

FG facing internal revolt in Donegal

In the aftermath of Fine Gael's dismal performance in the local elections in Donegal, a number of key figures from previous campaigns are already considering how to rebuild a new team with renewed energy and focus.

By John McAteer

Numbers of influential party supporters have joined the public call for an extraordinary general meeting to deal with the crisis.

They want to create a brand new constituency executive in a bid to restore the party's crumbling voter base ahead of the general election.

There is a general consensus that such a meeting is the only way forward as minds are now concentrated on saving their Dail seat.

However, others believe it is already too late and the sustained losses will take a massive campaign of regeneration to be led by a dynamic new Team FG.

The fact that their vote dropped by 5,269 in the local elections is now seen

as the catalyst for electing a new proactive structure that is fully representative of all seven electoral divisions.

A number of ad hoc meetings have taken place since the weekend but none of the elected members were invited to join the conversation as a major post mortem

is now underway in earnest. Leading this campaign are former long-term paid up members who now see themselves outside of the fold at constituency level. They claim that the entire structure of their organisation has been allowed to collapse and the general membership is excluded from making decisions.

However, we understand from sources that Deputy Joe McHugh has not been asked to get involved with the campaign to build back a structure. Supporters told the Tribune that McHugh's life is taking on a new direction and that is well away from politics.

Asked if consideration would be given

to an Independent Fine Gael general election candidate, our sources said that this is the last thing on their minds and they've learnt from previous experiences that this is not a runner.

There is a general recognition among FG supporters that there is a huge job of



work involved to rebuild the party amid claims that the election of a new executive structure has to be a primary objective.

The party's nosedive in the local elections saw their vote crash by more than 5,200 has rocked the party to its very foundations and this is reflected in the ongoing conversations at grassroots level.

In the Inishowen Municipal District, party supporters are dismayed and angry that the peninsula is left without a FG Cllr, where in former times there were

three.

The general recognition that it is time for a new beginning is due to the fall of the FG vote to an all time low and the call for action is to stop if from crumbling further.

This fall from grace is viewed as a disaster for long-time party stalwarts who say they've not had any voice in running the party in Donegal for many years.

'We have to win back the trust of FG voters and

that can only happen with a new structure at the top where the grassroots have a role with an agreed part to play in making decisions' - that's the collective view of stalwart members who fear the tide is already ebbing on their chances of retaining a seat in Donegal at the general election.

We understand there is a high degree of anger and frustration over what is being termed as the collapse of the constituency structure of a working membership that has been ongoing for about

eight years. However, others have told the Tribune that their views have been swept aside at executive meetings for close to twenty years.

Former staunch members point to the virtual exclusion of their views and as a consequence they have not seen any purpose in attending executive meetings.

These members are convinced the party is on a steep downward curve and the hierarchy must wonder if it is already too late.

And Donegal may not be a big priority for Simon Harris. The party vote is down 8% to a historic low of just over 8,000 votes and that is a catastrophic fall in five years. They currently have an 10.5% share of the popular vote in Donegal which is down 11% on their national performance last weekend.

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Letterkenny NowDoc on the move



Political concerns have grown this week with news that the Letterkenny based NowDoc GP service is moving to new locations in the town while the nursing service will be provided in future by CareDoc in Carlow.

Plans are reported to be at an advanced stage to route all calls to Carlow and clarity is being sought as to what impact that will have in waiting times for processing Donegal calls. We are informed that there is going to be a three-way-process as the service changes to CareDoc.

The administration staff at the Oldtown base will be transferred to the Millennium Court on Justice Walsh Road while the doctors and drivers will be working from 'The Hub' on the Kilmacrennan Road.

It's reported that Letterkenny is an extremely busy centre that

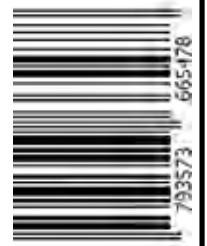
requires four drivers in the period before midnight.

This move is seen as a restructuring of the system as services appear to become more centralised hundreds of miles away from rural and remote parts of Ireland.

The proposed changes to NowDoc are viewed as a serious downgrade amid fears that further streamlining will have its own negative impact on the county.

The GP out of hours service in Donegal is seen as a vital part of healthcare provision and it's been based in Letterkenny for well over twenty years.

Nurses serving at the Oldtown base in Letterkenny have been in Contd. Page 2



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Milford AC has unveiled a Memorial Stone in memory of former coach Hugo Duggan at Moyle on Saturday. John Cronin, President of Athletics Ireland performed the unveiling. The Club marked out the distance of Hugo's best jump of 24 feet 2.5inches (7.39m). See pages 14 and 15. Photo by Francis Diver.

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negotiations to be accommodated within the HSE locally. These changes first came into the public domain eighteen months ago. And according to our sources, the move was put on ice until after the local elections due to the public anger that arose.

Public reps whom we contacted said this a worrying departure from the norm in Donegal. Now Doc has been highly praised for its provision of service since it first came to Letterkenny and there is dismay over these proposed changes.

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The politicians have also amplified public concerns that this may be the first phase in an overall reduction in the county's out of hours GP services.

The NowDoc services covers Letterkenny, Carndonagh, Gweedore, Mouncharles and Manorhamilton.

It is understood that more than forty nursing staff, many long-time HSE employees will no longer be part of NowDoc as it transitions to CareDoc.

We are told there are around sixteen doctors

working shifts on NowDoc along with a team of drivers... all covering Donegal. Their busy period is from six in the evening until 11pm when staff numbers are reduced to cover what's called the 'red eye period' through the rest of the night. It is understood that the position of Manager of NowDoe Letterkenny has been vacant for some considerable time amid reports that it will not be filled due to the proposed changes.

It is reported that the concerns over the future of the service were raised with senior Oireachtas Members one year ago... a response is still awaited, we are hearing!

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Special Military Mass in Lifford

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

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

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

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

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being ignored by party headquarters in Dublin. In the meantime, the local election results only serve to highlight their failure to address a crisis that has been building for a considerable time and is likely to haunt them right into the general election.

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curve in the constituency and the party bosses will wonder if it is already too late. And Donegal may not be a big priority for Simon Harris.

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The clear illustration of this issue is in the Milford area where they last won a Council seat in 2009.

Donegal recycled e-waste down from 2023

An average of 6.48kg of e-waste was recycled per person in Donegal last year, falling below the 9.51kg average collected last year, new figures reveal.

Figures from Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Ireland's annual report, which covers the 20 counties in which it operates, show that approximately 18.1 million appliances were collected for recycling in 2023 - exceeding all European norms.

1,082 tonnes of electrical waste were collected in Donegal last year by WEEE Ireland, contributing to the record-breaking 41,730 tonnes of electronic and electrical waste recycled last year.

When compared to 2022, consumers across Ireland recycled the equivalent of 200 forty-foot containers more than the previous year.

With Donegal people's e-waste recycling below the average, WEEE Ireland's CEO warns we need to recycle more critical raw materials as Ireland's population grows - and so too does our consumption of new appliances.

"Most householders in Donegal have a hidden treasure trove of broken, unused or unwanted electrical equipment in their homes," said Leo Donovan. "They alone hold the key to recycling them, giving them a new lease of life so we can recover the critical raw materials they contain."

The e-waste haul saved from landfill in 2023, up from the 40,767 tonnes collected in 2022, includes two million lighting items, a quarter of a million TVs and over half a million large household appliances, including fridge freezers.



Paschal Blake who was honoured in Lourdes recently for his longtime volunteering service on pilgrimages to the Holy Shrine. The Letterkenny man received the Medal of the Hospitality of Notre Dame de Lourdes during a Mass celebrated by Archdeacon Willie McMenamin. Also included is Paschal's son Gabriel.

Council launches Period Dignity Initiative

Donegal County Council is proud to announce the extension of its Period Dignity Initiative in collaboration with the Donegal Family Resource Centre Network. The initiative aims to help end period poverty through access to free menstrual products, as well as hygienic spaces to use them and safe waste management in accessible public buildings. Period poverty refers to the inability to afford and access menstrual products, sanitation and hygiene facilities and education and awareness to manage menstrual health. Access to these products may be because of cost, or for social or cultural reasons.

In launching the initiative, Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John G. McLaughlin said "As a progressive and equality conscious local authority, the Council recognises the importance of this initiative in acknowledging the seriousness of period poverty. Supported by the Dept of Health, through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme and Slaintecare Healthy Communities

Programme, the Council will have invested over €1 million in health and wellbeing initiatives throughout the County between 2023 and 2025."

Outlining the value of the project to the local community, Director of Community Development and Planning Services, Mr. Liam Ward said "Poverty and disadvantage are significant risk factors for period poverty. The Council, working in partnership with the Donegal Family Resource Centre Network, is committed to meeting the physical and mental health and wellbeing needs of the most vulnerable members of our community."

The range of period products available in Donegal County Council's headquarters and public service centres are organic and eco-friendly, made with 100% certified organic cotton, with fully recyclable tampon applicators and compostable packaging. Menstrual underwear and menstrual cups along with single use tampons and sanitary pads/towels are also available through the Family Resource Centres.



Congratulations to the pupils of Gartan NS who were the National Winners of the 2024 'Something Fishy' Competition. This is an educational initiative of Inland Fisheries Ireland in partnership with the Education Centre and educates pupils about fish, water, angling and the environment. The pupils created a fantastic project that clearly demonstrated their awareness and appreciation of their natural environment, that incorporated all aspects of the curriculum. Pictured with the pupils are Kieran McTaggart (Director of the Donegal Education Support Centre), Siobhan Martin (DESC), Tommy and Hugh Mooney (Inland Fisheries), Claire Murray (Teacher) and Ann Gourley (Principal).

€268,200 allocated to Donegal organisations

A number of local organisations have been awarded funding to create new Community Services Programme positions.

They include Milford & District Resource Centre who will receive €25,750; Donegal Famine Heritage Centre in Dunfanaghy get €23,175 while Fobhairt Fhánada Cuideachta faoi Theorainn Rátháiochta receives €23,175 and Ionad Cois Locha, €23,175.

Seven Donegal organisations have been allocated a total of €268,200.

Welcoming the announcement, Donegal Minister Charlie McConalogue said the funding will extend the capacity of the Community Service Programmes in the county to deliver important services in local communities.

He stated: "Community Service Programmes continue to do great work in so many communities in Donegal. They support community-based organisations to provide local social, economic, and environmental services through a social enterprise model".

There are currently 449 community-based services supported by the Community Services Programme through 429 organisations throughout the country.

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Extension granted to Letterkenny's Central Bar

Planning permission has been granted for a new extension in one of Letterkenny's best known bars.

Conditional planning permission was granted to Michael and Mark Blaney for a range of work at Central Bar, Upper Main Street, Letterkenny.

The work will see part of a former betting office being converted into part of the new extension.

The application sought the "renovation and refurbishment of the existing ground floor area of the building, formerly used as commercial premises and whose last known use was as a 'betting office'".

It also seeks the demolition of rear flat roof area, lowering the floor level and surrounding ground level of existing ground floor and the erection of new rear extension to existing ground floor area of the same building, as well as its conversion of entire ground floor area including a proposed new rear extension into a new side extension of the existing Central Bar and lounge to form new bar, lounge, kitchen and accessible toilet facilities.

It also allows for the conversion of an existing ground floor office space into an off licence area, construction of an external smoking area and connection to the main public sewer and all associated site works.



Pupils from Glenmaquin National School at the opening of their new classroom on Tuesday.

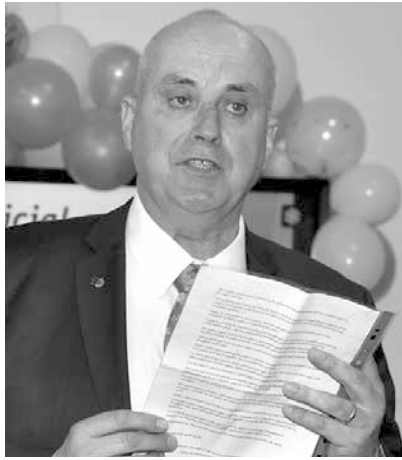
New Glenmaquin NS classroom

The official opening of a new classroom at Glenmaquin National School took place on Tuesday morning where Deputy Joe McHugh was a special guest, having played a key role in the delivery of funding for a new state of the art classroom.

by Declan Kerr

Principal Debbie Browne was MC for the event where pupils entertained the assembled guests. Board of

Management Chairperson John Kelly (pictured right) said that while it may appear a humble achievement when compared to the huge building projects taken up by the large urban schools it has doubled the floor space of this ancient seat of learning. Undoubtedly this is a huge achievement for a school with not much more than a dozen families. Also among the guests at the official opening were



Cllrs Donal Coyle and Donal 'Mandy' Kelly along with Reverend Gordy McCracken. Glenmaquin is one of 9 schools in Donegal maintained by the Presbyterian Church and is under the Ray Congregation of Manorcunningham. It is a small two teacher school situated about five miles from Letterkenny in a rural area. The school was established in 1865 and as part of its 150th birthday celebrations in 2016 it was visited by President Michael D Higgins.

The school is located in a part of East Donegal which has a strong Presbyterian tradition and there are significant numbers of them who belong to congregations in Convoys, Raphoe, Letterkenny as well as Manorcunningham living there. Like all small rural schools in recent decades the school community had many challenges securing its very survival. However, with over 150 years of tradition, with local families attending it for three, four and five generations, there is a great incentive to the community to overcome whatever challenges that comes its way. This continuity of families attending for generations was confirmed by an interesting piece of research which was graphically illustrated in the book published to celebrate the school's 150th birthday.



Clarke Gardiner cutting the tape to open the new classroom at Glenmaquin NS with Deputy Joe McHugh, John Kelly and pupils on Tuesday.



Members of the TCS Impact employees group photographed at the launch of its latest 'Loose Change' initiative. The initiative is set to raise funds to support the Little Angels School Transport Fund and they are hoping to raise €2,000. Photo Clive Wasson

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Glenmaquin National School Principal Debbie Browne making a presentation to Clarke Gardiner on Tuesday.

Modern education very much recognises parental right to choice. It is great to see schools being established all over the country that meet the religious and secular choices of families. More and more families can avail of educational opportunities that reflect their ethos. Glenmaquin is a faith-based school. All children and families are welcome. Among its 27 students are eight children from Ukraine. The school community itself has a Presbyterian ethos, something which it values and wants to retain for four or five more generations. The new classroom is testament to the resilience of a small minority community in making a significant achievement. "We feel it is a good news story about a tiny community working together to attain their goal of continuing providing education to Glenmaquin children in the heart of their own rural community" John Kelly said. He paid tribute to the local community for backing the plan to add the new classroom and in particular he singled out Clarke Gardiner for special praise for his unwavering loyalty to Glenmaquin N.S.

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Only three Northern constituencies are key

Pat Spillane notoriously condemned Ulster counties for 'puke football'. He is not a political commentator. Were he one, he would call the UK General Election in the North a 'puke election'.

There was a time Sinn Féin showed flair in their electioneering. That is no more. Now they are about grimly grinding out a win.

A big reason is the North is 'elected out'. This is the eleventh election since 2014. In some years there were two. The longest gap between elections was three years.

Another significant reason is 13 of 18 constituencies are safe. And there is no big issue here. The last Assembly and local elections were about Sinn Féin becoming largest party. This time they are not fighting three constituencies.

I live in West Tyrone. This is a safe Sinn Féin seat. Sitting MP Órfhlaith Begley faces just one challenge. She must keep breathing between now and the election. There is slight interest further down the field of runners. The DUP and SDLP are competing for second place. The DUP are slight favourites there. There is also an inter-Unionist competition. The DUP wants to pull further ahead of the Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV).

For three party leaders, though, their futures hang on this election. That is because of contests in the three constituencies that really matter. The leader most under pressure is DUP interim leader Gavin Robinson. He is fighting to hold Eas Belfast. Alliance leader Naomi Long is challenging. Last time round she was only 1,800 votes behind

If Robinson loses, he will have to go as DUP leader. That would leave the DUP having three leaders in six months. Thus Robinson losing

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would mean chaos in his party. Therefore the DUP will throw everything at the constituency. I have a gut feeling they will succeed. Long will eat into the DUP majority. She will not eat in by just enough. There are two other DUP seats being talked up as being under threat. They are South Antrim and Lagan Valley. (Lagan Valley is Donaldson's old seat. The constituency is Lisburn and surrounding area).

I don't think the DUP will lose either of these. Particularly in Lagan Valley, the DUP majority over Alliance is just too big. However, even losing both would not be a disaster. Lagan Valley could be explained by the fall-out from Donaldson's arrest. Losing South Antrim could be explained by the Ulster Unionist (UUU) candidate being popular. He is Robin Swann, former Health Minister. Swann is seen as having done a good job during Covid. The DUP is like any party. It doesn't want to lose seats. These two, though, are not central. East Belfast is.

The second crucial contest involved Foyle (Derry City). SDLP leader Colm Eastwood is MP there. If Eastwood loses, not only will he be gone as party leader. There will be no real SDLP left to be led.

Eastwood is favourite. The seat is his to lose. He has a 17,000 majority. The question is: by how much can Sinn

Féin reduce the majority? The Sinn Féin election machine is tired and bruised after the (Southern) local and European election. Thus throwing everything at Foyle is difficult. Importantly, there is no big shame for Sinn Féin in not winning Foyle this time round.

Obviously, Mary Lou McDonald is not a candidate. A third constituency, though, is very important for her future.

That is Fermanagh and South Tyrone. Fermanagh and South Tyrone has a place in Sinn Féin history. Hunger striker Bobby Sands won Fermanagh and South Tyrone during the 1981 Hunger Strike. He subsequently died, as MP. (The constituency boundaries were different then. Some more Nationalist areas have been moved into other constituencies). That set Sinn Féin on a political path.

This time, Sinn Féin moved out sitting MP Michelle Gildernew. Gildernew then failed to be elected as an MEP for Midlands-North West. Sinn Féin have replaced Gildernew with Pat Cullen.

Cullen was General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing across Britain and the North. She has a high profile.

Everything points to Cullen winning. There were Assembly elections two years ago. Then the Sinn Féin

vote was 3,000 more than the total for the three Unionist parties.

There is only one Unionist candidate. She is Fermanagh UUP councillor Diana Armstrong.

For Mary Lou McDonald this is a must-win seat. McDonald is bruised by the most recent elections.

Obviously, a (Southern) general election is due by early Spring 2025, at the very latest. Autumn is most likely. Nobody is keen on a winter election. And sometimes bitterly cold weather can continue into March.

Dumping McDonald this close to an election would be mad. Only the insane do such things. That is, the terminally insane like the British Conservative Party.

However, the prestige of McDonald and her advisors hangs on Cullen winning. On the other hand, most believe Armstrong will probably lose. If she loses, there will be no calls for UUP leader Doug Beattie to resign. Unionists are not pleased to have a Sinn Féin MP. However, elections in the North are still a sectarian head-count. There are more Catholics in the constituency. That majority is still growing.



By Anton McCabe

So this is survival for McDonald. Sinn Féin has the image of a tight, disciplined party. History shows such parties do split. When they do, the split is fierce and ugly.

Another leader who has had a bad time is Jim Allister of the TUV. Allister is seen as the most intelligent man in the Northern Assembly. Allister did a deal with Reform UK (Farage's party). Then Farage announced he was backing DUP candidates Ian 'Baby Doc' Paisley and Sammy Wilson. Worse, Allister is standing against 'Bay Doc'.

The embarrassment for the TUV is good news for the DUP. It was the last thing the TUV wanted going into the election. Allister is no fool. He was made looking like one. That is a morale blow for his party.

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4. Stagger (5)
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8. Glisten (5)
9. Rush (6)
12. Repugnance (8)
15. Goodbye (8)
17. Comedy actress, ___ Joyce (6)
18. Industrial factory (5)
21. Understand (7)
22. Wilt (5)
23. Manufacture (7)

Down

1. Naughtiness (8)
2. Take My ___ Away, song (6)
3. Stillness (4)
4. Protracted (4)
5. Daydream (7)
6. Damage (4)
10. Nude (5)
11. Fruit-flavoured dessert (5)
13. Less than zero (8)
14. Short-sighted cartoon character (2,5)
16. Standing by (6)
18. Poke (4)
19. Golf bunker (4)
20. Lose shape (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1068

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Retirement Presentation to Revs David & Heather Houlton



The Parishioners from Conwal and Gartan parishes held a Function last Friday evening in the Parish Hall to mark the occasion of the Rev David and Rev Heather Houlton's retirement after the last six and half years. An enjoyable evening was had by all with many friends from the Community and many groups as well, representatives from many of the local churches and colleagues from the chaplaincy at LUH. Entertainment was provided by the Conwal Singers Choir, Donal Kavanagh's ukulele group and Irish dancing from Sophia Whoriskey. Wishing them all the best for the future as they start this new chapter in their lives.





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The line up of entertainment for the Letterkenny Memories night on next Monday the 24th June is:-

The Station House Hotel House band
Sinead Gallagher
John Brown
The Moonshiners
The McBreatys
Donal Kavanagh Group
James & Packie



The Clanree Hotel
Letterkenny

Country Sundays
Sun. 30th June -

Robert Mizzell

Doors Open 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11pm

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

Coming - 7th July - Jimmy Buckley



Keeney Music Group from Lurgibrack School

Everyone is welcome and admission is free.



Congratulations to Dr Liam Orr, Mountain Top, Letterkenny who graduated in Medicine from University of Galway recently. Son of John and Donna Orr. Liam who attended Illistrin National School and Loreto Community School, Milford begins work placement in Galway GP practice shortly.

Ramelton gearing up for 53rd Festival

Ramelton is getting ready for this years festival and it will be opened on Thursday the 4th of July by Donegal Person of the Year Moya Brennan. It will run over two weekends with some of Ireland's musical acts on the street at Gamble's Square.

On Friday the 5th The Tumbling Paddies take to the stage with support from Ben Carr. The following night Springsteen A Tribute with support from Emily Harte.

On Sunday the 7th the famous Soap Box Derby takes place on Church Street. The following week there will be four nights of music starting on Friday the 12th of July with Robert Mizzell and his Band with support from Chelsea Evans while on Saturday the 13th July ABBA Sensations are on stage with support from We Love Sax. On Sunday the 14th of July Country star Jimmy Buckley is onstage with support from Glor Tire winner Jason McCahill while Monday 15th Claudia Buckley closes the festival

with support from Johnny Haughey.

People are encouraged to book their tickets online for any event or pay at the gate. During the week all the usual popular events are back with the Singing Pub, Car Treasure Hunt, Crab Fishing and Kayak Fun Event, RNLI Display, Multi Colour Fun Run, Darts Competition, Little Miss Ramelton/Prince Charming and Rose Bud, Swilly v Mariners Football Match, Children's Sports Day, Vintage Car and Tractor Show, Arts and Crafts and Wildflower Competition, The Carnival Parade, Egg Throwing Competition, Bonny Baby Competition, Adults Fling on the Bing, Pet Show, Fancy, Adult Adventure Trail, Screenprinting Workshop.

The launch of "From Ramelton to Clydebank" book launch will be held in McFadden's Shop on Saturday the 13th at 4.30pm.

The launch of the Festival 116 page colour brochure will take place this

Ramelton Community Playgroup

We are seeking a caring and motivated professional to join our team as an Aims Support Worker. 30-32 hours per week, term time. Qualifications - Minimum Level 5 in Early Childhood Care and Education experience in working with special needs or working in a similar role and first aid desirable. Please send your CV to rameltoncommunityplaygroup@hotmail.com or by post to Ramelton Community Playgroup, Roberston School, Church St., Ramelton. Closing Date 5th July 2024

Two Hand Dancing

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

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Raymond Montgomery, Gortnavern who passed away on Sunday. Raymond's funeral takes place this Thursday in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan.

Deepest condolences are extended to the family and friends of Myra Floyd, Breaghy Ramelton who passed on Sunday. Myra's Funeral Service took place in Ramelton Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon.

Swilly Rovers Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers Lotto on Sunday were 5, 6, 10 and 18. No jackpot winner. One 3 number winner Maria Coyle. This week's jackpot is €650.

Soccer Camp

Swilly Rovers will host

the FAI Summer Camp at Swilly Park from the 22nd of July to the 26th of July. Daily from 10am to 1pm. Book your spot early in the FAI football Camps website. Car and Tractor Run The Donegal Vintage Club Tractor and Vintage and Classic Car Run will take place on Sunday the 30th of June.

Registration is at The Quay in Ramelton from 12noon with live music from Paul McCahill.

All proceeds from the day will go to the local Care of the Aged Committee, the RNLI and local charities.

It's €20 per tractor or car and all vehicles must be taxed and insured.

