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## Anger as access to Trá na Rossan not fit for purpose

Locals and visitors who've tried to visit Trá na Rossan beach on the Atlantic Drive close to Melmore Head this summer have been shocked by the condition of the boardwalk and the general lack of repairs at one of Donegal's most unique locations.

**By John McAteer**

It is reported that the infrastructure has been neglected over a number of years.

Those with mobility issues say they are now compromised and in most instances, they do not go there anymore because the access is much too dangerous. It is obvious for many people that access to the beach is now compromised because both the boardwalk and the adjacent sandy pad are a hazard. We are told no repairs have been done in the last ten years. That's according to those who contacted the Tribune to highlight the neglect of one of Donegal's most iconic landscapes



The damaged boardwalk at Trá na Rossan.

The photographs show what is left of the broken boardwalk with missing elements of the structure. Obviously it is in a dangerous condition with most of the timber structure either broken or no longer in place.

The issue was raised during the recent elections and at least

one candidate promised to bring the deterioration to the attention of Donegal County Council last May.

However, this is a work in progress according to Cllr Liam Blaney.

He told the Tribune that he was aware of the problems with the general issues

that have arisen. He confirmed that he got approval for funding of €5,000 at the April meeting of the Council and he expected that the repairs to the broken fencing might have been completed this summer - however that might have been a bit optimistic. He acknowledged that

much more money is needed to repair other damages and he's already been in discussions with the Council.

He said he intends to ensure the necessary works are carried out and also expressed his optimism that the Cllrs will back his efforts to have Trá na Rossan restored to being fit for purpose once again.

Set among the towering landscape of the Rosguill Hills, Trá na Rossan is one of Donegal's more secluded beaches and as a result is completely unspoilt and in pristine condition. During the summer months there is barely parking space on the access road between Dundoan and Melmore. However, for the rest of the time the beach is a peaceful haven for walkers and nature watchers.

The Tribune has been told that the Council provided the car park and also improved the sandy access pad to the beach a number of years

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## FF recommends two candidate strategy

The Tribune understands that Fianna Fáil's Constituency Delegates Committee in Donegal has agreed on a two-candidate strategy for the general election.

The recommendation has been agreed, according to sources with one candidate in each of the former Donegal NE and SW areas. The convention is planned for August.

Pat the Cope Gallagher has confirmed he is to seek the Fianna Fáil nomination at the convention.

We understand that Termon's Ben Harkin will also seek to have his name in the convention. At 23, Ben, a member of Ogra Fianna Fáil is the youngest of the group nominated.

The other nominations are Minister Charlie McConalogue, Senator Niall Blaney,

and Cllrs. Michael Naughton and Donal Mandy Kelly.

Pat the Cope Gallagher said it was an honour to have been nominated by the party members and he greatly appreciates the support that he's received over the past number of days from right throughout the constituency.

He told the media: "Since losing my seat in 2020, I have maintained an active role in representing the people of the county and continued to work for the constituency to the very best of my ability. Politics has been my entire life's work and I am seeking the support of the party members to afford me the opportunity to contest the next General Election, so that I can continue to represent the constituency, our

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## Portsalon Pier remains closed to public



A spokesperson for Donegal County Council has confirmed that Portsalon Pier remains closed to the public.

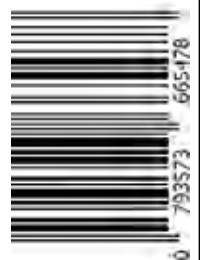
The restoration work began at the pier a year ago and it was due for completion at the end of October. However, the Council is saying the pier remains closed to the public while works are ongoing.

"Works are nearing completion and the pier will be open to the public shortly, however, Donegal Co. Council cannot confirm the exact date at this stage," says the official response from Lifford.

It is evident that the major works are already completed and more recently a new floor was poured. Pier jumpers said it's a powerful job entirely.

Meanwhile another summer is passing and the pier jumpers are growing older! However machinery remains on the site... and the visitors are taking photos for posterity.

The project has costed at €1.5 million.



The majestic Trá na Rossan beach near Melmore, Downings.



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# Appeal following tragic Kilmacrennan crash

The two people who lost their lives in a road traffic collision late on Wednesday night were siblings P.J. and Una McGettigan both aged in their early 70s. They were both natives of Glenraugh, Glen, Carrigart. P.J. McGettigan resided at Fawns, Termon.

The collision occurred on the N56 on the outskirts of Kilmacrennan village near the Lurgy Park football grounds at approximately 11.50pm. The driver of the second car, a woman aged in her 40s, was taken to Letterkenny University Hospital for treatment of serious but non-life threatening injuries.

A Garda Forensic Collision team carried out an investigation of the collision scene on Thursday morning. The N56 road through Kilmacrennan village was closed until early Thursday afternoon as a result of the crash. The vehicles involved

were a Ford Focus and a Dacia Duster. Post mortem examinations on the deceased took place at LUH. Investigations into the circumstances of the collision are continuing and Gardaí are appealing to witnesses to come forward. They are the seventh and eighth people to lose their lives on the county's roads so far this year. There were ten deaths in the whole of 2023 on Donegal roads.

Gardaí are appealing for any witnesses to this collision to come forward. A spokesperson said: "Any road users who may have camera footage (including dash-cam) and were travelling in the area at the time are asked to make this footage available to investigating Gardaí. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Milford Garda on 074 915 3060."

Mr. McGettigan, a former psychiatric nurse in

St Conal's Hospital and a well-known figure in boxing circles was laid to rest following Requiem Mass St Columba's Church, Termon.

He was remembered as a caring person who was devoted to his children and grandchildren. As well as his career in healthcare he was a former coach at Carrigart Boxing Club, President of the Donegal Boxing Board and a member of the Ulster Boxing Council.

Ms. McGettigan was laid to rest a short time later on Sunday following Requiem Mass at Church of St John the Baptist, Carrigart.

Fr. Charlie Byrne recalled her as a "generous and gentle person" who dedicated herself to caring for others.

He said the tragic incident was a tremendous shock to everyone and "plunged the area into darkness".

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## Freedom of Donegal for McGuinness

Jim McGuinness is to receive Donegal's highest honour - the Freedom of the County - following a meeting of the County Council on Monday. The 2012 All-Ireland winning manager was proposed for the accolade by new Cathaoirleach Niamh Kennedy.



Last autumn the Glenties man returned for a second spell as Donegal boss and guided the team to an Ulster Championship title as well as winning the Division 2 league final. The County lost out on a place in the All-Ireland Final when going down narrowly to Galway a fortnight ago.

McGuinness is a previous recipient of the Donegal Person of the Year. At Monday's Council meeting in Lifford the Cathaoirleach's proposal was seconded by Cllr Anthony Molloy who captained the first ever side to win the Sam Maguire back in 1992.

Clannad were honoured in May with the Freedom of County Donegal which is the highest award that the Council can bestow on a person or group. Among the sports people to have been honoured previously include Anthony Molloy, Seamus Coleman, Danny McDaid, Paul McGinley, Patsy McGonagle, Shay Given and Packie Bonner.

## Criminal barristers strike again



Donegal criminal barristers joined their colleagues around the country in strike action for the third time this month. They are demanding the reversal of pay cuts imposed on them in the aftermath of the financial crisis. Hundreds of members of the Bar of Ireland who practice in criminal law are taking part in the protests at 11 courthouses around the country including Letterkenny Courthouse.

The barristers first withdrew their services last October.

The Government agreed in the following budget to increase fees of criminal barristers and solicitors by 10% but the barristers say that does not fully restore the cuts imposed since 2008 and they say the breaking of the link with public sector pay agreements has still not been restored.

Photo - North West Newspix

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 ago. A local community initiative put the boardwalk in place fifteen years ago and ever since, it's been forgotten about, we're being told.

The community believes that since the Council carried out repairs including the car park and pro-

tective fencing, it is their property and they have a responsibility to carry out essential repairs and that it be checked on a regular basis.

The landscape and the bay are a dream for copywriters promoting the best tourism locations in

Ireland. Tra na Rossan is an epic reminder of Ireland's hidden gems that time has crafted over tens of thousands of years into a magnificent masterpiece of eternal beauty as it looks out on the wild expanse of the North Atlantic Ocean. All the more reason that everybody can go there safely.

## Outrage at life ring vandalism



A local community activist has expressed outrage that the life ring that he put on the walkway at the Port Bridge has been stolen. Colm McDaid a native of the Oldtown said:

"Disgusting that the life ring I placed on the new walkway near the Port Bridge has been stolen. Cut from the rope and the rope tied to the railings. Someone decided to take it or cut it from the rope and throw it away into the river. The lifering on the Port bridge on the Cullion road side was also interfered with. It had been thrown out and brought in again but the rope tied around the ring, not replaced in the bag provided. Photos will show what I mean.

What is the mentality of people who do this sort of thing? Why cut a rope off a life ring? Why not leave the things alone. Once again I have to replace it. This is a Council issue and it needs sorted and they still haven't placed any on Lifford bridge. It's not my job to do it. But I do it because it helps keep the community safe around our waterways, but I am losing faith to be honest it is so soul destroying."

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 communities and the people of Donegal once more in Dáil Eireann.

I seek to fill the vacuum in representation that exists at present and in so doing I wish to further strengthen the team that represents Donegal in Dáil Eireann after the next General Election. Numerous challenges, pressures and burdens are experienced by our communities, by our fami-

lies and individuals at this time, and in order to tackle these challenges we need a combination of experience and determination to get the job done and solve the problems we face on a daily basis. I have the experience of representing this constituency both at national and European level and that is a massive advantage for this critical time. I have the same drive, energy and tenacity now as I had when I first entered politics, but

most importantly I have the desire and appetite to do the job.

This could potentially be an extremely short timespan leading to our candidate selection convention, it may not be possible to reach out to everyone of the party's registered delegates but I seek the support of the delegates in selecting me as their candidate to context the next General Election."

## Main Street dangerous structures update

At last week's Municipal District meeting the Mayor of Letterkenny, Cllr Gerry McMonagle sought an update on the three buildings that are currently fenced off on the Main Street. He also sought a response on what actions the Council intend to take to make the area safe and accessible again along with a timeframe for the works to be completed?

The Council said that following ongoing recent communication in relation to potential dangerous structures at Nos 2, 4 & 6 Upper Main Street, Letterkenny with building owners and their representative a Structural Engineers Report was submitted on their behalf.

"On review of the Structural Engineers Report and having regard to the safety risks and associated recommendations identified by the Chartered Structural Engineer, public access to sections of footpath, parking areas and carriageway adjacent the building frontages at Upper Main Street and Market Square.

The Council is continuing to liaise with all parties with an interest in the properties, their representatives and the Council's Structural Consultant to ensure a detailed and considered assessment is completed to identify the essential works required to ensure the safety risks associated with the structural condition of the proper-



ties are addressed.

The Council will endeavour to progress this matter with the building owners to minimise closures to the footpath, carriageway and park-

ing areas, however the Council have to ensure measures to mitigate safety risk and potential impact and risk of the works to adjoining buildings/structures are also fully considered."

# Ben putting his energy into political future

As the General Election edges ever closer a newcomer on the local political scene will put his name forward as a prospective candidate for Fianna Fáil in Donegal for the first time.

**by Eamonn McFadden**

Termon's Ben Harkin has already enjoyed a taste of speaking in Leinster House addressing Dáil members on energy issues. At just 23-years-old, a graduate of Queen's University, he'll be one of the youngest in the field seeking nomination. He says he had an interest in politics from a young age and is looking forward to the experience of throwing his name into the ring with at least five others seeking to get on the ticket for Fianna Fáil. Hailing from a well-known family, his grandparents John and Betty Harkin ran the post office in Termon for many years. His parents are Eddie and Nicola. Having grown up locally he attended secondary school in Mulroy College Milford for four years before transferring to St. Eunan's College specifically to study physics and politics, options not available to him in Mulroy at the time. He told the Tribune: "I did four years in Mulroy College and moved for the last two years to St Eunan's College to study politics and physics. Then I went to Queens and studied software and electronic systems engineering. I have a master degree in that and it was done during covid. It was in my first year of Queen's



that I met a guy from Fanad, Michael Sweeney, who was in the same year as myself. He was part of Órga Fianna Fáil up there and we used to talk about politics and he said to come along to a meeting, so I got signed up from there."

Like many young students the global pandemic forced major changes to his college life and he returned to Termon but used the time to turn his attention to another area of interest for him, climate change and energy.

He stated: "It was during my first year when covid hit so then I started to write my book in March 2020 and it was released in 2020. Energy then became a big topic for me and climate change also became another focus of mine, so I've done a lot of writing about that. It was through that that I got to give a presentation to members of the Fianna Fail parliamentary party in Leinster House in 2022. Being there was a real defining moment for myself because of the energy that was there and all that was taking place. It was fantastic and I got a lot of questions from TD's and Senators and I just thought 'This is somewhere I want to be'. It just crystallised it for me."

The trip was hosted by one of his major influences, Pat the Cope Gallagher and he also cites former Cllr Noel McGinley and current Cllr Liam Blaney as others whose guidance he appreciates. Being one of the youngest candidates to put their name forward at present he said he hopes it would encourage other young people to engage with the political process.

## Frank Larkin seat unveiled

There was a nice turn out on Saturday at the Letterkenny Town Park on the High Road to honour the late Frank Larkin who was a former Chairperson of the Donegal Centre for Independent Living. His wife Pauline cut the ribbon on a beautiful park bench that was custom made by a team at DCI in his memory. Gone but never forgotten for his commitment to equality for those with disabilities.

Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh said that Frank Larkin was a great advocate for people with disabilities, and dedicated so much of his life to making improvements. He also had a huge interest in his local community, in sport and in politics and in the town of Letterkenny.



His wife Pauline keeps Frank's memory alive on a daily basis and it was great that she was there to cut the ribbon and to pay her own special tribute to her late husband with some lovely words. The seat can now be a place of solace for her and for the Larkin family and for Frank's many friends. A quiet spot in a busy park, where a moment can be taken to remember Frank, or where a stranger might sit to rest and ask, who was Frank Larkin? and each time that question is answered his memory will be revived, recalled and will live on said Cllr Kavanagh.



Pauline Larkin at the ribbon cutting.



## Oliver Plunkett disabled dropped kerbing

Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh has asked the Council to provide dropped kerbing beside the disabled parking spot on Oliver Plunkett Road. He was told that an assessment will be carried out and funding will be sought to carry out the necessary alterations. The Council said that considerable works will be required to make those alterations on Oliver Plunkett Road.



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# Kamala Harris roots in Antrim

In my lifetime I have seen dramatic events in American politics. Biden's withdrawing as a candidate is the latest.

Biden is the second president to do so in my lifetime. Lyndon Johnson withdrew in 1968. That was because his support for the Vietnam War was discrediting him.

From earlier, I remember the assassination of President John F Kennedy in 1963. Then there was the shooting of a second President, Ronald Reagan. That was in 1981. Reagan was seriously wounded.

In 1968 Robert (Bobby) Kennedy was leading the Democratic Primaries for the Presidency. He was shot dead. There are still questions about that killing. (Bobby Kennedy was brother of President Kennedy). This month Donald Trump has been shot at the time all polls put him ahead. I have also lived through the resignation of President Richard Nixon in 1974. Nixon waged a secret war against Cambodia. The administration, Senate and House of Representatives knew nothing of this.

He was finally forced out of office after the Watergate scandal. Nixon had hired men to break into the Democratic Party's National Committee. Nixon, like Boris Johnson or Trump, was totally out of control. He resigned the threat of being impeached. That was a year after his Vice-President, Spiro Agnew, resigned. Agnew had pleaded guilty to tax fraud. Nixon was the only President to resign. Agnew was only the second Vice-President.

Thus the last 60-odd years have been rocky.

We may yet see another unusual result. Grover Cleveland was the only American President to be voted out of office, then win another election. That second win happened in 1892. Donald Trump may become the

*Kamala Harris is not particularly popular. She is no charisma. She has one great advantage. If the Democrats pass over a woman of colour for a white man, they can kiss the election goodbye. Black and women voters will not come out, even to stop Trump. The same for many more liberal whites. Whether Trump or Harris wins, there is an ugly certainty. The next President will continue supplying the bombs for Israel's slaughter in Gaza.*

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Meanwhile, the last few weeks have seen a ridiculous spectacle. Trump and Biden were falling over themselves with claims to stand up for the working man.

Biden has been claiming to be the 'most pro-union president ever'. The evidence is that he and a few cheer-leaders kept repeating that. Under him, inflation has eaten into wages. There have been some successful union organising drives, particularly in the Southern states. I can find no record of Biden lifting a finger to help.

He tried a new line as the Presidency slipped away from him. The 'elite' of the Democratic party was against him. He is part of that elite for half a century. He has never been known to have taken any controversial stands against big business. He was a wheeler-dealer American machine politician. For most of his career he was Senator for Delaware. In America, Delaware is known as a tax haven for companies. Biden backed that tax avoidance. He was also seen as worryingly close to the Du Pont chemical company.

Then there is his support for Israel's mass murder of civilians in Gaza. That has earned him the nickname 'Genocide Joe' for many. He attended a meeting of the extreme right-wing Israeli cabinet. He said: "I'm sure innocents have been killed and that's the price for waging a war." He also,

cynically, let slip the reason America give so much support: "Were there not an Israel, then America would have to invent one to protect her interests in the region." His government has provided most of the bombs used on Gaza's civilians.

Enough has been written about Trump's character. A civil court has found that he committed rape. Even the allegation would, in Ireland, be enough to end his career. Witness Jeffrey Donaldson, who has not been found liable.

Trump also claims the elites are after him. He comes from that elite himself. His family was wealthy. He was a reality TV host. In the noughties, he was a registered Democrat. As a rich man, he made political donations. Before 2011, most of his donations were to Democrats.

That included to Hilary Clinton. In 2004, he said: "In many cases, I probably identify more as Democrat", explaining: "It just seems that the economy does better under the Democrats than the Republicans." He only returned to the Republican Party in 2012. That was four years before he became President. Thus I can find no proof of him having any firm political views. That is, except views he thinks will get him elected.

Incidentally, he is a major supporter of gun ownership. A 20 year old with an assault rifle almost killed him.

The vote for him says that a big section of the American people is dis-

enchanted with the political system. Only 37% of adults have voted in recent elections.

Traditionally, the Democratic Party was seen as the part of the workers. The Republicans represented big business.

There has been a certain change. Trump supporters have taken over the Republican Party. They appeal more to the working class. That is particularly white workers in areas that have been de-industrialised.

Meanwhile, the wealthy are piling in behind the Democrats. Some had paused paying because they felt Biden was not a viable candidate.

They don't see Trump as any kind of socialist. They just see him as unreliable.

At present, he is the front runner. He may be repeating the mistakes of those he defeated. They underestimated him. In 2016 the Republican Party establishment thought he was a joke. That was as he built momentum through the Republican primaries. By the time they took him seriously he was a candidate. Then Hilary Clinton did not take him seriously in the election

Kamala Harris seems very likely to



By Anton McCabe

be the Democratic candidate. She is not particularly popular. She is no charisma. She has one great advantage.

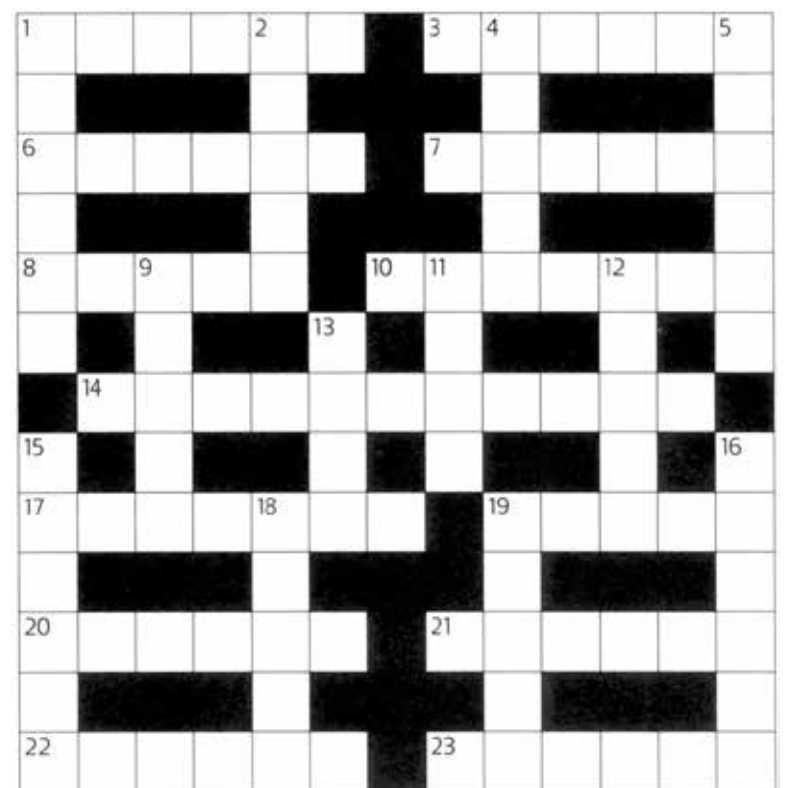
If the Democrats pass over a woman of colour for a white man, they can kiss the election goodbye. Black and women voters will not come out, even to stop Trump. The same for many more liberal whites.

Harris' background is Afro-Caribbean and Indian. But don't worry. She has already discovered Irish roots, in Co Antrim. Whether Trump or Harris wins, there is an ugly certainty.

The next President will continue supplying the bombs for Israel's slaughter in Gaza.

Her four-times-paternal-great-grandfather Hamilton Browne was born in Antrim in 1776, the year of American independence.

## Tribune Crossword No. 1074



**Across**

- 1. Rule (6)
- 3. Prunella \_\_\_\_, comedy actress (6)
- 6. Blue dye (6)
- 7. Spiritualist, meeting (6)
- 8. Pulled (5)
- 10. Fall (7)
- 14. Flesh-eating (11)
- 17. Infantry weapon (7)
- 19. Fold (5)
- 20. Sickness (6)
- 21. Barefaced (6)
- 22. Wily (6)

**Down**

- 1. Cheerfulness (6)
- 2. Stiff (5)
- 4. Board game (5)
- 5. Constant (6)
- 9. James \_\_\_\_, TV presenter (5)
- 11. Black (4)
- 12. Escape (5)
- 13. Orchestra section (4)
- 15. Order of business (6)
- 16. Ascent [anag] (6)
- 18. Watchful (5)
- 19. Dennis Hopper film, \_\_ Trout (5)

**Solutions to Crossword No. 1073**

Across 3. Knowledge, 8. Bird, 9. Parasite, 10. Entrap, 13. Tasty, 14. Magnate, 15. Bad, 16. Vaulted, 17. Ditto, 21. Abroad, 22. Wireless, 23. Bean, 24. Operation.

Down 1. Objective, 2. Grotesque, 4. Nippy, 5. Warhead, 6. Ease, 7. Gate, 11. Cautioned, 12. Recording, 14. Mad, 15. Beckett, 18. Basho, 19. Limp, 20. Dear.

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# Hit Musical "Rent" coming to Letterkenny

Musical theatre fans are in for a treat as Letterkenny Music and Drama Group brings the Jonathan Larson musical "Rent" to An Grianán Theatre for two nights only on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd August at 8pm.

Set in the East Village of New York City in the mid 1990s, "Rent" is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, "Rent" has become a pop cultural phenomenon. With songs including smash hits "Seasons of Love" and "Take Me or Leave Me", a story that resonates with audiences of all ages, it reminds us of the importance of following our passions, taking risks to pursue our dreams, and just being who you are.

Based loosely on Puccini's "La Bohème", Jonathan Larson's "Rent" follows a year in the life of a group of impoverished young artists, musicians, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community, struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side, under



Mary Corpus in rehearsals.

the shadow of HIV/AIDS, an epidemic that had its origins in the 1980s. "Rent" beautifully captures the ultimate sacrifice of a life of stability for the sake of art.

Under the direction of Mary Lane, with Ryan Quinn as musical director, the cast have been working overtime to bring this very special story to the stage over the summer in a relatively short period of time. Having previously played the role of Joanne in "Rent" back in 2011 with Greasepaint Productions, it has been a dream of Mary's to one day direct the show herself. "I'm very honoured to be trusted with this

production by the Letterkenny Music and Drama Group, and have loved bringing this beautiful story to life. I can't wait for the audiences to see what we have created for them. I'm so proud of the entire cast and crew and all their hard work over the past few months," she commented.



Members of the Letterkenny Music and Drama Group in rehearsal for "Rent".

"It's such an important story to tell. It gives an insight into the frightening experiences of people with HIV/AIDS when it was still new and treatments were very limited, as well as the difficulties and stigmas for people in the LGBTQIA+ community," explains Mary Lane.

With a talented cast including existing LMDG members Ciaran O Gallachoir, Caolan Kelly and Maire McGinley, the award-winning group are thrilled to also have new members in the principal line up - Mary Corpus, Ciaran Brooks, Davin Coyle, Emily Harte and Daniel Browne. "The ensemble has several LMDG stalwarts," says Mary, "and we have loved welcoming a whole cohort of new members of all ages and backgrounds. The cast have really immersed themselves into the preparations for the show, and are so looking forward to bringing their hard work to the stage at the start of August."

The Letterkenny Music and Drama Group are delighted that this production of "Rent" will be staged during the Letterkenny Pride Festival 2024. Performances are for two nights only, on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd August at 8pm nightly. Tickets are €24 (€22 concession), inclusive of booking fee. The cast might even



make an appearance at the Pride Festival on Saturday 3rd. This is a limited run, so early booking is advised via the An Grianán Theatre website at [www.angrianan.com](http://www.angrianan.com), or 074 91 20777.



Above and below - An Taoiseach Simon Harris visits the No Barriers Foundation in Letterkenny on Friday last. Photo Clive Wasson



## Shredding for Charity in Letterkenny

It's confidential shredding time again on Friday, 26th July at the Letterkenny Shopping Centre in association with United Shredding Company and the Letterkenny Rotary Club, and all for just a donation to the Donegal Downs Syndrome Association.

Thank you so much to all of our supporters to date as over €6,200 has been raised through this scheme over the past 3 years.

The money raised assists service users avail of speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, and swimming lessons, to name a few.

As usual the USL unit will be situated on right hand side of the car park near the entrance, from 10.30am until 12 midday, so just come along and members of the Rotary Club will also be on standby, to assist if needed. Your continued support of this fantastic venture is very much appreciated.



