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Frightening experience for Massgoers

A first-hand account of the 'fracas' both inside and outside the Church of the Irish Martyrs in Letterkenny on Sunday has revealed the seriousness of the public order issue involved.

A large number of Gardai and an Armed Response Unit were tasked to take control of the unfolding incident and Massgoers were met by a security presence at the Kiltroy Roundabout.

A member of the congregation who reported the incident for the Tribune writes: "The incident that occurred on the grounds of the Church of the Irish Martyrs in Letterkenny during Mass led to five men being charged with public order offences at a Special Sitting of Letterkenny District Court on Monday.

The five who appeared before Judge Ciaran Liddy were released on bail. There was a large Garda presence

as the hearing took place where the men were charged with a range of offences including public order and possession of offensive weapons at the Church of the Irish Martyrs. The congregation attending the 11.30am Mass was frightened and shocked by the scenes that began to unfold both inside and outside the chapel. Approximately 15 minutes into the Mass, raised voices were

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Man jailed for Milford woman's death

A 28-year-old man has been jailed for eight years for causing the death by dangerous driving of a Milford woman in Northern Ireland in June 2021. Steven Cunningham pleaded guilty at Downpatrick Crown



Court this week to nine charges including removing Ms Charlotte McHugh's body from the scene of the crash in the early hours of June 1st, 2021 in Dundonald. The court heard he admitted driving carelessly on the Comber Road while unfit through drink or drugs, driving while disqualified, possessing class C drugs and per-

verting the course of justice after a crashed black BMW was found abandoned. The court heard although other people had been charged and sentenced for related matters Cunningham was the central figure in the case.

The sentencing judge said Cunningham was the person solely responsible for the death of Ms McHugh and that he had been "a prime mover in taking her body from the scene", which "was a determination to distance himself from his crimes out of self-interest and self-preservation". Mother-of-three Charlotte McHugh, 27, was thrown

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Long delay in housing adaptation grants

The long waiting times for Occupational Therapists to assess homes for housing adaptation grants needs to be addressed urgently: that's according to Cllr Michael McBride.

By Declan Kerr

The Tribune is aware of waiting times as long as six months for an occupational therapist to carry out an assessment. Cllr McBride says he is seeking answers from the Council on what is causing the hold-ups. "We need to know if it is a manpower issue," he said. Responding to our

queries a spokesperson for the HSE said: "The Occupational Therapy service has had significant staffing issues ongoing since early 2023 which has impacted response times to referrals made by Donegal County Council to the service. The service has kept Donegal County Council informed of this at regular intervals over 2023 and 2024.

Due to the staffing issues which are ongoing, the occupational therapy team continues to respond to referrals for those who have highest priority clinical need

at all times. Should clients with highest priority clinical need require assessment under the Housing Adaptation Grant process, this will occur as it is arises for these clients as part of their intervention by an occupational therapist."

The HSE response ignored a query in relation to OT cover where absences for holidays or otherwise arise.

Cllr. McBride is in receipt of representations from families waiting more than three months and longer for an occupational therapist to assess their houses

for the appropriate facilities to allow essential works to be carried out.

He said: "I am aware of a family waiting over three months for an assessment in order to get work done to a bathroom for their mother. Occupational Therapists have to give the green light on the appropriate changes that are needed for that work before the Council can proceed with the job. That is only one example.

He added: "There are many people waiting in similar situations. Families are desperate to get the adaptations done

as quickly as possible for their loved ones. It might be the need for a bathroom downstairs or a wetroom for showering.

When OTs are off on leave or for any other reason, is their post fully covered during those periods? If that is not happening then it is a serious problem. These therapists provide a vital service across Donegal so their posts should never be left without cover."

Funding is provided to local authorities expenditure incurred on a range of adaptation grants for older

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Fianna Fáil faces convention contest

The Fianna Fail convention for the constituency has been set for Thursday evening September 12th in the Clanree Hotel in Letterkenny. Despite August always being as dull as the Donegal summer weather, behind the scenes things are buzzing both in Fianna Fail and Fine Gael.

And it has emerged that Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh got a record four times more nominations than anyone else in FG - that's according to those close to the bean counters in charge of the maths.

This is all the more astonish-

ing given that Kavanagh never sought the nomination in the first place.

However Fianna Fail has lots of nominations and sources say their convention is likely to see a contest for the first time in a long while.

Pat the Cope Gallagher has confirmed that he will seek the backing of the FF delegates in his bid to win back a second seat in Donegal. And he's on the campaign trail on every highway and by-way in Donegal South West while behind the scenes there is big effort

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Susan Curran and members of the Curran family and friends handing over a cheque for €11,000 to Isobel Rodgers from the Donegal Hospice. The proceeds of the Tribute Night in memory of Denis Curran in the Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran on Thursday night.



Niamh shines but Rose Crown goes to New Zealand

Despite showcasing her world class dancing skills and flying the flag for Donegal at this year's Rose of Tralee International Festival, Glenswilly's Niamh Shevlin narrowly lost out to this year's winner from New Zealand.

There was a large contingent from Donegal in the famous 'Dome' where for two nights all the Roses entertained the audience.

Niamh used the platform to pay a heartfelt tribute to her late auntie, Alyssa Thompson, née Callan, who sadly passed away last December aged just 44, as the one who inspired her application for the event following a very sad time for her and all her family.

She said following her passing just after Christmas, along with the support of her cousin Shannon, she made the application to the Rose of Tralee with the intention of creating "a lovely tribute" to Alyssa if she was selected and hoped she would be proud of her.

Showing no signs of nerves



Niamh Shevlin on stage on Tuesday night.

The 27-year-old school teacher and professional dancer was the first interview on day two of the live broadcast on Tuesday night.

She told the audience what mattered most to her was her passion for dance, education and her family.

Among the audience were her parents Geralyn and Michael Shevlin, as

well as her twin brother, Gavin, who jetted back from New Zealand to be in Tralee for the finals. Speaking of their relationship she stated: "Me and Gavin are very close, we are more than twins we are best friends" adding "his wins are my wins, this means as much to him tonight as it does to me."

As the former lead dancer on Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance, as well as being a regular performing with the Riverdance group, Niamh highlighted how a life changing visit to Uganda with Irish Aid in March 2023, led her to forge a lasting connection with school children in Kampala and this continues now as she continues weekly Irish dance classes via Zoom with students in Uganda.

Niamh was sponsored at this year's event by Boyle Construction.



Niamh's parents Geralyn and Michael and below her grandmother Mary and aunt Catriona in Tralee.



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through the front window of a car driven by Cunningham when it crashed in June 2021.

Ms Mc Hugh, late of Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast, and formerly Labadough, Milford.

She was laid to rest in Milford and is survived by her children Tyler-Lee, Kianna-Mai and Darcí-Rose; her mother Amanda and John, extended family and friends.

A witness saw the black BMW being "reversed at speed", doing donuts and being driven erratically before the car crashed into a grass verge.

Police were told an injured person had been moved from the scene and a call was later made from Ardmore Avenue in Dundonald, to emergency services saying an injured person had been brought there.

Ms McHugh was treated at the house and

brought to hospital where she died of her injuries, which included major fractures and internal bleeding.

Her injuries were consistent with being thrown through the windscreen and onto the road.

The court heard a delay in treatment would have been unlikely to have had any impact on the outcome such as the severity of her injuries.

Cunningham's driving was described by one of his co-accused as "out of control".

The driver was on bail at the time of the collision and told police he was "breaching his bail to try to help" but was not the driver.

Ms McHugh's mother gave the court a victim impact statement which was quoted by the judge.

She said the loss of her daughter "leaves an emptiness that will not be fixed" and her daughter

was treated like "an object".

She recalled how one of her daughter's young children screamed for weeks after Ms McHugh's death and would "reach out for their mother".

The court heard Cunningham had previous convictions, the vast majority of which were for motoring offences.

Cunningham's addiction issues were outlined to the court, as well as his remorse over the incident.

The judge said he had a high likelihood of reoffending and had persisted in his denial up to the day of the trial.

As well as the eight year sentence he will serve eight years on licence and will be disqualified from driving for 10 years from the date of his release and must retake his driving test.

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Ards Church Gate Appeal

The Capuchin Friars and the team of collaborators at Ards Friary would like to say thanks to all who have been supporting them to launch what has become known as "A New Spring for Ards". Fr Philip Baxter, OFM, Cap (Guardian) said "We have begun to organically farm the land and work with the natural beauty of the site on which the Friary is built, to support the contemplative instincts our visitors bring with them as they immerse themselves in the ecological riches of our home. Recently, we re-opened our Café and shop. The feedback from our customers and guests has been gratifyingly positive.

Now seems the right time to broaden our appeal for support in carrying out the next phase of our plan: the refurbishment of the house to convert it into a place that is environmentally friendly, cost-effective, and generally fit-for-purpose in present day circumstances. This up-dating includes implementing the plan we have to install a reed-bed sewage system, renovating the rooms and overhauling the heating system.

To begin to do all this, as brothers of Francis of Assisi, we do like he advised us to do: to resort to the table of the Lord, that is to appeal to the generosity of the community around us. Our first step in seeking help is to ask people to support the church-gate appeal throughout Co. Donegal, which will take place on this Saturday and Sunday, August 24th. and 25th. There will be an opportunity to donate directly to the friary account by using the QR code that is on the poster near the collection point at the church gate.

We invite our friends and supporters to browse our updated webpage www.ardsfriary.ie and to further explore the new story we want to tell about the life and times of the Capuchin Friars at Ards Friary."

Ballyare Charity Match

As part of the Ballyare 10k events there will be a Charity Football Match at the Diamond Park in Ballyare this Friday the 23rd of August. It will start at 7pm and all proceeds will go to the MS Donegal Branch and the Donegal Down Syndrome Association.

It's probably worth a visit because you never know who you might see playing!

Cathedral Quarter to launch booklet



Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter will launch their tenth anniversary commemorative booklet as part of their Heritage Week activities. The booklet will be launched by Eddie McKeever of the McKeever Hotel Group in Dillons Hotel on Friday, 23rd August at 8pm. Committee Member Martin Gallagher put the booklet together with finishing touches added by chair Sean Purser from Wild Atlantic Productions & Digital Content Marketing. The booklet is both a celebration and reflection of the Cathedral Quarter achievements throughout the past decade. It promises to be a very special evening with music being provided by Evelyn Gallagher and Maria McCormick. The event is free and all are welcome.

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



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heard at the back of the church forcing the celebrant Fr Dominic Thoomkuzhy to pause his homily. It was also the first anniversary Mass for a deceased member of the Travelling Community who had resided in Letterkenny. While startled and fearful Mass goers remained

The scene at the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Sunday morning. seated as they watched the scary scenes first unfold inside the chapel. What appeared to be hostile verbal exchanges at the back of the church and foyer moved to the car park where a large number of Gardaí and an armed response unit were tasked to take control of an unfolding public order incident. Fr. Thoomkuzhy who had handled a tense situation

very well, resumed Mass after a three-minute stoppage. However, it remained a very uncomfortable experience for the congregation. On the advice of the Gardaí and conveyed to him by the church sacristan just before Holy Communion time Fr.

Thoomkuzhy asked Mass goers to remain seated for 10 minutes after the conclusion of the service. Head of the Church Choir Declan Nee spoke at the end of Mass expressing sorrow at what happened in the church where he said the people had just come to pray in God's house.

Immediately prior to the Mass on Sunday a Garda checkpoint had been in operation close to the entrance to the Church of the Irish Martyrs. A large Garda presence remained at the chapel as the congregation began to make their way home with many traumatised at the manner in which their usual Sunday Mass was interrupted in a very frightening way.

Following the incident five men were arrested and brought to local Garda stations. A number of weap-

ons were also seized. At the Special Sitting of Letterkenny District Court on Monday Michael McDonagh, of the Big Isle, Manorcunningham was charged with threatening and abusive behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace. He was released on bail to appear again in Court on the 16th of September.

A father and three sons were also charged in relation to the public order incident. Michael Reilly Junior, of Kishogue Park, Lucan, Dublin, aged 31, was charged with threatening and abusive behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace and also that he had articles in his possession, a small axe and two sharp kitchen knives.

Michael Reilly Senior, of Tailteann Drive, Windtown, Navan, aged 56, was also charged with threatening and abusive behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace as well as possession of an article namely a slash-hook with intention to cause injury or intimidate.

Thomas Reilly, of Tailteann Drive, Windtown, Navan, aged 21, was also charged with threatening and abusive behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace and that he had in his possession a foldable garden saw with intention to cause injury or intimidate.

John Paul Reilly, of Tailteann Drive, Windtown, Navan, Co Meath was charged with threatening and abusive behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace and that he had in his possession a foldable garden saw with intention to cause injury or intimidate.

All four were granted bail to appear again at Letterkenny District Court on September 16th. Their bail conditions included that they sign on three times a week at their local Garda station and that they be of good behaviour.

They were also ordered to stay out of Donegal apart from court appearances and not to have any contact with the extended McDonagh family.



Five-year-old Emer Beaton with her small pony Timmy at Kirkstown, Letterkenny. Emer is the granddaughter of Martin Mullen who is well known for his love of horses, ponies and he also has huge interest in keeping alive the old traditional ways of farming with the likes of the threshing mill and the plough. Emer is following in her grandad's footsteps in terms of animals and is taking great care of Timmy

Clonbeg Glebe church ruins walk this Friday

This Friday evening a special guided walk to the site of the ruins of Clonbeg Church and graveyard will take place in Creeslough as part of National Heritage Week. The church in Cloone was used since the 1600's as a chapel of ease before it was abandoned.

The walk planned for this Friday evening, weather permitting, is due to take place from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Walkers are asked to arrive by 6pm at Campbell's farm yard along the N56 at Cloone where they will be guided to the site. Suitable footwear and clothing is required and due to the nature of the terrain of the site being a working farm dogs and children under five are not permitted on the walk.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Creeslough Community Hub on the village's main street. In the event the walk cannot take place due to the weather the talk will take place in the Community Hub instead.

The event is organised by the Clonbeg Heritage Group and its members, along with archaeologist Kate Robb, will give details on this hidden heritage site and other areas of interest in the locality, as well as detail of work to conserve the ruins and grave-



yard and make it accessible to the public in the future. Details of the Conservation Management Plan being considered highlight that Clonbeg Glebe church was probably a 'chapel of ease' to Clondahorky and likely abandoned soon after the present church was built at Ballymore in 1752. A memorial dated 1679 recorded at the site would indicate that the church was in use at that period.

Doug Beattie gone - where now for the UUP?

Doug Beattie has resigned as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP). He destroyed the cliché that there is no political news in August.

More importantly, his resignation is another step to some sort of realignment in Northern politics.

The issues go beyond the personality of Beattie. He was certainly erratic. He was too liberal for some in the UUP base. They went to the DUP and even the TUV. He was not liberal enough for others. They went to the Alliance Party.

Beattie is like Colm Eastwood. He has a weak card. Both have played them reasonably well. Arguably, for all his zig-zagging, Beattie played better. In the Westminster election, the UUP won a seat. Importantly, it increased the overall vote. This may be a dying kick.

In the end of the day, a political party represents a force in society. That creates problems for the UUP and SDLP.

Let's start with the UUP. Their political space is shrinking. Since the late 1960s there has been a fundamental division in Unionism. There are those who wanted to reform. That means making some sort of concessions to Nationalism. Then there were those who rejected reform and concession.

The old Unionist Party ruled the North for 51 years. Then it fragmented.

The DUP began as the Protestant Unionist Party. This opposed the reforms of the late 1960s. That's despite these being very mild indeed. They were only granted under pressure.

Then the DUP reinvented itself. In 1998 it entered the first Executive with Sinn Féin. They were then the smaller of four parties.

Then in 2008 it signed the St An-

Beattie's resignation should remind us the SDLP has even worse problems. In the Westminster election, they held two seats. But they have admitted they only campaigned seriously in three constituencies. In the third, they made little impact.

draws' Agreement. The DUP became keen for power-sharing. They went far further than the mild reforms they had denounced 40 years earlier. That now leaves three sizable Unionist parties. Two favour reform. One, the Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV) opposes.

There are differences between the UUP and DUP. The UUP is generally more liberal on social issues. There is a certain split on that, though.

The DUP is also moving, slowly. The Free Presbyterian Church used to dominate the party. It still has a strong influence. The Church, though, is not the force it was. According to surveys, DUP voters are more socially liberal than Sinn Féin voters. Deputy First Minister Emma Little Pengelly has tried her hand at camogie. She sent best wishes to the Armagh Gaelic footballers. Last week she tweeted a picture of her congratulating Irish Olympic gold medalist Daniel Wiffen. Yes, all were small gestures. And the sort of gestures the DUP would have gone buck mad about in the old days. It is unclear whether the two big Unionist parties will unite in some way. One, almost certainly the UUP, may die away. The TUV has a clear space. At present that is very much a minority space.

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admitted they only campaigned seriously in three. In the third, they made little impact.

The stood in all 18 constituencies. They were hardly noticed in most. I live in a largely Catholic part of Omagh. My neighbours are mostly older. There was no sign of the SDLP during the election.

The two MPs represent different forces. Colm Eastwood in Foyle can out-Sinn Féin when he feels he needs to. He tried to broker a partnership with Fianna Fáil. Clare Hanna has said she would have left the SDLP had that gone through. She represents South Belfast. That's the Dublin 4 of the North. She pulls a large small-u unionist vote. She could jump to Alliance while hardly breaking her stride.

The North's two nationalist parties come from the traditional split in Northern Nationalism. There were those willing to compromise, to some degree, with the Northern state. There were those who rejected any compromise.

Now Sinn Féin have gone far further in compromise than any of previous Nationalists. They support the police. Their leaders met the late Queen and current King. They withdrew from South Belfast in favour of Clare Hanna. In Lagan Valley they withdrew in favour of Alliance's Sorcha Eastwood. They also withdrew in North Down in favour of Alliance. (Ok, that didn't really matter. Their vote there is tiny). In the past,

suggesting such deals would have had them frothing at the mouth.

There are now fewer differences with the SDLP. The SDLP takes seats in Westminster. They don't. There is definitely a momentum to take the seats.

As between the two Unionist parties, there are historical differences. However, the IRA campaign ended a generation ago. Thus it matters less to a younger generation.

Ultimately, social forces are decisive in the long run. Sometimes that run can be long. Parties have a certain momentum of their own. Able leaders can keep a party afloat though its time is past. They can't do so forever.

The North's big five parties are all products of the Troubles. They have continued though those are a generation over.

The start of the Troubles broke up three big parties then dominant.

The Unionist Party ruled from 1921 to 1972. Until 1968, it was a monolith. First fragmentation set in, then speeded up. The current UUP inherited the name. However, it is product of a reverse takeover by



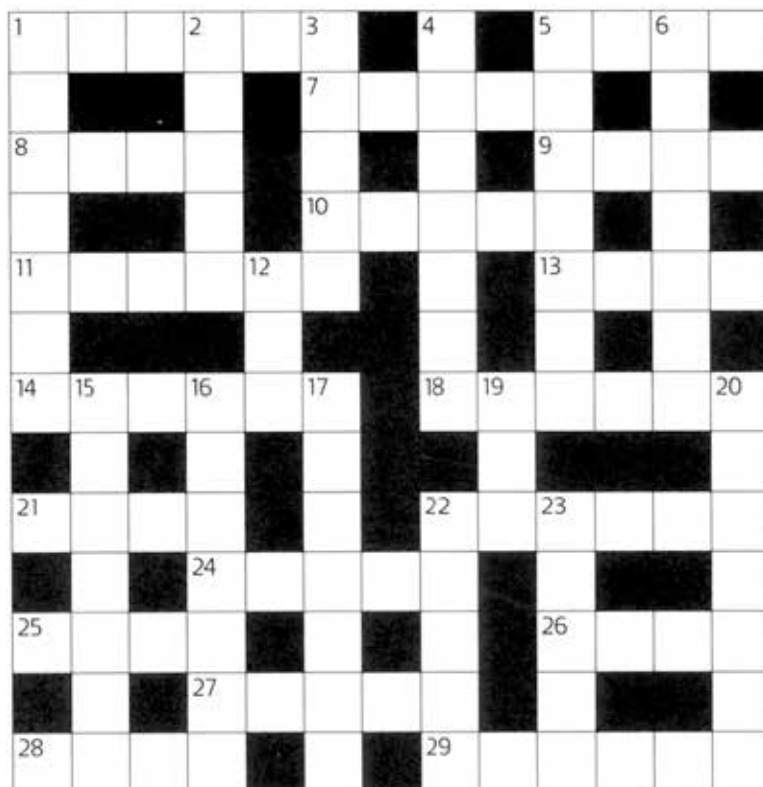
By Anton McCabe

Vanguard in the 1970s. Vanguard had been harliners. Then they turned in favour of certain concessions.

The Nationalist party usually held all majority Catholic seats outside Belfast in the old Northern Parliament. They came from the old Irish Party fusing with the pro-Treaty wing of Sinn Féin. By 1973 they had disappeared.

The Northern Ireland Labour Party was the North's third party. As recently as 1970 they got 100,000 votes. They disappeared within a couple of years. Fifty years on we are in another new situation. Some sort of realignment is overdue. We don't know exactly what it is.

Tribune Crossword No. 1078



Across

- 1. Actress, ___ Dickinson (6)
- 5. Wordless portrayal (4)
- 7. Round about (5)
- 8. Learner (4)
- 9. Tear (4)
- 10. Fetters, chains (5)
- 11. Fished (6)
- 13. Call (4)
- 14. Renal organ (6)
- 18. Downpour (6)
- 21. Chess piece (4)
- 22. Extra in cricket (3-3)
- 24. Port in northwest Italy (5)
- 25. Plutonic rock (4)
- 26. Achievement (4)
- 27. Gone With the Wind character ___ Butler (5)

Down

- 28. Buckle (4)
- 29. Simmered (6)
- 1. Hitch (7)
- 2. Slobber (5)
- 3. Pungent (5)
- 4. Misshapen (7)
- 5. US Federal officer (7)
- 6. Fixing (7)
- 12. Make economies (3)
- 15. Follow suit (7)
- 16. Miser (7)
- 17. Fresher (7)
- 19. Regard (3)
- 20. Appointed (7)
- 22. Holds out (5)
- 23. Faux pas (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1077

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St Columba's Church Choir from Kilmacrennan pictured after singing at Mass in the Basilica during the Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock on Saturday with Fr. Michael McKeever, PP.

'Defective block schemes created to protect banks' - claim

"The Irish Government's introduction of grant schemes for homeowners affected by defective concrete was primarily aimed at preventing a potential financial crisis. This defective concrete, containing high levels of the reactive iron sulphide minerals, caused walls to crack and crumble, leaving thousands of homes in dire straits. However, a closer examination reveals that the true beneficiaries of these schemes were not the homeowners but the financial institutions," so says Enda Craig. He says that all Donegal TDs and Senators know this already.

He writes: "When legal action against the suppliers of the defective concrete proved unsuccessful, homeowners turned to their political representatives for help. The issue was raised in the Dáil multiple times, with politicians acknowledging the problem. Many homeowners faced a grim choice: continue paying substantial mortgages for homes that were slowly deteriorating or take drastic measures like returning their house keys and stopping repayments.

The government introduced grant schemes, stating at the time, they meant to rebuild or repair affected homes. These schemes provided a glimmer of hope for homeowners, convincing them to continue mortgage payments. The underlying strategy was to prevent a mass wave of defaults, which would have severely impacted banks and building societies. In essence, the government's staunch defense of the schemes suggests that their primary goal was to protect the banks rather than the homeowners

However, when affected homeowners attempted to use the schemes, they discovered their anti-homeowner nature. Only those with substantial additional funding could cover the shortfall between the grant and actual rebuild costs. Consequently, only a small number of houses were fixed, creating the illusion of viability while minimising the government's expenditure. This intentional propaganda misled the wider public into believing that most homeowners were receiving genuine assistance. This

was blatantly untrue and is still going on from government, media and politicians to this day. Before the schemes, many homeowners received no support from banks, mortgage companies, or the government. Faced with rapidly deteriorating and failing properties, some returned their keys to the bank and others stopped mortgage repayments, leaving financial institutions with non-performing loans.