Contact Billy on 086 3235302 for tractors or PJ on 087 2899232 for cars.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 22nd June. We have new baker's at our market call in on Saturday and sample the goodies. Get your orders in for the weekend on 087 9699715. Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, woodturning and more. Meet up with family and friends at our Cosy Tea-room for a tea/coffee and maybe a delicious Cheese Toastie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing and enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday. Ramelton SVP

Ramelton Community Games

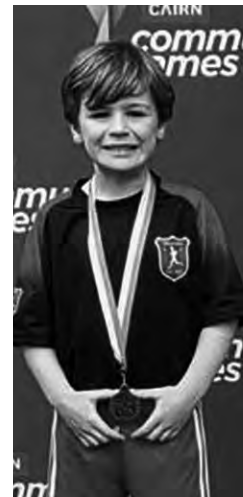
Well done to all the children who participated in Sunday's County Community Games Athletics Finals at the Aura. Congratulations to all the medal winners who will go on now to the Regional and National Finals.

Thanks to all the parents for ac-

companying and supporting the children. Thanks also to all the Community Games Committee and helpers who made Sunday an enjoyable occasion for the children. Congratulations also to Ballyshannon on winning the Kathleen Hagan Memorial Shield.



Ruairi Bannon, U8 boys silver.



Christian Diver bronze in the U8 60m.



Deava Diver silver in the U12 girls.



Ramelton's Ella Cole U12 Gold medal winner in the 600m.

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



The Ramelton U12 girls winners of the silver in the relay.



Manager Jamie Lee Blaney making the presentations at the recent Swilly Rovers Reserves Awards event in the Lennon Lodge making an Appreciation award to club volunteer Shane McDaid.



Players Player of the Year and Top Goal Scorer Ryan McDaid receiving his award from Jamie Lee Blaney.



Goal of the Season Edan Bradley



Appreciation captain Darragh McDaid.



Player of the Year Tony Gallagher



Young Player of the Year Daire Fennell

Dunfanaghy Youths mark a year to remember

A year from this Thursday, June 20th, Dunfanaghy Youth FC will mark their first full year in their dedicated new home ground, Callum Friel Park.

Its historic opening was performed by Italia '90 hero Packie Bonner after a huge community and volunteer effort saw the club find their forever home after several years without their own facilities.

Twelve months later their club membership has almost tripled, they have introduced new age brackets, have a new girls team programme as well as establishing one of just three 'Football for All' programmes in Donegal.

The Football For All club programme was initiated by the FAI to assist and develop Football opportunities for all players of all abilities in their local community.

Club Chairman, Danny Ferry, says the club has gone from strength-to-strength over the last year and this has been down to the continued support for the volunteers and the local community who helped establish it.

He told the Tribune: "Last season finished well with a few pieces of silverware for the club, which was nice but that was not the sole aim why we built the pitch. Whenever the AGM took the place there were a lot of people realising that the club was getting bigger and that we'd need more help to run it, and in fairness people have stepped forward in taking on responsibilities and roles. The



management teams have been excellent at keeping it all going."

This effort has seen a number of new developments at the underage club. He added: "The girls are up and running and their underage teams are competing in blitz events now. There are very good numbers and they are doing their very best. The under-6's started this year too. It's the first time there has been a dedicated age group for them as some had previously played with the under-8's. That is really going well and has good numbers.

"The Football For All programme will

see its second block finish on Thursday, on our first anniversary. It's an FAI initiative to encourage children of all abilities and needs to get involved. The club has had a fantastic response from that too, not only from players but additional volunteers wanting to get involved, which is excellent. It was nice that, for such a small community, it can run a programme like this considering the other two clubs in the county to do so are Buncrana Hearts and Letterkenny Rovers, two massive Clubs, so it was great to get that up and running and it is there to stay."

This has been taking place in the near-

by Ozanam Centre over the winter months but they are looking at transitioning this to their stunning new facility in Horn Head. In the first week of the summer holiday they will run an FAI summer camp for the first time.

"We have the ground to do it now for the first time and that will run in the first week of July, which we are looking forward to," Danny added.

He said they are still working on funding to develop clubhouse and additional facilities at the grounds by seeking funding opportunities as well as through their weekly 50/50 draw.

Danny added: "The buy-in by the community has been great as there was no certainty on how it all would work out, but there is

now a base to work from and grow. There were always good people here, doing good work, and many are still coming forward with their support. We are very grateful for those who help, volunteer and support the club, as well as those who sponsor us. The fundraising continues and it's the same volunteers who did the 50/50 from the start and their work also helps to survive and maintain the facilities we have. So we are very grateful for them and all who support us".

After almost six seasons without their own home pitch, a large crowd turned out to Lurgabrack, Horn Head last year for the official opening of Dunfanaghy Youths new ground.

The new facility, which includes a full size playing pitch as well as a training ground, saw hundreds of well wishers from across the county turnout to join in the celebrations of what was a huge community achievement.

Donegal Vintage Club Tractor and Vintage & Classic Car Run

Sunday 30th June 2024

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Ramelton Crochet and Craft Group



Ramelton Crochet and Craft Group finished up this week for the summer. Donations of €200 each were made to Fr. Carney from St Mary's Church, Anna Gallagher from Ramelton St. Vincent De Paul and Norma Wilson on behalf of Ramelton Community Playschool. Hope everyone has a lovely Summer, we will resume again in September. Included in pictures are craft group members Bridie McGarvey, Kathleen Duffy, Sally Stewart, Lisa Gallagher, Maryann Connolly, Avril Murray and Myrtle Doherty.

Rathmullan Sculpture



The Flight of the Earls sculpture by Rathmullan beach, commemorates the watershed event in Irish history that took place at Portnamurry Bay on 14th September 1607 – "where modern Irish history began." The sculpture was commissioned by Rathmullan & District Local History Society and funded by the late Tony O'Reilly, businessman and philanthropist - through the good offices of Dymphna Maguire, Rathmullan - with support funding from Donegal Co. Co's. Public Art Programme. The renowned, highly acclaimed sculptor was John Behan RHA.



Cuppas & Cakes

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

I'd like to write about something a little different this week. On behalf of our church I'd like to invite you along to our Cuppas & Cakes evening next Wednesday 26th June. You can find us at our home in the retail park (Eircode F92 EY1F, just behind Lidl) and you're free to drop in at any time between 6.30 and 9.00 pm.

This is a free event and we hope that it's a good opportunity for folk to catch up, have a chat, and of course, enjoy the mouthwatering array of goodies that will be emerging from the kitchen over the course of the evening.

We're also hoping to have a few activities to keep the kids entertained, so tortured parents might even get

a chance to enjoy some tea and buns in peace!

More to the point, we're hoping that those who attend will consider giving generously to a very worthwhile cause. As you can see in this week's edition of the paper, Saturday past marked the unveiling of a memorial to Hugo Duggan at the pitches on the Moyle Road. As was emphasised again and again on Saturday, Hugo was a key figure in the development of the facility which has been used over the decades by the town's GAA, soccer, and athletics clubs. I must say that I was taken aback by the massive turnout at the unveiling and it is certainly testament to Hugo's legacy in Milford.

The Athletic Club hopes to build on this legacy by

constructing a running track and facilities just along the road from the existing pitches and clubhouse.

Once this is complete it will be an ideal space for our community to make use of, whether it is seasoned runners working to shave some seconds of their personal bests, young people discovering their love of sport for the first time, or those who want to make a change taking the next step on the path to a healthier lifestyle.

Like I say, the evening is entirely free, but we will have an opportunity to donate towards the development of the Hugo Duggan track and your generosity will be much appreciated. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

North West 10k charities receive €52,192

The presentation of cheques by the North West 10k Committee took place on Monday in the Mount Errigal Hotel with a total of €52,192 raised from the 27th staging of the charity run and walk last month. Chairperson Neil Martin made the announcement that saw three charities benefit to the tune of €17,398 each. That now brings the overall figure since the first 10k in 1996 to €983,924.

Mr Martin said that a huge effort had been put in by the Cara House Family Resource Centre, Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre and the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh Community First Responders Group and that was reflected in the amount of money raised.

"We all have been on a very big journey since the launch back in February. It was important at the outset for

the three charities to know what was involved in order for it to be a success for all of them." Mr Martin said.

He also acknowledged the hard work of his own committee in making sure that the charities were supported every step of the way. The bottom line is the health and safety of everyone taking part. That was achieved again with the help of the Gardai under Sgt Eunan Walsh, all the stewards and marshalls who have given off their time to help us on the day.

Thanks also to the Donegal Volunteer Centre for providing people to do various jobs and the Red Cross. Liam O'Donnell and all the team at Letterkenny Community Centre as always gave us full cooperation with the use of the Marquee for the pre-registrations and setting up inside on the day of the event" Mr Martin.



North West 10k Chairperson Neil Martin presenting the Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre members including Michelle Murray and Susanna Shiels with a cheque for €17,398 on Monday night in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Also included are Cllrs Donal Coyle, Ciaran Brogan, Donal 'Mandy' Kelly and Gerry McMonagle with committee members Neily McDaid, Christopher Diver and Nancy McNamee (vice-Chairperson).

Rathmullan

Tidy Towns

Thanks to everyone who worked hard this past week with painting and gardening, taking advantage of a few brighter days. The scheme workers are also very active too, but littering is once again a major problem. Please take your litter home if the bins are full and don't just drop your refuse beside a full bin or leave a coffee cup sitting on the side of a flower bed or bench. The local coffee vendors are doing their bit for the carbon footprint.... single use coffee cups are not recyclable. Please bring your own clean reusable cup for the 'take away', and get into the habit of carrying it and using it, and you will even get a small discount too. If you're a gardener, ask them about some coffee grinds for fertiliser too. The Beach Lifeguards are now on cover during weekends until the start of July when they will resume full cover for the rest of the summer. Why not help us and them by doing a quick 2 minute beach clean as you walk - pickers & bags available at their stand. Please also note that our free 'Borrow & Return' container of beach toys is also available at their hut. This is very useful if you have a mishap or just need to use something for an afternoon, while supporting the circular economy. Please adhere to restricted bathing areas and control of dogs and horses during specified times.

Craft Makers Market

We are getting all geared up for our next Rathmullan Makers Market on Saturday 29th June at the Pier Sheds in Rathmullan. For our upcoming market we will have a wide variety of stunning arts, crafts and food on sale as well as fantastic live music. A new addition to the market in June is the Print Barn Folk for some screen printing, from 2.30-3.30pm at the back of the Pier Sheds. A great introduction to the process of how to Print your own T-shirt €12 or Tote Bag €8 (both supplied). If you have a T-shirt that needs a wee print boost you can also bring your own & pick a print €5. This one's for all ages & no booking required, drop in and say hello...they're friendly folk. No experience required!

Community Festival Coffee Morning & 5K

The annual Coffee morning in aid of the Festival will take place on Saturday morning in the St Vincent de Paul Centre 11am

to 1pm and your support would be greatly appreciated as usual with great raffle prizes on the day. Registration for the annual 5k is Friday 12th July 5k Registration will be available online or at Rathmullan Resource Centre from 6pm. Race starts 7.30pm with Refreshments afterwards upstairs.

Water Safety Classes

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

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



North West 10k Chairperson Neil Martin presenting the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh First Responders members Kathleen Conaghan, Kellie Peoples and Claire McGrenra with a cheque for €17,398 on Monday night in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Also included are Cllrs Donal Coyle, Ciaran Brogan, Donal 'Mandy' Kelly and Gerry McMonagle with committee members Neily McDaid, Christopher Diver and Nancy McNamee (vice-Chairperson)



North West 10k Chairperson Neil Martin presenting Martina McGinty, Cara House Family Resource Centre with a cheque for €17,398 on Monday in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Also included are Cara House members along with Letterkenny Mayor Kevin Bradley, Cllrs Donal Coyle, Ciaran Brogan, Donal 'Mandy' Kelly and Gerry McMonagle

Letterkenny mourns death of Dessie Kelly

The funeral took place on Sunday of Dessie Kelly, Knocknamona Park, Letterkenny. Aged 79, Dessie was one of the town's best known citizens. He was a native of Lower Main Street before the family moved to the Burma (Upper Ard O'Donnell).



Dessie worked as a night telephonist at Letterkenny Post Office for over 30 years ending up in a supervisory role in the latter stages of his career. Following retirement along with his brother-in-law Charlie McDaid they took on a franchise with DPD one of the leading couriers in the world now run by his daughter Mary and son-in-law Gerard Ford. But, Dessie Kelly is perhaps best known for his involvement with football in Letterkenny, Donegal and at national level with the FAI. Just last month he stepped down as club chairperson of his beloved Letterkenny Rovers after 24 years. He first joined when the Club was formed in 1962. However, Dessie was never going to sever his links completely from the Leckview Club as he was elected vice-chairperson at that AGM. Dessie managed Letterkenny Rovers to their first Donegal Junior League title in 1979-80 and it was to be back-to-back successes. The club wasn't to win again at that level until the season just finished. His last appearance at a game was a win-

ning one too as he presented Brian McCormick Cup at the end of last month after Rovers had defeated Keadue in the final in Ballyare. He took great pride in the development of Diamond Park, the home of the Donegal League. Dessie could be often seen out on the tractor lawnmower cutting the grass. Dessie was a long-time secretary of the Donegal Junior League and held a similar role with the USL. He was a leading figure in both the Donegal Youth League and Donegal Schoolboys League. Dessie

was also a former Chairperson of the Donegal Women's League. He was also involved with the Ulster Football Association and served on the FAI Junior and Senior Councils. In September 2022, Dessie Kelly was presented with an honorary life membership by the Football Association of Ireland prior to a Republic of Ireland Nations League match at the Aviva Stadium. The Presentation was made by FAI President Gerry McAnaney and former Republic of Ireland goalkeeper Packie Bonner

In 2012 he was honoured with the John Sherlock Services to Football award for his service to the game at an FAI AGM held in Letterkenny. His death occurred just four months ago of his longtime friend Terry Leyden whom he worked with on the Donegal Junior League Executive for many years. They are joining other Ballyare stalwarts like Denis Martin and Fred Bell who have passed onto their eternal reward. Dessie was a real townie and was very involved with the Letterkenny Reunions which were a huge success. He also helped organise the very popular Letterkenny US trips. Remains reposed at the family home in Knocknamona Park from Friday evening where large numbers came to pay their respects. Funeral was from there on Sunday to St. Eunan's Cathed-

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The late Myra Floyd

The death occurred on Sunday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Myra Floyd, Breaghy, Ramelton. Aged 89 Myra was a well known and highly respected member of the local community especially in farming circles. She was predeceased by her husband Andy and son William. Myra is survived by her daughter Ann, son Samuel, daughter-in-law Margaret, grandchildren



Andrew, Emma and Roseanna, relatives, many friends, kind neighbours and her dedicated team of carers from the Irish Wheelchair Association. Remains reposed at the family home in Breaghy from Monday. Reverend Gordy McCracken officiated at the Funeral Service on Wednesday in Ramelton Presbyterian Church. Burial took place afterwards in Bank Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Geraldine Nelis

The death occurred on Tuesday of Geraldine Nelis, Lossett, Churchill. Geraldine passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family. She was a much loved member of the local community. Geraldine was a focal part of the family having resided all her life in the homestead in Lossett. She was predeceased by parents Danny (October 2002) and Margaret (February 2021). Geraldine is survived by her siblings Anne O'Donnell (Kilmacrennan), Margaret Diver (Trentagh), John (Lossett), Danny (Lossett), Michael (Lossett) and Charley (Creeslough). She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, extended family members, neighbours and many friends.



Geraldine's remains are reposing at her late residence. Funeral from there this Friday morning 21st June for Requiem Mass in St. Colmcille's Church Glendowan at 11am followed by interment in Gartan cemetery. Family time from 10pm to 11am. Funeral Mass can be viewed on www.churchservices.tv/churchhill. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Death of Rose Nelis

The death occurred on Sunday at her home of Rose Nelis, Hawthorn Heights, Letterkenny. Rose was formerly a member of the Sheridan family of Ballyboes Creeslough. She was predeceased by her husband James (Jim) and daughter Breda. Rose is survived by her son Michael and daughter-in-law Mary Teresa (Letterkenny), daughters Rosaleen and son-in-law Steven

(Dublin), Sharon, Yvonne and Lorraine and son-in-law Eamonn (Termon), grandson James, granddaughters Ella Rose and Chloe, brother Bernard and sister-in-law Ann (Creeslough), nieces, nephews and wide family circle and friends. Remains reposed at the family home in Hawthorn Heights from Monday. Funeral was from there to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Wednesday where the Requiem Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Burial took place afterwards in the family plot at New Leck Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.



Death of Raymond Montgomery

The sudden death occurred on Sunday of Raymond Montgomery, Gortnavern, Coolboy. Aged 53 Anthony was a popular member of the local community. He was known as a very good workman on a variety of jobs in the local area. Remains reposed at his home from Tuesday. Requiem Mass will take place this Thursday, June 20th, at 11am in St Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. Raymond is survived by his sister Bernie, brothers Dessie and Pat, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends. He was predeceased by his mother Mary, brothers Paul and Shaun and his uncle Seamus. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.



Death of John Joseph Mitchell

The death took place on Monday of John Joseph Mitchell, Glencar, Letterkenny. John previously resided in Shaw, Greater Manchester. A native of Irishtown Mayo he passed away at the Donegal Hospice. He was predeceased by his wife Josie (nee O'Hagan February 2022) and by brothers Tom, Francis, James, Kevin and Eamon. John is survived by his family Anthony (Nicola), Maureen (Iain) and Annemarie (Robin); grandchildren Molly, Kiera, Jack, Grace, Henry, Nuala, Zach, Finley and Oliver. He is also survived by his



brothers Billy (Kathleen) and Gerry (Eileen); nieces and nephews, extended family members, neighbors and friends.

John's remains are reposing at the residence of his daughter Annemarie Bose, Derora, Churchill. Funeral is from there this Thursday 20th June for Requiem Mass in St. Colmcille's Church Glendowan at 11am followed by interment in Temple Douglas Cemetery. Funeral mass can be viewed on www.churchservices.tv/churchhill. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Rosaleen Ward

The death took place on Tuesday of Rosaleen Ward (nee Boyle), Dalysfort Road, Salthill, Galway and formerly Letterkenny. Rosaleen passed away in the care of the Galway Hospice. She spent her 81 years in this world exuding kindness and love. Rosaleen had a fantastic life with her husband Dermot, sister Margot, her children Barry, Glenn, Emma, Zoe and Joelee, son-in-law David, daughter-in-law Eileen and treasured grandchildren Nicole, Camryn, Killian, Noah, Ross, Scott, Gregg, Emilyrose, Leah, Ava, Sophie, and Lewis, extended family and friends.



Remains reposing at her home with removal on Friday to St. Joseph's Church, Presentation Road for Requiem Mass at 11am. Cremation Service in Shannon Crematorium on Saturday at 12 noon. Livestream Link for Mass: www.mcn.live/camera/st-josephs-church-galway. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Bryan Walsh

The death occurred on Tuesday of Bryan Walsh, Portmarnock, Dublin and formerly of Letterkenny. A former ESB staff member, Bryan passed away peacefully, in the St. Francis Hospice, Raheny surrounded by his loving family. Remains will repose at Staffords Funeral Home, Golf Links Road, Portmarnock on Friday from 3pm to 5pm. A Service to celebrate Bryan's life will take place in Glasnevin crematorium on Saturday at 1.30pm



Bryan is survived by his wife Aoife, daughter Elie, mother Eileen, father John, brother Michael, sisters Lianne and Caron, parents-in-law Anne and Kevin, brothers-in-law Eoin, Eoin and Ronan, sisters-in-law Niamh and Frances, nephews Joshua and Sonny, nieces Sophia and Nico, extended family, friends and work colleagues. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Ceol ón Earagail back on TG4

The traditional music series, Ceol ón Earagail, filmed at last year's Earagail Arts Festival is back on TG4. It combines highlights of concerts recorded in front of live audiences at An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny, during the annual festival, with specially curated intimate performances recorded in various locations around Donegal in the summer of 2023. This is the second year in a row that well-known production company AN-IAR has covered the festival and includes a stellar line-up of musical talent, including Bríghde Chaimbeul with Aidan O'Rourke and Saileog Ní Cheannabháin, Lisa O'Neill, Flook, Fídal. Renowned young Irish traditional artists, Sibéal Ní Chasaide and Cathal Ó Curraín are also back on presenting duties for the seven-part series. Hosting from Earagail Arts Festival, and other musical venues around the county, Sibéal and Cathal bring the best of singers and musicians from across the island of Ireland and further afield. It is on TG4 this Sunday at 9.30pm.

Ramelton Garden Open Day

Mervyn and Claire Hutton are holding their annual garden open day to raise funds for Lough Swilly RNLI.

It will take place on Sunday 30th June from 2 - 5pm at Donegal Shore, Aughnagaddy, Ramelton F92 D621

Come and enjoy the afternoon in their beautiful garden with a cup of tea and cake. No entry fee, just a contribution to the RNLI at your discretion.

Manor Charity Barn Dance

There's a big charity barn dance taking place in Manorcunningham on Saturday week the 29th of June. It's being hosted on the farm of John and Colleen Toye in Rooskey (F92C9C9). And they have signed up three very attractive entertainment acts in David Craig, Sinead and Alec Black and David James. The benefitting charities this year are Donegal Alzheimer Association, the Drumoghil Chapel, Restoration Fund, the Donegal Rape Crisis Centre and Domestic Violence Service; the Convoey Presbyterian Church and Convoey Parish Church.

It's on from '8 till late' and will also include a live auction with a bar on site. There will also be tea, coffee and light refreshments. Admission fee is €27.50 which includes supper. The night before on Friday 28th June there is a free Children's Barn Dance with a D.J. Line Dancing and face painting. Anyone wishing to go to the Children's Barn Dance must register online on the Toye Charity Barn Dance Facebook Page where all info about the events on both nights is.

Rally Cars to parade down Milford's Main Street

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

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

Under the lead of chairman Seamus Kernan they went about running the event.

And that was the start of what is now known as one of the best 3 day rally events in the Irish Rallying Calendar - from these humble beginnings, the Donegal Motor Club is known all over the world.

The very first car rally run by this Club saw men and women compete in cars that were prepared to a very basic standard. But today rally cars have changed so much in the engineering and safety side of things that it is mind blowing.

An MK2 Escort today with a 2.5L engine could set you back north of €100,000. A WRC 2 car with a 1.6L 3/cylinder engine can produce up to 420 BHP. The safety features in these modern cars are unbelievable with up to 34 metres of roll cage around you, a far cry from the early days. Everyone is encouraged come along

to Milford town on Sunday to watch the rally cars travel through the town back to the finishing ramp in Letterkenny and get a first glimpse of this years winners.

50/50 Draw

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

Drawing Fundamentals

Drawing Fundamentals for Teenagers (Age 12-16) in Art and Craft Studio "First House" on Main St. P92 C586, (old AIB Building) at 2p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Cuppas and Cake

The Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church are organising a Cuppas and Cake evening next Wednesday the 26th of June. It will be held at their premises at the Milford Retail Park from 6.30 to 9pm and there will be food, chat and kid's activities.

All donations are in aid of Milford AC for the Hugo Duggan Track Development Fund and a large crowd would be appreciated.

Mission Hall

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

Credit Union Draw

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

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society held an outing on Saturday 22nd June to Foyle Golf Club, Derry and the winners were 1st Scott McBride (12) 38pts; 2nd Cian McGettigan (14) 37pts; 3rd David Bonner (6) 33pts; Front Nine Stephen Boucher (13) 15pts BOT, Back Nine Adam Bolton (23) 17pts. The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing on Saturday 20th July at City of Derry Golf Club, Derry, first tee 12pm. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford Thursday 20th June 10am, Friday 21st June 10am; Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm; Sunday 23rd June at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 22nd June at 6pm.

Graveyard Mass Dates

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

Gallowglass Centre

The Gallowglass Community Centre is available for birthday party bookings on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as early evenings during the



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Lifetime Achievement Award



Donegal Junior League Chairperson John Joe McCafferty with Lifetime Achievement Award winners Cathal Toland (Milford) Hughie O'Donnell (Strand Rovers) and Patrick Sweeney (Fanad Utd) represented by his daughter Rose and First Team Manager Arthur Lynch

Congratulations to Cathal Toland, Mount Marian, Milford who was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Awards for his services to Donegal football at the annual Donegal League Dinner Dance on Friday night last. Cathal involvement in football has spanned over

60 years, from Fern United, Milford United, Derry City and many other teams, was a highly respected referee across Donegal and has been involved in the Donegal League committee in various roles over the years and last year was the facilities inspector with the league.

And then there was one

An opinion piece by Dr. Joe Kelly

Having destroyed communities and farmers throughout Ireland with his delusional wetlands policy, Eamon Ryan slinks off before the voters deselect him at the next election, but before he did so his legacy is that he drove the final nail into Irish Farmers' coffins.

