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Cuts in Garda Divisions sees Milford demoted

Donegal's four Garda Divisions are being reduced to two operational locations from the Autumn. The biggest changes ever in Garda operations in the county will see services being managed in Letterkenny and Ballyshannon from the Autumn.

By John McAteer

The Inishowen Peninsula will be integrated into Letterkenny and along with the transfer of services from Milford, this will create the North Donegal Division. The rest of the county will become known as South Donegal

The Milford District Headquarters (above right) along with the Office of the Garda Superintendent will be lost to Letterkenny and this will add to a substantial reduction in administration amid fears that the local Garda Station will no longer operate on a 24 hour basis.

It is not immediately clear how many Gardai or administration staff will remain in Milford although there is a public



viewpoint that numbers cannot fall much lower than they are at present. Almost all of Milford's outlying stations are already closed and none of

them is expected to open

again. The current Milford area stretching from Fanad Head to Tory Island along with other areas of the former Glenties district will now be divided between Letterkenny and

Ballyshannon.

These changes will see the transfer of Garda operations in areas of west Donegal including Creeslough, Falcarragh, Gweedore and the Rosses and other parts of the former Glenties District going to either Letterken-

ny or Ballyshannon. The Ballybofey Garda station area will also transfer there, according to sourc-

Progress on these changes to create a new policing model stalled last August as the local and EU elections added a political dimension to the concept of policing the county's most remote locations.

However, none of these locations have moved one inch and now there will be only two Divisions to cover Donegal. This plan is seen as delivering a real body blow to the Milford area.

With the transfer of the Milford services being absorbed elsewhere. And there are no guarantees

that there will be a 24 rota of cover or Garda cars based there in the future. And those retired officers who've seen the demise and closure of the Glenties Headquarters are warning that a similar fate for Milford may not be that far away.

Meanwhile, we understand that a premises has been leased in Ramelton and is being reconfigured as a new Garda Station: however, it is only five kilometres from Milford and it seems quite unlikely there will be enough officers to operate both stations.

Community spokespersons whom we contacted this week said that some of their areas already seem too distant from Milford and transferring Garda controls to Letterkenny is a matter of real concern.

It is also not clear if these proposed changes will see a more visible presence of Gardai on patrol. The real fear is that the new plan with all its bells and whistles will leave many parishes more remote than Contd. Page 2

Diffing damages Muckish Railway car park



Damage at the newly completed car park.

A newly installed car park at the Mucksh Railway Walk near Creeslough was badly damaged last weekend by groups of car enthusiasts 'diffing'.

By Eamonn McFadden

And the actions were caught on camera and the footage is being processed by the Gardai. If you were there and misbehaving, then you can expect an interest by the Gardai.

The community project had only been constructed in recent months and had yet to be officially opened before the damage was caused. The damage to the tarmac surface and linings is estimated to cost thousands of Euros to repair. It is understood that the first incident took place on Friday evening, but there was an escalation of cars arriving on Saturday and Sunday night.

Video footage of the incidents shows high levels of anti-social driving with groups of men and women congregating to watch each other perform diffing manoeuvres, as well as recording them on video.

Gardaí are now studying the footage that has clearly captured the images of the numerous cars and individuals in the car park during the evening and night time where car headlights illuminated much of the vandalism taking place.

The surface of the car park was left badly marked with many of the parking spaces and disabled bays either damaged or destroyed.

The new facility was developed in conjunction with the railway walks along the old Letterkenny to Burtonport railway line and has been hugely popular with visitors and locals alike, particularly

on weekends when there is a coffee truck located at the carpark. This development has been led by local voluntary group, the Muckish Development Committee, who have made huge strides to make this historic site accessible for people of all abilities.

A spokesperson for the group said they are deeply disappointed with what occurred over the weekend, particularly as the new carpark was a facility that they had yet to officially open it.

"The first incidents started on Friday with just a few cars arriving, but many more were there on Saturday and Sunday. After the weekend the surface damage of the carpark and markings was clear to see with some lines almost gone completely. We have been working as a community group to develop these walks for people to enjoy for many years and it's taken a lot of effort and funding to get these facilities in place.

We really don't want to have to place gates at the site as people often come to enjoy early morning or evening walks, but we'll have to reexamine this now after all the damage caused over the weekend," they told the Tribune.

Local Cllr. Michael McClafferty expressed his disappointment at the damage caused over the week-

He stated: "This car park was only recently surfaced and lined,

but as you can see from the images, it now looks like a race track. The Walk something we are extremely proud of in Contd. Page 2





Marjorie and Ian McGarvey, Glenleary, Ramelton celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the weekend. They were joined by

family and friends old and new to mark the occasion in the Silver Tassie Hotel.

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ever before and with the presence of fewer officers being evident.

The original plan to amalgamate the Donegal Garda Division with Sligo and Leitrim was first proposed five years ago and has been the subject of debate ever since with the GRA not expressing any real confidence in the idea.

In recent years there's been a noticeable absence of Garda patrols in many rural areas and there are renewed fears that the new policing system may not help that situation. In fact these rural areas complain that they rarely get sight of a pa-

The latest news of Milford's demotion is seen as a regressive step. And it has given rise to fears that the loss of the Milford base will have a seriously detrimental impact.

The Garda Operating Model for the North West was first launched in 2019 with a working blueprint to include Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim into one big division.

The new policing model without a guaranteed presence of Gardai in the rural countryside is seen as more of an administrative instrument

and the fall in Garda numbers was raised in the Dail this week by Deputy Mattie McGrath.

"We need immediate action. The party of law and order in Fine Gael is responsible for this collapse in Garda frontline numbers and they need to explain why the people of Ireland will be left with inadequate policing.

Despite the rising population and increased immigration, Garda numbers are in a worrying decline. As of April 30th this year 2024, the force stands at a total of 14,013 members, with just over 11,050 serving as rank-and-file Gardaí.

This is a stark contrast to the overall strength of 14,750 in March 2020, when the current Minister for Justice took office and the country's population was 300,000 less. Thus, under this coalition, we are witnessing a concerning drop of over 1,000 in rank-and-file Gardaí, even as our population grows. This crisis underscores the urgent need for action," he said.

Details of Milford's proposed demotion were revealed in the Tribune in February 2023 and the proposed changes in the status of Milford was seen as the biggest big loser

The story led to widespread fears that Milford

will no longer be a 24 hours Garda Station given the loss of status with most people anticipating that it would go the same way as Glenties.

It is now feared that Milford will lose staff numbers and significant services due to them migrating to Letterkenny as a consequence.

The future rostering role of the Milford Station is not clear but according to sources, the anticipation is that it will be open for only a part of a 24 hour daily period. But without a resident Superintendent in the town, it is anticipated that the new service model will not be available on a 24 hour basis. In official language that is known as progress, even though rural communities are being hit with a rash of changes away to more centralised locations.

In Fanad alone, one polling station at Portsalon was closed to four recent plebiscites while another polling station is predicted to be taken out of service from June 2025. Attempts to redress these community losses are ongoing. Otherwise half of rural Donegal faces a similar fate.

And official Ireland can only hold a watching brief while happy to see vital community connections disappear...

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Ramelton Garden **Open Day**



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

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

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

Pilgrimage to Matt Talbot Shrine

A pilgrimage to the Shrine of Matt Talbot will take place on Sunday the 14th of July. Busses will leave Kilmacrennan and Ballybofey/Raphoe. Anyone interested in booking a seat please contact Brid Toner on 087 1200242 (Ballybofey/Raphoe) or Caroline Dorrian on 087 6223036 (Kilmacrennan). The cost of the pilgrimage including refreshments is €50 per person.

Special Military Mass in Lifford

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

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

All deceased member names from the 28th Bn will be read out and refreshments will take place at the Mass in the Lifford Community Centre. To round off the occasion a cake with the Clon-

leigh Parish Symbol and the 28th Inf. Bn. crest will be made for the occasion.

Ramelton Tennis

A 5-week course of Wednesday tennis coaching sessions will commence on July 3rd at the new times of 2pm for under 10's and 3pm for 10's and over. All equipment provided.

The total fee for 5 one-hour lessons is €20 per

Contact Mary at 087 9773957 for further information.

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The next meeting of the Donegal Branch of the Manchester United Supporters Club will take place on Thursday 4th July at 8.00pm in the Devlin Hall, Letterkenny. Membership will be taken on the night, prices are as last season, £48 adults, £28 under 16's and £35 over 65's. All payments are in pounds sterling. For information on available tickets for the new season, please contact Liam on 087 6736967.

Dunfanaghy 5k

Dunfanaghy Youths FC are hosting their annual fun run and walk on Saturday July 13th at 11am. Registration is at the Ozanam centre in Dunfanaghy from 10am. There will be winners and spot prizes on the day. Come along and support Dunfanaghy Youths. All are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Féile na Sean Bheairice th is weekend

Award-winning writer and singer, Prof Lillis Ó Laoire, will open this year's Féile na Seanbheairice in Falcarragh this coming Friday night, June 28th.

Following the opening ceremony, prepare to be enthralled by a captivating concert featuring the talents of Martin Crosssin and Ian Smith. Martin, a Milford-based musician, has garnered acclaim for his workshops and mentorship, as well as his handcrafted uilleann pipes. Ian Smith, renowned for his diverse musical background and collaborations with notable artists such as Paul Brady, Mary Black, Christy Moore, Altan and Dolores Keane, is sure to mesmerize the audience with his captivating performances.

Saturday morning, the 29th of June, will commence with a Sean Nós singing workshop at 11:30 am, followed by the "Corn Éamoinn Ghráinne do dhaoine óga," a singing competition

At 2 pm, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Sean Nós dancing workshop led by Jonathan McCloy, a distinguished figure in the realm of sean-nós dance. This will be followed by an exhilarating dancing exhibition featuring Jonathan McCloy, along with Frank and Eileen Sweeney, showcasing the best of Sean Nós dancing.

A highlight of the festival will be the Sean-nós singing competition held on the 29th, organised in memory of the late Eamonn Ghráinne Mac Ruairí of Tory Island and Falcarragh. Eamonn was highly respected as a singer, musician and folklorist and is acknowledged as one of the masters of the Donegal sean-nós singing tradition. He is also recognised as one of the finest exponents of the rich musical and cultural heritage of Tory Island.

Following the competition, get ready to kick up your heels at the Céilí Mór, a lively céilí featur ing music and dancing, led by Martin Duggan on button accordion.



Snap shots of just some of the vehicles that caused thousands of euro worth of damage



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the area. It's a fantastic amenity, not only for tourists but also for locals and families. It has been noted on many occasions how secure families feel taking their children on this walk due to the rural location with no traffic, where children can bring their bikes and enjoy the

Seeing the tyre marks all over the car park now diminishes all of this. Getting the Railway Walk to this high standard has required a significant amount of Government funding. Securing this funding required an enormous amount of work and lobbying - the goal in mind was that it would remain accessible for all of us to enjoy for many years to come".

He highlighted that with so many car enthusiasts in Donegal over the weekend there were dedicated events for this type of activity.

He added: "There were supervised diffing tracks available in Letterkenny throughout the weekend for such activities. I urge everyone to please stop destroying our public car parks and roads. Please use the tracks dedicated to these activities instead."



Heroic Kealan saves man from house fire

A young Ballyare man has been hailed a hero and began calling to see if there was anyone infor entering a burning building twice to rescue a man from the blaze.

Kealan Dolan Friel of Glebe, Ballyare (right) risked his own safety to bring the occupant to safety after he encountered the fire on returning from visiting a relative in Manorcunningham. Kealan, 22, had been visiting his grandfather for lunch in Corkery last Friday afternoon when the incident occurred.

He was returning from the visit when he noticed smoke coming from a neighbouring house. He stopped his vehicle and approached the building side. He knew the resident of the house was likely to be there, but no answer was forthcoming.

He ran into the building to check if he could see him but the smoke was very strong forcing him to withdraw. Once he regained his breath he entered for a second time when he managed to locate the elderly man lying on the floor and he managed to remove him safely from the fire.

Just as they exited the home an explosion occurred causing significant damage to the property. He then alerted the emergency services.

The man was taken to Letterkenny University



Hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries and was recovering well.

Kealan was examined at the scene by a medic but was uninjured. Many, including his family, friends there to help at this important time.

and neighbours have praised the Ballyare man for his selfless actions and bravery.

Kealan said afterwards he was acting on impulse and was glad to be

Italian tourist assists in Lough Salt clean-up



Pictured is a section in the crowd in attendance along with a group of kids from Lurgybrack National School who entertained them at the Letterkenny Memories Night in the Station House on Monday night. The organisers would like to thank everybody who performed throughout the year that helped make this years concerts very "memorable" They look forward to seeing everybody back again in the Station House when the memories will return in September



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Members of the Termon cleanup group got a pleasant surprise recently when they came upon a tourist collecting litter in the scenic Lough Salt area. Margherita Bertolia was visiting Donegal when she spotted that the roadway around the beautiful Lake was heavily littered. She sourced used fertilizer sacks and collected the litter. Margherita amassed several bags in a short space of time.

James Trearty from the local group said that the annual clean-up only took place on the Easter weekend. He was surprised that heavy littering could take place in such a short period of time. Ms Bertolia who is on a round Europe trip in her camper van is originally from Turin, Italy and is currently based in Co Cork.

Defective Block meeting in Dungloe

An information meeting on the defective concrete block issue will take place in Dungloe next week.

Organisers say this will be an opportunity to find out more about this issue that is affecting home owners across Donegal.

They stated: "Attention all those who are affected by defective concrete blocks or those who think that they might be affected. Do you need to find out more about this issue? Members of the Redress Focus Group will give a talk on aspects of being a homeowner with defective concrete blocks."

It takes place on Tuesday July 2nd at 7pm in CDP Na Rosann Community Centre, Chapel Road in Dungloe. All are welcome.

Conservative scandals the only excitement in the election

At time of writing we are nine days from polling in the North. All is quiet. Since the 1800s there used to be riots round Northern elections. In the 70s and into the 80s there were even gun-battles.

This one is quiet

This election is part of the wider United Kingdom General Election. Of course, the North is very different to that.

Many of the issues are different. The Conservatives are the only party standing in both places. They will receive derisory votes in the five constituencies where they are standing in the North.

Reform UK was to stand with the Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV). They are still supposed to be doing so. However, leader Nigel Farage then endorsed two DUP candidates. That is despite there being TUV candidates in the same constituencies. Thus the link-up has become a farce.

While there are differences, there are similarities too. Conservative scandals are the only excitement in this election. There is almost one a day. At time of writing, there is the betting scandal. Various Conservatives allegedly used insider information to put large bets as to the day of the election. The chaos and collapse of the Conservatives is unbelievable. After the 2019 General Election, it seemed they would be in Government for years. Now, everything that can go wrong is going wrong.

Otherwise, there is no excitement. There is not a feeling of a big issue that excites people.