The government and senior civil servants recognised this could only be the and needed to act quickly. The primary objective was to prevent a financial crisis triggered by mass loan defaults. The potential billions in unrecovered loans would have had severe repercussions. This clearly shows the grant schemes were introduced to give homeowners hope which would ensure continued loan payments. However, the reality was different: the grants were designed to safeguard financial institutions' bottom lines.

In summary, while presented as benevolence, these schemes pri-

marily served the interests of banks and building societies. The plight of homeowners took a backseat, leaving many still struggling with crumbling homes and inadequate support."



Jimmy Stafford, Martin Orr, Trudy Ní Dhómhnaill and Paul McDevitt who were the judges for the Busking Festival at the Letterkenny.



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Dylan lands French double

Dylan Browne McMonagle had two winners at Deauville in France on Saturday. The Letterkenny jockey was on board the JP O'Brian trained "Apples and Bananas". He was also in the winners enclosure at the same venue for trainer Ollie Sangster's horse on the 7/5 favourite "Simmering".

Last Thursday Browne McMonagle gave Longford trainer Paul Flynn his first two-year-old success in almost 13 years as he partnered 12/1 shot Ms Willpower to land the six-furlong auction series fillies maiden at Dundalk. She ran out the costliest of winners in beating the Paddy Twomey-trained 2/7 favourite Dazzling Angel by three and three-parts of a length to become Flynn's first juvenile scorer since the Johnny Murtagh-ridden Mr Red Clubs won over seven furlongs at the same racecourse in November 2011.

Oisín Orr had two winners at Pontefract on Sunday. The Rathmullan jockey was on board the Richard Fahey trained 10/11 on "Powerful Glory" in the Cure Leukaemia EBF "Newcomers" Maiden Stakes. That win Orr took the Sunday Series Best Jockey award, worth €10,000, for a third time. His second victory was in the Sky Bet Fillies' Stakes race on 11/2 shot "Marine Wave" for the same trainer Richard Fahey his second win of the day. On Saturday Orr was also in the winners enclosure on "Dare to Hope" at Ripon.

Letterkenny jockey Brandon Wilkie was a winner at race meeting in Doncaster on Saturday aboard Liberty Coach. Wilkie had another winner on Monday on 17/2 shot Sugarloaf Lenny for trainer William Knight. It was Brandon's 26th win of the season so far and his fourth first in the last ten days.



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St. Mary's Church Heritage Week Event



The Parish Council of St. Mary's Church Ramelton will host a Heritage Week event this Sunday 25th August from 12 noon to 1.00pm. It will be held at the church and the adjacent Parish Centre.

A photographic display and presentation will be available to demonstrate the works being carried out at the church with grant aid from The Heritage Council. These works are essential to preserve the building in good condition into the future, in keeping with its ongoing use as a place of worship and its status as a valuable part of the heritage of the parish, town and surrounding area. Visitors will be invited to view the building itself, and have the current issues and the improvements being undertaken explained, and questions answered.

The contractor for the works (S. Crawford Construction) will also be present at the event. All are welcome. The Parish Centre (former school) is located behind St. Mary's Church.

Swilly Rovers Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto draw on Saturday were 9,12, 16 and 18. No jackpot winner. Two 3 number winners: Kevin Toland and Liam McFadden. This week's jackpot is €900. Thanks for your continued

support.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.30noon this Saturday 24th August. Stock up on all your food requirements for all Occasions and Parties by ordering in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability when you get to market on Saturday.

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Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts and credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member.

Walking tour

The second last of the 2024 summer heritage walking tours of Ramelton will take place on Thursday 22nd August. Meet at the Bill Campbell statue Gambles Square at 11am. The tour lasts approx 1hr and 45 mins and the cost is €10.00pp. (Children under 12 years are free) To book a place call or text Deirdra on 086 2421008.

Bowling Club

The Ramelton Bowling Club will be running Fun Bowls during the month of August for schoolchildren



Visitors from England, Belfast and Donegal enjoying last Thursday's Heritage Walking Tour of Ramelton led by local tour guide Deirdra Friel.

aged 7years and upwards in Mackemie Hall every Monday. Parents are also welcome. Leaders Garda Vetted. Enquiries to 0871355059 or 0874016637.

Ramelton SVP

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

New Yoga Class for beginners

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

Crochet and knitting craft group

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

Little Ballers

The Little Ballers Toddler Football continues every Monday in the Ramelton Community Centre for boys and girls aged from 3 to 5 years old. Group 1 are

on from 5 to 5.30pm and Group 2 from 5.30 to 6pm. Call into the Centre for details.

Trocaire School Volunteers

Are you a retired teacher who has experience presenting to a group of school children and who would like to make the world a better place? Trocaire is looking for volunteers to support a Schools Talk Programme for Lent in Donegal. For information on this exciting venture please call Casey Schell at 02890808033 or casey.schell@trocaire.org

World Junior Angling Championships

This Saturday sees the grand opening of the World Junior Angling Championships. The event is being hosted by the Lough Swilly Junior Sea Angling Club who have four members taking part in the competition in Downings. It is being organised by a local committee under the direction of Chairperson Charlie Devlin. It's the first time for these World Championships to be held in Donegal.

Initially Rathmullan had been the venue but due to the pier works the championships have been moved to Downings. Around 50 junior anglers in the U21 age group will compete including four from Letterkenny Orlagh McLean, Hannah John and the Donaghey brothers James and Patrick. They are all members of the Lough Swilly Junior Sea Angling Club who have already hosted two All-Ireland Championships.

Charlie Devlin is looking forward now to the official opening in Letterkenny this Sunday. The boats are booked out in Downings for that week. The Station House Hotel is also booked out for the week so that's a big boost for local businesses.

The Lough Swilly Angling Club was only established six years ago to provide a recreational outlet for young people who were maybe not as much into mainstream sports. "I have to give a lot of credit to the late Cecil Browne from Inch Island who had many a chat with me about the need to get the next generation involved in angling. He was a boat skipper and could see where things were going. We have a champion-



Charlie Devlin.

ship trophy named after Cecil" Devlin said. The official opening parade is at 4pm from the St. Eunan's Cathedral Carpark down Mount Southwell, Lower Main Street to the Station House Hotel. There will be lots of entertainment laid on for the visitors including traditional Irish music. The young anglers will have a couple of training days before the official competition gets underway on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The grand finale will be on Friday night with a gala dinner and presentations in the Station House Hotel. Charlie Devlin has an excellent committee helping him including his brother Cornie (National Youth Officer), Hugh McLean (Secretary), Paddy Donaghey and Lisa John who is in charge of the medical portfolio for the championships. Brian Whelan (National Federation of Sea Anglers) and Graham Blair (Ulster Secretary) will be in attendance and a number of Irish senior internationals will be volunteering in Downings looking after the boats and marking scores.

World 6th for Letterkenny Pipe Band



The Letterkenny Pipe Band enjoyed a fantastic weekend in Glasgow and to top it off took sixth place out of a final that had 18 bands competing. A total of 49 bands had entered initially. The Letterkenny Pipe band members have worked very hard over the past year. Five of their members competed at the World Championships for the first time.

Countdown on for Tamney Tractor Run and Barn dance

It will be a bumper extravaganza of family fun and entertainment for a very worthy cause at Mark and Orla Neely's Tawney Tractor Run and Family Barn Dance that will be held on Saturday, August 31st.

The Neely family farm in Towney Lower, Kilmacrennan is the location once again for an amazing day that includes a tractor run, live music, family fun activities and food trucks, as well as the opportunity to win a classic Massey Ferguson 135.

Music comes from country stars Declan Nerney, Tommy Rosney and David Craig and the day has something for everyone.

Registration for the tractor run gets underway at 1pm with the run getting underway at 2.30pm. The cost is €20 per tractor and this includes a meal voucher and admission to the barn dance.

Tommy Rosney is on from 1.30pm to 4pm with Declan Nerney onstage at 4pm to 6pm. David Craig hits the stage at 6.30pm through to 8.30pm.

Of course there will be great interest in the Massey 135 draw at just €10 per ticket, or three for €20, and a cash alternative of €8,000 is available as an option for the lucky winner.

For those taking part in the tractor run there is a draw for them where the 1st prize is 500 litres of oil, 2nd is a €300 Rally Ireland voucher sponsored by Oisín



Declan Nerney and his band who will play on Saturday week with the Neely children.

Crawford of MGC tree services and 3rd is Seaweed based fertiliser sponsored by Tully House Organic Farm.

The is also a free draw for everyone coming through the gate with loads of brilliant prizes there too.

The prized Massey 135 has been on a grand tour of the county to drum up support for this charity fundraiser with 25 stops made by the hard working organisers.

Orla Neely says they are hoping to raise a good amount for a very worthy cause.

She stated: "We've been to 25 different places around the county with the tractor and the

reason being is that Donegal Hospice covers the whole county. It's great to be able to offer a cash alternative as that will suit some of our participants who may not want the tractor but still wish to support the hospice.

They can get tickets on the day, online at the idonate site and if anyone wants to get in touch with me I can meet them or they can call to our house to get tickets as well".

People who are unable to attend the family fun day in Tawney are still able to take part in the tractor draw via www.idonate.ie/raffle/TawneyTractor

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On the day of the event a shuttle bus service will be in operation from the Church of Ireland car park in Kilmacrennan from 1pm and disabled parking for blue badge holders will be onsite.

As well as the music, there are a host of other guests and entertainment on the day including Mr Majestic, Donkey and Big Jimmy, and a few "surprises" as well.

There will also be TJ Teddies and Ideal Farm Models as well as food and drink stalls. You can contact Orla on 086 1051 560 and the idonate link for tickets is www.idonate.ie/raffle/TawneyTractor



David Craig who will play on the day pictured with Orla Neely.

Save our dunes continues in Fanad

Last Sunday, Fanad Coastal Group volunteers armed themselves with spades, mallets and loads of energy to erect 40 metres of chesnut fencing at the entrance to Din's Beach at Rinboy, Fanad.

The threat of erosion, potentially impacting the main road, had been identified by the recent workshops lead by Dr Kevin Lynch of Galway University and, with the support of Cllr Liam Blaney, Donegal County Council helped fund the materials.

The fencing is to limit access to areas where the sand is eroding, it will help trap sand within the fencing and will allow marram grass to grow which will stabilise the sand. Marram grass feels very strong to us but is very susceptible to trampling, dying off under light traffic. We must watch now this winter to see how the fences survive, removing them temporarily if tides are very high. A huge thank you to the volunteers.

On a very positive note, the marram grass planted during the June workshop has taken and should begin to help stabilise the blow-out amongst the dunes at the White Shore end of Ballyhiernan Bay



Some of the volunteers from the Fanad Coastal Group in front of their work.



The marram grass which the group planted behind the fences for security.

600 for Donegal Half Marathon

Donegal Half Marathon Committee Chairman, Myles Sweeney, says he's overwhelmed at the level of interest in this year's event which takes place on Sunday, August 25th in Letterkenny.

"We've been attracting between 400 and 500 in recent years, but this year it looks like the final entry could be close to 600 which is fantastic," the chairman commented.

"It's ten years since we first staged the Donegal Half Marathon and it's extremely satisfying to see that the event is now firmly established as one of the key races on the grand prix series," he added.

Myles has been involved with the Donegal Half Marathon since it was founded in 2014 through his role as Donegal Sports Partnership Coordinator.

"Initially the idea was mooted by the late Dessie Larkin who wanted to bring back the marathon to Letterkenny, given the history of the marathon back in the seventies locally. We also had Danny McDaid competing in Olympic events and international races at that time. I assured Dessie that I would provide any support that was needed from Donegal Sports Partnership. My objective would always have been to try to grow the participation side and using the event to do that. Between that and the high-performance participants, we managed to pull things together.

"Danny McDaid, Brendan McDaid and Eunan Kelly came on board. Donegal County Council came in behind us as well with DFI support. We looked for a number of sponsors and it grew year on year after that. We've been fortunate in that we teamed up with the Kernan Group

in 2019 and they have been the main sponsor since. The help and support we get from our main sponsor is crucial to the success of the Donegal Half Marathon. We also get great support from Donegal County Council, Optum and Century Cinema," Myles said.

Myles believed the marathon and half marathons would be catalysts to get long distance going again in Donegal ten years ago.

"From a Sports Partnership's point of view in terms of growing participation it has achieved its aim. It has become a great participation event - we have a lot of recreational runners who use the event as a challenge and to try and get healthier and fitter. It has changed the lives of people participating. We also have the children's event which we started five years ago. It's a fun and family event where the children complete a one-kilometre dash where they run almost a full lap of the track and finishing at the same finish line that the half marathon participants finish. That creates a nice buzz around the centre, and we also have Letterkenny CDP helping with other activities. It's gone from being a real elite event to being a community sports event. Century Cinema's sponsor this part of the day and it's all good fun."

The challenge for the organising committee has been to maintain the family-event ethos around the Donegal Half Marathon, according to the chairman.

"It's an event that anybody and everybody can participate in. Making sure that it doesn't become too elitist is something we are always conscious of. Getting the culture right was important, as was getting good support. There's also a good



Veronica Patton and Christine O'Rourke from Optum with Donegal Half Marathon Committee members Eunan Kelly, Danny McDaid and Brendan McDaid at Optum's offices in Letterkenny. Optum will sponsor the volunteer t-shirts for the volunteers who will assist with Sunday's Donegal Half Marathon.

base of support from the clubs in the county and that is a massive help, too," he commented.

"Donegal Sports Partnership is very much about collaborating. We're not a top-down organisation. We try to partner and collaborate with other organisations, be that in the community sector or the sports sector. Sometimes it's both. So, an event like this that has

the community ethos and brings all the partners together that creates a community event is what we are always keen to be a part of.

"We have an excellent committee as well. We are very much directed by the experience of Danny McDaid and Brendan McDaid, but ultimately everybody's ideas are taken on board. Everyone is doing their best to create a good

event that creates that community feel. On race day we also have help from the Donegal Volunteer Service who do such great work. Without volunteers we simply couldn't run the event."

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Thieves target new Kilmacrennan house build site

A cement mixer and power washer are among the items stolen during a burglary at a property in Kilmacrennan sometime last week.

Gardaí are appealing for information in relation to the break-in that occurred at Ballykeeran, Kilmacrennan between 6pm on Sunday, August 11th and 8pm on Sunday, August 18th.

Gardaí said the burglary occurred at the site of a house build and the chain and padlock at the entrance was cut in order to gain entry.

A number of items were stolen and a complete list is currently being compiled. Among the items known to be stolen are a cement mixer and a power washer.

Gardaí stated: "We appeal to anybody who may have observed suspicious activity or vehicles in that area between those dates to make contact with Gardaí in Milford on 074-9153060. Any relevant information can alternatively be passed on to the Garda Confidential line on 1800 666 111."

Stained glass windows vandalised on Inishbofin

Gardaí are appealing for information in relation to an incident of criminal damage that occurred at the Community Hall on Inishbofin Island, over the weekend.

The incident occurred sometime between 3pm on Saturday, August 17th and midday on Monday, August 19th.

A number of stained glass Church windows that were in storage at the hall were smashed between those times.

Gardaí stated: "The public have access to the hall. As this is a very recent incident, we ask residents in that area to recall if they observed any suspicious activity around the hall between those dates and if they can offer any relevant information to please contact Gardaí in Milford on 074-9153060."

Appeal following Newmills crash

Gardaí are appealing for witnesses to a single vehicle collision that occurred at Rashedoge, Newmills last weekend.

The vehicle collided with a wall in the early hours of Saturday, August 17th, at approximately 1.04am.

The vehicle was travelling between Glenswilly and Newmills on a back road when the collision occurred.

Gardaí stated: "The driver was not injured and the passenger received serious but non-life threatening injuries. We appeal to anybody who may have travelled in that area around that time with a dash cam to make contact with Gardaí. If anybody witnessed the collision we ask them to contact Letterkenny Gardaí on 074- 9167100."

Revenue sniffer dog raids net good to value of €390k

Irish Revenue Officers seize contraband worth over €390,000 in Dublin and Donegal with help of their detector dog Toby.

Revenue officers say they uncovered 37,600 cigarettes of various brands, with an estimated value of €31,000, representing a potential loss to the Exchequer of €24,800. They also located cash to the value of €2,935 and a quantity of alcohol were also seized in one of the raid while cash to the value of approximately €57,500, comprising €42,102 and £13,240 was also located.

They said both of these seizures were made as a result of intelligence led operations and with the

assistance of Detector Dog and two women have been questioned in relation to these discoveries.

They stated: "It is suspected that the cash is the proceeds of, or intended for use in, criminal activity and is detained by Revenue in accordance with proceeds of crime legislation. Revenue officers were granted a three-month cash detention order in respect of each cash discovery."

In addition, the following seizures were made by Revenue officers examining parcels at a premises in Dublin: approximately 9.5kgs of herbal cannabis, with a value of almost €189,000,

various quantities of other illegal drugs, with an estimated value of



Detector dog Toby and above - the cash recovered in Donegal by the Customs.

approximately €9,400, and a quantity of retail goods, with an estimated value of over €101,000.

The illegal drugs were discovered in parcels that originated in the USA, the United Kingdom, India, Canada, Spain and Thailand, and were destined for various addresses nationwide.

The retail goods were seized due to infringements of Intellectual Property Rights.

Investigations into all seizures are ongoing.

These seizures are part of Revenue's ongoing operations targeting smuggling and shadow economy activity. If businesses, or members of the public, have any information regarding smuggling, they can contact Revenue in confidence on 1800 295 295.

Fianna Fáil faces contest

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on the phones in contacting every last delegate before September 12th.

In the 2020 general election, Pat the Cope's seat seemed in danger into the second day of counting at the Aura in Letterkenny.

On the 9th count Thomas Pringle, Joe McHugh and Fianna Fáil's Charlie McConalogue - who had topped the poll in 2016 - were elected without reaching the quota. The loser was Gallagher who was first elected to Donegal County Council in 1979.

He was most constant figure for FF in Donegal politics. He was first elected to the Dail in 1981 and was Leas-Cheann Comhairle in the last Dáil.

He put his defeat down to transfers of course, and the Sinn Féin tsunami. Pearse Doherty and Pdraig Mac Lochlainn won more than 45% of the first preference with the former more than 8,000 above the quota.

And in the new spirit of friendship between FF and FG we are told there is not even a breath of fresh air separating them. However some of those voices are a bit ropery in that they were in the vanguard in proposing names for FG's convention on next Monday evening.

In that respect the 'Vote No. 2 for the Cope,' from FG has a certain flair, even though it may prove hollow.

Meanwhile as Fine Gael prepares for their convention, their General Secretary, John Carroll is in Donegal this week sounding out strategy and the party's chances of retaining Joe McHugh's seat.

Back in Fianna Fail, there are six candidates seeking two nominations.

However, its predicted that field may quickly shorten to two runners. What, with Seanad nominations on the agenda there is almost bound to be a jockeying to attract the eye of Micheál Martin despite the fact the Tanaiste's televised appearance with a Donegal politician is best forgotten.

It's expected that delegates will be asked to register from 6pm on convention night. In former times - going back a decade the party had close to 1,500 registered members in Donegal.

However those numbers have fallen considerably.

Minister Charlie McConalogue will be joined by former Deputy Pat the Cope Gallagher and Cllr. Michael Naughton who topped the poll with 1,847 (13.3%) in the Donegal electoral area in June's local elections.

Sources told the Tribune he will be a formidable candidate with a sound base of FF's grassroots. He's also well-known in Letterkenny where he's been the Manager of the Clanree Hotel for a number of years. And then there's his contribution to the GAA across the county.

Pat the Cope has confirmed what many were saying for quite some time... he's going to the convention with the ambition of winning enough delegate votes to put him on the ticket.

And it would seem that he's got a strong backroom team eager to join him on the canvass.

He is one of Fianna Fail's longest serving and most loyal members, as a dep-

uty, an MEP, a junior minister and a Leas-Cheann Comhairle. It is obvious he carries a huge legacy of looking after his constituents and he will hope that the errors of 2020 when his return the Dail was taken for granted, will not be repeated.

Meanwhile FG's convention is in the Radisson Blu Hotel Letterkenny on Monday night and it's expected to select two candidates. And the emerging news is one for the record books... Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh is reported to have received a record number of nominations. Senator Niki Bradley, Milford and John McNulty, Kilcar are the other contenders.

Meanwhile senior figures in the organisation have expressed disappointment with last week's political commentary in the Tribune that read: "Their local election results point to the enormity of the task ahead even if they have a shiny new constituency executive committee visiting every doorstep between now and polling day."

"I take exception to the comment about a shiny new executive. There is damn all wrong with the one we have, so why should we want to change? Our executive committee is elected democratically... you are listening to those who are no longer members of the party," we were told by a party official in response to our coverage last week.

As for the remark about why FG should change their constituency executive, perhaps the point being missed amid the rush of strategy meetings and important preparations, was about 5,200 good rea-

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Long delay in housing adaptation grants

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people and people with a disability. The grants available to private home owners are 80% funded by the Dept of Housing, with a 20% contribution from the resources of each local authority.

There are three distinct grant types including the Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability. It assists people with a disability to have necessary adaptations, repairs or improvement works carried out in order to make their accommodation more suitable for their needs. Also available is the Mobility Aids Grant. It fast track grants to cover a basic suite of works to address the mobility problems of a member of a household. Qualifying works include the provision of stair lifts, level access showers, access ramps, grab rails and some minor adaptation works

Thirdly, there is the Housing Aid for Older People Grant which assists older people living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out. Grant el-

igible works include structural repairs or improvements, re-wiring, fixing or replacement of windows and doors, provision of water supply and sanitary facilities, and provision of heating. Just under two years ago a survey of Occupational Therapists in Ireland found that over two thirds of them had experienced burnout as a result of their job in the previous 12 months. The survey was conducted by the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland. Findings from the survey also indicated that almost half had considered leaving the profession in the previous year. The results of the survey were presented at AOTI's annual conference in Athlone in October 2022.

Commenting at the time Odhrán Allen, CEO of AOTI said: "Occupational Therapists are facing severely challenging and deteriorating working conditions that negatively affect their capacity to provide a high quality service and impact their mental health and overall wellbeing.

Mr Allen said that against the backdrop of a rising demand for Occupational Therapist interventions, there were many seriously understaffed services, and rapidly growing waiting lists, making the provision of sustained, high-quality services that help children and adults to participate in everyday meaningful activities is increasingly unrealistic.

In their response to queries from the Tribune, the HSE response also stated: "The department has implemented a waitlist initiative to respond to longer waiting referrals (over 6 months) for Housing Adaptation Grants. This coupled with the continued work by the primary care occupational therapists with clients presenting with highest priority clinical need has meant that in 2024 to date, 49 Housing Adaptation Grant Assessments & Reports have been completed. The service plans to continue with this initiative to address the remaining 38 referrals waiting for assessment."

sons for change. However, the party is on a roll, fair dues to all concerned in keeping the home fires burning. Indeed!

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Funeral of Rina Doherty

The funeral took place in Carrigart on Monday of Rina Doherty, Aughadahor. Aged 58, Rina and her parents came to reside in Carrigart 12 years ago. She passed away at Altnagelvin Hospital, Derry on Tuesday 13th of August. Rina was an accountant who worked in London, Singapore and Glasgow. She always wanted to live near the sea so Aughadahor was chosen in 2012. Rina opened Galánta Gifts in Carrigart village just over 11 years ago. It closed at the beginning of June and in a message at the time Rina thanked her loyal customers as well as speaking with pride about the many friendships she had made through the business.



"Well folks, the key has been turned in the lock for the last time! And what a journey it's been! Eleven years ago, Galánta Gifts opened its doors to the good people of Carrigart and its neighbouring townlands and villages, and my, how you responded! Your continuous support of Galánta meant that we not only survived, but thrived in this beautiful setting. During this time some wonderful friendships have been forged, and it was my pleasure getting to know each and every one of you. I thank you most sincerely for these past 11 years. Your support meant everything!"