The message from the country and from Europe is that the Greens are finished. What is clear from the transfer record of the recent County Council and EU elections is that the Greens are really Red. With their agendas of transgenderism, damage to motorists, shredding of Rural Ireland with forced environmental policies and the destruction of generations of farming communities, Eamon Ryan and Roderic O Gorman have done more damage to Ireland and Irish people than a century of foreign occupation. Leo Varadkar has gone, Eamon Ryan has gone, Micheál Martin now realises it's very lonely up there alone. As Meatloaf says, so far, two out of three ain't bad. Is it not time for Micheál Martin to join them?

Taoiseach set for MacGill Summer school

An Taoiseach, Simon Harris, is the latest name to be added to the speakers' list at this year's MacGill Summer School. This is the 44th year of the event that takes place in Glenties from July 18th to 19th.

Among the others speakers listed is former Green Party leader Eamon Ryan, former Irish Chief Medical Officer Prof. Tony Holohan and former Chair of RTE, Siún Ni Raghallaigh.

English for Paris Olympics

Mark English is set to compete at his third Olympics Games after reaching the qualifying standard on Tuesday evening in Finland. The Letterkenny man will now be on the plane to the Olympic Games in France next month. His previous Olympic Games appearances were in Rio in 2016 and it was Tokyo in 2020. The Finn Valley man set a new national 800m record on Tuesday evening at the Continental Tour Gold event in Turkey with a time of 1 minute 44.69 seconds. English was second in the race which was won by Sweden's Andrea's Kramer.



Cranford Community Games athletes Orla and Aoife Cleary, Ronan Cleary, Jackson Morrissey, Megan and Ethan Logue, who were all successful at the County Community Games Finals at the Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny on Sunday last and qualify for the All Ireland Regional Finals in Athlone on Saturday 10th August.

More € for Meals on Wheels

New Milford Cllr. Declan Meehan has welcomed the announcement that Milford & District Resource Centre is to receive an additional €25,750 per year for the delivery of a Meals on Wheels service in the area. €1 million in additional funding nationally was announced on Tuesday by the Department of Rural and Community Development which will benefit community groups across the

country.

Commenting on the additional funding, Cllr. Meehan said "This is a fantastic boost for the local community and particularly for older people in the area. I am delighted to have secured this funding which will meet a real need in the community by addressing a gap in service provision particularly in the Milford, Ramelton, Rathmullan and Fanad areas. The aim of this service is to ensure access to nutritional meals for those living alone, while also combatting social isolation. I would like to thank the various community groups, doctors and public health nurses who supported our application for this funding."

Milford & District Resource Centre will operate the scheme and hope to have it up and running by the autumn.



Bonnie McGarrity graduated from the Irish school of reflexology. Bonnie was trained by the principal of the school Tatiana Grosso. Treatments available at the beauty room mountain top. Late evening and weekend appointments also offered.

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Milford Community Playgroup celebrates 40th Anniversary


Milford Community Playgroup are celebrating their 40 year anniversary this September. The organising committee are busy planning the event which will take place in the Milford Parochial Hall on Saturday 21st September. The committee are looking for old photographs / memorabilia from over the years, newspaper clippings etc. All items submitted will be photocopied and returned. Please leave these into the playschool or email milfordcommunityplaygrouppltd@hotmail.com by 18th of June 2024.

Go raibh maith agaibh

Thanking all those who voted for me and my election workers. Congratulations to the elected Councillors.

BEST WISHES TO ALL CANDIDATES AND THEIR ELECTION TEAMS.

Maria Doherty



Swilly Rovers 1974 50th reunion

There was a very special reunion in the Silver Tassie Hotel on Friday night for members of the Swilly Rovers squad who won the first Donegal Youth U16 League title in 1974. Where have the 50 years gone since Saturday 25th May 1974 which turned out to be yet another very memorable milestone in the remarkable history of Swilly Rovers Football Club. The manager Hugh Diver was joined by 10 of the 14 players who featured and they had a great night reminiscing about that famous final in Finn Park where Swilly defeated arch rivals Letterkenny Rovers after extra-time. John McBride, John McDaid, Joe McHugh and Hugh McCahill weren't able to be there. But, the man that made it all

happen the 1974 team captain Dessie Diver organised to meet McBride and McDaid on Monday evening in the Tassie. There was also a visit to see Hugh McCahill who has been battling ill-health over the past couple of years. Everyone wishes Hugh well on that front but he was delighted that Dessie made sure that was part of the reunion event. It's great that 50 years on all 14 players and the manager are able to talk about their memories of that fantastic football era in Ramelton. The only link missing from that season was the late Brendan Duffy who was the assistant-manager. Denis McLaughlin travelled from Glasgow, John Bryant made his way up from Shannon, Co. Clare and Hugo Doherty

came down from Dublin. The rest are living locally. The squad was all Ramelton apart from the Milford men Joe McHugh and John McBride. Dessie Diver who pulled it all together was delighted with the great response when he first floated the idea of a reunion only a short couple of months ago. So good was the trip down memory lane that the group are eager to stay in touch and another catch-up is certainly on the agenda. Some of the squad hadn't seen each other in nearly five decades. Edward Diver, a current Swilly Rovers committee member, represented the club on Friday night. Their support in the hosting of the event was also acknowledged and much appreciated by the 1974 group. The



Dessie Diver with John McDaid and John McBride



On Friday night in the Silver Tassie Hotel a 50th anniversary reunion took place of the Swilly Rovers side who won the first ever Donegal League U16 League defeating Letterkenny Rovers after extra-time at Finn Park on Saturday May 25th 1974. Included at front are Sean Logan, Hugh Diver (manager), Dessie Diver captain and Liam McLaughlin. Back - Con McLaughlin, John Bryant, Sean Sweeney, Sean Boyle, Gary Sweeney, Denis McLaughlin, Hugo Doherty. Missing from the photo Hugh McCahill, John McDaid, John McBride and Joe McHugh.

story of the Swilly U16s triumph came after reaching the final of the first ever official Donegal underage competition. It was a decider against near neighbours Letterkenny Rovers and to add much prestige to occasion the game was staged at Finn Park the home of Harps who the previous month had won the FAI Senior Cup for the first and as it turns out

Swilly managed by Hugh Diver and assisted by the late Brendan Duffy were the winners of the U16 age category after an epic battle with Letterkenny Rovers that went to extra-time with the decider tied at 2-2. John McDaid had given Swilly a 2-0 lead but Rovers roared back. The Ramelton outfit turned on the turbo in the early stages of extra-time with McDaid completing his hat-trick with a wonder strike from the left wing at the clubhouse end of the ground. Back came Letterkenny with an equaliser from captain Joe Devine. However, just when it seemed it was going to take penalty kicks to decide the outcome 14-year-old Con McLaughlin beat the off-side trap to race clear and

slot home what proved to be the winner.

Castle Street native Con was one of three brothers along with his older sibling Denis and youngest of them Liam also went on to play for Harps. There were also two Sweeney brothers Sean and Gary from Castle Street in the squad while another set of siblings were Dessie Diver who played and his brother Hugh who was the manager. Sean Boyle was from St. Mary's Terrace and the goalkeeper was John Bryant from Ballylin. Church Street was very well represented with Hugh McCahill, Hugo Doherty, Sean Logan and Dessie Diver all on the team. The hat-trick hero John McDaid hailed from Swilly Park and is now resident in Milford.

The Swilly Rovers squad that won the Donegal Youth League on 25th of May, 1974 was John Bryant, Denis McLaughlin, Sean Boyle, Hugh McCahill, John McBride, Hugo Doherty, Sean Logan, Sean Sweeney, Con McLaughlin, Dessie Diver, John McDaid. Subs: Gary Sweeney, Liam McLaughlin, Joe McHugh.



Caolan McFadden and Oisín Kelly both who ran in Belfast at the British Milers Grand Prix last weekend.



Michael Moore with Ronan Cleary and Oisín Giles

Cranford AC

Ciara Duffy, Amelia Lily McGee, Orlagh, Aoife and Ronan Cleary, John Patrick Duffy, Molly Moyles, Oisín Giles, Rose O'Tool and Karen Neely had a great day in Finn Valley at the Donegal Fun Development Day on Saturday. Congratulations to you all. Meanwhile Oisín Kelly and Caolan McFadden both had good races running in 800m in the Mary Peters Running Track at the Milers Grand Prix. Congratulations to Megan Logue, Ronan, Aoife and Orlagh Cleary who took part in the Community Games on Sunday in Letterkenny all winning medals.



Cranford AC athletes enjoying ice cream after the Donegal Country Board Development Day at Finn Valley - Michael Moore, Ciara Duffy, Oisín Giles, John Patrick Duffy, Molly Moyles, Rose O Toole, Amelia Lily McGee and Karen Neely and coaches.

Lifeboats fundraising events

Thanks to everyone for their continued support in aid of the Lifeboats especially now with the summer season well under way and more frequent call outs in recent weeks.

Mervyn and Joan Hutton are hosting their annual open Garden at their home, Donegal Shore, Aghnagaddy, Ramelton F92 D621 on Sunday 30th June. Drop in for a cuppa and enjoy their garden ambience. No entrance fee but a donation in aid of The Lifeboats would be gratefully received.

Also in Ramelton on Sunday 30th June, there will be the usual Soapbox Derby in aid of the Lifeboats too. Please see festival programme for full details.

Regrettably there will be no Fanad Coastal Walk or Sea to Summit race this year due to other commitments by main organisers Fin



Begley and Evelyn O'Kane. This has been a phenomenal event in our fundraising calendar for past eight years as well as a unique sporting activity in the Fa-

nad Peninsula, so hopefully this will return in 2025 and we're very grateful to them for their fantastic support during that time.

Gartan Open Waters group will be hosting their weekly Crab Crawls in Portnablagh commencing on Wednesday 3rd July at 7pm throughout July and August also in aid of the RNLI & Sheephaven Sub-aqua Search and Rescue Service.

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



Aoife Cleary, Karen Neely and Orlagh Cleary.

Enda McClafferty hosts his Captain's Day at Rosapenna

Mr Enda McClafferty's Captains Day took place on Saturday June 8th over the Old Tom Morris Links at the Rosapenna Golf Resort with over 130 competitors between the ladies and the gents sections. The day was windy and cool which tempered the scoring but a great day and night was had by all.

The competition results are as follows - Captains Prize - 1st - Drew Duncan (17) with 38 pts; 2nd - Luke Campbell (18) with 38 pts; Gross - Seamus Connor (0) with 34 gross pts; 3rd - John McBride (12) with 37 pts; 4th - Hugh McBride (18) with 36 pts; 1st Nine - Mark Bradley (28) with 21 pts; 2nd Nine - Kevin Connor (33) with 20 pts; Past Captains - Michael McBride (11) with 35 pts bot. Two's - Ciaran Harkin x2, Micheal M McBride, John McBride, Michael Bradley Snr, Pete Mc-

Bride (Jnr), Gerard McGee, Shaun Boyce, Mark Bradley, Chris Lally, Fergus Sheeran, Paul Fox, Raymond Doody, Tony Carr, Dannie Sweeney Captains Prize to the Ladies - Winner Bridin McGuigan (34) 42pts; Second Mairead O'Connell (33) 39pts; Cat A Celine Bradley (19) 36pts (BOT); Cat B Vanessa Cunningham (45) 34pts; Front nine Kit Boyce (33) 21pts; Back nine Veronica Dowds (22) 20pts (BOT)

Gents Results

Sunday June 2nd - 1st - Charlie McBride (18) with 39 pts; 2nd - Denis Boyce (20) with 38 pts; Gross - Michael Bradley Snr (1) with 33 gross pts; 3rd - Joe McHugh (16) with 37 pts bot; 1st Nine - Brian Toomey (24) with 21 pts; 2nd Nine - Kevin Logue (17) with 21 pts. Two's - David Ladley, Enda Kennedy, Brian Toomey, Sea-



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty presenting his 2024 Captains Prize to Drew Duncan with Marina Hamilton also pictured.



Rosapenna Golf Club Captain Enda McClafferty pictured with his mother Helen and family members at the Captain's Day presentation function at Rosapenna Golf Resort.

ghan MacLaifearthaigh, Barry Connor, John Doran.

Sunday June 9th - 1st - Brian Toomey (24) with 39 pts.

Can gents members please use the club desk for all competition transactions. The Resort scorecard box should no longer be used to deposit scorecards or entry fees. A dedicated slot to collect scorecards and entry fees is available at the club desk.

Ladies Section

Friday the 7th of June Past Lady Captain's Cup kindly sponsored by Agnes Lenny - Winner Claire Lenny (15) 40pts; Second Cecilia Doran (28) 35pts.

Members BRS Golf App

If you are on the course you must

be on the tee sheet, this includes all golf over 9 holes. All tee times are bookable via the BRS App. Sunday competition tee times for Gents will open at 10.00am the Thursday before, every week.

Team News

Hard luck to the Pierce Purcell team who lost out to Ballybofey. Well done to the Donegal League team who beat North West 4-1 at home.

Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures - June 22nd Donegal League vs North-West (Away); June 23rd Mixed Fourball vs Roe Park

June - Sunday 23rd - Club Competition; Sunday 30th - Golfer of the Year sponsored by Ocean View, Downings.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty & Lady Captain Suzanne Gallagher presenting the 2024 Captains Prize to the Ladies Category B prize to Vanessa Cunningham.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty & Lady Captain Suzanne Gallagher presenting the 2024 Captains Prize to the Ladies front nine prize to Kit Boyce.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty & Lady Captain Suzanne Gallagher presenting the 2024 Captains Prize to the Ladies back nine prize to Veronica Dowds.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty & Lady Captain Suzanne Gallagher presenting the 2024 Captains Prize to the Ladies Category A prize to Celine Bradley.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty & Lady Captain Suzanne Gallagher presenting the 2024 Captains Prize to the Ladies first prize to the winner Bridin McGuigan.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty & Lady Captain Suzanne Gallagher presenting the 2024 Captains Prize to the Ladies runner up prize to Mairead O'Connell.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty presenting his gross prize to Seamus Connor.



Captain Enda McClafferty presenting third prize to Martin McBride on behalf of John McBride.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty presenting his 2024 Captains Prize fourth place to Hugh McBride.



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty presenting his 2024 Captains Prize front nine prize to Mark Bradley.



10 years of Kilmacrennan Men's Shed

Pictured are groups enjoying the 10 year anniversary of the Kilmacrennan Men's Shed last Saturday.

Photos by Danny Dougherty and Francis Diver.





Aontú would like to offer our sincere gratitude to all who voted and campaigned for our local election candidates throughout County Donegal and also Aontú leader Peadar Tóibín TD in the European Union Parliament elections.

Aontú thanks each and everyone of you!

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Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club Summer camp

It was all systems go at the Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club this week as their Summer camp



Participants at the Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club Summer camp.



Grace Gallagher and John Wilkie, with her medal for "best spirit".

took place. A week long training session held in the Letterkenny Community Centre, the Summer camp culminated in students being assessed on their ability to move to the next level in their karate journey. Sensei John Wilkie (6th dan) and Sensei Christopher O' Donnell (3rd dan) put the students through their paces as the week progressed, carefully examining both the strong and weak points of each karateka and their progress

since the last grading at Christmas. Kumite sparring, technique, spirit, dedication and the testing of detailed self-defence routines known as kata; all were put under the scrutiny of the sensei. "Belts are not simply given, it's up to you to earn them," stated John Wilkie. And there were many who did indeed earn them on their day. The first group to pass examination were the beginners who earned their first grade of white belt plus certification on Thursday, setting their first step on the long, but rewarding, road of Karate. The intermediate and advanced students faced their final test on Saturday. Some nerves and tension were apparent during the 2 hour session but they soon settled into their confidence as time went on. There were some near misses and some words of warning from the sensei, but ultimately there were a lot of happy faces by the end. John Wilkie has sat on many grading boards, including with the likes of famous karateka such as Masao Kawasoe, and he had this to say, "some of the standards I saw at this camp are as good as I've ever seen". Those who advanced: Matthew Sweeney - red belt; Joshua McHugh - purple belt; Dominic McHugh - purple belt; Teresa Gallagher - purple stripe; Grace Gallagher - purple stripe; Kyle McGuigan - brown; Matthew Gallier - purple stripe; Lily Gallier - purple stripe; Catherine Deeney - brown; Megan Callaghan - brown; Benny Jose - orange; Yohan Zaman - orange; Shruti Oommen - red; Rithik Sojan - orange; Shubhi Gobinath - orange; Reuben O' Donnell - red; Padraic Sweeney - orange; Uryaash Gupta - orange; Vibhas Akella - yellow; Yukta Akella - yellow. An extra congratulations goes to Grace Gallagher and Rithik Sojan, both of whom received medals for their display of spirit. LSKC would also like to wish the best of luck to Noah Callaghan, Gerard Foley and Teresa Gallagher who will be competing in the GB Open International Karate championship at the end of the month in Birmingham. All in all, it's the end of another successful period at one of Ireland's oldest karate clubs.

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Milford AC honour Hugo Duggan

The President of Athletics Ireland, John Cronin came to Milford on Saturday to unveil new memorial for Club founder and coach Hugo Duggan.

Hugo was described as a legend in athletics by many of the speakers.

MC Club Chairperson James Gibbons said it was fantastic to see a great crowd to honour a Milford man and he remembered the 7th of December 2020 when Hugo passed away. He was down at the pitches at Moyle for his normal walk, got the paper on his way home for his wife Bried and he must have felt something wrong as he stopped his car at the entrance to Upper Mount Marian and passed away.

It was in the middle of Covid with no wakes or proper funerals and someone of Hugo's standing deserved this seemed not right, said James who then began the process of getting the memorial in place.

John Cronin, a native of Downings who won an All Ireland U18 800m title in 1976 said he was honoured to be present to unveil the memorial stone as we remember the great person that Hugo Duggan was.

"I am proud to be President of Athletics Ireland during this wonderful period of our sport, which was showcased last week in Rome. It would be remiss of me not to mention the success of Martin Kerr.

Hugo's achievements on the field of play are well documented, but it is always worth mentioning his ten national titles - two junior long jumps and a 200m with Cranford and seven senior long jumps with Cranford, Clonliffe Harriers, Lifford and Finn Valley (also winning 5 silvers and a bronze medal at senior level). On the international front, there was the glorious World Masters title in Melbourne, and he was capped for Ireland at senior level eleven times between 1967 and 1980. As a Master he won titles in Ireland, Britain and Australia.

Hugo first took up athletics 60 years ago with

Cranford AC and right from the get-go, he was competing at a high level with the Club. His early coaching in the Long Jump came from Garda John Gilmartin where is PB was 7.39m (24feet 2.5inches). In 1967 along with Paddy Marley, Danny and Frankie McDaid he left the county to join Clonliffe Harriers in Dublin.

Shortly after the formation of Milford AC in 1987, which came about from the success of Community Games, he got involved in coaching with the Club. As his competitive career wound down, he quickly switched to coaching. Countless young athletes benefitted from ability to teach and motivate, including Olympians Mark English and Brendan Boyce.

It is fitting to mention his involvement in the Milford Park Development sports grounds. I congratulate Milford AC on their efforts to get the Hugo Duggan athletic track in place. Three cornerstones to becoming a great athlete, I believe, are talent, great coaching, and good facilities. Hugo certainly had the talent and ability, had great coaches, and indeed became a great coach.

It will be fitting that a modern athletics facility in his name will be here in the future. He did not always benefit from good facilities, but it never stopped him however he more than deserves to have the final cornerstone put in place in his name," he concluded.

Bernie O'Callaghan, Vice President of Ulster Athletics described Hugo as a legend. "We talk about legends and Hugo is one person who we describe as a legend. I'm honoured two have called him as a friend as well as a multi-talented athlete."

Patsy McGonagle of Finn Valley AC who coached Hugo for his World Masters Long Jump title in Australia in 1987 congratulated James Gibbons and the people behind the memorial. Patsy said to win one national title is a big deal but to win 7 is special and those were the days when it was difficult to get from A to B never mind to train and with poorer or no facilities.

Hugo had a determination when he stood at the start of the runway and even his Granny wouldn't stop him, Patsy joked.

He recalled training for Australia at the Community Centre in Letterkenny one wintry day and the pit was full of water. He told Hugo to jump into it as he would get nothing worse in Australia. Patsy remembers them both in stitches of laughter at the end of the session with Hugo covered in mud!

"This community supported him big time and Hugo was very proud about that and you can be very proud of have organised a homecoming at

the Milford Inn."

Patsy said that he was so proud of Cranford AC and great to see Eamonn Giles present and we owe so much to him. "This is a special day and this is a legacy and Hugo is a legend in terms of sport in the community," he concluded.

James Gibbons said three people have inspired him in athletic - in 1976 Eamonn Giles started him in the sport and then when things didn't always go right, Hugo had a great way of putting his arm around you to encourage you to keep going and then Patsy McGonagle when he went to the RTC and joined Finn Valley AC.



John Cronin with Cranford AC's Jerry Gallagher, Eamonn Giles, Ernie McIlhinney, Rose Gavaghan and Hugo Duggan.

Letterkenny AC news

Congratulations to LAC's Catriona Jennings who finished 7th in the Comrades Marathon in South Africa. The race is 86 km long and Catriona finished only 59 seconds off 6th place.

In an outstanding club achievement Philip McGee has become the Ulster Champion in the under 19s category in the 3,000 metres.

Well done to all who raced in the Letterkenny Gaels 5km road race and well done in particular to Eimear Gormley who won the women's race in 20:57.

Mark McFadden ran 21:08, Gary Kearns 21:42, Ray McDermott 22:17, Paul Lee 22:57, Margaret Sheils 23:56, Kevin Lynch 24:48, Alicia McNulty 25:45, Fionn Maguire 26:06, Mary Gallagher 27:39, Denis Gallagher 29:05, Brodie Barrett 30:38, Angela McGee 36:56 and Shéa Maguire ran 45:25.

Ballyraine NS 5km race was well supported and the first to cross the line was LAC's Michael Black in 16:41, Stephen Woods 18:22, Emma Bonar 19:33, Sean McFadden 19:35,

Stephen McBride 20:57, Mark McFadden 21:01, Gary Kearns 21:27, Peter Gallagher 21:31, Ray McDermott 22:11, Margaret Shields 23:44, Kevin Lynch 24:08, Liam Wiseman 24:42, Kenny King 24:49, Alicia McNulty 25:12, Sam Gallagher 25:40, Richie Raymond 25:41, Sean McFadden 26:30 M50, Gavin McBride 27:16, Mary Gallagher 27:33, Claire Price 28:00, Denise Gallagher 29:20 and Angela McGee 36:31.

In the Illistrin NS 5km the first club member home was Stephen Shiels 21:43, Niamh Woods 21:44, Jane Toner 22:25, Gary Price 22:50, Aoibhinn Hegarty 24:06, Sean Hegarty 25:19, Sean Óg Haran 25:48, Oisín Cuskelly 27:31, Eoin Cuskelly 27:37, Lisa Gallagher 28:55, Brodie Barrett 29:38, LAC's Kieran Crawford was 15th in the Foyle Valley Out The Line 5 miler in a time of 26:20. Ciaran O'Donnell clocked 33:46 and finished 69th overall.

The race, which had 152 finishers, was won by Declan Reed from City of Derry Spartans in 25:21. His club-

mate, Judith Storm, was the first woman home in 29:01.

Congratulations to LAC's Teresa McDaid Ireland team manager on her incredible success in Rome at the European Championships with her wonderful athletes proudly competing for Ireland.

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



Above and below, sections of the attendance at the unveiling.



European Gold Medalist 1,500 metre medalist Ciara Mageean with the Donegal links, Athletics Ireland President John Cronin and team manager Teresa McDaid in Rome.





Martin Kerr, Milford AC President making a presentation to John Cronin with Club Chairman James Gibbons.



Pictured at the unveiling of the Hugo Duggan Memorial in Milford on Saturday were James Gibbons, John Cronin, Patsy McGonagle, Rosemary Dewhurst, Bernie O'Callaghan and Eamonn Giles.



Eamonn Harvey, John Cronin, Myles Gallagher and James Gibbons.



Members of the Duggan family at the unveiling.



Among the attendance was Michael McCafferty who chaired the first meeting of the Club and said that some people there didn't want a club in the town and asked only the positive people to stay and are still here 25 years later.

James thanked those involved including Mark Daly of Daly Headstone, Ballyare; Kieran Murray of Thinstone for his work; the Community Employment Scheme workers for preparing the site and maintaining the place; to Club Members Darina and Seamus Ferry, Natasha

Boyce, Debbie Houston, Nancy McNamee and Martin Kerr; to George Kelly for the PA and the members of the Duggan family for their attendance and support.

He introduced Hugo's son, Karl, who has the distinction of beating Olympic gold medalist Mo Farrah, in a schools international years as a teenager.