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# Football Special hit the shelves nationwide

The iconic Donegal drink founded in Ramelton, Football Special, has been selected as part of a new campaign by Lidl to support Irish producers by making their products available across Ireland.

They are one of two local companies selected to take part in the Lidl Ireland Kickstart Supplier Development Programme.

Following a competitive Dragon's Den style pitch process to find this year's most innovative products, 48 suppliers across 20 different counties were selected including Football Special Ltd from Ramelton and Corveen Glen Meat Company from Letterkenny.

Since the 1940s, McDaid's, the family behind Football Special, has been developing soft drinks to go with any occasion. The soft drinks are made from their original recipes from the 1940s and 1950s, come in a recyclable glass bottle and contain no artificial sweeteners.

Corveen Glen Meat Company, is a family run meat company that produces locally sourced fresh farm fed meat that are reared with passion, matured to perfection and prepared with pride.

Successful producers will now see their artisan offerings on sale on Lidl shelves across its 220 stores across the island of Ireland from September 19th for a limited time.

Now run by Seamus McDaid, this fourth-generation family soft drinks business produces craft soft drinks and ice creams; the business also partnered with Trouble Brewing to launch a sour beer, which quickly sold out across Ireland when it launched last year. The team has also created the Football Special Yard, a space in Ramelton to celebrate all things Football Special.

Over the years, Seamus McDaid and his team have worked closely with the Local Enterprise Office in Donegal: "We have availed of a variety of supports offered by our Local Enterprise Office and have found them of great value to our business." Seamus said. "Through a TAME (Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters) support, we have been able to explore opportunities to develop into new export markets."

"The Business Expansion Grant helped us to grow our team to focus on growing our business, providing greater focus on marketing and new sales opportunities. The Trading Online Voucher has assisted in enhancing our online presence and broadening our reach. We've also availed of the LEO mentoring programme; to provide valuable assistance on specific business needs" added Seamus.

Adding to this, Head of Enterprise Donegal, Brenda Hegarty, said: "Football



Seamus McDaid of McDaid's Football Special.

Special is an institution in Donegal. Once only available locally, it's now accessible in selected retailers throughout Ireland and beyond.

She stated: "We are delighted to work closely with Seamus and his team to facilitate their expansion nationally and

beyond. This expansion benefits both the business and Donegal, as these enterprises and the people who run them keep our local economy thriving. Our team at the Local Enterprise Office is always ready to support any business as they grow".

## Going for Galway in Ramelton

Two men with strong family ties in Ramelton will be aiming to play their part in Galway's bid to win the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship this Sunday at Croke Park. The Tribesmen will have overcome the formidable force of Armagh to bring the Sam Maguire to the west of Ireland. Sean Kelly is captain of the Galway Senior Football team while his younger brothers Eoghain and Paul are members of the squad. Also a member of the team is Cillian McDaid.

Sean, Eoghain and Paul Kelly are nephews of Phil Friel of Aghnagaddy and the former Principal of St. Mary's National School. Cillian McDaid is the grandson of the late Eamonn McDaid who was a star footballer with Swilly Rovers in the 1950s. His grandmother was a member of the Canning family from Glenvar. He is the son of Garvan McDaid.

Cillian scored three points in the Dublin win where he was named Man of the Match. He also got a point in the semi-final victory over Donegal. He spent time in Australia playing Rules football with Carlton before returning to play with his club Monivea Abbey. Cillian's grandfather Eamonn McDaid moved from Ramelton to reside in Limerick. His uncle Fergus played for and man-



The Kelly brothers Paul, Sean and Eoghain in action for their club Moycullen and right, Cillian McDaid.

aged Cobh Ramblers. Cillian's sister Orla was the Galway representative in the Rose of Tralee in 2019. A versatile player Cillian McDaid can play at midfield or in the half-forward-line.

Sean Kelly had been better known as a defender but has played at midfield this season. However, he was forced off in the first half of the Dublin game with a hamstring injury. He missed the Donegal match



and has to be a major doubt still for Sunday.

The Kelly brothers play for Moycullen who had an historic first senior club title success in Galway some years ago. They were joined on that team by Phil Friel's son Seamus who has been based in the county for the past number of years. Sean Eoghain and Paul's father was Padraig 'Dandy' Kelly who was a fine footballer with Galway winning five Connacht senior titles in the 1980s. Pauric passed away suddenly in 2001.

### Bowling Club

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

### Ramelton Mariners 5k

The Mariners will hold a 5km road race and walk on Friday the 16th of August at 7.30pm.

Registration is from 6.30pm at Sip and Slice on the Shore Road. Entry for adults and seniors will be €10 while its €5 for Under 16's and you can also register via Revolut on 087 167 9923.

### Fundraiser

Brownknowe National School are holding a novel fundraising event at the Ray Community Centre on Sunday the 11th of August. It will begin with a Vintage Car and Tractor Run starting at 2pm with registration from 11am. The cost is €20 per vehicle. Then at 2.30pm the BBQ will begin with tickets costing €10 for adults or €20 for a family. There will be music and face painting and for further information contact pabrownknowe@gmail.com

### Swilly Rovers lotto numbers

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Lotto on Satur-

day were 7, 9, 16, 21. No jackpot winner. One three-number winner: Patrick Patterson, online. Jackpot this week is €800. Thanks for your continued support.

### Ramelton SVP

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

### Church car park works

Work has begun on an upgrade of the St. Mary's Church car park. Sections of the car park will be closed off as work gets underway. As a result access this weekend will be restricted. An alternative car parking facility will be available on the grounds of Scoil Mhuire National School at weekends for the duration of the works. It is expected that it will take nine weeks to complete.

### Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 27th July. We have new baker's at our market call in on Saturday and sample the goodies. Get your orders in for the weekend from our food producers on 087 9699715. Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, wood-

turning and more. Meet up with family and friends at our Cosy Tearoom for a tea/coffee and maybe a delicious Cheese Toastie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

### 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.

## Ballyare 10k Events

A Car Treasure Hunt will take place this Friday evening July 26th leaving from Carr's of the Diamond Ballyare at 6.30pm. Please come along and enjoy an evening's crack. All proceeds go to Donegal Down Syndrome and MS Ireland Donegal Branch.

Ballyare 10k fundraising committee will host an afternoon tea at Carr's of the Diamond on Sunday 28th July at 4pm after Tully Graveyard Mass. All donations from this year's fundraising will go to Donegal Down Syndrome and MS Ireland Donegal Branch.

## Garden Fete in Glenalla

The Glenalla Annual Garden Fete will be held this Saturday the 27th of July at Franklin's Estate.

The fun begins at 12.30pm and runs to 4pm with all the usual stalls including White elephant, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Hampers, Teas, Books, Toys and much more.

Everyone is welcome to come along to Glenalla House enjoy a walk around the gardens and enjoy the fete and all proceeds are in aid of St. Colmille Church, Glenalla.

# 100% Redress Party meeting in Milford

The 100% Redress Party is to hold its first cumann meeting in the Mulroy Woods Hotel next Monday evening (July 29th) at eight o'clock and all are welcome.

After the success of the party at the local elections, where they achieved four new councillors, the party is beginning their preparations for the General Election, by holding open evenings in the seven Municipal Districts of Donegal.

On the evening you can: hear reports from their councillors on what they have been doing on your behalf on Donegal County Council; bring local issues to their attention; debate issues both

locally and nationally and join the party - this is optional. The meeting itself will be hosted by the newly appointed Chairperson of the party, Eamonn Jackson, who ran as a candidate in the Milford area. Eamonn states, 'We have a great opportunity here to get things done. We have four 100% Redress Party voices in the Council Chamber working on our local issues.'

Eamonn continues "The party will be running candidates in the general election and we need as much help as possible. So please, come along on Monday evening and be part of this development."

# €1m for Downings house



A contemporary family home with unrivalled sea views at Rosapenna Golf Links in Downings has gone on the market with an asking price of €1,000,000. Savills are handling the sale. Maslack, a dormer bungalow, comprises of four bedrooms and two reception rooms. Situated at the edge of the Rosapenna Golf Links development with panoramic sea views. The overall floor area is 280m<sup>2</sup>. The gardens at Maslack extend to the coastline of Sheephaven Bay overlooking the Muckish. A rockery at

the front of the house trails the perimeter of the house. A patio area at the rear of the property enjoys uninterrupted vistas of the bay. A marble table unit along with a firepit proves ideal for gatherings or hosting. Maslack enjoys direct access to the rugged coastline and rockpools beyond the property. Donegal is rapidly becoming one of Ireland's best golfing destinations, Maslack is surrounded by the Sandy Hill Golf links, the Old Tom Morris Links and St. Patricks Golf links.

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# Funeral of Dan Logue, Downings

The funeral took place on Saturday of Dan Logue, Downings. Aged 94, Dan was a very well known and highly respected member of the local community. He was born in 1929 the son of Grace and James Logue. Dan was the youngest of seven siblings. At the age of 14 along with other young men from the locality he went to the Shetland Islands in Scotland getting work gutting herring. When Dan came back home he started his own business selling herring on a donkey and cart from Rosguill to Fanad. The transport was upgraded to a van as the business expanded. The opening of his fish factory in Downings moved the venture to another level, growing the customer base across the country and internationally.



In his homily Fr. Charlie Byrne recalled his own school days at Holy Cross College, Falcarragh and Dan's blue van doing a delivery of fish every Thursday evening for the Friday dinners. Dan made lifelong friends in the fishing ports of Killybegs, Burtonport and Greencastle and further afield. He was generous in spirit, donating a carved wooden image of St. Colmcille to the Church of the St. John Baptist Carrigart. Dan was immersed in the life of the local community and involved in many different organisations. He had a passion for the GAA and was one of those that negotiated the acquisition of the current grounds and was also instrumental in the development of the clubhouse which was only

the second of its kind in the county at that time. He held a variety of positions with Na Dunaibh including Chairperson and was also a GAA referee. In a tribute the Fishing Daily website said Dan was a renowned fish merchant. "Known for his extensive experience and deep knowledge of the fishing industry, Dan established himself as a prominent figure within the local and regional seafood trade at a young age. He first began his lifetime in seafood in the 1930s as a young boy, buying herring from local boats and traveling around the countryside selling them door-to-

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10.30PM	TULLAGH	WEE BAR
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#### SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST

3PM	FESTIVAL PARADE	
3.30PM	STUNT BIKES	
6-8PM	OFTEN WRONG	GIG RIG
8-10PM	HOT WHISKEY BAND	GIG RIG
8-10PM	MARK FERRY	WEE BAR
10PM	ONE FOR THE ROAD	GIG RIG
10PM	FOOLS PARDON	WEE BAR
12 TIL LATE	IRADIOS DAVE DUKE	EMPIRE

#### SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST

6-8PM	RYAN BRADY	GIG RIG
6-8PM	MARK FERRY	WEE BAR
8-10PM	FLAIR	GIG RIG
8-10PM	FOOLS PARDON	WEE BAR
10PM	2 DEGREES	GIG RIG
10PM	KEELAN PRITCHARD	WEE BAR
10.30PM	FIREWORKS DISPLAY	DOWNINGS BEACH
12 TIL LATE	IRADIOS DAVE DUKE	EMPIRE

#### MONDAY 6TH AUGUST

9-11PM	WOLFHOOND	GIG RIG
9-11PM	OFTEN WRONG	WEE BAR
11PM	DAVID CRAIG BAND	GIG RIG
12 TIL LATE	CLOSING PARTY, DJ PADDY HEGARTY	EMPIRE CLUB

door with a donkey and creels. Through hard graft over the decades, Dan established a fish factory in the village and named the company Sheephaven Seafoods Teoranta. His son Jimmy joined him after finishing university in 1982. The company grew to become one of the most successful seafood companies in the country, providing seafood produce to hotel and catering establishments in Ireland and building up large export markets in Israel, Europe, and the USA. Sheephaven Seafoods provided world-class seafood products sourced mainly in Ireland. It was also the first Irish company to be awarded a Kosher Licence for smoked salmon products and supplied the Dan chain of hotels in Israel, as well as Jewish communities in Europe and the United States. Dan had an unwavering commitment to the fishing industry. Every buyer and seller of fish in the country knew his approach, which never changed over the decades. It could be said that consistency was the key to his success. It was early mornings and late nights seven days a week, and even when he retired, he barely slowed down. His efforts contributed to the economic vitality of Downings and the surrounding areas, providing employment and supporting the local economy. In addition to his commercial activities, Dan Logue was involved in various initiatives and collaborations. He was involved with CLG Na Dúnaibh and the Downings Sea Angling Festival. His expertise and reputation made him a key player in the Irish seafood industry, respected by

peers and customers alike. His son Jimmy paid tribute to him saying that he was the last of the generation that started out selling herring by donkey and creel, but he also praised him for his humanity saying 'No matter what or where he was, he always had time for people.' Dan passed away at the family home on Thursday. He was predeceased by his wife Cait in October 2017. Dan is survived by his son Jimmy and daughter Brid; grandchildren John, his fiancée Áine and daughter Caitlín; Kitty and her son Ronan; Sarah, her partner Carl and their son Caoimhín; Anna, her partner David and their children Daithí and Aoibhí. Remains reposed at the family residence from Thursday. Funeral was from there on Saturday to the Church of St John the Baptist for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Charlie Byrne. Readings were by Dan's son Jimmy and Aine. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Gerard, Anna, Evelyn and Brigid. Gifts were brought to the Altar by Brig, Cait, Daithi and Ronan. After Holy Communion a eulogy was read by Dan's nephew John Carr. Members of the Na Dunaibh GAA Club formed a Guard of honour. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery where Fr. Byrne said the graveside prayers. The Fisherman's Lament was sung at the graveside by Mickey Cavanagh a retired skipper from Greencastle and a life long friend of Dan's. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

# A heartfelt thanks to Big Fegs

Rathmullan Celtic held the 2024 AGM recently and there was a change at the top. After 10 years of outstanding service as Chairman, Cormac Fegan stepped down from the role. He had made the committee aware in the run-up to the AGM that it was not his intention to go forward for the position again and, with due respect, his wishes were acceded.

On behalf of the club, Secretary Enda McElhinney paid tribute to Cormac for his drive, commitment and dedication to RCFC over the last decade. "He became the public figure of our club. Visible to all at games and wherever our club was requiring representation. There's barely a club in the county that hasn't been engaged with his well-wishes.

Win, lose or draw his attitude was always that Rathmullan should be viewed as a club that does things the right way and that certainly has been true of his tenure as Chairman. On the pitch there were ups and downs and they were all treated the same, sunny side up. There were many big days to recall his leadership, inspiring the camaraderie that a club like ours needs amongst its players and volunteers just to survive. Every player that



donned the Hoops was made to feel welcome by our chairman, without exception. Do your best, that's all anyone can ask here.

It would be remiss not to mention too the 'Peru Handlin' of 2018 and the World Cup. An idea born of Cormac's creative thinking, it grew legs and we had the Peruvian Ambassador and his guests in our midst for their World Cup opener, while the RTE cameras were with us too during the group stages as Rathmullan made national headlines for bringing people together. That for sure is something Cormac can be proud of and is a legacy befitting his desire to meet people and show them an Irish welcome.

A Derry man by birth, the green and white of Rathmullan now courses through him and we know that while his time as Chairman has come to an end, his love of our club and this town won't be diminished.

There will be more days, more songs and more craic ahead but, for now, everyone at Rathmullan Celtic would like to say thanks for everything, Cormac, it truly has been a blast and you will always be a part of this club."

## Cockhill make Waterford work for win

On Friday night it looked as if there could be a shock on the cards as Gavin Cullen's men struck for the opening goal on 13 minutes, but Keith Long's side didn't panic and eventually came back to win their spot in the next round

## Next year before LUH Neurology Consultant appointed - Saolta

It will next year at the earliest before a new Neurology Consultant will be appointed in Letterkenny University Hospital, according to a spokesperson for the Saolta Group has said.

The issue of when would a new consultant fill the role was asked by Cllr Gerry McMonagle at a recent meeting of the Regional Health Forum West.

He asked: "With over 46% of the 675 MS Patients based in the Letterkenny University Hospital catchment area has SAOLTA or LUH made an application for funding to provide a full time Neurology Consultant to provide daily neurology cover at LUH?"

Ann Cosgrove, Interim CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group said the issue is being reviewed this year and the development of the neurology service at the hospital will be part of the "estimates submission for 2025."

She stated: "The Saolta Group is committed to progressing the development of neurology services for Letterkenny University Hospital.

It is a strategic priority for the group to develop and progress the Saolta Neurology Clinical Services review 2024. The group is also currently finalising the priorities for the Service Plan 2025 and the development of the neurology service in LUH forms part of the estimates submission for 2025."

## "I took a bullet for democracy"

It has got to be the quote of the century. Who said "I took a bullet for democracy" will be a question for students by teachers in years to come?

Some may reply Gerry Adams or Michael Collins who both took assassins bullets in the middle of a war zone, one died and one lived. A multi-millionaire like Donald Trump claiming that he took a bullet for democracy... Yes, there was an attempt on his life but that doesn't make him a hero by any means after all he tried to subjugate the concept of democracy by claiming that he won the presidential election even though the recounts showed clearly that he didn't. He tried to inflict his type of democracy by encouraging his followers to march on Capitol Hill. We have a similar mob rule going on here at the minute who have protested outside the gates of the Dail with TDs being assaulted going about their work.

The argument would be that they're doing it to restore democracy because they are not being listened to as has happened in Coolock where refugees are going to be housed in a deprived area where facilities are at breaking point.

Behind the scenes, right-wing conspiracy theo-



rists manipulate the growing concerns of locals who then see anything connected to the rule of law as attacking them.

Will Trump now get a free run for a second term in the Oval Office with the departure of Joe Biden? Kamila Harris will have to have the heel to the steel if she's going to challenge the only man on earth who has claimed to have taken a bullet for Democracy and lived to tell the tale.

James Woods, Gortahork.

# Lansdowne Yonkers New York/Rathmullan team's at Foyle Cup



Families and fans enjoying the Lansdowne Yonkers New York/Rathmullan team's Foyle Cup experience last week. On Friday they defeated a strong Portrush team 3-1. Callum Max Gilloway was the mascot for the game. Captain Darragh Edwards, Conor Kavanagh and Dylan Curran were the scorers.





# Council has €3.7m deficit

The Local Government Auditors Report has noted that Donegal County Council has a cumulative deficit of €3.7m (2022: €4.9m) on the Statement of Comprehensive Income at the end of December 2023. The Auditor Seamus Leonard said that whilst acknowledging an improving deficit reduction it continues to be a matter to address in future accounting periods. The Report was brought before Cllrs during Monday's meeting in Lifford.

In his response Chief Executive John McLaughlin said there was improvement on the Revenue Account for 2023 of €1,151,999. He also pointed out that over a five-year period,

the revenue deficit has reduced by €4.643m from year-end 2018 (€8.387m) to year-end 2023 (€3.744m). "The objective of continuing to reduce the revenue deficit remains a priority and will be aided by the ongoing approach to budgetary control across the Council" Mr McLaughlin said.

The Council recorded a surplus for the year of almost €1.2m. The Local Authority had net current assets of €32.5m at the end of December 2023 (2022: €46.7m). The drop of €14.2m is in the main due to an increase in creditors and accruals of €19.4m; an increase in trade debtors and prepayments €3m; an increase in bank investments and cash at bank of €2m. In

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his response Chief Executive John McLaughlin said the increase in Creditors and Accruals relates primarily to deferred income relating to the draw-down of loans of €17m during 2023.

## P.J. and Una McGettigan laid to rest



The parishes of Carrigart and Termon were plunged into a deep sense of shock and sadness following the deaths of P.J. and Una McGettigan last Wednesday night as a result of a road traffic collision in Kilmacrennan. The brother and sister were natives of Gleneraugh, Glen, Carrigart where Una had still lived. P.J. was a resident of Fawns, Termon. Their sad passings in such tragic circumstances has numbered the two local communities. The funerals of P.J. and Una McGettigan took place on Sunday in Termon and Carrigart respectively.

Fr. Martin Chambers C.C. officiated at P.J.'s Requiem Mass in St Columba's Church, Termon. Concelebrant was Retired P.P. Fr. Dinny McGettigan who Proclaimed the Gospel. Before Mass symbols of P.J.'s life were brought forward by his grandchildren. Readings, Prayers of the Faithful and Gifts to the Altar were by family members. Music and hymns were by Maura Kelly. Final Prayers of Commendation were said by Fr. McGettigan. A Guard of Honour was formed by past and current staff at St. Conal's Hospital along with members of Carrigart Boxing Club. P.J. was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery. He is survived by his wife Bernadette, daughter Caroline and sons Paul and Oliver (both Clonmany), grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Aged 72 he was the son of Anton and Elizabeth McGettigan (nee McGinley). P.J. trained as a psychiatric nurse at St. Conal's Hospital qualifying in 1975. He was a staff nurse there for a number of years before becoming manager of the Occupational Therapy Department. He was talented with his hands and fixed many a broken toy for his adoring grandchildren. In his homily Fr. Martin Chambers spoke about P.J.'s gift for helping people and his compassion for those in his care at St. Conal's Hospital. He was a highly respected member of staff. P.J. also went on to do a course in Ki-Massage and had a clinic in Mount Southwell, Letterkenny for over a decade. He was also a long time member of the night security staff at the Milford Inn entertainment venue for the regular big band and disco nights.

P.J. loved the sport of boxing. He was part of a group that formed a boxing club in Termon along with the late Mickey Bonner. Both were former referees and judges. P.J. had also been a renowned coach with the Carrigart Boxing Club. He was both Secretary and President of the County Donegal Boxing Board. He was also a former member of the Ulster Boxing Council and created a piece of history in 1987 when he became one of the first Donegal men to be elected to the body.

Requiem Mass for Una McGettigan took place on Sunday afternoon in the Church of St John the Baptist where the celebrant was Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. Readings were by Catherine McGinley and Pat Peoples. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Una, Roisin, Brig and Mary. Music and hymns were by Susan Gallagher. Una is survived by her partner John, sister-in-law Bernadette, niece Caroline and nephews Paul and Oliver, grandnieces and grandnephews, relatives and friends. Members of the local community formed a Guard of Honour on the Lough Salt Road on Friday evening as the cortege made its way to the Church of St. John the Baptist Carrigart.

Aged 70, Una was the daughter of Anton and Elizabeth. After her secondary school days at Letterkenny Vocational School Una worked in Rathmullan House before taking up employment with McNutt's of Downings and then the Fruit of the Loom Plant in Milford. She also worked for a period at Sister Sarahs in Letterkenny. In his homily Fr. Charlie Byrne described Una as a generous, kind, gentle person. As well as her day job she was a carer in the true sense of the

word looking after her mother in her later years and also her aunt Brigid when she returned home from Philadelphia.

Fr. Byrne recalled Una visiting him with a Mass bouquet following his own period of ill-health. So it was a great shock to him personally when the news of the deaths became known on Thursday morning. "It shows just how fleeting life can be and how precious life is. The news was like a blackout and a sense of impenetrable darkness descended. You can imagine that I too, like so many of you, are struggling to comprehend what happened. Why? How?"

Una was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining cemetery at St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart. Deepest sympathies are extended to the McGettigan family circle.

### Funeral of Patsy Coyle

The funeral took place on Sunday of Patsy Coyle, Aughnagaddy, Glebe, Ramelton. Aged 84, Patsy passed away suddenly at his home on Thursday. He was a native of Killycreen. After his school days Patsy went to work in the UK. It was there that he met his future wife Mary Ellen a native of Letterleague. The couple married in Leeds and then moved to Scotland. Patsy took up employment in the construction sector and went on to set up his own company. The family moved back to reside in Ramelton in 1984. The death of his wife Mary Ellen in the midst of the difficult Covid restrictions in January 2021 left a huge void in Patsy's life. But, he was resourceful and resilient, immersing himself in the chores around the house that his wife had always done. Patsy always had a great work ethic and that included his perfectly maintained garden adorned by beautiful flowers. He loved nature. Patsy liked to play the banjo and was an avid Manchester Utd fan. He also had the knack of telling a good yarn. Patsy was also a man of faith and was a daily attendee at the rosaries and masses in St. Mary's Church.

Remains reposed at his home in Aughnagaddy from Friday evening. Funeral took place on Sunday with Requiem Mass in St Mary's Church, Ramelton where the celebrant was Fr. Michael Carney P.P. Readings were by Cathal Clarke and Caroline Bradley. The psalm was sung by Patsy's daughter Caroline accompanied by her husband Pat Muldowney. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Phil Friel. Music and hymns were under the direction of Mark Bradley. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Patsy is survived by his family, P.J., Caroline and Mark, son-in-law Pat, grandchildren Megan, Paul, Ella, John, Maiya, Bradley, Katelyn and Jaxon, brothers Barney, John and Kevin, sisters Carmel and Kathleen, sister-in-law Marie, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his wife Mary Ellen and brother Eamon. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

### Funeral of Annabel Kelly

The funeral took place on Friday of Annabel Kelly, Foxhall, Glenswilly. Annabel passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Wednesday 17th July.

She was a native of Essex, UK and the daughter of John and Rosaleen McCauley. They moved back to reside on the McCauley family farm at Carnasaul, Kilmacrennan. When Annabel's mother became ill they moved a short distance to live in Kilmacrennan village. After completing her Leaving Certificate at Letterkenny Vocational School, Annabel went to further studies at St. Martha's Home Economics College in Navan. There she made many friends, some of whom travelled to pay their respects at the funeral on Friday. She had an entrepreneurial spirit that saw her start a bridal and dressmaking business in Letterkenny. Annabel married P.J. Kelly in 1987 and the couple settled in Foxhall. After caring for parents in their later years Annabel went back to education doing a professional cookery course at the Killybegs Catering College. Again that entrepreneurial spirit saw her start up a business in the self catering

holiday cottages sector. Annabel carried on that business for 25 years until ill-health intervened. She was a woman who enjoyed the simple things in life: cooking, backing and most importantly family time.

Fr. Liam Boyle C.C. officiated at the Requiem Mass on Friday in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly. Cremation took place afterwards in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. Annabel is survived by her husband P.J.; daughters Roisin and Rachel and her sister Rose. She was predeceased by her baby daughter Evelyn. Deepest condolences are extended to Evelyn's family and friends.