Rina had become an integral part of the local community and a very well liked person. That was reflected in the large numbers who came to pay their respects at the funeral on Monday. Her remains were removed from the Eternal Chapel Rest, Mountain Top on Sunday to repose overnight in the Church

of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart. The main celebrant was her friend Fr. Joe Chambers, Belfast. Concelebrant was Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. Carrigart.

Rina was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining graveyard where Fr. Chambers and Fr. Byrne officiated. She is survived by her parents Peter and Rina to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

The late Liam Begley

The death occurred on Friday of Liam Begley, Glenalla, Milford. A very well known and highly respected member of the local community Liam had farming interests. He was born in Glasgow but at just 10 months old his father Willie a native of Glenalla moved back to the home place with his wife Mary. Liam worked on the Community Employment Scheme in Rathmullan and also at Ray Community Centre. Away from work Liam liked to travel visiting Canada, the United States and Europe but at heart he was a homebird. He was a big Liverpool F.C. fan and their anthem You'll Never Walk Alone was fittingly sung at the end of the Funeral Mass. In his homily Fr. Martin Collum said there was a deep sense of sadness in the communities of Glenalla and Ray following Liam's sudden death. He described Liam as quiet, reserved and a gentleman in the true sense of the word with a considerate and obliging nature. He was adored by his nieces and nephews.



Liam is survived by his mother Mary, sisters Noreen, Ann, Pauline and Deirdre, brothers Neil and Mark, brother-in-law

Philip, sisters-in-law Naomi and Mairead, nieces Emma and Maggie, nephews Christopher, Jack, Dáire and Charlie, uncles, aunts, extended family, neighbours and friends. He was predeceased by his father Willie.

Remains reposed at the family home from Monday. Fr Martin Collum P.P. officiated at the Requiem Mass on Wednesday in St Joseph's Church, Rathmullan. Burial took place afterwards in Rathmullan Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

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

Ballyare Charity Match

As part of the Ballyare 10k events there will be a Charity Football Match at the Diamond Park in Ballyare this Friday the 23rd of August. It will start at 7pm and all proceeds will go to the MS Donegal Branch and the Donegal Down Syndrome Association.

It's probably worth a visit because you never know who you might see playing!

Milford Yoga

Drop in to Summer yoga, mixed ability, 90min classes. Tuesdays at 9.15am and Saturdays 9am. Diane Bliss Yoga Studio, Milford.

For info: 0863745972, FB and Instagram.

Care of the Aged Trip

Milford Care of the Aged will be going on their annual trip out to Donegal Town on Friday 30th of August. The bus will be leaving from the Council offices at 10am and heading to Donegal Town for some re- tail therapy. We will be heading to Harvey's Point for lunch at 2pm and back home by 5.30pm. If you are interested, please contact Bridin 086 8283153 or Fiona (087) 687 0682 to book a place before Monday 26th of August. The cost of the trip is €20 per person. It will be great to see you all again and every- one welcome.

Drop-In Clinic

Cllr. Declan Meehan will be running a public drop-in clinic in the Gallowglass Community Centre from 3-5pm on August 22nd and September 19th.

Rags to Riches' Community Thrift shop

The community charity shop in Milford is actively seeking volunteers. By joining Lisa and the team, you'll have the opportunity to meet new people, improve your CV or ease yourself back into the workforce, all while making a positive impact on our local community. Every purchase from the 'Rags to Riches' thrift shop directly supports local initiatives, through the Milford

Development Fund.

The Milford Development Fund is a fund which holds the money made from the Rags to Riches Thrift Shop along with the profits of Community Business Services (the social enterprise of MDRC) together for the redistribution to community groups, projects and initiatives in the wider Milford area.

Antenatal Class

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

Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows: Sunday 1st September Rev Chris Matchitt; October No Services; 3rd November Harvest Service with Bishop David McClay.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society held an outing in Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday 17th August with a team scramble format and the winning team was a score of 65 Gross - 59 Net were David Bonner, Eamonn McCafferty; Noel Gillespie and Adam Bolton, runners up with 66Gross - 60 Net were Donal McCafferty, Dean Shields, Eugene Mac

Brian Boyce at World Masters

Milford man Brian Boyce will go in the World Masters 400m final this Thursday. Boyce qualified for the final after finishing third in his semi final on Tuesday in the Swedish City of Gothenburg. It is the 25th World Masters Athletics Championships and started on Tuesday 13th August and finishes this Sunday. Brian Boyce has competed at previous international competitions including both World and European Championships. He previously enjoyed a big success at the World Masters Athletics Championships in Torun, Poland. Brian was a member of the four-member Irish Mixed Relay that won a 200m relay bronze medal in the Over 45 age category. That was his second time to medal at a major championship having won a bronze in the 4x1 100m finals at the European Masters Championships in Venice in 2019. Brian who trains mostly on his own locally represents the An Ríocht Club from Kerry in national competitions. At the National Masters Championships at the beginning of August in Tullamore



Brian won a bronze medal in the Over 45 age category in the 400m final.

Cafferty and Peter Doherty. The next outing is on Saturday 21st September in Sandy Hills, Rosapenna at 11.30am. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Donegal League

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

50/50 Draw

The next draw will take place on Sunday 1st September. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 22nd August 10am; Friday 23rd August; Saturday 24th August at 7.30pm; Sunday 18th August at 11.00am. Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 24th August at 6pm.



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Ray Community Centre

Condolences

Sincerest condolences from Ray Community Group committee to the family of our friend and colleague Liam Begley whose untimely death on Friday has shocked the whole community. Our thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends especially his mother Mary, brothers Mark and Neil and sisters Noreen, Ann, Pauline and Deirdre at this very difficult time. As a mark of respect Ray Community Centre will remain closed this week, with all activities cancelled.

Take Your Pick

Congratulations to Kathleen Toomey, Emma Doherty and Martin Barrett who all won €20 in the Take Your Pick this week. Jackpot next Sunday 25th August is €275.

Couch to 5K

Continues on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8pm

and Sunday morning 9.30am. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

Astro Pitch Available to Rent

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

Daytime Exercise Class

Continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with Amanda from 9.30am to 10.15am. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

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Rachael Darragh at her homecoming in Raphoe on Friday after representing Ireland in badminton at the Olympics Games in Paris. Rachael is pictured with her grandfather Sammy and grandmother Audrey Magee who was formerly a member of the Graham family from Bunlin, Milford.



Martin Roarty, chairman of Milford United FC presenting €1,000 to Katie Hunt, Roscommon winner of last month's Club 50/50. Katie is with her grandmother Brigid McHugh, Cranford who purchased the lucky ticket.

Hospices to benefit from Bolton cycle



Paul and Shauna McGinley with former Bolton Wanderers player and club ambassador John McGinlay at the Toughsheet Community Stadium on Saturday. They were there for the launch of the sponsored cycle in aid of the Donegal and Bolton Hospices with ten men getting on their bikes on Friday week the 30th of August for the 250km trek that will end on the Saturday afternoon at the Bolton Wanderers Football Club grounds.

A ten-strong group of family and friends are putting the final preparations in place for a 250 km cross-channel sponsored cycle to raise money for two Hospices.

by Declan Kerr

The ten men will leave Letterkenny on Friday week the 30th of August on the first leg of the journey with the final destination being the English city of Bolton. Moyle Hill man Paul McGinley had the original idea to do a charity event for both the Donegal and Bolton Hospices in memory of family members. First and foremost he wanted to do something for the Donegal Hospice where his late mother Frances was so well cared for prior to her death in May 2022. Frances was formerly a member of the Hegarty family from the Mountain Top. Paul McGinley's link to the Bolton Hospice has come as a result of following the fortunes of the city's football club. Bolton Wanderers are based in Greater Manchester and compete in League One. "I have been going over to games regularly and was at 13 matches last season. I am a season ticket holder. Myself and my

wife Shauna have made a lot of friends over there. John McGinley who used to play for Bolton is someone that I meet regularly. He is involved with the Bolton Hospice so that is the reason for supporting them. My mother Frances passed away at the Donegal Hospice two years ago so I always wanted to do something for them. I wanted to do something that wasn't too easy but still doable. I do a bit of cycling but nothing competitive. My father Gerard would have done more than me. He would have done a lot of the Sligo to Letterkenny cycles" Paul said.

The ten men team will also include Paul's two brothers Ciaran and Gerard Jnr and his uncle Pat Hegarty who starred in athletics with Finn Valley for many years. Also doing the 250km cycle are Paul's cousins Christopher and Eamonn McGinley, nephew Dylan McGarrigle along with Lexie Diver (Milford) and the Scott brothers Mark and Ivan (Portlean). They have been meeting up regularly as a group over the past month having done their own individual training previously.

"We have been doing up to 70k in a night. I am looking forward to getting going now. We will leave from Letterkenny on the Friday morning and get to Belfast Port for the ferry in the evening. We will then cycle on Saturday morning to the Bolton Hospice first and onto the football ground for the Exeter game. A dinner is being organised for us that night. There is a minibus coming over as well with some supporters so it will be good to meet up afterwards." Paul was in Bolton on Saturday for the league game against Wrexham which ended 0-0. He was there also for a promotional event for the sponsored cycle. A quiz and darts event are among additional fundraisers being organised in the coming weeks for a very worthy cause. Sponsor cards are also out and a GoFundMe Page has been set up. The cycle is leaving from Donegal Hospice to Belfast Port (170km) then get the ferry to Liverpool and cycle to Bolton Hospice on Saturday morning and then onto the Bolton Football Stadium (80 km), 250 km in total. All your support would be very appreciated.



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**Danny Gormley Memorial Knockalla Hillclimb**

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
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**Alternative Routes:**

R268 Portsalon to Rathmullan Road, R247 Rathmullan to Kerrykeel Road and the R246 Kerrykeel to Portsalon Road.

**Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, Roads & Transportation**

# Rathmullan News

**Beach to Beach Swim**

Congratulations to former Olympic swimmer Kevin Williamson who has close ties with Rathmullan on his unique challenge last week, when he swam from Rathmullan Beach to Inch Island Beach and back again (3.7km) in 1 hour, 23 minutes 14 seconds, and was accompanied on the return leg by his sister Mary. What an achievement and the record is now firmly set! At Sea support was provided by Teddy Russell & John Gallagher. All donations and sponsorships were in aid of the RNLI Lifeboats with over €725 collected to date. The fund will remain open at the White Harte Bar for another few weeks. This is just the first of Kevin's Swim Challenges with plans afoot for other bigger and better events in the years ahead, so watch this space.



Kevin Williamson with Fiona McNutt and Heather McBride from the RNLI.

**Community Games Finals**

Best wishes to the young people from Rathmullan and surrounding areas who are off to the Community Games Finals in Carlow during the next few weekends, and safe travels to you all.

**Heritage Week Events in Rathmullan**

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

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

**Vintage & Classic Car Show 25th August**

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

**The Swilly Ferry**

The Buncrana Ferry is fully operational with

# Two Roads, Two Crowds

My wife's favourite poem opens with the lines: Two roads diverged in a yellow wood It's from the wonderfully evocative and thought-provoking, 'The Road Not Taken' by Robert Frost. It comes to mind in a tangential sort of way because of two video clips I saw today - almost one above the other on my Facebook feed. One was a video of legendary rockers AC/DC performing at Croke Park last Saturday. The vast crowd of 80,000 was singing along to one of AC/DC's greatest hits. The other video was also of a crowd singing last Saturday in Kilkenny - 700 people, a large enough crowd in the circumstances, for it was at a Christian conference. There the similarity ended. One crowd was belting out, "I'm on the highway to Hell"; the other, "All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice" - words from Psalm 100. I was in one of those crowds and was deeply moved - yet when I saw the other I was deeply moved too. Hearing so many Christians singing with one voice in praise to God was tremendous - it moved me to tears at one point. But hearing a hundred times more people screaming with Brian Johnson, "I'm on the highway to Hell" moved me to tears too - a different sort of tears, tears of sorrow. Hell is no singing matter. You might say, "It's only a song" - but Hell isn't simply a song lyric, it's an eternal destiny, a place so unutterably awful and bleak that I wouldn't wish it

on my worst enemy. It is where all goodness, joy, laughter and pleasure is gone, and only pain, suffering, judgment and the blackest regret remains. Contrary to AC/DC's lyrics there will be no 'Party time' nor will there be any friendship for you to enjoy ('My friends are gonna be there too'). To hear 80,000 people singing is a bit like hearing 80,000 Jews in 1941 singing "I'm on the highway to Auschwitz." It's soul-chilling. The juxtaposition of the two videos, and their two crowds, reminded me of something Jesus said, "Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Matthew 7:13-14) Psalm 100 alludes to that narrower road - one that leads right up to the gates of Heaven itself: "O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto" Jesus Christ came to make it possible for us to avoid the joyless awfulness of Hell, and to enjoy the joyful wonder of Heaven. Astonishingly he could have sung the lyrics "I'm on the highway to Hell" more truly than anyone, for he went there on the Cross to pay for all our Hell-deserving sin, so that we could enter his courts with joy. He is the way, the narrow road that leads to life, the road less travelled. Choose carefully which road you pick. Don't be fooled by the

*Food for thought*



Mark Loughridge

one with many on it. Robert Frost ends his poem with these telling lines... "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference." Take the road less travelled, and you'll find it makes all the difference.

Sunday 25th - This Sunday evening we have the third of our Summer Sunday evenings - you are invited to come along at 7pm to Milford RP Church behind Lidl. Come along and join with us as we look at "Jesus' Care in Life's Struggles". Date for your diaries - The Bible Course starts Wed 18th Sept - more info to follow.

Mark Loughridge is one of the ministers in Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or jmarkloughridge@gmail.com.

regular sailings per day, and has been very busy throughout the summer months. Please see swillyferry.com for full timetable and costs, with the service moving to the September timetable shortly. With the ongoing works at the pier, please follow road signs and be patient with other road users, as undoubtedly there will be times of congestion.

**St Vincent De Paul**

This time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, especially with family and household costs, and children shortly returning to school costs, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need. Please feel free to contact any member of the Chapter in complete confidence, on 087 698 2822. Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items,

bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, while also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

**Clean Coasts**

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday morning, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am. However, remember there is always the 2 minute Bleach Clean Board at the entrance to the Car Park, so pick up a litter picker there and do a clean at a time that suits you.

Many thanks to Clean Coasts who have also now provided a second 2 minute Clean Board which is available at the entrance to the beach opposite Pat Patton's Butchers, so please do a litter pick on that beach at times as well.

# Letterkenny Athletic Club News

LAC secured two podium places in the Dromore 10km road race in Co. Tyrone.

In a deep field Danny Mooney looked imperious as he crossed the line in fine form in 33:18 to take first place followed closely by Eoghain McGinley in 33:36 to take second while Philip McHugh finished in 35:25 taking fourth place.

In the Ramelton Mariners FC 5K LAC's Nakita Burke ran a statement race recording a superb time of 17:12.

Eimear Gormley ran an excellent time of 20:01 while Marie Boyle ran 23:01.

Richard Raymond ran 25:30 while Angela McGee ran 35:22. Well done to all who participated.

The 10th staging of the Kernans Donegal Half Marathon takes place this Sunday the 25th August 2024.

Race headquarters will be the Aura Leisure Centre and tickets are available at Eventmaster.ie.

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

LAC runners have enjoyed a well earned break from training for the month of August.

From the 2nd September LAC will resume full training sessions and meet at the Aura on Tuesday at 5.15pm and at 6.30pm for an interval running session, Thursday evening for a hill run at 6pm, Saturday morning at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday morning at 8am for a long run.



LAC's Danny Mooney and Eoghain McGinley taking 1st and 2nd place in the Dromore 10km

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# Letterkenny hosts North West Truck Fest

The North West Truck Fest has moved to a new location in Letterkenny with the event taking place on the Donegal County Council grounds on Neil T Blaney Road this Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August.

The annual weekend has continued to develop into one of the biggest tourist attractions in the North West and will see trucks arriving from North and South of Ireland. The Fest has been very well supported since it began in 2006 and has raised in excess of €100,000 for charities in the local area.

The North West Truck Fest was first set up by Robert Brown, Milford and along with help of Annamarie Brogan and committee members the annual event has developed substantially and the chosen charity this year is the Donegal Down Syn-

drome Association.

There will be trophies for trucks in various categories including presentation of the Decky Holian Perpetual Trophy and the George Tracey Memorial Trophy.

Events get underway on Saturday afternoon and from 4pm til 6pm there will be live music on the gig rig by Carragh Lynch, followed from 6pm - 8pm with The Good Old Boys and Anne Biddie. This will be followed on Saturday with DJ Doc and DJ Lee Duncan.

A brilliant spectacle of a Light Display will take place on Saturday night at 9pm.

Sunday 25th August is a family fun day and there will be live music from 2-4pm by Paul Kelly and his band.

This will be followed by presentation of prizes including the Decky Holian Perpetual Trophy and the George Tracey Memorial Trophy.

Large crowds are expected and come along to see the selection of trucks and also there will be face painting, and a large array of stalls including homebaking, bric-a-brac and many more.

The event will be topped off on Sunday afternoon with a Truck Convoy throughout Letterkenny Main Street at 5pm.

Further details and information contact Robert 086 2441350 or Annamarie 086 8859887 Everyone welcome.

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Kevin and Sally McLaughlin, Portsalon who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary at the weekend and they are pictured at a family celebration in Ripples Restaurant, Kerrykeel on Saturday evening.

## Campaign launched for Mevagh Defibrillators

Mevagh PAD Group is looking for your assistance with raising funds towards the fitting and servicing of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) in the Mevagh Community. Our aim is to provide public access to defibrillators throughout the Mevagh Parish. The selected locations are: Glen (outside The Glen Bar), Melmore

Head, Singing Pub, Downings Resource Centre and Donegal Board Walk.

The automated external defibrillator in combination with effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), is a critical part of the Chain of survival in Cardiac Arrest. Please look out for our fundraising events, draws which will take place shortly, for

our posters and ask for selling lines within the businesses throughout the Mevagh Parish. Committee members: Aidan Cunningham, Arek Gerwatowski, Edward McGettigan, Desmond McLaughlin. Donations can be transferred directly to Official Sheephaven Credit Union account number 6030.

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# Murphy's men head for Belfield

Darren Murphy brings his Finn Harps team to the Capital this Friday for a League of Ireland First Division clash with UCD at the Belfield Bowl (kick-off 7.45). It's been a very difficult period for Murphy and he faces a very big challenge to get Harps back into play-offs with nine games remaining. Trying to get even a draw against third placed UCD will be a big ask. They are managed by Bun-crana man William O'Connor who will be looking to get his side up to second place in the table. Harps had a break last week due to the FAI Senior Cup but UCD went to Showgrounds and defeated Sligo Rovers 2-0 to advance to the next round of the competition. So they will definitely go into the Harps full of confidence. In sharp contrast Darren Murphy must try to get his side up two places to fifth in order to be in the play-offs. That is achievable but the current form has to improve to make it happen. Confidence levels have to be low after a recent run of losses. Players are physically tired after all the travel and the squad is light in terms of the right type of experience to get them out of a hole that is getting bigger. There are unlikely to be any additions at this stage to the panel so it's up to the management team to try and find ways of getting badly needed points on the board. In the other games on Friday night second placed Athlone Town host Bray Wanderers.

Cobh Ramblers who are now a point ahead of Harps have a home game and local derby against league leaders Cork City. Treaty Utd a side that is just two points behind Harps take on Wexford Youths at the Markets Field. On Saturday night the bottom two sides Longford Town and Kerry FC meet at Bishopsgate. Harps record against UCD has been quite good this season with three draws. The first meeting was on Friday 5th April in Ballybofey where it ended 1-1 with Tony McNamee putting the hosts in front. Despite having to settle for a draw against UCD, Harps remained second in the League of Ireland First Division table following the weekend results. Tony McNamee's third goal in successive matches gave Harps an early lead against the Students but the visitors got back on level terms in the 74th minute after having had a player sent-off. Referee: Oliver Moran. On Friday 17th May Harps drew 3-3 with UCD at Belfield. Murphy's men led twice through Sean O'Donnell and Success Edogun. An 88th minute Edogun penalty made it 3-2. But the drama wasn't over as Éanna Clancy headed in a 93rd minute equaliser. The last meeting between the two teams was on Thursday 13th June and it was a draw again. This time it was 1-1. Harps dropped a place to fifth in the table after a deserved draw against fellow promotion contenders UCD in Ballybofey. It was a reward for having to play with 10

men from the 26th 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 usually played on Thursday due to the European Championships starting the following night.

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## Harps launch fundraising draw



Finn Harps launched the club's Annual Members' Draw and have emphasised the importance of a collective effort to ensure the club continues to cover expenditure for the 2025 season. The Club said they have significant financial operational challenges to meet including a longer payment schedule for players. As a result Harps will announce further initiatives in coming weeks. There has been a tremendous effort from club volunteers to cover rising operational, ground maintenance and travel costs. As well as that Harps have only had one game (v Bray Wanderers), between the Kerry match on the 4th of July, and next Finn Park fixture v Cobh Ramblers on Friday week 30th August. Tickets cost just €10 (or 3 for €20/ 8 for €50) and can be purchased online on [www.finnharps.ie](http://www.finnharps.ie) "We would be grateful to anyone who can help us make this venture a success by selling tickets, which can be collected from the clubhouse or arranged by contacting [fundraising@finnharps.ie](mailto:fundraising@finnharps.ie) Finn Harps Chairman Ian Harkin said: "We are very grateful to our 500 Club members, sponsors and loyal supporters who continue to support our senior, academy and women's teams. The young players on our first team squad list are testament to our commitment to providing a genuine pathway for local talent. This process

can take time to bear fruit, but as the younger players continue to gain experience and develop their potential, we believe the club will progress to a much better place. Meanwhile we are in the playoff fight and look forward to an exciting conclusion to the season.

We have significant financial operational challenges to meet including a longer payment schedule for players, so we will announce further initiatives in coming weeks. We have a great team of people organizing the annual draw and are very appreciative of public support."

### Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 15th August. The numbers drawn were 5, 7, 21, 23. The next draw takes place on Thursday 22nd August and the jackpot is €10,000. There were six match 3 winners this week winning €35 each. Anne Kelly, Carrickmagrath, Ballybofey. Fionn Robinson, Ramelton. Gerard Slevin, Convo. Mark Broomfield, Ballyfin, Portlaoise. Sinead Lawne, Email Provided. Michael Lavin, Drumcondra, Dublin. Thanks to everyone who supports our lotto! Enter via [finnharps.ie](http://finnharps.ie)

## Kerrykeel 71 draw winners

Thanks to everyone who has supported the In It To Win It Draw. Pictured below is James Martin, Shaun Friel, Mark "Sparky" Friel and Hughie Walsh. Front row are the main women - Peggy McAteer, Alana and Ellie Friel, Aoife and Zara Walsh. Once again a massive thank you. Without your support we would not be able to keep the local team going. Winners  
€1000 Donal Coyle  
€500 Annette McGrenra  
€300 Philip Mould  
€200 Shaun Patton



Hughie Walsh presenting the third prize of €300 to Philip Mould



Hughie Walsh on behalf of Donal Coyle collecting the first prize of a €1,000 in the recent Kerrykeel 71 Club draw from Hughie Walsh



Shaun Patton collecting the fourth prize of €200 from Hughie Walsh



Annette McGrenra and family accepting the second prize of €500 from Hughie Walsh



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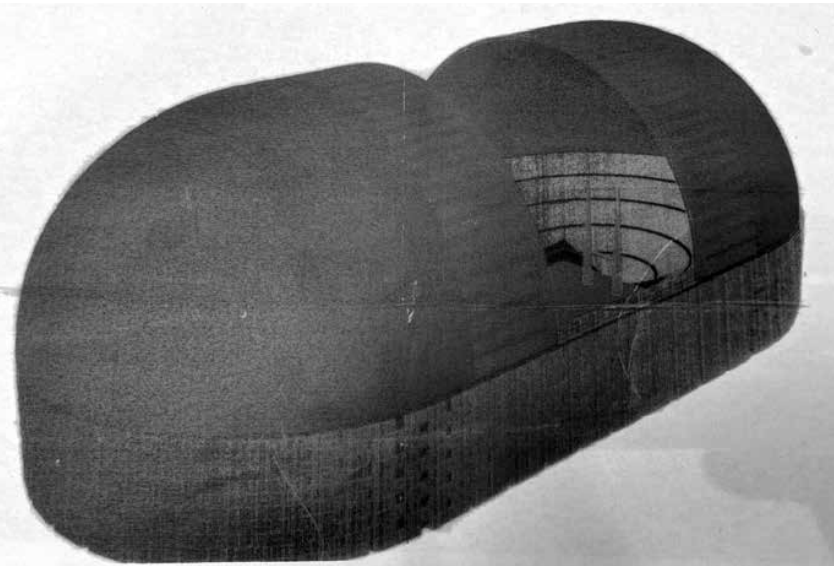


# Burt could host the Olympics!

The Burt area of Donegal has the potential to host an Olympic Games. That might seem like a mad idea but there is one man, a native of the county, who believes that the dream is worth pursuing with cross-border support. The man who wants to remain anonymous for now says a number of high profile political and sporting figures have been briefed on the Burt Olympics plan.