Over the past generation, there were elections that really were about something. I'm no fan of Tony Blair. In 1997 he seemed young and fresh. There had been 18 years of Conservative rule. Getting them out became an emotive issue. In 2017 there was a surge of support for Corbyn. He

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Starmer has gone along with Sunak's authoritarianism. I find Starmer scary. He seems to believe what Sunak only says. Starmer runs the Labour Party in a dictatorial way. 'Anti-semitism' is used as a catch-all accusation to purge opposition. He expelled Corbyn. Diane Abbott was Britain's first black woman MP. She is 70 and in poor health. Starmer tried to drive her out. In that he went too far even for some right-wing members of his own party.

The nature of the election is why Nigel Farage is making headlines. Farage was never an MP or even local councillor. He can make headlines because he makes outrageous statements.

Starmer and Sunak are so carefully scripted they would put any listener to sleep. Liberal Democrat leader Ed Davey does silly stunts on social media. He forgets he is 58, not 14.

The unexciting British election flows into Northern issues producing a low-key election.

There will be a lower poll. There is a lot of disillusionment. Northern politics doesn't engage the young. Less than half of 18-19 year olds are on the electoral register. There is no one simple answer to that. However, that low level of registration compares to 95% registration among the over-65s. That age group is more set in their views. They are more likely to vote on traditional lines.

My own constituency of West Tyrone is safe Sinn Féin.

The constituency beside me is Fermanagh and South Tyrone. That is a traditional cockpit. The boundaries have changed over the years. However, the core of the constituency has been the same. Fermanagh and South Tyrone elected Bobby Sands in 1981. Before then, it had elected IRA prisoner Phil Clarke in 1955. Elections have always been fiercely contested. This time things have been quiet.

That is despite Sinn Féin bringing in Pat Cullen, Chief of the Royal College of Nursing. There was a time when Sinn Féin

fought elections with flair. Now they are more about grinding out a win. They are like German football teams in the old days. Indeed, they are like the style that Pat Spillane has christened 'puke football'. It wins without being pretty to watch.

Fermanagh and South Tyrone is traditionally a high polling constituency. A generation ago turnout was 80%. More recently it is 10% down. The 2019 election was a head to head between Michelle Gildernew (Sinn Féin) and Tom Elliott (Ulster Unionist Party - UUP). Both fell back. Gildernew won by 57 votes Unexpectedly, North Down has become a tight race. Sitting MP is Stephen Farry of Alliance. North Down is the North's second-most Protestant constituency. The MP is Catholic. Main challenger Alex Easton is an Independent Unionist. He left the DUP and has become more progressive on social issues. The DUP and TUV are supporting him. National-

campaign. Easton represents 'Old Bangor'. The Northern joke always was North Down was divided between 'haves and have yachts'. That is unfair. There are big working-class areas. There are even pockets of deprivation. You could be in West Belfast, except there

ists in the constituency have spoken

undercurrent of sectarianism to the

well of him. There is, though, an

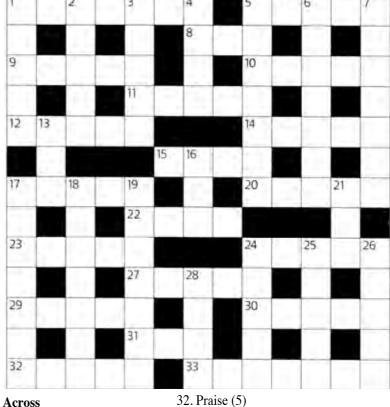


By Anton McCabe

are Union Jacks rather than tricolours on lamposts. North Down is worth watching. Alliance had a certain momentum. However, General Elections do not suit them. They are first past the post. Assembly and Council elections suit Alliance perfectly. They receive transfers from all.

Alliance is also making a strong challenge for East Belfast. If Alliance fails in both, it could become the latest Northern party to have internal divisions. As to my own vote, I disagree strongly with the views of all candidates in my constituency. Thus I will spoil my vote in person.

Tribune Crossword No. 1070



33. Blockade (7)

2. Tributary (5)

6. Remote (7)

7. Indecent (7)

13. Deed (3)

16. Spoil (3)

17. Overfeed (7)

18. Take back (7)

24. Social rank (5)

25. Group of lions (5)

26. Mountain chain (5)

21. Regret (3)

28. Attire (4)

19. Warm-air current (7)

3. Our planet (5)

4. Dumbfound (4)

1. Cuban leader, Castro (5)

5. Muslim period of fasting (7)

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Across

- 1. Gripping instrument (7)
- 5. Cowboy competition (5) 8. Beverage (3)
- 9. Frogman (5)
- 10. Biblical character (5)
- 11. The Friendly Islands (5)
- 12. Coniferous tree (5)
- 14. Actress, ___ Keen (5) 15. Hit song by the Village
- People (1.1.1.1) 17. Swagger (5)
- 20. Saltpetre (5)
- 22. Strenuous (4)
- 23. Heading (5) 24. Prank (5)
- 27. Majestiv (5) 29. Warning sound (5)

31. Ventilate (3)

- 30. Foreign (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1069

Across 1. Macbeth, 4. Lurch, 7. Venison, 8. Gleam, 9. Hasten, 12. Aversion, 15. Farewell, 17. Yootha, 18. Plant, 21. Realise, 22. Droop, 23. Produce. *Down* 1. Mischief, 2. Breath, 3. Hush, 4. Long, 5. Reverie, 6. Harm, 10. Naked, 11. Jelly, 13. Negative, 14. Mr Magoo, 16. Poised, 18. Prod, 19. Trap, 20. Warp.



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Country Sundays Sun. 30th June -

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Doors Open 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11pm €15 Pay at door followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm. Coming - 7th July - Jimmy Buckley

Manor Charity Barn Dance

There's a big charity barn dance taking place in Manorcunningham this Saturday the 29th of June. It's being hosted on the farm of John and Colleen Toye in Rooskey (F92 C9C9). And they have signed up three very attractive entertainment acts in David Craig, Sinead and Alec Black and David James. The benefitting charities this vear are Donegal Alzhiemer Association, the Drumoghill Chapel, Restoration Fund, the Donegal Rape Crisis Centre and Domestic Violence Service; the Convoy Presbyterian Church and Convoy Parish Church. It's on from '8 till late' and will also include a live auction with a bar on site. There will also be tea, coffee and light refreshments. Admission fee is €27.50 which includes supper. The night

will also be tea, coffee and light refreshments. Admission fee is €27.50 which includes supper. The night before on Friday 28th June there is a free Children's Barn Dance with a D.J. Line Dancing and face painting. Anyone wishing to go to the Children's Barn Dance must register online on the Toye Charity Barn Dance Facebook Page where all information about the events on both nights can be found.

Party in the Park

Donegal Youth Service have announced the return of the youth event Party in the Park this summer for its 18th year!



This year's event in collaboration with Earagail Arts Festival will be bigger and better than ever and will take place on Friday the 26th of July from 12-6pm in the Letterkenny Bernard McGlinchey town park. As always, entry is free so mark your diaries and bring the whole

family for a fantastic fun day out. This amazing event will have something for all ages including live music from young bands and solo artists, art workshops, festival face painting, sports activities, intercultural dance performances and much more.







Ramelton Tractor and Car run this Sunday

The Donegal Vintage Club Tractor and Vintage ies. Get your orders in for the weekend from our and Classic Car Run will take place on this Sunday the 30th of June.

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

All proceeds from the day will go to the local Care of the Aged Committee, the RNLI and local charities. Refreshments after the run will be served in Sip and Slice along the Quay.

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

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

Swilly Rovers Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Sunday were 1, 2, 14 and 20. No jackpot winner. One 3 number winner: S Gallagher. This week's jackpot is €675.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 29th June. We have new baker's at our market call in on Saturday and sample the goodfood 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, woodturning 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 and enjoyable.

Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts and credit card payments are accepted.

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

Two Hand Dancing

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

Ramelton Community Playgroup

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

from 9pm. Soccer Camp

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

Ramelton SVP

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

New Yoga Class for beginners

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

Crochet class started

Crochet classes (supported by ETB) will be taking place in the Ramelton Community Centre every Thursday evening. The classes began on Thursday and continue every Thursday from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to 0857831829.

Trocaire School Volunteers

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

Electrical Award for O'Hara Harrison



Members of the O'Hara Harrison Electrical Contractors with their award.

O'Hara Harrison Electrical Contractors were Highly Commended Medium Commercial Project of the Year award at Ireland's Electrical Awards 2024, held at the Clontarf Castle in Dublin. The award was for their exceptional work on the Ballyshannon Community Hospital.

The gala evening celebrated excellence and innovation within Ireland's electrical industry, drawing top professionals and companies for a night of recognition and celebration. The event also served as a vital fundraiser for the Irish Electrical Benevolent Association, supporting members of the electrical industry and their families in times

O'Hara Harrison Electrical Contractors' project at Ballyshannon Community Hospital stood out ards covering Quality, Health & Safety and Envifor its innovative approach, technical excellence, ronmental in a single Integrated System.

and commitment to quality. This recognition is a testament to the company's dedication to delivering superior electrical solutions and their continued contribution to Ireland's electrical industry. "We are absolutely delighted to receive this Highly Commended award for our work on the Ballyshannon Community Hospital," said Liam O'Hara, Managing Director of O'Hara Harrison Electrical Contractors. "This project was a significant undertaking, and it's incredibly rewarding to see our team's hard work and dedication recognised by our peers in the industry."

The firm also recently achieved an ISO 45001, an International OH&S Standard. Their Team achieved the Trinity of ISO International Stand-







TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS 3rd July - 16th July 2024

Ramelton Lennon Festival

 3^{rd} July to 16^{th} July 2024 - Funfair 4th to 6th July 2024 – Music Events 7th July 2024 – Soapbox Derby 13th to 15th July 2024 – Music Events

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council has made an Order to have the following roads closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate the Ramelton Lennon Festival.

Event	Road to be Closed:	Dates & Times	Alternative Route	
Funfair	Local Secondary L-7272-4 Shore Road to Corner of the Quay	03 rd July to 16 th July	Diversions via Castle Street and Bridge Street and the Tank ie. L1422-1, L7272-3, L7272-1, R245	
Music	L-7272-5 Shore Road, L-7272-3 Bridge Street and Gamble's Square The L7272-3 will be closed from the bottom of the Tank to Gamble's Square to L7272-5 Shore Road and L7272-3 Bridge Street	4 th July - 6pm to 10pm 5 th July - 6pm to 1am 6 th July - 6pm to 1am	Diversion via R-245 & L-7272-1 & L- 7272-2	
Soapbox Derby	L-5752-1 Church Road, L-7272-1 Church Street from the Rectory Road Junction to the Lennon Lodge Junction Including L-7302-1 St Marys Tce &, L-7272-2 Tank Road	7 th July – 1pm - 8pm	Diversions via the R245 and Bridge Street L7272-3/2 & Castle Street L1422-1. Local access on L-5752-1, L-7302-1 & L-7272-2	
Music	L-7272-5 Shore Road, L-7272-3 Bridge Street and Gamble's Square The L7272-3 will be closed from the bottom of the Tank to Gamble's Square to L7272-5 Shore Road and L7272-3 Bridge Street	12 th July - 6pm to 1am 13 th July - 6pm to 1am 14 th July - 6pm to 1am 15 th July - 6pm to 1am	Diversions via the R245	

Bryan Cannon **Director of Service Roads and Transportation**



TCS hosted an ice cream day last Thursday in the Letterkenny Global Delivery Centre to raise funds for Down Syndrome Ireland. The staff at TCS were joined by a special guest Seanie McMenamin from Down Syndrome Donegal, who all enjoyed delicious ice cream and together raised over €800 for the very worthy cause.

ennon Festival Ramelton 15th July



Church Street €20 per cart



		Sponsors : BHP Engineering, KGP Engineering, Racing Ra Reid Motorsport & Shore Road Autos.		
	9pm	Singing Pub	Bridge Bar	
		Queen of the Lennon 1st Round Sponsor: Murray's Pharmacy		
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	9pm	Singing Pub Queen of the Lennon 2 Sp	Silver Tassie 2nd Round 2001sor: Murray's Pharmacy	
lues.	6pm	Crab Fishing & Kayak	Fun Event The Quay The Barber Shop, Ramelton	
th July	8pm	RNLI Display	The Quay Sponsor: Grandley Ltd	
	9pm	Singing Pub	Conway's Bar	

Queen of the Lennon 3rd Round

7-7.30pm Multi Colour Fun Run From Gamble's Square S. Crawford Construction 9-9.30pm Darts Competition Lennon Lodge : John Murray Stone Singing Pub **Purty House** 9pm Queen of the Lennon 4th Round Sponsor: Murray's Pharmacy 3pm Little Miss Ramelton/ Prince Charming & Rose Bud 7pm Swilly v Mariners Football Match Swilly Park Sponsor: TR Cabs 9pm Singing Pub Lennon Lodge Queen of the Lennon 5th Round & Selection of Lennon Festival Queen 2pm **Children's Sports Day** Sponsor: Cullen's Funfair St. Mary's NS Gamble's Square **Big Band Night** 9pm

Robert Mizzell Adm

€10



Or pay at the gate		Chelsea Evans			
at.	10am	Vintage Car & Tractor Show			
3th July		Sponsor: Shore Road Auto's	Gamble's Square		
	12noon	Arts & Crafts			
		& Wildflower Con	npetition		
			Community Centre		
	2.30pm	Carnival Parade			



	4.30pm	Egg Throwing Competition		
		Sponsor: Shore Road Auto's	The Bing	
	4.30pm	From Ramelton to Clydebank		
		official book laund	h McFadden's Shop	
Sat.	9pm	Big Band Night	Gamble's Square	



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

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

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

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

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

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

Two Hand Dancing

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



Buckley

Support Act - Johnny Haughey

Fireworks starting at 11pm

Or pay at the gate

Rathmullan to host **Ireland's first Journals Fleadh**

In a first for fans of original Irish literature, Rathmullan is set to host Ireland's first Journals Fleadh.

The two day event takes place over the weekend of July 20th and 21st and will see a host of Irish writing talent visit the seaside village for a series of events.

The Journals Fleadh will feature Lisa McInerney, Aingeala Flannery and Tom Morris reading from the first thing they ever published in a journal, and from their latest work, and discuss their creative journeys between one and the other.

It will also feature a 'Poems in Disguise' Workshop with Jessica Traynor, as well as a prose seminar with Patrick Holloway.

Organisers say the event aims to bring readers, writers and journals together for a weekend of entertainment in the beachside village.

Hosted by Donegal's own journal publication,

The Pig's Back, in partnership with Holy Show, the fleadh will showcase Ireland's finest writing talent, give writers and readers a chance to meet with some of the people behind Ireland's flourishing journals scene, and pack in a few swims as well as a night of stories and live music.

Dee Fee, Managing Editor of the Pig's Back, said they hope the event will continue into the future and relocate to new areas each year.

He stated: "With the Journals Fleadh we are hoping to bring together a selection of the many literary journals this island has to offer. From the editors to the contributors to the readers themselves, we hope to create a space where everyone can hang out, talk publishing, hear some readings, have a drink, a chat, and maybe a swim. The hope would be that each year the fleadh would move around the country where a local journal can host. This year it's Donegal and The Pig's



Back and we're very excited to see everyone in Rathmullan in July.