### The late Anne Daly

Deepest condolences are extended to the family and friends of Anne Daly who has passed away in Philadelphia, USA. Anne was the daughter of Beatrice McFadden, formerly of Barnes Lower, Termon. Beatrice was one of a family of 11. She and six of her siblings emigrated to the USA in the 1920s. Anne had made trips to see her mother's homeplace in Barnes Lower and to visit relatives including her cousin Packie McFadden. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

### Death of Margo Butler

The death took place on Friday at her home of Margo Butler, Drumnahoagh, Letterkenny. Aged 74, Margo was formerly a member of the Ponsonby family. They lived initially in Carnamuggagh before moving to Ros Sulighe in the Oldtown. At the age of 14 she got her first job at the Oatfield Sweet Factory before taking up employment at the Gaeltex Factory in the Oldtown. In the early 1970s she emigrated to Scotland where she met Frank Butler. The couple married in 1977.

In his homily Fr. Ciaran Harkin spoke about Margo's generosity of spirit and always putting others before herself. She dedicated her life to caring for her mother in her final years and then for the last decade she looked after her aunt Ruby. Margo passed away on Friday surrounded by her loving family. Remains reposed at the family residence in Drumnahoagh from Saturday. Funeral was from there on Monday going to the Church of the Irish Martyrs. Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr. Ciaran Harkin assisted by Fr. Fr Dominic Thoomkuzhy. Before Mass symbols of her life were brought forward by her son Mark and grandchildren Clodagh and Lorcán including a pin cushion demonstrating her love of sewing; knitting needles and one of her creations and her rosary beads. Readings were by Margo's daughter Donna and son Frankie. Gifts were brought to the Altar by her sister Claire and brother Seamus. Music and hymns were by Catriona Murray. A private cremation took place afterwards.

Margo is survived by her husband Frank, daughter Donna and husband Mark Gallagher, sons Danny, Frankie, Mark and partner Ash O'Rourke, grandchildren Lorcán, Clodagh and Charlotte, sister Claire Mullan (Canada) and brother Seamus Ponsonby (Woodlands), aunt Ruby Druce (Castlefin), brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours.

Margo was predeceased by her baby infants Anthony and Amanda, parents Jim and Maggie and brother Tony. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

### The late Marie Cassidy

The death occurred on Monday of Marie Cassidy, Derryronane, Swinford, Mayo and Letterkenny. Marie passed away peacefully in the Mayo Hospice, Castlebar.

She was predeceased by her parents Thomas and Susan. Marie will be sadly missed and remembered by her children Michael, Gerard and Donna, son-in-law Liam, daughters-in-law Kelly and Catherine and her adored grandchildren Conor, Joseph, Seán, Aaron, Aoife, Cillian, Rory and Lorcan, brothers Paul and Michael, sisters Anne and Susan and all of her extended and much loved family, neighbours and friends.

Remains reposed at Boland's Funeral Home, Swinford on Tuesday prior to removal to St. Celsus' Church, Kilkelly. Funeral took place on Wednesday with Requiem Mass in St. Celsus'

Church, Kilkelly. Burial took place afterwards in Bushfield Cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

### Death of David McElwee

The death took place on Thursday at Altnagelvin Hospital of David McElwee, Ashford Park, Feeny, Co Derry. Aged 89, David, a native of Glenalla, Rathmullan was the last surviving member of that generation of the family. He was the son of Jennie and Daniel McElwee who was employed on the Franklins Estate in Glenalla. The family later moved to Majors Road in Rathmullan. When Daniel sustained a serious

neck injury the Franklins arranged for him to go to London for surgery. The whole family moved over and settled there in the early 1950s. David moved to Scotland for a period where he met his future wife Kathleen a native of Derry. He worked in construction and driving jobs there and back in Derry over 25 years ago. He was predeceased by his son David; sisters Eileen and Bridie; brothers Danny, Hughie, Johnny and Tony. David is survived by his wife Kathleen; daughter Fiona and son Michael, extended family, nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Remains reposed at the family residence in Feeny from Saturday. Funeral was from there on Monday for Requiem Mass in St Joseph's Church, Feeny with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

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### Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 2nd August from 9.30 - 11.30pm. Music is by James McBride and Martin Duggan, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

### Carrigart sale

A Jumble and Clothes sale will take place in the school hall at Scoil Eoin Báiste, Carrigart on Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th August. Proceeds and all donations will go to animal charities, The Donkey Sanctuary and Animals in Need.

### Ballyare 10k Events

A Car Treasure Hunt will take place this Friday evening July 26th leaving from Carr's of the Diamond Ballyare at 6.30pm. Please come along and enjoy an evening's crack. All proceeds go to Donegal Down Syndrome and MS Ireland Donegal Branch

Ballyare 10k fundraising committee will host an afternoon tea at Carr's of the Diamond on Sunday 28th July at 4pm after Tully Graveyard Mass. All donations from this year's fundraising will go to Donegal Down Syndrome and MS Ireland Donegal Branch.

### Whitestrans Fun Day

The Whitestrans Fun Day will be held this Sunday the 28th of July. Starting at 12.30pm this is always a fun and relaxed day at McGarvey Park. There will be football games, races, penalty kick, bouncy castles along with refreshments served. Well worth a trip if you are in the area.

# Milford

## The late Nancy Friel

The death occurred on Saturday of Nancy Friel, The Lagg, Milford. Aged 87, Nancy was formerly a member of the Barrett family of Tyroddy, Ramelton. She was the second eldest of 10 children born to Cornie and Rosemary Barrett (nee Bradley).



Nancy went to the Brownenowe National School and finished her primary education in Ray. She did a secretarial course in Ramelton but her ambition was to be a nurse. That took her to Manchester and Glasgow. Nancy qualified as a midwife and worked as a community nurse in the Gorbals area of Glasgow. When she returned home she took a post in the midwifery Department at Letterkenny General Hospital and finished her career at the Ramelton Nursing Unit where she was a Ward Sister.

In his homily Fr. Martin Collum spoke of the high regard that Nancy was held in when it came to her experience as a midwife in the years after she came home from Glasgow. She was a great support locally to expectant mothers and was present at many births during her time at Letterkenny General. Fr. Collum said Nancy was caring, compassionate and reassuring during those times.

When she married Hughie Friel in 1966 Nancy embraced farming work wholeheartedly be that milking cows before her after her nursing shifts or lambing sheep in the springtime.

Nancy passed away peacefully at the Áras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home, Milford.

She is survived by her family, sons Willie, Jimmy, Fergus and Malachy, daughters Hilary and Tara, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers Jackie, Billy, Danny and Eamon, sisters Rita, Hilary and Shirley, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Nancy was predeceased by her husband Hughie, daughters Susan and Michelle, brother Jim and sister Mary. Gifts were brought to the Altar by Dolores Gallagher and Fiona Boyle.

Remains reposed at the residence of her daughter Tara Friel from Sunday. Funeral took place on Tuesday in St. Peter's Church, Milford where the main celebrant was Fr. Martin Collum P.P. Rathmullan. Concelebrant was Fr. Danny McBrearty, Retired P.P. who Proclaimed the Gospel.

Readings were by granddaughter Danielle Friel and Maura McGinty. Prayers of the Faithful were read by niece Rosemary McTaggart and by grandchildren Ciara Woods, Ciara and Katie Friel and Cormac Friel. Deirdra Friel described symbols of Nancy's life including a family photo, a football, a sheep image, a nurses watch which were brought forward by Darragh Kelly, Marty Barrett, Mia Friel and Nancy McNamee. The of-

feratory gifts were brought forward by Dolores Gallagher and Fiona Boyle. Burial took place afterwards in Milford Cemetery. Music and hymns were by the church choir. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

### Wedding

The marriage took place of Kevin McGee, son of Danny and Dolores Garrygort, Milford and Rachael Henson, daughter of Michael and Julie, Chicago, U.S.A on Saturday. Kevin's brother Liam was his best man assisted by groomsmen James Coffey, Kieran McLaughlin and Ryan Ferry while Rachael was attended by her sisters Jessica Klepacki and Allison Swanson, Kevin's sister Michelle McGee and Rachael's friends Eva Morton and Hannah Daly. Rachael's nieces Collins and Scotlyn Klepacki and Avery Swanson were very pretty flower girls and her nephew Beau Klepacki was the ring bearer.

The wedding ceremony took place in St. Columba's Church, Burtonport with celebrant Fr. Pat Ward before a reception at the Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe where Rachael and Kevin were joined by family and friends, many who had travelled from The States for the occasion. Kevin and Rachael are wished every happiness in their future life together.

### John Kilmartin 5k

Milford Athletic Club will host the annual John Kilmartin Memorial 5km in Milford on this Friday 26th July, kindly sponsored by Barry Browne Cars Milford. Online entry fee is €10 or on the night €12. Registration is at the Clubhouse from 6pm with the race starting at Grey Rocks at 7.30pm.

### 50/50 Draw

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

### Sponsored Cycle

A sponsored cycle led by Paul McGinley, Moyle Hill, Milford and other members of McGinley and Heggarty families and friends will take place on Friday 30th August in aid of Donegal Hospice, Letterkenny and Bolton Hospice. The group of ten cyclist will raise money for both Hospices in memory of his late mother Frances McGinley, Moyle Hill and other family members. They will cycle from Donegal Hospice to Belfast Port (170km) then get the ferry to Liverpool and cycle to Bolton Hospice on Saturday morning and then onto the Bolton Football Stadium (80 km), 250 km in total. Paul who

is a passionate Bolton Wanderers FC supporter and season ticket holder has made many friends and acquaintances in Bolton over the years and will return their hospitality raising money for their local Hospice and the Donegal Hospice. Sponsorship Cards and fundraising events will take place in the town over the next number of weeks and all your support would be very appreciated.

### Girls Summer Camp

M32 Football Academy in association with Milford United are delighted to announce it's new girls only camps for teenage girls aged 13 to 16. from 29th of July to 1st of August from 3 to 6pm at Moyle View Park, Milford. Registration Link on M32 Football Academy or contact coaches at Milford United FC.

### Bucket Collection Thank You

Milford United FC would like to thank everyone who helped out and supported their annual Bucket Collection at Lidl, Forquar on Friday and Saturday last in aid of Underage Football and Foyle Cup teams. Your support is very much appreciated.

### Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society held an outing on Saturday 20th July at City of Derry Golf Club, Derry and the winners were 1st Donal McCafferty (12) 31pts, 2nd Patrick McBride (22) 31pts, 3rd Brian Forrest (21) 31pts, Front Nine David Bonner 16pts, 2nd Nine Peter Doherty 16pts. The next outing is in Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday 17th August which will be a team scramble format and all members must have their name in by Tuesday 13th August. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

### Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows: Sunday 4th August Miss Naomi Dudgeon.

### Ballyare10K Events

Ballyare10K Fundraising Committee will host their annual Car Treasurer Hunt on Friday 26th July leaving Carr's of the Diamond at 6.30pm. There will be an Afternoon Tea at Carr's of the Diamond on Sunday 28th July at 4pm, after Tully Graveyard Mass. All donations from this year's fundraising will go to Donegal Down Syndrome and MS Donegal Branch.

### Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 25th July 10am, Friday 26th July 10am; Saturday 27th July at 7.30pm; Sunday 28th July at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 27th July at 6pm.



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### Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on this Sunday 28th July at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take places on Sunday 4th August 2024 at 3pm. Please bring your own bottle of Holy Water with you for the Blessing of the Graves.

### Lough Derg Retreat

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

### Garden Fete in Glenalla

The Glenalla Annual Garden Fete will be held this Saturday the 27th of July at Franklin's Estate.

The fun begins at 12.30pm and runs to 4pm with all the usual stalls including White elephant, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Hampers, Teas, Books, Toys and much more.

Everyone is welcome to come along to Glenalla House enjoy a walk around the gardens and enjoy the fete and all proceeds are in aid of St. Colmkillie Church, Glenalla.

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### Credit Union Draw

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

### Brownknowe fundraiser

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

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

## Cllrs back DCB hubs setup

100% Redress Party Cllr Denis McGee had a motion passed at Monday's Council meeting calling for support hubs to assist homeowners in defective concrete block homes. Director of Services Michael McGarvey said the Council is already supporting a business case for more resources to employ Community Facilitators through the Donegal Local Development Company and the Inishowen Development Partnership. These groups are funded to assist affected homeowners through the application process, sourcing or securing alternative accommodation and other relevant services.

Cllrs were told that almost 1,500 homeowners have been helped with their Defective Concrete Block applications by the facilitators. However 100% Redress Party Cllr Ferry, said it was vital that hubs be established in Letterkenny, Glenties and Inishowen. Facilitators with a full brief on all aspects of the DCB scheme to help affected homeowners across the County.

## Coffee to go (next door) as Corner Brew closes

Well-known coffee outlet, The Corner Brew in Creeslough village, have announced they are closing after three years in business.

Founded by Oisín Cannon and Dylan McGee next door to the Creeslough Post office on the man street, it was a popular stop for locals and visitors alike to get coffee and treats on the go.

However, the pair have announced that while the window of the Corner Brew will close, the operation will move just two doors up where their gourmet coffee will now be available in Scrumptious Ice Cream.

A statement from the owners thanked everyone for their support over the last three years.

It reads: "After 3 years of The Corner Brew, we have decided to shut our window for the final time. We just want to say a massive thank you to everyone for their continued support over the last few seasons. When we first opened, we couldn't have imagined just how much we have enjoyed the entire experience, and we couldn't have done it without



you. It's not all bad news however. While our window might be closing, the coffee won't be moving far away! Our next door neighbour, Scrumptious Ice Cream, will be adding all the brews to their menu as we move throughout the summer. So, you can still fill your coffee need, only a few steps away! Thank you all again, Oisín & Dylan."

## Ramelton vandalism probed

Gardaí are appealing for witnesses to two recent incidents of criminal damage that happened at The Mall, Ramelton recently.

The first incident occurred between 7.30pm on Monday, July 15th and 9.30am on Tuesday July 16th, where a downstairs sitting room window of a house in The Mall was smashed.

On the same day where the wipers were broken on two vehicles that were parked at a house in the same area between 6pm and 6.30pm.

Gardaí stated they are seeking public assistance as they investigate these matters.

They said: "We appeal to anybody who may have been in the area of The Mall, Ramelton between Monday night into Tuesday morning of last week and who may have observed any of these incidents occur to please make contact with Gardaí in Milford on 074-9153060. The festival was on at the time and that brought large numbers to the area so we are hopeful that somebody may have observed something that might be beneficial to our investigation."



Alla Hres and Yuliia Ovchar, set up the Art and Craft Studio in Milford



Taking part in the art classes in the Art and Craft Studio in Milford.

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- Saturday 3rd August at 5.00pm Local Dog Trials North West Donegal Open Confined to Glenswilly to Gweedore

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 The dance and presentations will be in the Glenveagh Inn at 9pm  
 Music by Josie Cannon

Two Ukrainian ladies, Alla Hres and Yuliia Ovchar, set up the Art and Craft Studio in Milford almost two years ago. Now, they hold art exhibitions and provide art classes for kids and adults.

The recent art exhibition of Ukrainian artist Igor Kravets, "The Passage of Time," brought a pleasant experience to locals and tourists. There are multi-cultural connections in all the studio's activities, offering an opportunity to exchange experiences in different aspects of life. The folk shop features traditional Ukrainian clothing, and the art gallery showcases paintings by both local and foreign artists, as well as prints with traditional Irish images and colorful designs.

This mix of cultures and traditions makes our lives richer and more picturesque and it is well worth a trip in. They are located in the former AIB premises on the Main Street.



Milford United FC U9 Boys team who competed in the Foyle Cup pictured with coaches Sean McHugh, Peter Peoples and James Harrison at the Presentations evening in the Parochial Hall.

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Milford United FC U10 Boys team who competed in the Foyle Cup pictured with coaches Mark Farren and Noel Kilpatrick at the Presentations evening in the Parochial Hall.



Milford United FC U13 Girls team who competed in the Foyle Cup pictured with coach Brendan McGinley at the Presentations evening in the Parochial Hall.

# Portsalon Golf Club

## Lady Captain's Prize

Saturday 27th July will be the big day in the calendar for the ladies as they compete for Lady Captain Noreen McConigley's Captain's Prize. The first tee is reserved for the ladies and captain's guests from 11am, with spots before and after available for gents wishing to compete on the day. Best wishes to Noreen for a successful day and here's hoping for some overdue summer sunshine!

## Upcoming events

Saturday, August 3rd will be the 10th edition of the Charlie Canning Memorial Trophy and on the August Bank Holiday Monday will be the famous Barton Cup, a unique knockout event.

## Portsalon teams in action

Joe Hensey and his Donegal Senior team were in Ballyliffin on Saturday evening where they were edged out 3-2 in the first leg by the hosts. By virtue of big wins for team captain Joe and Gary Sheehan in match four and John Logue & Dermot Boyce in match five, Portsalon are up four holes, leaving things very finely balanced for the second leg.

The Donegal League team, under the guide of Cathal Canning took a fine 3-2 first leg success against neighbours Rosapenna. Wins for the pairings of Stephen Connolly and Dave Butler, Donal Callaghan Jnr and Shane Sandilands and Joe Ferry and Joe Hensey secured an advantage for the Portsalon team to take into this Friday's second leg.

Tee-off is at 4.00pm and all support is welcome.

Finally, Sean Canning and his Ulster Cup team suffered playoff heartache in their last-16 tie against Faughan Valley on Sunday afternoon. Donal Callaghan Jnr and Shane Sandilands put home points on the board while Alistair Rodger was a big winner in Derry. However, with Faughan Valley also getting two of their points at home, it ended 3-3 after the final game in Portsalon came up the 18th and with both Brian Devlin and his opponent left with 10-foot putts for par, the margins were thin as Brian's putt sat on the lip and Faughan Valley saw their drop in. It all meant a playoff finish back in Faughan Valley where Alistair was rather unfortunate to have to tee-up again some two hours after finishing his match. A par at the first playoff hole was enough to see Faughan Valley progress despite a valiant Portsalon effort.

## Results

Tuesday 16th July - V Par sponsored by Keating Amenities - 1st Eamonn Doherty (22) 4up BOT; 2nd Trevor Duncan (19) 4up BOT; Gross: David McCormick (4) 2dn; 3rd Hazel Russell (22) 4up; 1st 9 Eamonn McNelis (19) 3up; 2nd 9 Rory McGettigan (12) 4up.

Wednesday 17th July - sponsored by Patterson's Caravan Park - 1st Eileen McLarnon (31) - 42pts; 2nd Ian McGeever (16) 40pts; Gross: David McCormick (3) 35 gross pts; 3rd Tony Kingston (18) 40pts; 1st 9 Gerard Kelly (20) 23pts; 2nd 9 Patsy Gallagher (19) 23pts.

Sunday 21st July - 1st Mark Cohen (20) 42pts; 2nd Ultan McGettigan (7) 40pts; Gross: Mark Howard (10)

28 gross pts; 3rd Mick Leonard (13) 39pts.

## Donegal Ladies Seniors

The ladies have been busy this past few weeks visiting Letterkenny, Cloughaneely and Cruit Island Golf Clubs. The next outing is to Portsalon Golf Club on 29th July. Letterkenny Golf Club 24th June, Winner - C. Bradley Letterkenny GC (20) 41pts; Runner-Up - A. Kilgallen Letterkenny GC (22) 39pts; Gross - K. Rodgers Gweedore (16) 23 gross pts; 3rd - P. McGaughan Ballybofey & Stranorlar (33) 37pts bot; 4th - B. Uí Chearnaigh Gweedore (24) 37pts bot; 5th A. Bradley Letterkenny (15) 37pts.

Cloughaneely Golf Club 1st July, Winner - C. McCullagh North West GC (25) 39pts; Runner-Up - K. Rodgers Gweedore (16) 35pts; Gross - J. Boyd Narin Portnoo (13) 18 gross pts Bot; 3rd - J. Ireland Letterkenny (28) 34pts bot; 4th - B. Uí Chearnaigh Gweedore (25) 32pts Bot; 5th A. Kilgallen Letterkenny GC (22) 32pts Bot

Cruit Island 17th July, Winner - C. Quinn Narin Portnoo (20) 35pts Bot; Runner-Up - M. McColgan Buncrana (18) 35pts; Gross - D. Devaney Ballybofey & Stranorlar (13) 20 gross pts; 3rd - L. Boyle Cruit Island (30) 34pts; 4th - R. Williamson North West (24) 33pts Bot; 5th - F. Isherwood Narin Portnoo (22) 33pts.

## Cloughaneely

Paul Doherty's Junior Scratch Matchplay team hosted B&S on Saturday winning 4-1. Derryreel man Martin McFadden playing for Ballybofey won his match with a fantastic birdie on the 19th in match one. The away leg is away in B&S in a few weeks.

The club had a very successful Open Week recently and results were: Sunday 14th July - sponsored by John Joe McFadden Oil & Coal Depot - 1st Frank Honan (36) 44pts; 2nd Ciaran Rodgers (19) 40pts; Gross: Chris McCallion; 3rd Stephen McCafferty (17) 39pts.

Saturday 13th July - 3 Person Scramble, kindly sponsored by Óstán Loch Altan: 1st Francis Boyle, Brian McGee, Caroline McGee, 2nd Kevin Coyle, Ciaran Rodgers, James McColgan, 3rd Caolan Collum, Vincent Collum, Anne Collum. Friday 12th July - 4BBB, kindly sponsored by Batch Donegal: 1st Paul Harkin & John McGinley 49pts, 2nd Tony & Margaret Mulhern 46pts.

Thursday 11th July 9 Hole, sponsored by Teac Bhille & Máire Rua's. Gents - 1st Gerry Sheehy 25pts, 2nd Bernie McCallion 21pts, 3rd Des Murray 21pts BOT.



Portsalon Golf Club Revive team who played away in Letterkenny left to right - Claire McGonagle, Claire Ferry, Deirdre O'Toole, Roseanne Logue - Team Captain, Roisin McCormack.



Donegal Ladies Seniors from left Mary Murray, Letterkenny GC. Augusta Neff, North West GC. Margaret Hynes, Donegal GC. Margaret McColgan, Buncrana GC. Deirdre Hensey, Portsalon GC.

Ladies 1st Roisin McGee 22pts, 2nd Caroline McGee 22pts BOT. 3rd Mairead Boyle, Rosapenna 22pts.

Wednesday 10th July - No Competition due to weather. Tuesday 9th July - 3 Club Competition, kindly sponsored by Seamus Danny McGee's Service Station - 1st Neil McMullan 21pts, 2nd Tom Herrity 20pts, 3rd Des Murray 19pts. Any golfers that did not receive their Open Week prize can collect at the Captain's Prize Presentation this Saturday night 9pm.

Mr. Vincent Collum's Captain Prize this week. On Friday is a 9 Hole Team Scramble draw at 5.45pm, Entry 5PP. Sandwiches included after golf. All welcome. The June GOLF1000 Draw took place recently in the clubhouse with Sean MacIntyre taking the top prize of €500. The €100 Winners; Mary McGarvey Boyle, Tony Doohan, Gerard Doran, Patsy McVicar and Owenie Pro McGee. Well done to all our prize winners. Thank you to everyone that entered and supported the draw.

# Dunfanaghy GOLF CLUB

## OPEN WEEK

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## Eric Liddell - God's Athlete

The Olympic Games begin this weekend. 10,714 athletes from 206 nations take part in 329 events in 32 sports. What's not to like about that! I have loved the Olympics games since I was a boy - mainly the athletics and swimming. Classic moments are engraved in my memory: Alan Wells winning the 100m in 1980, Ben Johnson disqualified in 1988, Eric 'The Eel' Moussambani in 2000... I could keep going. But my all-time favourite Olympic moment was one I didn't see. It happened exactly 100 years ago, also in Paris. Eric Liddell was a Scottish sprinter who was favourite to take the gold medal in the 100m - perhaps you've seen the film 'Chariots of Fire' made about it. Liddell was a shy, self-effacing boy who found his solace in sport. He was blisteringly quick on the rugby pitch and athletics track, picked to represent Scotland on seven occasions at rugby before he chose to focus on athletics. He was a man of gentleness, sportsmanship and integrity - known for shaking hands with each competitor before the race, and giving his coat to them if they were cold. Having won titles at national level, Liddell was selected to run for the British team in the 1924 Olympics. But before going to Paris, he learnt that the heats for the 100m were on a Sunday. As a Christian, Liddell took seriously God's commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy. He believed that Sunday was for worship, not for competing, and so he indicated that he would not be running. Huge pressure was brought to

bear by the British Olympic Association, calling on him to do his part for his country. The press also piled on - labelling him a traitor and of having his priorities wrong. But Liddell would not be shaken. Even when an Olympic committee member told him that the Continental Sabbath ended at noon, Eric replied, "Mine lasts all day!" For Eric Liddell, Jesus meant far more to him than gold medals, honour and prestige. His saviour had faced greater opposition on the way to the cross to die for him, so Liddell wasn't going to let a little pressure push him to back down and dishonour his Saviour. Instead he entered for the 400m - an event so different from the 100m that few run both even today. In the build-up to the Games and in the heats other athletes broke the world record three times and Liddell wasn't given a chance against them. As he left his hotel for the final, one of the British team masseurs pressed a folded note into his hand. It read, 'It says in the Old Book, "Him that honours me, I will honour."' Here was an encouraging reminder of God's faithfulness. Liddell was drawn in the outside lane where he couldn't see his competitors until too late. Not that it mattered - he set off at a blazing pace, determined 'to run the first 200m as fast as I can, and the second 200 faster'. No one thought he could maintain the pace, but even as his rivals closed fractionally he sped off again and burst through the tape five metres ahead of his nearest rival, breaking the thrice-bro-

## Food for thought



Mark Loughridge

ken world record with a time of 47.6 seconds. The crowd went wild. Liddell had put his saviour first - that's why he's one of my heroes - and would have done so whether he won gold or not. But here was a reminder that God is no man's debtor - those who entrust themselves to him and follow him will not ultimately lose out.

Sunday 28th - This Sunday evening we have the first of three Summer Sundays - you are invited to come along at 7pm in Milford RP Church behind Lidl. Come along and join with us as we look at "Jesus' Help in Life's Storms".

Mark Loughridge is one of the ministers in Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or [jmark-loughridge@gmail.com](mailto:jmark-loughridge@gmail.com).

