park on Tuesday night. In team news Conor Tourish, Ryan Rainey and keeper Tim Heimer have all been on the treatment table and there is no indication of when any of the trio will return.

## Harps remain in play-off frame

Finn Harps 1 - 0 Longford Town

Success Edogun's 47th minute penalty gave Finn Harps a precious three league points on Friday night against Longford Town in Ballybofey. It leaves Darren Murphy's men two points of the play-off spot with five games now remaining in the League of Ireland First Division season. Harps grew into the game quickly and deserved the victory over the bottom of the table side.

Murphy, whose father was laid to rest earlier in the week kept the same starting 11 from the Athlone game with Aaron McLaughlin and Sean Patton being added to subs after returning from Republic of Ireland U19 international duty in Slovenia. Also coming in for the first time was 'keeper Corey Sheridan replacing Tim Heimer who has been struggling with a leg injury recently. A minute's silence was observed before the match in memory of Murphy's late father, Bertie. As early as the third minute Harps had a goal chance when Longford 'keeper Harry Halwax lost possession to Max Johnston but the net-minder did make amends blocking his effort at the river end of the ground. After pre-match rain the pitch was slippery and there were further showers later in the game. Harps were getting a bit of joy down the right wing through Edogun and Patrick Ferry forcing a handful of corners. On 13 minutes there was a let-off at the other end when a deflected shot whizzed past Oisín Cooney but fortunately wide of the post at the expense of a corner.

The hosts did come close to scoring from a couple of the corners with Edogun shooting wide from one of those set-pieces when he should have hit the target. Three minutes before the break came one of the key moments in the game. Former Harps player Bastien Hery slipped Nor-



Finn Harps goalscorer, Success Edogun in action against Longford on Friday night.

ris through the heart of the Harps defence but in a one-on-one with Cooney his low shot whizzed narrowly wide. That was very significant from a Longford point of view as they went behind two minutes after the break.

Aaron McLaughlin who had come on for Johnston for the second half immediately caused a bit of panic down the right. The Kerrykeel man

slipped the ball inside to Max Hutchinson who was taken down with the referee having no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot. Edogun made no mistake with the spot-kick blasting the ball past Halwax. Tony McNamee would have been disappointed with a volley that failed to hit the target on 52 minutes. Longford failed to test Oisín Cooney but they did mount a couple of quick counter-attacks that just lacked end product.

Aaron McLaughlin was forced off after sustaining a heavy knock in a collision that saw the Longford keeper receiving a yellow card on 73 minutes. Edogun did have an opportunity four minutes later to double his personal tally but his powerful strike cannoned back off the net-minder's chest. Former Harps player Chris Lotefa came on as sub for Longford for the final 15 minutes. Lotefa had come to Finn Park on loan in February from Bohemians but after only featuring sporadically he left in July.

Finn Harps - Oisín Cooney; Mattie Makinson, Noe Baba, Kevin Jordan; Jamie Watson, David Cawley, Max Hutchinson, Max Johnston (Aaron McLaughlin h-t Sean Patton 77), Tony McNamee, Patrick Ferry, Success Edogun. Subs not used: Corey Sheridan, Gavin McAteer, Gavin Gilmore, Bruce Strachan, Dylan McAteer

### Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 12th September. The numbers drawn were 4, 14, 26, 27. The next draw takes place on Thursday 17th September and the jackpot is €4,100. There was one match 3 winner this week winning €200. Anne Dunnion, Glencovitt, Ballybofey. Enter online via finn-harps.ie

## Help out with Glenree Sports book

A local committee is busy compiling a book about the history of the Glenree Sports Club. They need the assistance of the community in providing stories and memorabilia over the past five decades. Anyone interested in helping in any way come along to Geaic Carrigart on next Wednesday September 25th between 10am and 12noon.

Just over 50 years ago the Glenree Sports Club was formed in Tommy and Teasie McBrides' house in Umlagh. A couple of years ago John F Friel and Myles Gallagher discussed the possibility of recording the history of Glenree Sports Club. It's been a big undertaking, but it will be worthwhile to preserve the history of the club, its legacy and honour the people who contributed to its success. So many people contributed in different ways to the development of the club. Current Athletics Ireland President John Cronin, a native of Dooley, Downings on many occasions along

with his brother Patrick, thumbed the seven miles from their home to train in Glenree or sometimes they took the "shortcut" up Tramore Beach.

Frank Kelly from Creeslough was the first Glenree FC manager. The Glenree Sports Club was formed in 1973. The following year Glenree entered the Donegal League for the 1974-75 season. Myles Gallagher remembered the late Jim McFadden sending out letters to all the club secretaries in the league to vote Glenree into the league. It worked. Mick McGettigan is the oldest surviving member of the first Glenree Sports Club meeting. Mick and perhaps Bernie McLaughlin have spent the most time on the day-to-day business of Glenree over the fifty plus years. They are two men that have done trojan work for the club.

The organisers slogan is 'Relive the Glory, Share



Myles Gallagher, John McLaughlin and John Friel.

the Story'. They have had excellent support of Transition Year students from Loreto Community College Milford helping them with the project, ably led by their Head Teacher Roisin Coyle.

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## McCarry nominated for national post

The National Community Games AGM takes place this weekend in Athlone and there is local interest with Tony McCarry the Donegal PRO nominated for the post of Communications Director. McCarry is one of the Donegal delegates attending along with County Chairman Manus O'Donnell. Tony McCarry has been on the Fanad Community Games Committee since 2014. A year later she joined the Donegal Committee. In 2016 he became Ulster PRO and a Member of the National PR Committee. After Covid he became Donegal PRO.



County Chairman Manus O'Donnell is wishing Tony well for the weekend and said he would be a great addition to the National Committee.

"Tony is a great worker and always wants to help people. He is always listening to peoples' concerns and always wanting to try to improve and make sport more enjoyable for young and old" Mr O'Donnell said.

Donegal Secretary Sinead Hagan said it's a special year for Tony. 50 years ago at the end of August 1974 McCarry won a gold medal in Mosney in the U8 100m. Sinead and the Committee are wishing him all the best for the weekend.

### McAteer wins in Laytown

Rathmullan jockey Luke McAteer was in the winners enclosure at the Laytown Races on Monday. McAteer was aboard Jered Maddox, an 8/1 shot trained by David Marnane. Later in the evening he was second on Fly to Glory trained by PJ F Murphy.

On Tuesday Dylan Browne McMonagle had a 145/1 treble at Punchestown starting with 100/30 shot Amangani for his yard trainer Joseph O'Brien. At the same venue he was back in the winners enclosure on Proleek Prince for trainer Michael Rice. The treble was completed on another O'Brien

trained horse Shavasi. It brought McMonagle's total wins for the season to date to 30.

### Group 1 winner for McMonagle

Dylan Browne McMonagle enjoyed a big success in the Group 1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes with Joseph O'Brien as Scorchy Champ landed the latest renewal of the race at the Curragh on Sunday. He led a little over a furlong from the finish and saw off Aidan O'Brien's favourite Henri Matisse by three-parts of a length. The winning jockey has four Irish Champions Festival winners to his name in all.



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