The Journals Fleadh is hosted Presented by Ear-

agail Arts Festival & Regional Cultural Centre. For more see https://eaf.ie/the-journals-fleadhirelands-first-literary-journal-fleadh/

Rathmullan News

Tidy Towns

Committee and volunteers are still hard at work planting and painting in anticipation of the Tidy Towns adjudication, which can take place at any time between now and end of August. Much has been achieved, but still plenty yet to do, now that the sun has finally decided to shine.

The support of the local residents and businesses is also very much appreciated with many freshly painted premises and new flower boxes around, which is all very welcoming for returning family and visitors, thank you and keep up the good

Littering is once again a major concern with overflowing bins after a busy sunny day or weekend, Please, please don't just drop refuse beside a full bin or leave a coffee cup sitting on the side of a flower bed or bench, or your recycling container either beside the bring banks, just take it

Get into the habit of carrying your own clean reusable cup for the 'take away', and avail of discount too, as our local coffee vendors are doing their bit for the carbon footprint. If you're a gardener, bring a wee container for some coffee grinds for fertiliser or slug deterrent.

Rathmullan Community Art programme

We're delighted that we've been selected for the current round of the @TescoIrl Community Fund in Letterkenny. If you're shopping in Tescos over the next few weeks, then we'd really appreciate if you'd vote for us using your blue token. A new community art project is starting shortly, led by Buncrana based arts facilitator, Hanna Pidkaliuk, and we'd love to hear from young budding artists from the area to become involved, contact (086 2804555).

Beach Lifeguards are now on cover this weekend, and will then continue full cover for the rest of the summer. Please adhere to restricted bathing areas and control of dogs and horses during specified times. Avail of 'Borrow & Return' to save carrying loads of beach toys, or donate your own toys when you're leaving the beach to help out some other family on their future visit?

Rathmullan Craft Makers Market

All roads lead to the Rathmullan Makers Market this coming Saturday 29th June at the Pier Sheds, where there will be a wide variety of stunning arts, crafts and food on sale as well as fantastic live music by 'The Odysseys', (Finlay Sheridan, Dillon Gallagher, Odhran McGinley, Tony Gallagher & Darragh Doherty) gold winners in the Donegal Community Games and are now looking forward to the All Ireland Finals. 'New Normal' (John & Ryan Sheridan) will also be performing and this whole local crew have an amazing wealth of talent between them.

Rathmullan House along with the Blue Goat & Donegal dexter will be offering sourdough pizza, fishcakes, Irish cheese & charcuterie boxes, and local grass fed dexter steaks and burgers. There will be an huge selection of all things crafty on Saturday and the 'Sheds' are definitely the place

Community Festival Coffee Morning & 5K

The annual Coffee morning in aid of the Festival will take place on Saturday morning 65th July in the St Vincent de Paul Centre 11am to 1pm and your support would be greatly appreciated as usual with great raffle prizes on the day.

Registration for the annual 5k is following Fri- Due to fantastic demand, there will be an exday 12th July 5k Registration will be available online or at Rathmullan Resource Centre from 6pm. Race starts 7.30pm with Refreshments afterwards upstairs.

RAMP festival (Northern Lights in association with Errigal Arts Festival)will take place Saturday 13th July with something for everyone, ups can be at Inch pier or Buncrana Pier. Conincluding nature / sound walk with Aerngus Kennedy (11am), Concert in St Joseph's Church (2pm) Presbyterian Church Concedrt (3pm & 5pm) with final concert in St Columb's Church (6.30pm). Musicians of all levels are welcome to sign up for the preparatory workshop 8th July (Northernlightsproject.ord/RAMP)

Water Safety Classes Rathmullan

Water Safety Classes coming up 15th – 20th July and bookings are now available by contacting rathmullanwagtersafety@gmail.com, and preregistrations are mandatory.



The Odysseys' Gold medal winners in the County Community Games Finals last week, comprising Finlay Sheridan, Dillon Gallagher, Odhrán McGinley, Tony Gallagher and Darragh Doherty, Rathmullan. They will be performing on Saturday at the Rathmullan Makers Market accompanied by the 'New Normal', another very talented young local musicians

Rathmullan Sailing School

tra week of courses, starting Monday 8th July, mornings only Contact https://rathmullansailingschool.checklick.com for details.

Rathmullan charters are now taking bookings for tope and general fishing trips with rods and reels supplied. Due to ongoing pier works, pick tact Angela 087 2480132 for details.

The Swilly Ferry

The Buncrana Ferry is fully operational once again with regular sailings per day, see swillyferry.com for full timetable and costs, with changed details for July & August. 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.

Clean Coasts & Litter Picks

The weekly Pier area, village and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10am. Anyone welcome to join in and we usually have a sociable coffee afterwards, or do a quick 2 minute beach clean at any time with pickers available at the stand near entry to the car park, or with the Lifeguards at the Beach hut.

St Vincent De Paul

Many times of the year can be difficult and challenging for people especially with family occasions and unexpected household costs, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, so please feel free to contact any member of the Chapter when confidential assistance is needed on 087

Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, and also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

Mevagh Family Resource Centre

Áras Ros Goill, Downings 9155055 Call: 074 text Email: info@mevaghfrc.com. 9228944 Check out our Facebook Page - Mevagh FRC or Website www.mevaghfrc.com

Employment Supports Clinic – information on CV building, job searching, cover letters and interview skills. An Outreach Clinic will be held on Thursday 4th July from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Mevagh Family Resource Centre. For more information, contact Deirdre on 0873120139 or email resadmin@dldc.org

Mevagh Walking Group - If you would like to meet new people, increase your fitness and improve mood/reduce stress, why not join our small, friendly walking group. We meet every Tuesday at 10:30 am at the Boardwalk Car Park, Cuan na Rí, Carrigart and walk the Boardwalk. For more information, call Pauline at Mevagh FRC.

Busy Bees, Parent, Baby and Toddler Group for babies to 5-year olds – meet every Friday morning from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Why not bring your little tots along for a morning of fun? Cost €3 per family.

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.

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.

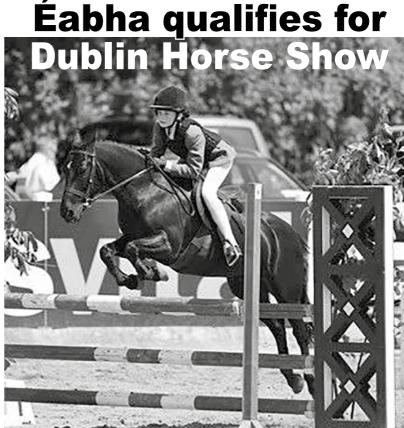
TÚS Community Employment Scheme (19½ hrs) Administrative Assistant - A vacancy exists at Mevagh FRC for an Administrative Assistant. Experience an advantage. Candidates must be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance for at least one year. To confirm eligibility or for further details, contact Áine Uí Rabhartaigh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

Other Notes:

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

Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am. Contact Fiona directly to book your place. Tel: 0851569424 or Email: risehealthhub@gmail.com

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



Éabha Brennan, Creeslough, competing on Millfields Killnascully, was one of the 5 to qualify for the RDS Dublin Horse Show, at the Working Hunter 143 Pony qualifier competition which was held in Mullingar last week.

Creeslough Community Association hold AGM

The AGM of the Creeslough Community Association took place on Monday evening at the Community Links Hub on the village's main street.

Acting Chairman, Michael Harkin, welcomed all members and guests saying it was a busy year for the association.

He highlighted the huge contribution made by the members and local community in supporting events throughout the year and thanked everyone for their ongoing support.

Guests were given a presentation on the

activities undertaken through the year including the tidy towns events, clean ups, jumble sales and St Patrick's day parade among others, this was followed by a treasurer's report and an update to changes to the board earlier in the year. Community Links Manager, Majella McFadden, highlighted the increased role of the community hub in dealing with many state agencies providing support to the locality and some of the

longer term projects planned for the vil-

lage including the new community hub

She also thanked long serving members including acting Chairperson, Michael Harkin, and CCA secretary, Mairead McGinley, for their dedication to their roles as they stepped down from their positions at the meeting, however, both

to be built in the coming years.

will remain on the board.

Matthew Byrne was then nominated as the new CCA Chair and Eamonn Mc- Majella also welcomed Fadden as the secretary, and both were new members joining the seconded and will fill the roles for the Association and thanked year ahead.

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Wee Tom

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Death of Sandra Sheridan

The death occurred on Tuesday of Sandra Sheridan, Joseph's Terrace, Chapel Road, Rathmullan. A native of the Sandra town passed away peacefully at Letterkenny Uni-



versity Hospital. She was a very kind and generous person who had a great love of the extended family. Sandra had a great memory for dates and no family member or a friends' birthday went without a card. She was a lifelong member of the local Pioneer Total Abstinence Association branch and was active in promoting its activities.

Removal of remains took from Eternal Light Chapel of Rest on Wednesday evening to St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan to repose overnight.

Requiem Mass is at 11am this Thursdayfollowed by interment in the adjacent Cemetery.

Mass can be viewed live on mcnmediatvstioesphschurchrathmullan

Sandra is survived by her sister Dolores, cousins, relatives and many friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Cathal (Charlie) Carr

The death took place on Sunday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Cathal (Charlie) Carr, Murleog, Downings.

Aged 84 Cathal was a former member of the teaching staff at PCC Falcarragh. As a student he was a boarder at St. Eunan's College before heading to Glasgow where he trained as a psychiatric nurse. Cathal went on to study at St. Andrews College where he obtained an MA in geography and got his teaching qualifications. He enjoyed playing golf there and was also an amateur boxer with the university team competing in the flyweight division. Cathal taught in a deprived area of Glasgow before returning home and taking up the post at PCC Falcarragh.

Away from work he was very active in the local Civil Defence and taught first aid. He also helped many local students in the lead-up to Leaving Cert exams. Remains were removed from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest Mountain Top, Letterkenny Monday

Funeral was from there on Wednesday to the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart for Requiem Mass where the celebrant was Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Cathal was predeceased by his wife Liz three years ago. He is survived by his son Stephen (Scotland) and daughters Moira (London) and Brid (Downings); brother Tom (Downings)

Death of Martin Bond

The death took place last Thursday in Sydney, Australia of Martin Hamilton Bond, formerly Carrigans and Dr McGinley Road, Letterkenny. The second eldest of a family of 10, Martin left home to start his ESB apprenticeship in Ballyshannon. He was 15 years of age just after completing the Intermediate Certificate exams



at Raphoe Vocational School. After completing the apprenticeship Martin worked in a number of power stations in different parts of the country. He emigrated to Australia in 1974 and worked in the mines in Eneabba outside Perth and for a time also in Tasmania. He settled in Sydney where he started his own engineering business. Martin is survived by his wife Sandra a native of Manchester, UK; stepsons Jason (Corrina), Jamie (Leia) and Sean(Melissa); grandchildren Sophia, Archie, Grace, and Oliver. Martin will also be sadly missed by his nine siblings, Mary Murray Bomany; Letterkenny, Paddy, Ramelton; Eibhlin Campbell Perth Australia; Oliver, Dublin; Anthony, Oxford, UK; Anne, Letterkenny; Desmond, Dublin; Micheal, Strabane and Pauline Friel, Drumacloghan, Milford. Martin is also survived by in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will take place at Castlebrook Memorial Park, Rouse Hill this Thursday, June 27th at 2 pm. There will be a Mass of remembrance for Martin in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on next Wednesday, July 3rd, at 10am. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Patrick (Pat) Doran

Deepest condolences are extended to Garda James Doran who is stationed in Creeslough on the death of his brother Patrick (Pat), Finisklin, Effrinagh, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim. Pat passed away following an accident on Saturday. He was predeceased by his father Jim. Pat is survived by his wife Siobhán and children Emmet, Caoimhé and Evelyn; mother Bridie; sisters Ann Marie, Dearbhla and Melissa, brothers James, Colm and Richard. He is also survived by his father-in-law Sonny and mother-in-law Kathleen, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Pat's remains are reposing at his home in Effrinagh (N41 HY72). Funeral Mass is this Friday 28th at 2pm in St. Patrick's Church, Gowel (N41 HX83). Pat will be laid to rest afterwards in Kiltoghert

Death of Teresa Carolan

The death has occurred of Teresa Carolan, (nee Dunleavy), Scribley, Letterkenny and formerly of Corclough West Belmullet, Co. Mayo. Teresa's remains arrived at St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Monday evening to repose overnight.



Fr. Damien Nejad officiated at the Requiem Mass on

Tuesday with cremation taking place afterwards in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle. The late Mary Martin

The death occurred on Monday at her home of Mary Martin, Cloghanbeg, Cloghan. Aged 94 Mary was formerly a member of the Ward family from the parish where she resided all her life. She was a very well known and highly respected member of the local community. Remains reposed at the family home in Cloghanbeg from Tuesday morning. Fu-



neral will be this Thursday 27th June at 1pm Mass in Church of Perpetual Succour, Glenfin.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Francie, grandchildren Gareth and Nicola, her parents Catherine and William Ward, brothers Owen, Francie, sisters Brid and Kitty. She is survived by her family of Neil (Mary), Liam (Ailish), Francie (Geraldine), Kathleen (Danny), Mary (John), Suin (Francie), Brid (Denise) Sean (Anne-Marie), Paddy (Laura), Declan (Marie), Paul (Noreen), Ann (Johnny), Tommy (Edel), her 42 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, sisters Nancy and Grainne, brother Paddy, nieces and nephews and the wider family circle.

Deepest condolences are extended to the family cir-

The late Cyril Coyle

The death took place on Tuesday of Cyril Coyle, Drumnahoe, Letterkenny. Aged 89 Cyril was a native of the High Road. He passed away at the Archview Lodge Nursing Home, Drumany Letterkenny. Cyril is survived by sons Philip and Bryan and daughter Maureen Barber (England), sister Audrey (England),



grandchildren, great-grandchildren, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours.

Cyril was predeceased by his wife Una and son Eddie, sisters Phyllis, Carrie and Avery and brothers Hillary and Fenton.

Remains reposing at Archview Lodge Nursing Home on Wednesday evening.

Funeral will be from there at 10.15am on Thursday, 27th June, going to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny for 11am Requiem Mass which can be viewed live on www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny. Interment afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Marty Brennan

The death occurred on Saturday of Martin (Marty) Brennan, Bracken Lea, Letterkenny. Marty was an employee at the Tesco Store in Letterkenny where he was a very popular member of staff. He was a familiar face assisting customers and that was reflected in the numbers that came to pay their respects at the wake in Bracken Lea.

Remains reposed at his residence in Bracken Lea from Sunday evening.

Requiem Mass took place in St Mary's Church, Fanavolty, Fanad on Tuesday where the celebrant was Fr. Anthony Briody. A Guard of Honour was formed at the funeral by Marty's staff colleagues from Tesco.

Marty was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining graveyard.

He was predeceased by his mother Bridget, formerly a member of the Friel family Ballure, Fanad. He was also predeceased by his father Patsy a native of Co. Roscommon. He will be lovingly remembered by his aunts Ellen Friel, Ballure, Fanad, Annie Brady, Longford, Mary Carney, New York, uncle John Brennan, Dungannon, aunt in law, uncles in law, cousins, neighbours, friends and work colleagues in Tesco Letterkenny.