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**Orla Graduates from Ulster University**

Orla Egan, the daughter of Shaun and Antoinette Egan, Kerrykeel pictured with her sisters Ella and Natalie at her recent graduation from Ulster University Belfast. Orla earned a Master of Engineering with Honours, and a Diploma in Professional Practice with commendation. She is currently employed as a site Engineer for Wills Bros in Dublin. Orla is a former student of Kerrykeel National School and Loreto Community School Milford and wishes to thank all who assisted her on her journey especially her grandmother Mrs Peggie Egan.

**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. Bank transfer to Credit Union acc IBAN: IE51SHCU99214310167306 BIC: SHCUIE21 or via GoFundMe page - search: "AEDs for Mevagh" Contact email: mevaghpadgroup@gmail.com

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**PRE FESTIVAL EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 26TH JULY**  
 10PM - Tráth na gCeist (Quiz) in Lighthouse Tavern

**THURS 1ST AUGUST**  
 7-8.30pm - Dlíscó Leanaí / Childrens disco. (Trialough Community Centre) Adm: €5 per child. Selection of Little Miss Fanad & Prince Charming \*Children to be supervised at all times.

**FANAD FESTIVAL 2024**

**Pre Festival 26th July - 1st August**

**Festival Weekend**

- Friday 2nd August • Saturday 3rd August
- Sunday 4th August • Monday 5th August

**2ND AUGUST**

**Dé hAoine / Friday**

- 12pm **Comortas Caisleán Gainimh** (sandcastle building competition) Dins Shore. Fáilte roimh togalái d'achan aois/ builders of all ages welcome!
- 7pm **Tea Party in Trialough Community Centre** proceeds to Fanad Development Association
- 10pm **Presentation of Festival Queen** In the Fanad Lodge Music by: Two Bucks

**3RD AUGUST**

**Dé Sathairn / Saturday**

- 9am, 12am or 3pm **Eco Atlantic Adventures - Family Kayak tour, 2hrs** (children 8yrs+) from Portsalon Pier. *Booking is essential as places are limited.* Contact Hugh: 086 2250599 €20pp
- 10am **Mulroy Soccer Academy Blitz** (Trialough Community Centre)
- 10am **History & Folklore of the Swilly Walk** leaving from O'Doherty's Shop (Malachy's) le Cumann Chosíocht agus Comhrá Fhánada
- 12am **Fanad Sheep Show and Vintage Show** Trialough Community Centre - General Adm: €5
- 1.30-3.30pm **Siamsaíocht leanaí - Children's entertainment** (Trialough Community Centre) Adm: €7 per child includes Magic show, Puppet Show and mini disco
- 7pm **Liverpool Fans vs Manchester Utd Fans** in conjunction with Fanad Utd (Trialough) proceeds in aid of Donegal Horizons CLG. followed by refreshments and music by Comhaltas Craobh Fhánada in The Lighthouse Tavern.
- 10pm **Music in The Lighthouse Tavern - by The Bedrockers**

**4TH AUGUST**

**Dé Domhnaigh / Sunday**

- 9am, 12am or 3pm **Eco Atlantic Adventures - Family Kayak tour, 2hrs** (children 8yrs+) from Portsalon Pier. *Booking is essential as places are limited.* Contact Hugh: 086 2250599
- 11am **5k Fun run/walk** donations in aid of Gael Fhánada (Registration at 10.30) - leaving Trialough
- 1.30pm **Domhnach Spóirt (Field Day Activities)** (Trialough) Adm: €5pp (Family rate available) Individual races incl wheelbarrow, egg & spoon, three legged races. Mini digger competition, Penalty Shoot out, Pet farm, Pony Ride, bouncy castles, Face Painting, TJ Teddies and much more!
- 3pm **Seó Madras - Fun Dog Show** (Trialough) all welcome
- 5pm **Torraíocht Taisce Gluaisteáin Car Treasure Hunt** - Entry €15 per car (Registration at Trialough Community Centre)
- 6-8pm **BBQ night at the Stores Bar**, music by Heno followed by Music at 10pm by: Small Gods

**5TH AUGUST**

**Dé Luain / Monday**

- 8pm - Bingo, Trialough Community Centre. Bigl linn

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# Long Treaty trip for Harps

Finn Harps will be happy to see the back of the last three weeks where the squad and management have had to endure long round trips to Cork twice and this Friday to take on Treaty Utd in Limerick. There are no overnight stays for the squad this season.

Harps are at home on Friday week to Bray Wanderers but it's only a short break from the marathon journeys as a week later Darren Murphy's outfit are away to Wexford Youths. With 12 league games now remaining the immediate focus is Treaty who are third from bottom and nine points behind Harps. Murphy will want to get something out of the long trip and the visitors are well capable of securing at least a draw at the Markets Field.

Harps have won their previous two games against Treaty this season both 1-0 with Tony McNamee the goalscorer on both occasions. On Friday 29th March, McNamee struck in the 79th minute to secure the three points. At the time it allowed Harps to move clear in second place in the League of Ireland First Division. It meant that they had won all three of their away games since the campaign started. And all the victories had come late in those games demonstrating the resilience of Darren Murphy's side. That night signalled the end to Treaty's unbeaten start to the league campaign in front of a crowd of 1,712 in the Markets Field.

Friday May 03 saw the second meeting of the two sides with

the game this time at Finn Park. Again skipper Tony McNamee was the match winner with the goal coming in the 80th minute. McNamee came to rescue again as he capitalised on a defensive error to produce yet another clinical finish to secure a much needed win. It brought to an end the Harps four-game winless run to keep them in the promotion hunt. There was a welcome restoration of the floodlights although that was only remedied on Thursday with high levels of anxiety evident until it was confirmed that the actual parts fitted. Gavin McAteer was included in the home squad for the first time that night.

Murphy's men are currently fourth in the table with Cork City the runaway leaders and it's only a matter of time before they will be declared champions. Athlone Town and UCD are second and third respectively. Bray Wanderers who Harps play on Friday week are two points behind Murphy's men. Bray are in the final play-off spot as it stands while also still in contention for a place there are Wexford Youths and Cobh Ramblers. Treaty is a bit off the pace at the moment and would really need to put a good run together now. In team news the uncertainty over the length of Darragh Coyle's absence is a worry after being injured in the Ballinamallard friendly.

Murphy may look at some more rotation with David Cawley and Stephen Doherty likely to start at the Markets Field after missing the Cork game. The manager will be hoping that Kevin Jordan can return to the squad while Sean Patton could



Harps Tony McNamee tackling Cork's Conor Drinan. Patton was on trial last week at Portsmouth and on Friday evening in action in an annual pre-season friendly for the newly promoted Championship side Portsmouth before a crowd of over just 3,500 fans. Patton capitalised on a well-placed cross, controlling the ball and slotting it past Havant's keeper for the third goal in the second half of the game.

FAI Senior Cup second round

## Harps make cup exit

Cork City 1-0 Finn Harps

For the second time in eight days Finn Harps had nothing to show for their long journey south to Turners Cross as Darren Murphy's men lost 1-0 to Cork City in a second round FAI Senior Cup tie. It was a similar score last week in the league and while on this occasion the hosts were more dominant they still only managed the one goal courtesy of a first half strike from Dutch man Malik Dijksteel. It was going to be a long shot anyway but Harps won't be bringing back the silverware in the 50th anniversary year of the club's one and only FAI Senior Cup success in 1974.

The Harps boss made four changes from that 1-0 loss eight days earlier on Leaside with Noe Baba, Gavin McAteer, Success Edogun and Max Johnston starting in place of Sean Patton, David Cawley, Stephen Doherty and Aaron McLaughlin who was among the subs and came on the second half. Patton, Cawley and Doherty did not travel while Darragh Coyle, and Kevin Jordan were ruled out through injury. While nine subs are allowed in a matchday squad, Harps made the long journey with just five players listed in the reserves.

Tim Clancy's outfit were out of the blocks quickest with Cian Murphy forcing Tim Hiemer into a couple of stops while it took a timely Conor Tourish tackle to deny the hosts another scoring opportunity. The closest the visitors came was an Edogun effort that was diverted over the bar by a Cork defender.

The experienced Greg Bolger then received a yellow card for his protests that he had been fouled by Patrick Ferry in the penalty area. Bolger then

volleyed just over the bar before Cork took the lead five minutes before the break. Dijksteel shot past Heimer from just outside the box. Conor Tourish had to be at his very best defensively as the hosts dominated the early stages of the second half with the aid of the breeze.

At the other end Noe Baba's call for a penalty was dismissed by the match official. Murphy emptied the bench using all four of his outfield subs but to no avail as home keeper Brad Wade didn't have a save of note to make. Instead it was City who were much more threatening in their attempt to get the cushion of a second goal with Heimer being called into action a couple of times.

Cork City - Brad Wade; Cian Coleman, Charlie Lyons, Greg Bolger, Malik Dijksteel (Barry Coffey, 76) Evan McLaughlin, Conor Drinan (Jack Doherty, 58), Cathal O'Sullivan, Cian Murphy, (Harvey Skeeters 76), Arran Healy (Sean Murray 58).

Finn Harps - Tim Hiemar; Jamie Watson, Conor Tourish (Luke O'Brien, 69), Matthew Makinson, Noe Baba, Patrick Ferry (Gavin Gilmore, (h-t), Success Edogun, Ryan Rainey (Max Hutchinson, 68), Max Johnston, Tony McNamee, Gavin McAteer (Aaron McLaughlin, 63). Sub not used: Oisín Cooney (Gk)

Ref: Gavin Colfer.

### Patton on target for Pompey

Young Finn Harps striker Sean Patton scored for Portsmouth in a 3-0 pre-season friendly win over Havant & Waterlooville on Friday evening.



Max Johnston putting Charlie Lyons from Cork under pressure on Friday night.

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### Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps

Super 4 Lotto draw for 18th July. The numbers drawn were 14, 19, 23, 30. The next draw takes place on Thursday 25th July and the jackpot is €10,000.

There were three match 3 winners this week winning €200 each. Next weeks match 3's will win or share €200.

Caroline Donnelly, Loughnagin, Letterkenny. David Ladley, Glenmenagh, Carrigart. Oisín McNulty.

Enter online today via [finnharps.ie](http://finnharps.ie)

## Letterkenny AC Notes

The Tower 2 Town 16km saw LAC's Manus McFadden cross the line in a superb time of 1:13:09 running the most northerly race in Ireland. Manus also ran the Na Rossa GAA 5km in an excellent time of 20:43. Conor Mc Daid ran 1:26:27 and Stella McCole ran 1:26:34.

Congratulations to Philip McGee who ran in the U19 boys 3km National Juvenile Championships in Tullamore.

Well done to Barry Mackey who competed in the Biofreeze Irish Runner National 10 Mile in the Phoenix Park Dublin in a time of 65:01, a PB for Barry and finishing 4th in his category.

The Station House Hotel Danny McDaid 15km will take place on this Sunday the 28th July starting at 10.30am and will be based at the Aura Leisure Centre and all runners and walkers are welcome. LAC meets at the Aura on Tues-



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

Fit 4 Life which is run by LAC in conjunction with the Donegal Sports Partnership takes place every Monday at 6pm on the track at the Aura Leisure Centre Letterkenny. The new start time of 6pm has attracted a large numbers of participants many of whom are now regular runners in 5km road races taking place across the county. The aim of the programme is to reach out to those who wish to improve their fitness and all are most welcome any Monday they choose to attend. Fit 4 Life is not about speed but fitness and the coaches from LAC particularly welcome newcomers.

Left - Philip McGee in the U19 boys 3km National Juvenile Championships in Tullamore



The Mulroy Fanad Youths who recorded a 3-0 away win Killea/Raphoe with the goals coming from Caolan McElwaine, Niall Toland and Alex Gerwatowski

## McMonagle's fine form continues

It was another good week in the saddle for Dylan Browne McMonagle as he combined with trainer Joseph O'Brien to take the opening six and a half-furlong median sires series maiden with And So To Bed at Leopardstown on Thursday. The 11/2 chance came with a late challenge and got up well inside the final furlong to beat

Natalia Lupini's Rebel Diamond by a length and a quarter.

Then Browne McMonagle was on Origami with Joseph O'Brien again the trainer as they landed the five-furlong maiden for two-year-olds at Down Royal on Friday evening. She came late to pip Michael O'Callaghan's front-runner

Tommy McJohn by half a length, the pair five lengths clear of Ger Lyons' 5/6 favourite Tempest Star. The run of success being enjoyed by Browne McMonagle and O'Brien stretched into the weekend and they shared two winners at the Curragh on Saturday. Rudi's Apple defied top-weight in some style to take the six-furlong nursery handicap for the HOS Syndicate. The 5/2 chance went clear inside the final furlong to score by three and three-parts of a length from Aidan O'Brien's 3/1 chance Snapdragon and

Ryan Moore. The pair completed their double as the JP McManus-owned Puturhandstogether won the 10-furlong handicap.

It was far tighter as the 5/2 favourite got the better of Johnny Murtagh's 9/2 shot Siege Of Troy by three-parts of a length.

Meanwhile, in the UK, Oisín Orr had a winner at Pontefract on Friday and then on Saturday the Rathmullan man was on the 4/1 shot Mission Command for trainer George Scott in a Class 4 maiden stakes over five furlongs.

# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Dia dhaoibh ar ais go dtí ár spás féin. a chairde Ghaeil-tearmann a bhaineann le achán rud atá maith-an Ghaeilge, bia agus cócaireacht uilig san áireamh. Thug mé rud éigean faoi deara le déanaí agus is é sin ná go bhfuil mé ag cluin-tín níos mó Ghaeilge ó áit go háit na laethanta seo. Luaigh mé libh ri-amh faoi LIDL i mBaile na nGallóglach, áit ina bhfuil neart Gaeilgeoirí le fáil ar an foireann atá ann. Bim ag caint go minic le baill den foireann ag an cuntar íocaíochta agus amanna bíonn custaméirí eile ábalta an comhrá a chluinstin agus tosaíonn siadsan ag caint agus ag comhrá linn fosta. Tharla sé sun cúpla lá ó shin-thosaigh fear uasal labhairt liom as Ghaeilge bhlas-ta, bhinn agus bhí caint iontach deas againn.



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Tá gach rud a bhaineann le lactós tógtha amach as. Mar sin, níl ort é a choimhead sa chuisneoir. Fosta, tá tú ábalta é a thógáil go teochtanna ion-tach ard ar fad. Taispeáint foirfe iad, earraí mar seo, cé chomh suntasach, maith, suimiúil agus folláin atá an bia agus cócaireacht den chuid seo den domhain. Bainigí triall astu, a chairde agus ní bheidh díoma oraibh!



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## Irwin brothers gear up for Thruxton



The Thruxton track in the UK will be the next test for the Irwin brothers after competing at Caldwell Park last weekend. It was Round 6 of the British Superbikes Race calendar with both Rhys (*below*) and Caolan (*above*) Irwin in action. With much needed pleasant weather conditions Rhys settled into FP1 & 2 with some mechanical gremlins continuing, leaving him P9 over the weekend's racing. It was challenging for the whole team. They have worked so hard to give the Kilmacrennan man the perfect set up but there was a small persistent mechanical problem. Still Rhys was pleased to get some points on the board. "I couldn't be happier with my new team and we got valuable points over the two races so I am leaving happy." Meanwhile brother Caolan has made the successful return to racing following a crash at Silverstone 18 months ago. He debuted the RK Burrows Racing Aprilia at Snetterton at Brands Hatch. FP1&2 gave him very little time to settle into the Aprilia with Caolan finishing his weekend in P10 in a full grid race. After the long lay-off Caolan is just happy to be back competitively again. "Delighted to be back and fit to race again. I am only getting going and will be racing selected events this season and get back fully next year." The Irwin siblings can be followed on Euro-sport at their next meeting on the weekend after next at Thruxton.



# Caolan McFadden at Euro Youth Championships



Cranford AC's Caolan McFadden and Letterkenny AC's Erin Friel at the European Youth Championships in Slovakia at the weekend.

Cranford AC's Caolan McFadden had a big international outing on Thursday with a ninth place finish in the final heat of the men's 1500m at the European Youth Championships in Slovakia.

While the Creeslough boy didn't make it through to the semi-finals it was still another great experience as he will be underage again next year. McFadden's time on Thursday was 4:03.97.

Also at the same championships on Thursday Caoimhe Gallen (Liford-Strabane AC) missed out by one place on making the European U18 Final. Caoimhe's throw of 58.83m put her 13th overall just 23cm off qualification with the Polish athlete finishing 12th with 59.06m.

On Friday Tir Chonaill AC's Ethan Dewhurst set a new personal best of 52.65 seconds in winning the 400m

hurdles semi-finals at the championships. Glenties boy Dewhurst made his exit on Saturday following a fourth place finish in his 400m hurdles semi-final with a time of 52.70 in Slovakia.

On Saturday Erin Friel was a member of the Irish medley relay team who set a new National U18 record at the European Athletics Championships in a time of 2:11.24.

The Irish finished fifth in the heat with Friel running the third leg. She is coached by Letterkenny AC's Kathryn McDevitt who is no stranger to the international athletics stage with Irish Masters teams. It's been a good year for LAC's Erin Friel who won the Irish Indoor U17 400m and was third in the 200m final. A student at Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny she also won gold at the Tailteann Games in the 300m

## Milford AC news



Milford AC's Deava Diver winner of the U13 National High Jump Gold.



Tiernan Kerr 4th in the U14 boys 2km walk at the All Irelands.

The club in action on all fronts over the weekend.

Well done to Club juvenile athlete, Deava Diver who won the girls u13 high jump at the National juvenile B Championships in Tullamore jumping a pb of 1.31 mts. Testament to the coaches at juvenile training.

Tiernan Kerr finished 4th in the All Ireland u14 boys 2km walk in Tullamore. He crossed the line in 3rd but incurred a time penalty for a bent knee and was unfortunately demoted to 4th. Still a great performance and a learning experience.

Just a catch up on the Rathmullan 5km recently. A good club turnout of 19 participants in a good overall field of 195 participants.

Good to see the positive return of number of club athletes. Daniel Cul-

# Donegal Half Marathon director remembers Dessie Larkin



Mary Larkin, wife of the late Dessie Larkin, pictured in 2019 with Donegal Half Marathon Ambassador, Danny McDaid, holding the Dessie Larkin Perpetual Shield which is presented to the overall winner of the Donegal Half Marathon. Also included are Damian Daly, Kernan's Retail Group who are the main sponsors of the Donegal Half Marathon, committee members Brendan McDaid, Eunan Kelly, Paddy Hannigan and Neily McDaid, and Mary's sister, Sharon Black.

The work of the late Dessie Larkin in helping to establish the Donegal Half Marathon in 2014 was recalled this week by race director, Brendan McDaid.

"Originally, it was Dessie who came up with the idea of the Donegal Marathon along with Paddy Hannigan. After the first couple of years, it was decided to go with the half marathon only and ten years on, we are delighted that the half is still going strong," the race director commented.

"Dessie said he wanted the event to be known as 'the people's race' and we have done our best to hold true to that aspiration," he added.

"Dessie and Paddy had great vision - that's how it all started. Dessie then approached Damien Daly from the Kernan Retail Group to see if they would be interested in getting involved and lending some support. They kindly agreed and have been the main sponsor for the last number of years. Dessie also got Donegal County Council and Donegal Sports Partnership

involved. Having the backing of those organisations made it much easier to pull the race together and gave us at Letterkenny Athletics Club the confidence to get involved and be part of it," Brendan commented.

"We have a hardworking committee which is made up of individuals from different backgrounds who bring different views - having that mix on the committee is crucial to having different views and perspectives.

"We cater for the fun runner, the social runner, the club runner and the elite and that is why the race continues to attract large numbers. The buzz for us as a committee is seeing hundreds of people coming to Letterkenny and taking their place on the start line on race day. The success of one year gives us the get-up-and-go approach to get ready and prepare for the following year," he added.

This year's Donegal Half Marathon takes place on Sunday, August 25th, in Letterkenny. The event will have a 9.20 am start and race headquarters will be based at the Aura Leisure Centre.

## Cranford AC news

Cranford's athletic talent was on full display last week, with two of their athletes wearing the Ireland singlet and achieving remarkable feats. Caolan McFadden competed in the European Under 18 Championships in Slovakia, braving sweltering temperatures exceeding 30 degrees. He delivered a commendable performance in the 1500m, finishing 9th in his heat, showcasing his resilience and skill on a demanding international stage.

Meanwhile, Michael Moore represented Ireland in the SIAB Championships in Wales, competing in the 800m.

Michael impressed with a 6th place finish and set a new personal best time of 1:55.99. Not resting on his laurels, he swiftly returned home to compete in the Nationals on Sunday, where he excelled in the 400m, securing a 3rd place finish.

Matthew Giles also made his mark at the Nationals in Tullamore, setting a new personal best in the Under 13 80m. His performance reflects the promising future of Cranford's young athletes.

Looking ahead, Cranford's focus shifts to the third and final day of the Nationals in Tullamore next week.

We extend our best wishes to Caolan McFadden and Oisín McBride as they both compete in the Under 1500m race. Congratulations to all our athletes for their outstanding achievements and continued dedication to excellence.



Cranford AC's Michael Moore with Eamonn Giles and Athletics Ireland President John Cronin.



Matthew Giles with his parents Turlough and Mary.

len getting back well, running under 20 minutes for the first time (19.56) in a long while. Darragh Kelly also getting back with 20.25. Daniel Hewett also making a good return after a long time out with injury, running 20.54.

Good to see some members of the couch to 5km group keeping going three nights per week under the direction of Margaret Friel. Maureen Curran running 30.27, Brendan Little, 31.18 and Tara Doherty, 32.00.

Full club results - Marty Lynch 16.46; Joe Gibbons 16.56; John Whoriskey 17.35; Barry Coyle 17.46; JP McFadden 17.56 pb; Damian McBride 19.53; Dan Cullen 19.56; Danny McLaughlin 19.57; Michael McHugh 20.12; 10. Darragh Kelly 20.25; 11. Daniel Hewett 20.54; 12. Francis Diver 23.58; 13. Patrick Shields 24.32; 14. Nancy McNamee 26.06 1st 0/60 ladies; 15. Holly Hewett 28.09 (Juvenile); 16. Maureen Curran 30.27; 17. Ella Hewett 31.10 (juvenile); 18. Brendan Little 31.18; Tara Doherty 32.00.

Paddy Ryan had back to back victories in 2 recent 5kms, winning the Innisbofin 5km and the Dunfaghny 5km a week later.

## John Kilmartin 5km

All roads lead to Milford this weekend for the annual John Kilmartin Memorial 5km on Friday 26th July. Registration is from 6pm at the Clubhouse at Moyle and the race starts at Grey Rocks over the usual 5km course at 7.30pm. Thanks to Barry at Barry Browne Car Sales who is the race sponsor.



# The Navy Poet has lessons for Simon Harris

*For a man with only three years in primary education, Patrick MacGill, in his writings and poetry offers a very unique perspective on his life as a Socialist. Were he alive today, it is highly improbable to visualise him having any truck with Fianna Fail or Fine Gael or indeed in the manner in which this country is run and managed. Taoiseach Simon Harris was in Glenties and brought another promise to the table of eternal optimism. He said: "The greatest challenges of the past four decades have been met with energy, vision, hope, determination, and also, crucially, with optimism."*

On these wet and dreary evenings, July is traditionally quiet in the media, mainly because most sane citizens are tanning themselves in the Mediterranean. Moreover, this year with the political parties on the summer break, they are occupied with preparations for the general election. And all the while the Government is spending more time explaining that it is imperative to run the full term until the Dail must be dissolved by February 19th rather than during the Halloween break.

But regardless of those heavyweight issues, the Taoiseach of the day will always be the keynote speaker at the legendary MacGill Summer School. And Simon Harris came along at the weekend to explain that there will be a focus on optimism and pragmatism during his time as leader of the country. Exactly what Harris has been doing to promote optimism and pragmatism since coming into the Government some eight years ago is quite difficult to understand since everyone has their own perception of these vague terms.

Harris has forgotten about all the failures that recent Governments have delivered. He said: "The greatest challenges of the past four decades have been met with energy, vision, hope, determination, and also, crucially, with optimism. In these times, where we face multiple, overlapping

challenges, a key quality I would add, and the one which defines my philosophy as Taoiseach, is pragmatism. Pragmatism means being equal to the moment before us, while preparing carefully for the next. Pragmatism is not defined by a label like 'right' or 'left' but the action taken in the moment to solve the problems in front of us. Pragmatism is knowing over what time scale actions need to be taken, and knowing you need to bring everyone with you as you act."

Words of pragmatic intent, probably!

The Patrick MacGill Summer School was first held in 1981 and it commemorates the life and time of the 'Navy Poet' who was born in the Glen of Glenties in 1890 in that first generation in the shadow of the Great Hunger. And like so many of his kith and kin he emigrated to Scotland where he began a new chapter of his life. He saw active service in the British Army and in later life he married and would emigrate to the United States where he died in the nineteen sixties.

For a man with only three years in primary education, MacGill, in his writings and poetry offers a very unique perspective on his life as a Socialist. Were he alive today, it is highly improbable to visualise him having any truck with Fianna Fail or Fine Gael or indeed in the manner in which this country is run and

managed. The MacGill Summer School has been an international platform for poets, the noble and the great figures on the world stage as they gather to deliver their views on current topics. And Harris made yet another promise: that's now his modus operandi in being quite the expert on dealing with major issues for these past eight years in Cabinet. And on his first visit as Taoiseach to Glenties, Harris did not disappoint insofar as you are happy with the expert view on delivering promises. But exactly what has he achieved since being elected to the Dail in 2011?

Before the general election in 2011, Harris wrote a letter saying he would not support any legislation to allow abortion services. He had moved from that position within two years, but he was not dissimilar to many of his colleagues. What gave Harris his biggest headaches were his own promises that could not be delivered – reducing waiting times for scoliosis operations to four months; setting ambitious timelines for the introduction of free GP care, promises on the completion of the national children's hospital, hospital waiting lists and medical staffing.

What MacGill might have made of this latest input from Harris in discussing the idea of a new department to tackle nationwide issues, such as housing? Being a pragmatism and that from reading his material, I'd imagine MacGill might just wonder what is the purpose of yet another tedious idea given that the government is already overloaded with experts in their own field and failing to resolve crisis after crisis in Health, Education and what about the escalating financial costs for the National Children's Hospital? Regardless of more money being allocated at our expense, the Government simply has failed to bring these crises under control, not alone resolve the lack of progress in making

Ireland's public services deliver for the people. And Patrick MacGill might also wonder what kind of a political system we have that tolerates delays in the completion of major infrastructure projects and why they are almost always running away over budget. The last thing that might cross his mind would be to create another failure.