Karl speaking on behalf of his sisters Joanne, Breege and Maria and broth-

ers Stephen, Alan, Hugo and James thanked the Club for organising the memorial and the day and everyone for coming out. He said the bench behind the stone is memory of his mother Brid and it represents all women who stand behind supporting their husbands.

Club President Martin Kerr made a presentation to John Cronin before everyone enjoyed tea and refreshments in the Clubhouse.

Among the attendance was Eamonn Giles, Cranford AC, Rosemary Dewhurst, Chairperson of Donegal Athletics, Manus O'Donnell, chairperson of the Donegal Community Games, Eddie McCleary, chairperson of Milford Park Development, Hugo's former colleagues from the Milford and District Fly Angling Club including Kenny Bradley, Victor Graham, Sean Gallagher and Chris King.



Neil Martin, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Patsy McGonagle and Kyran McGinley at the unveiling.



The Mount Marian gang at the unveiling on Saturday.

A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

Love them or loathe them, we need insects

I forgot to tell you that I got bitten by a fox a couple of weeks ago. It was a case of no good deed going unpunished. I was going into Virginia on the Wednesday morning to buy fresh fish for the freezer when I saw something moving on the road ahead. I assumed it was a dog or cat crossing, until I saw that it was a poor fox that had been hit by a car and his spine was broken. His hind end was completely paralysed and useless and he was struggling to drag himself to the nearby woods.

It's a busy road and it was inevitable that he was going to be hit and crossed many times so I put on the hazards and stopped. I knew he'd definitely not welcome any human intervention so I got him by the tail, knowing that he couldn't feel any pain in it, and carried him to the woods. He got wriggling round and had a mouthful of my leg above the

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The first clutch of four little swallows are flying about the yard this week and the pile of birdshite in the porch is somewhat reduced. The parents will be laying the second clutch shortly and the cycle will begin again.

ankle. Luckily I had two pairs of longish socks on under newish jeans so he gave me a right bruising, but didn't break the skin. All I could do for him was to get him safely to his own environment as there was already a number of irate drivers impatiently waiting to get round my van. I wished I had a humane bolt or the ability to snap his neck, or maybe I should have left him

to be mangled by traffic, but at least he got home to die in his own woods.

A friend of Mark's and mine, Patrick, had wanted to visit Donegal for years but life had always got in the way until a couple of weeks ago. He had annual leave and while I wasn't free to travel at the time, I knew that Mark was off work for a couple of days. I brought Patrick to Monaghan and left him on a bus to Letterkenny where Mark met him and showed him the sights and highlights for a couple of days till it was time for him to make the return journey. He said he thoroughly enjoyed his time in Kerrykeel and intends making a return visit later in the year, but I have my doubts. He's very much a home boy and there were constant back-and-forth calls to the Mammy during his stay.

Himself broke the duck egg the weekend before last and headed north, out from under his rock for the summer. We were bringing up Jenny and Jet, two of the equine pensioners, to relax by the sea where the grass isn't so rich for the summer. Unfortunately the weather was less than wonderful with a very cold wind taking the pleasure out of it. Margaret and Himself headed over to Killygordon on the Saturday to tidy up her maternal ancestors grave while I had a peaceful time gardening. Each to

their own. Six of us had a fine meal in the Beachcomber that evening and as Mark and I were the drivers we walked back into Rathmullan for a few scoops after dropping the others home. The White Harte was doing a brisk trade and it was great to see Patricia and Conal busy serving drink and craic to a full house.

I took the plunge on Sunday morning and had my first swim of the season. It would have been warmer sitting on a polar ice cap with no clothes on but no pain no gain. I did feel great after it; I think it washes away negative stuff and leaves you feeling better, but it might just be that I was numb with the cold and feeling nothing at all. Himself got all the first cut silage done in the second week of June, both pit and bales. It was all done without a drop of rain and looks like being a good harvest which is a nice feeling when you think of how last so-called summer turned out. There's absolutely no sign of good hay weather coming in the foreseeable future so we'll just have to hope that someone else gets the opportunity later and sells some. We never get the lovely long balmy evenings anymore, when you could be out in shorts and tee-shirt till bed time; the breeze gets cold every evening.

The first clutch of four little swallows are flying about the yard this week and the pile of birdshite in the porch is somewhat reduced. The parents will be laying the second clutch shortly and the cycle will begin again. I moulded the spuds last week and put the nets over the strawberries.

They're both doing a great thrive but I'd like a bit of heat and sunshine to sweeten the berries.

It's a quiet time on the farm and my healthcare work is very steady at the moment so when I saw a notice for a street fair in Cavan town last weekend I arranged to meet Jacinta and Tony there. It was called "Created in Cavan" and it featured all sorts of food, drink, arts, crafts and services, all made in Co Cavan. It was a lovely event, held in a park beside the college and very well attended. We were blessed with the weather and the rain held off until we were leaving. Himself and myself had been invited to a surprise fiftieth party in Ballyduff that night but thankfully



Kate Carton

I was working so I was able to swerve it. I'm not a big party fan and particularly not "surprise" ones. I promised to collect Himself whenever he reached his limit of endurance and I put in a grand night's wood carving while I waited for the call. He eventually rambled in at midnight, having got a lift home with neighbours. The head was swimming on him after five pints of porter and he didn't even complain about me leaving the front door wide open all evening. I notice that when I do that nowadays no insects come in. Perhaps the swallows in the porch swallow them before they come in the door.

Even sixteen years ago when I came here the room would be swarming with moths and daddy-long-legs if you left the door open after dusk, but now a bug is as much a novelty as a warm night. Same when you're driving in summer, there are no flies and bugs splattered on the front of the car anymore. Modern farming practises have largely done away with those bugaboos, which is a pity because I'm sure they all play a vital role in our ecosystem apart from causing annoyance as they flutter round the ceiling at night. It's not that I'm particularly fond of creepy crawlies of the flying variety, but I am anxious that this little planet would survive for my son. As EO Wilson, the American naturalist said, "if all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten thousand years ago. If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos." Love them or loath them, we need insects to help ensure the survival of the human race.



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

22nd July 2024 - 28th August 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 permanent reinstatement.

Route to be closed:

- L-1392-1/2/3 Moss Road, Ramelton and
- L-5612/1 Moss Road to Brownknowe Link Road.

Alternative Route:

- Via R-245 Ramelton Rd to R-247 Rathmullan Rd & L-5582-1/2 Drumacloghan to Ballyconnelly Road to Ray Road.
- via R-247 Rathmullan Road and L-5672-1 Cairn High Road.

Persons wishing to object to the closure should submit objections in writing to the Roads & Transportation Section, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford before **4.30pm Tuesday 25th June 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 & Transportation.



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HOUSING (TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION) ACT 1998 DRAFT TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2025 - 2029

Notice is hereby given under Section 9 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 that Donegal County Council has prepared its Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2025 - 2029 to replace the existing Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024 which expires on 31st December 2024.

From Monday 1st July 2024, a copy of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 - 2029 may be inspected during office hours (Mon - Fri - 9am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 4.30pm, except Bank Holidays) at the various offices of the Council namely: Housing Section, Three Rivers Centre, Lifford, Public Service Centres at Carnonagh, Donegal Town, Dungloe, Letterkenny & Milford.

Submissions for consideration in the Draft Programme must be submitted to the Traveller Accommodation Unit, Milford PSC, Milford, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 TDOP or email to fmcateer@donegalcoco.ie not later than **Friday 30th August 2024**.

Dated this 1st day of July 2024.



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

- **Civil Technician Grade II**

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

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

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SF - When the hole deepens, stop digging....

Sinn Fein must have the courage to remind the new Ireland that they played no role in the demise of the Celtic Tiger and they were not part of Ireland's economic disaster that drove this nation to the precipice of bankruptcy and forced tens of thousands to emigrate. Look no further than the three FF led Governments from 1977 that allowed so many chancers and highway men to construct housing estates without proper oversight or controls.

As a party, that is all that SF needs to be and to hell with the far right. SF's problems of late are being compared too closely with FF and FG. That would be their ultimate disaster.

Ask Simon Harris a question and guess what?

Simon Harris will answer questions in his own peculiar way with an off the shelf response of convenience with a modulated voice of officialdom at a speed that defies logic.

Has Ireland moved on from the great days of Enda Kenny? A proud Mayo man, he never was a slave to public relations and the blandness that now makes the country's leader lacking in any semblance of personal character. A woman came up to Harris in Cork (one of many, allegedly) the other week and she raised the very same question he's now being asked in the Dail. His performance in weekly Leaders Questions is straight from 'Yes Minister' or 'Callan's Kicks'. Harris has got a solution to all questions, despite them not being asked.

This is simply the cheapest of three card tricks where the winner always loses. Except his persona is well rehearsed and made to measure to match the expensive government message that is designed for Morning Ireland. But what about the 250,000 new homes he promised on becoming Taoiseach?

Harris has become the coat hanger to road test the Government spin machine that keeps churning out horse manure at a rate that's bound to add to our carbon emissions, even before a bovine farts before morning milking. It is worth reminding ourselves that this spin machine is the most expensive exercise in public relations in Ireland...

only to make our Taoiseach look smart - and we are paying.

And on it goes: Harris is quoting tales from his travels: he's meeting Katie Daly, down from the mountain with a goat that has a fertility problem - Miley and Biddy complaining that housing in Glenroe is woeful. However, Harris has made no mention of meeting the Burkes in Castlebar... or is that one subjudice for Helen McEntee?

Right now the October Budget is set to become a moveable feast. As expected, we will be back in the polling stations before Halloween, before the clocks turn back to winter time.

The Budget is scheduled for October 8th. So, if there is to be an early Halloween election, the Government could bring Budget Day forward into September. In the next couple of weeks the Government's summer economic statement is due and that will show signs of what plans are afoot for an early general election.

And with the local and EU elections finally over after the longest ever count in recent history, the Taoiseach is a winner. If 21% in the EU elections is a winner then, I'd like to hear what it looks like to be a loser...

On reflection, I think it's a good reason to revisit recent election results and to cut to the chase of where Ireland's political thinking stands.

In the 2004 local election, Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil secured 60% (32%: 28%) of the first-preference vote share, compared to just 46% this year. On a big

increase across the electorate, figures can be very deceiving and the main parties are keen to stick to that message.

On June 7th the electorate voted with caution: FF came away with 22.95% (minus 4%) and a loss of 31 seats: FG was on 22.99% this time and their vote was actually down 2.26% and they dropped 10 seats. Sinn Féin has gone from 81 to 102 Council seats and their vote is up by 2.3%. Independents have increased as well and will be a force, not only in the general election but quite significantly in the Seanad results.

For Donegal, the big winners are 100% Redress and with four elected members and a vote of 7,400 that is 9.6% and well above half a quota. But for those in mica impacted homes this is a message of encouragement for them on what has already been a long, long road in their fight for justice, equality and fair play.

They've been let down by all political processes on this island, apart from the heroic work of Independent MEP, Luke Ming Flanagan. His hard work and attention to detail got the Mica disaster into the EU parliament and this was a significant achievement. And his vote of 11,382 in Donegal was highly important in his poll topping win in this, his third successful European campaign.

In many ways, the 100% Redress result has empowered every family living with mica crisis in that it gives them real fortitude to dare to hope that they are not fighting a lost cause... and they never will be alone, ever again.

And the elections will inspire others to also join in lending a hand to the long-suffering families, the elderly and those who've put their life's hopes and dreams into their forever home. How cruel have been these successive governments because this is a prime example of administrations that has been determined to put Donegal the last on their list of priorities... and it is a ringing failure in our trust, honesty and fair play and concern for all those impacted by cowardice and failure to grab this crisis, forget about cost, and have the courage to deliver 100% Redress. Instead we've been handed a new party reaching out to everyone of us

in the hope that a solution is out there if the right levers are pushed and the right people are put into Government: politicians that will have the courage to put real people and their problems ahead of the petty cause of party privilege that has spelt failure and disaster. But that must now end because the people have spoken.... Message delivered and that is the real value of democracy for Donegal.

The impatience in Government circles will be heightened by the realisation that an election now would be a nightmare for Sinn Féin. Somehow, Sinn Féin is better than that and it would be entirely inaccurate to write them off. They've made big mistakes in their decision making in recent years and that was clearly evident in the Family and Care Referendums on March 8th.

I used to believe the Shinners were experts on reading the room.... But not any more because they've got sucked into the mindset of the main political parties and similar to FF and FG. Why on earth should Sinn Fein have to respond to FF or FG: both are too long in power and they've not provided the nation with any rationale for their own obvious failures?

Obviously, in this Dail, SF is the main party of Opposition and that is all. They are not to blame for the failures to deliver down many decades. They need to tone down the anger and rhetoric at Leaders Questions because it is switching people off politics. The public is weary of this white noise while wondering if this is a party mature enough to be in Government.

At another level, we must remember that SF is in opposition and with no guarantees that it will change soon. Truth be told, Sinn Fein cannot be held accountable for the failures in Housing: Health and the myriad of political cockups that bad government has delivered these past one hundred years.

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Sinn Fein has carved out its own niche as a part of the left of centre and should be proud to represent that view. Mary Lou McDonald has said she is disappointed with their performance in the local elections. Really! But they increased their seat numbers and percentages.

Sinn Fein is the author of its own confusion. They were a strong left republican party holding the government to account, rather than attempting to be in charge of the Cabinet room long before a ballot was cast.

This is the party founded by Arthur Griffith. He was a writer, newspaper editor and a far-seeing politician. His message has not changed and it never should because it's about ordinary working people, honest endeavour, justice, fair play and equality. Griffith led the Irish delegation at the negotiations that produced the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty, and served as the president of Dáil Éireann from January 1922 until his death later in August.

In recent years, the SF decisions, at best, are quite confusing and bizarre. Their choice for the 2018 Presidential Election was a disaster. What party with a titter of wit would want to challenge Michael D's second term for the Presidency? Was he not the most left wing politician in Irish history?

Then their local elections in 2019 were a disaster and in 2020 they chose too few general election candidates. And now, their Leader is admitting they chose too many for the local elections. How far can you push the confidence button?

These are not mere errors of judgement: these are political failures and Mary Lou's response to hold the Family Referendums all over again drove normal supporters mad. Because when you know you're getting into a deeper hole, the obvious thing is to spot digging.

Against those comments, there is a basic reality out there. The message of Sinn Fein is there to be delivered, to be clearly understood and to be proud of the message passed on down through a number of generations. If Sinn Fein fails again, there is every possibility that the message could be lost forever. Sinn Féin's loss of support has created the space for a surge in support for Independents, who made gains across the country. Were they a single political force, the Independents would be the largest party in the country. But of course that is never going to happen.

The emerging election results have already changed the political context at the start of the summer. The results have already changed the political context and have shown that FF and FG cannot form a government without another significant party in Government.

The reality is that for a Government to run for another five years, they will need close to ninety seats to ensure a comfortable working majority. It is all to play for and nothing is secured until the final votes are counted... five days after the election.

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Day of decision in politics

As the nation goes to the polls in four different elections on this Friday the electorate of Donegal has reached a record level of over 121,000 voters. The main interest is in the Council and EU battles with the Citizenship Referendum away done the list of priorities for the population: in fact many do not have a clue what this is all about and it remains to be seen how high the percentage of voting will be. As the campaign for the town and county council elections came to a close the candidates and their parties were urging people to come out and cast their ballot. There is concern that the trend of reduced turnouts could be a problem and all the political parties are putting a huge effort in getting people to the polling stations. The stations will open from seven in the morning until nine in the evening. Most parties describe the mood of the electorate as either lack lustre or disconnected and it has proven hard to get any definite trend from the various campaign trails. Many of the party strategists around the county do not see any real evidence of a demand for change. However the same views were being expressed in 1999. And as it panned out we saw the biggest gutting session ever with eighteen new faces elected to Lifford.

The outgoing Council had 14 FF members: FG had 9: IFF with 4 with Thomas Pringle holding the SF seat and Thomas Gildea as the only Independent member. We understand that FF is coming under threat of losing a seat in South Donegal and they are confident they will gain one in Glenties. The party is expecting they will hold their seat in Milford and their backroom strategists say they could go back to Lifford with the same numbers as in 1999.

Fine Gael is battling to hold nine seats and are in upbeat mood. Sources from the party say they have found a high level of dismay with the government on the doorsteps and they intend to capitalise on the negativity of broken promises. However the party does have vulnerable seats to hold and it remains to be seen if they can actually increase their seats. Independent Fianna Fail is also confident of polling strongly and their sources tell us they are expecting at least to hold their four seats in Lifford. They say they've got a positive reaction on the doorsteps and the party is happy with the campaign. The intrigu-

ing factor is Sinn Fein. They say that on a good day they could take as many as three seats. Those would appear to be in Glenties with Pearse Doherty: in Inishowen with Pdraig MacLochlainn and Thomas Pringle to hold his seat in South Donegal. And there are a number of strong Independent candidates in the running and several of these have the potential to cause upsets. However it would seem the campaign in the main has been low key with the candidates carrying out intense personal door to door canvasses. It is all to play for as the electorate exercises their franchise and it will be Sunday before the first counts are declared. There is intense speculation as well about Dr. James McDaid and Pearse Doherty on their quest for EU seats. McDaid can be expected to run strongly right across the FF heartlands of county Donegal but since the party strategists have only allocated him a very small slice of the electorate he will need around forty thousand first preferences leaving the county to be in a comfortable position on later counts. McDaid has been running at 18% in the opinion polls and if that holds true he will be elected ahead of Sean O'Neachtain. Pearse Doherty has also been running strongly in the polls and the concerns relate to the ability of the party to attract second and later preferences. Doherty has grown in stature during the campaign and he will need to attract around 65/70,000 on the first ballot to be at the races.

The separation of the EU and Council ballot papers will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Letterkenny on Saturday starting at 9am. At the same time the counts for the town councils will also begin. Letterkenny is being counted in the old chapel at St. Conal's Hospital. The EU count is taking place at the Mount Errigal Hotel on Sunday. At the same time the counts for the Letterkenny and Milford areas start at the LYIT: Inishowen is being counted at the Gateway Hotel in Buncrana: the Glenties count is at the Highlands Hotel and Donegal and Stranorlar will be counted at the John Bosco Centre in Donegal Town. It promises to be an exciting weekend of statistics: predictions: tallies: but on this Friday the electorate holds the future of the seats in their own hands and the parties are powerless: albeit for a brief fourteen hour period.



Eddie McConigley, Ballynacrick who will celebrate his 101th birthday in August pictured with his postal ballot paper and Cllr. Liam Blaney on Monday. Eddie has voted Blaney since 1927..... and he won't stop now!



Bouncer backs McDaid... Dr. James McDaid gets a guaranteed No. 1 vote from Bouncer at the Tribune during a visit to Milford on his EU canvass.



Cllr. Jimmy Harte with his wife Mary, parents Paddy and Rosaleen and members of his campaign team.

Dublin-Cranford cyclists say thanks



A group of ten cyclists completed the journey from Parnell Square in Dublin to Logues of Cranford at the weekend to raise funds for the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital. Included are Ivor Gallagher, Martin McGroddy, Charlie Logan, Dinny Doherty, Anthony Sweeney, Aubrey Kee, Mick Jennings, Patrick McBride, John Sweeney and Declan McBride.

The group of ten bicycle riders to completed the charity run from Parnell Square in Dublin to Logue's of Cranford over the bank holiday weekend hope to raise substantial funds for the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital. The group left Dublin on Saturday morning and after an overnight stop in Monaghan they arrived to a big welcome in Cranford at five on Sunday evening. The fund raising cycle was organised by Martin McGroddy and Dinny Doherty and they were joined by eight others for the run. At Lifford Bridge friends: supporters and fellow cyclists joined them on the run back up to Cranford. A big crowd were waiting to greet them on arrival. The organisers

wish to thank everyone for the support in organising and promoting the event along with the volume of help and assistance provided out on the road. Thanks is extended to Highland Motors: Mountain Top, Letterkenny for the transport: to Raphoe Bicycle Shop and proprietor Seamus Connolly for their assistance: to the Gap Shop, Devlinreagh: to Paddy Logue of Logue's Guesthouse for the refreshments: to the many who helped behind the scenes on the road and especially to the two men who kept the bikes running and all the wonderful supporters for their help and generosity and the mechanical and moral support that is so vital on such a long run.

Closure of garda stations angers Blaney

Deputy Niall Blaney said last night he was shocked to news that a number of rural garda stations across Donegal are scheduled to be shut down permanently. He said he had got confirmation that the stations at Kerrykeel and Kilmacrennan, both in the Milford Garda District are due to be shut down permanently and he's seeking a meeting with government sources in an attempt to have the decision reversed. Blaney said the stations earmarked for closure have only been

open on a part time basis in recent years and despite calls to have them reopened on a more permanent basis it would now appear the Justice Minister has gone ahead and closed them without any reference to local concerns about joyriding: drugs abuse and a variety of petty crimes that in most circumstances go unreported. This is happening since there are not enough officers or resources being put into the garda service in all rural areas, claimed Niall Blaney.

Milford journalist hosts RTE show

Katrina McFadden (pictured right) from Forquar in Milford has been given her own summer slot on RTE Radio 1. Katrina is the daughter of Michael and Kathleen McFadden. She has been with RTE for several years and has a chequered jobs path at the station.

Her new Monday morning slot is called 'Out with the Kids' and the half-hour show goes out at eleven o'clock.

The show features a family group on a day out and this week Katrina has been to Wexford and Waterford.

It is all about hearing their comments and reaction and how they relate to their new situations, explains the presenter.

Katrina also presents the paper review every morning on Ryan Turbidy's breakfast show on 2FM and many of the fairer sex would dearly love to be that close the new sensation at RTE. She merely laughs when we ask if he's



God's gift to mankind or at least RTE. However Katrina sees it as just another part of her job. She has also works as a researcher on Five-Seven Live and has also done research for the Late Late Show. A varied career but Katrina likes to come back to Milford at the weekend or whenever time permits. But one thing for sure: she says she'll be live at the All Ireland Sheep Shearing Championships this weekend.

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Donegal has lowest development levy

A new survey conducted by the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland reveals that Donegal County Council has the lowest development levy in Ireland. The figures show Donegal charges set at €76.98 per square metre compared to €116.55 for Limerick - the highest in the country. The report reveals a huge differences throughout the country in the methods used to apply the new development levy to progress infrastructural projects. Last March was the deadline for the introduction of the new Development Contribution Scheme and it was a highly controversial issue here in Donegal in the lead up. After a lengthy period of debate with the initial proposals for a charges hike being rejected by Council Members who instead agreed to keep the charges at the old rates.

According to Construction Industry Federation the annual cost of the new levies is put at between

7500m and 7700m, which they say is a 300% to 400% increase over the 2002 figure of €151m. CIF Director Don O'Sullivan warned that investors were becoming increasingly discouraged by the demands in certain cities. He highlighted Dublin which has the second highest charge at 7110.00 per square metre despite having a more developed infrastructure than more rural parts of the country. Mr O'Sullivan has now asked local authorities to publish details of what the money will be spent on and when it will be spent. IBEC Assistant Director Donal Buckley expressed the concern that some local authorities would turn away investors with the imposition of high charges. And John Dunne the Chief Executive with the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland has criticised the lack of a clearly recognised formula for calculating development levies for all 34 councils in the Republic.

McBride leads race for FG seat....

The battle to find a successor to Senator Joe McHugh on Donegal County Council seems to be entering the final furlong this week with confirmation that there is a strong expression of interest from several candidates in the Fine Gael camp across the Milford Electoral Area," or so said the lead story in the Tirconail Tribune on Friday May 16th 1993.

This story has been drawn to the attention of the voters in Milford this week as election day looms by Noel McBride himself.

And he's quoted liberally from our comments: "His record of community involvement over the past twenty years in a range of projects has given him a very sound base and a good head start with the electorate. He has been deeply involved in the establishment and success of the Sheephaven Credit Union.

McBride is seen as being ideally situated in Carrigart to hold the FG vote which McHugh took at

the local elections in 1999. He polled 1,662 from the party total of 2,137 and McBride will be expected to hold that number, at the very least. And party insiders say this week that he can and point to very strong family connections right across the Milford area particularly in Kerrykeel which is slap bang in the Blaney heartland.

He is also a well-known businessman in the painting and decorating trade and has a base in Milford Town for several years.

Fine Gael will be conscious of the success of McHugh and the need to maintain that momentum if he is to seek a Dail seat further down the road. The Milford area will be a very difficult one for them to increase their vote to any substantial degree. Their new Councillor will be expected to deliver a fair increase in their vote here if they are to harbour any hope of ever winning back their Dail seat."