Among them are Northern Ireland First Ministers Michelle O'Neill and Emma Little-Pengelly, Deputy Charlie McConalogue, former MEP Mairead McGuinness, J.P. McManus and Jarlath Burns.

He describes Burt as one of the beautiful places on the planet. "It is one of the most exciting places to be on the planet. You have the Grianan of Aileach and then there is really good flat land in Burt where an Olympic village could be built with a stadium



A sketch of the proposed Olympic Village in Burt in the vicinity of Grianan of Aileach.

that would be the most environmentally friendly in the world. It is close to the sea for water sports and there are golf courses

nearby in Buncrana and Ballyliffin. In Derry there is a big GAA facility in Dungiven that could be used as well."

He has already met Emma Little-Pengelly and gave her an outline of his ambitions. He has also sent the details of his vision to Michelle O'Neill while he is working on organising a meeting with the Mayor of Derry Lilian Seanoi Barr. On this side of the border the Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue is also aware of the Burt Olympic plan as is former MEP and new EU Commissioner Mairead McGuinness. He has also talked to a former senior Donegal politician and made contact with wealthy Irish citizens including J.P. McManus. "I have given the details to businessmen like J.P. McManus. This is a countrywide plan to make it happen. The Olympics are going to be in Los Angeles in 2028 and Brisbane in 2032. I believe it can happen here quite quickly if the support is there. I want to see the politicians and business people coming back to me with their responses."

He says the Paris Olympics was in general a success with little con-

troversy where men and women of different colour and ethnicity were treated equally while the exclusion of a country like Russia was the right thing to do with Putin's actions denying the athletes the opportunity to compete on the world stage. Again he reiterated that Burt was the perfect place for an Olympic arena.

"You have clean air. There are no extreme weather conditions. Burt is the promised land. It is the nearest place to heaven on earth. In an ideal world it would be the epicentre. Whatever type of a stadium is built it would be environmentally and ecologically friendly.

It would be a venue that you could maintain and use for other purposes. I have done my bit now it's time for others to come to me and hopefully it's something that they will run with for the good of Donegal. I played a lot of sport and see the benefits it brings in so many ways.

This is not about me, that's why for now at least I want to remain anonymous."

## Mulroy Bay Angling Competition



The Best Male angler in the Mulroy Bay Angling Competition last Saturday was Danny McLoone receiving his prize from Tommy Logue. Best Female angler was Mary Fealty and Best Juvenile angler was Lucas Logue. All proceeds were in aid of the RNLI. The organisers would like to thank the anglers who took part in the competition and also the boat owners and those who sponsored prizes.

## Ryan says "Keep The Customer Satisfied"



Rapidly emerging artist Ryan Lynch, hailing from the heart of County Tyrone, is delighted to announce the release of his brand new debut single, "Keep The Customer Satisfied."

This is Ryan's debut single, and it is already creating a significant wave of reaction following its first airplay last week on national radio and has already ranked number two in the charts.

Ryan is currently touring internationally with a renowned vocal group and is set to pursue his solo career with upcoming performances in Ireland and the UK. Ryan is poised to captivate a growing fan base with his unique musical style and compelling vocals showcased in his new single.

Ryan Lynch's background in West End theatre has imbued his music with a fresh, dynamic approach, blending the energy of traditional Irish tunes with a contemporary, upbeat twist.

"Keep The Customer Satisfied" is a testament to his versatility and creativity, promising to be an infectious hit that will resonate with audiences far and wide.

This debut single, produced at Spout Studios by Jonathan Owens, marks the beginning of Ryan's promising journey in the music industry. Following the release of "Keep The Customer Satisfied," Ryan is already back in the studio, recording a follow-up single slated for release in the coming months.

Ryan Lynch's impressive tour schedule and the release of his debut single highlight his dedication and passion for music. His performances are a must-see, offering a unique blend of traditional and modern influences that promise to leave a lasting impression.

It is now available on iTunes and Spotify.

## Sports Star nominations deadline dates



Jasmine Barrett-Doherty winner of last year's Donegal Sports Star Best Primary Girl Award with the then Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr Martin Harley.

The Donegal Sports Star Committee has confirmed the two deadline dates for the 2024 Awards. The first deadline is for the schools nominations and is Friday 25th of October. All other nominations must be submitted to the Committee by Friday 29th of November. Schools are first because it is only successes in the academic year 2023/2024 that are eligible for consideration in school only competitions.

Schools continue to be a hugely important part of the event with nine Awards being presented including Primary School - Best Boy, Best Girl and Teacher; Secondary School Best Girl, Boy, Teacher. There are two Best Primary School categories Small (less than 100 pupils) and Large (more than 100 pupils)

Chairperson Grace Boyle said "We will be meeting next month and we will be inviting in the 2023 schools winners. They will help us to promote the 2024 schools awards and the importance of getting nominations in by the deadline of Friday 25th of October. Schools are not just about the achievements which are obviously very important but we will give a significant weighting to the level of participation in sport generally. I want to thank Donegal County Council for continuing to be our sponsor in. They first became involved in the late 1970s. We will also be taking nominations for the

non-schools awards which has that later deadline of Friday 29th November" Ms Boyle said.

She said that while it may only be the end of August there has already been a lot of success for Donegal teams and individuals in 2024. "It is important now that clubs start compiling notes on significant achievements so far this year and be ready to submit names to our Committee. Successes in Donegal sport deserve to be recognised when it comes to our awards event at the end of January."

There are nine school categories in total. Teachers are key people in ensuring that sport is made a priority so there is a category for both Secondary and Primary. Schools Categories

Best Sports Boy and Girl Primary School

Best Sports Boy and Girl Secondary School

Best Primary School Small (<100 pupils)

Best Primary School Large (>100 pupils)

Best Secondary School

Best Sports Teacher Primary

Best Sports Teacher Secondary

Send nominations to [info@donegal-sportsstarawards.ie](mailto:info@donegal-sportsstarawards.ie) and attach any relevant images and video footage.

The Awards will take place in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Friday the 31st of January 2025.



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

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# Country's record failure in construction not a surprise

*The nation expects a general election before Christmas and the odds favour the civil war parties. FF and FG will be at the starting gate and that will be interesting if only to guess how close they come to having an overall majority... But is it really that simple?*

Now that the Rose of Tralee is done and dusted for another year, you just have to wonder what surprises RTE has in store to fill the spaces in television land for the winter?

The predictably boring Late Late Show will be announced in a fanfare of hype and then there's 'Dancing with the Stars' in the new year? And insofar as the panel on The Sunday Game goes, wouldn't be great if it was gone come next summer's championships.

But who knows what might happen now that RTE has been handed a whopping bailout of €725 million in the next three years... so what else is new or will RTE be back with cap in hand looking for more money? Don't you know!

Maybe, just maybe Simon Harris will extend these similar magic increases to hard pressed services in housing, health, infrastructure, education, Garda numbers, road policing, more nursing posts and more beds, to doctors, physios and just about every other sector of the public service.

They are all hard pressed for personnel and in a country that has expanded by two million in recent years, would it not be great if this pressure attracted levels of staffing, that ending queues for hospital appointments and much more. Expect Simon to make loads of big promises: he's been doing that for ten years and his record of delivery does not match anybody's expectations. But, for some inexplicable

reason, his fortunes are soaring in the opinion polls despite having delivered nothing apart from aspirations, promises and hope. For most people in search of hope they no longer turn to politicians and rely on a visit to the Shrine at Knock to get a pair of rosary beads blessed or climb the Reek where St. Patrick looked out across Clew Bay and called the faithful there to pray!

But all is not lost just yet. The nation expects a general election before Christmas and the odds favour the civil war groups all decked out in their finest greenery. FF and FG will be there at the starting post and that will be interesting if only to guess how close they can come to having an overall majority. From this distance there is a fair bet they'll need 88 seats for a working majority. Someone may have to create a brand new party to fill the gap. With FG on 24% and FF on 20% in the opinion polls, they could end up with a gap of fifteen to twenty seats to make up the deficit for a clear majority. Imagine if most of the newly elected Independents were to be on board that bus trip to the Aras to collect their seals of office?

But the latest shock news about the country's record failure in building new houses falling away behind the population growth makes for quite stark reading. The first reaction has to be why did nobody tell the Government the game was over. Otherwise Simon

Harris would be in the Tribune spinning like a top chatting about constructing 250,000 new houses in the next four and a half years. On reflection, this figure will fall short of targets unless people pack up and leave the island.

However, I'd love to hear Darragh O'Brien put some sense on why housing construction has been one of Ireland's largest disasters since Noah's Big Flood Night.

A huge task by all accounts. God found one righteous man. Noah was the main one in whom God confided his intention.

"I am about to bring on the Flood..." Not a bother at all says Noah and he brought along all God's creatures great and small and he climbed on board the Ark in his six hundredth year of life. They're not made like him anymore.

If only Harris and his Government were doing their work properly, this nation would not be so badly in need of housing.

Here on Planet Earth, Ireland's population growth is outpacing the delivery of new homes at a rate of almost four to one, new analysis suggests.

The research from Savills Ireland compared Ireland with several other advanced western economies and found this country fares the worst in terms of population growth to housing delivery. Ireland's ratio of 3.8 people added to the population for every unit of housing delivered was 80% worse than that of the UK (2.1 ratio) and double that of Australia (1.9). It was also significantly worse than the US (1.5) and Germany (0.9), which Savills said highlighted that Ireland "really does stand out alone" in the severity of its housing shortages.

"Ireland has unique drivers - a delayed natural population boom, high migration due to strong economic growth, and structural legacy issues resulting from the Celtic Tiger crash - that explains why Ireland has the unenviable position having the worst supply to population growth of the countries

analysed," Savill's director of research John Ring said.

"At present, we are running to stay still and a more aggressive approach to promoting new housing supply is warranted compared to our peers."

Mr Ring added that progress has been made in terms of supply but the scale of the housing crisis "remains large", and that new Government targets around the delivery of housing over the coming months is to be welcomed.

"New targets should be reasonable but also ambitious and challenging, which recognise the seriousness of Ireland's housing crisis as outlined in this analysis," he said.

The research from Savills came as the latest Property Price Index from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) showed that the cost of purchasing a home in Ireland rose 8.6% in the 12 months to June 2024.

The median price of a home purchased in Ireland over the last year was €337,500, the CSO said. The median is the middle figure in a row of numbers sorted from top to bottom, as opposed to the average.

Trevor Grant, the chair of Irish Mortgage Advisors, said: "This is the tenth consecutive month that annual house prices have increased and means that many prospective first-time buyers will continue to see their chances of buying a home slip away from them."

"Current Government house building targets are well below that though Taoiseach Simon Harris has suggested that more realistic and ambitious housing targets will be set in the Budget. It is imperative that any such targets are delivered on. While housing commencements are at record levels this year, we are simply not building enough properties quickly enough." And months out from the general election, housing in one phase or the other is going to be one of the top public issues in the campaign. And it's been that way for over thirty years and despite the 'huge steps forward'

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it would seem the Government is going in the opposite direction.

Apart from the upcoming Irish election there is the coverage of America's Presidential Election and that is fascinating and that should tick the boxes for compulsive viewing right up to November 5th and beyond. It's the greatest show on earth and the live coverage from the campaign is already fascinating.

And the Tribune will have regular updates from our sources in Washington. Because the outcome of this election will impact our economy in one way or the other. Look only at the number of US companies that are based here and the tens of thousands employed either directly or indirectly. We've done very well because of these jobs and that was set in train all those years ago with very favourable tax incentives to lure the rich Yankee groups.

This is the sixtieth presidential election since 1789 and 40 of the 46 presidents have been elected this way. All have been male. The US. uses an electoral college system, where each state has a specified number of electors. In this system, each State has a fixed number of electors based on their population size, and they vote for their candidate with the most popular votes within their State or district. Since 1964, there have been 538 electoral votes available and candidates need a minimum of 270 votes to win. Because of this system, candidates do not have to win over fifty percent of the popular votes across the country, but just win in enough States to receive a total of 270 electoral college votes. The use of this system is a source of debate in the U.S.; those in favour claim that it prevents candidates from focusing on the interests of urban populations, and must also appeal to smaller and less-populous States.

From 1789 until 1820, there was no popular vote, and the President was then chosen only by the electors from each State. George Washington was unanimously voted for by the electorate, receiving one hundred percent of the votes in both elections. From 1824, the popular vote became the selected choice among electors to decide who to vote for.

And from 1924, the difference in the share of both votes has varied, with several candidates receiving over ninety percent of the electoral votes while only receiving between fifty and sixty percent of the popular vote.

Since 1824, there have been 49 elections, and in 18 of these the winner did not receive over fifty percent of the popular vote. In the majority of these cases, the winner did receive a plurality of the votes, however there have been five instances where the winner of the electoral college vote lost the popular vote to another candidate. The most recent example of this was in 2016, where Hillary Clinton won approximately three million more votes than Donald Trump.

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# “Now we realise how much

Nathan Carter and Mike Denver were the two big stars who turned up at the Allingham Arms Hotel in Bundoran on Thursday night to pay tribute to the late Denis Curran who passed away on the 28th of April.

Over €11,000 was presented to Isobel Doherty from the Donegal Hospice by Denis' wife Susan and family members. The night saw a packed ballroom in the Allingham host some of the best country singers in the country. Unfortunately stars like Michael English, Jimmy Buckley and Derek Ryan were out of

the country working on cruises and tours in Spain. Fr. Brian D'Arcy travelled from Eniskillen to pay his own tribute. Artists taking to the stage included Nathan Carter, Mike Denver, David James, Jason McCahill, Mick Flavin, John Glenn, Shaun Cuddy, Thomas Maguire and Fhiona Ennis, Paul Kelly, Rachel McConnell with Brian Kerrigan and the Ryan Turner Band providing the backing music.

Denis Curran was known all over the country working with Paddy Bradley on the showband scene. Denis has been working in the Allingham Arms in Bundoran over 31 years and Peter McIntyre, former proprietor of the Hotel spoke on behalf of the McEniff family.

Peter welcomed everyone and said it was a very special night for the Curran family - Susan and her sons DJ, Maxi and Barney, as well as Denis' brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews and family circle.

He thanked Conor McEniff for the brilliant night and all the artists and everyone who turned out. "Thanks to the Donegal Hospice team who do a brilliant job and all my old staff for coming here tonight - it brings back so many great memories", he said.

Peter paid tribute to Paddy Bradley who put the show together. "Paddy and Denis have been travelling up and down the road from Downings since 1993 for the past 31 years. Paddy has brought all the big names such as Nathan Carter, Derek Ryan and Michael English to play here when they were only starting out.

Denis would have been so proud of tonight and I thank each and every one of you for turning out", he concluded.

On behalf of the Curran family, Maxi thanked everyone for making the night possible.

"It was the best send off Dad, could have had," he said. "Dad would have enjoyed tonight. He always looked forward to the weekend in Bundoran. He would be very humble and very very proud of the big crowd present.

It was our MC Dominic who had the brainwave to organise tonight and together with Paddy they got together to make it happen. Thanks to Conor McEniff who far made the seamless transition from Peter and Elizabeth.

On behalf of our family, I wish to pass on huge thanks to the staff of the Donegal Hospice who made Dad's final few days so comfortable.

Thanks to the large crowd and all the artists for coming down - it's very humbling for us as a family and a very fitting closure.



Bridie Gallagher, Packie Hanlon with Brendan and Kevin Curran and Margaret McBride.



Mary McBride enjoying the night.



Eileen McMenamin, Sean Moore, Isobel Doherty of the Donegal Hospice, Denis Orr and Jacqueline Sharkey.



David James with Fr. Brian D'Arcy.



Kieran Gallagher, Lawrence Shiels, Mary Shevlin, Patricia Shiels and Gerry McTaggart.



Anne and Gerard.



Peter Curran with his daughters Marie Crossan and Angela McFadden and son in law Paddy McFadden.



# "How much Bundoran loved Dad" - Maxi Curran

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Peter Curran and Jason McCahill with Nathan Carter.



On the door at the Tribute Night for Denis Curran were Sandra Keenan, Edel Travers and Aine McMahon with at back Bradley Boyle, Paddy Bradley, Mairead Boyle and Julie Yanhoondon.



Peter, Barney and Susan Curran.



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Ann Doherty and Bridie Bradley.



Patrick and Mary McFadden, Rathmullan and friends.



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# EU lifeline for fish farms

The Irish salmon farming industry has been given a lifeline this week after the European Commission agreed to impose temporary restrictions to stop low cost salmon being dumped into EU markets. The new restrictions will come as a major boost for Marine Harvest based in the Fanad Peninsula and they have a staff level of 190 workers in a county that has already been devastated by redundancies in the textile industry. The Fanad operation is there for 25 years and it's the only major employer outside of Letterkenny. The jobs there are now secure and the decision will give Marine Harvest hope for the future that they can expand and protect their existing assets in Ireland. The new measures will see non-EU supplies monitored and if their products go over quota they will be surcharged by 18%. Richie Flynn who is CEO of the Irish Salmon Growers Association said that in effect this deal will see a 12% reduction in import tonnage and this will be a huge benefit to the industry and producers can now breathe a sigh of relief. The measures take the form of what is in effect an annual quota on imports which represent two thirds of EU consumption and prices are now expected to stabilise and rise by around 18% which is the margin required for profitability. However the new measures are only temporary and will last for two hundred days. In February the European Commission will examine the consequences of the restrictions before a decision of any permanency

can be considered. It has taken eighteen months of intense negotiations to achieve this measure but as of now EU fish farms are protected against cheap imports from Norway, Chile and the Faeroe Islands. Norway opposed the restrictions and they were strongly supported by Poland and companies with operating bases outside of the market. The concept of restrictions goes against the grain of the free market concept as promoted by the European Union and it is only in the most difficult of situations that this principle may be breached. It is for that reason that the salmon regulations have been agreed on a temporary basis and in February Ireland and the UK may seek to have them extended for a four year period. However there are no absolute guarantees that this will happen. The new measures were achieved only after the British Prime Minister Tony Blair intervened to stop the Scottish aquaculture industry from being decimated. Massive over-supply has affected the UK and Irish industry seriously and several companies were considering getting out of the business as prices plummeted. Richie Flynn said the good news was welcome and that Irish government officials had worked diligently with his own organisation as well as the UK to achieve this result. He said the decision would serve to stem the tide of cheap imports and allow the industry here to plan for the future with a greater degree of confidence than they might have anticipated earlier in the season.

It has emerged that the EU Commission in their investigations they established that despite of the over-supply in recent years the benefits of low prices had not been passed on to the consumers and they do not expect consumers' prices to increase. While the new measures may only be temporary there is a growing confidence in the industry that they will have to be made permanent to protect vital jobs in disadvantaged and remote areas of Ireland and the Western Isles of Scotland where six thousand people are employed.



## Killydonnell Graves Blessed

The scenes at Killydonnell Graveyard on Sunday evening during the blessing of the graves by Fr. Desmond Sweeney. Despite torrential rain a large crowd turned out for this annual ceremony.



One of the leading campaigners for the restrictions has been Brian Wilson MP and a former Board of Trade Minister at Westminster. He's been a regular visitor to Ireland and said that he was delighted

with the outcome and things have moved a long way forward from the initial discussions when there was scepticism about the possibility of achieving a successful result.

## Councils joint tourism plan

Donegal County Council and Limavady Borough Council have appointed a Marketing Executive to promote the establishment and growth of a new touring route linking North and West Donegal to Limavady Borough, Causeway Coast, Sperrins via Inishowen using the the Foyle and Swilly Ferries as a lynchpin.

Newly appointed Marketing Executive, Kevin O'Connor, hopes that the establishment of such a route will bring dividends to all concerned across

the entire region.

Mr. O'Connor said, "This is great news not only for Inishowen and Limavady Borough but the benefits will be felt from the Off-shore Islands in the west as far as the Antrim Coast in the east.

He added, "The Lough Foyle Ferry from Greencastle to Magilligan is in its third year of operation now and the Swilly Service from Buncrana to Rathmullan has proved a resounding success. The establishment of a touring route linking these services will

add-value to the existing tourist infrastructure and hopefully act as a catalyst for the increased flow of tourists on both sides of the border.

The appointment was made possible by a successful application made by Donegal County Council and Limavady Borough Council for funding to the North West Region Crossborder Group (NWRCBG) under priority 1 Measure 1 of the EU INTERREG 111A Programme Ireland/Northern Ireland

The project itself has received support from North West Tourism, Udaras na Gaeltachta, Causeway Coast and Glens, and Sperrins Tourism and will last for two years. The project was awarded funding of 7450,000 from Interreg 111A and a further 150,000 Euro secured from the project partners and the tourism trade.

## Swilly Seals 'Come and Try' Day

Swilly Seals Swimming Club will host a "Come & Try" day on Saturday 4th September from 9am to 10am in the Letterkenny Leisure Centre.

This is an opportunity for any young person who is interested in improving their swimming ability and swimming competitively as the Swilly Seals Club offers expert coaching by Swim Ireland qualified Teachers and Coaches. Training is from pre-competitive to advanced standard and we are one of the few competitive clubs in the North West of Ireland.

You will swim with a vibrant club affiliated to Swim Ireland and take part in competitions throughout the year at Ulster and National Level. Indeed, Swilly Seals have swimmers who have qualified for International training in Tenerife and who have been members of the Ulster and National squads.

The "Come & Try" day offers an opportunity to learn more about the club and to meet the Coaches and Committee members who will answer any queries you may have.

Anyone who is interested in joining Swilly Seals Swimming Club should attend this "come & Try" session.

All current members are requested to attend for registration on this morning.



Paul Hughes, AIB with members of the Summer School Ballet at An Grainan Theatre, Letterkenny run by Ballet Ireland with organisers Stephen Brennan, Educational Unit Ballet Ireland and helpers Orla Marie Mangan, Jane Mangan, Rachael Horn, Jannice Sloan and Emma Christmas.



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## SF concerned over Unifi redundancy deal

In a joint statement, the Sinn Fein representatives in Donegal North East, Cllrs Tony McDaid, Cllr Gerry McMonagle, Cllr Padraig Mac Lochlainn, and Donal Cullen have expressed serious concerns about the ongoing redundancy negotiations at Unifi.

Following widespread representations from the remaining Unifi workforce, the Sinn Fein representatives will be meeting with Unifi shop stewards this week and are seeking a meeting with Fintan McGrath of Unifi, Ireland to lobby for a just redundancy package for the remaining workers.

The Sinn Fein representatives said "We understand that the workers are seeking an entirely reasonable redundancy package totalling five weeks for every year of employment: that is three weeks from the company and the statutory two weeks. Considering the existing economic climate in Donegal and the North West region in general, it will be absolutely necessary to bridge the gap to new employment. These workers have mortgages, hp payments, etc to meet and the company have an obligation to honour their responsibilities to the workforce who have loyally created profits for the company's shareholders over the years.

The reality is that 800 jobs have now been lost at Unifi over the last two years. This will cost Letterkenny and the surrounding towns and villages millions over the next number of years. We are very concerned to now learn that the company may not honour the reasonable redundancy request of the workers. Surely Unifi do not want to increase the economic burden of these job losses by offering a minimal redundancy that will not give the workers the necessary breathing space for them to move on to new employment?"