And I'd imagine that Patrick MacGill might advise the Government and Simon Harris to examine how targets are continually met on target by private enterprise. He would have no great sympathy for entrepreneurs but having been born into a poverty stricken Ireland and under the control of the British Empire, nobody knew better how difficult life on a traditional small-holding was with eleven children to feed... and not a word about childcare or education. He belonged to that generation where every family was equal - equally in poverty. Harris talks about many things and many of these big ticket issues have not moved far in his eight years in Government. And insofar as his 250,000 new houses by 2029, that is as far out as the Government plans to cut global warming to have a million electric vehicles on the road by 2030. And as far as fast-charging facilities in place, that too, is wishful thinking.

At the age of ten, MacGill left primary school and he went to the Strabane Hiring Fair to be employed for six months by a Tyrone farmer. Escaping from these austere condition, he left and went to Ayrshire to become a tattie-hoker. When not potato picking MacGill worked as a navy and he travelled widely visiting libraries and educating himself by reading the great authors of the era.

At the age of twenty he worked on the Caledonian Railway and began writing both books and poetry, often a nostalgic look back to his life in Ireland, as in 'Children of the Dead End' and 'The Rat Pit'. 'The Song of the Shovel'

continues to be an inspiration: he was also a renowned socialist and supporter of the Russian Revolution. Dail Eireann was but a dream when the young MacGill left Ireland and things have changed utterly and forever. In the meantime the Dail shall return on September 18th: it will have a highly positive budget, then a mid-term break for Halloween. And on December 19th the House is on holiday until next year regardless of election or not, they'll be back on January 15th. The fact that there are only 13 days notified for Dail sittings in 2025 is the clearest indication that February 19th marks the end of this Government's term of office. In reality there are only 51 sitting days remaining until Simon Harris has to trot off to meet President Higgins to tell him the date of the general election.

Nobody, absolutely nobody, believes that February 19th is the final day of this Government.

More likely than not, all party bosses and their back office staff have October 24th marked into their iPads, when the Halloween break begins. It may also signal the last sitting day of the current government. Although, Harris may wait for ten days to call the election just ahead of going back into the office.

Harris has an inspiring way of creating positivity and he'll promise anything rather than take it away and consider why the health service is a basket case or why too many young couples are leaving Ireland because they'll never be able to construct a new house, not alone be able to pay a monthly rent of €1,500. Money is amazing and the cost of living can make it disappear quicker than the late magician, Paul Daniels could make Debbie McGee disappear in a ball of mystique.

"When it comes to the concurrent challenges we face – war in Ukraine, migration, climate change – it seems to me that most people are less preoccupied with ideology and more concerned with effective crisis management and political pragmatism.

I don't consider the labels of left and right particularly meaningful in a country and a European union where a political majority has converged on issues where we used to diverge in those directions," he said.

He also emphasised the need for Ireland to meet its climate targets, and told the audience the State was delivering "for many" – despite shortfalls in many state services such as housing and healthcare. "Does the State deliver for you? Is your experience of Ireland in your youth, in your working life, in your life as a parent, in your community life, in your later years, getting better? .We also know the answer for many is a heartfelt no. I hear the children, the parents, the workers, the communities, and our older citizens. I hear them every day as Taoiseach. I pledge to deliver for them, pragmatically. I pledge to pass the test of making their government work for them." So what's Harris waiting for?

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Claire Friel and Paul O'Donnell after arriving in style at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel. Photo Clive Wasson



Leah Jordan and Mark Moore at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford on Wednesday last. Photo Clive Wasson



Evan Roache, Mark Buchanan, Malachy O'Kane and Tiernan McFadden at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel. Photo Clive Wasson



Kelsey McGrory and Kelin Tease at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford on Wednesday last. Photo Clive Wasson



Emily Porter and Conor Aiken at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford on Wednesday last. Photo Clive Wasson



Charlene Neely and Sarah Friel at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford on Wednesday last. Photo Clive Wasson



Rachel Friel and Luke Russell at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford on Wednesday last. Photo Clive Wasson

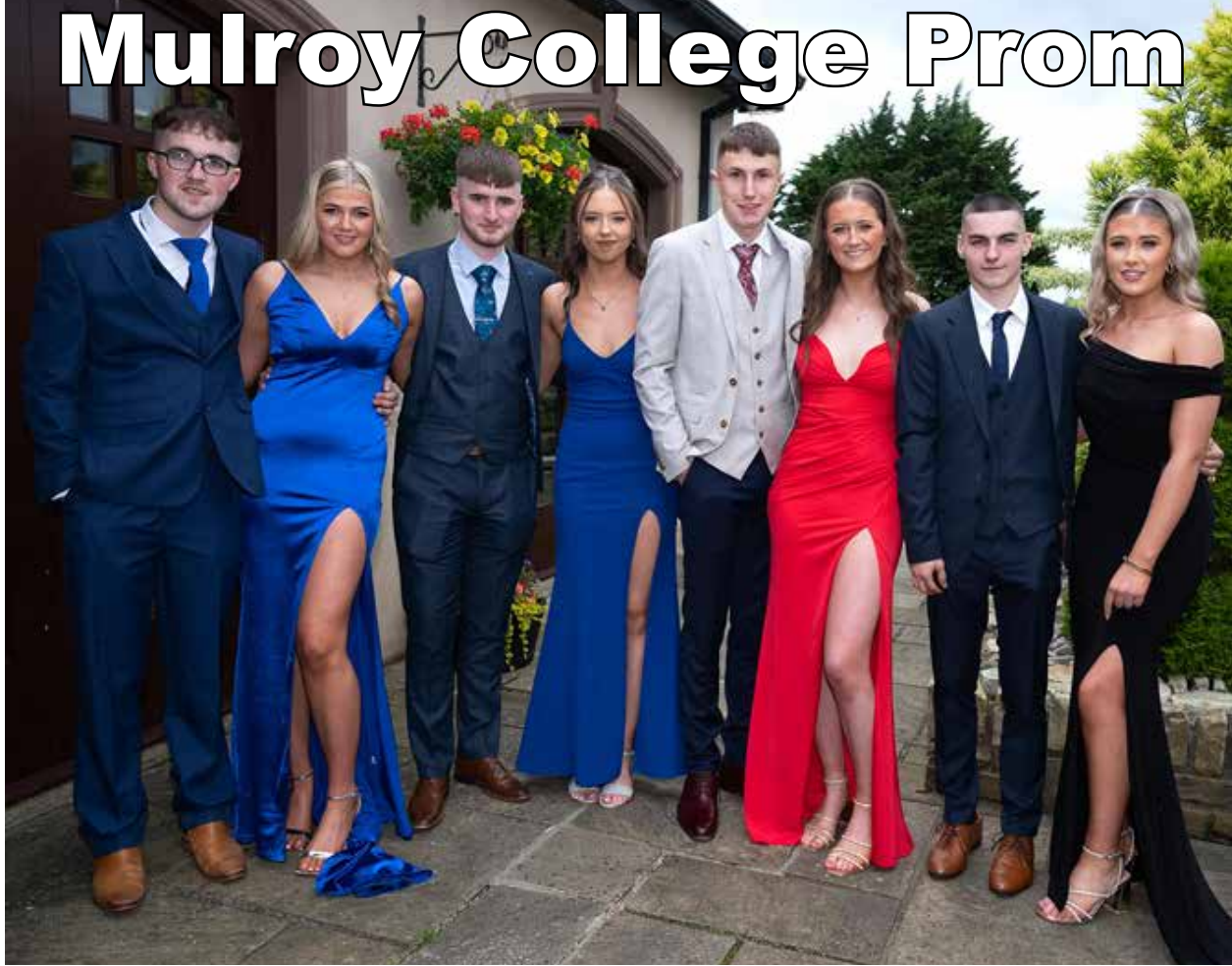


Lads at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford. Photo Clive Wasson



Tiernan Gallagher, Nicole Barrett, Reece Thompson, Katelyn Hewitt and Christopher O'Donnell at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel on Wednesday last. Photo Clive Wasson

# Mulroy College Prom



Eoin Lynagh, Grace Duddy, Sean Ferry, Annie McMenamin, Thomas Speer, Caoimhe Patton, Kelin Tease and Roisin Toye at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford on Wednesday last. Photo Clive Wasson



Above and below - some of the students at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford on Wednesday last. Photos by Clive Wasson



# Celebrating women of Creeslough and the Irish language

An inspiring and uplifting event which celebrated the women of Creeslough took place in the Community Links Hub on Friday.

Members of the Creeslough Community Association showcased community spirit by preparing food, organising events and music spilled out onto Creeslough main street as guests arrived.

MC for the event, Majella McFadden, began proceedings by outlining the importance of the Irish language in the community.

Leah McDaid, the 2024 Gaeltacht Mary, who was also the fore in organising the event spoke of the positive impact her schooling through the medium of Irish had on her. Having attended Scoil Náisiúnta Glasáin, she became a fluent Irish speaker. Accompanied by Leah, the children from the Irish-speaking performed a beautiful song and also recited a poem during the course of events.

Her former principal Áine Ní Fhioruisce told those present that the Irish language is one that children easily absorb and that it can open doors for them in the future. She spoke of



Leah McDaid, the 2024 Gaeltacht Mary (right) with her former principal at Glassan NS, Áine Ní Fhioruisce.

how important the Irish language was in the area around a century ago adding that the importance of language should not be underestimated.

Among those gathered was Jim Gallagher the son of the late Bridie Gallagher and he outlined the strength and resilience that women, such as, Bridie Gallagher and Vera McNulty had. Both women are highly regarded nationally and internationally for their talents.

A video of Bridie Gallgher was performed and a programme that was created by Creeslough man Eamonn McFadden of Glass Mountain Digital Media was also shown to the large crowd that had gathered. Speaking on behalf of the Mary from Dungloe festival, Director Gavin Boyle, described the importance of the festival in Donegal and congratulated the organisers on the event where there was standing room only.



Anthony Gallagher, Doon, Termon who was selected as Prom King at the Mulroy College, Milford Prom in the Mulroy Woods Hotel last week.

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Rachel Boyce, Aoiheann Shield, Leah McBride and Nicole Barrett at the Mulroy College Prom in Mulroy Woods Hotel on Wednesday last. Photo Clive Wasson.



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# Council bombshell for Rathmullan

Donegal County Council is to demolish the potato store and public toilets at Rathmullan to make way for a car park and environment works.

When the demolition is complete the nearest public toilets will be five miles away in Ramelton and tourism interests say they are disgusted that the Council would even consider removing the only public utility in the town.

The bombshell announcement that the Council has taken a corporate decision to demolish the building has led to anger and bewilderment locally. The latest plan for Rathmullan will cost over €200,000 and the work is due to start early next year.

A planning brief for the renovations will now be written and the Council officials will present their designs to another public consultation meeting later in the year.

The decision to tank the potato store was made known during a public meeting hosted by the Council in the town on Thursday night and so far seventeen complaints have been made to Social Enterprise Ireland: an organisation that has carried out studies for a number of organisations

locally.

The manner in which the Council came to decide to tumble the potato store is likely to be addressed during the Milford electoral area meeting in ten days time. However it is already being claimed the store should stay and be utilised as a commercial building. It is also claimed the original decision to remove the potato store no longer applies because the marina project has been taken off the agenda. Community spokespersons have told the Tribune that the additional parking needed for a marina of 125 berths would have required the removal of the store to create the space needed to accommodate the anticipated level of traffic.

"That need is no longer there and as a result the removal of the potato store has also disappeared and the Council must now revisit their decision as a result of us losing out on the marina" said the spokesperson.

Patrick Kearney of Social Enterprise Ireland said his organisation was compelled to respond to the comments made during the public meeting. "We make our comments further to what we ourselves seen and heard, and equally important, due to the



many telephone calls we have received from local people who were left frustrated by the meeting," said the Social En-

terprise Ireland spokesman.

Plans were revealed during the night by Council officials to carry out improvements at the shorefront and the cost will run to more than €200,000. The works will include landscaping of the shorefront: car parking and general tidying up of the area.

The Council has said the funding does not include the provision of toilets. However if the project goes ahead it is understood that other sources may be tapped to replace the toilets: but what has angered the local community is that no provision has been made prior to demolishing the existing building.

Social Enterprise Ireland said: "We assist communities across Europe

to organise and pursue new opportunities to improve the quality of local livelihoods through social enterprise.

On behalf of local community groups earlier this year we carried out a comprehensive exercise in community dialogue across Rathmullan, resulting in almost 300 responses from residents of all age groups and status that contributed to a detailed feasibility study and strategic plan highlighting potential community development opportunities in Rathmullan, which if pursued by the community could result in major social and economic benefits such as sustainable job creation and investment, improved infrastructure and environment.

# Claragh six-race card to attract the punters



Ramelton Horse Races ..... The committee of the Race Meeting at Claragh Ramelton on next Sunday pictured on Monday night as they announced details of the six race card in aid of the Down's Syndrome Association. From left, Colm McGinley, Seamus Durkan, Jimmy Friel, Sean McBride, Fulton Buchanan, Alan Sweeney and Brian Cannon.

The Claragh horse racing meeting at Ramelton will take place on Sunday with a 2.30 start and all proceeds will go to the Down's Syndrome Association. The ever popular meeting promises an exciting six race card with runners coming from Galway: Roscommon: Monaghan: Kildare and Donegal. The event will be filmed and shown in the Lennon Lodge Ramelton at seven on Sunday evening prior to the presentation of prizes. This is the second year the event has been run for the Down's Syndrome Association on property kindly lent by Mr. Alan Sweeney of Moyle Hill, Milford. The evening will feature a range of activities: there will be bookies: funfairs and much

more.

A big crowd is expected and the racetrack will be signposted. Claragh is on the Ramelton to Ballyare road and free car parking is also provided. A race card will be available on the day.

The race card features a one mile open: the second feature race is over one mile and two furlongs for 15 cm ponies: the third event is a two mile open. Fourth on the card is a 148cm pony race over one mile and two furlongs. The Derby race is fifth on the card over one mile and four furlongs. The final race of the evening is the non-winner's open over one mile. Claragh is a great venue and all roads will lead there this Sunday afternoon.

# Laser and fireworks in Magheraroarty

Don't forget your raincoat is the message from environmental artists An Cosán Glas in advance of a unique free outdoor event on Magheraroarty beach on Sunday night.

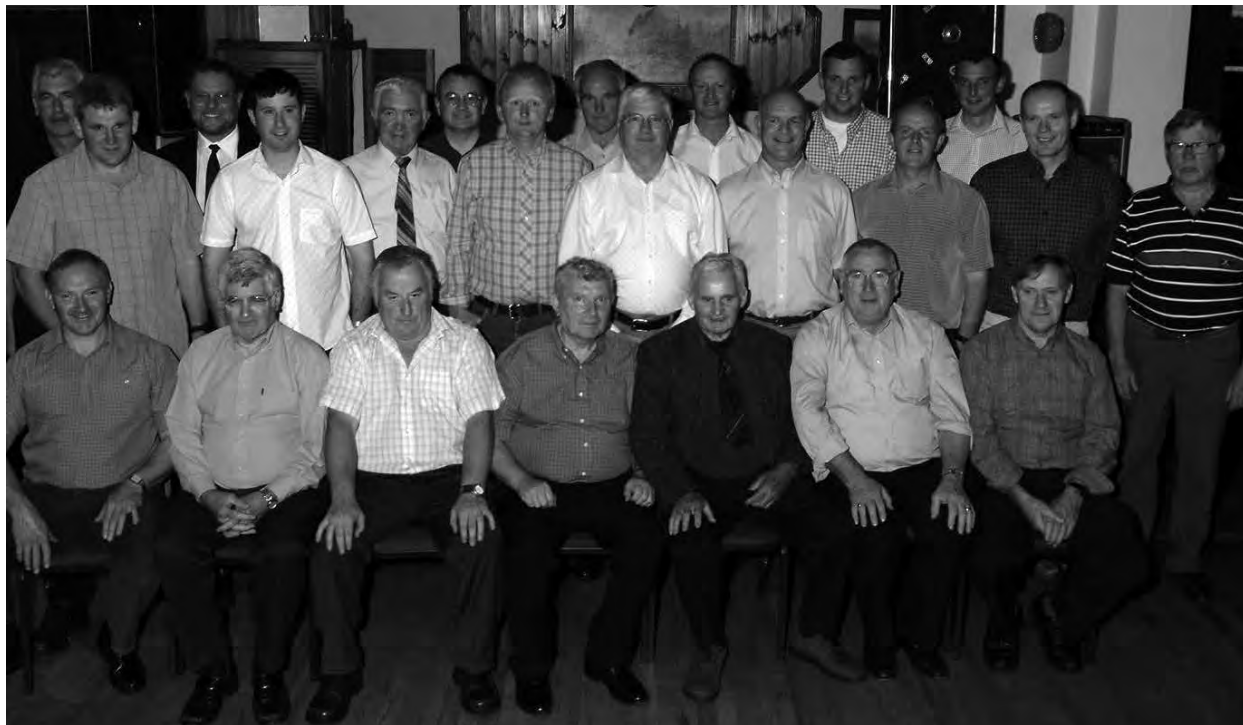
The group is staging a magnificent outdoor installation called Dreamtime/Aisling that combines giant projected images, music, laser beams and pyrotechnics to breathe life into giant sculptures which have been made in advance with the help of local children. The sculptures will float on the sea and in the air to create an unforgettable image in the dusk light in one of the most spectacular locations imaginable.

Audiences are advised to bring comfortable footwear, warm clothing, rain wear and something soft to sit on for the hour long event which will kick off at around 10pm. Up to 40 local children will take part in the show which is described as a dream journey from innocence to celebration.

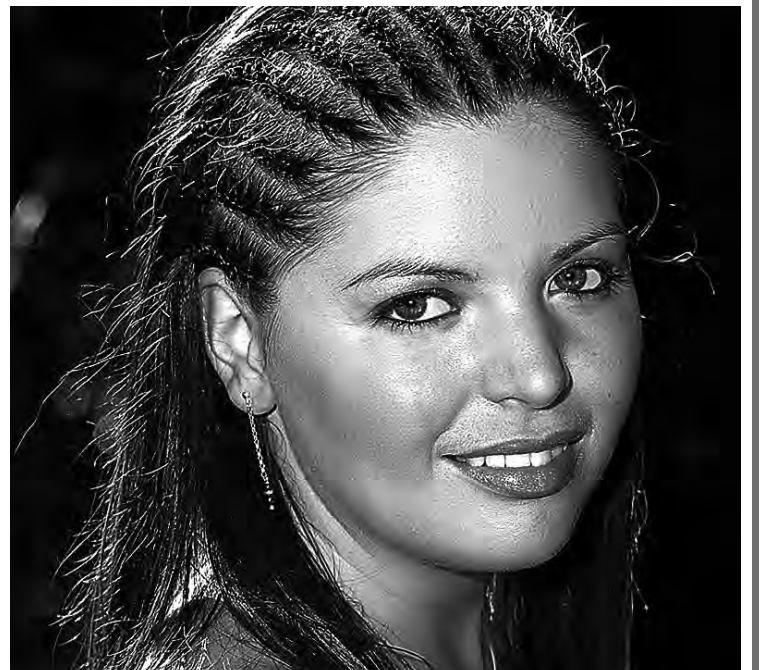
"We hope that the audience will truly be blown away by it all but not literally," joked producer, Sarah McCann. The creators of the project, An Cosán Glas are no strangers to outdoor art.

The collective of local artists have been involved in the Earagail Arts Festival since its conception creating outdoor sculpture trails with children using natural and man made materials.

The artists - Deirdre Brennan, Anjo Carr and Seamus Kennedy - have also been involved in Saothar Ealaion, which they have been running successfully throughout the west Donegal Gaeltacht and beyond, promoting art through education.



Mandy Boyce pictured on Friday night in Logues of Cranford at a function to mark his retirement from the Water Services Department of Donegal County Council pictured with some of his colleagues in the Milford Electoral Area.



Catriona Doohan, Falcarragh who was selected as the Falcarragh Festival Queen at the festival dance in Ostan Loch Altan, Gortahork at the weekend.

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# Meadowbank roads to be repaired

The ongoing controversy of the take over of the Meadowbank estate in Letterkenny was the subject of a lengthy debate at Monday's Town Council meeting.

The Cllrs. were informed that its planned to go ahead with some initial repair works. The Council is awaiting an opinion from their legal representatives on the financial obligations in relation to the estate takeover under the current legislation.

The Town Clerk Paddy Doherty said that an initial financial contribution commitment from the residents had been withdrawn but the Town Council was now proposing to proceed with fixing the large-scale pothole problem and the intention was to start immediately subject to the green light on insurance clearance.

Sinn Fein Cllr. Gerry McMonagle urged that there be no quick fix measure on the matter and called on the Council to proceed with the full takeover. However the Town Clerk pointed out that there were a number of estates in the same category as Meadowbank.

Cllr. Damien Blake said the roads in the area were exceptionally bad and another winter could see the estate made impassable. Echoing those sentiments Cllr. Victor Fisher said the pothole problem was so bad that even the school bus was refusing to go up there while Cllr. Jim Lynch pointed out that prior to the

local elections there had been agreement to upgrade the estate on a phased basis. He highlighted the engineer's opinion at the time which stressed that drainage was the key issue to be addressed in Meadowbank and he felt that fixing potholes in the short term would probably not be the permanent solution.

Mayor Dessie Larkin supported the proposal to move forward with initial works because of the state of the roads. He pointed out that other estates had similar problems and the Town Council would have to look at their budget in terms of the financial implications involved. Cllr. Ciaran Brogan said he had raised the Meadowbank takeover a number of times in the previous Council and understood that an agreement was on the table with residents prior to the election.

Brogan suggested that politics had been played with the takeover in the lead up to the local elections.

An overall audit is currently being carried out on estates and Cllr. Brogan pointed that the Town Council would then have some hard decisions to make. He also emphasised the need for the local authority to set certain standards for completion of works on estates. Cllr. Dessie Larkin was informed that the overall cost of the infrastructural upgrade was €350,000 with €80,000 being set aside for works this year.

Despite Cllr. Larkin's assertion that Meadowbank was a priority Cllr. McMonagle said there had been a lack of commitment on the matter and also raised doubts over the residents agreement to make a financial contribution.

Town Clerk Paddy Doherty said such a letter had been received but Cllr. McMonagle claimed that the correspondence only had the support of a couple of people from the estate. The Sinn Fein Member said it would be pointless spending €80,000 where there was a poor substructure to support the pothole works.

Cllr. McMonagle also spoke about what he described as serious concerns on the state of fire hydrants facilities in the area. Cllr. Jimmy Harte said that Meadowbank had been used as a political football during the election campaign adding that he had been too embarrassed to canvass there because he simply wasn't in a position to promise the residents that their problems would be resolved.

The County Manager Michael McLoone addressing the issues raised by the Members said that a system must be put in place to supervise multiple developments combined with enforcement of conditions.

In relation to developments that are already in existence he suggested that efforts be made to deal with them in a pragmatic manner which would include the Meadowbank Estate.



7 year old Kealey McDaid among the potholes in Meadowbank.

## Drumnacraig beach access...

# Cancer victim vows to protect rights

The controversy over access and the right of way to Drumnacraig beach in Fanad is back in the news again with a local man saying he's prepared to take the case to the Supreme Court to protect, what he says, is 'an inherited right' of the commu-

nity. "I will go to jail if necessary," says Michael Carr who is one of the campaigners involved in the controversy.

It has now emerged that the impasse has not been resolved two years after calls from public representatives to find a resolution to the problem.

The landowner M/s Maureen Wharton was told at a public meeting two years ago that if agreement was not reached the right of way would be subjected to a compulsory purchase order by Donegal County Council. Michael Carr is a native of the area but now resident for most of the year in Nevada. He says that despite suffering from cancer he has postponed further surgery to come back to Donegal to ensure the right of way is fully maintained for future generations.

He is now facing surgery



James King, silver medalist in the 1500metres Under 19, Dan King, gold medalist U15 1500m and Brendan Boyce, gold medal 500m walk in Tullamore at the weekend.



The late Mickey Toner's family Louise and Emmet presenting a Memorial Trophy for the Sligo to Letterkenny Cancer Research Cycle to Paddy Delap.

for the third time and was due to go into hospital earlier in the summer.

"I postponed the surgery since if I did I would not have been able to come back to Fanad this year to help protect these rights for future generations," said an emotional Mr. Carr last night. It is understood that a number of locals carried out 'works' on the right of way earlier this year

and the matter is now under legal consideration by the registered owner of the property, Maureen Wharton who lives in Houston Texas.

The controversy first flared some nine years ago says Mr. Carr when he was originally asked to remove his car off the right of way. However the matter came into the public domain in August of 2002 when the newly formed Drumnacraig Action Group called a public meeting in Portsalon and 250 people packed into the function room at the Drumhill Hotel.

In a highly charged and emotional night of argument involving the property owner and the local community, the IFF Leader Harry Blaney, told M/s Wharton that the Action Group has an alternative option open to them: they can, through a resolution at Donegal County Council seek to have the access route declared a public road with provision made for car parking facilities which could be acquired in the CPO.

Michael Carr explains why he has taken a very active role in preserving the right of way. "It is sixty years ago since my late mother took me to Drumnacraig to gather periwinkles. It is the most peaceful place on earth and despite travelling the world it is the one place that I can find solitude.

Myself, my wife, children and grandchildren come here and we'd like to think that future generations can do likewise safe in the knowledge that the beach has full and proper access. I fear that access is now under serious threat and I'm not prepared to let that happen and I will use every arm of the legal system to retain what I think is my birthright and that of my parish," he added.

He has expressed dismay that no progress has been made and is critical of the fact that Donegal County Council has not moved to make the access



Left - The McCaffrey School of Dancers who performed at the opening of the Rosssnackill Fair last Friday with Teresa McIntyre. Above - Megan Martin, Fair Princess and Ryan McGonagle, Fair Prince at the Rosssnackill Fair.

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# Ballyare Tractor and Vintage Car Run



5 months old Alana Gallagher with Stephen at the run.