That was then but this is now and it remains to

Ballymore NS unveil Jacqueline Hanlon Memorial Garden



Bernard Hanlon husband of the late Jacqueline Hanlon and Valerie Moffitt the oldest pupil at the Ballymore N.S. Planting a tree in memory of Jacqueline on Friday last at the opening of the Memorial Garden also included is her grandchildren Jack and Michael.

A large crowd was in attendance on Friday morning at Ballymore National School for the unveiling of a Memorial Garden in memory of Mrs Jacqueline Hanlon the former principal of the school for many years who died suddenly last year. During the ceremony the crowd was entertained by the pupils of Ballymore and Creeslough schools where Jacqueline taught and tributes were paid to

Mrs Hanlon by the children of the school, parents and by V. Thornbourn school principal. A tree was planted in the ground by Jacqueline's husband Bernard and Valerie Moffitt a pupil of the school. A bench made by Trevor McKinley a past pupil of the school was also presented in the Garden, which also includes decking, a rockery and a new pathway was dedicated by Rev. Stanley Johnson.

be seen if Noel's memory for lead stories will hold up for him as the votes are counted in Letterkenny on Sunday.

All roads lead to Milford for All Ireland



This weekend promises to be one of the biggest in the history of the town with the Click Pour On Irish National All Ireland and Open Sheep Shearing Championships being hosted by the Milford GAA Club. Proceedings get underway at 10.00pm on Friday night at the Milford Inn Hotel with the launch by Donegal Person of the Year, Jim McGettigan followed at 10.30 by the Speed Shear championships featuring World Champion David Fagan from New Zealand.

Current All Ireland Sheep Shearing champion Kevin Robinson, Kilmacrennan and Teagasc Advisor John Cannon pictured at a practice session for this weekend's Sheep Shearing Championships during the week at the Milford Mart.



Ramelton Go Karters rev up for the election at Lennon View, Daniel Irwin, Dillon Hegarty, Conor McPaul, Mark McPaul and William Barrett.

Micheal McBride concerned over Kilmacrennan sewage

Independent Fianna Fail candidate for the Milford Electoral Area Michael McBride has this week highlighted what he describes as a major sewage problem in the village of Kilmacrennan. McBride said that the massive increase in residential development had not been matched by the necessary infrastructural upgrading to meet these demands. He pointed out that in recent years there has been a dramatic increase in house development in the village while plans are in place for a further 150 units. "With no upgrading of the sewage services the Lurgy River is suffering serious pollution problems and some of the residents nearby are finding their fields covered in effluent when flooding occurs. According to the IFF candidate €45,000 was supposed to be spent on improvements to the treatment plant but the works hadn't been carried out to date. The pollution of the Lurgy River has also been sharply criticised by local anglers. Michael McBride has now called on Donegal County Council to make an immediate commitment to upgrade the sewage infrastructure in Kilmacrennan village. On a more positive theme he has welcomed the recent news that Peace II funding of €55,000 has been allocated to for further works at the Kilmacrennan Community Hall.



The Children who took part in the Feis in the Day Centre in Creeslough on Wednesday evening last.

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Dia dhaoibh go léir, a chairde Ghaeil agus go mbéidh sibh breá agus folláin. B'fheidir go bhfuil muid ag éirí cleachtaithe leis an aimsir neamhiontaofa seo agus gur is é seo an séasúr atá ag gabháil a bheith ann. Agus ansin bíim ag smaointiú nach bhfuil muid beo agus briomhar agus inár seasamh ar an bhfód? Caithfidh muid buail ar aghaidh, a chairde. Bhí mé ag iascaireacht ar feadh cúpla uair a chloig ó na carraigeacha thart timpeall na Fánaide agus bhí lá breá agam! Fuair mé 4 ronnach agus cùpla pollóg deasa.



maith ar an fulacht fosta, ach mar gheall ar an méid ola atá ann tá seasn go mbéidh bladhairí ann i ndiaidh tamaill. Mar sin bí cúramach agus coimhead súil orthu nach dóifear iad. Maidir leis an mangach a bhfuair mé, bhain mé úsáid as sin fosta- bhí an péire deas mhór, ag teacht suas ar 700g. Rinne mé píóg deas éisc le cloicheáin agus hadóg deataithe le barrán prátaí air. Chuir mé sa reoiteoir é, áit a bhfuil sé ann go fóill, agus tiocfaidh sé amach nuair a thagann an fonn orm. Is maith liom an mangach- tá sé séimh agus uigeacht toilteanach leis. Feicfidh tú anois é san ollmhargadh, agus é saor go leor fosta. Tig leat é a úsáid in áit troisc: domhanfriochna nó i bpióg. Cuidíonn úsáid mangaigh le caomhnú an stoc éisc mar tá sé fairsing i gcomparáid le trosc inniú.

RONNACH le hANLANN BIABHÓIG Mackerel with a Rhubarb Sauce

Comhábhair
2 ronnach ullmhaithe
225g biabhóg
1 tbsp siúcre Demerara
1/2 sinséar meilte
150ml uisce



Tá sé éasca go leor ronnach a fháil- níl de dhíth ort ach rigin le cleiteacha air agus meachán de chinéal éigeán leis an duan a iompar amach ar an fharrage. Ansin níl ort ach a bheith foighneach, ag fánacht ar an taisce teacht isteach. Tá dúil mhór agam sa ronnach. Is breá liom, ní amháin na dathanna atá orthu, ach fosta cé chomh docht agus sé agus é i ndiaidh teacht isteach ón fharrage. Tá sé simplí agus gasta a ghlanadh amach agus níl ort ach é a chuir ag gríoscaid ar an dhá taobh. Is iasc olach é, agus mar sin déanann sé maitheas duit leis an saill slántiúil atá ann, is foinsé ard é ó thaobh OMEGA-3 agus mar sin tá suim ar leith ann leis an ronnach a bhaint agus a ithe. Anois, cad le hithe leis an ronnach?

Taispeáint é an ronnach, ach go hairithe, go bhfuil teacht le chéile de rudaí a thagann le chéile go séasúrach an rud is fearr. Mar shampla, bíonn siad le fáil ag an am céanna ná prátaí úra- béile a thainig ó neamh i féin! Rud eile, ós rud é go mbíonn an ronnach chomh olach sin, tá tú ábalta blasanna eadar géar agus milis a chuir leis, le gearradh fríd an olach agus teacht le chéile iontach a bheith ann. Samplaí anseo is iad biabhóg agus spionán! Tá an bheirt rudaí seo géar mar bhlas, le cuid mhór siúcre de dhíth le feabhas a chuir orthu, ach creíd mé nuair a deirim go bhfuil an bheirt acu go híontach maith le ronnach.

Béidh muid ag gabháil triall a bhaint as oidis mar sin inniú Rud éigeán eile a bhfuair mé amach na bliantaí ó shin, agus mé ag déanamh stáidéir sa Fhráncis gur an focal Francise ar ronnach is é MAQUEREAU, a chiallaíonn MÁISTIR STRIAPACH! Mar gheall ar an cuma atá ar an iasc agus na dathanna spiagaí atá ann! Mar sin, déan cinnte go n'itheann sibh sa Samhradh seo. Tá sé blasta, saor agus thar a bheith slántiúil, agus simplí a ullmhú. Oibríonn sé go

MODH

Gearr go garbh an biabhóg agus cuir i bpota é leis an siúcre, sinséar agus uisce. Cuir barr ar phota agus déan go mall agus iséal le 15bom. Déan purée as seo. Cuir gríoscaid ar obair, blastaigh an iasc agus gríoscaid le 4-6 bom ar gach taobh. Cuir amach leis an anlann agus prátaí úra.

RONNACH GRÍOSCCTHA le ANLANN MUSTARD Grilled Mackerel and Mustard Sauce



2 ronnach ullmhaithe
1/2 liomóide, sú amháin
2 1/2 tsp gránphlúr
150 ml bainne
1 tbsp mustard Dijon
1 tbsp peirsil, gearrtha go mín

MODH:

Cuir gríoscaid ag obair, cuir iasc ar raca agus déan le 4 bom ar gach taobh. Eadar an dá linn meascaigh gránphlúr le braon bainne agus déan taos; cuir an taos leis an bainne atá fagtha, tóg chun bhruith ag corradh gan stad agus cuir isteach an mustard Dijon agus peirsil. Cuir amach le prátaí úra.

- Neamhiontaofa. Unpredictable
- Séasúr. Season
- Beo. Alive
- Ag iascaireacht. Fishing
- Thart timpeall. Around
- Ronnach. Mackerel
- Cleiteacha. Feathers
- Gan amhras. Without doubt
- Meachán. Weight
- Foighneach. Patient
- Maitheas. Goodness
- Saill slántiúil. Healthy fat
- Foinsé. Source
- Suim ar leith. A particular interest
- Teacht le chéile. Coming together
- Biabhóg. Rhubarb
- Spionán. Gooseberry
- Eagrán. Edition
- Maistir striapach. Pimp
- Dathanna spiagaí. Flashy colours

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David Crumlish of Crumlish Appliances, Ballyraine, Letterkenny is pictured presenting Paddy Rooney, Chairman of the Friends of Letterkenny University Hospital with a sponsorship cheque for the upcoming fund-raising golf classic in Letterkenny Golf Club on Friday, 5th July. Also in the photo are Allen McCrea, Vera Sweeney, Cynthia Fuery (main organiser) and Peter Culliffe. Crumlish Appliances is the main sponsor. The format of the competition is any mix of four players, €120 entry fee per team. Tee times can be booked online at www.letterkennygolfclub.com or by ringing 0749121150.





Management Committee at the Club's 20th Anniversary event.



A Mulroy Academy Boys team from 2004

FAI Two Star for Mulroy Academy

The Mulroy Soccer Academy have received great news with confirmation that they are to receive the Club Mark 2 Star Award from the FAI. The Award recognises best practice in governance and administration. Mulroy Coaching Coordinator Fergus McAteer told the Tribune that their Academy was one of

seven across the country who will officially receive the Award later in the year in Dublin. Mulroy has 240 children, boys and girls on their books. They have 10 teams in the local leagues and they also have a number of non-competitive sides in the lower age groups. The FAI Club Mark is an award for

grassroots clubs based on best practice in their management and administration. The programme aims to support and encourage clubs to improve standards off the field making them stronger for the good of the game. As an FAI Club Mark Two Star club, Mulroy Academy has demonstrated a consistent and high



Packie Bonnar with coaches at 15th Anniversary



Mulroy Academy U6 Group from 2024



Participants in the Mulroy Academy Girls Camp in 2016



FAI President Gerry McAnaney presenting the Club Mark One Star Award.

standard of Club Governance and Administration, Child Welfare, Safeguarding; Coach Development, Club Strategy; Development Plan, Sustainability, Club Coaching Structure, Multiple formats of Football and Engagement with FAI programmes. Mulroy Academy has now completed all three levels of the FAI Club Mark Award. They have done the FAI Club Mark Entry and One Star Awards over the past number of years. Now they have attained the Two Star status. The journey to the Two Star Award took over 18 months and Mulroy Academy were selected as one of 7 clubs nationwide to pilot the programme. It is just reward for the hard working managing committee having dedicated the last number of years to achieving excellence in the running and

organisation of the club from a governance, administrative and coaching perspective. Mulroy Academy currently has 240 players registered with 10 competitive boys and girls teams and non-competitive teams at u10, u9, u8, u6 and Little Dribblers. The club has a group of 30 coaches, managers and volunteers who dedicate their time, skills, and energy to providing football and developing young players in the local community.

Fergus McAteer is the Club Mark Officer who coordinated the award on behalf of the club with the assistance of a dedicated Management Committee: Peter Cullen (Chairperson), Leonard Roarty (Assist Chairperson), Aisling McAteer (Secretary), Marie Sweeney (PRO), Stephen McGrenaghan and Aidan McAteer (Treasurers). Through the FAI Club Mark process, the club also established a Coaching Subcommittee to oversee structures and strategies in the club, The coaching subcommittee consists of Fergus McAteer, Paul Friel, Syria McGeever and James Gallagher. Mulroy Academy is 22 years old having been launched in 2002 by Packie Bonner. The former Celtic legend has returned to several events over the years and maintains close links with the club.

It has been a long and rewarding journey for the club from those early days when the guidance and influence of Patrick Sweeney helped steer the club in the right direction. Mulroy Academy are now among the first seven throughout Ireland to be rewarded with the status of a FAI Club Mark Two Star club. The focus going forward for the Management Committee will be to maintain Club Mark standards and implement policies, procedures, coaching and strategic plans to help the club grow into the future. The official presentations of the FAI Club Mark Two Star Award pilot happen later this year at FAI headquarters in Dublin to coincide with a planned FAI event and national launch of the award.



Customer Appreciation Day at Kernans Carrigart



Caroline Long, Marie O'Donnell, David James, Marita McLaughlin and Oisin O'Donnell.



Marita McLaughlin receiving flowers to mark 20 years service in Mickey Joe's Kernans Carrigart with David James of Highland Radio, Damien Daly and Liam O'Brien from Kernans.



Rosie, Elena, Ryan and Mathew McGroddy.



Cathal Curran, Anthony Kernan and Joe Duffy.



Aaron Hughes, Rose Gallagher, Phyllis Coyle and Niall McMullen.



Danny Shiels, Suzanne Harkin and Winnie Blaney.



Tiernach and Winnifred McFadden with Bried McGinley.



Kate and Cathal Sweeney with Andy Grier.



Mary Duffy, Ellen Druce and Sylvia McCorkell.



Conor Breslin and Darren Shiels.



Caroline Long and Sharon Kelly with Marita McLaughlin.



Ann Doherty and Mary Coyle.



Marie O' Connor with Daryl and Kyle Begley.



Mark, Tanya, Alex and Holy Gallagher.



Teresa McGettigan with May McClafferty.



Damien Daly with Ciaran Callaghan.



John and Bernadette Doherty with Liam O'Brien.



Veronica, Eddie and Rose McGettigan



David James with Cassie Cullen and Joe Duffy.



Mary Begley with Helena McNutt.



Danny Callaghan with Colin McNutt.



Managers of Year Tam McLaughlin, Oldtown Celtic and Stephen McConnell, Letterkenny Rovers with Donegal Donegal Junior League Chairperson John Joe McCafferty.



Lifetime Achievement Award winner Con McLaughlin with Mick Lagan and Dessie McLaughlin

Donegal League Presentation night



The Terry Leyden Fair Play Awards were presented by his sons Paul and Derek to Chris Carr, Cranford Utd (Sunday League) and Eamonn Collum Gweedore Utd Reserves (Saturday League). Also included is Christina O'Donnell (DJL Fixtures Secretary).



Players of the Year James Gallagher (Fanad Utd), Michael Doherty (Oldtown Celtic) and Zach Gorman (Letterkenny Rovers).

Team Awards



Ramelton Mariners Division 2 Saturday title with Michaelle Crossan Old Orchard Inn and Declan Sherlock Donegal League.

Premier Division

Winners: Fanad United
Runners-up: Kildrum Tigers
Division 1
Winners: Letterkenny Rovers
Runners-up: Bonagee United
Division 2
Winners: Ballybofey United
Runners-up: Keadue Rovers Res
Saturday Division 1
Winners: Oldtown Celtic
Runners-up: Keadue Rovers Res
Saturday Division 2
Winners: Ramelton Mariners
Runners-up: Drumbar United
Saturday Division 3
Winners: Letterkenny Rovers Res
Runners-up: Erne Wanderers

Brian McCormick Cup
Winners: Letterkenny Rovers
Runners-up: Keadue Rovers
Voodoo Venue Cup
Winners: Strand Rovers
Runners-up: Drumbar United

Individual Awards

Premier Division
Player of the Year: James Gallagher (Fanad)
Top Goalscorer: Ryan Cunningham
Division 1
Player of the Year: Zach Gorman (Lkenny Rvs)
Top Goalscorer: Declan Duigan (Donegal)
Division 2
Player of the Year: Damien Glackin (Ballybofey)
Top Goalscorer: Sean Ferry (Lifford Celtic)
Saturday Division 1
Player of the Year: Michéal Doherty (Oldtown)
Top Goalscorer: Kevin McGrath (Oldtown)
Saturday Division 2
Player of the Year: Evan Hewitt (Ram Mariners)
Top Goalscorer: Evan Hewitt (Mariners)
Saturday Division 3
Player of the Year: Eugene Deery (Lkenny Rvs)
Top Goalscorer: Jordan Nugent (Lkenny Rovers)
Lifetime Achievement Awards
Hughie O'Donnell (Strand Rovers)
James Martin (Kerrykeel '71 FC)
Cathal Toland (Donegal League)
Patrick Sweeney (Fanad United)
Con McLaughlin (Referees' Society)



Oldtown Celtic Saturday Division One winners.

League of Ireland First Division

Ten-men Harps get a draw

Finn Harps 1-1 UCD

Finn Harps dropped a place to fifth in the First Division table but it was still a deserved draw against fellow promotion contenders UCD in Ballybofey on Thursday night. It was a reward for having to play with 10 men from the 25th minute following the straight red card received by Sean O'Donnell. Darren Murphy's side fell behind just before the break but got back on level terms thanks to Success Edogun's 53rd minute equaliser. It was the last game before the mid-season break and was unusually played on Thursday due to the European Championships starting the following night.

Murphy made three changes from the loss in Cobh with Tim Heimer returning in goals while O'Donnell and Aaron McLaughlin got to the start. Conor Walsh, David Cawley and Patrick Ferry. Shane McMonagle and longtime injury casualty Kevin Jordan returned to the subs bench. Former Shamrock Rovers and Dundalk star Ronan Finn was forced off with an injury after just 14 minutes forcing the UCD manager and Buncrana native William O'Connor into a personnel change. Edogun had a close-range effort blocked by stand-in captain Eanna Clancy before O'Donnell received his marching orders for an aggressive reaction to a free-kick being given against him in the UCD half. Afterwards manager Murphy said he had no issue with the straight red card issued by referee Alan Patchell.



UCD Danú Kinsella-Bishop defends the ball from Finn Harps Matty Makinson on Thursday night at Finn Park.

However, the Harps boss did take serious issue with the match official's awarding of a second half free-kick that he said could have cost his side dearly. The hosts had been the better side in the early changes but that all changed with the visitors in ascendancy up to half-time. They made that pay three minutes before the break when Clancy's clever pass released Jake Doyle who gave Tim Heimer no chance with an expert finish Murphy changed the formation at the break and it was brave going 3-4-2. It got a big reward on 53 minutes when Edogun ran onto a pass from Kerrykeel man Aaron McLaughlin to accelerate past the visitors defence and shoot low past Kian Moore.

That was a massive boost for the ten men and skipper Tony McNamee's powerful strike then forced Moore into an excellent stop. It was backs to the wall stuff for Harps for most of the rest of the game as Ryan Rainey and Luke O'Brien put their bodies on the line to block UCD goal attempts. The visitors only seriously tested Heimer on a couple of occasions with Mikey McCullagh's late cross forcing the keeper to turn the ball away. That the visitor's best opening fell to defender

Dunne spoke volumes as he saw a looping header first saved by Heimer then alertly cleared by the outstanding Baba.

And so, a point apiece as both go into the midseason break in promising league positions. Harps return to action with a trip to Bishopsgate to face Longford Town. UCD are also on the road, at St Colman's Park to play Cobh Ramblers next time out.

Finn Harps: Tim Heimer; Jamie Watson, Matty Makinson, Noe Baba, Stephen Doherty (Max Johnston 82), Ryan Rainey, Tony McNamee, Luke O'Brien, Sean O'Donnell, Success Edogun (David Cawley 91), Aaron McLaughlin (Patrick Ferry 62). Subs not used: Conor Walsh (Gk), Kevin Jordan, Mark Mbuli, Darragh Coyle, Shane McMonagle, Gavin McAteer.

UCD - Kian Moore; Alex Dunne, Eanna Clancy, Mikey McCullagh, Ronan Finn (Hugh Parker 14), Michael Raggett (Stephen Mohan 82), Niall Holohan, Danu Kinsella-Bishop (Colin Bolton 82), Adam Verdon, Luke O'Regan, Jake Doyle. Subs not used: Dara Kavanagh (gk), Sam Norval, Adam Brennan, Kyle Donoghue, Sean Mackey. Ref: Alan Patchell.

Mid-season break for Murphy's squad

It's the mid-season break now for Finn Harps. The squad has this week off and will return to action on Saturday 29th June when they travel to the Midlands to take on Longford Town. Darren Murphy's side is fifth in the table and well placed to be in the play-offs come the end of the season but there is still a lot of work to do to make that happen. 21 fixtures have been completed but there 15 games to go. Realistically Cork City are not going to get caught for the automatic promotion place. They are 16 points ahead of Harps. UCD are next and at this stage are favourites to finish second. They are four points ahead of Bray Wanderers and one in front of fourth placed Athlone Town who have a game in hand. Then it is Harps in the final play-off place at the moment. But, also in contention



Finn Harps Success Edogun in action against UCD on Thursday night.

to get into the top five is Wexford Youths who are four points behind Murphy's men but have a game in hand. Cobh Ramblers are still in the running as is Treaty who were five and six points respectively behind Harps at the mid-season break. Murphy will probably be looking to bring in a couple of players and in particular will need a replacement for Sean O'Donnell who is off on a USA soccer scholarship next month. Harps was five points behind UCD going into Thursday night's match and that remains the case. However, they slipped to fifth with Bray's win leapfrogging them up to fourth.

Richard Kerr sixth in Minnesota



The second round of the MotoAmerica Superstock 1000 Championship took Kilmacrennan man Richard Kerr and the AMD Motorsport/RK Racing team to the Brainerd International Raceway in Minnesota at the weekend with a brace of sixth place finishes enabling him to consolidate a top six position in the championship standings.

Free practice around the 2.5-mile circuit saw the 24-year old post the eighth fastest time and although he dropped a position during the first qualifying session later in the afternoon, he shaved almost a second off his time. He repeated this feat in second qualifying the following day with a time of 1'33.477s helping him close the gap to pole man and reigning champion Hayden Gillim and move up to seventh on the grid.

Richard was only 0.6s adrift of second place though with Gillim again dominating proceedings from the front, his pole time putting him 1.3s quicker than the rest of the field. He duly romped to victory in the 11-lap race on Saturday afternoon by over seven seconds but lapping close to his qualifying time, Richard brought the Honda home in a strong sixth place, just four tenths of a second behind fifth placed Nolan Lamkin.

Sunday saw warm conditions once more and Richard set a new personal best lap in the second 11-lap race to again claim sixth place with Jayson Uribe taking the win after Gillim crashed out early. With twenty points scored across the two races, he now sits in sixth place in the championship standings, only 18 pts behind second-placed Uribe.

The Kilmacrennan rider also contested the two MotoAmerica Superbike races where he again rode well, scoring three hard-earned points for 14th and 15th place finishes. Kerr said it was a very challenging weekend: "That's round two done and Brainerd turned out to be an enjoyable but tough weekend. We started strongly and weren't too far away from second place, but it was a tough track to learn - the first section was a bit like Thruxton and the second had parts similar to Cadwell. It was very bumpy too so I had a bit of everything although nothing I'm not used to. We're just struggling a bit to get the bike dialled in to the Dunlop tyres; learning the tracks is one thing, and difficult to do, but to try and go quicker on the new tyres and on a race weekend isn't easy. The more laps we do, the more we learn but finding that sweet spot is proving to be quite tough."

"We did make small improvements as the weekend wore on although a change for the last Superbike Cup race didn't go like we thought. On the plus side, we've learned more and got a lot more data which will hopefully help in the areas where I'm missing something; finding grip and getting on the gas out the corners. There were parts of the track where I was as quick as the other riders, but not in other parts which made it a bit frustrating but we didn't expect it to be easy! We're not far away though and we know we can do better. The good thing is that the next round is less than two weeks away so we can get stuck in again and try to get up to those podium positions. The team worked well again so a big thanks to them and all the sponsors."

The third round takes place at The Ridge Motorsports Park near Shelton, Washington starting on Friday week 28th June continuing on Saturday and Sunday.

MotoAmerica Superstock 1000 Championship standings (after two rounds)

- Hayden Gillim (Honda) 75pts
- Jayson Uribe (BMW) 59
- Bryce Prince (Yamaha) 57
- Ashton Yates (Honda) 55
- Benjamin Smith (Yamaha) 52
- Richard Kerr (AMD Motorsport/RK Racing Honda) 41

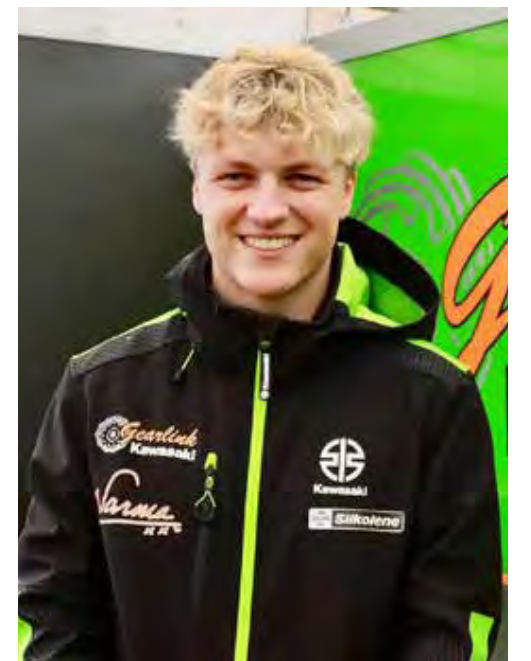
Irwin makes new team debut at Knockhill

Kilmacrennan man Rhys Irwin made his debut for new team Gearlink Kawasaki at the weekend on the Knockhill Race track in Scotland. In treacherous conditions for Round 4 of British Superbikes and with no testing following his move to the new team last week Rhys jumped up on the green machine and immediately landed back at the front of the grid.