Deepest condolences are extended to the family cir-

Funeral of Lily Lynagh

The funeral took place on Sunday of Lily Lynagh, Umlagh, Carrigart. Aged 80, Lily passed on Friday at home. A well known member of the local community she was formerly a member of the O'Donnell family from Glen. Lily worked in local hotels including the Rosapenna and The Carrigart. She was also employed as a home help in the local community. Lily was predeceased by her husband John and sister Bridie. She is survived by family Danny (Canada), Mary, Bridie and Shaun (all Umlagh) and Majella (Greysteel, Co. Derry). Lily is also survived by her brothers Val (Downings) and Danny (Canada). Remains reposed at her late residence. Funeral was from there on Sunday to the Church of St. John the Baptist for Requiem Mass which was

sympathies are extended to the family circle. The late Mary McBride The death took place on Sunday of Mary McBride,

celebrated by Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. Interment took

place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest

Clontallagh, Downings. Aged 56, Mary was formerly a member of the Shiels family of Umlagh. She was the fourth eldest of a family of 10. After leaving school Mary worked in Bradley's Supermarket in Downings, Fruit of the Loom in Milford and the Roisin Dubh Factory. She also did babysitting and household duties locally. Mary had a variety of interests including music, photography, keep fit and a love of animals. In his homily Fr. Charlie Byrne said she had a kind, caring nature. Despite illness Mary always had a positive outlook on life and fought the good fight till the end.

She is survived by her husband Michael; daughter Aoife and son Joe; mother May; brothers Patrick, Michael, Charlie, John and Brian; sisters Josephine, Jennette and Brenda. Mary was predeceased by her father Josie (1997) and sister Eileen (2019).

Remains reposed at the family residence in Clon-

Funeral was from there on Wednesday afternoon to the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart for Requiem Mass where the celebrant was Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. Concelebrants were Fr. Martin Doohan P.P. Dunfanaghy and Fr. Michael McClafferty, Rev Michael, Carmelite Order, Dublin. Readings were by Casey and Danny. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Deepest condolences are extended to the family cir-

The late Theresa O'Connor

The death occurred on Friday at Letterkenny University Hospital, of Theresa O'Connor (nee Magee), Wolfe Tone Place, Letterkenny where she had resided in recent years. She was a native of Dublin and was active in the local community and was a regular at the Country Market in Ramelton every Saturday

Theresa is survived by her sons Derek, Barry and her daughter-in-law Shelley, her partner Liam and her grandchildren Aoife, Anthony, Rory and Zoe. She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law Maeve and her parents Tom and Doris, her sisters Carmel, Joan, Ethel and Mary and her brother Joe.

A Quaker Celebration of Life Service in Ramelton Town Hall took place on Tuesday morning. Cremation took place at Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan, on Wednesday. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Thomas Curran

The death occurred on Saturday of Thomas Curran, Letterkenny. Kirkstown, Thomas was aged 45. He qualified as a chef following studies at the Killybegs Catering College. He worked in Galway and then in Salou, Spain for a couple of years before returning to Letterkenny with chef posts at the Orchard Inn, the Station House Hotel and the Mount Errigal Hotel. Thomas went

on his travels again spending time in Australia. He was a keen sports fan, played rugby and was a big Leeds Utd fan.

Remains reposed at the family residence in Kirkstown from Tuesday. Fr. Damien Nejad officiated at the Requiem Mass on Wednesday in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Before Mass symbols of Thomas's life were brought to the altar by Ryan, Mary and Fidelma including his photo, a Leeds Utd jersey and a cookery book. Readings were by Thomas's brothers Paul and Gregory. After Holy Communion a reflection was read by Ethna. Music and hymns were by Amy Meehan. Burial was afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

Thomas is survived by his parents Neil and Madge, brothers Paul, Gregory (Cheryl), sister Lisa and aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

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and grandchildren.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Milford

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Pauline Friel, Drumacloughan, Milford on the death of her brother Martin Hamilton Bond in Sydney Australia. Funeral service will take place at Castlebrook Memorial Park, Rouse Hill on Thursday, June 27th at 2 pm. There will be a Mass of Remembrance for Martin in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Wednesday, July 3rd at 10am. 50/50 Draw

The next draw will take place on Sunday 30th June 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.

Mission Hall

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

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing on Saturday 20th July at City of Derry Golf Club, Derry, first tee 12pm. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty which will take place in the next few 087 7704149 for further details.

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Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford Thursday 27th June 10am, Friday 28th June 7pm; Saturday 29th June at 7.30pm; Sunday 30th June at 11.00am

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 29th June at 6pm.

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Sunday 4th August at 3pm. Notice to all to keep our Graveyards Clean at all times and it would be appreciated if a special effort would be made to have them looking well for the Annual Cemetery Masses in the Parish which will take place in the next few weeks. Could everyone please ensure that they remove used wreaths and flowers from the graveyard and dispose of them at home Lough Derg Retreat

will take place on Sunday 28th July

at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Mil-

ford Cemetery will take places on

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.

Gallowglass Centre

The Gallowglass Community Centre is available for birthday party bookings on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as early evenings during the week. Contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

There are many activities taking place at the Centre each week and for further information on classes and activities, contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

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The Outreach Officer will be in attendance in Milford & District Resource Centre next Wednesday 3rd July from 2.00pm – 4.00pm

No appointment necessary. Further enquiries to Mary on 087

This Service is supported by DLDC and is free and totally confidential.

Drawing Fundamentals

Drawing Fundamentals for Teenagers (Age 12-16) in Art and Craft Studio "First House" on Main St. F92 C586, (old AIB Building) at 2p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday. Don't miss the chance to join the group. Skilled teacher. All materials

are provided by Studio.

Booking is essential www.artstudio1house.com/services-classes

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.

Milford Hall Dancing

Dancing in the Hall has now finished for the summer months. We would

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

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Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 5th July from 9.30 – 11.30pm. Music is by A & J Sound, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

Green light for Kilmacrennan sport facilities

Planning permission has been granted for new sports facilities in Kilmacrennan. Conditional planning permission has been granted to Gavin Gorman on behalf of Kilmacrennan Community Development CLG. It allows for the construction of a new clubhouse containing changing/shower facilities, a gymnasium, meeting rooms, a sports hall and kitchen. It also allows installation of a wastewater treatment system including all associated site development works at Ballykeeran, Kilmacrennan.

Dental surgery granted planning

Planning permission has been granted for a new dental surgery in Letterkenny. Conditional planning permission was granted to Harmonydent Limited for the change of use of existing offices to a new dental surgery at Unit 2a Kilahulan Court, Port Road in Letterkenny.

Kerr to the fore in National 5mile



Martin Kerr (2nd right) who won the men's 0/70 category in the Bio Freeze National 5 mile Championship in the Phoenix Park with fellow Donegal competitors Pauric McKinney and Barry Mackey.

Martin Kerr made a return to competitive action at The Bio Freeze Irish Runner National 5miles held in the Phoenix Park on Sunday. Another great performance from the 73 year old Fanad man as he won his 0/70 men's category in 34.57 averaging 4.21/km. He finished 263rd overall out of a field of over 1600 competitors.

Fast going in the Glen

The Glenswilly GAA 5km held on Tuesday last in perfect running conditions witnessed the biggest turnout thus far on the 5km Donegal Grand Prix circuit (565) and also the fastest times in a long while as the top 3 men ran under 15.30 and the top 3 ladies ran under 17.32. Milford AC had 11 athletes take part

- Peter O Donnell 7th place 16.23; Joe Gibbons 17.11; John Whoriskey 17.48; Gillian Marley 20.17; Danny McLaughlin 20.18; Micheal McHugh and Damian McBride ran 21.21; Johnny Ward 23.01; John Fealty 23.58; Rachael Stilvern 24.43; Patrick Shiels 25.01.

Lisburn Half Marathon

Congratulations to Jonny McCollum who ran 1hour 51 mins in very warm conditions in the Lisburn Half Marathon last Wednesday evening in his first half.

Reminder

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Rathmullan Festival 5k on Friday the 12th of July at 7.30pm with registration from 6pm.

John Kilmartin 5km in Milford on Friday evening 26th July.

Milford Art Exhbition

The Art and Craft Studio "First House" will hold an Art Exhibition from Friday the 12th to Saturday the 20th of July in their premises on the Main Street.

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

captured through the eyes of renowned Ukrainian artist Igor.

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

Whether you prefer an original piece or a high quality print, everyone has the

chance to own a part of this unique exhibition.

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

On the 12th of July there will be a special opening day workshop - Art Therapy - Wish Fulfillment from 11am to 5pm. Participants in the exclusive workshop designed to combine the therapeutic aspects of art with the magic of making your wishes come true.





Two of the founder members of the Donegal International Car Rally Phonsie McElwee and Ernest Stewart pictured outside the Milford Hotel on Sunday. The Hotel was the venue of the first meeting to set up the Donegal Motor Club and the cars passed through the town on Sunday evening at the end of this year's event.

Kilmac's Got Talent 2024



Congratulations to Sadhbh from Rang a Trí in Scoil Cholmcille, Kilmacrennan, who was the overall winner of Kilmac's Got Talent 2024 with a brilliant rendition of the YouTube classic, "Harry Potter in 99 Seconds".

The junior end winner was Frankie from Senior Infants for his comedy act while the senior end winner was Ailbhe playing the theme from Beauty and the Beast on the piano.

Prizes were donated from Century Play, Emo -Sweeney's Filling Station and The Parents' Association.



Ann Doherty, Mountain Top, Letterkenny the winner of the Milford United June 50/50 draw receiving his prize of €1000. The next 50/50 draw will take place on Sunday 30th June in the Hi-da-way Bar and tickets are on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5.



Opening Hours





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# Milford Community Playgroup celebrates 40th Anniversary

Milford Community Playgroup are celebrating their 40 year anniversary this September. The organising committee are busy planning the event which will take place in the Milford Parochial Hall on Saturday 21st September.

The committee are looking for old photographs / memorabilia from over the years, newspaper clippings etc.

All items submitted will be photocopied and returned. Please leave these into the playschool or email milfordcommunityplaygroupltd@hotmail.com.

# Ann O'Donnell raises Green School Flag in Kilmacrennan N.S.



Ann O'Donnell, retired secretary, recently returned to Kilmacrennan National School (where she had worked for 24 years) to proudly raise the school's 6th Green Schools Flag - Global Citizenship Litter & Waste.

It's a theme that the whole school had been focused on for the previous two years and a special word of thanks to the children on the Green Schools Committee who embraced the theme and encouraged and supported their classmates, the staff, their families and the wider community to do so also. Ann is pictured with the committee were Sophie Logue, Abi-Leigh Toland, Maria Neely, Emma Harkin, Sadhbh Harrison, Aoibheann Diver, Nathan Howe, Charlie Pearson, Ail-



bhe McGettigan, Stephen Peoples, Patrick Corcoran and Ben Fowell.

Thanks also to the other committee members – Green Schools Coordinators Susanne Gallagher & JP Gallagher, Adrian Gaffey & Grace Mc Ginty.

# Justly

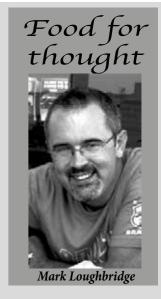
I was preaching on Sunday on Micah 6:8 "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." I had planned to preach on the verse as part of a summer series, but it seemed all the more applicable in the light of last week's Natasha O'Brien verdict. O'Brien had been beaten unconscious in the street by a soldier who had been out drinking. She sustained a broken nose, bruising and concussion, as well as longer-term impacts which resulted in losing her job. On Thursday, Cathal Crotty, was found guilty, but was given a threeyear suspended sentence. The judge, whilst describing the attack as "cowardly, vicious, unprovoked," also said the defendant must be given credit for his guilty plea and said that he had no doubt that if he was

jailed his army career would be over. His army career should be over. Attacking the vulnerable and defenceless is contrary to the very principles on which defence forces must operate. There has been outcry, and rightly so. One injustice was compounded by another. We have a right to expect much better from judges and from soldiers. What does God have to say about such injustice? I am reminded of these words from Psalm 82 "How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked...

Rise up, O God, judge the earth." In an unjust world I am thankful that God hates injustice and will deal with it. He detests it when judges acquit the guilty or fail to punish them - one day judges too will stand in the dock to receive sentence from him, and ultimately all injustice will be put right. This case has also highlighted the problem of violence by men against women, and the figures are appalling. Last year Women's Aid had 28,638 contacts speaking of domestic abuse (which includes physical, sexual, psychological, emotional and financial abuse). Some of those figures include abuse by females, but the overwhelming majority (95%) is by men. These figures are up 50% from ten years ago, and that's only the ones who looked for help. This is utterly grotesque. God describes himself as the 'defender of the weak and the oppressed.' Make no mistake, men will answer to the judge of all the earth for

their abuse and misuse of women. Men need to realise the seriousness of this - it is not 'being a man' to intimidate and abuse women. If you are a man engaged in abusive behaviour - act justly! Get help; maybe visit your GP to start the ball rolling, or visit www. moveireland.ie for other help. And go to the God you are answerable to and seek forgiveness, and ask him to start to change you from the inside out, so that you become a man who "acts justly, loves mercy, and walks humbly with his God." If you are a woman caught up in the middle: realise this isn't normal life, contact Donegal Domestic Violence Services 1800 262677 for advice and help. And go also to the God who made you to get strength, courage and hope. You are precious in his sight.



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

# **Loreto Letterkenny** representing Ulster

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A brilliant day in sunny Santry for four Loreto Ladies who were representing Ulster. Erin Friel was given the honour of captaining the Ulster team. She won the 300m in a time of 39.61 seconds. This place secures her place on the Irish team who will compete in Wales on the 20th of July. Erin was in action later on in the day as a crucial part of the Ulster 4x300m team which won the bronze medals.

Katie Elliott jumped 1.50 m in



position to win the silver medals. Also in action for Loreto and Ulster today was Emma Bonar who finished in a very strong 5th place in the 800m in a time of 2 minutes 16 seconds. Our youngest competitor was Aoife McGeehin who has just finished

her junior cert exams last week. Aoife was selected to compete in two individual events. This is very impressive, especially considering she is still eligible for this competition next year. Things didn't go Aoife's way in the javelin, with a lot of competitors also struggling with the windy conditions.

Aoife had a few no throws but persevered and got a mark of 32.65m on her 4th throw. This was good enough for 5th place overall. Aoife then refocused and had a very consistent discus competition to finish in 5th place again with a best throw of 27.73m.

Anna Russell and Maeve Doherty were also selected to compete for Ulster but could not attend due to other commitments. We are so proud of all our girls. Well done to all of you.

Best of luck to Erin as she wears the Irish vest for the first time on the 20th July.

# **Cranford AC news**

chael Moore ran in tional Championships. the Morton Stadium, Dublin at the Tailtaeann Games representing his school Loreto Community School Milford and Ulster, he came third in the 800M and his relay team came in second Michael we at the club are so proud of you.