Liam McGettigan presenting the Pat McGettigan Memorial Shield to Tonisha Magee, St Johnston and her 1965 135 Massey Ferguson - the Best Turned out vintage tractor at Tractor and Vintage Car Run in Ballyare on Sunday.



Three years old Eddie Simms arriving in his battery powered tractor.



Sean Orr with Tommy McCool and dogs Tiny and Milly.



Chris Bryant with grandchildren James and Charlie Cavanagh.



Stephen Orr with Caelan and PJ Deeney.

# Rathmullan News

## Garden Fete in Glenalla

The Glenalla Annual Garden Fete will be held this Saturday the 27th of July at Franklin's Estate. The fun begins at 12.30pm and runs to 4pm with all the usual stalls including White elephant, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Hampers, Teas, Books, Toys and much more.

Everyone is welcome to come along to Glenalla House enjoy a walk around the gardens and enjoy the fete and all proceeds are in aid of St. Colmkille Church, Glenalla.

## Tidy Towns

While the good weather is here and the sun is shining, lets support Plastic Free July, and take more action together joining millions of people worldwide choosing to refuse single use plastics. Of course we can all still enjoy our picnics and outdoor activities, but let's recycle more to help keep the plastic rubbish out of landfills and incinerators. Use resealable boxes instead of plastic bags for the food stuffs, and avoid buying prepackaged fruit and snacks. Or simply enjoy a refreshing drink from a flask or refillable bottle, and ditch the disposables altogether. If we all choose one small step, it will ultimately made a huge difference. Local action equals Global impact.

Thanks to the interventions of Cllr Paucic McGarvey and other local representatives, we look forward to the arrival of new waste bins and further contributions for the betterment of our community.

## Bicycle Repairs

The Bicycle Repair & Maintenance Workshops last Thursday at the Boatyard Sheds, courtesy of LK Bikes, were very well received and we all definitely learned a few new tricks of the trade, thanks Gavin for sharing your expertise.

However, the All Age Cycle was undoubtedly the highlight of the day, with almost 70 participants (aged 3 to 70+) taking to the streets and roadways in brilliant sunshine.

The Mountain Bikers (Seamus, Billy, Peter, Adrian, Francie, Brendan), ably assisted by George, Eugene, Hugh, Dara, Sean, Joe, Damian and Liam all worked diligently in setting up the course to perfection and they ensured there were no stragglers, with a leader, sweeper and marshals at every junction to ensure safety for both cyclists, motorists and all road users.

Thanks guys, it was a truly wonderful community event and everyone enjoyed getting together with refreshments back at the Sheds again afterwards.

## Amusements

Mohan's Amusements are welcome back to town once again, and will be in operation right up until 5th August. Opening weekdays from 6pm -10pm and weekends from 2-10pm. Fear not, there may be congestion at times, but with the overflow carparking available at the Resource Centre (adjacent Football pitches) and St. Joseph's Chapel grounds, there will be spaces for everyone.

## Makers Market

The Makers Market is on this coming Saturday 27th July (12-4pm) and they are all buzzing to have a great line up of creative Crafters presenting their wares in the 3 Sheds, with Rosies van serving fantastic food outside, and a fabulous kids workshop for aged 4+ from 1-2pm with Marie of The Mixing Bowl helping her decorate BEautiful cookies, and bee prepared to be bowled over by the taste of these delicious creations afterwards. Places are limited so bee sure to book your place by sending a private message or book early on Saturday in person.

This will be followed by another Screen printing workshop by Sandra and Print Bard Fold from 3-4pm. Again please be patient and book in advance if possible, or early on the day and have a bit of fun creating your own tote bag or a be-spoke Tee Shirt.

## Community Festival events

### Annual Bucket Collection

The Annual Bucket collection will take place this coming Sunday 28th July, so prepared to empty your pockets, as Volunteers will be collecting at all the vantage points around the village.

Festival Frida Friday in An Stad café will once again have hostess Carole Wilson presenting an evening of guests with song, craic, wine & tapas from 7pm.

Family Fun Day organised by White Strand FC at McGarvey Park from 12.30 promises a day filled with fun sports, bouncy castles and much for family fun events.

Family Magic & Comedy show at Rathmullan Resource Centre Tuesday 30th July with limited spaces available, so book kellygrainne50@gmail.com.

The Festival programme is now available online and in local establishments giving full details of all events right throughout the week of music, fun, laughter and entertainment.

This year's nominated charities are the RNLI Lifeboats and Rathmullan First Responder Group. Please note that the one way traffic system will be in operation throughout the duration of the Festival, with overflow carparking available at Resource Centre and St. Joseph's Chapel grounds.

## Sailing

Rathmullan Sailing & Watersports are offering a wonderful opportunity for a taster session on Saturday 3rd August at 10am.

Anyone interested in giving it a go, please email your interest to: membership@rathmullansailingandwatersports.ie in advance to book your place. No previous experience is needed and the fee is only €10 pp.

## Artlink

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

## Charters

Rathmullan Charters are currently running half day fishing trips with rods and reels supplied,



Gavin from Letterkenny Bikes carrying out the bicycle repair and maintenance workshop last Thursday.

contact 087 2480132 for information and bookings.

## Walking Tours

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

## Dog Show

Scruffs Dog Show will take place on Sunday 4th August at The Battery with registration from 1pm and show starts at 2pm. enquiries : scrtufgfsraythmullan@gmail.com or 086 8691409.

Various categories including prettiest bitch, most handsome dog, best dressed, best biscuit catcher and much more.

## Arts Programme

2024 Community Art programme is currently ongoing and unfortunately we're unable to accept any more volunteers at the moment. We're very grateful to the Donegal Volunteer Centre and Swilly Ferry Service for their ongoing support. Don't forget that we're also a nominated recipient in the current round of the Tesco Irl Community Fund in Letterkenny, so if you're in shopping, then we'd really appreciate your vote by using your blue token.

## Clean Coasts Roadshow Postponed & Litter Picks

The weekly Pier area, village and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am. Anyone welcome to join in and join us for a sociable coffee afterwards. Unfortunately the Clean Coasts Roadshow scheduled for Thursday 25th July, has had to be postponed until September, due to the local Clean Coasts agent sustaining an injury.

**Rathmullan Celtic & Lansdowne Yonkers FC** Congratulations to the Lansdowne Rathmullan Celtic Team for their fantastic achievement during the recent Foyle Cup. Thanks to all of the sponsors and everyone who facilitated this fabulous collaboration and undoubtedly memories to last a lifetime have been made by all.

## The Swilly Ferry

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



Scenes from the All Age Cycle in Rathmullan last Thursday.



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## St Vincent De Paul

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



Scenes from the All Age Cycle in Rathmullan last Thursday.



# Dance star Niamh's ready for Rose of Tralee

Donegal's Rose of Tralee contestant for this year is no stranger to the big stage having toured the world as the lead dancer in Michael Flatley's hit show, Lord of the Dance.

**by Eamonn McFadden**

Former World Champion Irish Dancer, Niamh Shevlin from Glenswilly, has performed all over the world but her next big showcase will be in the Kingdom of Kerry at the annual Rose of Tralee International Festival in August.

Niamh was chosen as the Donegal Rose at a selection event in Donegal Town and says she is looking forward to taking part in the famous festival.

As if her professional dancing career and foray into the Rose of Tralee wasn't enough to keep her busy, she has also just recently completed her Masters Degree in Primary School Teaching.

"It has been a busy few weeks," Niamh laughed adding, "there was a lot going on over the last month or so including doing my final placement, dissertation and I had an exam as well so there hasn't been much time to think about it all. But I have everything mostly sorted and everybody who is coming down with me has tickets and accommodation booked, so now

it is just waiting on the final itinerary for the Roses Tour".

This is the first stage of the Rose of Tralee when all the selected contestants from all over the world embark on a whirlwind tour of Ireland before they reach Tralee and preparations truly begin for the all important two live TV appearances from the famous Dome.

One thing Niamh can count on however is the support of all her family, friends and community who will travel in a 60 strong group to cheer her on and fly the flag for Donegal.

"I think there are about 60 coming down to Tralee and around 42 coming into the Dome each night so I have plenty of support. Mum and dad both come from big families so it wasn't too hard to gather them up," Niamh said.

She is the daughter of Geralyn, nee Callan, and Michael Shevlin.

Niamh's rise to dancing stardom was when she and her twin brother, Gavin, claimed the world championship and despite him being based in the Southern hemisphere in recent times, he

will be winging his way back to Ireland to support his sister in her bid to be crown this years Rose of Tralee.

She stated: "Gavin went to Australia in March and he is in New Zealand dancing now and was not due back until September but he is coming back now for Tralee so we're delighted. We are very close and it was nearly lonely going through it all without him as it was one of the first big things I've done that he wasn't there for"

However, once she hits the road south in the coming weeks she said she will be doing her best to represent Donegal in the Kingdom and is looking forward to the experience.

"I won't be nervous when it comes to the dancing anyway but probably will need a bit of practice speaking with Dathai O'Shea and the presenters, although I've heard Dathi is very nice and makes it easy for the contestants to relax.

I did Lord of the Dance's lead role and performed in front of thousands there and I've been to nearly every continent with them including Australia, the US, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, so many places. Do a bit now with the Riverdance

Flying so it's not too hard to get up on stage in front of an audience. My teaching experience will be a help too."

So it will be a busy time ahead but nothing that this global performer won't have seen before. "It will all take place over 10 days once it gets going but I think I have all my outfits and clothes ready to go, so all I have to do then is focus on the show," she added.

Niamh said she would like to thank everyone for their support to date including all her local sponsors and Boyle Construction who have been her main sponsor since the regional finals.



Niamh Shevlin pictured with her Rose Bud and cousin Taylor Gibbons at her selection as Donegal Rose in the Central Hotel, Donegal Town in April.



Niamh with her mother Geralyn.



Niamh with her parents Michael and Geralyn.



18 children from Fanad who competed at the All Irelands in Kilcar recently and thanks to Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr for their support all year.



# Paul Carr hosts Captain's Day at Letterkenny Golf Club

Paul Carr held his Captain's Day on Saturday 13th July at Letterkenny Golf Club with 187 entrants on the day and it was Michael McElhinney who took top honours with a great return of 43 points playing of a handicap of 15. Runner up was Mark Friel on 41 points off 14 and 3rd spot on 41 points was Robbie Sweeney (37). Peter Doherty accepted the non qualifying prize playing of 31 with 39 points. Brian Hegarty accepted the committee prize; Brian O'Donnell won past captains prize; Philip Connolly accepted the veteran award. Mark Walshe had nearest to the pin with his tee shot on the par 3 16th. Michael Shiel Jnr recorded the longest drive on the 11th. Darragh Heaney had the highest return on front 9, likewise Paddy O'Kane on the latter 9. Category 3 was accepted by Hugh Hamilton, Category 2 was won by Enda Mannion (who had a double celebration that weekend been from Rosmuc in Co. Galway!!!) Category 1 was won by the vice-captain Declan Burke (also a Galway man!!!).

Later that evening, prior to the presentation of prizes, Noreen and her team at Hunters Bar & Grill provided a fantastic meal

for the Captain and his guests. Paul's daughter Maire provided the entertainment which carried through to the wee hours.

Thanks to everyone who made this day as successful and enjoyable as it was - a lot of preparation and planning went in to this day long before the first ball was placed on the tee. A special thanks to Colin, John and the greens team for having the course looking as good as it was considering the hard elements we had to deal with the past number of months.

### Donegal Down Syndrome

The club welcomed some eager golfers last weekend from the Donegal Down Syndrome group, with a chipping and putting drills and then a hole in one putting competition. They enjoyed a lovely lunch in Hunters Bar and Grill afterwards with a prize presentation by Lady Captain Anne Flannery. Thanks to all our volunteers and we are looking forward to the next visit on 9th August.

Prizegiving was held in Hunters Bar & Grill recently, prizegiving was held for the following competitions: Speers Drapery Open 3rd July 1st Gareth McNern (20) 40, 2nd Miroslaw Kucharski (22) 40, Gross

David McCormick (3) 34, 3rd Eunan McGlynn (9) 39, Cat 3 Liam Sweeney (9) 39, Cat 2 Pat Browne (18) 37, Cat 3 Ciaran McLaughlin (27) 38.

DMG Skoda Motors Open 6th July 1st Philip Gillespie (18) 37, 2nd and Gross David McCormick (2) 37, 3rd Shaun Duffy (4) 37, Cat 1 Eamon McGlinchey (5) 36, Cat 2 Gerard McCloskey (19) 36.

Sunday Open 7th July 1st Robert T.J Brown (21) 41, 2nd Joe Lambe (19) 40 Gross Jamie Foley (+2) 35, 3rd Kevin Rafferty (2) 39.

Brian McCormicks Open 10th July - 1st Paddy Lynch (15) 38, 2nd Ruairi McGlinchey (9) 38, 3rd Michael Shiel Jnr (5) 37.

Sunday Open 17th July 1st Paddy Lynch (15) 40, 2nd and Gross Michael Collum (7) 38.

Letterkenny Gaels GAA Classic - Friday 19th July- 1st Michael Collum, Kieran Sweeney, Kevin Roche and Declan Burke 97pts, 2nd John, Elaine, Jonathan Russell and Brian O'Donnell 96pts, 3rd Ciaran Moore, Liam McAlary, Eoin O'Donnell and Ryan Canning 95pts, Mixed Team Anthony Delap, Marian O'Sullivan, Celine Bradley, Mena Delap 92pts, Best Ladies Deirdre McCarron, Mary Fowley,

Mary McNulty and Siobhan Grant 94pts; Nearest to pin - Niall Haran; Longest Drive - Michael Collum; Nearest to pin - Deirdre O'Toole; Longest Drive - Celine Bradley.

### Pierce Purcell

Letterkennys Pierce Purcell team advanced to the Ulster Final with a great win against Omagh on Sunday. Club Captain Paul Carr and Adrian Flanagan put the first points on the board at home with a 6 & 5 win, followed by a 5 & 4 win for Darragh Heaney and Rory Kenny.

In Omagh Michael Nelis and team captain John Russell, having been up all day, lost 17 to go 1



A group from Donegal Down Syndrome who took part in a practice fun day at Letterkenny Golf Club pictured with club members.

down with 1 to play. Brian O'Donnell and Keith Spence win a half match to send Letterkenny through to the Ulster Final in Rockmount on 4th August where they will play Greenisland.

### Minor League

The minor League team played the first round of the quarter final game against B&S on Sunday and secured a 4/1 and 13 holes up result. The return leg to be held at 2pm in B&S on August 11th.

### Letterkenny Ladies

Thanks to Mr Captain (Paul Carr) for hosting his Prize to the Ladies on 9th July. Thankfully the weather was kind to us that day with results as follows: 1st Lady Captain Anne Flannery (30) 38pts; 2nd Bridget McClafferty (34) 38pts BOT; Gross Marian O'Sullivan (10) 20 Gross Points?; 3rd Kay Kelly (33) 38pts; 1st 9 Marian Keating (24) 22pts; 2nd 9 Jacqueline Ireland (26) 19pts BOT.

Results Jimmy Gallagher Golf Shop Tuesday 16th July- 1st Mary Gallagher (45) 42pts; 2nd Anne Cannon (13) 40pts; 3rd Marian O'Sullivan (10) 39pts; 4th Kate Gallagher (19) 37pts; 1st 9 Ann Kelly (46) 26pts; 2nd 9 Breege McDonagh (48) 19pts.

Results Thursday 18th July- Club Competition; 1st Breege McDonagh (48) 37pts; 1st 9 Bridie Gildea (30) 22pts; 2nd 9 Kathleen Kelly (42) 19pts. Thank you to Kathleen Kelly and Mary O'Brien for their sponsorship.

### Team News

The Challenge Trophy team, under the captaincy of Mary Fowley and assisted by Kay Kelly, had the home leg of their match against Ballycastle on Saturday 20th July. Best of luck to the team who now travel for the away leg to Ballycastle on Thursday 25th July at 3.00pm.

Commiserations to the Revive Active Team who unfortunately lost to Portsalon last Saturday 20th July and thanks to the team captains Monica and Celine for their hard work. We wish Portsalon all the best

in the next round. Well done to the Maire O'Donnell Team, captioned by Triona Daly and Anne Mc Grath, for progressing to the next round following match against Redcastle last weekend.

### Letterkenny Hospitals Society

The Letterkenny Hospitals Society held its latest outing at North-West Golf Club last week. The course was in excellent conditions but a strong wind made scoring very difficult and that was reflected in the scoring cards returned on the day. Once again Ciaran Williamson came out on top with a fine score of 33 points, just enough to hold off the challenge of runner-up Patrick Murray by one point. Section Winners were Mickey Ferry, Stephen Boucher, Vera Kearney and Christine Johnstone.

Full Results: Winner Ciaran Williamson 33points, 2nd Patrick Murray 32points.

Section One - Mickey Ferry 31pts bot, Eunan McGlynn 31pts, Mary Murray 28pts. Section Two - Stephen Boucher 26pts, Noel Duggan 25pts, Monica McDonagh 24pts. Section Three - Vera Kearney 29pts, Barry Ramsay 28pts, Eileen Williamson 23pts. Section Four - Christine Johnstone 27pts, Terry Gilcrest 23pts, Cecelia Doran 21pts. Front Nine - Sandra McMonagle 17pts. Back Nine: Joe Blake 15 pts bot.

The next outing will be Maureen Sweeney's Captain's Prize at Barnhill Golf Club in Letterkenny on Friday 30th August.

### Rosapenna

Results Sunday 14th July on Old Tom Morris Links, 1st Pat Boyce (10) 67 nett bot; 2nd Joe McHugh (15) 67 nett bot; 3rd Tom Quinn (9) 69 nett; Gross John Doran (6) 78 gross; Front 9 Brian Garrity (21) 28 nett; Back 9 Michael Carr (10) 33 nett. Two's - Pete McBride (Jr), Oisín Kelly, John McClafferty, Ben McBride, Michael McBride

### Catherwood Trophy

The Catherwood Trophy, Mixed foursomes, was contested on Saturday the 20th of July and resulted as follows - 1st M Bradley & T Martin 65 nett; 2nd J McHugh & H Russell 67 nett

### Past Captains & Presidents Day

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

### 105th Leitrim Cup

The 105th Leitrim Cup sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop will take place on the August Bank Holiday Weekend with one qualifying round on Saturday the 3rd over the Old Tom Morris Links. Sunday the 4th will see the quarter & semi finals, both played over 12 holes (1-11 & 18th) and then the 18 hole final will be contested on Monday the 5th at 1.00pm. All entries will be via the BRS App from Wednesday 31st July.

### Team News

Donegal League team hosted Portsalon at home on Friday July 19th, the result was 3-2 to Portsalon on the night. The away leg will be played on July 26th.

The Donegal Junior League hosted Gweedore at home on Thursday July 18th and lost 4-1 on the day. The tie has since been conceded. Many thanks to team Captain Shane Sweeney and to his panel.

### Upcoming Fixtures:

Donegal League - Away to Portsalon on Friday July 26th. Donegal Senior Scratch Matchplay - Away to Letterkenny on Saturday July 27th; JB Carr Ulster Final vs Rossmore - Home August 2nd / Away August 9th July - Sunday 28th Club Competition; August; Sat 3rd - Mon 5th - 105th Leitrim Cup; Sunday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th Club Competition; Saturday 31st - President's Prize.



Winners of the Letterkenny Gaels Classic at Letterkenny Golf Club are Kieran Sweeney, Declan Burke, Michael Collum, Kevin Roche.



Winners from the Speers Drapery Open winners Letterkenny Golf Club are Gareth McNern, Captain Paul Carr, Lester Speer, Sponsor Ciaran McLaughlin, David McCormack, Back Eunan McGlynn, Liam Sweeney



Prize winners from Paul Carr's Captain's Day at Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday night.



Lady Captain, Anne Flannery receives 1st Prize for the Ladies prize at Captain's Day at Letterkenny Golf Club from Captain Paul Carr.

# Clondevaddock Parish Summer Sale and Dog Show



Ann Cadwallader and Pearl Scott.



Prizewinners in the dog Show Barry with Oscar, Lisa and Gareth with Bailey, Stephanie with overall winner Lady, David with Mario, Walter with Frea and Killian with Nuto.



Katlyn with Mist, Ben McBride and Samantha with Storm and David with Cassie.



Ben McBride



Chloe with Ted and Killian with Murphy.



# Fanad

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

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

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

## Marriage match for GAA referee

Donegal's most high profile female referee Siobhan Coyle had a match of a different kind on Saturday as she married Francis Kelly.

The Gaeil Fhánada club member's nuptials took place at St Mary's Church, Fanavolty. Members of Siobhan's umpiring team formed a Guard of Honour as the newlyweds emerged from the Church. The reception took place afterwards in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny where family and friends joined for a special evening of celebrations. Siobhan is very well known in GAA refereeing circles having taken charge of Ladies County, Provincial and All-Ireland Finals.

## Thank You

Clondevaddock Parish would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Summer Sale, to all who attended and gave donations. Your support was greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 2nd August from

9.30 - 11.30pm. Music is by James McBride and Martin Duggan, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

## Circus in Fanad

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

Tickets are available from Ballylar PO, Malachy's Shop, Clinton's Tamney, Latte Love, Fanad Lighthouse or at the Day Centre.

Tickets are priced at €5 per person or €18 for 2 adults & 2 children

Known far and wide, Fanzini Brothers, these heroes of Irish circus have been making people laugh since the last century. Dripping with personality, doused in skill, oozing with comedy and fountains of knowledge. These masters of street and circus performance will beguile and thrill you with their amazing, interactive comedy circus. Fanzini Brothers are Con Horgan and Denis Butler, both from Tralee, Ireland's only proper Italian Kerry men. They have been performing together nationally and internationally since 1997.

Mar chuid de cheiliúradh caoga bliain an Ionaid Phobail tá an sorcas ag teacht go Fánaid! Beidh dhá léiriú ag Fanzini's Impossible Circus i dTraigh a Locha - Dé Sathairn 27ú ag 3.00i.n agus Dé Domhnaigh 28ú ag 1.30i.n.

Ticéid ar fáil ó: Wendy in Oifig an Phoist Baile Láir, Siopa Malachy, Clinton's Tamney, ó Elaine in Latte Love, sa siopa ag an Teach Solais nó ó Roisín ins an Ionaid Lae.

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

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

## Vacancies at Fanad Lighthouse

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

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

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

## Credit Union Draw

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

(over 18s). The prizes

include 1st prize - €7000; 2nd prize - €2000; 3rd prize - €1000 and there will be other prizes on the day to be won.

## Garden Fete in Glenalla

The Glenalla Annual Garden Fete will be held this Saturday the 27th of July at Franklin's Estate.

The fun begins at 12.30pm and runs to 4pm with all the usual stalls including White elephant, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Hampers, Teas, Books, Toys and much more.

Everyone is welcome to come along to Glenalla House enjoy a walk around the gardens and enjoy the fete and all proceeds are in aid of St. Colmille Church, Glenalla.

## Fanad SVP

If you are experiencing difficulty the local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is willing to help. If in need, contact the Society on 0877003732 regarding any financial problem. All matters dealt with in confidence.

## Belgian national dies in diving tragedy

A diver who died after getting into difficulty off the Donegal coast on Monday was from Belgium.

Luk Heyvaert, who was in his 50's, had been diving with a local group around 30km off Tory Island when the tragedy happened.

He is understood to have been an experienced diver originally from Antwerp.

He was taken from the water by Malin Coastguard and taken to Letterkenny University Hospital but was later pronounced dead.

A spokesperson confirmed: "Gardaí were alerted to an incident in the water North West of Donegal on Monday afternoon. A male (50s) got into difficulty in the water.

He was removed from the water by Malin Coastguard and brought to LUH where he was pronounced deceased. A file will be prepared for the Coroner's Court."

# Fanad Festival Weekend

The Fanad Festival organised by the Fanad Active Group will begin on Friday week the 2nd of August and there will be a number of Pre Festival Events this weekend.

There will be a Quiz in the Lighthouse Tavern this Friday the 26th of July from 10pm and on Thursday the 1st of August the selection of the Little Miss Fanad and Prince Charming will take place in the Community Centre at a Children's Disco from 7-8.30pm and the admission is only €5 per child.

Then on Friday the 2nd at 12noon there will be a Sandcastle Building Competition at Dins Shore. Suitable for builders of ages to come along.

At 7pm there will be a Tea Party in the Community Centre with proceeds going to the Fanad Development Association.

In the Fanad Lodge the Presentation of the Festival Queen will begin at 10pm with music by Two Bucks.

Its up early on Saturday the 3rd with Eco Atlantic Adventures holding a Family Kayak Tour which takes two hours at 9am, 12noon and 3pm from Portsalon Pier. Its suitable for children from 8 years of age and contact Hugh on 086 2250599 and the cost is €20 per person.

At 10am at the Community Centre the Mulroy Soccer Academy will hold a football blitz.

Also at 10am there will be a History and Folklore of the Swilly Walk. Leaving from Malachy O'Doherty's Shop at Doaghbeg.

At 12noon the Fanad Sheep Show and Vintage

Show will be held at the Community Centre while from 1.30 to 3.30pm there will be Children's Entertainment at the Community Centre including magic and puppet shows and a mini disco.

At 7pm the popular Liverpools fans v Man Utd fans match takes place at Trialough with proceeds in aid of Donegal Horizons followed by refreshments and music by Comhaltas Croabh Fhánada in the Lighthouse Tavern.

On Sunday the 4th of August the Family Kayak tours take place at Portsalon Pier, the same as Saturday.

At 11am there will be a 5km run/walk leaving the Community Centre with donations in aid of Gael Fhánada.

From 1.30pm all afternoon Trialough is the venue for the Field Day Activities. The admission is €5 per person with a family rate available.

There will be individual races including wheelbarrow, egg and spoon, three legged races. A mini digger competition, penalty shoot out, pet farm, pony rides, bouncy castles, face painting, TJ teddies and much more.

At 3pm there will be a Fun Dog Show and a 5pm the Car Treasure Hunt leaves the Community Centre.

At night there will be a BBQ at the Stores Bar in Portsalon from 6-8pm with music by Heno followed by music at 10pm by Small Gods.

Monday the 5th rounds off the weekend with Bingo in the Community Centre at 8pm.

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### Creche granted planning permission

A former commercial unit in Letterkenny has been granted planning permission to be changed to a creche.