They concluded: "We have to ask, where are the government in all of this? Six years ago, the much trumpeted Donegal Employment Initiative or iTask Force set a daring job creation target of 800 net job gains per year above any job losses. That was September 1998. Now with September 2004 fast approaching, the government agencies tasked with job creation have overseen job losses almost every year since. This is an outrageous failure. In this barren employment environment, the workers at Unifi expect action not words from this government. Mary Harney needs to let Unifi know that they have profited immensely from their operation in Letterkenny over the years and that the local work-

force has served them well. Indeed despite their departure, the company will now benefit from the remaining assets at the plant including land appreciation. This is the very least that Mary Harney and her government colleagues in Donegal could do after their dismal failure to secure jobs for the county. For our part, Sinn Fein will have no difficulty putting those realities to the company in any potential meeting."



Dermot Gallagher presenting the Patrick T. Gallagher Memorial Cup to Brian Peoples captain of the Village Inn, Kerrykeel team who defeated Phatrick Thistle in the final on Friday night. Also included is referee Ed Moore, assistants John Joe McAteer and Cathal Toland and Shaun Canning captain of Phatrick Thistle.

## Council to debate Ballymacool

Letterkenny Town Council is to hold a special meeting to discuss plans for a major housing development in the Ballymacool area of the town. A request for the meeting from the Ballymacool Development Group has been granted by Town Mayor Dessie Larkin and it will discuss plans submitted by the McWilliams firm for the construction of 571 houses, 20 acre park, creche, health centre, three commercial units and reservation of a site for an educational facility.

The application to Donegal County Council also includes upgrading and widening of the main Letterkenny to Glenties Road and associated infrastructure works. The Ballymacool group was initially opposed the re-

zoning of the lands for residential purposes say they were given to understand that three detailed masterplans were to be submitted prior to any application being accepted by Donegal County Council. The Group claims that Ballymacool is already overdeveloped with a lack of infrastructure to meet the demands of the area. In recent weeks Cllr. Victor Fisher has been given complaints of a foul sewage odour at Ballymacool Terrace. The special meeting needed the signatures of five councillors is expected to take place within the next fortnight. Members that signed the request were Neil Clarke, Jimmy Harte, Jim Lynch, Damien Blake and Victor Fisher.



This is a St. Conal's Hospital soccer team from the mid-1920s given to us by Harry Blake whose father Mickey was a member the side. A couple of names are missing from the lineup. Back row: Dr. Martin, - , John McClean, Jim Martin, -. Middle row: Abbie Rice, Mickey Blake, Harry Donaghey, John Harvey, Andy McFadden, Eddie Coyle. Front row: Tom Martin, Willie McMenamin, John Houlihan, Charlie Quigley.

## Gold and Silver for Cranford in Mosney

Spirits was high at the ESB Community Games Finals in Mosney at the weekend. Donegal once again played their part in the success in sport and cultural activities. Eight teams and a large number of individual competitors travelled on Friday to Mosney and done their County proud in bringing back one gold medal, a record number of seven silver medals, three bronze medals and six fourth

place winners who received certificates. This shows that Donegal are up among the best in the country. History was made in Cranford when the Devenney sisters won gold and silver medals in the cycling events. Roisin won gold in the U-12 section and Bridgegen won silver in the U-14 section.

**Gold for Roisin**  
Young Roisin Devenney from Cranford

showed the rest of the Country the way it is done in cycling. Roisin took part in the U-12 Cycling race. There was no doubt in anyone's mind when she took the lead in the early stages of the race that she was in with a chance of a medal. With determination and commitment she was focused right to the end and beat the best in the Country to win her gold medal.

**Two Silver in Cycling**  
Bridgegen Devenney and Joseph Gallagher kept the Cranford tradition high on the bicycles. Bridgegen took the silver medal in a very tight race in the U-14 event. he led the race at the start but was overtaken at the half-way mark, but she did not give up and showed the determination that is needed at this top level. Joseph took part in the U-12 event and having struggled to qualify for the final, it was delightful to see the strength and courage he showed to win his silver medal. Young Ciaran Harkin from Cranford took part in the U-14 event and although he did not win a medal, he showed great determination and courage throughout to compete with the best in the Country. All Cranford will be so proud of these young cyclists and rightly so because it is sixteen years ago when a group of people formed the Cranford Cycling Club. Headed by Michael Logue to this day a total of twenty-two individual medals have been won at Community Games National Finals so this is just reward for the efforts put in by everyone and especially to Edel Gallagher who dedicated so much of her time in coaching these young cyclists this year.



Some of the crowd at the start of the victory cavalcade for the Cranford Cyclists at the Millford Inn on Monday evening.



# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Dia dhaoibh uilig agus tá súil agam go bhfuil gach duine go breá agus folláin agus ag baint sult as na laethanta saoire seo. Bhí mé ar ais ins na Dúnaibh arís agus, arís, bhí sé plódaithe le daoine ag spais-teoireacht thart, ag ithe uachtar reoite agus scallógáí. Bhí an trá galánta gnóth-ach fosta, caisleain gainimh anseo agus ansiúd, bacainn gaoithe in achán áit, agus é chomh gao-far sin. Samhradh Éireannach! Níl faic níos fearr! Chuaigh scaifte dúinn ar thuras go dtí Míin na Labáin le Teach Glebe a fheiceáil, leis an ealaíon dochréidte agus na gáirdíní galánta atá ann. Cé go raibh mé ann cúpla uair roimhe ní bhíonn sé riamh ach áit iontach spéisialta ar fad.



é bialann rathúil a chaomhnú agus an méid sin gnéithe athraitheacha ann. Is cnógach an duine a osclódh bialann nua na laethanta seo- ach tá bialainn chomh riachtánach sin san saol go bhfuil sé mar dhualgas againn lámh tacaíochta a thabhairt dóibh. Tá sé deacair fosta tábhacht bialainn a mheas faoina luach mar áis agus spás sóisialú, do pháistí ach go hairithe. Rud bunriachtanach do pháistí go néiríonn siad cleachtaithe i mbi-alainne, compórdach iontu agus go bhfuil a fhios acu an saghas iompair atá de dhíth. Is scil saoil bunúsach agus suntasach í sin. Tá rud eile is breá liom go maith faoi bialainn airithe- clú agus cáil a bheith acu le mias aitheantais a dhéanann siad! Cé go bhfuil mé tugtha go mór le rogha forleathan, amanna bíonn miasanna éagsúla déanta chomh maith sin nach mbíonn tú ábalta a fhanacht glan orthu. Sampla maith anseo ná bialann Síneach i mBéal Feirste darbh ainm MACAU. Cé go bhfuil achán rud ar an biachlár galánta deas, nuair a théim ann le mo pháistí (agus is iomaí uair a raibh muid ann) bíonn na miasanna díreach céanna againn, chomh blasta agus atá siad!

Tá mé ábalta iad a chuimhniú gan fadhb da laghad! Cloícheáin salann agus sillí, Scuid salann agus sillí, Lacha Rósta agus Easnacha Bhéising. Ó, a Dhia, tá mé ábalta iad a bhlasadh agus mé ag scríobh seo! Nuair atá rud éigeantach, beidh sé ceart i gcónaí!

## RATATOUILLE GALÁNTA Beautiful Ratatouille

Comhábhair



Tá bailiúchán ealaíne thar cionn sa teach, a thagann ó achán ceann den domhain, déanta ag ealaíontóirí a bhfuil cáil agus clú idirnáisiúntach acu uilig. Ní amháin péintéireacht ach ceirmeach agus dealbhóireacht fosta. Tá an foireann go hiontach eolasach agus caithfidh mé a rá nach dtioc-fadh liom riamh éirí dubh dóite le Teach Glebe - le bheith macánta ba mhaith liom a bheith i mo chónaí ann! Bhí sé go hiontach an méid daoine a bhí ann, an cuid is mó acu ag freastáil ar chúrsa ins na Dúnaibh, agus ón Tuaisceart iad. Turas bus a bhí ann, agus cráic ar dóigh le fáil ar an bus fosta. Rud atá soiléir ón scaifte Ghaelach, is daoine cairdiúla agus oscáilte iad, réidh don cráic agus comhlud- ar, agus mar ghrúpa tá muid, go cultúrach, iontach tábhachtach. Molaim go mór díobh lá a chaitheamh ag Teach Glebe.

Tá gailéirí galánta ann fosta, agus rud eile a thaitin liom, tá siopa Caifé an-deas ar fad ann. Ní ólaim mórán caifé, agus nuair a ólaim is maith liom caifé atá deas, agus caithfidh mé a rá, bhí sé go deas. Bhí rogha milseogáí ann den scoth, má tá cic siúcra de dhíth ort, le borróga de achán sort ann. Tá mé ag feachaint feabhas an-mhór agus forleathan ar chaigh-deán bia agus cócaire-acht agus lónadóireacht fud fad na tíre, rud a thaitníonn liom agus le achán duine.

Ag an am céanna, áfach, is rud deacair

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| Folláin.             | Healthy    |
| Ag spais-teoireacht. | Sauntering |
| Gnóthach.            | Busy       |
| Caislean gainimh.    | Sandcastle |
| Bacann gaoithe.      | Wind break |

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| Gaofar.                | Windy                  |
| Scaifte.               | Crowd, group of people |
| Ealaíon.               | Art                    |
| Dochréidte.            | Unbelievable           |
| Bailiúchán.            | Collection             |
| Thar cionn.            | Exceptional            |
| Cáil agus clú.         | Reputation             |
| Péintéireacht.         | Painting               |
| Ceirmeach.             | Ceramics               |
| Dealbhóireacht.        | Sculpture              |
| Foireann.              | Staff, team            |
| Eolasach.              | Knowledgeable          |
| Dubh dóite.            | Fed-up                 |
| Comhludard.            | Company                |
| Rogha.                 | Choice, selection      |
| Cic siúcra.            | Sugar kick             |
| Lónadóireacht.         | Catering               |
| Rathúil.               | Successful             |
| Gnéithe athraitheacha. | Changeable factors     |
| Lámh tacaíochta.       | Supporting hand        |
| A mheas faoina luach.  | Underestimate          |
| Scil saoil.            | Life skill             |
| Sóisialú.              | Socialisation          |
| Mias aitheantais.      | Signature dish         |
| Fánacht glan air.      | Stay away from         |
| Easnacha Bhéising.     | Peking ribs            |

## Glenveagh to host Green Ribbon Family Fun Fest

Glenveagh National Park will be the venue for the Green Ribbon Family Fun Fest event to promote mental health. It takes place on Sunday 8th September between 11am to 2pm. This interagency wellness event is hosted by Connecting For Life Donegal and Donegal Family Resource Centres, along with Healthy Ireland, HSE, DLDC, Mental Health Ireland. The aim of the day is to break down stigma

about mental health and to communicate to the public the wide range of mental health and wellness services and supports available to them and members of their family should they require them. It will feature a practical demonstration of the five ways to wellbeing. The event is set to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day and Green Ribbon Month.



## MMR Vaccine is the only protection against measles

The HSE has advised that the MMR Vaccine is the only protection against measles. Two doses of MMR Vaccine in your lifetime are needed to give full protection. The HSE MMR vaccine catch up programme is now running in community vaccination clinics in Donegal. Measles is a highly infectious disease that can cause serious complications, particularly in children under one year of age, pregnant women, and the immunosuppressed. The MMR catch-up campaign aims to protect against measles due to a rise in cases of the disease in the UK and Europe. The campaign focuses on delivering the MMR vaccine to key groups, who may have missed their vaccines in the past:

- Children
- Young adults
- Health and Care workers.

Those eligible are those born in Ireland from 1.1.1978 and do not have evidence of two MMR vaccines or if born outside of Ireland and do not have evidence of two MMR vaccines at any age. If you have these symptoms, please seek medical advice. Phone ahead prior to attending your GP, Emergency Department or other healthcare provider to inform the healthcare professionals that you have these symptoms, so they can make necessary arrangements.



## Portsalon Golf Club Donal Callaghan's Presidents Day on Saturday



Portsalon Golf Club President Donal Callaghan who will host his President's Day this Saturday.

Best wishes to Club President, Donal Callaghan Snr, ahead of his big day on Saturday. President's Day is the final Major of the summer in Portsalon, offering those players that have gone 'close, but not close enough' one final opportunity to get the job done. A bit like Arsenal, the pressure will be on to succeed for those that fall into that category!

### Boyce leaves Portsalon dancing in the dark

Kevin Boyce somehow managed to hold his nerve on the second sudden death playoff hole on Wednesday night as Portsalon completed a remarkable Junior League fightback win over Dunfanaghy in near darkness. He may be better known for his exploits with the guitar under the lights, but last night it was the putter that called the tune of success amid the torches of his teammates. Team captain Dermot Shields saw his defeated 4-1 in the first leg but they went on the attack at home and confident wins from Ciaran McCormick, Davitt Walsh and Boyce were enough to get them back in the tie, while Clive Davidson went down fighting against some exceptional golf.

Last to finish in regulation time was Paddy McGowan and he produced a birdie on the first extra hole in his match to force a 5-5 stalemate and

a resulting sudden death shootout. With light fading fast, the teams agreed to go down the 1st and back up the 18th holes in pursuit of a winner.

The first extra hole was halved in pars and, with light rapidly running out and torches to the fore, the wily Boyce laid up on 18, chipped on and two-putted for a bogey that was good enough to win the playoff in exceptionally difficult playing conditions.

Although, gutted, the Dunfanaghy team were sporting in defeat, continuing the manner in which both legs were played. Dermot and his side now move on to face Cloughaneely next and, presumably, they will be glad to get back playing in broad daylight when they do!

### Results

Wednesday 14th August - Winner: Ronan McClafferty (15) 46pts; Runner-up: Cathal Canning (8) 40pts; Gross: Sean Hensey (4) 33pts; Third: Mick McGlynn (32) 39pts.  
Saturday 17th August - Winner: Cian Page (8) 42 pts; Runner-up: Paddy Sheridan (18) 40 pts; Gross: Kevin Hensey (4) 32 gross pts; Third: Thomas Cullen (14) 38 pts  
Sunday 18th August - Winner: Joe Hensey (16) 42 pts BOT; Runner-up: Christian Heath (20) 42 pts; Gross: Kevin McGonagle (8) 33 gross pts; Third: Vincent McDaid (13) 39 pts.

### Portsalon Ladies

Club President Donal Callaghan's President's Day approaches on Saturday and Lady Captain Noreen and the ladies branch all wish Donal a wonderful day, and regardless of the weather, a sunny one with his family and friends.

### Mary McDaid

There will be a qualifier for the Mary McDaid annual inter-club competition on the Alternate Friday 30th August and Sunday 1st



Group of club junior golfers who participated in Lady Captain Suzannes' Pitch and Putt competition at Rosapenna Golf Club on Friday last. They enjoyed a lovely afternoon's golf followed by food and prize-giving afterwards. Some great emerging talent! Many thanks to Cliona, Teri and Jean who all helped out.

September. Lady Captain Noreen McConigley will lead the team of 8 out on the 14th September and not the 7th as originally stated.

### Past Captain's Day

Past Captain's will go ahead as planned on the 21st September, all just before the Winter Links kicks off again, but we'll say nothing about that yet!

### Play in Pink

The Play in Pink competition which is the annual charity fundraiser for breast cancer research and was postponed earlier in the year will now be played on October 4th which is the last of the ladies Opens this year.

### Results

18th August - Winner: Hilary Thompson 38pts; Runner-Up: Dana Clinton 36pts. 11th August - Winner: Eileen McLarnon 37 pts BOT; Runner-Up: Dana Clinton 37pts BOT.

## Rosapenna

The club competition on Sunday the

18th played over the Old Tom Morris Links resulted as follows: Cat A (<12) - Marty Carlin (10) with 40pts; Cat B (13-18) - Brendan Moore (14) with 41pts; Cat C (19+) - Michael Treanor (22) with 32pts; Gross - Luke Kelly (0) with 37 gross pts. Two's - Pete McBride Jnr x2, Pete Gallagher, Rory Kelly, Paul Kelly, Michael Bradley, Peter Smyth x2, Seamus Connor, Kieran Sweeney, Sean Boyce, Barney Boyce, Charlie McBride, Patrick Doherty, Paddy McGuinness.

The Ladies competition on Saturday the 17th played over the Old Tom Morris Links resulted as follows: 1st Mairead Boyle (46) with 39pts; 2nd Cecilia Doran (28) with 38pts; Cat A Veronica Dowds (23) with 37pts; Cat B Jean Horan (32) with 36pts; Front 9 Lorraine Toolan (16) with 19pts; Back 9 Bridgin McGuigan (31) 20pts

### Gents Past Captains & Presidents Day

2024 Club Captain Mr Enda McClafferty is planning to host a Past Captains & Presidents competition and dinner on Friday September 13th. Details of

the competition etc will be finalised closer to the time. Can those who plan to attend contact Enda direct via mobile 0044 79 216 48727.

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

### Letterkenny Ladies

August Medal results - Winner: Celine Markey (22) 75 nett, Runner up Margo Birmingham (30) 76nett, Third Mary McNulty (41) 77 nett bot; Front 9: Maura Cavanagh (39) 34 nett, Back 9 Monica McDonagh (19) 38.50. Congratulations to all the winners in blustery conditions

### Team News

In the Maire O Donnell, Letterkenny won 3 matches against Dunfanaghy and the 2nd leg will take place in Dunfanaghy on the 25th August. Supporters are very welcome.

### President's Day

Lady Captain Anne Flannery and the Letterkenny Ladies would like to wish Mr Ed Margey all the best for his President's Day on Saturday 24th August.

# Finn Harps Golf Classic

On Sunday last the Finn Harps Academy Golf Classic took place in Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club. There were fifty teams competing for the fantastic first prize of a fourball in the famous K Club in Kildare with overnight accommodation included.

James Rodgers one of the organisers said, "I want to thank the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club for hosting the Classic once again and particular mention to Club President Pat McCaughan, Lady Captain Brid Devenney and Captain Dermot O'Neill.

The course was in excellent condition and this is testament to the work of the

Greens staff and Greens Convenor Barry McMenamin. As usual Mary McHugh and Tanya Doherty and their staff provided everyone with a warm welcome and excellent service.

The Golf Classic is a very important fundraiser for the Academy and I want to acknowledge the main sponsors - Gerard Browne Tool Hire, Joseph McMenamin And Sons Building Contractors, McNultys Mace Stranorlar, Marleys Travel, LaffertyBuses and Bizzprint.

Also I want to thank Kernans and iMotors for their sponsorship and support to the Academy.

We had many Tee and Greens spon-

sors and I want thank them for their contributions. Moreover I want to thank all of the teams that took part for their support, and for making the day such a success.

Thanks to Elizabeth Rodgers, Celine Friel, Aisling Dignam and John Campbell who were there at the crack of dawn to ensure the smooth running of the event. John is part of the organising committee along with Aisling all of whom work tremendously hard on behalf of the Academy.

As I said this is a very important fundraiser for the Academy and I know the Head of Academy Kevin McHugh is ap-



John McNulty of McNultys Mace Stranorlar with Finn Harps Aisling Dignam at the Classic presentations.



Runners up in the Golf Classic Keith Sheils; Dessie Sheils; Kevin James; Eugene Gallagher with Finn Harps reps.

preciative of all the support as it supplies the necessary resources to support our Academy players on their journey to one day play for the Finn Harps first team. Finally, I want to congratulate all of the prize winners and best wishes to the winners and I hope you enjoy your day in the K Club."

### The results were

Results  
1st 92 Points (43/49)  
Paddy McDermott; Lorcan Farrell; Ciaran Murphy; Johnny McGrath  
2nd. 92 Points. (45/47)  
Keith Sheils; Dessie Sheils; Kevin James; Eugene Gallagher  
3rd. 92 Points (46/46)  
Ronan Gallagher; Stephen Lynch; Pauric McCroary; Kate Meenan

4th. 92 Points (47/45)  
Eamon McCauley; Charlie McGowan; Gerry Byrne; Owen Byrne  
5th. 91 Points (43/48)  
Denny McClean; Liam O'Neill; John Patton; Joe Rowley  
6th. 91 Points (45/46)  
Jack Parke; Jordan Gallagher; Vinny McLaughlin; Richard Devenney  
7th. 91 Points (48/43)  
Brendan Dunleavy; Kieran McShea; PJ McGowan; Cathal McHugh  
Ladies. 84 Points (40/44)  
Sharon Brady; Eileen Reilly; Mary McHugh; Deirdre Kelly  
Nearest the Pin  
Ladies - Sheila Breen. (14 inches)  
Gents - Fionn Robinson (2 Ft 4 inches)



# Swilly Mulroy CU Draw

Swilly Mulroy Credit Union held their Grand Draw at their offices in Kerrykeel on Saturday.

The draw was made by Directors Maria Corrigan and Elizabeth Sweeney under of the supervision of Sgt. Vincent Muldoon and Garda Eamonn McBride. Peter McConigley was the first name drawn and he won €7,000.

The other winners were €2,000 - Martin & Anne Friel; €1,000 - Majella McLaughlin; €250 - Maria Stewart; €250 - Suzanne Hagan.

€100 each to James Gibbons; Edward McDevitt; Hillary Kelly; Eamonn Begley; Philomena Clinton; Fiona Shiels; Niamh Friel; Nicola Dorrian; Patrick Gallagher; Bernadette O'Donnell.

€20 door prize - Angela Blaney; Vincent Muldoon; Elizabeth Sweeney; Brendan Callaghan; Dessie Vaughan; Eilish Toye; Madonna Friel; Cormac Quinn; Aaron Friel; Brid McVey; Maria Corrigan; Amanda Blaney; Katie Friel; Kerri Begley; Philomena Begley and Leanne Murray.

**Pictured right** - Directors Maria Corrigan and Elizabeth Sweeney under of the supervision of Sgt. Vincent Muldoon and Garda Eamonn McBride doing the draw at the Swilly Mulroy Credit Union in Kerrykeel on Saturday with staff members Brendan Murray and manager Breda McNulty.



Enjoying the Swilly Mulroy Credit Union Annual Cash Draw in Kerrykeel on Saturday.

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## Cranford AC news

Congratulations to our two senior men Liam Doherty (5th) & Seamus Kelly (7th) in the 5k on Friday night hosted by Ramelton Mariners.

Michael Moore travelled with the Irish team to represent Ireland in the Scottish Champions on Saturday hosted by Grangemouth and had a great race coming home in 5th place.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Michael and

there will be many more opportunities for him in the future.

Cranford AC have now started their cross country season, training each Tuesday, Thursday (6.30pm) & Sunday (10am) in Cranford park new members are always welcome.

Please see our facebook page for further updates.



Michael Moore who represented Ireland at the Scottish Championship in Scotland last weekend. Michael came 5th in the Final.



An aerial view of the Murder Hole, Melmore, Downings, from the top of Cnoc na Sleá Mountain. Photo by Sarah Rooney.



# The Paddy Gallagher Memorial Angling Tournament

As the years slip by and memories fade, it is good to rekindle and fondly remember the days when Paddy fished with us on the lakes around Ireland including the great loughs of Donegal and the good times had.

Milford and District Fly Angling club has in the past few weeks hosted the annual memorial shield competition, sponsored by Paddy's long time friend Michael Cannon of Cannon Furniture, a major retailer in the household furniture

trade in North Donegal. Indeed, Michael has added to his range now, by providing a range of equipment for people with disabilities, disability equipment, mobility equipment including electric scooters and chairs. When the club visited his showroom in Aghanursan on the outskirts of Milford, we were hugely impressed by the level of stock he carries. The club wishes Cannon Furniture every success in the years ahead, as we look forward to their continued support.

Paddy himself, was a founding member of the club and had played a huge role in keeping the club on an even keel [pardon the pun]. His view was always focused on the longevity of the club and for others to get enjoyment from it, as he had done for so many years.

This year's competition was fished in trying conditions, but the turn out for the event was welcome indeed, and the club is very thankful to the many anglers, who took part. After a sizeable

battle, the eventual winner was Harry Whoriskey from Strabane with a worthy second place going to Paddy Scholes of Kilmacrennan and bringing up the rear in 3rd. place was Paul Forbes also of Strabane.