Well done to our young Athletes who competed so well on Sunday at the Children's Games and U Championships in Tullamore under the sunshine, some of

Championships. Congratulations Alanna Curran, Sadhbh Mc Bride, Gracie Sweeney, Faolan Caldwell, Orlagh and Aoife Cleary. Sadhbh & Alanna both took part as a team in the long jump Under 11, coming in 6th place overall and both jumping very well. Our Under 11 relay team was made up of Alanna Curran, Grace Sweeney, Aoife & Orlagh Cleary, finishing in a well deserved 10th place. This is the

Saturday Mi- first time that these talented young ladies took part in the Na-

Faolan Caldwell took part in both the long jump and the high jump, doing well in both events. Keep up the great work Faolan. Thank you to all the coaches for their dedication and time and to all the parents who travelled with their children to the events and always supporting and encouraging all the other children. Pictured right - Michael Moore.

Below - Cranford AC Athletes who took part at the National Children Games and U12 Championship in Tullamore. Alanna Curran, Sadhbh place. Congratulations McBride, Gracie Sweeney, Faolan Caldwell, Aoife and Orlagh Cleary.

> Pictured bottom - Cranford AC athletes, parents Coaches and supporters in Tullamore at the National Children Games and U12 Championship.











# Lakeview Montessori & Music School



Congratulations to the 2023 Lakeview Montessori School AM Graduation Class pictured with Ms. Coleman (Early Years Educator), Mrs Friel (Co-Lead Teacher), Mrs Curran (Montessori Teacher & Owner) and Mrs McDaid, (Early Years Educator) plus Bobo, the school's African Grey Parrot (inset) and Archie

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# Join the Donegal Community Garden Network

The Donegal Community Garden Network, facilitated by Donegal Local Development, invites everyone to its annual summer gathering. This year's event promises to be a spectacular exploration, inspiration, and community bonding day.

It will take place this Saturday, 29th June, will take participants on a journey through some of Donegal's most enchanting and inspiring locations. The itinerary includes a visit to the regenerative farm Shy By Nature Farm in Inver where we will have a walk, talk and demonstrations, the beautiful Lower Cranny Garden on the Donegal Garden Trail, and a final stop at Dunwiley Nurseries in Stranorlar

It's a unique opportunity for garden enthusiasts to connect and explore these wonderful sites.

The bus pick-up schedule begins at 9:30am at Greens Shoe Shop in Falcarragh, with subsequent stops at Market Square in Dunfanaghy at 9:45am, Mr Chippy in Letterkenny at 10:10am, and the Bus Station before McElhinneys in Ballybofey at 10:35am. Return times are planned for 3:10pm in Ballybofey, 3:40pm in Letterkenny, 4:10pm in Dunfanaghy and 4:30pm in Falcarragh.

To book your place, visit: https://forms.office.com/e/CUQCFAbMDC For more information, please contact Joanne Butler at jbutler@dldc.org or 0860140637.



Hugo Boyle pictured hosting the Strabane and District Old Vehicle Club at the Teach John Mici Ban Museum in Carrigart recently.

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# Bar Naming & Celebration Night

To all our customers and staff past & present we would like to invite you to join us for a night of nostalgia & celebration this Friday 28th June at 8.30pm. Enjoy refreshments, live music & the opportunity to catch up with friends from the past. We will also be unveiling the new name for our wee bar on the night.









# **Devine does** Donegal Rally double

Just after 5pm on Sunday evening Callum Devine and Noel O'Sullivan drove to the end of the Fanad Head stage in Portsalon as winners of the Donegal International Rally for the second year in a row. A magnificent achievement by the Derry man who took advantage of a Matt Edwards slip-up on Atlantic Drive on Sunday to triumph in the Skoda Rally 2 which he was piloting for the first time in a competitive event.

The car was actually making its Ireland debut with the crew having a 17.4 seconds margin of victory over Welsh man Meirion Evans and Ger Conway who were in a Toyota GR Yaris Rally 2 that was competing for the first time in the country. Sunday will live long in memory of Donegal Town man David Kelly and Convoy's Dean O'Sullivan who finished third in their VW Polo. It was arguably the highlight of Kelly's career to date as finished 26.4 seconds behind the winners and nine seconds adrift of Evans.

Cork driver Keith Cronin had been an early leader down in Inishowen on Friday but Edwards and David Moynihan took over and were in front going into the final nine stages on Sunday over Gartan, Atlantic Driver and Fanad Head. But they ended up fourth overall in their Ford Fiesta and 36.8 seconds behind Devine after hitting a wall on Atlantic Drive. Josh Moffett and Andy Hayes finished fifth overall in the Citroen C2R2.

On his debut in the event Creeslough's Jason Wilkinson and co-driver Ciaran McGinley won the junior section of the Donegal International Rally. The local crew had won the Junior section at the Galway Rally just four months ago. Wilkinson and McGinley were second in the Junior ITRC category going into the weekend.

There was big disappointment for

Rathmullan driver Kevin Gallagher who was leading the Modified Section in the Darrian T90 but he was forced out of the event on Sunday after encountering a technical problem that couldn't be rectified. Gallagher the reigning champion had been leading the rally but it was his biggest rival Ardara's Declan Gallagher who took advantage to take the two-wheel title this time around. Gallagher had also benefitted from getting time back after being slowed-up by Mark Alcorn's crash on Friday.

The Rally started on Friday with the first car off on the Malin Head Stage Gap and Coolcross. Service was in day but the second run Carndonagh before the same three stages were done again. The event Drive was cancelled was building momentum from due to a bereavement Thursday with the ceremonial start in the area. There were in Letterkenny.

Callum Devine and Noel O'Sulli- and Fanad Head. van in their Volkswagen Polo GTi After Friday's six stag-R5 were the top seeds followed by es Matt Edwards had Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin's a 12-second lead over Ford Fiesta Rally 2; Matt Edwards Callum Devine. He and David Moynihan (Ford Fiesta was fastest on the first Rally 2). The fourth seed was Josh Moffett and Andy Hayes, in the Cit- Malin Head, Marmore roen C3 Rally 2 followed by Meirion Gap and Camcross. Evans and Ger Conway (Toyota GR But then an overshoot Yaris Rally 2); David Kelly and Dean O'Sullivan, Volkswagen Polo GTi R5 and Desi Henry/Shane Byrne, Citroen C3 Rally 2. The ninth seed was Declan Boyle and Patrick Walsh in a Citroen C3 Rally 2 with Cathal McCourt and Brian Hoy, Ford Fies- 5 allowing Edwards to ta Rally 2 and Garry Jennings andRory Kennedy (Ford Fiesta Rally 2) completing the top 11.

Saturday was an early start with urday evening Edwards the rally cars leaving Parc Fermé at and David Moynihan 8:30am for service in Kiltoy before were still in pole podoing eight stages which included sition with a 16.2-sectwo loops of Knockalla, Garrygort, ond lead over Devine. High Glen and Lough Keel. There The Derry man did on were six stages scheduled for Sun- claw back 7.8 seconds



just after 11am followed by Mamore Callum Devine and Noel O'Sullivan on their way to winning the Donegal Rally at the Gartan Stage on Sunday. Photo by Clive Wasson

around the Atlantic two loops of Gartan

three stages around in Stage 4 saw Irish Tarmac Championship leader Keith Cronin go in front briefly. Cronin's rally ended when he lost a wheel on stage move in front again.

When the eight stages were completed on Sat-



Junior Winners Jason Wilkinson and Ciaran McGinley at the Gartan stage. Photo by Clive Wasson

Edwards during the final stage around Lough Keel. David Kelly moved into the top five at the end of Day 2 having been the fastest driver in the final stage on Lough Keel on his VW Polo. He also had the best time on the Garygort stage. Merion Evans leapfrogged Cathal McCourt into third position.

At the end of the Saturday stages Kevin Gallagher in his Darrian T90 was ninth overall in his two-wheel drive as well as leading the modified section. Declan Gallagher was second in that category and 11th overall. He was 19 seconds behind the Rathmullan man.



Chloe Reid working hard at the Rally on Saturday. Photo Clive Wasson



Stuart Robb and Jason McCahill at the Rally on Saturday. Photo Clive Wasson



Shane Carr and Ciara Carr at the Rally on Saturday. Photo Clive Wasson



Kevin Gallagher and Ryan Moore at the Rally on Saturday. Photo Clive Wasson

# Bia ag Caint with Noel MacLiam

Dia dhaoibh arís a chairde Ghaeil agus fáilte ar ais. Bhí íontas an domhain orm an lá faoi dheireadh nuair nach raibh sé ag cuir

fearthainne! Ach b'fheidir gur labhair mé go ró-luath, mar seo chugainn an fhearthainne arís! Go sabháilfidh Dia muid! Bhí mé ag éisteacht fosta

le tuairisc nuachta le déanaí ag é ag caint faoi na deacrachtaí uilig atá ag na feirmeoirí na laethanta seo, agus go hairíthe ar iad atá ag fás prátaí- tá an méid



sin fearthainn ann go bhfuil seans maith nach mbéidh go leor prátaí le fáil an bhliain seo. Is eadar Marta agus Aibreán a chuirtear an mhórchuid de na síoltaí agus bhí an talamh chomh fliuch sin nach raibh siad ábalta sin a dhéanamh agus, de bharr sin tá ganntanas suntasach ann, rud nach bhfuil maith. Is léid agus comhartha é go bhfuil rudaí thar a bheith suntasacha ag titim amach ó thaobh an aimsir de na laethanta seo, rud nach bhfuil maith in aon chor. Nuair a thosaíonn sé ag brú go díreach ar rud atá

cuid den den tsaoil le bliaintaí fada is léir go bhfuil sé dairíre agus go bhfuil tábhacht áirithe ag baint leis. Tá súil mhór agam go dtagann feabhas ar an aimsir agus go Laghdaíonn an fhearthainne le faoiseamh a thabhairt do na feirmeoirí a oibríonn chomh dian sin agus a dhéanann maitheas dúinn uilig. Samhlaigh Samhradh nó Méitheamh fiú, gan prátaí

> Rud iad atá íontach séasúrach ar fad, mar a luaigh mé faoin ronnach an seachtain seo

COS agus a leithead.

www.dsenvironmental.ie caite- rudaí atá séasúrach a bráth ar cé chomh te a thaitníonn leat, agus gearr go mín deirim, gheobhaidh tú amach an meascán is deise chuir le chéile agus a chu- iad, 2 scailliúní gearrtha go mín, dornán lus an choire ge- a chrúthaigh le cleachtadh. Mar a deirim i gcónaí ir amach le chéile fosta mar arrtha go garbh, 3 abhacáid aibí, taos déanta astu, 1 tráta anseo, an rud is mó agus is tábhachtaí atá curtha bhéile. Diomaite de na prátaí, gearrtha ina chiúbanna, sú líoma amháin agus salann. chun chinn agam san Alt seo ná go bhfuil sibh is iad na glasraí eile atá maith Ansin cuir lán spúnóige de sillí, oinniún agus lus an uilig sasta seans a ghlacadh agus triall a bhaint ag an am seo tá trátaí, cúca- choire le cheile i dtuairgnín agus moirtéar agus meilt go as rudaí thar a bheith nua ó thaobh bia agus cómar agus abhacáid. Tá a fhios ndéanann tú taos. Déan ciúbanna as na habhacháid agus caireachta de, agus sult a bhaint as an aistéar. Ní agat go dtéann abhacáid in déan taos as sin fosta. Corraigh taos an sillí san abhacáid bhíonn teoranacha ann. Níl eolas ag achán duine GUACAMOLE, rud a bhfuil agus na trátaí leo, cuir an mhéid atá fagtha agus sú líoma ar achán rud, agus, mar sin, ach is tobar gan bun dúil mhór agam ann, mar agus salann isteach leo agus sin é duit! mhias tionlacháin nó le TA- Béidh tú ábalta do rogha TACOS a dhéanamh leis an réidh le ullmhú agus a ithe. Ná stop a bheith ag

meascán galánta seo. Ná déan dearmad- tá tú i gcónaí Le GUACAMOLE a dhéan- ábalta na hearraí uilig a mhionathrú- níos mó sillí a chuamh faigh 1-3 sillí glasa, ag ir leis nó níos mó lus an choire agus mar sin de. Mar a



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A reunion of the Hone family from Finadoose was held in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town with over 100 members attending. James, Anthony, Josie, Brendan and Martin Hone who attended the Reunion in the Abbey Hotel Donegal Town. Their mother, Nellie, was a member of Doherty [Jimmy Ned] family from Ladden. Below - Eamonn Hone [centre] with his family, nieces and nephews





# Successful **Social Inclusion GAA Camp**

Friel (Donegal Horizons) hosted another successful event with the Social Inclusion GAA Camp at Letterkenny Community Centre on Thursday.

# by Declan Kerr

A big thank you to Peadar Mogan and Caolan McColgan from

The organisers including Seamie the Senior Donegal Team, Conor Gartland and Oisín Kelly from the County Hurlers along with Amy Boyle-Carr, Shauna McFadden and Niamh Carr from the Ladies squad for showing their support on the day. Thank you also to Declan Bushell and all the coaches who also helped on the day to make it a success. We're already looking forward to the next one.



#### COMÓRTAIS EARCAÍOCHTA

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

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The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: Monday, 15th July 2024.

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

No late applications will be accepted.

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# **ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 75, ROADS REGULATIONS 1994, ARTICLE 12 TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS** R-245-11 at Fawninoughan, Milford

Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July 2024 from 7pm to 7am

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council has made an Order to have the following road closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate sewerage main installation works.

The R-245-11 at Fawninoughan & Legnuckduff, Milford from the junction at L-1362-2 Magheradrumman Rd to the junction at L-1392-1 Moss Road will be closed.

The diversion routes will be as per the below:

- HGVs from Letterkenny should divert via N-56 Mountain Top/ Kilmacrennan/Milford.
- HGVs from Ramelton to divert via R-249 & R-246 Ramelton/ Kilmacrennan/Milford.
- HGVs from Fanad/Cranford to divert via R-246, R-249 & N-56 Milford/Kilmacrennan/Letterkenny.

Local diversions for cars only via the L-5652-1, L-5652-2 Legmuckduff (Lagg) Road and L-5622-1/L-1362-2 Magheradrumman Road.

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



Donegal Horizons CLG members with Donegal senior hurling captain Conor Gartland and Oisin Kelly and the All-Ireland Nicky Rackard Cup during the GAA Social Inclusion Camp at the Letterkenny Community Centre on Thursday



Michael Friel at the camp.

Michael O'Donnell, Adam Campbell and Shaun Bradley



Corey Martin and Joey Sweeney with the Ulster Anglo Celt Cup along with Seamie Friel (Donegal Horizons CIG), County senior players Peader Mogan and Caolan McColgan and Declan Bushell (Donegal GAA Head of Games)



Practising her skills at the Camp.



Eileen Mulligan, Letterkenny, Leah Coyle St. Johnston and Brandon McHugh Milford with the All-Ireland Nicky Rackard Cup

# No passion or raw ambition to claim Donegal EU seat

Apart from the fisheries meeting in Killybegs and a few internal party squabbles, the EU campaign did not grow in stature or interest across Donegal despite a 10,000 vote increase in the electorate since 2019. It is almost incomprehensible to think that back in the days of a distant past strong Donegal political voices could stride the European stage and have their voices heard loud and clear. It is probable that the light has now gone out on that dream, or else we're no longer able to field a candidate with the ability, passion or the narrative of the political finesse to appeal to the masses.