LMNO Childcare Ltd have been granted conditional planning permission for the change of use of an existing commercial unit to a childcare facility (creche) located adjacent to and connected to an existing unit with associated signage including ancillary works at ground floor level at Unit 1 Railway Court, Pearse Road, Letterkenny



It's Mulroy Academy under 10s team that participated in Foyle Cup with managers Richard Carr & Eoghan Walsh.

## Seamus Coleman documentary

A documentary celebrating the career of Seamus Coleman was released on the Everton Club's YouTube channel at the weekend.

Entitled "Seamus" it has had close to 80,000 views so far and tells the story from his underage football with Killybegs to senior soccer with Sligo Rovers before transferring to Everton in January 2009. It is a feature-length documentary. Coleman returned to captain Everton against his former club Sligo Rovers in a pre-season friendly on Friday and on Saturday was a guest at the wedding of Siobhan Coyle and Francis Kelly in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny.

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council  
Aghawoney, Ramelton**

Name of Applicant: Kevin Murray. Date Received: 4th March 2024. Reference No of the Planning Application: 24/50073. The development applied for consisted of planning permission for construction of a dwelling house with on-site sewerage treatment plant and a domestic garage with all associated site works & planning permission for a temporary accommodation unit on site. Following a requirement of the planning authority a Natura Impact Statement will be submitted to the planning authority in connection with the application. The NIS will be available for inspection or purchase, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during office hours at the offices of the Authority. Subject to the payment of any relevant fee, a submission or observation in relation to the NIS may be made in writing to the planning authority within 5 weeks of the date of receipt by the authority of the NIS.

**Donegal County Council**

We, Brendan and Christine Mc Gee are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house with septic tank at Creeslough, Co. Donegal in the townland of Cashel. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

**Donegal Co. Council  
Rosgarrow Td, Milford.**

We, Donal and Christine O'Sullivan are applying to Donegal Co. Council for permission for retention of existing garage at rear of existing dwelling on this site at Rosgarrow Td, Milford, 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 at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

**Donegal County Council  
Ballymore Upper, Dunfanaghy**

I, Aine Leddy, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to demolish my existing defective blockwork dwelling house and construct a replacement dwelling house including all other associated site development works at Ballymore Upper, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Ballymore Upper. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council  
Dore, Bunbeg, Letterkenny**

I, Hugh McGee, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development works at my property at Dore, Bunbeg, Letterkenny, County Donegal, in the townland of Dore. The proposed development works will consist of the following: 1) Refurbishment of existing derelict dwellinghouse, to include partial demolition of existing dwelling and alterations to existing elevations, 2) Construction of front and side extensions to above mentioned existing dwelling, 3) Use of existing vehicle entrance along the public road, granted under PL Ref: 21/51634, to service the proposed development, 4) All other 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, 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

**Acknowledgement**

**McGee  
Dominic  
Ballyheerin, Fanad**



The family of the late Dominic McGee would like to thank all who sympathised with them during their recent bereavement. Thanks to all who attended the wake and funeral, helped out in anyway during this time, sent Mass cards, sympathy cards and all who expressed their condolences through phone calls, messages and online. Thanks to Colin McAteer Funeral Directors, for his professional service and Fr. Anthony Briody P.P. Fanad for his support and officiating at the funeral Mass. As it would be impossible to thank you all individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation.

**Month Mind Mass will take place on Saturday 3rd August in St. Columba's Church, Massmount at 7.00pm.**

**MEMORIALS**  
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such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council  
Gortmacall More, Milford**

We, Kenneth McIlwaine and Maybeth McIlwaine, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect an extension to our existing dwelling house including all other associated site development works at Gortmacall More, Milford, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Gortmacall More. 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  
Leck Road, Oldtown, Letterkenny**

We, Patrick McGranaghan and Grainne McGranaghan, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for 2 no. studio apartments to the rear of our existing Millview B&B premise including all other associated site development works at Leck Road, Oldtown, Letterkenny, County Donegal, in the townland of Oldtown. 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  
Fawans, Termon, Letterkenny**

I, Manus Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission & permission to do the following works to my existing filling station / shop: 1. Retain the additional new car parking area to the southwest, 2. Permission to demolish the existing front of the building and replace it with a new extension and also make internal alteration to the shop layout which will include an off-licence area, 4. Permission to provide new signage throughout the development, including all other site development works, at Fawans, Termon, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Fawans.

**In Memoriam**



**Ward  
Wilfie  
Carland Lower,  
Kerrykeel  
10th Anniversary**

In loving memory of a dear Dad and Granddad who died on the 26th of July 2014.

*Our thoughts are always with you in a very special way not just on your Anniversary but every single day.*

Loved and sadly missed by David, Adrian, Steven and families.

*Quietly today your memory is kept no need for words we'll not forget.*

Always remembered by Bernie and Teresa.



**King  
Greg  
Galway/Liverpool  
1st Anniversary**

In loving memory of Greg, our daughter Sinead's long-term partner and family member who was taken from us too soon on 24th July 2023. Always remembered by Bill, Tracy, Liam, Erin and Caolan Harrop.

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.

Always loved and sadly missed by your grandchildren Louise and Patrick and great grandchildren Michaela, Patrick, Lilly Mae, Rosey and Maggie.

*No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye*

*You were gone before we knew it and only God can tell us why  
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone for part of us went with you the day God called you home*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your daughter Susan and family.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Stella Maris Church, Downings on Sunday 28th July at 10am.**

Always loved and sadly missed by your son John and Catherine.

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your son Antony, Bernie, Shannon, Michael, Anthony and Aine.

*Your memories are so precious, your presence missed so much  
You will always be remembered and loved by all of us  
Will those who think of him today a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your loving Mum Nancy xxxx.

*A year has gone already our hearts still misses you  
But we know that you were ready to go to Heaven too.*



**McBride  
Anton (Shuss)  
Gortnalough,  
Downings,  
3rd Anniversary**

In loving memory of a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather Anton who died on 26th July 2021.

*Precious are the memories  
Special is your name  
Close to our hearts you will always remain.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your son John and Catherine.

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me"*

*With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your son Antony, Bernie, Shannon, Michael, Anthony and Aine.

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You will always be remembered and loved by all of us  
Will those who think of him today a little prayer to Jesus say.*

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Always loved and sadly missed by your loving Mum Nancy xxxx.

*A year has gone already our hearts still misses you  
But we know that you were ready to go to Heaven too.*

Always in our hearts missed by your sister Bernadette, nieces Caroline, Rosaleen, Christina and Emma and the boys xxxx.

*Gone but never forgotten dear brother John  
On your first anniversary we remember the joy you brought into our lives and the lasting impact you had on everyone around you.*

Sorely missed by your brother Paul and sister-in-law Maggie xxxx.

*As kids we lived together we fought we laughed, we cried  
We did not always show the love that we both had inside  
We shared our dreams and plans and some secrets too  
All memories we share is what bonds me now to you  
We grew to find we have a love that is very strong today  
It's a love shared by our family that will never fade away  
You are my brother not by choice but by the nature of our birth  
I could not have chosen a better one you were the best on earth.*

Always remembered by Thomas, Annemarie and family xxxx.

*An empty chair sits in the corner never to be filled  
In ainm dé - Until we meet again*

Sadly missed by your brother Columba, Katherine, Katie and Amy.

In loving memory of a dear brother who died on 31 July 2023.

**Nelis  
John  
Drimeflough,  
Creeslough  
1st Anniversary**



Precious memories of a dear son, brother, uncle, brother-in-law and Godfather John who died on 31st July 2023.

*We thought of you today  
but that is nothing new  
We thought about you*

*yesterday  
and days before that too  
We think of you in silence  
we often speak your name  
Now all we have are memories  
and your picture in a frame  
Your memory is a keepsake with which we'll never part  
God has you in His keeping  
we have you in our hearts.*

Always loved and missed by your loving Mum Nancy xxxx.

*A year has gone already our hearts still misses you  
But we know that you were ready to go to Heaven too.*

Always in our hearts missed by your sister Bernadette, nieces Caroline, Rosaleen, Christina and Emma and the boys xxxx.

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We grew to find we have a love that is very strong today  
It's a love shared by our family that will never fade away  
You are my brother not by choice but by the nature of our birth  
I could not have chosen a better one you were the best on earth.*

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Sadly missed by your brother Columba, Katherine, Katie and Amy.

In loving memory of a dear brother who died on 31 July 2023.

Always remembered by your brother Charles and sister in law Marie.

*Gone from us too soon, not a moment passes that we do not think of you.*

Forever in our hearts, thoughts and prayers Anne and Michael.

*Always in our thoughts and prayers  
a loving uncle and granduncle.*

Cathal, Kate Chloe, Eva and Cillian, Louise, Trevor, Leah, Sophia, Ciara and Aidan, Faye Gary, Jennifer and Hailey, Donal and Shannon.

*You were more than just a brother  
You were everything to us  
A friend, advisor, confidante,  
A calming influence through the fuss*

*You faced your journey bravely  
With dignity and grace  
And left behind a legacy  
That no -one can replace*

A true example of how to live and love  
Genuine, kind and true  
You were more than just a brother  
You were uniquely You

Loved and missed every day your sister Mary, brother in law James, nephews Michael and Jamie, nieces Amanda and Bethany, partners Patty, Sheree and Billy and great nieces and nephews Faith, Rian, Fionn, Aoife and Fiadh xx

**John's Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 28th July at 11.00am in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough.**

**Tyres slashed in Dunfanaghy**

An investigation is underway after a car was badly vandalised in Dunfanaghy with a number of its tyres slashed. Gardai are investigating a criminal damage incident that occurred at Pound Street between 3.30pm on Sunday July 14 and 1.30pm on Monday July 15th. They stated: "A car which had been parked at that location was damaged between those times. Three of the tyres were slashed. If anybody has any relevant information that might assist with this investigation, we ask them to make contact with Gardai in Milford on 074-9153060."

**In Memoriam**

**Begley**



**Mena** 13th Anniversary  
**Kevin** 30th Anniversary

In loving memory Mena who died on 22nd July 2011 and Kevin who died on the 7th August 1994.

*Deep in our hearts your memories are kept  
To love and to cherish and never forget  
Will those who think of them today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

Always remembered by the McTaggart family, Ballyare.

**Carr**

**Bríd**  
**Doaghmore, Fanad**  
3rd Anniversary



In loving memory of a dear partner, sister, aunt, and friend who died on 1st August 2021.

*You took my hand and showed me what it means to love*

*I'd give anything to feel one of your big hugs  
I wish I could see you again more memories we could keep  
I keep them all locked in my heart and see you in my sleep.*

*These words perhaps remind you of a song we knew and always when I hear them they remind me of you  
There's lots of little things that help me feel you near  
I miss everything about you and wish you were still here.*

*Lost without you..... hope you're sleeping soundly pet.*

Love always, Laura x x x

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and always dear.*

Loved and missed by Seán, Catriona, Katie, Hannah, Annie, Molly, Nell and Meg x

*If flowers grow in Heaven on land that's wild and free Lord, place some in my sister's arms and tell her they're from me  
Please tell her that I love her and miss her everyday and tell her there's still so much that I would like to say*

*Remembering her is easy she's in everything I do*

*I miss her so much every day but I know she's safe with you  
If tears could build a stairway made from all the pain*

*I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring her back again*

*Lord, please take care of her and I hope that she will see that she was such a special person and a special sister to me*

Loved and missed every day Evelyn, Kevin, Edel, Noirín and Caoimhe xx

*Every day in some small way  
Memories of you come our way  
Though absent you are always dear.*

Love Padraig, Claire, Charlie, and Aoife

**Anniversary Mass in Saint Mary's Church Fanavolt, Fanad on Saturday 3rd August at 10am.**



**Boyle**  
**Brian**  
**Castledoe, Creeslough**  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of Brian who died on the 26th July 2018

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

Lovingly Remembered and sadly missed by your wife Pauline, children Charlie, John, Anne, Colette, Sheila, Pauline and Bernie, their partners, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



**Grier**

**Ivan**  
**Hillcrest, Ramelton**  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grand father Ivan who died on 27th July 2019.

*Remembering you is easy  
We do it every day  
But missing you is a heartache  
That never goes away.*

Loved and sadly missed by your son Alastair, daughter-in-law Monica and grandchildren Catherine, Adam and Andrew.

**Memoriam Cards**



Contact  
**Tirconaill Tribune**  
**074 91 53600**

**Acknowledgement**

**Sheridan**  
**Sandra**



Dolores Sheridan would like to thank her family and friends for their support during the recent loss of her sister Sandra. Special thanks to the staff of Letterkenny University Hospital and Ramelton Community Hospital, Fr. Martin Collum, and Rathmullan Choir.

**Month Mind Mass will take place on Saturday 27th July in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan at 7.00pm.**



**McFadden**

**Andrew**  
**Grey Rocks, Milford**  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband who died on 29th July 2020.

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come with me"*

*With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by his wife Dolores and family.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 27th July at 7.30pm.**

**Planning Notice**

**Donegal County Council**  
**33 Glencar Park, Letterkenny**

I, Philomena Conaghan am applying to Donegal County Council for



**McDonnell**

**Bernadette**  
**Tullagh, Carrigart**  
13th Anniversary

In loving memory of Bernadette who died on 24th July 2011.

*We never ask for miracles but today just one would do  
To have the hall door open wide and see you walking through  
To hold your hand to see you smile  
To sit and talk with you a while  
How much you are missed about the house no one could ever tell  
But you seem to come back now and then, to check that all is well  
We know you walk beside us and when our lives are through  
We pray that God will take us by the hand and lead us straight to you.*

Remembered with love by your family, neighbours and friends.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 27th July at 6.00pm.**

permission for the following: (1) erection of extension and alterations to dwelling (2) erection of detached domestic store with associated site works at 33 Glencar Park, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the town 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 at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, during it's public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the appli-



**Connor**

**Nora**  
**Tamney, Fanad**  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister, sister-in-law and aunt who died on 29th July 2023.

*Although we smile and make no fuss  
No one misses you more than us  
Gone are the days we used to share  
But in our thoughts we are always there  
Deep in our hearts your memories are kept  
To love and to cherish and never forget  
In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain  
In God's own time we'll meet again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your sisters Margaret, Mary, Catherine, brothers Artie, Jim, Patrick, sisters-in-law Bridie and Margaret, brothers-in-law John and Michael and all your nieces and nephews.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Friday 26th July at 7pm.**



**Sweeney**

**Sandra**  
**The Mall, Ramelton**  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister and auntie who died on the 28th July 2021.

*Those cheerful smiles that heart of gold  
The dearest voice the world could hold  
A beautiful soul in a garden of rest  
It's true to say God chooses the best.*

Always loved and remembered by Marie and John

*A silent thought a little prayer for someone special in God's care*

Always loved and remembered by Dermot.

*Memories are the loveliest things they last from day to day they can't get lost, they don't wear out and can't be given away.*

Always loved and remembered by Annette, Shirley, Ciaran, Marty, Ollie, Sean, Dara, Katie and Ben.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Sunday 28th July 2024 at 11.00am.**

ation may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application

**Husband's charity cycle with dialysis machine in tow**

An epic five day fundraising challenge inspired by a Falcarragh woman will see her husband cycle over 200km while towing a kidney dialysis machine across Ireland. Next Wednesday, July 31st, Peter Conboy from Ballygar, Galway will embark on a charity 'Cycle of Life' across the country, starting from Temple Street Children's Hospital in Dublin, where his Donegal wife was a patient more than two decades before. His journey will end at the National Commemorative Garden for organ donors in Salthill, Galway on August 4th. Peter's efforts stems from the past experience of chronic kidney disease by his wife Elizabeth 'Liz' Ferry, a native of Falcarragh. Diagnosed at thirteen, she became a patient at Temple Street Children's Hospital, and she endured peritoneal dialysis at home for six nights a week, for eleven hours at a time, until a donor kidney became available less than a year later. She underwent her life-changing kidney transplant at Beaumont Hospital in May 2002. Unlike other long-distance charity rides, the Galway native will tow a dialysis machine symbolising the journey of patients on dialysis towards the hope of a life-saving transplant. Peter explained, "This was the first chapter in a new life for Liz, enabling her to complete her college degree, travel the world, marry me, and enjoy life to the full. None of this would have been possible without the selfless decision made by her donor's family. We are eternally grateful." He added "I'd love for people to come out to meet me in the towns I stop in along the way, or give me a wave if they see me, but most of all



I hope I will remind people to support the work of the Irish Kidney Association and also to share their wishes about organ donation. I encourage everyone to carry a donor card, note their consent on your driving licence with code 115, or set up the organ donor app on your phone." Falcarragh's Liz: "As a young teenager, facing an uncertain future with chronic renal disease

was incredibly tough. My confidence was shaken, and I often wondered what my future would hold. The gift of a donor's kidney gave me a future that most people take for granted. It allowed me to meet the love of my life and share a wonderful life with Peter." To donate please visit [www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/cycleoflife](http://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/cycleoflife)

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# Creeslough

## Patrick McIntyre Walk

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

## Croagh Patrick Climb

The family of the late Maggie Sweeney (Nee McDermott) will climb Croagh Patrick on Saturday 10th August in aid of the Donegal Hospice & Oncology Unit Letterkenny General Hospital. As a way of celebrating her life, and in thanksgiving for the care received during her short illness. Donations greatly appreciated to any family member or at Josephine's Hair Fashions contact 074-9136246.

## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday evening last. The numbers drawn were: 2,8,12,15,17,19.

The match 5 winner was Deirdre Rodden who bought her ticket online and won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €3150.

## Prayer Group

The St Padre Pio Prayer meeting will take place in Ards Friary this Thursday evening July 25th. Rosary at 7.10p.m. followed by Mass at 7.30p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Visit of Youth Choir

Visiting St. Michael's Church at the weekend were members of Aontas Youth Choir from St. Patrick's Parish in Lucan, Dublin. Under their leader, Adam,



Members of Creeslough Crafters who donated to Creeslough First Responders, Dunfanaghy Youths F.C., Blood Bikes North West and Creeslough Day Centre with the proceeds from their recent Craft Sale. A big thank you to all who supported and donated to it. A donation was also made to Day Centre from Muckish Drama Circle.

they sang beautifully at the Saturday evening Mass and again at the 11a.m. Mass on Sunday. They have taken part in many major events including RTE Masses, the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock, the Pro Cathedral, Dublin, the Mansion House and they had Christmas Music and Carols in St. Patrick's Church Lucan last Christmas. Father John Joe thanked them for coming and wished them well. After the end of Mass they entertained the congregation with two Donegal songs which were very well received - This is my Homeland and Destination Donegal presented beautifully. Thanks to Adam and his Choir.

**Gaeltacht Mary**  
Creeslough Community Association hosted an event in the Hub on Friday last to honour and celebrate the achievements of local Creeslough women through the years from Bridie Gallagher and Kay McNulty to current local business owners, entrepreneurs, sportswomen and more. They hosted local

lady Leah McDaid, the 2024 Gaeltacht Mary for the Mary from Dungloe Festival. An enjoyable social event with refreshments and music supplied by Scoil Naisiunta Glasain. Best of Luck to Leah.

## Day of Prayer

The Relics of St Philomena are returning to Emmanuel House Clonfert, Co. Galway. Bus leaving Letterkenny Wednesday 7th August at 7am sharp. Day of Prayer consists of Holy Mass and Confession, Blessing with 1st Class Relic of St Philomena Virgin, Martyr and Wonder Worker. Contact Sarah 086 8856254. Please bring a packed lunch (Tea is provided).

## Cursillo

faith in their everyday lives, bringing the love and hope of Jesus into ordinary events. The joy of the Good News that God loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done, is central to the Cursillo weekend. It is expressed through talks, discussions, prayer, laughter and friendship. The next weekends will be held in Ards Friary in Creeslough under the direction of Fr Laurence Kettle, the men's weekend from Thursday Oct 24th to Sunday the 27th and the women's weekend from the Oct 31st to Nov 3rd. If you would like more information or to book a place on a weekend please contact Martina on 0873749024 or Pat on 0879374001.

**Community Association News**  
Fused Glass Workshop: (Ages 5-12) 10am-11.30am / (Ages 13-18) 11.45am - 1.15pm. August 6th. Kids Musical Instrument Making Workshop: (Ages 12-18) 10am - 1pm August 14th - 16th.

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

**Ards Friary Shop**  
Opening Times : Monday - Saturday 12 noon until 5p.m. Sundays: 12 noon until 7p.m. Closed during evening Mass from 5.30 p.m. until 6.15p.m. The newly renovated Coffee Dock is open.

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



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## Niamh Corcroan says Thank You

Local girl Niamh Corcoran from Kill in Dunfanaghy was part of a group of nursing student who travelled to Uganda from ATU St. Angelas recently. As part of their trip they brought much needed supplies for the BKU orphanage and school, Noah's Ark and the community clinics. As part of their trip they had a number of fundraisers

including a 5K and Niamh is very grateful for all donations received saying "thank you to everyone who generously donated towards our cause of supporting children with disabilities and those in orphanages in Uganda. Your contributions have made a significant impact, enabling us to provide essential medical supplies, new mattresses, and shoes for the children. Additionally, your support has allowed us to make crucial improvements to the nursing clinic, ensuring better care for those in need. Your kindness and generosity have truly made a difference in the lives of these children".



Niamh (pictured centre) with other nurse students during her trip to Uganda.



## St. Michael's Ladies Celebrate 50 Years of LGFA

Celebrating 50 years of the LGFA with an amazing day at the Centre of Excellence in Convo! The St. Michael's U12s rocked the field with 6 challenging games, showing off their incredible skills and team spirit. Huge shoutout to the coaches, parents, players, and everyone who made this day unforgettable.

As the LGFA celebrated 50 years today, the newly formed St Michael's Mother and Others made the short journey to Glenswilly for their first day out as a team, and they didn't disappoint.

12 teams from all over the North West played some great football, with St. Michael's facing Sean Dolan's from Derry, St. Eunan's in Letterkenny,

and St Mary's from Convo. The ladies from St Michael's played three fantastic games with each team member giving 110%.

A big shoutout to Glenswilly for being fantastic hosts and to Wilkin's in Churchill for the BBQ and DJ set afterwards.

Overall, it was a great day filled with fun and some amazing football by all teams—especially our own!

It's all about having fun, getting some exercise, and taking a break from it all for an hour every week.

New players are always welcome! Join us at 8 pm on Wednesday evenings at the Bridge. Don't worry about fitness level or football experience.

**Pictured right** - are the St Michael's Mother and Others team who took part in the Blitz in Glenswilly GAA grounds on Sunday last.

**Pictured below** - are St. Michael's GAA girls teams who took part in the LGFA Celebrations at the Centre of Excellence in Convo



## Cloughaneely

### Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Band lotto last week and the numbers were 2-4-9-11-12-17. Sean Crossan, Co. Derry wo €100. This week's jackpot will be €7,900.

### Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations Sheila Sweeney, Portnablagh who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1006.

Soccer camp starting next week. For more information contact us on 0749165750 or email ionadnf@gmail.com.

### Falcarragh Summer Cup

The Falcarragh Summer Cup in memory of Joe Kelly and John Harley was held last weekend. The annual event is organised by the Falcarragh Celtic Supporters Club and the funds raised this year were in aid of Gortahork National School and St. Finian's School Falcarragh.

The committee are very grateful for all the sponsors and all who contributed to a very successful tournament and also all who participated. It was a great weekend and all enjoyed the weekend's events. Also go fund me page will be open for another while and raffle will take place this week.

### Tusla

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

### Pobail Le Cheile

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



Cloughaneely Golf Club's Chris McCallion who defeated Thomas McBride from Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club in the Donegal Junior Scratch Matchplay at Cloughaneely Golf Club last week.

11am-5pm, Sunday Closed.

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

### Summer Buggy Walks

Summer Buggy Walks is open to all parents, carers etc caring for babies / children. Are you looking for ways to stay connected and keep healthy over the summer then this event could be for you, take a stroll around town or Parkrun and then go for tea / coffee at the tSean Bheairic in their library area. The group meet at the car park beside the Little Free Library (behind the Strand Bar) 10am on July 25th. Call 086 455 7519 for more info.

### Youth Activities

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

### Artspace

Dunlewey artist Ian Gordon will be one of our Summer Exhibition artists. Originally from London, Ian has lived in the Gaeltacht for many years and his work has been exhibited all over the world. Our Summer Exhibition artists are Ian Fleming, Ian Gordon, Teresa Jordan, Fran Boyle, Frances McKenna, Ann Walsh and Mairead Harking McGee. Come join us on Friday 26th July between 7-9pm for the exhibition launch. Meet the artists and view their works.

### Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach

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

### Dates for your Diary

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

### Thursday Café

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

## Lift Required

Lift required for secondary school student from Dunfanaghy / Creeslough to / from Milford during the School Term 2024/2025. Willing to share expenses.

Please leave your contact details at PO Box No 034 or tribune15@gmail.com and reference this box number. Replies before 12th July 2024.



The St. Michael's Under 10 Boys who took part in the Joe Carlin Competition last weekend.



A car which left the road at Faugher in Portnablagh on Sunday evening.

## Hundreds of Council services to make online leap

Every local authority in Ireland will have 90% of their services available online by 2030 under a multi-million euro transformation of local Government online services.

The Local Government Digital & ICT Strategy 2030, launched on Thursday July 18th, by Minister of State for Local Government and Planning, Alan Dillon, will radically change how the public interacts with county and city councils.

The plan also aims to roll out national online local Government services – meaning planning applications, licences, permits, payments, community grants and motor tax will be available at the touch of a button and accessible via mobile phones. The strategy aims to give councils the facility to implement new technological initiatives

which to date may not exist in all authorities.

That includes information about community facilities such as location, opening hours and events in parks, recreation centres, pitches, playgrounds and trails. Another facility which is set for full rollout across the country is the extension of early warning alerts - currently available in some councils - for flooding, health alerts such as e-coli warnings, as well as information from pollution and water quality sensors.

A key aim is also to reclaim the countless hours council staff spend on paperwork over the course of their working week, resulting in improved in-person access to the local authority services for those who do not want to take the digital option.

# Dunfanaghy August Fair Week

The annual August Fair Festival Week will get underway on Monday the 29th July and there are a number of events leading up to the annual Fair Day on Monday 5th August.

Monday is the annual Beetle Drive in the Parish Hall, Hornhead Road at 7pm. Tuesday the 30th July sees the August Fair Table Quiz taking place in Arnolds Hotel at 9pm and everyone is welcome.