The next big competition for the club, as the season, once again winds down, will be the Inter-club Pairs Competition, which will be fished on Lough Fern on Saturday 14th. September, where a large turnout is the norm.



1st Place: Shaun Gallagher, [Paddy's brother] with Michael Cannon [sponsor] and Harry Whoriskey.

2nd Place Paddy Scholes with Shaun Gallagher and Michael Cannon.

3rd. Place Paul Forbes with Shaun Gallagher and Michael Cannon.

## ALPHA Startup Bootcamp awards

ALPHA Innovation's annual programme, introduced participants to a step-by-step process and a toolbox that helped them rapidly progress their new ventures collaboratively

Twenty-one courageous founders completed the ALPHA Innovation Startup Bootcamp, pitching their propositions to an intimate audience of ecosystem stakeholders: industry representatives, peers, and support organisations.

The programme, now in its second year, welcomes applications from budding entrepreneurs from right across Donegal, who are passionate about solving some of the world's most pressing challenges.

Throughout May, June & July, the class of 2024 worked on fourteen propositions during seven workshops. They learned tools and techniques such as Problem Framing, Customer Development Interviewing Skills, Market Sizing, Pricing Models ... and much more.

The workshops took place every Saturday morning in the CoLab facility, where the founders tackled challenges which ranged from improving patient outcomes in epilepsy monitoring units where data is frequently lost costing specialist units vast sums; helping physiotherapists better deal with clients suffering from persistent neck pain who do not always follow their exercises. The solution in this case is based on a novel use of virtual reality technology; and helping health-conscious people to meet their nutrition goals through real food, high-quality protein options.

Since launching in 2022, ALPHA Innovation has been offering advice, support and practical know-how. Entrepreneurs, whether seasoned or first-time, often first engage by booking into their weekly Coaching Clinics or attending one of their know-how workshops.

Spearheading ALPHA is the Head of Innovation, Kevin Sexton. Speaking on the conclusion of Startup Bootcamp, he said:

"I am delighted to see how far our pre-founders have progressed over the past 8 weeks. During that time, many of our teams have pivoted to target larger market opportunities. They completed the programme having collectively spoken to over 100 potential customers and gained skills that will stand to them on their journey to securing pilot customers over the coming weeks and months."



Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh, alongside the Startup Bootcamp class of 2024.

Aws Al-Adhami, who travelled from Dublin each week to attend Bootcamp recalled what he enjoyed most about the programme: "It was well worth the trip from Dublin", he said. "The whole group was really invested in one another's ideas and it was great to learn from other founders who are at a similar stage of the startup journey as I was. The icing on the cake for me was being paired up with a co-founder who I had never met before. We were well-matched by ALPHA. It meant our team had a compelling skillset across startups, fintech, and social enterprises which helped me rapidly develop the value proposition further."

ALPHA Innovation is supported through a Donegal County Council-led economic development initiative and delivered through Donegal 2040 DAC, a company set up specifically to deal with various economic development challenges in the County. These include town centre regeneration, driven by specific capital investments in buildings, marketing and management of such facilities to support employment creation across a range of towns, and through ALPHA Innovation, which is on a mission to drive innovation in established organisations, and accelerate startups from the region to position themselves as global players.

Leas-Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, represented the Council at Tuesday's showcase. Speaking on the success of this year's programme, Jimmy said:

"The Council recognises the importance of driving innovation capability across Donegal and ALPHA's initiatives are doing just that. It was wonderful to see how far the pre-founders have come in such a short space of time, I was really impressed!"

Chair of the Board for Donegal 2040, Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh said: "The completion of the very successful Bootcamp has further underlined the key role of Alpha as a resource for the North West region. Alpha and its activities are a core element of the Donegal 2040 initiative. The just completed Bootcamp has further developed the Alpha 'community', with successful participants joining the ALPHAalumni: a mutual support platform based on principles of learning, entrepreneurship, innovation, inclusion and diversity. Alpha aspires to these principles which align with the value behind the saying 'ní neart go cur le chéile' (many hands make light work)."

Kevin Sexton concluded, "Last year our goal was to have a good gender balance, and we achieved 73% female participation. This year we deliberate-

ly set out to represent modern society as it really is: a multicultural mix, of young and more mature, and keep a good balance of genders. We welcomed 22 individuals from 9 nationalities; we had a participant who retired and is going again; PdD and Masters students who have been in industry previously and are upskilling or diving deep into an area of specialisation ..so we certainly achieved our goals. The group worked brilliantly with one another and are all committed to meeting again regularly to continue sharing knowledge, support, and tech skills. We have over twenty individuals now who will champion this way of starting businesses. We also doubled our intake to Bootcamp and fair play to the team for being up for the challenge which was quite demanding at times."

ALPHA Innovation will now turn their attention to their second edition of Disrupt By The Sea, a Dragon's Den-style event, where US investors hear pitches from 6 Irish scaleups in front of a live audience, with \$100,000 cash investment on the table assuming the winner can agree on equity terms. Scaleups from across Ireland are encouraged to apply - at [www.ALPHAINnovation.eu/disrupt](http://www.ALPHAINnovation.eu/disrupt) - before applications close on Sunday 25 August.



# Full Moon Barbecue in Doaghbeg

The full moon shone on Fanad's Big Barbecue on Saturday night as the local community and their long term visitors to Drumnacraig said farewell for another summer.

by John McAteer

This was the third consecutive year for the event on the beach at Doaghbeg and the committee said plans are already in place for next year's gathering of the faithful.

This is an unscheduled and an unscripted event. The gospel is spread by bush telegraph although I'd have to confess that being in the right circle does help.

Just turn up in the darkness of the hour and you never know who might drop in. And it is a fair drop down the field towards the seashore from Malachy's shop and after that the flames from the bonfire signal their own special welcome. You can instantly be aware of the intensity of the fire. And come rain or gales like last year, the event of the year in Fanad goes on and it's now part of local folklore.

On Saturday night the swirling southerly wind sent the smoke flying into the night air. And from a distance, the scene probably was a reminder of a couple of thousand years ago when the Druids celebrated as the last sheaves of harvest were gathered into the haggard and only then could the populace be assured of enough fodder to feed the asses and the milking goat.

The Druids would have played a big part in Irish folklore and they served lords and kings and they were high ranking priest-counsellors with the gift of prophecy and other assorted mystical abilities. That day is long since a memory.

They don't make them like that anymore but obviously a little bit in all of us harks back to those

kindly times when the country was not run by public relations gurus whose only theme is so one dimensional as it is gratuitous and absurd. But thankfully, we no longer have to bow the knee to kings and masters.

The main organiser of Saturday night's festive cheer was Mary Doherty. She and a lock of helping hands and tractors with link boxes had the show up and running as night descended on Lough Swilly. Nevertheless a number are worthy of mention: Paddy Sweeney, Seamus Martin, Eddie Sweeney and Michael Alcorn. In charge of music was Dessie Finlay and Christy Murray and there were recitations, great craic, singing and the tallest of stories.

Numbers came from county Leitrim and having heard about the barbecue, they just arrived into Doaghbeg and they had a great time... especially when Christy brought them over to the cave from whence he played the sweetest music of the weekend.

And as the melody echoed around the cave, the visitors had never before heard this ethereal quality from any instrument. And for many, it was the first good night of summer that they could actually sit outside and sip their cans amongst the sand dunes and the smoke wheeling around the big fire. By midnight the fire was well stoked up and 'Paddy's Green Shore' never sounded more apt from Des Finlay.

This is a night when the visitors, the locals and neighbours assemble outdoors on the beach, to let their hair down - if they have any and to chat in the midst of darkness lit only by the flames reaching out across the sand.

It was a good night for burgers and they were expertly prepared by Maurice Mitchell... all the way from Strabane. And when the feast was over ..... thoughts turned to 2025 and late into Saturday night it was a given verdict that this is night not to be missed... even for Electric Picnic.

And adding to all the drama was a helicopter with a big beam of light sweeping down across the beach. The crew in their wisdom realised this was



The roaring bonfire on Doaghbeg Beach on Saturday night greeted the visitors for a night of music, craic and happy memories.



a beach party for the ages before they spun away into the night... but they missed a really big feed of burgers, sausages and washed down with the best hospitality in the three parishes.

This part of Fanad has many long-time visitors and they are part of the rural fabric. It dates long back into the past and its heritage had its origins in Portsalon where visitors to this part of Donegal first landed. And by way of thanking them for their friendship all summer long there is nothing more inviting than a big barbecue by the sea.

There is something very special, even organic about this event. It just happens every year, but a huge amount of organising food and getting it on the barbecue makes it taste all the sweeter.

It is a fair distance from the Portsalon-Fanad Head road and everyone had an amazing time. And some at the barbecue were keeping in touch with the Wolfe Tones concert in Letterkenny as thousands came along to say farewell to the true patriots of Irish music! But here in the heart of rural Fanad the music went on long into the new day...





# Fanad

## Car Wash in Kerrykeel

The annual Kerrykeel Tidy Towns fundraising car wash will take place at Ernest Stewart's Garage in Kerrykeel this Saturday 24th August. Anyone who would be willing to help out, and has an hour to spare, please contact Ciaran on 086 837 5812. All help is very much appreciated. Funds raised support the ongoing work of Tidy Towns in and around the village.

## Glen News

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

## Chiropodist

Chiropodist will attend the Fanad Day Centre on Tuesday 27th August and Wednesday 4th September. For appointment contact Mary on 087 9701159.

## Vacancy at Fanad Lighthouse Retail Supervisor

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

This is a full-time post.

Responsibilities will include overseeing day-to-day operations of our gift-shop and coffee station and implementing the vision and strategy of Teach Solais Fhánada.

For more information please contact: eimear@fanadlighthouse.com

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

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

Be continuously unemployed for 12 months or more. Be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance.

People on disability allowance are also eligible to apply. Please contact Aine on 087-2366912

## Knockalla Coast Road talk

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

## Social Dancing

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

## Coffee Morning

The Parish of Clondavaddog will hold a Coffee Morning this Sunday the 25th of August in the Fanavolty Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. It is hoped to raise much needed funds for the repair and upkeep of the churches in the parish. Anyone wishing to donate baking etc, is asked to drop them into the Hall between 7 and 8 on Saturday evening. Anything with fresh cream or sandwiches can be dropped into the Hall on the Sunday morning. The people of Fanad are invited to come along anytime during the morning, enjoy a cuppa and get some beautiful home baking.

## Fanad SVP

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

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| Homemade Vegetable Soup       | Sweet & Spicy Chicken Wings  |
| Garlic Mushrooms - Garlic Dip |                              |

### MAIN COURSES

- Poached Fillets of Sole - Shrimp Au Gratin Sauce  
 Roast Stuffed Turkey & Baked Gammon - Roast Gravy  
 Pan Fried Fillets of Salmon - Lemon & Butter Sauce  
 Roast Sirloin of Beef -Yorkshire Pudding - Gravy  
 Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

- Warm Chicken Salad  
 Seafood Linguine  
 Steak Burger or Chicken Burger (Bacon, Cheese, Onion and Relish) on a Brioche Bap served with Chips  
 Fish & Chips  
 Cajun Chicken Pasta...Garlic Bread

### DESSERTS

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| Apple Crumble Tartlet...Ice  | Pavlova                         |
| Cream & Cream & Custard      | Ice Cream...Butter Scotch Sauce |
| Carageen...Cream & Ice Cream |                                 |
| Jelly & Ice Cream            | Tea / Coffee                    |
| Chocolate Fudge Cake         | NO SPLIT BILLS                  |

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**Parish of Clondavaddog**

## COFFEE MORNING

**Sunday 25th August in Fanavolty Hall from 9:30 am - 12 pm.**

*Please support our parish in raising much needed funds for the repair and upkeep of our beautiful parish churches.*

Anyone wishing to donate baking, etc. can do so by dropping them into the hall in Fanavolty between 7 and 8 pm on Saturday 24th August. Anything with fresh cream or perishable goods, sandwiches etc. can be dropped into the hall Sunday morning from 9am.

**Please come along enjoy a cuppa and a catch up with some beautiful home baking.**



Scenes from the Open Afternoon in the Rossnakill Community Hub on Sunday.



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**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council  
Planning Application**

I, Chris Breen, Wish To Apply To Donegal County Council For Planning Permission For Installation Of An Effluent Treatment Plant And Polishing Filter In Lieu Of Connection To A Communal Effluent Treatment Plant As Approved On Grant Of Permission For My Dwelling Ref. 23/51217 At Derrycassan, Downings, Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

**Donegal County Council**

**No. 87 and No. 89 Lower Main Street, Letterkenny**

I, Liam O'Hara, am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to refurbish, extend and increase the ridge height of two number derelict dwellings, including all associated site works, at No. 87 and No. 89 Lower Main Street, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Letterkenny. 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**

**Millford, Milford, Letterkenny M.D.**

We, Daniel and Mary Shields, are applying to Donegal County Council for 1) Demolition of Existing (Defective/MICA) Dwelling House. 2) De-commissioning of Existing Sewage Treatment Plant and 3) Planning Permission for Reconstruction of a New Replacement Dwelling House and Connection to New Sewage Treatment Plant @ Millford, Milford Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

**Donegal County Council**

**Magheraclogher, Bunbeg, Letterkenny**

Roarty Development Ltd are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Magheraclogher, Bunbeg, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Magheraclogher. The development will consist of the amendment to previously permitted housing development under planning ref no. 23/51119. The amendment consists of: \* Replacement of 5-bed group home with 2 No. additional semi-detached, 2-bedroom single storey dwelling units. \* The development shall be accessed through and served by extending the approved access road and services previously permitted under planning ref no. 19/50721 & 23/51119 to include all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee

not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Donegal County Council**

**Calhame, Letterkenny**

I, Raymond McDermott am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for demolition of existing dwelling house & construction of a new dwelling house & connection to existing services & retention planning permission for existing domestic garage & shed at Calhame, 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 Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Donegal County Council  
Gortnaskeagh, Kilmacrennan  
Revised Plans & Further  
Environmental Information  
(Natura Impact Statement)**

We, Stephen Peoples & Lorna Moffitt are submitting revised plans & further environmental information (Natura Impact Statement) to Donegal County Council for planning application Ref: 24/60236 which was submitted on the 28th of February 2024 to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage at Gortnaskeagh, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Gortnaskeagh. The Revised Plans and Significant Further Information in relation to the effects on the environment a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Revised Plans in relation to the Application has been submitted and are available for inspection 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**

**Massreagh, Kilmacrennan**

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

**Donegal County Council**

**Aughnish, Ramelton**

I, Dr. Paul Edwards am applying to Donegal County Council

for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Aughish, Ramelton, County Donegal in the townland of Aughish. 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**

**Gortnatraw South, Carrowkeel**

We, Marie & Noel Dougherty are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank & domestic garage with all associated site development works at Gortnatraw South, Carrowkeel, County Donegal in the townland of Gortnatraw South. 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**

**Meenanillar, Derrybeg**

I, Maurice Roarty am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for existing domestic garage & permission to 1) convert existing domestic garage into living accommodation. 2) erect a domestic storage shed, 3) upgrade existing waste water treatment system with all associated site development works at Meenanillar, Derrybeg, County Donegal in the townland of Meenanillar. 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**

**Carrigart, Letterkenny**

I, Patrick Hegarty am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to extend & complete existing dwelling house under construction & to connect to public with all associated site development works at Carrigart, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Carrigart. 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**

**Ballyhenry, Ramelton**

I, Robert Roulston am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for the demolition of existing outhouses. Construction of a replacement dry storage shed and the placement of a mobile home on the site (Removed after the completion of nearby dwelling house granted under planning ref 2051268) with all other associated site works at Ballyhenry, Ramelton, County Donegal in the townland of Ballyhenry. 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

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will take place  
in St. Peter's  
Church, Milford on  
Sunday 25th August  
at 11.00am.**

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.



Cloughaneely Golf Club President's Prize Winner, Shaun McGarvey

seo, tá sé ag croílár phobal na Gaeilge sa cheantar agus tugann muid dóchas, comhlúadar agus tacaíocht do sciar mór den phobal.

**Spotlight on Donegal and Derry in popular 'Golfing the World' TV show**

A popular golf and travel TV series, Golfing the World, showcased Donegal and Derry to golfers across the United States last weekend. A special episode called Golfing the World: Derry City – supported by Tourism Ire-

land – aired to millions of viewers on NBC Sports Boston.

Viewers saw the show's presenter Hannah Leiner playing some of Donegal top golf courses, including North West Golf Club, Portsalon and Ballylif-

fin. Hannah used Derry as her base and enjoyed a guided tour of the city and experienced the sights and sounds of the City of Derry Jazz Festival.

Alison Metcalfe, Tourism Ireland's Head of North America, said: "We were delighted to welcome presenter Hannah Leiner and the 'Golfing the World' crew to Donegal and Derry and to support this new episode highlighting Derry as an ideal base to explore both Donegal and the Causeway Coast. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase our world-class golf and our tourism offering to millions of potential golf holidaymakers in the United States. Publicity and broadcast opportunities like this are just one element of Tourism Ireland's busy promotional programme to inspire golfers from the US and other key golf markets to consider a holiday here."



Golfing the World presenter Hannah Leiner (right) with Daragh Lyons, General Manager at Portsalon Golf Club, during filming at Portsalon Golf Club.

**Cloughaneely Golf Club**

**Presidents Day**

Mr. Pádraig O'Grady had a fantastic turnout for his 2024 President's Prize last weekend not only at the golf course on Saturday but a huge turnout at the prizegiving also on Saturday night. A big thank you to everyone that helped and supported the club last week. Congratulations to Shaun McGarvey who had a fantastic 44pts in the morning and followed it with a steady 18pts in the 9 hole play-off for a total of 62pts. Full results: 1st Shaun McGarvey (19) 62pts; 2nd Owen Pro Jnr McGee (22) 59pts BOT; Gross Seán Ó Gallchoir 43gross pts; 3rd Brendan Rodgers (27) 59pts; 4th John Murphy (19) 58pts; 5th Paul Harkin (20) 56pts; Beginner Member Damian McGlynn 40pts; Distance Member Frank Honan; Student Conor Gallagher.

A great turnout for the shoot-out, ladies competition, 9 hole scramble also. Winners at the President Prize to the Ladies on Thursday 15th August: 1st Anne Collum (19) 19pts, 2nd Margaret Mulhern (20) 18pts, 3rd Breda

McGeedy (27) 17pts, Kathleen Rodgers (8) 15pts.

Shoot-Out on Wednesday 14th: 1st Francis Boyle, 2nd Brian Geaney, 3rd Chris McCallion.

President Pádraig would like to thank everyone for their support. A special thank you to Michael McClafferty from the Strand Road Bar & Kitchen for all his help.

The club have the Play in Pink Competition on Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week in aid of Breast Cancer Research. Donations welcome. Excellent prizes. 'Best Dressed Golfer's too! Thank you to Thomas McClafferty (Eurospar Gort a'Choirce) for sponsoring all the prizes for the golf and for the raffle. Play in Pink Raffle Excellent Prizes to be won draw on Sunday night of the Classic. 1 ticket €5 or 3 for €10. You can enter down at the clubhouse, by contacting anyone from the Ladies Committee. Club Classic is on Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September €120 per team including bbq burger. Tá an galfchúrsa ar cheann de na háiseanna is lárnai agus is tábhachtaí sa phobal



Cloughaneely GC President Pádraig O'Grady with his wife Noírin, Sheila Mortimer and Anne McGarvey.



**In Memoriam**



**Caldwell Sarah Carrick, Carrigart 21st Anniversary**

In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 29th August 2003. R.I.P.

*As each day dawns we think of you As night falls we pray for you And throughout our lives no matter where In our hearts you are always there.*

Remembered and sadly missed by all your family.

Also remembering Margaret on her Anniversary, son John and her beloved grandchildren Robert and Mary T, R.I.P.



**Coyle Ned Raplagh, Downings and Glasgow 7th Anniversary**

In loving memory of Ned who died on the 25th August 2017.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by your family, relations and friends in Downings, Barnesmore Gap, and Glasgow.



**Langan Dannie 54 Massinass Cottages, Creeslough 1st Anniversary**

In loving memory of a special Dad, Grandad and great Grandad who died on the 20th August 2023.

*We wish we could see you Dad sitting in your chair We wish we could go back home and find you sitting there. Your needs in life were simple your love for your family true As long as we were happy you were happy too.*

*You laughed with us in good times you cried with us in sad You never left us wanting you gave us all you had*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your family Patrick and Kathleen, Marie and Ken, Shaun and Ann, Eileen and Denis, Don and Annette, Caroline and Charlie, Mark and Mary, Mairead and Ciaran.

*You did so many things for us your heart was kind and true And when we needed someone we could always count on you*

*We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain To walk beside us all our lives until we meet again.*

Sadly missed by all your grandchildren

*Take care of him Lord in your garden of rest For the great Grandad you gave us was one of the best.*

More Granda we miss you.

**Anniversary Mass is being held on Friday 23rd of August at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough.**

ing 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**

We, Gerard Sweeney and Seán Mac Suibhne, intend to apply for permission for development at this site Drumfad Lower, Carrowkeel, Co. Donegal. The development will consist of (A) a

**Acknowledgement**

**Doherty Patrick Gortnabrade 29th July 2024**

We the family of the late Patrick Doherty would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised and comforted us on our recent bereavement.

Thanks to everyone who attended the removal, wake and funeral. Thanks also to those who gave Mass cards and sympathy cards or who expressed their condolences through phone calls or messages. Thanks to all who travelled to be with us, thank you to all family neighbours and friends who helped out at the wake, also to those who sent food to the house, it was very much appreciated.

Thank you to Seamus Gallagher senior and Seamus Gallagher Junior Undertakers for their professional service and guidance. Thanks also to the Mevagh Fire Service who directed traffic during the wake and funeral, thanks also to the grave diggers for leaving everything so neat and tidy.

Special thanks to the Choir for the lovely hymns it made it very special for us. And special thanks to Fr Charlie for celebrating the funeral Mass.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intention.

**Patrick's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday the 25th of August at 11.30am in St John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.**

**Floyd Myra Breaughy, Ramelton 24.4.1935 - 16.6.2024**

The family of the late Myra Floyd would like to express our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all those who sympathised and supported us through our recent sad bereavement.

Thank you to all who called at the family home, attended the funeral, sent letters, cards and messages of sympathy. To family and friends who gave donations to the Irish Wheelchair Association, thank you for your generosity. A special thank you to all the kind neighbours and friends, who brought food, served tea and helped in many ways during the wake. Also thanks to the management and staff of the Silver Tassie Hotel for the funeral lunch.

We acknowledge the support of everyone who contributed to our mother's care over many years - doctors and nurses at L.U.H., Staff at Ramelton Day Centre and in particular Dr. Cuffe, Nadine O.T., Caroline PHN, Tom, Tara and all at Murrays Pharmacy.

The help and support received from the Irish Wheelchair Association enabled us to care for our mother at home for 23 1/2 years. We wish to thank all carers past and present for the care and respect given to our mother.

We deeply appreciated all the loyal friends and neighbours who visited our mother down through the years - those visits meant a lot to her.

Thanks to Rev Gordon McCracken for a fitting funeral service. To Emma - The organist, Roy - the gravediggers, a sincere thank you. Thanks to Patrick and his team at Patrick Sweeney Funeral Directors for the sincere and caring manner in which the funeral arrangements were carried out.

Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. Your kindness will always be remembered.

slatted-floor agricultural shed complete with cubicles and underground effluent tank, (B) a milking parlour shed and dairy with slatted holding area and underground effluent tank, and (C) all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Mevagh Resource Centre**

**Downings Wellness Café** - continues on Wednesday 28th August from 10:30am to 12:00pm in The Galley, Downings. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

**Annual General Meeting** - Mevagh FRC will hold their AGM on Monday, 26th August in the centre at 5:30 pm. Everyone Welcome. We are seeking new members for our voluntary Board of Management. Ideal candidates will have a passion for community development, experience in the community/voluntary sector and an understanding of community needs in the Mevagh parish. Expressions of interest can be sent to [coordinator@mevaghfrc.com](mailto:coordinator@mevaghfrc.com) by 19th August.