Amazing how the memory of the 2024 European elections have faded into oblivion. Not surprising really given that at least one candidate never spoke a word in public, apart from a flying drop in at Cranford. Yet the newly elected MEPs are already working in Brussels to finalise the various agreements for the five main groups. And insofar as Donegal was concerned it was the result that was widely anticipated because with such a huge constituency we are lost in the wilderness of a time warp that time that the EU has long since left behind. How many of the Government leaders spent a weekend canvassing in this county? A number of the candidates came to Donegal because they were guaranteed decent votes but in a constituency of fifteen counties being so far north, our collective voice was lost as was an authoritative voice to reach beyond the local scene. EU politics has changed and long gone are the days of shouting above the crowd to get attention... there is now a refined method of connecting with the electorate. And the personal canvass is always helped with already being an MEP. That was quite evident from the campaign of Luke Ming Flanagan. The knowledge that comes from being an active member was clearly evident here in Donegal where his work for those in mica impacted homes gave him instant recognition. And along with his outstanding ability to

argue his case coherently in debates surely earned him the right to top the poll.

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While Ireland has 14 MEPs for the coming five years, the reality is that it equates to 1.9% of the parliament: so the best way forward for a strong influential voice is joining one of the five groupings or else to remain an independent voice. There are nine new Irish MEPs: FG and FF each have four: SF 2: Labour 1: Independents 3. As in the last Parliament, FG remains in the European People's Party while Fianna Fail has joined the Renew Group. SFs Lynn Boylan and Kathleen Funcion along with Luke Ming Flanagan who is also the representative for Agriculture, rural development and budgetary control.

At last week's initial meeting to join the groups, Ciaran Mullooly, Michael McNamara had not reached a deal with any of the

groups.

Across the EU the turnout of 51% was similar to 2019. That adds to the substantive message of democracy at a time when we were being warned that the 'far right' would become a significant factor in the new parliament. Regardless of those months long claims nothing much has changed and the EPP remains the biggest group with 190 Members including Fine Gael's four MEPs. The second biggest group is the Socialist and Democrats and despite losing twelve seats they have 136 Members.

Fianna Fail's four MEPs have joined the Renew Group that has 80 Members despite losing twelve in the elections. The right-wing European Conservatives and Reform group had a good election result gaining seventeen seats and have a total of 76 Members.

Democracy (ID) represents the far right in the parliament. They lost eighteen seats and now have 58 Members with no Irish voice on board their team. And for the Greens/EFA across the EU, they lost fifteen seats and currently have 52. These are the different groups

that will preside over the political affairs of the EU until 2029.

And already the 720 MEPs had their first meeting last week in Brussels and the next five years are going to be more challenging than ever before as global warming, migration, derogation, poverty, wildfires and killer floods are huge issues to be addressed across the globe.

The EU Parliament is our powerbroker on the world stage representing the views of 27 nations and remaining in the lofty position is endangered by war all around them and there is going to be massive price to pay for NATO in defending us from the onward march and the power grab that Putin is using to destroy borders on the Russian fringes and the cost of the war is enormous and it is very likely that hundreds of thousands of young Ukraine and Russian lives will be lost in this march forward into madness: and that's before

Trump wins the Presidency in America in November. There are new threats to the existing world order and new challenges to stop the power of the bomb from destroying more and more countries especially in the Balkin countries who will no longer accept being ignored by the EU. And to say that Ireland does not have a hand to play is not the reality as more and more, the US and the EU are being drawn into a power game involving Russia, China and North Korea. This is a key issue and if not reset to more normality in diplomacy and strong western leadership, the situation will worsen even further.

At the front end of this dilemma is the fact that two frail and flailing elderly men are running for the US Presidency. Is that the best that country of 320 million can put forward to lead the western world?

Ireland will have a new commissioner and in July, Finance Michael McGrath is set to replace Mairead McGuinness. And it is very possible, given the security threat of more more threats of war, the EU may appoint a defence commissioner come the autumn. Such a post may not have much impact, however it will be a recognition of a way forward that was not on any agenda when the new EU parliament met atter the 2019 elections.

The EU will face more challenges to expand its membership and to fast track new applications because it seems to take forever to become a new member state. And there will be unforeseen issues not yet on any agenda. Witness only the impact of Covid and the war in Ukraine. Five years ago the newly elected MEPs returned to Brussels in fairly decent shape and the EU was going well and with a positive future in the air. There was also a hint that the worst of the migration crisis was over after the war flames in Syria... it was far from reality and the crisis is far from settled as we join other EU states in imposing cuts to incomes and stricter controls. Hard to believe that only two years ago,



a senior member of the Cabinet predicted that we would see 200,000 refugees from Ukraine arriving here. We were a world leader in payouts and our doors were open to anyone that might turn up. What a change we have seen. From kindness and the outstretched hand of welcome, these refugees have been forced to live in tents along the Grand Canal or if identified as coming here via the North, they face being arrested and sent back to where they came from

From our own chequered history of migration, somehow, it is not hard to state that we must do better for those seeking asylum and a roof over their heads. Did the government overreach themselves when the war in Ukraine began? Did the Varadkar led government not make promises it could not uphold? Surely, it should have been a relatively easy configuration to estimate how many refugees we could readily accommodate given the wretched figures of Ireland's homelessness crisis and lack of progress in constructing 50,000 new units of housing every year.

Even if you believe in miracles, Joe Biden will not be US President - for the next four years, or more. That honour will fall to Donald Trump who is likely to win the battle unless Stormy Daniels has much more sensational exclusives filed away in her lingerie drawer.

A Trump win raises more big questions about Nato, further climate change deterioration and other economic fallout.

The EU battle against climate change could also falter as the anti-Green backlash intensifies. and the EU's economic prowess may be left to pay a price to hold democracy as the last bastion against Russia.

A Reuters report notes that the EU now has 15pc of global economic output, which 30 years ago was put at 29%. Clearly, that is in large part a function of other countries' economic development, yet the same report put the US position as solid on 25% of world output.

The next five years will throw up huge challenges for the newly returning parliamentarians and the use of artificial intelligence will feature high on their agenda. And EU defence spending, which raises issues for Ireland will continue to be a hot topic. The war in Ukraine shows no sign of ending and there is an urgent need for increased European military spending. So where will the Irish position stand on this issue?

EU leaders seem to be more open about taking in new member states after years of doing nothing.. There is a realisation that western Balkan nations will become clients of Russia and/or China if the EU continues to cold-shoulder them. However there will be kick back from the right-leaning governments in Italy, Finland, Netherlands, Sweden and who remain sceptical about the costs involved.

And while there may be many challenges, the strength of the EU is in its parliament with clear objectives to uphold the democratic principles of its 741.663 million citizens.



# an and Marjorie - 70 years married

Ian and Marjorie McGarvey, Glenleary Ramelton have been recipients of many congratulations, cards and bouquets of flowers on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary last weekend.

#### by John McAteer

They celebrated their Platinum Jubilee among family, friends both old and new with dinner at the Silver Tassie Hotel on Saturday evening... a night to remember in every way as they rolled back the years to remember their wedding day.

And seventy years of wedlock is a remarkable achievement.

Their marriage was in the old Lagg Chapel in Milford and the priest officiating was the local curate, Fr. John Kennedy. It was June 22nd 1954. The historic Lagg was Marjorie's home chapel and they'd walk all the way from Drumman for Sunday Mass in this hallowed ground.

Marjorie was a member of the Coll Family from the licenced premises in Drumman. She was still some months away from being enjoying their newly wedded status 
Ian has had a remarkable career - from the Back hanging in his wardrobe on Glenleary.





Ian and Marjorie McGarvey with family and friends at their 70th wedding anniversary in the Silver Tassie Hotel on Saturday night.

in their hearts.

over again.

Ian retired as an Independent Member of Donegal County Council in February last year and he was delighted to co-opt his nephew Pauric to the seat. And by all accounts, that went quite well given that Pauric increased their vote by five hundred and is the duly elected Member for Ramelton... and out to the Brown Knowe and Rathmullan.

twentytwo and her new husband was not - after all they had a fiver between Lane in Ramelton to addressing the EU Parliament yet twenty four. Ian recalled the new blue them. And then it was back to in Brussels and joining the St. Patrick's Day Parades suit he wore for his wedding. And it's still Ramelton... the place they hold dear in Boston, New York in his role on Donegal County Council as Cathaoirleach: working on the farm: dair-The newly married couple spent their hon- Ian and Marjorie still are a happy ying: running a pub: building construction: rearing eymoon in Sligo in the boarding house couple with great memories of those a family: developing group water schemes: fighting where Ian used to stay when he was play- days and regardless of the march for community needs: Care of the Aged committees: ing for Sligo Rovers FC. They spent a week of progress, they'd not change one being a working member of Fianna Fail FF: spendsingle thing if they had the ing a year in Germany and leaving Marjorie at home chance to live their lives minding the farm and the cattle stock.

Marjorie has remained much in the background down the years in what has been an amazing life at Glenleary. But she says that being a former psychiatric nurse has contributed to staying sane and sensible when the family farmyard regularly threatened to become the set for 'One Flew Over The Cuckoo's

Marjorie recalls that when Ian headed off to train nity involvement always being a with the Prewood company in Germany, she took huge part of life for the McGarover the farm, along with rearing the children: milkvey's and Ian was deeply involved ing the cows, driving the tractor: planting the crops with Fianna Fail for many years and a whole pile of things like being a dressmaker: even to the extent of contesting homemaker: a proud Corgi owner, a Man U fan, a Dail and local elections on their baker and renowned gardener.



Dinny and Ann Gorman with Marjorie.

It's been an amazing seventy years with politics and commubehalf. And as he often recalls, he then found better things to be doing and he went on to contest local elections successfully as an Independent Cllr between 2004 and 2019. By then he was Ireland's oldest public representative. But in his own unassuming manner it was an accolade he carried lightly as he went about serving the community that elected him.

We join with all their friends, neighbours in wishing health and happiness as they survey the dramatic landscape from their home at Glenleary.



John Kissender Coyle and Mary Diver.



Ameera, Caroline and Colin McGarvey.



Violet Ashe with Pauric and Adrian McGarvey.



Carol McGarvey and Mari-Claire McGarvey



Leona and Leah McGarvey.



Kathleen Duffy, Kevin and Marion Coyle and Kathleen McDaid.



Ian with Liz Birney and Kathleen Stevenson.



Donna and Declan McGarvey.

# **Holy Trinity Church Dunfanaghy** celebrates 150th Anniversary

Dunfanaghy as Parishioners, visitors and Clergy from all over the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe and local clergy gathered in the Church for a Service of Celebration to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Church.

The Service which was conducted by the Rector of the Dunfanaghy Union of Churches Rev. David Skuce also community. saw the commissioning of Parishioner I would like to welcome you all along Mark Stewart as a Parish Reader by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe the Rt Reverend Andrew Forster a proud day for Mark and his family.

In his Sermon Bishop Forster spoke about the bravery of the people who had the foresight to build the Church which took place just a number of years after the Great Famine in Ireland and just a few years after the Establishment of the Church of Ireland at a time of great uncertainty for the future of the Church.

He thanked the Rector and parishion-

Sunday last was a red-letter day in the history of Holy Trinity Church for keeping the Church door open over the sometimes-turbulent times of the past 150 years and he encouraged the present congregation to do all that is possible to ensure that the doors of Holy Trinity Church remain open for the generations to come.

He also paid tribute to the part that

to this very important occasion, the celebration of the consecration of this church – The Church of the Holy Blessed and Undivided Trinity. We are delighted to have our bishop, the Rt Rev A. Forster, joining with us at this service and he will be the preacher.

Before the Service began the Rector addressed the congregation saying "On such an important time, in the life of our church, I am also delighted to say that one of our parishioners, Mark Alcorn will be commissioned as a parish reader. This has been a while in the ers for their invitation to Preach at the coming, but several people have men-



The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe pictured with Rev David Skuce with local and Diocesan Clergy and Mark Alcorn who was Commissioned as a Parish Reader at the 150th Anniversary Service in Holy Trinity Church in Dunfanaghy on Sunday.

tioned to me that they are not surprised. I in at such short notice. We are so blessed wish Mark well, as he takes on this role, here to have so many great organists. I am within our group of parishes.

It is good to see so many people here on ers, Chelsea Evans, well known to us for this magnificent sunny Sunday afternoon. There are so many people who need to be thanked, but I will only thank a few people individually. To Michael and Joe who do a fantastic job of keeping all our properties so well. To Grace and Mary for all their hard work in tidying the properties and looking after the administration side of things. The order of service and proof ready it, all the traybakes and scones along with the souvenir pens which everyone should have got. A lot of preparation went into the singing for this afternoon. Hazel Alcorn has the

choir well prepared and was at the practice of Tuesday evening. She was very disappointed to ring me towards the end of the week and say that she could not play today as she is ill. We wish Hazel well and I would like to thank Nicola for standing

very pleased that another of our parishionher singing will be singing two pieces during the service.

We are lucky to have our bishop, twice within one week. He will be along with us on Wednesday of the week at 10.30am, for the school closing service for the year. At that service, the children will be involved in planting a tree to mark the 150th year. You are all most welcome to come alone". In attendance was Rosalind Pritchard, a daughter of a former rector, the Rev'd Pritchard. Apologies were received from the former Rectors Archdeacon Scott Harte and the Very Rev. David MacDonnell who were unable to be present. Also present was Michael McClafferty, County Councillor
Robed Clergy: - Rev Fathers Martin
Doohan, John Joe Duffy and John Boyce

O(C) Provided North North Clark County Councillor

McElhinney; Soloist - Chelsea Evans; Collectors - Church North Collectors - Church Collectors - (RC); Rev Jack Neely (Presbyterian Church

who did a placement here as a student last year); Rev Chris Matchett (Clondevaddock and Mevagh); Canon Judi McGaffin (former rector of Buncrana and Fanad); Rev David Griscome (former rector of the Convoy group of parishes); Canor Mervyn People (vacancy cover for the Stranorlar group of parishes); Canon John Merrick, parishioner and pastoral assistant at St Columb's cathedral); The Very Rev Raymond Stewart Dean of Derry and former rector of this

parish. Also in attendance was Canon Stanley (former rector Clondehorkey and Mevagh) and Rev Sheila Johnson (former priest-incharge of Clondevaddock). Commissioning - Mr Mark Alcorn was commissioned as a parish reader by the bishop. Church wardens – Rector's – Mark Alcorn; People's - Alan McElhinney; Organist - Nicola McElhinney; Soloist - Chelsea Evans; Colinson and Alice McKinley.





Mark Alcorn and his wife Grace with Bishop Forster and Rev. Skuce



Rev Skuce with members of the Select Vestry- at front Alan McElhinney and Mark Alcorn, back Alistair Stewart, Jeffrey Stewart, Denise Ferry, Bill Arnold, Jacqueline Alcorn and Patrick Knowles



Churchwardens Mark Alcorn and Alan McElhinney pictured with Bishop Forster



Mark Alcorn pictured with his parents Robert and Sarah Ann.