Thursday 1st August there is a Car Treasure Hunt leaving the Parish Hall at 7pm. Saturday the 3rd August the Crufts Dog Show will take place on the Green opposite Arnolds Hotel. The registration is from 2.30pm and this is always a very popular event.

On Sunday 4th August the annual Service in Clondehorkey Cemetery at Kill at 4pm.

Bank Holiday Monday will feature the Dunfanaghy August Fair Day at the Parish Grounds on the Hornhead Road from 12midday until 4pm. This is always a very popular event and events on the day will include various stalls including Jewellery and China, Craft Stalls, Kids Fancy Dress, Burger Stall and Home Baking. The Auction will start at 2pm and there will be much more on the day with free entry to the Fair.

**Sympathy**

Sympathy is extended to Shaun and Michelle Murphy and family, Horn Head Road, Dunfanaghy on the death of Claire's father Sean Hegarty, Woodtown, Ramelton recently.

**Croagh Patrick Climb**

The family of the late Maggie Sweeney (Nee McDermott) will climb Croagh Patrick on Saturday 10th August in aid of the Donegal Hospice & Oncology Unit Letterkenny General Hospital. As a way of celebrating her life, and in thanking for the care received during her short illness. Donations greatly appreciated to any family member or @ Josephine's Hair Fashions contact 0749136246.

**RNLI/Irish Lifeboats**

The annual Collection in aid of the RNLI/Irish Lifeboats will take place in the Dunfanaghy area on Friday and Saturday the 2nd and 3rd of August and all donations will be greatly accepted for this worthy cause which this year is celebrating its 200th Anniversary. All proceeds raised will go towards the Downings and Carrigart Branch of the RNLI which covers this area and supports the work of the Lough Swilly Lifeboat Station.

**Mollys Pop-Up Market**

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

**Dunfanaghy Summer Kids Club**

The Olympics are coming to Dunfanaghy from the 7th to the 11th of August from 10am until 12.30am each day. There will be sports, games, crafts and bible studies and much more. Come along and enjoy the fun in Holy Trinity Hall. Sign up at Dunfanaghy and Carrigart Bible Club on Facebook.

**Mass in Doe**

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

**Dunfanaghy FRC**

Dunfanaghy FRC Quiz Nights in Arnolds Hotel on Tuesday evenings at 9.30pm for July & August in aid of supporting, improving & enriching the lives of Children, Families & individuals in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas. Note the quiz on Tuesday 30th July will be in aid of Dunfanaghy August Fair.

**Quiz Nights**

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

**St. Michael's Mini Lotto**

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday evening last. The numbers drawn were: 2,8,12,15,17,19. The Match 5 winner was Deirdre Rodden who bought her ticket online and won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €3150.

**50/50**

Congratulations to John McLaughlin, Magheraroarty, Cresslough who won €300 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

**Prayer Meeting**

Cenacolo Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday after 7p.m. Mass in the Oratory in Holy Cross Church from 7.30-8p.m. Cenacolo is a gathering of people before



the Blessed Sacrament to pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten and heal, especially those suffering from addiction.

**The Workhouse**

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

**Wellness Café**

Wellness Café will take place on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 10.30am - 12noon at The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy.

**Gardening Workshops**

Gardening Workshop Series will be hosted by the Dunfanaghy Family Resource on the following dates - July 29th - Know Your Limits: Understanding Habitats and Plant Characteristics; August 12th - Setting Goals for your Garden: Exploring Purpose and Vision; September 2nd - Making a Plan: Practical Methods for Drawing, Documenting, and Design; September 16th - Gardening for Nature in Northwest Donegal

Life On The Coast on Mondays from 2pm-4pm - 29th July The ocean and shoreline Presented by The Sea Collective; 12th August Coastal bird life Presented by Birdwatch Ireland; 19th August The herbs and flowers of the Machair presented by LIFE on Machair and Margaret Chití Ní Bhaoil. Booking essential - Limited numbers per workshop. Contact Dunfanaghy Family Resource on 0749136548 for payment and meeting point. Full program €25 or €5 per week.

Scenes from the Wee Hannah Day at Dunfanaghy Workhouse on Saturday last which featured a Blessing of Wee Hannah's Grave by Rev. David Skuce and Brother Lawrence OFM Ards Friary. Also pictured is the refurbished Famine Graveyard Memorial and a group enjoying a lecture by local historian Kerry Meehan and Brother Lawrence, Rev. David Skuce and Cary Meehan.



Pictured are groups who supported the recent Bake Sale on the Green in Dunfanaghy in aid of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and Holy Trinity Church.



# GAA Club News

## Glenswilly

### Club Development Draw

The Club have launched our Club Development Draw and be in with a chance to win fantastic Cash Prizes from our €50,000 Prize fund.

### Minor Board

The U9s travelled to Four Masters on Saturday. The boys played some brilliant football in tough conditions.

The U12 Division 3 team travel to

Downings on Friday at 7pm.

The U16 boys are in action on Friday 26th July against St Eunan's at 7.30pm in Glenswilly.

### Ladies Board

The u14 girls have secured a league Quarter Final place. Time and venue TBC.

### Mothers and Others

Our Mothers and Others hosted a very successful blitz on Sunday where 16

teams took part. It was a great day and enjoyed by everyone. Well done to Jackie McAteer for organizing this event.

### Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

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

**Bingo and 50/50**

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start. There was no draw last week as the bingo was cancelled due to a local bereavement.

## St. Michael's

### Senior Championship

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

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner on Monday. The numbers drawn were: 2,8,12,15,17,19. The Match 5 Winner was Deirdre Rodden who bought her ticket online and won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €3150.

### North West Coastal Challenge

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

### 50 Years of LGFA

Celebrating 50 years of the LGFA at the Centre of Excellence in Convoy our U12s rocked the field with 6 challenging games. The Gaelic for Mothers and Others travelled to Glenswilly to take part in the 50th Anniversary Celebrations there.

### Match Report U14 Girls

Congratulations to the U14 girls on their impressive victory away to Gaoh Dobhair. Despite trailing by three points at half-time, the team delivered a stellar second-half performance, ultimately securing an eight-point win.

Gaoh Dobhair led by three points at the break, but the Naomh Micheál girls came out with renewed energy and determination in the second half. Their outstanding effort saw them dominate the remainder of the match, resulting in a well-deserved victory.

This excellent team performance by all 19 players has ensured Naomh Micheál finishes top of their group, securing a home quarter-final.

### Under 10 Boys

Congratulations to the U10 team for their performance in The Joe Carlin Tournament.

**Save the date - Sunday 4th of August**  
St Michael's Minor and LGFA Family Fun Day 2-5pm.

### Result

All County Under 16 League Division 3

St. Michael's 7-8 Burt 2-9.

### Fixtures

Fri 26th U12 D1 Away v Merville

Monday 29th

Minor boys Away v Burt 7.30pm

U14 girls quarter final on Saturday opponents and venue to be confirmed.

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

### Lotto

The numbers drawn were 5,9,11,13,14,16. We had 2 match 5s. Congratulations to Rosaleen Curran and PJ Curran who win €50 each. The jackpot is now €7,300.

Sraith Faoi 14 an Chontae - Roinn 1 Scór Lán Ama CCF: 1-8 An Clochán Liath: 3-9

### Londain

London had no joy in Croke Park on Sunday week in the All Ireland Junior Final. A man of Cloughaneely descent, Aidan McGarvey lined out in the full forward line for London on the day. He is the son of Cormac and Breda McGarvey.

Sraith Faoi 14 an Chontae - Roinn 1 CCF: 2-5 An Clochán Liath: 1-8

### Buíochas

We would like to thank Pauline Smyth, Louise Sharkey, Donal Cur-

ran and Kevin Scanlon who were out selling lotto tickets last night.

### Relegation Play Off

Congratulations to the lads and management on retaining their Division 2 status after a tight encounter with Naomh Bríd.

## Letterkenny Gaels

**Annual Champagne Golf Scramble**  
Last Friday, Letterkenny Golf Club hosted the Club for their annual Champagne Golf Scramble. The event, organised by Tom McDonagh was another successful and enjoyable fundraiser for the Glebe based Club. Over 30 teams took part in what is now an annual fixture for both clubs. The sponsor for the event was Arena 7 and the tees were sponsored by numerous local businesses.

The results were :-

Winners: Michael Collum, Kieran Sweeney, Kevin Roche and Declan Burke on 97 points, second place on 96 points were John, Elaine, Jonathan Russell and Brian O'Donnell and in third place were; Ciaran Moore, Liam McAlary, Eoin O'Donnell and Ryan Canning. Anthony Delap, Marian O'Sullivan, Celine Bradley, Mena Delap were the best mixed team on 92pts while Deirdre McCarron, Mary Fowley, Mary McNulty and Siobhan Grant were the best Ladies team on 94pts. Nearest to pin was Niall Haran, Longest Drive was Michael Collum while Ladies Nearest to pin was Deirdre O'Toole and the Longest Ladies Drive was Celine Bradley.

### Winners were;

Kieran Sweeney, Declan Burke, Michael Collum and Kevin Roche John, Elaine, Jonathan Russell and Brian O'Donnell in 2nd with 96points

3rd place; Liam McAlary Ryan Canning, Ciaran Moore, Liam McAlary and Eoin O'Donnell Ladies team winners; Deirdre McCarron, Mary Fowley, Mary McNulty and Siobhan Grant

Mixed team winners; Anthony Delap, Marian O'Sullivan, Celine Bradley, Mena Delap

## Baile na nGalloglach

**Lotto: 16/7/24**

2-21-27-28. Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel.

No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Maeve Gallagher, Cinema House, Milford.

LOTTO ROTA: Sat 27th July: Maple, Milford: U12 Boys.

### LGFA 50th Celebrations

What a fantastic way to celebrate 50 years of the LGFA, than sharing the pitches at the Donegal GAA Centre with clubs from all over the county. Despite the initial rain, our u8 and u10 girls kept their spirits high on and off the pitch. They were a credit to themselves, our club, and their families. Huge thanks to all the coaches and all the families that came out and supported. Thanks to Donegal LGFA, all the volunteers, and Cloughaneely Marching Band, who made the day so enjoyable. Ladies football is safe in Donegal, with all the talented girls that took to the pitches.

### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

#### Senior Men

Focus now shifts to the Intermediate Championship where we have been drawn against Fanad Gaels (away) on Saturday 10th August - throw-in at 5.30pm for Reserves and Seniors at 7pm.

They then host Letterkenny Gaels (home) on Saturday 17th August - throw-in at 5.30pm for Reserves and Seniors at 7pm, then we play Bun-crana (away) and Na Rossa (home).

#### U14 Girls

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

#### U12 Boys



The Milford U8 and U10 girls enjoying the LGFA 50th Celebrations in Convoy Centre of Excellence

# Termon back in the top flight

Termon took the chance in some style to return to top flight football next season when they defeated Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon in a promotion/relegation play-off on Sunday at Davy Brennan Memorial Park, Glenties. Caolan McDaid's men won on a score of 2-15 to 1-11 against the Division 1 team. Termon had given themselves that opportunity to secure promotion to Division 1 after an easy win over St Naul's in Mounthcharles the previous weekend.

That result meant that the Burn Road outfit finished third in Division 2. Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon had finished third from bottom of Division 1. The Ballyshannon outfit had ended up on the same points as Naomh Columba but finished above them having won the head-to-head game. Four Masters won the Division 2 league final at the weekend and have been promoted along with Bun-crana. Red Hughs and Na Rossa are the two teams that will be going to Division 3 football next season.

Daire McDaid's first half penalty helped the Burn Road side to a three point lead at half-time with James McSharry netting the second half goal. So after three years in the top flight Aodh Ruadh are relegated to Division 2 for next season. Enda McCormick Patrick Fegan, Jack Alcorn and Jamie Grant were among the first half point scorers for Termon

David Dolan got a goal for the Ballyshannon outfit and Diarmaid McInerney put them ahead for the first time but Termon got back on top again when a foul on Daire McDaid led to a penalty which he converted. The Burn Road men led 1-8 to 1-5 going into the second half. Ryan McFadden, McCormick and McDaid tagged on points before McSharry got the decisive second goal. Grant, Cormac Gallagher and Cian McMenamin also raised white flags in the closing stages. Aodh

Ruadh did keep the score board ticking over but were always playing catch-up.

Termon - Emmett Maguire; Cormac Gallagher 0-1, Ricky Gallagher, Cormac Brady; Patrick Fegan 0-2, Jamie Grant 0-3, James McSharry 1-0; Bobby McGettigan, Ryan McFadden 0-3; Cian McMenamin 0-1, Steve McElwaine, Evan Coleman; Enda McCormick, Daire McDaid 1-3, Jack Alcorn 0-2. Subs used: John James Sweeney, Kevin McGettigan, Caolan Gallagher, Anthony Grant



Termon defender Shane Callaghan with Geraldine McLaughlin and their son Seán.



Termon captain Paul Mallon with the Div 2B league trophy flanked by the County Board's Frankie Doherty and Francie Marley from sponsors Marley Travel.



The An Tearnainn reserve team who won the Division 2 B League Final on Saturday after a 1-8 to 0-9 victory over Four Masters at MacCumhail Park.

# GAA Club News

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Our U12 boys host Glenfin on Monday 29th of July with a throw-in time of 6.30pm.

## Minor Girls

Our Minor girls travelled to Malin on Tuesday last with a depleted team and were very competitive for most of the game but 2 players unfortunately got injured and Malin pulled away in the second half. They now host Robert Emmets this week. We wish Leona and Emma a speedy recovery.

## Club Golf Classic

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

Please Contact

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## Naomh Adhamhnáin

### Senior Men

Saturday, August 10th – Senior Football Championship Round 1.

Senior B Championship - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Kilcar 3pm in O'Donnell Park.

Senior Championship - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Kilcar 4.30pm in O'Donnell Park.

Sunday, August 18th – Senior Football Championship Round 2.

Senior B Championship - Naomh Conaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin 3pm in Davy Brennan Memorial Park.

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

Rounds 3 and Round 4 draws will take place in August/September.

### Minor Board:

#### U18 Upcoming fixtures:

Monday July 29th All County U18 Division 1 – Naomh Conaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin 7.30pm in Davy Brennan Memorial Park.

Monday July 29th All County U18 Division 4 – Naomh Adhamhnáin v Convoy 7.30pm in O'Donnell Park.

### U16 Results:

Monday July 22nd All County U16 Division 1 -

Nh Adhamhnáin 3-12 : 2-10 Sean Mac Cumhaill

### Upcoming fixtures:

Friday July 26th All County U16 Division 1 - Gleann tSuili v Naomh Adhamhnáin 7.30pm in Glenswilly.

### Hurling

#### Upcoming Fixtures:

Saturday, July 27th - Senior Championship Group B - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Sean Mac Cumhaill 7.30pm in O'Donnell Park.

### Contact

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

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results 21/07/2024

Numbers: 4, 12, 16, 23, 24. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Barney Friel. This week's Jackpot: €1,650.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Céadaoin, 24ú Iúil

Cailíní Faoi 12 Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Micheál @ 6:45

### Comhghairdeas Siobhan & Francis

Gaeil Fhánada would like to extend our congratulations to club referee, coach and former player, Siobhan Coyle and Francis Kelly on their marriage on Friday.

### 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. Fáilte roimh achan duine!

### LGFA Festival of Football

Our U8 and U12 girls had a fantastic day at the LGFA Festival of Football and Traditional Sports Day at the Centre of Excellence Convoy. The girls displayed some great football and enjoyed a fun filled day.

### Under 6's

The final session in Block 1 of 2024 for our U6's took place on Sunday. Thanks to the coaches for their work with this group, and of course to the children and their parents and guardians for coming along this past six weeks. There will be another block later in the summer.

# Ray Community Centre news

## Garden Fete in Glenalla

The Glenalla Annual Garden Fete will be held this Saturday the 27th of July at Franklin's Estate. The fun begins at 12.30pm and runs to 4pm with all the usual stalls including White elephant, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Hampers, Teas, Books, Toys and much more.

Everyone is welcome to come along to Glenalla House enjoy a walk around the gardens and enjoy the fete and all proceeds are in aid of St. Colmkille Church, Glenalla.

## 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.

## Morning Bootcamp Class

Classes continue for July on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 6.15am to 7am and will be taking a break for August. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

## Daytime Exercise Class

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

## Mixed Circuit Classes

Classes continue Monday and Wednesday evenings throughout the summer from 7-8pm with Amanda. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

## Socialise with Exercise

Socialise with exercise for the older adults in our community continues in July and August on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am to 12 o'clock. New members are always welcome.

## Couch to 5K

New 8 week couch to 5K starting on 30th July on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8pm and Sunday morning 9.30am. Cost €50 per adult and €20 per child.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Christopher Begley who was

successful in a national sheep shearing competition both in the junior and intermediate classes.

## Take YourPick

Congratulations to Mary Hegarty, Eunan Gormley and Teresa Gordon who all won €20 each in this weeks Take Your Pick. Jackpot was in number 25.

## Information for Ray notes

If you have anything that you would like included in the Ray Community Centre notes please contact Fiona on 0872514790 with the details.

## Ray Community Group Contact Details

Syria 087 2877900 / Ray community centre fb/ email info@raycommunitygroup.com

# Mevagh Family Resource Centre News

Áras Ros Goill, Downings

Call: 074 9155055 or text 087 9228944

Email: info@mevaghfrc.com.

Check out our Facebook Page – Mevagh FRC or Website – www.mevaghfrc.com

**Downings Wellness Café** – continues on Wednesday 31st July from 10:30am to 12:00pm in The Galley, Downings. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

**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

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

## 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 to book your place. Tel: 0851569424 or Email: risehealthhub@gmail.com

**Paint Me Glaze Me Pottery Studio** – held in Mevagh FRC, Monday to Friday at 11am – 3pm, throughout July & August. Paint your own pottery and t-shirts. Choose from a selection of pre-made ceramic figures, mugs and t-shirts to paint in your own unique way. Facebook: 'Paint me Glaze me Pottery Studio Downings'. Tel: 00 44 7866510852. Walk in or book for parties of four or more.

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

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

**Fused Glass Workshop** - 13th August, Kids Workshop - Fused Glass Sun Catcher Workshop, 10-11.30am €30 –

12 Spaces. Adults workshop Fused Glass Flower Pot Stakes Workshop – Tuesday 13th August – 12 – 2pm, €50 – 16 Spaces. Bookings - https://michellebradystudio.com/fused-glass-workshops/ contact Michelle for more details, DM, Text or Call 07870366080

# Cloughaneely Golf Club

Congratulations to Michael McClafferty from the Strand Road bar & Kitchen on winning Mr. Vincent Collum's 2024 Captain's Prize. A fantastic 21pts in the play-off sealed the win. That's back to back Captain's Prize Wins in 2023 & 2024 a fantastic achievement. Comhghairdeas agus maith thú.

Captain's Prize Results; 1st Michael McClafferty (23) 58pts BOT. 2nd Martin Terry (16) 58pts. Gross Brian Geaney (9) 44 gross pts. 3rd Stephen McCafferty (17) 54pts BOT. 4th Caolán Collum (16) 54pts BOT. 5th Seán Ó Gallchóir (7) 53pts. 6th Chris McCallion (8) 50pts. Best 18

Joe Post Office McGarvey 36pts. Student/Junior: Conor Gallagher. Distance Prize: JB McCallion 37pts. Long Drive J.B McCallion. Nearest the Pin 7th Dennis Sale. Nearest the Pin 11th Chris McCallion. Nearest the Pin 16th Seán Ó Gallchóir.

Ladies Competition Results; 1st Roisín McGee (31) 38pts. 2nd Megan McGarvey (32) 37pts BOT. 3rd Frances McGeever (57) 37pts BOT. 4th Anne Collum (38) 37pts. Front 9 Kathleen Rodgers 21pts. Back 9 Chriss Cannon 18pts. Longest Drive: Megan McGarvey. Nearest the Pin: Noírin O Grady.

Wednesday 17th July Shoot-Out;

1st Francis Boyle. 2nd Caolan Col- lum. 3rd Seamus McGee.

Friday 19th July 9 Hole Scramble; 1st Martin Giles, Shaun McGarvey, Patsy McVicar and Micheal McHugh on -3. 2nd Gerry Doohan, Paul Gallagher, Seamus McGee and Frank Honan on -1.

Club Captain Vincent would like to thank everyone that played in and supported his 2024 Captain's Prize. He would also like to thank everyone that helped with the food, clubhouse, marquee, chairs, golf course and other things over the weekend. A special thanks to Caolán for all his work over the past week

with purchasing & arranging Open Week Prizes and Captain's Prizes a lot of work involved in those competitions.

The Club would also like to thank Vincent, Anne, Seán, Caolán and the Collum/McGarvey families for their help over the weekend.

We had two inter-club teams in action last Sunday at home. Our Donegal League won 5-0 (20+ holes up). Our Minor League won 5-0 (18 holes up). Both return matches this weekend away in Redcastle GC. The 9 Hole competitions continue every Tuesday and Friday please book on clubnet.



Vincent Collum with Winner Michael McClafferty



Vincent Collum with Ladies Winner Roisin McGee



Vincent Collum with Megan McGarvey

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**August Sales**  
Wed 7th Aug - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am  
Wed 14th Aug - **Cattle Sale** 12noon  
Wed 19th Aug - **Hogg Show & Sale** 7pm  
Wed 21st Aug - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am  
Wed 28th Aug - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

**Wool Collection**  
at Milford Mart on Tuesday  
30th July from 2 until 5pm



Helping the homeless in Letterkenny ... Mary Maguire from St Colmcille's Hostel for the Homeless photographed with employees from Tata Consultancy Services based in Letterkenny. TCS staff donated essential items to the homeless hostel. The initiative highlights the power of community and local action in addressing local challenges. Colmcille Hostel, managed by St. Vincent de Paul, provides four separate units for single homeless people and six units for homeless families.

**Carrs of the Diamond Ballyare**

Tel. 074 91 52388

**Ballyare 10k Events**  
Friday 26th July  
**Car Treasure Hunt**  
starting at 6.30pm from Carr's of the Diamond

Sunday 28th July  
**Afternoon Tea**  
4.00pm at Carr's of the Diamond after Tully Graveyard Mass

All proceeds will go to MS Donegal Branch and Donegal Down Syndrome Association.

## Psychiatric Nurses defer industrial action

A day of industrial action planned by the Psychiatric Nurses Association for this week has been deferred following a request from the Workplace Relations Commission. It comes after the HSE circulated a new Pay and Numbers strategy last week. PNA General Secretary Peter Hughes said the management side were unable

to clarify issues with regard to the impact of the new strategy on mental health. The management side also sought time to review and respond to the issues raised by the PNA regarding the impact of the recruitment embargo on services, governance issues and the lifting of the exemptions on the recruitment of graduate

nurses in some services. At the end of last month psychiatric nurses served notice of industrial action on the HSE in a dispute over staff shortages across the country's mental health services and hospitals. Due to the new document only being circulated recently the WRC requested the PNA to defer

their action to allow for further engagement under their auspices. The PNA Officer Board met in relation to the matter and agreed to defer the industrial action which has been scheduled for Thursday 18th of July. The PNA will reconvene in the WRC on the this Thursday the 25th of July. The Officer Board will meet the following day to review the outcome of the WRC and also consider commencing industrial action the following week. In a ballot conducted last month 96% of 6,000 Psychiatric Nurses' Association members who voted backed the proposal for industrial action up to and including strike. At the time Peter Hughes, said the large vote in favour demonstrated the scale of the membership's frustration over existing staffing levels. He pointed out that

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## Donegal Ambulance crews update sought

| Location            |        | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat     | Sun     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|---------|---------|
| Carndonagh          | Days   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
|                     | Nights | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
| Letterkenny         | Days   | 4   | 3    | 3   | 3    | 4   | 4       | 4       |
|                     | Nights | 2   | 2    | 2   | 2    | 2   | 2       | 2       |
| Dungloe             | Days   | 2   | 2    | 2   | 2    | 2   | 2       | 2       |
|                     | Nights | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
| Killybegs           | Days   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
|                     | Nights | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
| Stranorlar          | Days   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
|                     | Nights | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
| Donegal Town        | Days   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
|                     | Nights | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
| Ballyshannon        | Days   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
|                     | Nights | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
| Buncrana            | Days   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
|                     | Nights | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1       | 1       |
| Pathfinder          | Days   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1   | AP only | AP only |
| Community Paramedic | Days   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1    | 0   | 1       | 1       |

New figures from the HSE show the majority of ambulance bases around the county have one ambulance crew available at any one time over a 24 hour period. Letterkenny and Dungloe are the only two ambulance bases with more than one crew on duty at any given time, where Letterkenny can have between three and four crews on duty per day and two per night. Dungloe had two on duty per day and one at night. All other bases are listed as having one crew on each of the two daily shifts being covered. The figures were given at the Regional

Health Forum West recently following a question by Letterkenny area Cllr Gerry McMonagle. He asked: "Can I have a breakdown of how many Ambulances Crews are based in Donegal in any Twenty Four Hour period and where are the Crews and Ambulances based?" The response for JJ McGowan, Chief Ambulance Officer - West said: "The resources based at these locations provide 24-hour 7-day cover. The table below indicates the number of ambulances on duty at each location from Monday to Sunday over a 24-hour pe-

riod. Where a station has more than one crew i.e. Letterkenny and Dungloe the shift start times are staggered as per the below bullet points (pictured above)" He added: "Letterkenny when it has four crew start times are 7am, 8am, 10am and 11am. When it has 3 day crews start times are 7am, 8am and 10am. All nights shift are 1900 and 2000 start times. Dungloe start times are 8am and 10am with night crew commencing at 2000. Pathfinder and the Community are county based and respond to call across the county."

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## Back-to-back league titles for Glenties

Naomh Conaill were comfortable winners over Gweedore in Saturday afternoon's All County League Division 1 Final at the O'Donnell Park in Letterkenny. Martin Regan's side ended with a victory of 2-11 to 1-07. It was a seven point winning margin with the Glenties outfit 1-06 to 0-03 at the break.

## Charity football match

As part of the Fanad Festival there will be a charity football match on Saturday 3rd August at 7pm, when Manchester United Fans take on Liverpool Fans. All proceeds from the game will go to Donegal Horizons CLG. Fanad Utd player Seamie Nanny works with Donegal Horizons who provide support to adults with learning difficulties. Any players interested in playing can contact Seamie Friel.

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