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

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

**Other Notes:** **Rise Yoga with Fiona** is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am. Contact Fiona directly on 085 1569424 or email [risehealthhub@gmail.com](mailto:risehealthhub@gmail.com)

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

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

**Stolen car found in Gortlee**

Gardaí are investigating the theft of a car in Letterkenny last week where the vehicle was later found abandoned but damaged.

The theft occurred at Parkview Drive, Letterkenny on Tuesday, August 13th, between 10.40pm and 12 midnight when it was found abandoned in the area of Gortlee, Letterkenny.

The car in question is a silver Audi with a partial registration of '08 D' and the rear passenger tyre of the vehicle had been damaged.

Gardaí stated: "We appeal to anybody who may have observed the car in question being driven in the area of Parkview Drive or being driven and abandoned a short time later in Gortlee between those times to make contact with Gardaí in Letterkenny on 074-9167100."

**Detection dog Alfie helps locate illegal drugs**

Donegal gardaí aided with the help of Alfie, a detector dog with the Revenue Customs Service, located up to ten suspected cases of drug possession in checkpoints over the weekend.

Along with his handler, Alfie assisted the gardaí's Divisional Drugs Unit with checkpoints and searches throughout the weekend as part of Operation Tara.

This led to illegal drugs worth over €3,000 being recovered. Gardaí stated: "As part of this operation, 10 people were detected in possession of controlled

drugs. One male was arrested and interviewed on suspicion of cultivating cannabis. He was interviewed and released pending analysis of the seized items and submission of a file to the

Director of Public Prosecutions. A second male was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving after failing to stop for Gardaí. Cocaine and cannabis with a market value of €3150 was also seized during the operation."

**Donegal County Council Corranagh, Letterkenny.**

We, Kathleen & Bernard Harkin intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Corranagh, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Corranagh. The development will consist of the construction of a part single storey, part one and a half storey dwelling, domestic garage, provision of a sewage treatment system, to include all associated site works in lieu of that previously permitted under planning reference no. 15/51015 and 20/51111. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council Ballyraine, Letterkenny**

We, Ian and Denise Connery, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the following: (a) Demolition of Existing MICA Defective Block Two Storey Dwelling granted under Planning Ref: 08/80035. (b) Construction of a Replacement Two Storey Dwelling (c) Replacement Dwelling Storm & Foul Drainage to be Connected to Existing Storm & Foul System Previously Granted under Planning Ref: 08/80035.(

(d) and all associated works and site works. All located at Cruach na Cille, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ballyraine. 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 writ-



# Creeslough

## Sympathy

Feelings of sadness and sympathy were felt in the community on the news of the death of Michael Roarty on August 10th peacefully at Cornfield Care Centre, Limavady, (formerly of Creeslough and London). Michael was well known in the area where he grew up. He went to London and spent many years working in the construction sector. During this time he was often a point of contact for many coming to London looking for employment. Micheal was a regular visitor and will be remembered with great respect. He was predeceased by his parents Dominic and Sarah, brother Dominic and sisters Madge and Gretta. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Mary, his brothers Charles and John, his sister May, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces and relatives. Mass was celebrated in St. Finlough's Church, Ballykelly and Michael was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

## The late Mr. James Hunter

The death has taken place in London on August 5th of James Hunter, late of 55 Massinass, Creeslough. James passed away suddenly in London where he lived and worked in the construction sector for many years. James was in his late 70s. Funeral Mass will take place in London on Au-

gust 27th followed by cremation. Sympathy is extended to his family in London and in Creeslough.

## Summer Walk

On Friday August 23rd there will be a Summer Walk and Talk from 6-7.30pm at the historic Church and Graveyard at Clonbeg Glebe. Joining the group will be Kate Robb (John Cronin & Associates). Active farmland is adjacent so no dogs please. Not suitable for children under 5 years due to uneven terrain. Car parking only at farmyard on opposite side of the road where we will meet. See Google map : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6HawUiFvENS3Epzf7>

There will be refreshments afterwards in the Hub. If weather conditions are unsuitable the event will be hosted in the Creeslough Community Hub on Main Street in Creeslough.

## Creeslough Community Association

The CCA would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers at last week's Fair Day. There are too many people to name and are blessed to have such a big group willing to volunteer. Thank you for making the fair day a special one and all your help in the lead up too.

Please note the CCA will be closed from August 26th to September 1st - any queries please contact 087 292 3102 or info@creesloughcommunity.

## 5K Fun Run and Walk

St. Michael's 5K Run and Walk on Saturday, August 31st at 9am. Starting at Corner Brew / Post Office. Thank you to McFadden Performance for organising this event.

## Family Fun Day

The rescheduled Family Fun Day will now be held at The Bridge on Sunday the 1st September from 2pm to 5.30pm. On the day there will be Under 6 and Under 8 Mini Games and Kids Races, an obstacle course, Tuck Shop, Candy Floss and slushie machines and much more for fun for all the family. Everyone welcome to come along for a good day of fun and games.

## Garden Fete / Vintage Display

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

## Friends of Ards Friary

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

## Cashelmore Grotto

The annual Rosary in honour of Our Lady's Assumption was held at the Grotto in Cashelmore last Sunday evening. This also marked the 70th anniversary of the blessing of the Grotto. Fr. James Deeney was the priest in Doe at that time and it was the Marian Year. The Grotto was designed and built by Hugh Coyle of Cashelmore. The date was Sunday August 15th 1954, Mass that day was at 9.30a.m. and the Blessing of the Statue was at 4 p.m. There was Rosary and Benediction and a very big crowd gathered for the special occasion.

## Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand and line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men and women welcome, no partner needed. Dance teacher is Celine.



Margaret O'Brien (centre) who sang beautifully at the Creeslough Fair with friends Rita Lafferty and Ann Laight



Congratulations to Seamus O'Neill who won this weeks Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 draw of €330.



Pictured are walkers who took part in the annual Patrick McIntyre Memorial Walk along the Railway Line at Muckish on Saturday last in aid of the Donegal Hospice



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## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 6,10,13,14,16,19. The match 5 winners were Justin Billings and Ann Langan, Breaghy, Portnablagh who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3050.

## 50/50

Congratulations to Seamus O'Neill who won €330 in the Dunfanaghy

Youths 50/50 last week.

## Cursillo

The national Cursillo pilgrimage to Knock shrine is taking place on Saturday September the 7th. There will be a bus leaving Letterkenny at 8am and stopping in Stranorlar, Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Bundoran. To book a seat please contact Clare on 0871375567.

## Ards Friary Shop

Opening Times : Monday - Satur-

day 12 noon until 5p.m. Sundays : 12 noon until 7p.m. Closed during evening Mass from 5.30 p.m. until 6.15p.m.



# Dunfanaghy

The Late Terry McGlade



The death occurred in the Lakehouse Nursing home in Portnablagh recently of Terry McGlade (née Walsh) late of Port-na-Blagh, Belfast, Cork, Dublin and Marble Hill. Terry was a very elegant, well known and respected member of the local community and this was reflected in the numbers who attended her wake and funeral.

She married her late husband Bernard in 1952 and the couple were married for 52 years. They purchased the Shandon Hotel in 1957 and over the years they turned it into one of the most well-known hotels not just in Donegal but in the country. She was born in 1929 in Portnablagh and saw many changes in the area over

her long life. She had a deep affection for Portnablagh and Marble Hill and spent the last years of her life living in her beloved Rock Cottage in Marble Hill before moving to the Lakehouse in Portnablagh. She was also a regular attendee at Mass in Holy Cross Church Dunfanaghy.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to her children, Dermot, Anne, Barney, Afric, Nina, Mary, Catherine, John, Elizabeth, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. Terry's wake was held at Rock Cottage, Parkmore, Port-na-Blagh on Monday last.

Her Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday last in Holy Cross Church, Dunfanaghy at 12 noon. The celebrant was Fr. Martin Doohan. The concelebrants were Fr. Paul McGinn and Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. Carrigart. Burial took place afterwards in Doe Cemetery.

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The St. Michael's GAA Under 10 Team who travelled to Naomh Mhuire on Saturday.

Shop, Candy Floss and slushie machines and much more for fun for all the family.

## Heritage Week at The Workhouse

The Workhouse will host as part of Heritage Week on Thursday 22nd @ 12pm - Heritage Baking Workshop with Wild Fuschia Bakehouse. €5 per person. Bookings required.

Saturday 24th @ 12pm and 3pm - "Building the Boat" Live Perform-

mance. €10 per person. Bookings Required. To book for these special events, contact us at 074 9136540 or email dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com

## Dunfanaghy FRC

Gardening Workshop Series - Summer / Autumn 2024: Elements of Garden Design: Making the Most of Your Space. September 2nd - Making a Plan: Practical Methods for Drawing, Documenting, and Design; September 16th - Gardening for Nature in Northwest Donegal.

Citizens Information Service - will take place on Tuesday 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

DLDC Health Support Outreach Drop-In - Need help with form filling such as Medical Card, application/renewal or updates. Next clinic is on Wednesday 11th September from 10 am-1 pm. Contact Georgina on 0860133203 to book an appointment.



Young St Michaels GAA supporters arrive early in Ardara for the Senior Championship matches last weekend.

Regional Employment Service; Employment Support is on 4th September, 10am-12pm. Contact Mary on 0879926681.

Wellness Café on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 10.30am - 12noon @ The Workhouse next meeting on Monday 26th August 26th.

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**50/50** Congratulations to Seamus O'Neill who won €330 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

**Prayer Meeting** Cenacolo Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday after 7pm Mass in the Oratory in Holy Cross Church from 7.30-8pm.

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# €118,894 for Ards Forest Park

Ards Forest Park is one of 14 projects in Donegal that will benefit from €118,894 in funding to develop and upgrade visitor and recreational amenities. The funding is part of a €3 million package announced by Minister Heather Humphreys, to enhance visitor experience at forest parks and Coillte lands across Ireland.

Charlie McConalogue, said: "Ards Forest Park is a fantastic amenity which attracts visitors from the locality, the North West, all parts of Ireland and overseas. I am delighted with this latest funding allocation that will help maintain and improve key areas throughout Donegal."

"Ards is the tenth most visited Park in Ireland - last year 45,195 people visited Ards Forest

Park. Donegal has so much to offer when it comes to the outdoors and Ards Forest Park is one of a number of brilliant resources that people can visit. It is important that shared spaces such as Ards Forest Park are properly maintained and continuously upgraded. There was a huge rise in visitor numbers to Ards Forest Park during the Covid lockdown and it is rightly regarded as a spectacular tourist attraction," he added.

The other 13 local projects earmarked for improvement works are Bonny Glen/ Clooney Wood, Lough Namanagh, Carrickbressil, Castletown, Drumboe Path, Drumonaghan Wood (Ballyare), Kilrean, Knader, Laracus, Lough Eske/ Rossylogan, Mon-

gory, Mullaghagarry and Rossy-

logan Murvagh. Commenting on the funding announcement, Imelda Hurley, Coillte CEO said: "We are delighted to continue our partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development and this important funding will enable us to further enhance the experience for visitors to our recreational forests across the country. "As Ireland's largest provider of outdoor recreation, we're delighted to welcome an estimated 18 million visits to our recreational areas from across Ireland and indeed, further afield. Getting out in nature has proven positive benefits for people's wellbeing and we look forward to further developing our recreational amenities for everyone to enjoy."

# Cloughaneely

The Late Maud Kenny



The death took place surrounded by her loving family recently in the North West Hospice Sligo of Maud Kenny, née Browne, Castleteehan, Castlereah, Co. Roscommon and formerly of Falcarragh. She was predeceased by her husband John, parents William and Sarah, sisters Margaret and Nora and her brothers Patrick and Francis.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to her family Michael (Cloon-trask), Martin (Ballyhau-nis), Margaret (O'Connor, Limerick), Maureen (Healy, Frenchpark), Gerry (Castleteehan) and Sean (Castleteehan), sisters Celine (Donegal), and Mary (Scotland), grandsons Mark, Paul, Sean, Conor, Daniel, Oisín and Oran, daughter-in-law Anne, Sean's partner Michelle, sons-in-law Patsy and Joe, extended family, neighbours and friends.

Maud's remains reposed at Gaynors Funeral Home Castlereah on Monday evening last. Mass of the resurrection was held in St. Paul's Church in Kilmurray on Tuesday morning last at 11.30am with burial taking place afterwards in St. Josephs Cemetery

Castlereah.

## Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Band lotto last week and the numbers 1-5-9-11-14-15-16. There were two match 5 winners Marina McFadden and Marjorie Curran who won €50 each. This week's jackpot will be €8100.

## Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations Hannah, Eddie, Harry and Jessie McBride, Castledoe, Creeslough who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1016. Na Tithe Gloine Cillulta - Fólúntas ar Scéim Sosialta

There currently is a vacancy for a general worker on the Rural Social Scheme at the Glasshouses in Killult. 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 on 0871605930.

## Tusla

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

## 'Sing 550'

To celebrate Donegal Town 550th Anniversary - 550 singers are invited to a Big Sing event in St Agatha's Church Clar Donegal Town on Sunday September 22nd. Register interest on Event Brite - sing 550. Registration fee €5.50 Over 18s only. No experience necessary - just a love of singing!

## Creative Wellness Course

There will be a Creative Wellness ETB Course at Garradh Cholm Cille with Drawing, writing, dancing, singing, acting. These are all great ways to relieve stress, express yourself and have fun. In this 5-week course we'll explore the benefits of creative expression in a free way, focusing on enjoying the process rather than on producing "great art". No experience is necessary so if

you'd like to support your wellness through being creative and have some fun trying things out in a relaxed group setting, get in touch to book your place. Phone/text Karen on 0857853699 for more information or to book. Cost €5 per week.

## Pobail Le Cheile

Siopa Pobail Summer opening times: Monday 1-5pm Tuesday 10am-5pm Wednesday 10am-5pm Thursday 10am-5pm Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 11am-5pm. Cloughaneely Food Bank has a collection box in Siopa Pobal. Thanks for all the donations so far this year, at the moment they are low on coffee, teabags, sugar, tin fruit, peas, beans, pasta and cereals. There is also a collection box in the Cope Falcarragh or drop in at Ards Begley Hall on a Thursday morning.

## Pobail Le Cheile

Free Art Club for 10-12 year olds with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Garradh Cholmille. 6-7pm. Get Creative and meet new people. Booking on 086 455 7519.

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

## Thursday Café

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

## Art Club

Art Club for children aged 8-12 years old with artist Leanne McLaughlin starts on Friday 6th September from 6pm-7pm at Garradh Cholmille Centre. €20 per child. Booking essential contact Pobail Le Cheile 086 455 7519. Cuirfear tús le Club Ealaíne leis an ealaíontóir Leanne McLaughlin Dé hAoine 6 Meán Fómhair ó 6pm-7pm in Ionad Garradh Cholmille. €20 an páiste in aghaidh an tairma. Aírthint riachtanach déan teagmháil le Pobail Le Cheile 086 455 7519.



Pictured are some of those who took part in the Charity football match on Sunday the 11th of August, in aid of the Oncology Department, Letterkenny University Hospital which raised €1250. The organisers would like to thank Martin and Eddie Coll for organising it Rosaleen McFadden and Mary Coll for all the home baking, Hugh Mc Fadden and Kevin Mc Carroll for setting up the pitch and a big thank you to those you came, played and donated to this special cause thank you all.



Pictured from left to right are Fiona McFadden, Martin Coll, Eddie Coll, Rosaleen McFadden and Claire McFadden making the presentation of €1250 to the Oncology Unit at Letterkenny University Hospital following the recent Charity football match at Drimnarrow, Creeslough.





Pictured are groups enjoying the Creeslough Fair Day which took place on Saturday. Photos by Moses Alcorn.





# GAA Club News

## St Eunan's

### Senior Men

Last weekend saw Round 2 of the Senior championship against Naomh Conaill on Sunday in Glenties.

### Senior B Team

Our Senior B team lost out on the first game. Naomh Conaill 3-8 : 0-9 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

### Senior A Team

Naomh Adhamhnáin started brightly and scored the first three points of the game two of those from the lively Pauric Boyle who went on to score 3 points in total in the first half and the other from Eoin McGeehin before Naomh Conaill hit their opening score. The away teams tally was added to by two points each by the O'Donnell brothers Niall and Shane along with another score from Boyle. In the second half Shane O'Donnell scored the only goal of the game which gave the Cathedral town men some breathing space. Ciaran Moore came on as a substitute along with Lee McMonagle with Moore adding 2 well taken points. Naomh Conaill fought back as they always do but Naomh Adhamhnáin held out to claim the group stage win 0-10 to 1-13. Team and scorers: Shane O'Donnell 1-3; Eoin McGeehin 0-3(2f); Pauric Boyle 0-3; Niall O'Donnell and Ciaran Moore 0-2 Ronan McGeehin; Brian MacIntyre, Eamon Doherty, Conor Parke, Darragh Mulgrew, Conor Morrison, Kieran Tobin; Conor O'Donnell Snr, Caolan Ward; Shane O'Donnell, James Kelly, Oran Winston; Pauric Boyle, Niall O'Donnell, Eoin McGeehin. Subs: Eoin Dowling for MacIntyre, Lee McMonagle, Ciaran Moore and Anthony Gallagher for Parke, Morrison and Winston, Conor O'Donnell Jnr for N O'Donnell.

### Upcoming Championship fixtures:

TBC August 24th/ 25th - Senior Champ Rd 3.  
Senior B Champ - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Gaoth Dobhair - O'Donnell Park  
Senior A Champ - Nh Adhamhnáin v Gaoth Dobhair - O'Donnell Park

### Club Lotto

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

### Minor Board:

### U18 Upcoming Fixtures:

Monday August 26th U18 Div 1 - An Clochan Liath v Naomh Adhamhnáin - 7pm in Dungloe.  
Monday August 26th U18 Div 4 - Nh Adhamhnáin v Red Hughs - 7.30pm in O'Donnell Park.

### Underage Hurling Academy

The Hurling Academy will take a break for a few weeks, but we look forward to seeing you all again in late August.

### Contact

Anyone wishing to get matters included in the Club notes email them to The PRO by 10pm on Sunday at pro.steunans.donegal@gaa.ie

## Baile na nGalloglach

### Lotto: 13/8/24

6-16-26-27 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Carol Buchanan, Gortmacall, Milford.

### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 24th August: Maple Milford.: Minor Girls.

### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

### Senior Men

Our Senior men had a great victory over Fanad Gaels on Saturday 10th of August 1-17 to 2-9, with Kane Barrett scoring the goal and Shane Black

contributing 8 points. Our Reserves also beat Fanad Gaels 1-10 to 10 points.

The Seniors and Reserves then made it 2 from 2 at home to Letterkenny Gaels on Saturday. The Seniors won by 0-15 to 1-6 and the Reserves came through on a great scoreline of 5-17 to 0-3.

Both teams travel to Buncrana this Saturday at 1.30pm and 3pm. All Support Welcome.

### Minor Girls

Unfortunately our Minor girls bowed out of the Championship with a defeat away to Red Hughs.

### U16 Boys

A depleted U16 team were beaten in the Shield semi-final by Buncrana on Monday (19th).

### U9 Boys

Well done to our U9 boys who had a great game at home to Glenswilly on Monday. Thanks to Glenswilly managers; Shane O'Donnell and Cormac Callaghan for travelling and the Milford boys look forward to travelling to Glenswilly for the return.

### County Representative

Congratulations to Shea Cannon who came on as a sub in Donegal's Buncrana Cup Shield final victory against Dublin on Saturday last.

### O'Reilly's Club Shop

The Club Shop at O'Reillys is open again if you want to get some new Club gear at www.oreillys-official.com

### Sympathy

The Club wish to express our sincere sympathies to the family of Liam Begley who died recently. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

## Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior and reserve footballers continued their championship campaign on Saturday evening past when they traveled to Moyle Park to take on Baile na nGalloglach. The hosts were victorious in both games. This Saturday the lads welcome Naomh Mhuire to Páirc na nGael. Throw in times are; Reserve 5.30pm and Seniors at 7pm. All support welcome.

The senior ladies traveled to the Bridge to take on St. Michael's on Sunday in their second game of the Junior B Championship. The home team took the victory. This Sunday the ladies welcome Red Hughs to Páirc na nGael at 10.30am.

Well done to Callum McGilloway and Cathal Doherty and the Donegal Buncrana Cup squad on their victory over Dublin last weekend. Both lads played very well and scored 2pts each securing the 2-12 to 0-05 victory.

Commiserations to our U-16 boys team who were defeated by Urris on Monday in the U-16 Division 2 semifinal. The teams couldn't be separated in normal time and it took extra time to get a winner. Well done to both teams on a great display of football.

### Underage Football;

The Sunday morning Underage Academy continues every week at Páirc na nGael. The Academy promises to be a fantastic opportunity for our young players to develop their Gaelic football and hurling skills in a fun and supportive environment.

The Sunday Academy is for children from u6 - u12 and typically runs between 10.30 and 12.00pm each week. Our dedicated coaches will focus on improving fundamental skills development such as kicking, hand-passing, catching, and more. The Sunday Academy is a highly inclusive environment and is open to boys and girls of all skill levels, from beginners to experienced players.

Bingo continues every Monday evening at the

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

## St. Michael's

### Senior Championship

The Senior and Reserve Men travelled to Ardara on Sunday to play the home side.

The Seniors won 1-11 to 4-11. Scorers: Carlos O'Reilly 2-3; Ciaran Kelly, Colin McFadden 1-0 each; Michael Langan (1f), Edward O'Reilly (1f), Daniel McLaughlin 0-2 each; Michael Cannon, Andrew Kelly 0-1 each.

St Michael's: Mark Anthony McGinley; Jamie Hunter, Liam Paul Ferry, Paddy McGinley; Oisín Langan, Ciaran Kelly, Stephen Doak; Kyle McGarvey, Colin McFadden; Paul Johnston, Martin McElhinney, Michael McGinley; Edward O'Reilly, Michael Langan, Carlos O'Reilly. Subs: Michael Cannon for Johnston (ht); Andrew Kelly for McElhinney (48); Antoin McFadden for Colin McFadden (50); Paul Johnston for Hunter (54).

The Reserves were defeated 5-9 to 1-11. Scorers were: Lee McColgan 1-4, Chris McElhinney 0-3, Eoghan Kelly 0-2 and Dean Fleming and Ethan Ferry 0-1 each.

Team: Dylan O'Toole, Dara Breen, Thomas O'Donnell, Ethan Ferry, Peter Sweeney, Martin Breslin, Chris McElhinney, Andy Ward, Calvin Murray, Lee McColgan, Packie O'Neill, Callum Finnegan, Brian McLaughlin, Dean Fleming, Eoghan Kelly. Subs: Ethan Doherty for Callum Finnegan, Stephen Coyle for Dylan O'Neill and Caolan Toye for Andy Ward,

Both teams are home to Dungloe at 2.30pm and 4pm.

The Ladies also had a good victory on Sunday St. Michael's 1-7 Letterkenny Gaels 0-9.

The Ladies are at home to MacCumhails on Sunday at 10.30am.

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 6,10,13,14,16,19. The Match 5 Winners were Justin Billings and Ann Langan Breaghy Portnablagh who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3050.

### Good Luck

Good luck to Brian McLaughlin and Stephen Coyle who are part of the Donegal Masters Team who take on Kildare in the Semi Final of the Masters Plate on Saturday.

### North West Coastal Challenge

The North West Coastal Challenge is taking place on Saturday, 5th October in Dunfanaghy. The race is a Run, Cycle & Kayak covering 36km. Entries are now open on www.nwcc.ie.

### Gaelic4mothers and Others

Gaelic4mothers and others takes place at The Bridge every Wednesday at 8pm. For information contact Maureen on 0876471647.

### 5K Fun Run and Walk

The 5K Run and Walk on Saturday, August 31st at 9am. Everyone is welcome.

### Family Fun Day

Our rescheduled Family Fun Day will be held at The Bridge on Sunday the 1st September from 2-5.30pm. On the day there will be Under 6 and Under 8 Mini Games and Kids Races, an obstacle course, Tuck Shop, Candy Floss and slushie machines and much more for fun for all the family.

### Under 10's

The under 10s travelled to Naomh Muire on Saturday and are hosting Dungloe on Sunday at 12.30 before the reserve match.