Free Practice 1 and 2 saw Rhys with the fastest racers with a strong qualifying on Friday second fastest behind Jack Kennedy in his group securing a front row start in P3 overall. Race 1 was delayed with a thunderstorm taking proceedings to a halt and after the restart Rhys took the 600 Kawasaki across the line in P6, a great result for his maiden race on the green machine.

Last week Irwin signed for Gearlink Kawasaki on the Team Green Factory Kawasaki for the remainder of the 2024 British Superbikes Championship. Following an emotional decision to leave the Astro Suzuki Team Rhys has now begun a new chapter with Team Green UK on a factory bike having enjoyed huge success in 2023.

"I have made a very hard decision to leave Astro Suzuki UK where I had so many wins and podiums in 2023 in the Supersport Championship. My most proud accomplishment was scoring points in my first World Superbike Race and my successful debut at the iconic Daytona 200 USA. I would like to thank the entire team for their dedication to me over the past two years. Now I am ready for a new opportunity that



Gearlink has offered me on a factory supported ride. I had a mammoth task to jump on a very different bike without any testing at Knockhill at the weekend but I will give my new team 120% and embrace the remainder of the year. I would like to thank all my sponsors that have supported my racing career to date."

Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 13th June. The numbers drawn were 6, 17, 18, 25. The next draw takes place on Thursday 20th June and the jackpot is €10,000. There were 5 match 3 winners this week each winning €40 - Mary Doherty Prehen, Derry; Eamon Clinton, Devon, England; Michelle Scott, Jim Scully Dunwiley, Stranorlar and Mickey Mullin, Ballybofey. Enter today via finnharps.ie

Kerrykeel Vintage Show



Robbie Burns with Hughie McDaid at the Kerrykeel show.



Enjoying the entertainment at the Kerrykeel Vintage Show.



Nathaniel Rogers and Raymond Kyle at the show.



Ladies taking a break from cooking during the Kerrykeel Vintage Show.



Sisters in law, Phylis Stewart and Cathy Dill.



Amilia Friel, Katelyn Borland, Rhea Friel, Aoife Gibbons, Cassie Gallagher and Anita Peoples.

Billy Blaney, Ramelton with his 1959 4 Wheel Drive Massey Ferguson 65 which has rebuilt. It will feature in a forthcoming edition of the Irish Vintage Club magazine.



Catriona and Eddie Ferry, Maureen McGivern, Karen Ward and Brendan Brogan and Rua.

Fanad

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

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A great day for the young Fanad athletes at County Community Games finals on Sunday with eight competitors representing this area. Four gold medals were won by Caoimhe Kerr U16, Tiernan Kerr U14, Ruairi Kerr U12 and Zara Friel U10 and straight qualification to national finals. 1 silver medal for Megan Friel U8 and through to regional final in August. Aoibh Friel, Siofra Kerr and Conan Doherty all also represented the Fanad area with pride and competed strongly.

Thank You

Having just retired after 38 wonderful years of service as postman to the people of the Fanad peninsula, especially the people of Fanad West, I am filled with gratitude and fond memories. Delivering your mail was more than just a job for me; it was a privilege to be part of this incredible community.

Thank you for your kindness, support and care throughout the years. Your warm greetings, thoughtful conversations and unwavering trust made every day special. I have cherished our interactions and will always hold dear the connections we've made and the stories we've shared. The memories of my time as your postman will remain with me forever.

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes,
Patrick McFadden.

(over 18s). T he prizes include 1st prize - €7000; 2nd prize - €2000; 3rd prize - €1000 and there will be other prizes on the day to be won.

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

Grinds don Ghaeilge
Grinds available for all levels of students. Group rates available. Contact 086 357 8503 for more info. tion.



James Martin, Kerrykeel '71 Club who received a Lifetime Achievement at the Donegal Junior League presentations on Friday night in the Silver Tassie Hotel with Cathal Martin, Hughie Walshe, Kate Martin, Tony McBride and Marco Orsi. At front are Deirdre Walsh and Margaret Martin.



Members of the Premier Division winning Fanad Utd side with management and club officials at the Donegal Junior League presentation function in the Silver Tassie on Friday night. At front - Eddie O'Reilly, Eoin Logue, Daibhid Lynch. Back from left Darren Lynch, Odhran Grant, Paddy Friel (PRO), Mark McConigley, Paul and Darran Nash (backroom team), Martin McGonagle (Chairperson) and Oisín Langan.

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Future is bright for Creeslough sun protection!

In the event we finally do see some summer weather stick around for more than a few hours, visitors and locals alike can now avail of protection against the rays in the form of a new sun screen lotion dispenser on the village's main street.

It is located at the main entrance of the Creeslough Community Links Hub.

A spokesperson for the Creeslough Community Association stated: "In the event of the sun appearing this summer, we have you covered here at the CCA with our new Sunscreen Dispenser. Keep up to date with UV levels, lather yourself in some sunscreen, check yourself out in the mirror and keep yourself protected thanks to the HSE Ireland and Healthy Ireland National Cancer Control Programme."

They also thanked "one of our sunniest volunteers" James McFadden (right) for installing the dispenser to the centre's exterior wall.



Rilion Gracie crowned top Irish Jiu Jitsu team

It was a highly successful outing at the Irish Open Jiu Jitsu tournament in Co. Meath last weekend with members of Rilion Gracie Ireland taking over 30 individual titles to claim the overall championships title.

The competitors came from the association's clubs in Letterkenny, Donegal Town and Omagh and claimed the national team titles in both the Gi (uniform) and no Gi categories.

Among the total winning medals were four children who were crowned Irish champions in the kids division with some impressive displays.

In the history of the prestigious competition this is one of the few times the overall national title has been awarded to a team outside Dublin and is its first time in Donegal.

The competitors train under head coach Brian 'Barney' Coyle in Letterkenny, Bryan Gorman in Donegal Town and William Timoney in Omagh.

Ramelton's Coyle said he was delighted with the results and congratulated all those who took part.

"This was a great weekend for the clubs in our association and I want to say very well done to everyone," he stated.

He also thanked everyone who helped with the preparations beforehand and on the day of the event in Gormanston Park, Co. Meath.

This event is a major showcase of Irish Brazilian jiu Jitsu and the event attracted over 1,300 athletes from over 30 academies.

To learn more follow Rilion Gracie Ireland on Facebook and Instagram.



Lotefa leaves Harps

Chris Lotefa's loan spell at Finn Harps has ended with the 19-year-old returning to Bohemians after what was for him a disappointing four months with the First Division club. The attacking midfielder only started two games. Lotefa is the second player to leave Harps in the past week with Sean O'Donnell heading to take up a US soccer scholarship next month. It means manager Darren Murphy has been working on bringing in replacements ahead of the season resuming on Saturday week away in Longford.

Cloughaneely Golf News

On the inter-club scene, our Minor League team had a fantastic 5-0 win at home Vs Rosapenna Golf Club last Friday. Well done to Vincent Collum and his team the return leg is away in Rosapenna this Friday. Owenie Pro's Ulster Seniors had a tough battle Vs Strabane last Saturday winning both home matches but losing in a play-off on the 20th away a great effort well done lads. Our Jimmy Bruen team played a strong Faughan Valley Derry side last Sunday. A very close affair going down to the last hole but Faughan

Valley progressed winning 2.5 to 1.5 matches. Our Donegal Seniors play their return match Vs Bundoran this Sunday best of luck. This week we have the usual 9 Hole Singles on Friday. Saturday and Sunday is an Open Singles Stableford. Next week, we have Mrs. Roisin McGee's Lady Captain's Prize. A mixed foresomes on Thursday evening. On Friday 28th we have a 9 hole scramble all welcome draw at 5.45pm. On Saturday 29th we have both the Ladies and Gents competitions please book on clubnet. Presentation of prizes on Saturday @ 9pm in the clubhouse.

Acknowledgement

McBride

Rose Ann
Ardglass, Portsalon

The Friel family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Letterkenny University Hospital and all the carers who cared for Rose Ann.

We would also like to thank all the neighbours and friends for all their support and kindness. Special thanks to Fr Anthony Briody for his support and guidance throughout this time. Thanks to McAteer Funeral Directors for their professional handling of the funeral arrangements.

As it is impossible to thank each individual, please accept this acknowledgement as an appreciation to you all.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Rose Ann's Month Mind Mass will be held in St Columba's Church, Massmount on Saturday 22nd June at 7pm.

In Memoriam



O'Brien
Seamus Martin
Ballywhoriskey,
Fanad
16th Anniversary

In loving memory of Seamus who died on 18th June 2008 R.I.P.

*Those we love
don't go away
they walk besides
us every day
Unseen, unheard
but always near
Still loved, still
missed and very
dear to us all.*

Dearly loved and missed by your mother Grace, brother Neil and Carmel, Páidí and Ada.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 22nd June in St. Columba's Church, Massmount at 7pm.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

Gortnatraw South Td, Kerrykeel

I Roch Crozier am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for retention of existing dwelling house with septic tank and percolation area on this site at Gortnatraw South Td, Kerrykeel, County Donegal, for the provision of ancillary accommodation. 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. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council

Dunmore, Falcarragh

I Seamus Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to extend and refurbish existing dwelling house and install a new waste water treatment system with all associated site development works at Dunmore, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Dunmore. 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 re-

lation 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

Ummerafad, Creeslough

We, Damien & Maire Mc Ginley are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to extend and refurbish existing dwelling house and install a new waste water treatment system with all associated site development works at Ummerafad, Creeslough, County Donegal in the townland of Ummerafad. 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 obser-

vation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

I, Joseph Mc Gee am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for 1. Extension to front elevation of existing dwelling house and 2. Granny flat including all associated site works at Downings, Co. Donegal in the townland of Dundoan Lower. 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

Canal Road, Letterkenny
We, Carry Out (Letterkenny) C.M.M.C Limited, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for change of use of existing Commercial building to an Off Licence with all associated site development works at Canal Road, Letterkenny, County Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a

fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, 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

Keenanagh, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny

I, Noel McDermott am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to change the house type previously granted under Ref:22/50681 at Keenanagh, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Keenanagh. 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

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In Memoriam



Gallagher
Patrick
Cloughbane,
Downings
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of Patrick who died on the 23rd June 2017.

Time and years slip gently by but memories never die Will those who think of him today A little prayer to Jesus say.

Always remembered and never forgotten by his sister Mary, Cloughbane.



Gibbons
Paddy John
Carren, Kerrykeel
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear uncle and great uncle Paddy John who died on 26th June 2023.

I have so many memories of the times we spent together And even though you're no longer here I'll cherish them forever I miss your laughter so much and the mischief in your smile

When I feel the sadness welling up I'll remember it a while For though you are no longer here you'll never be truly gone So long as I have these memories your spirit will carry on So until I see your smile again I'll hold you in my heart and mind A shining example, my uncle. Of the best of humankind.

Always remembered by your niece Roisin and Frank.

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

Remembered always by grand nephew Fiachra.



Gallagher
Annie
Downings
28th Anniversary

In loving memory of a loving mother, Granny

Loved and missed beautiful memories last forever Always in our thoughts and prayers.

Loved forever Tricia, Cassie and Dylan.



McBride
Annie
Tirhoman, Milford
16th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother Annie who died on the 18th June 2008. R.I.P.

She never failed to do her best Her heart was true and tender She worked and toiled for those she loved And left them to remember.

Loved and sadly missed by all your family at home and abroad.



Kelly
Manus
5th Anniversary
23rd June 2019

Manus Our Dear Son

You died so suddenly, and just as quickly our lives changed in the most unimaginable of way

We don't know who we are or how to cope in this world without you, son You are no longer where you were Although we feel you everywhere We may not carry you in our arms But we will always carry you in our hearts The gates of memories will never close We miss you, Manus, more than anyone knows We love and miss you every minute of every day 'til we meet again, Our wonderful son, Manus.

Dearly missed and loved from his loving parents, Donal and Jacqueline.

Our Brother

You gave no one a last farewell, nor even said good-bye You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why

A million times we will miss you A million times we will cry If love alone could have saved you You never would have died Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

Dearly missed and loved by brothers and sisters, Brídín, Kelda, Ciara, Donal, Caolán, Teighearnán, Leon and Shannagh.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 23rd June at 11am in St Columba's Church, Glenswilly.

exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Lower Main Street, Letterkenny

I Paul Scott am applying to Donegal Co. Council for the following: Development which will consist of change of use of existing first and second floor office units to student accommodation at each floor level and associated works at Lower Main Street, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning the date



Kelly
Manus (Mandy)
Glenswilly
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband and father Manus who died on the 23rd June 2019.

I lost my loving husband my partner in my life He was one of a kind I was proud to be his wife But I have the memories of times we shared together that will live inside my heart from this day and forever For he was one of a kind, a husband like no other He was my best friend my soul mate and my lover

Rest in peace my angel I just want you to know I miss you more each passing day and how much I love you so And when I get to heaven I know what I will do You will be there with open arms and I will run to you.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife Bernie.

A million times I've needed you A million times I've cried If love alone could have saved you you never would have died In life I loved you dearly; In death I love you still. In my heart you hold a place, no one else can ever fill

It broke my heart to lose you but you didn't go alone Part of me went with you The day God took you home.

Missing and loving you everyday Daddy from Annie, Mandy, Charlie, Conán and Bella.

Along the road of life you found a little lane

That took you up to Heaven and ended all your dreams You may be out of sight we may be worlds apart; But you are always in our prayers and forever in our hearts

Missed beyond words McBride family in Kerrykeel.

Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Columbas Chapel, Glenswilly on Sunday 23rd June at 11am.

of receipt by the authority of the application.



McHugh
John
Forquar, Milford
11th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather John who died on 25th June 2013.

In the quiet of the evening you heard a gentle call And took the hand God offered you and quietly left us all.

As each day dawns we think of you As each night falls we pray for you And in between no matter where In our hearts you're always there.

Sadly missed by your loving wife, Mary and all the family at home and abroad.

In the jigsaw of our lives we've lost a special piece The cherished days we had are memories that never cease.

Those Sundays by the fire and the hugs for one and all Sadly they came to an end when you answered God's call.

But we know you're still watching from the clouds up above Guiding us through life with your kindness and your love.

Always remembered by your grandchildren.

Quietly today your memory is kept No need for words, we'll not forget.

Always remembered by the Coyle family.

The memories of the love and kindness you gave will last forever.

Always loved and remembered by your brothers and sisters and their families.

You always had a smile to share and time to care A loving nature, kind and true these are the memories we have of you.

Always remembered and missed by the Buchanan family.

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

Fondly remembered by Martin and Brigid Shields.

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm.

Acknowledgement

McGettigan

Sean
Ranny, Kerrykeel

The family of the late Seán McGettigan would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised and offered support during our recent bereavement.

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who attended the wake and funeral, to all those who lined the route, sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, messages of condolences, kindly brought food to the house and made donations to the RNLI.

A special thank you to the Emergency Services, Dr. McGuinness, Fr. Briody and Fr. Collum.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude.

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 29th June in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Glenvar at 6pm.



Wilkinson

Margaret
Raphoe
(formerly Creeslough)

We, the family of the late Margaret Wilkinson, would like to convey our heartfelt appreciation for the incredible support and condolences we've received following our recent loss. We deeply thank you all, family, friends, neighbours and those who travelled near and far, for your support during this difficult time.

A special word of thanks to those who brought gifts of food and refreshments and also to anyone who helped in anyway during the wake and funeral.

We are very grateful to the staff of Lifford Health Centre, Raphoe Pharmacy, A&E Letterkenny Hospital, Coronary Care Unit Letterkenny Hospital and also to the Paramedics, all who have provided great care to Margaret. To Harkins Funeral Directors, thank you for such care, kindness and professionalism. Thank you to Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGettigan, Fr. McMenamin and Fr. Duffy for officiating at the beautiful funeral Mass.

To Christy Murray and Austin Quinn, thank you for the beautiful uplifting music which added to the ceremony.

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

Margaret's Month's Mind Mass will take place on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm in St Eunan's Chapel, Raphoe.

Planning Notice

Donegal County Council The Racecourse, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny PO

I, Stephen O'Donnell am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction of eight number dwelling houses in the form of four Semi-Detached units with connection to existing services and all associated site development works at The Racecourse, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny PO, Co. Donegal in the townland of Kilmacrennan. The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority, in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee of 20 euros within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority.

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Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Lower Main Street, Letterkenny

I Paul Scott am applying to Donegal Co. Council for the following: Development which will consist of change of use of office unit to 1 no. apartment at second floor level and associated works at Lower Main Street, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Letterkenny. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not

Holy Trinity Church celebrates 150 Years

This Sunday the 23rd of June will see another Milestone in the history of Holy Trinity Church Dunfanaghy (1874-2024) and its congregation when the Bishop of Derry & Raphoe, the Rt Rev'd Andrew Forster will come to Dunfanaghy for a Service of C to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Church.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. The Church has played a central part in the lives of its congregation and the wider community for the past 145 years as the congregation got baptised, attended Sunday Worship, got married and were buried in it and Holy Trinity is a familiar landmark for those visiting Dunfanaghy and nowadays also forms part of the Dunfanaghy Heritage Trail.

When the church was built Dunfanaghy was still under British rule, Queen Victoria was on the throne of England. It was also a time of

great change for the Church in Ireland as Holy Trinity was built just 4 years after the passing the Irish Church Act in 1869 which disestablished the (Anglican) Church of Ireland, a body that commanded the adherence of a small minority of the population of Ireland, disassociating it from the state and repealing the law that required tithes to be paid to it. It also ceased to send representatives to the House of Lords. Existing clergy of the church received a life annuity in lieu of the revenues to which they were no longer entitled: tithe, rent charge, ministers' money, stipends and augmentations, and certain marriage and burial fees.

The passage of the Bill through Parliament caused acrimony between the House of Commons and the House of Lords, with Queen Victoria intervening personally to mediate. The Lords did extort from

the Commons more compensation to alleviate the disestablished churchmen, but in the end the will of the Commons prevailed. The Irish Church Act was a key move in dismantling the Protestant Ascendancy which had dominated Ireland for several centuries previously. This led to the Establishment of The Church of Ireland. Since then, Holy Trinity Church has stood through the 1916 Rebellion, Irish Independence, two World Wars and the Covid 19 Pandemic and the changing conditions and challenges that all churches now face in the new Millennia.

The history of the Protestant community in Dunfanaghy goes back hundreds of years, they first worshipped in what is now the ruin of Clondehorgh old Church which stands surrounded by its graveyard at Kill. This Church dates back to the 14th Century and predates the Reformation. The Church and



Holy Trinity Church Grounds in Dunfanaghy which will celebrate 150 years on 23rd June.



An older view of Holy Trinity Church, Dunfanaghy.

graveyard contains some old and interesting inscriptions including The Wray Tablet commemorating the original landlords at Ards and inside the old church is the burial place of the Stewart Landlords of Hornhead. The road leading past the site westwards provided access to Dunfanaghy and Hornhead and it went over the crossing now known as the Graveyard Road Crossing and through to where the New Lake is now. Hornhead was effectively an island before The Bridge was built in 1809 and the road into Dunfanaghy that we know now was not built so the Old Church at Kill was on the Main Road. In 1752 a new church St. John's in Ballymore was built and the old Church was abandoned meaning that the people of Dunfanaghy faced the prospect of travelling to Sunday service in Ballymore in all weathers. So, in 1873 the Parish of "Dunfanaghy

West" was formed and within one a half years they had a brand new church built dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The church the site of which was provided by A.J.R. Stewart and was opened for worship in 1873 consecrated on Trinity Sunday 1874 by Bishop William Alexander. The church cost £1200 a large amount of money for any community so soon after the Great Famine and is a great testament to all involved. It was built by McClelland of Derry and designed by John Lanyon of Belfast. The Church was crowded for the opening and the first Minister of the Church was John Brodie. There were 58 confirmation candidates confirmed 50 from Dunfanaghy and 7 from Myragh and one from Tullaghabeagley. In the evening the Bishop, Clergy and many of the Gentry present were entertained by Edmund Mur-

phy in his premises St. Patrick's at the bottom of the town. This house continues to provide great hospitality to those visiting Dunfanaghy as Arnolds Hotel.

The Church Bell was installed in 1877 and the Rectory was built in 1880. The Church Hall was built around 1907.

The last number of years have seen further improvements being made to the outside and inside of the Church to preserve it for generations to come.

In 1974 on the 100th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church the then incumbent Rev. Pritchard produced a booklet which to this day still provides a fascinating history not just of the church but for the Dunfanaghy area in general.

The 150th Anniversary Service is on this Sunday the 23rd June and everyone is welcome.

Creeslough

Death of Margaret Sweeney



The death took place on Sunday 16th June at the Donegal Hospice of Margaret (Maggie) Sweeney (nee McDermott) Ballyboes, Creeslough, F92YX09. Margaret was predeceased by her parents Patrick and Catherine and brother John.

Funeral Mass will take place in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough on Thursday 20th June at 12.00 noon with burial afterwards in Doe Graveyard. Mass can be viewed live on <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-michaels-church>.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her husband Vincent, daughters: Michelle (Johnny) and Claire (Shane),

brothers; Gerry, Packie, Michael, Andrew, Tony and Donal, sister Bridget and their families and wider family circle and friends.

St. Michael's Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 6,10,12,15,17,19. The match 5 winner was Sean Ferriter, Gortnalake who won €100. This week's jackpot will be €7000.

North West Coastal Challenge

North West Coastal Challenge - Donegals' newest adventure race will take place on 5th October. A fundraiser for Youth Development of all underage players in Naomh Micheál. The Club call on all club members to get involved, whether as participants or as volunteers or marshals on the day. Entries are now open: www.nwcc.ie.

Creeslough N.S Success

Minister for Further & Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Patrick O'Donovan T.D. awarded 23 Primary Schools in Donegal the SFI Curious Minds Award 2024. Congratulations to Creeslough N.S. on receiving Gold. The Programme aims to increase interest in science, technology, engineering and maths among Primary School students, parents and teachers nationwide in a fun, engaging way.

Thanksgiving Service

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dunfanaghy at 3.30p.m. on Sunday June 23rd to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Church and it's

Consecration. The Service will be led by the Rector, Rev. David Skuce, and the preacher will be the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt. Reverend Andrew Forster. You are most welcome to attend.

Retreats

There will be a Bereavement Retreat in Ards Friary from Friday June 28th until June 30th and on July 12th until July 14th. We invite you to come and honour your loss and discover the possibility of finding new ways of living that carries that loss with new hope

Ards Friary Shop

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

Mass in Doe

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

Holy Cross Church Dunfanaghy will have Mass for the dead on Saturday June 29th at 6p.m. and Graveyard Service (weather permitting) on Sunday June 30th at 3p.m.

Donegal Camino

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

dining options along with how to register and fund-raise are on www.donegal-camino.ie.

50/50

Congratulations to Hugh O'Donnell Og who won €350 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Creeslough Community Links Hub

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

2 Hand & Line Dancing
Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. No partner needed. Dance teacher is Celine.

Cloughaneely

The late Joe Woods



There was widespread regret in the local community on hearing of the sudden death of Joe Woods, Fanaboy, Gortahork on Sunday.

Joe was a well known and popular figure within the local community and he was a familiar face at the boxing tournaments in the area over the years.

He was predeceased by his parents Michael and Betty. Sympathy is extended to his brothers Michael, James, John and Martin, sisters Mary Bridget, Kathleen, Caroline, Elizabeth, Sophia, Barbara, Angela, Dolores, Theresa and Claire, in laws, nieces, nephews and a large circle of family and friends.

His Funeral this Thursday at 11am Requiem Mass in Christ the King Church, Gortahork with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery. Funeral mass can be viewed on www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-king-gortahork.

The late Dominic Gallagher

The death occurred recently in Letterkenny University Hospital of Dominic Gallagher, Fanaboy, Gortahork. He was predeceased by his parents Dominic and Annie and his brother Eamonn and sister-in-law Kathleen. Sympathy is extended to his sister Máire, her husband William, his brother Patrick, nieces, nephews and a circle of family and friends.