Bishop Forster and Rev Skuce with cMark Alcorn after he was Commissioned as a Parish Reader on Sunday last







A few of the attendance at the 150th Celebrations at Holy Trinity Church with The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, The Right Reverend Andrew James Forster

# Tirconaill Tribune Archives:- 20th June 2004



# Manager applauds count staff

Donegal Man-County Michael McLoone the main political parties have combined to applaud the calm, dedicated and professional

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Paddy Doherty, the Returning Officer and his team at heated and intense disputes arose im-

the Letterkenny Town Council Count handled scenes of extreme provocation and disorder during a chaotic couple of hours late on Saturday evening. As the situation got worse extra gardai were brought and reporting staff from Highland Radio and the Tirconaill Tribune along with many shocked onlookers witnessed extraordinary scenes of intimidation and threatening behaviour as the first recount started. The drama developed as tensions mounted during the first recount. At 7.30 the count was adjourned for an hour to allow staff a sixty minute break after having worked for ten hours. When Jimmy Kavanagh of Fine Gael was formally declared elected by a one vote margin a recount was sought and granted to Neil Clarke of the Green Party who was one vote behind at the finish.

The final declaration was not made until late on Monday afternoon. Discussions involving the County Secretary Eunan Sweeney: the Director of Corporate Services Sean Sheridan: the FG and Green Party teams: the can-

manner in which Neil Clarke and Jimmy Kavanagh at the end of

didates and legal opinion failed to reach agreement on Sunday and the count was adjourned again until Monday. On the resump-

tion of the first count on Saturday whole series of

mediately over the inclusion of papers that earlier in the day were accepted by all parties without any question.

As the temperatures soared the screaming and threats of bias reached a climax as the staff came under the severest of pressures and a huge degree of criticism.

It should be stated that this criticism was completely unwarranted and in the circumstances the Returning Ofthey were multiplying by the minute. tional representation.

these alleged fans of the Greens who ballot papers were scrutinised and it threatwere not from the Letterkenny area ened to spill over into something more serious ever be fully prepared for the kind of and it seemed something of a mystery as tempers became frayed and the wrath of a incidents that developed. as to how they became so suddenly large group supporting the Green Party can-



ficer could have shut down the count Tension mounts inside the Count Centre at the Old Church in St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny on Saturday night and cleared the building in order that the controversial ballot paper in the first recount. This ballot had given Fine Gael's Jimmy Kavanagh a one vote lead over Neil Clarke of the only those with passes would be al-

lowed back into the building. At one and so intensely involved in the proceedings. didate was visited on the Returning stage it seemed if the whole count In normal circumstances these counts are fairmight be ground down in deadlock as ly laid back affairs and official passes are not officials were made to hold aloft bal-demanded with the general public allowed full lot papers in order that they be photo- access to the venues. A Council official said graphed on digital cameras built into this was to allow the public to see at first hand mobile phones. A much larger group the whole process of how their votes are manof spectators was now gathering and aged and translated into counts under propor-

So were garda numbers. Many of A fierce verbal barrage of abuse ensued as the

Officer. He stood his ground under the most intense pressure.

The County Manager later visited the count centre to offer his fullest support to the staff and to compliment them on their handling of a tension filled couple of hours.

Mr. McLoone said he was very proud of the staff and regardless of their experience and ability nobody could

It is necessary to record in the most public manner the dignified and controlled response of the counting staff. They were subject to the worst kind of threatening behaviour: taunts: insulting and foul mouthed language and accusations that the Returning Officer was 'a fucking liar' echoed round the old church as extra gardai election reporting.

arrived on the scene. It has to be pointed out immediately that the behaviour of the Fine Gael team led by Cllr. Jimmy Harte was superb and in the most difficult of circumstances they maintained a decorum in keeping with their democratic stature despite the pressure cooker atmosphere.

The scenes we saw have no place in modern day politics: they were quite disgraceful and were it not for the presence of a strong force of gardai things could have been much worse.

Full marks must go to the Returning Officer Paddy Doherty and every single member of his team for their handling of the situation under some the most provocative and intimidating circumstances. I've never seen count staff anywhere being subjected to such intimidation in thirty years of

# McHugh seeks debate on electoral registers

Fine Gael Senator Joe McHugh has called for a debate on the electoral registers and he has proposed using the Personal Public Service (PPS) Number register as a basis for the entitlement to a vote. He was speaking in the Seanad on Wednesday afternoon. In his remarks he said: "It is obvious that there are difficulties inherent in our current system which include voters finding they have vanished from the register of electors without explanation and an absence of assurance that people are prevented from voting more than once.

"I have discussed this matter with many people and I believe the way forward is to link the electoral register to the existing PPS system. In this way, on reaching 18, all voters could be added to the register and any confusion could be eliminated by the use of this unique identifier, which has already been proved an efficient way of conducting transactions with public bodies.



Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and supporters at the Town Council count on Saturday



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan with his nieces and nephews at the count



Cllr. Jean Crossan with supporters at the count.

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# Consumers hit in 165% rip off... IFA

es being charged to consumers by the main supermarket groups shows exorbitant margins of 165% over producer prices. The IFA National Sheep Chairman Laurence Fallon said based on average retail prices, the four main supermarket groups of Tesco, Dunnes Stores, Superquinn and Supervalue are charging consumers a massive 254 Euro for the equivalent of a full lamb. Farmers are only getting paid 96 Euro for the same 24kg carcase lamb.

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Mr. Fallon said "this amounts to a margin of 165% or 157 Euro over producer prices been charged by the middlemen, involving the fac-tories and the supermarkets". The IFA Sheep Chairman said such an exorbitant margin over producer prices amounts to nothing short of a 'rip-off' on both consumers and producers. He called on the powerful supermarket groups to reduce their retail prices immediately and fairly reflect the major reductions in producer prices over the last number of

Mr. Fallon pointed out that lamb prices at farm level have fallen from

An IFA survey of retail lamb pric- a peak of 5.50 Euro/kg in April down to 4.00 Euro/kg today.

Fallon said both Supervalue and Superquinn have already reduced prices and this is reflected in their lower prices on the main lamb cuts. However, he said Tesco and Dunnes Stores are continuing to charge way over the odds and he called on these two groups to immediately bring down their prices. The IFA Sheep farmers' leader said lamb is a superb meat product and with any chance and fair retail pricing, consumers will respond very positively through increased consumption. Mr. Fallon pointed out that Tesco and Dunnes Stores are charging 18.99 Euro/kg for loin chops whereas Supervalue are charging 12.72 Euro/kg and Superquinn are charging 14.69 Euro/ kg. For gigot chops Superquinn are charging 8.39/kg, Dunnes Stores and Supervalue are charging 12.99/ kg and Tesco is charging 14.99/kg. For lamb legs, Supervalue charges 12.99/kg, Dunnes Stores are charging 11.99/kg and Tesco are charging 11.39/kg. Centra have reduced their prices to only 8.70/kg for both shank The election of Ian and fillet lamb legs. Ferry to be Donegal League Secretary



Welcome home Clir. McGarvey..... Newly elected Clir. Ian McGarvey surrounded by supporters and young friends at Gambles Square

# Sunday 13th: Lucky for Ian

McGarvey to Donegal County Council has been hailed as major success story for com-Glenea Utd club man Nigel Ferry is to be the new Donegal League Secrepolitics and munity tary taking over from Dessie Kelly who stepped down at last month's AGM. he was given a rous-Ferry is currently filling the post in a temporary capacity and is expected to ing welcome home at be ratified as the new Secretary at an EGM which is expected to be called Gamble's Square late on Monday night.

And Sunday the 13th

of June was yet another lucky date for him with his election to the Council: he captained Swilly Rovers to their historic FAI Cup success on Sunday May 13th back 1953 and he made his comeback to the team a year later also on May 13th. It was a long and nail biting wait since a recount

was called late on Sunday evening at the LYIT when McGarvey was formally declared elected by a three vote margin over Hughie McDaid of Fianna Fail.

In fact the recount increased his total to five votes.

Ian may be the oldest candidate elected to a local authority and he is the second independent candidate to represent Ramelton.

In the early thirties Basil McCrea served on Donegal Council for a five year period. His son Hughie recalled the period this week.

That was seventy years ago and ever since their has been a demand to have another councillor a register of 1600 voters.

in the town. Ian McGarvey told the crowds on Monday night that he would use his office as a unifying factor for progress. The town's urban renewal scheme has been bogged down in controversy over the type of public lighting to be used on the Mall and this situation has been ongoing for eighteen months.

At the moment the situation looks a bit brighter. The McGarvey campaign was unique in that he was the only candidate not to use a mobile phone and his team excluded any chat about politics. The focus was on progress for the Ramelton and Milford areas and his simple message read: 'A vote for me is a vote for you'.

Ian is a life time community activist and he's the Chairman of Donegal Care of the Aged and is closely involved with a host of other community

In his own hometown he got 65% of the poll from

# **Record attendances at Sheep Shearing Championships**

The Irish National skill at shearing was mar-All Ireland and Open veled by the large crowds. Sheep Shearing Cham- On the Friday night he pionships held in Mil- retained his Speed Shear ford over the weekend title in the Milford Inn Hoproved a massive suc- tel. The Queen of the Wool cess with crowds from Aisling McGeever repreall over Ireland and fur- senting the Travellers Inn

ther attending. David Milford was selected on Fagan from New Zea- Friday night at the launch land the World Cham- of the weekend by current pion attended on Friday Donegal Person of the and Saturday where his Year, Jim McGettigan. Results from the week

included:-Saturday Wool Handling Sponsored by Knockalla Caravan Park 1st Hilary Gordon 2nd Paddy Corrigan Junior Open East Donegal Livestock Mart (Raphoe) 1st N McGeever 2nd R Longdell 3rd D McMurry 4th D Corrigan 5th J Galligher 6th C Deegan Intermediate Open Sponsored by Lennon Agri Supplies 1st Seamus Rooney 2nd S Butler 3rd R Larrarell 4th K Robinson 5th P Corrigan 6th J Quigley Senior Open

3rd Seamus Rooney



Aisling McGeever representing the Travellers Inn Milford who was selected as Queen of The Wool for the Sheep Shearing Championships at the weekend in Milford. Photo Clive Wasson

4th R Langerell 5th J Corrigan 6th Ian McMontgomery International Open Sponsored by Milford Co-Op Livestock Mart 1st David Fagan Sponsored by Innishowen 2nd Tom Kennedy 3rd William Jones 4th Paul Smith 5th A Corrigan 6th Nicky Beynon



Terry Leyden will be the new PRO taking from Roy Wilkie and will also take

Cllr. Noel McBride with his wife Rosemary and daughters Roisin and Aoife at the Count on Sunday



Cllr. Dessie Larkin with relatives at the Count on Saturday





# A fond farewell to Muinteoir Alma







Many heavy hearts populated the assembly hall of St. Joseph's National School, Rathmullan on Mon June 17th, as parents, staff and pupils bade a fond farewell to Muinteoir Alma, their principal of 10 years. Sharon Peoples, deputy principal, started the proceedings with a few well chosen words. As she said,

chosen words. As she said, how can we relate in a few, short sentences the mammoth achievements of this

amazing lady.

During her time in St. Joseph's she has put her heart and soul into every new project she has introduced, of which there were many. She sought to engage all aspects of the child, including mind' body and spirit and it's obvious she has succeeded in her endeavour as all the children present Alma Curran receiving gifts at her farewell function.

Alma Curran receiving gifts at her farewell function.

dividuals. Muinteoir Alma has developed and grown St. Joseph's and has made it the centre of the communi-ty in Rathmullan, integrating all ages, denominations and cultures.

The children gave a lovely rendition of "Rathmullan by the Sea" accompanied by their music teacher Ro-nan Doherty. They also sang "Báidín Fheilimí" with great gusto. These were followed by short recitations, relating to Muinteoir Alma, from each class.

Maelíosa McAteer, representing the Parent's Association spoke highly of Alma and all she has accomplished in the school and said that St. Joseph's loss is certainly Scoil Mhuire gan Smál's gain.



Alma Curran, Principal of St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan with staff members on her fincal day at the school.



Alma Curran pictured with those who made presentations to her on her final day in St. Joseph's.



Alma Curran with pupils from St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan.

# Donegal on mission semi-final

The next mission for the Jim McGuinness machine is to reach the All-Ireland semi-finals. To do that the Donegal senior footballers must overcome Louth on Sunday at Croke Park (throw-in 1.15). It's part of a double header at GAA Headquarters with Derry taking on Kerry in the second game of the day (3.15).

Jim McGuinness has been here with Donegal teams in his previous spell in charge. 12 years ago he guided Donegal to the All-Ireland title and the Glenties native remains on course to repeat that success but it will be a tall order.

The GAA confirmed the fixture details for the weekend quarter-finals after the draws were made live on RTE Radio 1 on Monday. It will be

the first ever championship meeting of Donegal and Louth. That will be followed by the meeting of Derry and Kerry in a repeat of last year's semi-final between the sides which the Kingdom struggled in for long periods but eventually won by two points. The first quarter-final will be the clash of Armagh and Roscommon at 4pm on Saturday. It will be the first part of a double header with Galway facing Dublin at 6.15pm in Croke

It's been a remarkable return for McGuinness since agreeing to take charge again at the end of last summer. There have just been defeats in two competitive games in 2024 - Derry in the McKenna Cup Final at the end of January and at the

start of this month to Cork in the All-Ireland Group Series.

In 2012 Donegal progressed directly to the All-Ireland quarter finals after retaining the Ulster Senior Football Championship following victories against Cavan, Derry, Tyrone. and Down. They defeated Kerry in that All-Ireland quarter-final stage. It was the first Championship meeting between the sides at senior level. Kerry had been defeated at this stage only once before. In regard to team news for Sunday Jason McGee is a big doubt again with a leg injury that kept him out of the Clare game after being forced off during the previous Group 3 game against Cork. Jim McGuinness sounded an optimistic tone about the Cloughaneely man's availability but as usual fans will only know for sure about an hour before throw-in. Caolan McColgan who hasn't been a regular this season will also be a doubt again due to injury. On the plus side Carn's Conor O'Donnell returned after a long injury lay-off to notch two points from the bench against Clare. Could he be a surprise starter in the last eight game?

With Donegal seen as having a decent chance of making the semi-finals having drawn what would be considered probably the weakest of the four sides in the drum on Monday morning. But,

again McGuinness and his management team will be guarding against complacency. There's no doubt that last week Donegal would have been preparing more for the scenario of facing Cork who lost to Louth on Sunday. Sam Mulroy is the the big name in their side but this team as a collective gave Donegal a very stiff test in Ballyshannon in Division 2 of the league at the beginning of March and it took a second half Jack McKelvey goal to finally put a bit of daylight between the teams with the home team winning 1-17 to 0-15. Division 2

So there are now eight teams left in the All-Ireland Football Championship - Galway, Roscommon, Derry and Louth who came through their respective preliminary round games at the weekend. Already there were the four group winners - Donegal, Armagh, Dublin and Kerry who went directly into the quarter-finals. In the Saturday games Galway defeated 0-14 to 0-11 Monaghan in Salthill, Derry had a dramatic 4-3 penalty shoot-out win over Mayo in Castlebar. The game had ended 2-12 to 0-15 after extra-time. Roscommon created a bit of shock with the 0-14 to 0-12 victory over Tyrone in Omagh. In the last of the preliminary quarter-finals, Louth got the better of Cork in Inniskeen with the help of a late Sam Mulroy point.