### Fixtures

### Fri 23rd

U12 Boys D1 Away v St Eunans @ 7.30pm

### Sun 25th

Senior Ladies Junior B Championship

St Michael's v MacCumhail's 10.30am

### U10 Boys

Home v Dungloe at 12.30pm

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

### Cupa Faoi 18 an Chontae - Roinn 1

Bhí bua iontach ag na leids ar Naomh Adhamhnáin.

### Lotto

Uimhreacha na seachtaine 17,4,3,6,9,2. Bhí beirt ann le cúig uimhir. Comhghairdeas le Martina Gallagher agus Paddy Curran a bhaineann €50 an duine. Tá €5,100 sa phota óir anois.

### Cupa Faoi 14 an Chontae - Roinn 1

CCF: 5-10 Naomh Pádraig, Uisce Chaoain: 3-9

Cupa Faoi 14 an Chontae - Roinn 5

CCF: 4-5 Aodh Rua, Cúl na gCurraidín: 6-9

Tá an fhoireann i Roinn 1 fríd anois go dtí na cluichí leathcheannais.

### Craobh Shinsir B Dhún na nGall

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 0-5 Gleann tSúilí : 3-11

Craobh Shinsir Dhún na nGall

Scór Lán Ama

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 2-6 Gleann tSúilí : 0-14

### Buíochas

We would like to thank John Paul Gallagher, James McCrossan and Blaine Mulligan who were out selling lotto tickets at the weekend.

### Craobh Shinsir Dhún na nGall - Babhta 3

Dé Domhnaigh 24/08/2024

CCF v Na Dúnaibh at 2i.n.

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results 18/08/2024

Numbers: 3, 6, 7, 13, 14. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Roseanne Sweeney. This week's Jackpot: €1,850.

### August 'Double Hop' Winners!

Congratulations to our €500 winners in the first of our monthly 'Double Hop' draws - Bried Sweeney; Francie & Anne Sweeney. Thanks again to everyone who supported the draw, it'll be back again in September.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

### Dé Sathairn, 24ú Lúnasa

Craobh Idirmheánach

Na Rossa v Gaeil Fhánada @ 5:00

### Dé Domhnaigh, 25ú Lúnasa

Peil na mBan - Craobh Idirmheánach

Gaeil Fhánada v Ard an Rátha @ 10:30

### Dé Luain, 26ú Lúnasa

Buachaillí Faoi 18

Gaeil Fhánada v Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn @ 7:30

### Dé Céadaoin, 28ú Lúnasa

Buachaillí Faoi 14

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Micheál @ 7:00

### Seniors go to Na Rossa on Saturday

The senior men travel to Madavagh in Leitir Mac a Bhaire to face off against Na Rossa. With two defeats so far, this clash will be a crucial one for the Gaels in their quest to reach the quarter finals. Throw in is at 5pm.

### Ladies host Ardara

The ladies face into their first clash of this year's championship on Sunday as they face Ardara. The side delivered a performance of resilience on Sunday to take victory over Killybegs.

### Parish League

The Parish League for U8's U10's and U12's will begin on Sunday, September 1st, and will run for four consecutive weeks. Proceedings will begin at 10:30am in Portsalon.

### Ladies win in Killybegs

### Gaeil Fhánada 4:03 Na Cealla Beaga 14

Goals win games, and never was that adage proven to be more true than on Sunday, when a gutsy and determined performance was rewarded with a couple of late goals and victory for John McConegley's ladies side in their Intermediate Championship opener.

It was very much a team performance from John McConegley's side. Key to the result, aside from the goals scored at one end, was the clean sheet at the other side, with great credit going to the defensive unit who tackled and covered for each other throughout, applying pressure and limiting Killybegs opportunities close to goal. Well done also to Grace Begley, Erin Carlin and Méabh Sweeney who made their championship debuts on Sunday morning. A good start to the campaign, and a home game against Ardara is next on the cards on Sunday morning.

Rosheen McGinley, Méabh Duffy, Tori Gallagher, Shauna Howe, Maggie Friel, Aoife Gibbons, Siobhan Sweeney, Eimear Sweeney (2:01), Iseult Ní Mhathúna (1:00), Jessica Coll, Clare Friel (1:00), Rachael Friel, Hannah Shiels, Caoimhe Barrett (0:02) Grace Begley. Méabh Sweeney for Jessica Coll, Erin Carlin for Hannah Shiels, Hannah Shiels for Aoife Gibbons, Olivia Friel, Mollie Bennett.

### Reserves win at the Banks

### Gaeil Fhánada 2:12 Naomh Muire 0:04

The reserves put in a very positive showing on Saturday, as they recorded a convincing victory over Naomh Muire at the Banks.

Gaeil Fhánada showed two changes from the previous week against Milford, as Patrick Shiels and Paul Friel came in for Paul Coyle and Conor Heraghty, with a few positional changes to boot.

The lads have a week off now, with the Buncrana fixture scheduled for the weekend of August 31st/ September 1st.

Brian Gallagher, Emmet Kelly, Seamus Coyle, Patrick Shiels, Jamie McAteer (0:01), Aaron McConegley, Eoin Logue, Christy Sweeney (0:01), Eoin McGonigle (0:04), Patsy Friel, Bernard McGettigan (1:02), Charlie Crerand (0:01), Fergal Friel, Paul Friel (1:01), Dan Kerr (0:01). Kevin McConegley for Eoin Logue, Declan Brougham (0:01) for Patsy Friel, Michael McDewitt for Charlie Crerand, Darragh O'Doherty for Dan Kerr, Andrew Friel for Jamie McAteer. Eoghan Logue, Conor McConegley



Milford GAA U9 Boys who hosted Glenswilly on Monday last.



# Soft goals cost Downings

Na Dunaibh 0-6 Four Masters 3-8  
 There were 11 points between the teams when referee Ryan Walsh blew the final on Saturday evening in Downings as Four Masters made it back-to-back victories in the group stages of the Donegal Senior Football Championship. That gave a slightly false impression of the game in an overall context as the hosts suffered heavily for the concession of three soft goals with Seanan Carr netting a hat-trick for Four Masters. Maxi Curran's side had a fair share of possession in the first half but found it hard to get scores in the strong breeze that was blowing across the pitch from the beach. Na Dunaibh struggled to get the ball into the full-forward line and significantly one of their usually main threats Paddy McElwee failed to score. The hosts needed goals but never seriously tested Donegal Town keeper Ryan Haughey in the 67 minutes of play. So it's now two defeats for Curran's side after losing to Aodh Ruadh the previous weekend. His cause has not been helped by the long term injuries to Kevin 'Gooch' Doherty (knee) and Alan Pasoma (arm) while Shane Boyce was also ruled out. After the visitors opened the scoring playing into the clubhouse end courtesy of a Richard O'Rourke free, Downings got back on level terms when a well timed Oisín Boyce interception set up Johnny McGroddy to drop the ball over from the right side. In the early stages their most promising attacks were down that flank with Ronan Gallagher, Boyce and the two McGroddys Johnny and Keelan prominent. But, the hosts suffered their first setback in only the sixth minute when a defensive error from a kick out saw Carr capitalise to fire the ball high past Aaron McClafferty in the home goal. Keelan

McGroddy got the second Downings point in the 10th minute. The visitors led 1-2 0-2 when Paddy McElwee lost possession midway inside the Four Masters. A swift attack ended with Carr netting his second goal in the 15th minute. At the other end Johnny McGroddy landed a super score for the Rosguill outfit. They were working hard and forced some turnovers but just couldn't capitalise enough from those endeavours. There were also a couple of wides but shooting conditions certainly weren't easy. Likewise Kevin Sinclair's side missed chances as well. Na Dunaibh trailed 2-3 to 0-3 at the interval. They started the second half really aggressively. But, again that huge effort failed to yield a decent dividend. Again the hosts couldn't conjure up any goal opportunities. They did manage two points both frees from Ronan Gallagher and Johnny McGroddy. The latter also dropped one short and then after a really good solo run he shot wide. It was from that resultant kick-out by Ryan Haughey that Four Masters struck for the decisive third goal. It was a good move but the home defence will still be disappointed in terms of the tackling that allowed Carr to complete his hat-trick. With 41 minutes on the clock it was now 3-3 to 0-5. There was still plenty of time for Na Dunaibh to close the gap but one sensed that third goal had knocked the stuffing out of them. The visitors had a couple of wides before Conor Boyce got the home side's first point from play in the second half. And it was to be their last score of the game with 19 minutes of play remaining. In comparison Four Masters hit four points between the 46th and 50th minutes with a fifth added on just before the end of normal time for



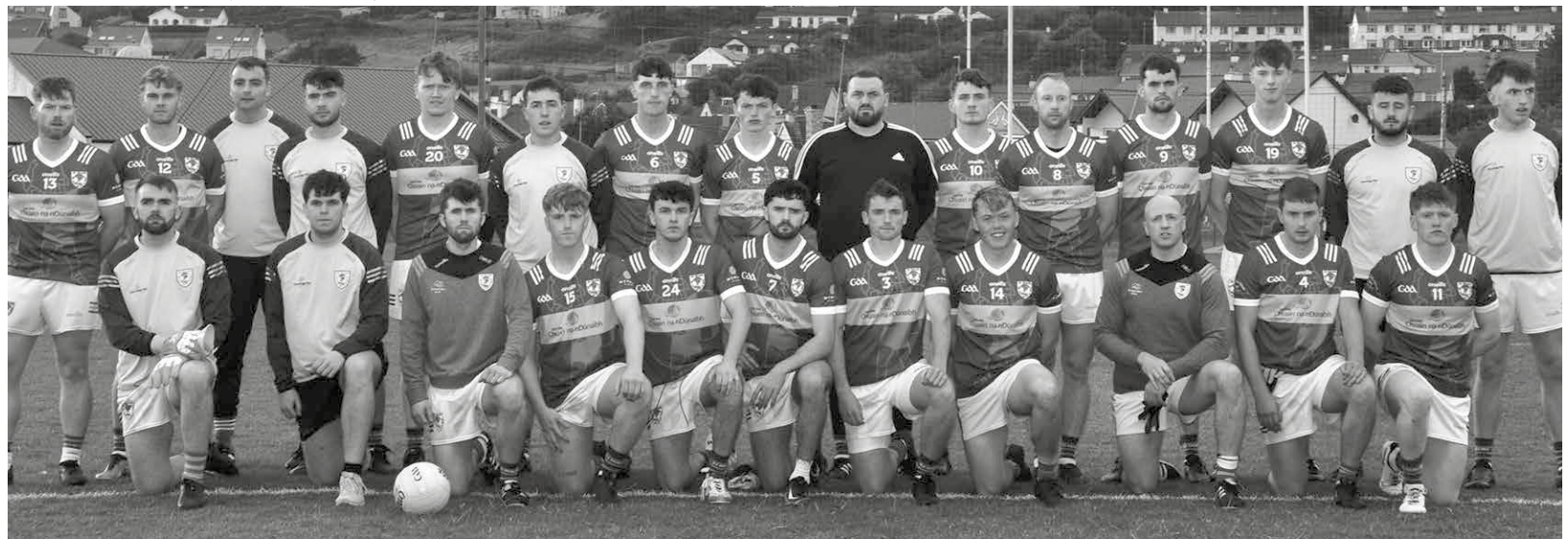
Na Dunaibh's Johnny McGroddy is surrounded by mass of Four Master defenders during the championship match on Saturday evening.

a great victory to take back through The Gap. It's a very good start for them with back-to-back wins but on the evidence of the performance in Downings they are unlikely to be serious contenders for the Dr. Maguire Cup this year. For Na Dunaibh it certainly is a case now of seeing whether they can manage to get a preliminary quarter-final play-off. Following the draw for the next round which took place on Sunday evening, Maxi Curran's men will travel to take on Cloughaneely this weekend and that will not be an easy place to get a win as they hosts will be buoyed up after running Glenswilly close in Foxhall on Sunday. It goes without saying that Downings will need to tighten up considerably at the back. They will also need to score

far more than the six points registered on Saturday evening. They have a minus 13 scoring aggregate going to Falcarragh. Downings - Aaron McClafferty; Paul McGroddy, Ben McNutt, Hugo Davis; Paidín Shields, Ronan Gallagher 0-1 (f), Keelan McGroddy 0-1; Oisín Boyce, Ethan Cullen; Ronan Pasoma, Johnny McGroddy 0-3, If, Conor Boyce 0-1; Gary McClafferty, Paddy McElwee, Kyle McFadden. Subs: James Lee McBride for McClafferty 54 mins; Shane Coll for Cullen 59 mins, Finghin McClafferty for McFadden 59 mins.

Subs not used: Aodh McBride, Tiernan McBride, Paul McGroddy, Shane Coll, Stephen Shevlin, Dean McBride, Fallon McBride-Buckley.

Four Masters - Ryan Haughey; Callum McCrea 0-1, Dylan Kennedy, Brian Fegan; David Monaghan 0-1, Caolan Loughney, Aaron McCrea; Patrick Reid, Conor Reid; Richard O'Rourke 0-2, 2fs, Senan Quinn, Joe Leape 0-1; Alex McCalmont 0-1, Jamie Crawford, Seanán Carr 3-1. Subs: Killian Faulkner 0-1 (f) for Quinn (43 mins); Oisín Reid for Patrick Reid (45 mins); Aidan McHugh for Conor Reid (51 mins); Sean McKiernan for Leape (55 mins); Jason Duignan for Crawford (58 mins). Not used: Oisín Bryson, Conor McShane, Caolan Sweeney, Ref: Ryan Walsh (Bundoran)



The Na Dunaibh squad prior to Saturday evenings home championship against Four Masters.

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### Senior men lose Naomh Muire 2:16 Gaeil Fhánada 1:13

A change in gear from Naomh Muire in the second period on Saturday at the Banks proved too much, as the hosts struck two goals and nine points to claim victory in the Intermediate Championship.

Mark McConigley, Ronan McAteer (0:02), Odhrán Shiels,

Shaun Kerr (0:01), Brandon McClafferty, Oisín Shiels (0:01), Jimmy Coyle (0:01), Michael Sweeney, Paddy Carr (1:02), Seán Carr, Liam McGrenaghan, Eoghán Carr (0:02), James Kerr, Darren McElwaine (0:03), Paddy Heraghty. Mark McAteer (0:01) for Michael Sweeney, Conor Heraghty for James Kerr, Eoin Logue for Paddy Heraghty, Bernard Mc Gettigan for Eoghán Carr.

Buachaillí Faoi 14

### Gaeil Fhánada 4:04 Nh Mhuire Conmhaigh 2:08

Gaeil Fhánada came out on the winning side by a small margin against the visiting Convoyside on Wednesday in Portsalon. The team now looks forward to last group game against St Michaels in the coming weeks.

Shaun Ward, Jack Dunleavy, Ronan Wilson, Ronan Gibbons, Cillian Gilmore, Kieran Carr, Johnny Gallagher, James Anthony Peoples, Michael Peoples, Ruairi Kerr, Patrick McConig-

ley, Colin McBride, Ollie McAteer, Adam Heraghty, Tyler McAteer, Jack McKemey, Daragh Boyce, Oisín Lynch, Tiernan Kerr, Rian Jackson.

### Ciorcal Comhrá

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

### Club Championship preview

## Eunan's favourites against Gweedore

The third round of the Donegal Club Football Championships takes place this weekend. There are four games on Saturday in the Senior Championship and the same number of matches again on Sunday. The Donegal County Board confirmed the fixture schedules on Monday. The Round 3 had taken place on Sunday evening after the Naomh Conaill/Eunan's game in Glenties. St. Eunan's host Gweedore at the O'Donnell Park on Saturday at 4 p.m. Barry Meehan's men will be favourites to take the two points and a third consecutive win that would virtually seal them an automatic place in the quarter-finals. Also on Saturday at 4pm Glenswilly will be in Donegal Town to take on Four Masters. Gary McDaid's side did surprisingly struggle a bit against Cloughaneely on Sunday in Foxhall. But, the Glen men will still fancy their chances of victory at Tirconail Park.

Glenfin host Kilcar at 6pm on Saturday where the visitors will be tipped to get their second win of the group stages. The last game on Saturday evening is the meeting of MacCumhalls and Naomh Conaill at 8pm. The Glenties outfit will be anxious to get back to winning ways after losing to Eunan's at Davy Brennan Park on Sunday. If MacCumhalls are without Oisín Gallen again then their chances of winning will be greatly diminished.

On Sunday there is a local derby in Mountcharles where St Nauls entertain Killybegs at 2pm. It's a game that could go either way but a lot is at stake. Both have lost their opening two games. At the same time in Falcarragh, Cloughaneely take on Downings. Again the teams here are without points after two group games. Cloughaneely will go into this fixture heartened by their performance in Glenswilly and with the home advantage will be slight favourites. So it's a big test for Maxi Curran's men who will need big displays from Paddy McElwee, Ronan Gallagher and the McGroddy's Johnny and Keelan McGroddy in order to have a successful outcome.

In Ballyshannon at 4pm on Sunday Aodh Ruadh take on Ardara who are pointless. The Ballyshannon side has one win and being at home will be seen as having the edge in this encounter. At the same time in Dunfanaghy, St Michael's can strengthen their claim for an automatic quarter-final spot with a victory over Dungloe. Michael's already have two wins so on home turf they will be determined to see off formidable opposition.



Gaeil Fhánada ladies team who started their championship campaign with a victory over Killybegs on Sunday.



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**August Sales**  
Wed 28th Aug - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

**September Sales**  
Mon 2nd Sept - **Breeding Sheep & Ewe Lamb Show & Sale** 7pm  
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Wed 4th Sept - **Sheep Sale** 11.30  
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Mon 9th Sept - **Milford Sheep Show & Sale** 7pm

Wed 11th Sept - **Cattle Sale** 12noon  
**PLASTIC COLLECTION 12th & 13th Sept - 9am - 5pm**

Sat 14th Sept - **Weanling Sale** 11am  
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Mon 16th Sept - **Ram Sale** 7pm

Wed 18th Sept - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am  
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Fri 20th Sept - **Tir Conaill Sheep Breeders Annual Female Sale** 3pm

Mon 23rd Sept - **Breeding Sheep Sale** 7pm  
Booking in Monday 23rd Sept from 10 - 10.30am.

Wed 25th Sept - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

Sat 28th Sept - **Weanling Sale** 11am  
Booking in Thurs 26th Sept from 8 - 8.30am.

Mon 30th Sept - **Ram Sale** 7pm



**Darts on top of Errigal**

On Saturday the Donegal Darts team climbed to the top Mount Errigal and then on the summit stepped up to oche in aid of the Donegal Hospice. It was certainly a case of Arrows on Errigal for the 20 plus darts players. They also took the All-Ireland cup to the top for good measure. The Donegal Darts team would like to take this opportunity to thank Teach Bhillie in Gortahork for providing refreshments after the climb.

**Ciaran's Mizen to Malin charity cycle**

Well known Highland Radio DJ and sports presenter Ciaran Cannon will be swapping the studio for the highways and byways of Ireland as he undertakes the marathon Mizen to Malin Cycle of Hope charity event next month. The Kilmacrennan man will be joining a number of other people from across the country who will set off from Mizen Head in Cork on Sunday the 8th of September. They will be on the road for six days before finishing in Malin.

That's still a good bit from his home in Leitir, Kilmacrennan but one thing is for sure Ciaran won't be making that journey on the bike on Friday 13th of September. It was ten years ago that he first took up cycling in a fairly big way. "I really started in 2014 and did the charity cycle from Sligo that year and also in 2015 and 2016. Then in 2017 the cycling fell away as I was doing a lot of DJ and online radio work. But, I have got back into it this year. Ever since I got into cycling the idea was there to do the Mizen to Malin Head run. Cycle against Suicide is the charity that I have chosen. It is a 750 km cycle based over six days, commencing on the 7th of September

and finishing on the 13th in Malin Head. The reason why I have chosen this charity is because suicide affects lots of families in Ireland. Moneys raised will go towards Cycle Against Suicide who do great work throughout the country. I have set a target of 1,800 euros and I'm nearly there now" Ciaran said.

Cycle Against Suicide is an awareness charity that makes a huge contribution to the public in terms of mental health. World Suicide Prevention Day is on the 10th September which will be smack bang in the middle of Ciaran's cycle to Malin Head. September is recognised as World Suicide Prevention Month, a time to acknowledge those affected by suicide and help raise awareness. Preventing suicide is possible and by raising awareness, reducing the stigma around suicide and by encouraging well-informed ac-



tion, it can reduce the instances of it. By supporting Cycle Against Suicide, Ciaran Cannon is demonstrating his commitment to suicide prevention. Through their programmes in schools, communities, and workplaces, they weave prevention into the very fabric of communities. Cycle Against Suicide is an awareness charity that makes a valuable contribution to the public education of mental health by changing the narrative surrounding suicide. When an individual is vulnerable enough to consider taking their own life, silence is read as indifference. With hundreds of people dying by suicide in Ireland each year and research indicating that thousands more contemplate it, everyone has a role to play to collectively address the challenges that suicide presents. In a bid to save more lives, Cycle Against Suicide

through its programmes, sets out to change culture and create a society that openly talks about suicide to allow people to speak up and seek help.

Ciaran has been putting in the work on roads of south Donegal to be ready for the big challenge. "I usually get in one big cycle in the week of around 100 km along with shorter runs of up to 50km. On the Mizen to Malin we will be averaging around 100km a day." He has been working with Highland Radio for the past 15 months having previously been with South West Radio. Ciaran is now a very familiar voice on the Highland Sports Shows on Saturday and Sunday where he has a dual role as DJ and sports presenter.

He is steeped in the GAA in Kilmacrennan and is involved with the senior team mainly confined to the training nights as he is unavailable most weekends due to his radio commitments. With his mother being a native of Ballybofey, Ciaran is also a keen follower of Finn Harps. He also works as a Party DJ. Ciaran would appreciate a donation via <https://eventmaster.ie/fundraising/pages/CC77951373>

**Milford away in Buncrana**

The Milford Senior GAA will be aiming to make it three wins in a row in the group stages of the Donegal Intermediate Football Championship on Sunday in Buncrana (3.00). Jamsie McGinley's side have already chalked up victories against Fanad Gaels and Letterkenny Gaels. Milford have done it so far without County squad member Rory O'Donnell who has been out with a hamstring injury while Cathal McGettigan has also been struggling with fitness. On the other side Buncrana have been minus regular County senior player Caolan McGonagle in recent games.

On Saturday Termon take on Burt at the Burn Road (7pm) with two wins already under their belt. They won their group open convincingly against Naomh Columba and followed that up last Sunday with an away victory in Malin. Fanad Gaels are in a very poor position as they head to play Na Rossa on Saturday (5pm). Finbar O'Neill's outfit have lost to both Milford and Naomh Mhuire. It will be no easy task to get a victory in Dooyey.

**Cowan joins Letterkenny Rovers**

With the Brian McCormick Cup starting in just over a week's time clubs have been busy finalising squads for the new season. Newly promoted Letterkenny Rovers have added experienced central defender Keith Cowan while B.J. Banda is returning to Leckview. Cowan and Banda both have considerable senior experience on both sides of the border. Joel Bradley Walsh from the Twin Towns is also understood to have signed along with Chris Flanagan from Kilmacrennan Celtic. Zach Gorman and Tim Callaghan who were regulars last year in the successful surge to the First Division title. Michael Doherty is back at Bonagee Utd under new manager Packie Mailey while Gareth Harkin is also returning. Kilmacrennan Celtic have signed Shane McNamee from Swilly Rovers while Oisín McHugh is moving from Milford Utd to Fanad Utd and also going to Traighalough is goalkeeper Shea McBride-Friel. He was with Rathmullan Celtic last season. Rathmullan are on the search for a new manager following the decision of Eamonn Sheridan to step down last week. Big clubs like Letterkenny Rovers and Bonagee Utd will certainly be competing at the top end of the table but back-to-back champions Fanad Utd won't be fazed by that at all. Manager Arthur Lynch will have pretty much the same squad as last year but will be hoping to have more luck with injuries as a few including skipper Paddy McGinley missed a large slice of the season.

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