His Funeral took place on Sunday following Requiem Mass in Christ the King Church, Gortahork with burial taking place in the adjacent cemetery.

Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Band lotto last week and the numbers drawn were 1-5-6-8-14-18. Brid Barrett won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €7650.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations to Breege McVicar, Ballyconnell who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1017.

Registration is now open for summer camp. For more information contact 0749165750 or email ion-

adnf@gmail.com.

Fóilúntas ar Scéim Shóisialta Tuaithe Cloich Cheannfhaola

There currently are vacancies for general workers on the Rural Social Scheme in the Cloughaneely area. To be eligible to participate on the Rural Social scheme you must meet the criteria as laid down by the Department of Social protection. If you are interested please contact Joe for further information on 0871605930, before midday on Friday 28th June.

Preschool Booster

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

Safe to Call Service

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

Pobail Eascarrach

There currently is a vacancy for a general worker on the Rural Social Scheme at Pobail Eascarrach in Falcarragh. To be eligible to participate on the Rural Social scheme you must meet the criteria as laid down by the Dept of Social protection. If you are interested please contact Seanán Mac Aoidh on 085 8670762, before Friday 28th June.

Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach

6 Weeks Camp from 24th June-2nd August. Contact pobaleas@gmail.com nó 074 9180571 to register. Sport, Art, Karate, Nature, Friends, Fun, Music, Archery, Drama, Storytelling and much more. For children aged 4-12 years. 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday. €50/Child per week. Family discount - second child €40, third child €35.

Dates for your Diary

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

Pobail Le Cheile

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

Introduction to Pranic Healing and Healing Clinic. Learn about 'non-touch' energy healing system.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 24TH 8PM

COMMUNITY LINKS HUB

MAIN STREET CREESLOUGH F92YR6N



Pictured are Seán Ó Fearraigh, Scoil Naomh Dubhthach and Maria McHale, Food Dudes Project Manager at the Food Dudes Presentation Day at Waterfront Hotel, to celebrate the achievements of 450 schools that have completed their four-year participation in the award-winning Food Dudes Programme aimed at promoting health eating habits amongst primary school children

Portsalon Golf Club

Golf Clubs Request

If anyone has any old or spare left-handed clubs handy, they would be very much welcomed for our lady beginners. Contact Lady Captain Noreen if you have anything. Much appreciated in advance.

Marie O'Donnell Tournament

Dunfanaghy Golf Club hosted the Portsalon ladies in the first round of the Four-Ball MOD, and the ladies came away with a fantastic 2 ? matches from 5. There were some new faces this year on the team, and it's great to see the ladies enjoying match play just the way Marie O'Donnell intended it.

The home matches will be played in Portsalon Golf Club on the 30th June.

Mixed Fourball

The mixed fourball team travelled to Dunmurry Golf Club and hosted Dunmurry in Portsalon on Friday 14th June. In very close matches, Dunmurry came away the victors. Thanks to the Dunmurry Team and their captain Sean for their hospitality. Also, many thanks to our own team captain Sean Barrett, for all the work he has put into arranging pairs and matches.

Results

The winner of the Members Competition which is played on either Friday the alternate day, or Sunday was won by Monica McGettigan with 35 points. A mouthwatering display of golf from Aoife Brown must be congratulated, having scored 13 Pars and a Birdie to net 32 points on Sunday.

Club Matchplay

The singles Matchplay is into the second round. The play-by date is on the board, so please ensure you have completed each date by the due date and enter the name to go forward for the next round.

Dates for your diary - Friday 28th June - Mr Captain Pat Horner's Prize to the Ladies; Sunday 30th Marie O'Donnell team host Dunfanaghy Golf Club.

Letterkenny Golf Club

Prizegiving was held in Hunters Bar & Restaurant on Wednesday for the Following Competitions:

Value Centre Wholesale Open 29/05/24: Thomas McDonagh (12) 41, Winner. Eamon Stevenson (27) 41, 2nd. Jamie Foley (+2) 36, Gross. Tony Logue (15) 41, 3rd.

McGinley Motors LK Open 1/6/24: Shane Scanlan (3) 40, Winner & Gross. Conor Cassidy (18) 38, 2nd. Ciaran Brogan (21) 38, 3rd. Michael Nelis (28) 10, Cat 1. Rory Kenny (13) 36, Cat 2. Tim O'Farrell (22) 38, Cat 3.

Sunday Open 2/6/24: Donal Murphy (16) 39, Winner. Seamus Lynch (16) 38, 2nd. Patsy Lafferty (3) 33, Gross. Bank Holiday Open 3/6/24: Shane McClade (18) 39, Winner. Vinny McLaughlin (11) 37, 2nd. Kevin Rafferty (3) 32, Gross. Michael Colum (7) 36, 3rd.

DNG Boyce Gallagher McCahey Open 5/6/24: Ciaran Haran (11) 43, Winner. Brian O'Donnell (15) 40, 2nd. Kevin Rafferty (3) 35, Gross. Gareth McNern (24) 40, 3rd.

McGuirks Open Week 7/6/24: Ciaran Herron (11) 2 up, Winner. Diar-

mad Coll (17) 2 up, 2nd. Shane Blake (4) 2 down, Gross. Charlie Patton (12) 1 up, 3rd.

Specsavers LK Open Week 9/6/24: Damien Mc Glynn (28) 39, Winner. Vincent Bianconi (23) 38, 2nd. Shane Blake (4) 31, Gross. Adrian Flanagan (10) 38, 3rd.

Hickey Clarke & Langan Open Week 10/6/24: Kenny Harkin (9) 39, Winner. Niall Haran (18) 38, 2nd. Darragh McMenamin (scratch) 34, Gross. Tom Doherty (10) 38, 3rd. Shaun Duffy (4) 36, Cat 1. Diarmad Coll (16) 37, Cat 2.

Minor League

The Minor League team had a convincing 5-0 home win on Sunday against Portsalon GC. Having lost 3/2 in the first leg it was all to play for in Barnhill. The Letterkenny players rose to the challenge and with some craftily manipulated and strategic changes to the line out, the home side produced a memorable victory. Letterkenny will play either Nairn/Portnoo or B&S in the quarter final.

Barton Shield:

Well done to the Barton shield team (2 pairs of scratch foursomes) who have progressed to the Ulster semi finals of the competition. Letterkenny played 2 matches in Dunfanaghy yesterday.

Up first was @cruitislandgolf where Letterkenny won by 6holes in the morning. Then in the afternoon sealing a victory against a strong Ballybofey side which went all the way to the wire.

The first pairing of Jamie and Jack saw them come out on top, winning 1up on the 18th. With the second pairing of Chris and Darragh then losing 1dn on the 18th, meaning an overall tie, extra holes would be needed to decide the winner.

Both teams made par on the 1st play-off hole. Then things got nervy. With the Ballybofey pair safely in for par on the 2nd, Letterkenny were faced with a 20 foot putt to keep the match alive. Darragh and Chris carefully investigated the subtle slope of the testing Dunfanaghy green. Darragh decided to take the guess work out of the equation and rammed the putt into the back of the hole. Hole halved! Then, an opportunity came our way with Chris Duffy being left with a 10 foot sliding putt down the hill on the 3rd playoff hole. With his new Scotty Cameron putter in hand, Chris gently caressed the ball into the cup and saw Letterkenny take the victory. An extremely tough match played in great spirits.

The lads face Fortwilliam at a neutral venue in the semifinal. Date and venue to be confirmed but supporters from the club would massively be appreciated especially in these latter stages of the competition.

Team on the day were Jamie Foley, Jack Patton, Chris Duffy and Darragh McMenamin. Captain: Finian Ferry.

In the Pierce Purcell and City of Derry GC, the 2 home matches were convincing winners in each match leaving the minimum of a half match required away from home. In truth to this, Letterkenny got the overall victory and now play Newtonstewart GC on June 30th at 1pm.

Letterkenny Ladies It was a busy few days at Letterkenny Golf Club as 4 matches took place



Portsalon ladies who took part in the first round of the Marie O'Donnell Tournament at Dunfanaghy Golf Club last week.



Pictured are junior members of Letterkenny Golf Club receiving sponsored prizes from Connollys Volkswagen in Letterkenny.

during an exciting weekend of matches.

The Revive Active Team, captained by Monica Mc Donagh and Celine Markey won one match at home and two matches away against Whitehead and they now progress to the round 4. Congratulations to Monica, Celine and the team for the great result and thank you to all of the supporters.

The Challenge Trophy team under the captaincy of Mary Fowley and assisted by Kay Kelly had a strong performance against Allen Park both home and away and now progress to the next round. Thank you to all those who came out to support both home and away.

The Maire O'Donnell Team under the captaincy of Triona Daly and Anne Mc



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty presenting his Captains Prize back nine prize to Michael McBride.

Grath won in Greencastle and are through to the next round. Once again, thank you to all of the supporters.

The Minor Foursomes Team under the captaincy of Celine Bradley also had a great result as they defeated City of Derry Golf Club. Thank you to all those



Rosapenna Captain Enda McClafferty presenting his Captains Prize runner up prize to Luke Campbell.

who came out to support on the day.

Dates for your Diary

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

sored by Connolly Motors will be held on Friday 28th June. Teams of 4 and prize for best ladies team and a chip in the barrel and putting competition on the day. Your support would be greatly appreciated to support the junior Golf Academy at Letterkenny Golf Club.



Portsalon Mixed Foursomes team who were defeated by Dunmurray Golf Club on Friday last, from left Stuart Nicholl, Deirdre Hensey, Claire Ferry and Patrick McBride who played at home and Roisin McCormick, Karen McGlinchey and Sean Barrett.



Cllr. Michael McClafferty

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Cllr. Michael McClafferty and his hard working team pictured after his successful Election in Glenties.

Thank You

I want to say a massive thank you to every single one of you that came out to support me Friday 7th June. Thank you one and all so much for putting your trust in me once again. I'm overwhelmed by the support I've received.

To all of you, my team who stood behind me night and day, for the last two months. Knocking on doors night after night, giving me tremendous support behind the scenes.

To all of you who spent a long day in the Aura on Saturday keeping watch over the Tally's. Thanks you all.

To all my family, friends and neighbours who came to Glenties to be along side me while I got elected - thank you all very much.

To everyone who has taken time out to call, text or

message send cards, to me throughout the weekend - I appreciate every single one of them.

I'm looking forward to representing the people of the Glenties municipal area for another five years. I'm dedicated, motivated and excited to be given this opportunity.

And a special thank you to Aine my Manager who managed, matters to Military Precision as always in everything you do, let it be organising routes over seeing some difficult days or situations feeding us all every night after wards. Thank you Aine for everything you did for all of the team to ensure I retained a seat locally.

Cllr. Michael McClafferty



Dunfanaghy

The late Tommy Montgomery



There was widespread regret on hearing of the death in the Lakehouse Nursing Home in Portnablagh on Friday of Tommy Montgomery, Muntermellin, Hornhead. Tommy was 87 years old and a highly respected member of the local community. Like many of his generation he emigrated to work in Britain and his work led him to travel all widely over the years before he came home to live in Muntermellin with his wife Evelyn a number of years ago. He went on to work in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church and its environs on a CE Scheme with Tom McKemey and they developed the grounds into what we see today. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother John and sister Jean and son-in-law Duncan Lambe.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Evelyn Son Roy (Kathryn), daughters, Leasa, Maree (John); grandchildren, Kevin (Lindsay), Ryan, Connie, Greg, Jane and great grand daughter, Freya; brother in law and sister in law Robert and Sarah Ann Alcorn Hornhead, sister in law Babs Montgomery Greenhill, to his nieces and nephews and to the entire family circle. His Funeral Service in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday was conducted by Rev. David Skuce, the readers were Avril Montgomery, Mark Alcorn and Kevin Montgomery. The Organist was Hazel Alcorn. Rev. Skuce officiated at the graveside in the new cemetery at Kill.

The late Paul McElhinney

There was widespread regret on hearing of the death of Paul

McElhinney Portnablagh, Dunfanaghy and London. Paul was a well-known member of the local community who spent a large part of his life working in London, making many visits home to visit his friends and family. He was 59 years old and was predeceased by his parents Francis and Ruth. In 1988 he moved to London and his friend John Nugent shared some reflections on Paul's life there.

Paul had an outstanding career in restaurants and hospitality. His proudest moment, was launching his own business back in October 2001 - the Draper's Arms in Islington. His Funeral Service in St. Johns Church in Ballymore on Thursday was conducted by Rev. David Skuce who also officiated at the graveside in the adjoining Cemetery. The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to his partner Ricky to his extended family and wide circle of friends.

The late Nicholas Patrick Meenan



The death has occurred of Nicholas Patrick Meenan late of Thame Oxfordshire and formerly of Tory Island and the Cottages, Hornhead Road. Nicholas was a member of the Meenan family who lived in the cottages on the Hornhead road. He always kept up his interest in Dunfanaghy and his Tory Island returning home for visits over the years.

Nicholas passed away peacefully at Florence Nightingale Hospice in the company of his wife Mary and caring daughter Kerry. Predeceased by his brother Peter and sister Mary.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Mary, sons Peter and Paul, daughter Kerry and siblings Michael, Sadie and John. to his daughters in law Orla and Sarah, and his son

in law Chris, his grandchildren Seb, Charlie, Jack, Harry, Martha, Nellie and Daisy, as well as his extended family, nieces, nephews, neighbours and his circle of friends.

A funeral service will take place at St Edmund Campion RC Church, Watlington, Oxfordshire at 2.30pm on 28th June, with the cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Wake to be held at Holiday Inn, Pear Tree, Oxford that evening.

Mass in Doe

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Family Resource Centre

Wellness Café on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon in the Workhouse.

Therapeutic Counselling for Adults, Children & Adolescence. Book via the Pastoral Centre - 074 9121853.

Dunfanaghy FRC Quiz Nights in Arnolds Hotel starting Tuesday 2nd July at 9.30pm sharp in aid of supporting, improving and enriching the lives of Children, Families and individuals in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas. Note the quiz on Tuesday 30th July will be in aid of Dunfanaghy August Fair. For further information contact: Bernie 0830730714 or email: dunfresource@gmail.com.

Citizen Information Service Monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, next meeting 9th July 10-12noon. No booking necessary- drop in welcome.

DLDC Health Support Outreach Drop-in - Need help with form filling such as Medical Card, application/ renewal or updates.

Dunfanaghy FRC next clinic on Wednesday 10th July 10am - 1pm. Contact Georgina on ggallagher@dldc.org or text/whatsapp 0860133203 to book an appointment.

Regional Employment Service Employment support including CV preparation Call Mary on 0879926681 email: mhiggins@dldc.org, Next meeting Wednesday 03rd July, 10- 12noon.

St. Michael's Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 6,10,12,15,17,19. The match 5 winner was Sean Ferriter, Gort-

Littering concerns along N56

Cllr. Michael McClafferty

Cllr. Michael McClafferty is expressing his concerns of the rise in Littering along the rural roads and the N56 Road, stating, "In recent weeks, I've noticed a rise in littering not just on the rural roads but also along the N56. It's very disappointing, especially considering the recent implementation of recycling programs for plastic bottles and cans etc. The goal of the new program was to increase and encourage recycling in each household, which in turn would help reduce littering.

As we approach peak tourist season, it's disheartening to see our roads lined with litter, especially since Donegal has won many awards in recent years for our unspoiled scenery.

In recent weeks, I've received messages from members of the public expressing their frustration with camper vans and littering issues at our local beaches. I believe we need to develop a stricter littering policy and implement a more rigorous fining process. I understand that our county heavily relies on tourists during peak seasons, however, their presence should not lead to the degradation of our beaches and parks, which we are so proud of. If Donegal establishes a reputation for being anti-littering and strictly imposing fines, I believe it will make a positive impact.

I am not implying that all our littering issues are caused by tourists. I have witnessed items such as mattresses, broken shopping trolleys, and various household rubbish being dumped



- which were clearly not the result of tourist activity.

If we can create better awareness for everyone and implement these measures, it will greatly benefit our community and environment. We need to demonstrate our commitment to rigorously enforcing anti-littering measures throughout the entire county, concluded Mr McClafferty.



Sixth class graduates Matthew, Joseph, Beau and Megan from Ballymore National School.

nalake who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €7000.

50/50

Congratulations to Hugh O'Donnell Og who won €350 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Prayer Meeting

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

fering 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. .

Dunfanaghy Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market is open under the Green Gazebo every Saturday from 10am until 1pm with a wide selection of home baking, handknits and crochet personalised crafts, jewellery, vegetables and flowers.

GAA Club News

St. Michael's

The Seniors and Reserves travelled to Magheragallon on Sunday to take on Gweedore but both teams were defeated. The Seniors lost 0-8 to 0-7. Scorers: Kyle McGarvey 0-2, Edward O'Reilly, Carlos O'Reilly, Kieran Kelly, Martin McElhinney, Oisín Langan 0-1 each.

Team: Mark Anthony McGinley; Paddy McGinley, Liam Paul Ferry, Stephen Doak; Kieran Kelly, Michael McGinley, Martin Breslin, Kyle McGarvey, Antoin McFadden; Paul Johnson, Carlos O'Reilly, Andrew Kelly; Edward O'Reilly, Martin McElhinney, Oisín Langan.

The Reserves also lost 6-24 to 0-3.

Kyle McMullan, Kit Regan, Seamas Ferry Thomas O'Donnell, Tomas Gribben, Peter Sweeney, Callum Finnegan, Andy Ward, Ethan Ferry, Luke McCarry, Dylan O'Toole, Packie O'Neill 0-3, Dean Fleming, John Flynn Robbie Murray.

Both teams are at home to St. Eunans on this Friday evening the 21st June at The Bridge at 6.30pm and 8pm.

North West Coastal Challenge

North West Coastal Challenge - Donegals' newest adventure race on 5th October - save the date. A fundraiser for Youth Development of all underage players in Naomh Micheál. We call on all our club members to get involved, whether as participants or as volunteers or marshals on the day. Entries are now open : www.nwcc.ie.

Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 6,10,12,15,17,19. The Match 5 winner was Sean Ferriter Gortnalake who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €7000.

U12 Boys triumph over McCumhails

In a Div 3 clash, our U12 boys showcased their grit and determination, securing a well-deserved victory against a formidable McCumhails side.

Results

Wednesday 12th June

U14 NRB Division 2 Semi Final Milford 8-9 St. Michael's 2-15

Friday 14th June NRB Division 3 Round 5 Sean Macumhaill 0-0 St. Michael's 0-1

Monday 17th June

NRB U14 Division 2 Round 3 St. Michael's 1-8 Letterkenny Gaels 1-8

Fixtures

Wed 19th U8's Away v Milford 6.30pm

Thurs 20th U14 Girls Away v Milford 7pm

Fri 21st U12 Boys D1 & D3 Away to Naomh Conaill 6.30pm.

GLG Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior footballers recorded a victory over Robert Emmetts last Thursday and are free this weekend. The lads travel to Dunkineely to take on Naomh Ultan on weekend of 29th June.

The senior ladies travel to Convoy this Sunday morning to take on St. Mary's at 10.30am.

Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 11/6/24

3-6-7-17 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Maurice Friel, Rathmullan.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 22nd of June: Maple, Milford. U8 Boys.

Sponsorship

Thanks to Paul Mc Elhinney (from Mc Elhinney REA) for his kind sponsorship of polo t-shirts for the U16 boys team.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Senior Men

Our Senior men recorded a good victory over Fanad Gaels 2-12 to 0-10. The Reserves were very unlucky to lose out by 4-6 to 1-13

Both teams now travel to the Rosses to play Naomh Muire Iochtar na Rosann with the Seniors throwing in at 6pm and the Reserves at 7.30pm.

U16 Boys

Our U16 boys drew with Glenswilly in a very close encounter on Monday on a scoreline of 3-9 each.

U14 Boys

Our U14s had a great victory at home to St Michaels last Wednesday 8-9 to 2-15. They now face Glenfin in the U14 Northern Div 2 final.

U12 Boys

Our U12 Navy team had a great win away to Mac Cumhails on Friday. The Blue team are home to Downings on Monday.

U8 Girls

The U8 girls had a great evening on Friday against Fanad Gaels and Downings.

Club Summer Camp

The Club is running a summer camp from 7th to 9th of August, from 10am to 1pm daily, for Primary school children. The cost is €50 for 1st child and €40 per sibling which includes a new training top.

Registration is via Clubforce and the closing date for applications is 30th of June.

Club Golf Classic

The Club are running a golf classic in Portsalon Golf Club on Friday 9th of August. Teams cost €300 and tee and green sponsorship is €100.

Please contact - Aodh Mc Cormack 0878131565; Donall Barrett 0868353701; Aidan Cannon 0876784787; Shaun Strain 0879013504; Roisin McCormack 0879188795; Tracy Peoples 0863777458

Gaeil Fhanada

Lotto Results 16/06/2024

Numbers: 1, 17, 19, 21, 23. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Siobhan Coyle. This week's Jackpot: €1,400.

June Grab a Grand

Tickets are currently on sale for our June Grab a Grand.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Déardaoin, 20ú Meitheamh

Cailíní Faoi 14

Gaeil Fhánada v An Clochán Liath @ 8:30

Dé Sathairn, 22ú Meitheamh

Sraith Roinn 2 (Cluiche Tacaíochta)

Gaeil Fhánada v Na Cealla Beaga @ 6:00

Sraith Roinn 2 (Sinsear)

Gaeil Fhánada v Na Cealla Beaga @ 7:30

Dé Domhnaigh, 23ú Meitheamh

Peil na mBan - Roinn 1

An Clochán Liath v Gaeil Fhánada @ 10:30

Seniors and reserves host Killybegs

Sraith - Roinn 2

Gaeil Fhánada v Na Cealla Beaga

Dé Sathairn, 22ú Meitheamh

Cluiche Tacaíochta: 6:00 Sinsear: 7:30

Dungloe trip for the ladies

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 1

Gaeil Fhánada v An Clochán Liath Dé Domhnaigh, 23ú Meitheamh @ 10:30

Reserves by a point

Gaeil Fhánada 4:05 Baile na nGallóglach 1:13

It went right to the wire, but when all was said and done at the end of the reserve game, the four Gaeil Fhánada goals had the decisive say in what was a brilliantly contested and very entertaining encounter.

Gaeil Fhánada: Brian Gallagher, Emmet Kelly, Seamus Coyle, Aaron Mc Conigley, Jamie Mc Ateer (1:00), Ronan Mc Ateer, Paul Coyle (0:01), Michael Mc Devitt (1:00), Eoin Mc Gonigle (0:01), Charlie Crerand, Bernard Mc Gettigan (1:00), Seán Friel (0:01), Dan Kerr, Paul Friel (1:01), Fergal Friel. Joshua Mc Ateer (0:01) for Seán Friel, Eoghan Logue for Charlie Crerand, Darragh O'Doherty for Dan Kerr, Shaun Coyle for Paul Friel. Andrew Friel, Conor Mc Conigley.

Senior Men

Baile na nGallóglach 2:12 Gaeil Fhánada 0:10

Milford struck the back of the net twice in the opening period, opening a significant gap in the process, and although Gaeil Fhánada rallied and battled for the remainder, the deficit was too much to claw back, and a few late Milford scores put the gloss on their victory. Mark McConigley, Calum McAteer, Shaun Kerr, Oisín McFadden (0:01), Brandon Mc Clafferty, James Gallagher, Eoghan Carr, Odhrán Shiels, Paddy Carr, Mark McAteer, Liam McGrenaghan (0:04), James Kerr (0:01), Darren McElwaine (0:03), Michael Sweeney (0:01), Alan McAteer. Sean Carr for Mark McAteer, Jimmy Coyle for Brandon McClafferty, Mark Friel for Liam McGrenaghan, Paddy Heraghty for James Kerr, Ronan McAteer for Oisín McFadden.

Seniors Ladies v Termon

The Gaels probably shaded the first ten minutes of Sunday morning's clash in Portsalon, but inspired by Geraldine Mc Laughlin, Termon got into their stride. Rosheen McGinley, Shauna Howe, Tori Gallagher, Niamh McDevitt, Maggie Friel, Aoife Gibbons, Michelle Doherty, Eimear Sweeney, Eiméar Gibbons, Siobhan Sweeney, Caoimhe Barrett, Rachel Sweeney, Iseult Ní Mhathúna, Hannah Shiels, Mairead Coll. Subs used: Méabh McAteer, Jessica Coll, Caoimhe Walsh, Méabh Sweeney, Erin Carlin, Grace Begley, Olivia Friel, Eibhlín Shiels, Rachael Friel, Méabh Duffy.

Senior Ladies v Downings

Na Dúnaibh 3:10 Gaeil Fhánada 0:08

A blistering first eight minutes from the hosts set them on their way to victory in this re-arranged league encounter on Thursday as they posted 2:03 without reply at Páirc na nDúnaibh. Rosheen McGinley, Michelle Doherty, Tori Gallagher, Olivia Friel, Méabh Mc Ateer, Maggie Friel, Siobhan Sweeney, Eimear Sweeney (0:01), Iseult Ní Mhathúna, Rachael Friel, Caoimhe Walsh (0:01), Hannah Shiels (0:04), Eibhlín Shiels, Rachel Sweeney (0:01), Mairead Coll (0:01). Shauna Howe for Michelle Doherty, Aoife Gibbons for Ol-

ivia Friel, Erin Carlin for Eibhlín Shiels, Michelle Doherty for Rachael Friel.

U14 Boys secure final place

Well done to our U14 boys side who qualified for the Division 3 Northern Regional Board Final after securing victory over Mac Cumhail's. Shaun Ward, Jack Dunleavy, Ronan Wilson, Ronan Gibbons, Cillian Gilmore, Kieran Carr, Donnacha Dorrian, Johnny Gallagher, Conn McLaughlin, James Anthony Peoples, Michael Peoples, Ruairi Kerr, Patrick McConigley, Colin McBride, Ollie McAteer, Adam Heraghty, Tyler McAteer.

Victory for the u14 Girls

Gaeil Fhánada 3:13 Cloich Cheann Fhaola 5:03

Gaeil Fhánada's u14 Girls travelled to Falcarragh to play Cloich Cheann Fhaola in their opening U14 Division 1 league fixture last weekend.

Cailíní Faoi 12

Well done to our U12 girls on another strong performance against Milford on Sunday in Páirc Radharc na Maoile.

U8 Girls

Our U8 girls travelled to Milford on Friday evening, and played games against both Milford and Downings on the evening.

Cúl Camp Bookings

Bookings for the Gaeil Fhánada Cúl Camp will take place from the 1st - 5th July this year.

St Eunan's

Rally Campsite

This weekend sees the Donegal International Rally campsite come to O'Donnell Park. This is the biggest fundraiser for the club and takes a lot of planning and help over the weekend to make the event run smoothly. If anyone can call to O'Donnell Park for a few hours between Friday and Monday it would be greatly appreciated as we need all hands-on deck. Jobs include directing traffic in and out of O'Donnell Park, helping park cars, picking up litter (especially on Monday afternoon) etc. Please be advised that there will be 24/7 Security and first Aid on site.

All County League

The senior and reserves men's teams were at home to Gleann Fhinne. The reserve game ended in a win for the home side 1-13 to 2-8.

Senior men

Nh Adhamhnáin 2-15 : 0-8 Gleann Fhinne

Scorers: Eoin McGeehin 2-2; Conor O'Donnell Jnr 0-3; Darragh Mulgrew, Pauric Boyle 0-2; Caolan Ward 0-2; Anthony Gallagher 0-1, Kevin Kealy 0-1 Dylan Doogan 0-1, Eamon Doherty 0-1. Team: Ronan McGeehin; Anthony Gallagher, Conor Parke, Caolan Ward; Peter Devine, Kieran Tobin, Dylan Doogan; Conor O'Donnell (Snr), Kevin Kealy; Oran Winston, Jake Whelan, Conor O'Donnell (Jnr); Pauric Boyle, Eoin McGeehin, James Kelly. Subs: Darragh Mulgrew for Winston. Jordan O'Dowd and Brian Macintyre for Mulgrew and Boyle, Conor Morrison, and Eamonn Doherty Devine for Parke.

Upcoming Fixtures:

The Reserves are away to St Michaels on Friday June 21st at 6:30pm.

The Seniors are away to St Michaels at 8pm.

Our Men's division 4 team played Ardara and won 4-14 to 3-6.

Minor Board:

Upcoming U18 fixtures:

Monday June 24th NRB U18 Division 1 League Final

Cloich Cheann Fhaola v Naomh Adhamhnáin 8pm in Downings.

U16 Results:

Monday June 17th -NRB U16 Division 1 Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-10 : 2-7 An Tearmainn.

Upcoming U16 fixtures:

Monday June 24th All County U16 Division 1 Four Masters v Naomh Adhamhnáin 7.30pm at Four Masters.

Wednesday June 26th NRB U16 Division 3 Na Dunaibh v Nh Adhamhnáin 7pm.

Wednesday June 26th NRB U16 Division 1 Gaoth Dobhair v Naomh Adhamhnáin 8pm.

U14 Results:

Monday June 17th -NRB U14 Division 1 Gaoth Dobhair 1-6 : 4-15 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

Upcoming U14 fixtures:

Wednesday June 26th NRB U14 Division 1 Naomh Adhamhnáin v Cloich Cheann Fhaola 6:30pm.

Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies played Naomh Mhuire InaR and came away with a 2-point win at the Banks 2-6 to 1-11.

Hurling

Junior Hurling Championship Round 1 - Friday, June 21st. Burt v Nh Adhamhnáin 7pm.

Senior Champ Group B Round 1 - Sunday, June 23rd Nh Adhamhnáin v An Clochan Liath 2pm

Termon

Senior

Sunday's fixtures in the All County League didn't go the way of the senior men's teams against Dungloe at Rosses Park. Having been five points up at the break the senior's ended on the wrong side of the result, losing by four points to the hosts.

In the opening game, the reserve men drew their tie with Oran Gallagher scoring the Termon goal.

The thirds also drew their Division Four fixture with MacCumhails last Friday in Ballybofey, Aaron Gallagher and James Doherty bagging the goals.

Ladies Board

Senior ladies continued their winning ways on Sunday, with a trip to Fanad and came away with a comfortable win. A good shift was put in by all the team, especially the younger girls such as Niamh Bonner, Cayla McFadden and Kate McCafferty.

The U14 girls continue their season with a home game on Saturday at 11am against Naomh Muire.

Congratulations to Leah O Gara, who will represent the club at the school's county skills competition this week in Convoy.

Minor Board

The U12 boys had a fantastic day at the GO Games Activities Day in Croke Park. A brilliant experience for the 24 boys & coaches and one that will live in the memories for a long time to come.

Our U10 boys travelled to Ardara to take part in the very well run Joe Larry memorial tournament.

Our U9 & U11 boys headed to St John's GAA club in Sligo to take part in their annual summer blitz where they played teams from Donegal, Sligo, Mayo and Galway.

Club 300

The June Club 300 lucky winners were:

€1,000 ~ DB Sheilds, Glen, Carrigart, €500 ~ Joseph Wilson, Cloncarney, Trentagh, €300 ~ Ross & Rory Gallagher, Doon, Termon, €200~ Terance Diver, Divers Hyundai, Letterkenny.

Lotto

Lotto Results 16/6/2024 - Numbers drawn were 5, 11, 15, 21. There was no winner of the €2100 Jackpot. There were five Match 3 winners of €20 - Barry Nelis, Michelle Friel, Sean Friel, Daniel Lynch and Sally Trearty. The Quick Pick €10 went to Margaret Orr. Next week's Jackpot is €2150.

Bingo

Bingo this Friday continues at An Craoibhin, €4500 in prizes.

Cloughaneely

Campa Samhraidh

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

Buíochas

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Mary Harkin, Raylene Coyle, Claire Cannon, Yvonne Gallagher, Caolán Ferry, Shaun Curran, Christopher Barrett, Diarmuid Coyle, Micheál McHugh, Kevin Boyle, Matthew Ryder, Patrick Doohan, Eamon Sweeney, Kevin Doohan, Éadaoin Ní Bhaoill, Catherine Kelly agus Eva Carraon a bhí amuigh ag díol lotto le cúpla seachtain anuas.

An tSraith Roinn 2 - Sinsir

CCF: 3-18 Naomh Náille : 0-12

An tSraith Roinn 2 - Foinne Tacaíochta

CCF: 4-11 Naomh Náille: 3-5

Sraith Faoi 14 na gCailíní-Roinn 1

CCF: 5-3 Gaeil Fhánada: 3-14

Blitzchomórtas Scoile Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Bhí lá ar dóigh ag na páistí uilig ag Blitzchomórtas Scoile CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola. Comhghairdeas le Scoil Fhionáin, An Fál Carrach a bhain an cupa agus na scoileanna uilig a bhí páirteach agus tá muid buíoch daofa as a gcomhoibriú leanúnach.

Buíochas fosta do Remy Moran, Paddy McClafferty agus George Montgomery a chuidigh linn an lá a réachtáil. Tá muid buíoch do na himreoirí contae faoi aois, Donnachadh Ó Baoighill agus Elianne Nic Pháidín a bhronn na boinn agus an corn. Tá muid fíorbhuíoch do Ghlór na nGael a chur maoiniú ar fáil dúinn faoi Fhondúireacht Sheasaimh Mhic Dhonncha leis an blitzchomórtas a réachtáil.

Sraith Faoi 14 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 1

Bhí bua iontach ag na leids ar an Tearmann. The lads had a great win over An Tearmann.

Cluiche Leathcheannais Faoi 14 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 3

CCF: 1-6 Aodh Rua, Cúl na gCurraidín: 2-10

Lotto

The numbers drawn were 10,11,12,13,14,15. We had 14 match 4s. Congratulations to Emily Rose Boyle who wins €100. The jackpot is now €7,050.

Comhbhrón

We extend our deepest condolences to Aodh, Geraldine and the Mac Ruairi family on the passing of their son, Fionán and to Michelle McKenna, Donegal LGFA secretary, James and the McKenna family on the passing of their son, Jimmy. Our thoughts are also with our fellow Gaels in CLG Naomh Muire, Iochtar na Rosann and Bunrana GAA at this sad time. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a n-annnacha uaisle.

All-Ireland Series Group 3

Easy for Donegal in Castlebar



Oisín Gallen is tackled by Cillian Rouine on Saturday in Castlebar.

Donegal 2-23 Clare 0-5

When Ryan McHugh netted an early goal it seemed pretty clear that Donegal were going to comfortably see off the challenge of Clare in their final Group 3 qualifier in Castlebar on Saturday. Even better was the news coming from Tullamore that Tyrone had done their neighbours a very big favour by defeating Cork thus ensuring that Jim McGuinness's is straight through to the All-Ireland quarter-finals. It was a sorry day for the Banner County at McHale Park as Donegal ended up winning the match by a massive 24-point margin to top the group.

McGuinness had to reset the players focus after the away loss to Cork and he did that in some style. Donegal were strong favourites to defeat Clare but the manager had to make sure that there was no complacency and the fact that they lost to Cork was perhaps no harm in hammering the message home that their opponents on Saturday were not to be underestimated.

McGuinness made one late change from the 15 named on Friday with Odhrán Doherty coming in for Daire O Baoill in the half-forward line. In the team named on Friday Jason McGee was absent due to injury with Mark Curran coming in at corner-back. Ciaran Moore was moved from there to midfield and while there was some speculation that the St. Eunan's man might be moved back to a more defensive position that did not materialise. The panel also saw the return of Hugh McFadden and Conor O'Donnell to the bench, while reserve goalkeeper Gavin Mulreany was replaced by Daithí Roberts.

Donegal were playing into the breeze in the first before a crowd of 6,000 mostly fans of their own.

McGuinness waits on last eight opponents

Jim McGuinness will know the identity of Donegal's opposition in the All-Ireland quarter-finals after the four preliminary round games for last eight places are confirmed next weekend. Donegal, Dublin, Kerry and Armagh secured their places in the quarter-finals last weekend with those fixtures taking place on Saturday and Sunday June 29th and 30th.

The draws for the quarter-finals proper will take place next Monday 24th June. If either Cork or

Clare who came into this All-Ireland series on the back of two defeats had the opening point from an Emmet McMahon free but didn't score again in the first half. The underdogs conceded a goal on five minutes when Shane O'Donnell and Oisín Gallen combined for Ryan McHugh to rifle the ball into the top corner of the net.

That really rocked Clare as their opponents landed a string of scorers courtesy of Patrick McBrearty (0-3), Mark Curran, Oisín Gallen (0-2, one 45'), Ryan McHugh (0-2), Michael Langan, Peadar Mogan and Ciaran Thompson 0-1 each. Donegal led by 13 points at the break (1-11 to 0-1). Four minutes after the restart Oisín Gallen netted a second Donegal goal.

Carndonagh's Conor O'Donnell made his first appearance of the season after a long injury lay-off coming on for the second half to hit two points. Ryan McHugh and Gallen ended up joint top scorers with 1-4 each.

Donegal - Shaun Patton; Mark Curran (0-01), Brendan McCole, Eoghan Ban Gallagher; Ryan McHugh (1-04), Caolan McGonagle, Peadar Mogan (0-01); Ciaran Moore (0-01), Michael Langan (0-01); Shane O'Donnell (0-01), Ciaran Thompson (0-02), Odhrán Doherty; Paddy McBrearty (0-05), Oisín Gallen (1-04, 0-02 '45'), Niall O'Donnell. Subs: Conor O'Donnell (0-02) for M Curran (ht); Daire Ó Baoill (0-01) for O Doherty (ht); Stephen McMenamin for E Ban Gallagher (42); Hugh McFadden for Langan (50); Kevin McGettigan for Mogan (58).

Subs not used: Daithí Roberts, Jack McKelvey, Aaron Doherty, Jamie Brennan, Donal McBride, Charles McGuinness.

Tyrone progress, where possible, Donegal would not play them in the last eight. Monday morning saw the draw take place live on RTE Radio 1's early sports bulletin for the preliminary quarter-finals. GAA President Jarlath Burns and senior official Fergal McGill made the draws:-

Louth v Cork
Tyrone v Roscommon
Galway v Monaghan
Mayo v Derry

Eoghan Bán set for 100th appearance

Killybegs man Eoghan Bán Gallagher is set to make his 100th senior appearance for Donegal in the All-Ireland quarter-finals at Croke Park on the weekend after next. The County's leading GAA statistician Fr. Sean Gallagher tells us that the classy defender made his 99th appearance for Dún na nGall in Senior competitive football on Saturday against An Clár in Castlebar. He made his debut on the 3rd January 2016 in a Dr McKenna Cup tie against An Dún in Bealach Féich. His N.F.L. debut was on the 7th February 2016 against Corcaigh in Béal Átha Seanaidh. Eoghan Bán made his Senior Football Championship debut on the 25th of June 2016 against Muineachán in Páirc Bheirne.

Kilcar men on Team of the Week

Ryan McHugh and Paddy McBrearty who scored a combined total of 1-9 in Saturday's win over Clare were named on the GAA.ie Football Team of the Week on Monday. It turned out to be a Castlebar cruise for Jim McGuinness's side who won on a 2-23 to 0-5 scoreline to secure a place in the All-Ireland quarter-finals. McHugh notched 1-4 in the final Group 3 game while fellow Kilcar man and Donegal skipper McBrearty contributed 0-5.



Paul McElhinney (from Mc Elhinney REA, Milford) presenting new polo t-shirts to the Milford GAA U16 boys (from l-r) Ryan McElhinney, Conor Mc Laughlin, Shea Cannon (captain), Jack McLaughlin and Calvin Gallagher.

All-County League Division 2

Local derby win for Milford

Milford 2-12 Gael Fhánada 0-10

It was a comfortable home Division 2 win for Milford on Sunday in the local derby against Fanad Gaels. Jamsie McGinley's side always had the upper hand despite playing with 14 players for a ten-minute spell in the latter stages of the first half. The hosts led 2-6 to 0-5 at the break with the help of goals from Cathal McGettigan and Donegal senior squad member Rory O'Donnell. Gael Fhánada manager Finbar O'Neill will certainly be looking for better performances in the closing stages of the campaign to make sure that his team doesn't drop to Division 3.

On the other hand Milford are very much in contention for promotion to Division 1. They sit fourth in the table now on the same points as Bunrana who have a game in hand. The leaders are Four Masters who lead Killybegs by three points. Both Bunrana and Milford are just three further back. The Moylevue men now have three games remaining. At the other end of the table Fanad Gaels are just four points ahead of second from bottom Na Rossa with three matches remaining for them. They are in a bunch of five teams on seven points. Milford went into the game minus the injured Darragh Black and Conor McHugh. In slippery underfoot conditions it was the visitors who played with the breeze advantage but it was Milford facing into the town end who were quicker out of the blocks when it came to



Tony Curran in action for Milford against Fanad's James Kerr.

scores. They led 1-4 to 0-2 after 15 minutes with Cathal McGettigan palming the ball into an empty net after an assist from Anthony Curran that stranded Fanad keeper Mark McConigley.

McGettigan ended up the game's top scorer with 1-5 added two frees and then came a decisive second goal on 21 minutes when poor defensive work following a kick-out allowed Rory O'Donnell to find the net for a second time. That gave McGinley's men a nine-point advantage but just three minutes later Finn Coll received a black card. Gael Fhánada did land two frees before the break courtesy of Darren McElwaine and Liam McGrenaghan but really failed to take any meaningful advantage of the extra man. They were seven points down going into the second half with another McGrenaghan free, reducing that comfortable lead further on the restart before Coll returned to restore Milford's number to 15 players again.

A super long range McGettigan free made it 2-8 to 0-9 at the end of the third quarter in favour of the home team. Michael Sweeney did reduce the deficit to four points flicking over a high ball in from Callum McAteer. However that was

as good as it got and Fanad didn't score again in the remaining 16 minutes of the Division 2 match. It was Milford who got the last four points from Kane Barrett, McGettigan, Eoin O'Donnell and Tony Curran.

Milford - Shea McBride; Tony Curran 0-1, Conor Coll, TJ Eveson; Dylan Dorrian, Peter Curran, Shaun Coffey; Lorcan Friel, Ronan Docherty; Eoin O'Donnell 0-1, Cathal McGettigan 1-5, Kyle Black; Rory O'Donnell 1-3, Kane Barrett 0-2, Finn Coll. Subs: Killian McBride for Kyle Black, Paul Ryan for Shaun Coffey, Gavin Riney for Ronan Docherty.

Gael Fhánada - Mark McConigley, Calum McAteer, Shaun Kerr, Oisín McFadden 0-1, Brandon McClafferty, James Gallagher, Eoghan Carr, Odhrán Shiels, Paddy Carr, Mark McAteer, Liam McGrenaghan 0-4, James Kerr 0-1, Darren McElwaine 0-3, Michael Sweeney 0-1, Alan McAteer. Subs: Sean Carr for Mark McAteer, Jimmy Coyle for Brandon McClafferty, Mark Friel for Liam McGrenaghan, Paddy Heraghty for James Kerr, Ronan McAteer for Oisín McFadden.

Ref Cathal Boland (Ardara).

Club Championship draws on Wednesday

The draws for the Club championships will take place in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on next Wednesday, June 26th. The format for the senior championships is the same as last year. The top four teams go straight into the quarter-final draws. The remaining eight sides have a chance

to reach the last eight via preliminary quarter-finals. After their Intermediate success last autumn Na Dunaibh will be in the senior championship draw next Wednesday in Donegal Town. Naomh Conaill are the current holders of the Dr. Maguire Cup.

McGranaghan back as Kilmac boss

After just a year away from the post Gerard McGranaghan is back as senior team manager at Donegal Junior League Premier Division side Kilmacrennan Celtic. McGranaghan succeeds Sean 'Budgie' Sandilands. The Raphoe native enjoyed a lot of success with Kilmac in his previous spell in charge but that is going to be difficult to repeat with big clubs like Bonagee Utd and Letterkenny Rovers now in the top flight after being promoted from Division. Just two years ago both were playing intermediate football in the Ulster Senior League. The resources and strength that both Letterkenny and Bonagee have will also ask a lot of questions of Fanad Utd who are the current back-to-back Premier Division title holders. Swilly Rovers are also on the lookout for a new manager after Lau-



rence Toland stepped down. They will need a replacement that can take them forward after a couple of seasons of back-to-back promotions that took them to the Premier Division. Kilmac announced on Monday that Gérard 'Zola' McGranaghan as their new Donegal League Premier Division manager for the incoming 24/25 season. Zola has returned to the Lurgan side hotseat for another stint at the helm and will be hoping to hit the ground running in the coming weeks and months. During his previous tenure he guided Kilmacrennan to two Premier division titles as well as the club's first Brian McCormack Cup win and is relishing the opportunity to take on the county's

Sheephaven Half

Letterkenny 247 Triathlon Club would like to let locals know that the Sheephaven Half and Sprint races will be in the Mevagh parish on Saturday June 29th. The event will see over 300 competitors, their families, supporters and the teams of volunteers attending the events.

The races are sponsored by The Downings Bay Hotel. Thanks yet again to Na Dunaibh GAA Centre for the use of their facilities, where the race will be at its busiest.

We want to let locals aware of the event and to ask for assistance in getting the word out. Safety measures will be in place. There will be a

one way system on Downings Main Street. Traffic coming in from Carrigart can go straight through the Main Street. One side of Downings Main Street will be closed to traffic. Traffic coming from the pier side will be diverted up Murlog and down by Magherabeg. The race starts with a swim in the Bay at 7.30am starting from the beach beside Rosapenna, then a cycle and run.

There will be marshals and local Garda to assist. Extra marshals are always a bonus and if anyone is free contact race directors Gavin Crawford or Liam Tinney on 087-1232426.

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an extensive refurbishment and brand refresh thanks to a €1.8 million investment by its parent company, the McKeever Hotel Group. The investment, which is part of McKeever's three-year growth strategy, has equipped the popular town centre with a new level in high-end accommodation.

The 90-bedroom hotel now offers a range of suites, including one which is fully accessible, as well as a number of two-bedroom deluxe family rooms.

All remaining bedrooms have also been refurbished and modernised, enabling Dillons to offer the widest selection of accommodation options and budgets to guests. Other hotel amenities have also been upgraded as part of the refurbishment programme including the fit-out of

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a brand-new on-site gym.

Dillons has also benefited from a brand refresh and new website to support the hotel's marketing drive and improve its online booking system.

Earagail Arts Festival launched at Croithlí Distillery

The 2024 programme of the annual Earagail Arts Festival was officially launched by Pearse Doherty TD at Croithlí Distillery last weekend.

Members of the public and invited guests gathered at the West Donegal venue on Saturday evening for the celebrations.

CEO/Artistic Director of the festival, Paul Brown said the rich cultural diversity within the programme reflected a culturally diverse and creatively proud Donegal.

He said: "This year like all the others features world class performances from around the globe, right across Donegal - from Catalan circus artists to Brazilian capoeira from the local traditions of Tory, Arranmore and Gola with indigenous spoken word, music and dance events on the 3 islands to the blues of Bamako with Boubacar Traore and

the blues of Ballybofey with Donegal's young rising star Muireann Bradley.

Joe Devenney, one of the directors of the Distillery, said the launch was not only an occasion to celebrate the arts but also a unique cultural mix. "The festival is more than just an event, it is a celebration of who we are, our stories and our traditions."

Méabh Conaghan, Chair of the festival's Board of Directors, paid tribute to the many volunteers that help make the festival possible every year and thanked members of the business community supporting Earagail Arts Festival and encouraged others to do so, too.

Deputy Pearse Doherty said the festival held a very special place in his own heart, and people across Donegal. He said: "Culture and arts are something that enrich all of our lives and those who

don't have the ability to access them are poorer for it."

He paid tribute to the fact that at time when families are facing a lot of cost-of-living issues, the festival is presenting many free or very reasonably priced events.

Fáilte Ireland, Ciara Sugrue, Head of Festivals & Events, said the organisation was pleased to support this year's Earagail Arts Festival.

"Festivals and events present an excellent opportunity to showcase the rich heritage and unique culture that Ireland has to offer. They are also important drivers of tourism revenue across the country, particularly in areas that are outside of the traditional tourism hotspots.

For more information on this year's Earagail Arts Festival (13th - 28th July), visit eaf.ie

Calendar raises €4,510



Kathleen Grant along with Malachy Harrigan published the Burt Inch and Fahan calendar in aid of parish funds and the Donegal Hospice. They raised €4,510 which was shared between the two groups and Kathleen and Malachy are pictured handing over a cheque of €2,255 to Isobel Rodgers Chairperson of Donegal Hospice above and to Fr. Paddy Baker for the Fahan Parish Funds (below).



Festival staff and board members pictured with Deputy Pearse Doherty at the launch of Earagail Arts Festival in Croithlí Distillery on Saturday from left, Christina Quill, Artist Liaison, Clodagh McIvor, Marketing & Box Office Assistant, Seán Feeny, Marketing, PR & Development Manager, Roksan Oliinyk, Volunteer & Outreach Co-ordinator, Pearse Doherty, TD, Paul Brown, CEO / Artistic Director, Méabh Conaghan, Festival Board Chair, Fadl Mustapha, Board Member, Fintan Moloney, Board Member, Sharon McMenamin, Community Engagement & Outreach Officer and Edel Corcoran, Office Manager.

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