# **Rathmullan thanks Alma**



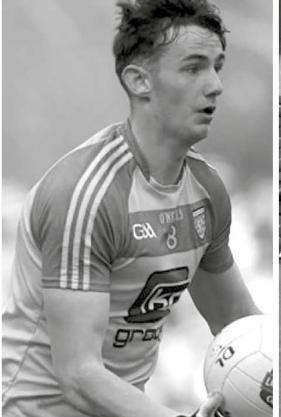
From Page 22 Presentations were made from the Parent's Association and from the a Rhododendron plant

which Muinteoir Âlma has planted in the school

> The children finished off singing "The Community Song" the first song Alma taught in the school Assembly 10 years ago. There wasn't a dry eye in the house... and that included thhe star of the show herself! Undoubtedly Muinteoir Alma will be a huge loss to St. Joseph's but we are all reassured by the fact that she has laid very solid foundations for her successor. She has left many legacies behind her and we all wish her every blessing and happiness in the future and in Scoil Mhuire gan Smálo, Letterkenny, Slán agus Beannacht Alma.

staff, one of them being

garden.



Jason McGee who is an injury doubt for Sunday's



Conor O'Donnell could be in contention for a starting place against Louth

# **Second Louth meeting in 2024**

It's the second meeting of Louth and Donegal in 2024. On Sunday March 3rd in Ballyshannon the home side's unbeaten Division 2 run continued with a five-point victory over Louth (1-17 to 0-15). The same result will do nicely 17 weeks later. But in that first clash the margin of victory was harsh enough on the side managed by Ger Brennan, who were giving the hosts plenty of bother until the last quarter when Jeaic Mac Ceallabhuí but a somewhat controversial goal for Donegal with calls for a square ball being waved away by the referee

It gave Jim McGuinness's side a 1-12 to 0-10 lead and finally put some daylight between the teams. Donegal - Shaun Patton, Mark Curran, Jeaic MacCellabhui (1-00), Ciaran Moore, Ryan McHugh, Caolan McGonagle (0-01), Peadar Mogan, Jamie Brennan, Michael Langan (0-01), Shane O Donnell (0-02), Ciaran Thompson, Odhran Doherty, Paddy McBrearty (0-08) Oisin Gallen (0-04), Daire O Baoill. Subs: Hugh Mc-Fadden and Aaron Doherty (0-01) for Odhran Doherty and Brennan 46 mins, Luke McGlynn for O Baoill 61 mins, Stephen McMenamin for MacCeallabhui 71 mins, Donal McBride for McGonagle 71 mins.

Louth - Niall McDonnell, Donal McKenny (0-01), Dermot Campbell, Peter Lynch, Leonard Grey, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever, Conor Early (0-01), Tommy Drumm, Paul Mathews, Ciarán Keenan (0-01), Conor Grimes (0-02), Ryan Burns (0-02), Sam Mulroy (0-07), Tom Jackson. Subs used: Liam Jackson (0-01), Kyle McElroy, Sean Marry, Niall Sharkey.



Alma Curran receiving presentations

# **Letterkenny AC News**

Glenswilly GAA club had their annual 5k on the 18th June. The conditions for fast running were near perfect and the event did not disappoint with local Glenswilly man Sean McGinley setting the tone for the evening with a new course record in an incredible time of 14:35.

This new record knocked 12 seconds off the previous record which was set in 2019 by city of Derry athlete Conor Bradley. Rosses A.C. Declan Ferry had a tremendous run with a PB of 15.02 for second place. Although he may feel disappointed at not breaking 15 mins. A brilliant effort. The first LAC athlete was Mark McPaul who ran 15:28, a brilliant time.

First female home was Cara Laverty in an amazing time of 16:39 and ahead of her club mate Theresa Doherty who ran 16:47 with Maria Ni Nhaolagain of Rosses A.C. finishing 3rd in a superb time of 17:31.

L.A.C.'s Ciaran McGonagle ran 16:35, John Foley ran 16:49, Michael Harkin ran 17:15, Kieran Crawford 17:26, Enda McLaughlin 17:38, Dessie Shiels 17:45, Cian Friel 17:47, Stephen Woods 17:52, Kevin McGee 18:06, Barry Mackey 18:33, Aidan McGrenra 19:30, Mark Nee 19:39, Eamonn McEldowney 19:43, Peter Gallagher 19:43, Manus McFadden 19:52, Stephen McBride 19:58, Cathal Morrison 19:58, Monica McGranaghan 20:01, Adrian Callaghan 20:05, Mark McFadden 20:29, Robert Kavanagh 21:26, Gary Price 21:40, Darren Beecroft 22:13, Conor McDaid 22:41, Cara Harkin 22:50, Liam Wiseman 24:19, Ann Robinson 24:31, Alicia McNulty 24:32, Con Duffy 24:37, Lee Gildea 24:54, Mairead Cullen 24:57, Katie McGee 24:59, Gavin McBride 26:12, Marina Boyle 26:45, Lisa Gallagher 26:46, Shauna McGeehan 27:03, Claire Price 27:21, Mary Higgins 28:12, Denis Gallagher 28:14, Rita Conway 30:31, Niamh Waters 33:52, Linda Cronin 34:52 and Angela McGee ran 35:21.







# **Deirdre retires from Tamney NS**

A special day at St. Davaddog's N.S. Tamney celebrating principal Deirdre McDevitt as she is set to retire after 34 years. She received presentations from the teachers, pupils and Fr. Anthony Briody.

She is pictured above left with her colleagues in Tamney and above right with her family members.









# Browneknowe

Left - Browneknowe
National School 6th class
pictured at their
graduation with their teacher Sarah Martin and assistant Caroline McGinley.
Right - attendance prize
winners at the end of
school celebrations.
Below - pupils enjoying
their ice-cream on their last
day at school.





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# **Portsalon Golf Club Ladies**

The Revive Active ladies team march on to the next round after a stunning victory in all their matches on Sunday past. Many thanks to the ladies in Galgorm Golf Club for the wonderful welcome and hospitality to the Portsalon visitors. At home were the two Deirdres, Hensey and O'Toole, Sarah Nicholl and Pamela Clinton. Away in Galgorm were two Claires, McGonagle and Ferry along with Roisin McCormack and Aedeen Conway. The 4th round against Letterkenny Golf Club beckons and has to be played by 35pts.

Ladies Captain's Day is on Saturday 27th July and this is just a reminder to have your three cards in to qualify for the main prizes. All lady member competitions and the first in the monthly re-entry can count. Máire O'Donnell

July 21st.

Lady Captain's Day

The return match against Dunfanaghy will be played on Sunday 30th June at home.

June Medal has been re-scheduled to Friday 5th & Sunday 7th July because of a busy last weekend in June!

Sunday Members Competition - Winner - Sheila Horner 36pts; Runner-Up - Marian Overend



Winners of the County Seat Competition, pictured with lady Captain Anne Flannery. Winner, Anne Kelly, Runner Up, Elaine Russell, 3rd Leala Curran and winner of front 9, Anne Mc Grath and back 9, Sandra Mc Monagle



Winners of the Mc Cullagh Jewellers on 11th June Pictured with lady Captain Anne Flannery. Winner, Cynthia Fuery, Runner Up, Lorna Reynolds, 3rd Triona Daly, 4th Breege Mc Donagh and winner of front 9, Mary Murray(not in picture)

# Letterkenny

Prize-giving for Open Week was held in Hunters Bar & Grill on Wednesday night. Divers Hyundai 8/6/24: Joe McManus (15) 38, Winner; David McGowan (4) 38, Runner Up; Richard Emslie (-1) 1 under Par gross round; Anthony Delap (18) 38, 3rd; Paul Carr (13) 36, Cat 1. Ciaran McEldowney (17) 36, Cat 2. Gary Hegarty (27) 37, Cat 3.

Evolve Menswear 12/6/24: Kenny King (9) 42, Winner; Mike Sneddon (27) 39, Runner Up; Ryan McGettigan, Visitor, (-2) 35 Gross points; Kevin Rafferty (3) 39, 3rd; Tony McMonagle (11) 38, Cat 1. Michael McElhinney (15) 38, Cat 2. Tom wherity (38) 38, Cat 3.

Colab ATU Business Centre 14/6/24: Shaun Duffy, (4) 37, Winner and Best Gross; David

McGowan (4) 36, Runner Up; Seamus Curran with 33 points. A close second Categories - Cat 1: 0-22 1st K. Rogers Lynch (15) 35, 3rd.

Four Lanterns 4ball Better Ball 15/6/24: Mark Maguire & Keith Spence, 63 nett; Karol Dempsey & Tommy Dempsey, 63 nett; Bernard McGuigan & Shane Kelly,

# **Donegal Ladies Seniors**

Gweedore Golf Club hosted over 100 ladies in the Donegal Seniors recently in what was a rather breezy day, the victory went to the home club member Anne A. Speedie (32) 29pts Bot Portsalon

Portsalon Golf Club Ladies Revive Active team at home against Galgorm from left to right Deirdre Hensey,

Deirdre O'Toole, Lady Captain Noreen McConigley, Sarah Nicholl and Pamela Clinton.

Winners of the June Medal, pictured with lady Captain Anne Flannery. Winner, Mary gallagher, Runner Up, Brigid Mc Clafferty, 3rd Angela Kilgallen, 4th Celine Bradle and winner of front 9, Margo Birmingham and back 9, Sandra Mc Monagle.

was Angela Kilgallen from Letterkenny who flew the flag for the rest of the ladies

Next outing is Letterkenny followed by Cloughaneely a week later.

Winner - A. Curran (21) 33 pts Gweedore; Runner-Up – A. Kilgallen (19) 31pts Letterkenny; Gross M. Walsh (10) 18 gross pts Bot Narin & Portnoo;

(13) 29pts Bot Gweedore; 2nd B O'Keefe (18) 29pts Narin & Portnoo.

Cat 2: 23-30 - 1st M Cunningham (27) 28pts Bot Narin & Portnoo; 2nd L. Boyle (27) 28pts Cruit.

Cat 3:31+ - 1st R. Mullan (38) 25pts Bot Narin & Portnoo; 2nd S Buchanan (31) 25pts Letterkenny.

Nines - Front D Kelly (21) 15pts Bot 3rd K.Boyce (18) 30 pts Bot Rosapenna; B&S; Back R. Williamson (23) 16 pts 4th H. O'Shea (12) 30 pts Donegal; 5th North West. 2's D Devanney 15th B&S; B Mulhern 15th Cruit.

# **Harps away to Longford Town**

Finn Harps return to action this Friday evening with an away trip to take on bottom of the table Longford Town (kick-off

Darren Murphy will want to see his side put together a run of positive results early on to stay in the promotion play-offs. Then again so will the other six sides who are in contention for the four play-off spots.

Cork City can be excluded from that battle as they look poised even at this stage to win the Division 1 title and go up automatically to the top flight.

UCD, Bray, Athlone and Harps currently occupy the four off places. Wexford Youths, Cobh Ramblers and Treaty Utd can all still make a push to get into the play-offs. Darren Murphy's side is fifth in the table and well placed but there is still a lot of work to do to make that happen. 21 fixtures have been completed but there are still 15 games to go.

Realistically Cork City are not going to get caught for the automatic promotion place. They are 16 points ahead of Harps. UCD are next and at this stage are favourites to finish second. They are four points ahead of Bray Wanderers and one in front of fourth placed Athlone Town who have a game in hand.

Then it is Harps in the final play-off place at the moment. But, also in contention to get into the top five is Wexford Youths who are four points behind Murphy's men but have a game in hand.

Cobh Ramblers are still in the running as is Treaty who were five and six points respectively behind Harps at the mid-season break. Murphy will probably be looking to bring in a couple of players with Sean O'Donnell and Chris Loefta having

On the positive side Luke O'Brien has extended his loan deal till the end of the season from St. Patrick's Athletic. The other four games takes place on Friday night with leaders Cork City hosting Bray Wanderers.

Kerry FC have home advantage against Wexford Youths. Treaty United travel to take on Athlone Town while there's a home game for Cobh Ramblers against second in the table UCD. Murphy's men have played Longford twice this season and

won both games by a 3-2 scoreline. On the opening night of the season on Friday 16th February Mark Mbuli netted a late winner to give Harps the pest pos sible start to the First Division season. They came from 2-0 down at Bishopsgate thanks to goals from Success Edogun,

Jamie Watson and Mark Mbuili. Murphy went into the match minus the likes of Conor Tourish, Sean O'Donnell and Ryan Rainey and lost young striker Aaron McLaughlin early on in the game due to an injury.

Both teams had chances to take the three points from the game in the closing stages but it was Harps who produced the perfect finish as Mbuli headed home in injury time.

Last month at Finn Park when the two sides met Harps were 2-0 up after 13 minutes thanks to Max Johnston and a super long range strike from Tony McNamee.

But the visitors got back on level terms before the break. Harps had to wait until the 85th minute when Success Edogun netted the winner. Longford are bottom of the table on just 13 points from 21 games played. They are five adrift of the There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 20th next side Kerry F.C. and 11 behind Treaty. They have just two wins and seven draws to their credit this season.

Cork FAI Cup tie on July 20th

Saturday, July 20th has been confirmed as the date for the second round FAI Senior Cup tie between Finn Harps and Cork City. It will mean a long journey south for Darren Murphy's side at Turners Cross Cork City for a 5pm kick-off. Harps will have made the same journey eight days earlier for a league game. Cockhill Celtic also have a long trip in the FAI Senior Cup second round to play Waterford Utd on Friday, July 19 (7.45).

Jim Sheridan tribute night
The Letterkenny Community Heritage Group are having a night for Jim Sheridan, the former Finn Harps Captain on Friday week, 5th July at 8pm in Dillon's Hotel, Main Street, Letterkenny.

Guest speakers will include Jamsie Nicholl, Bartley Ramsay, Gerry Murray and Patsy McGowan the legendary Finn Harps manager. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Kevin Bradley, Highland Bakery. Everyone is welcome.

# Lifeboats fundraising events

Mervyn and Joan Hutton are hosting their annual open Garden at their home, Donegal Shore, Aughnagaddy, Ramelton F92 D621 on this

Sunday 30th June. Drop in for a for their fantastic support during cuppa and enjoy their garden am- that time. bience. No entrance fee but a dona tion in aid of The Lifeboats would be gratefully received.

Also in Ramelton on Sunday 7th July, there will be the usual Soapbox Derby in aid of the Lifeboats too. Please see festival programme on Page 7 for full details.

Regrettably there will be no Fanad Coastal Walk or Sea to Summit race this year due to other commitments by main organisers Fin Begley and Evelyn O'Kane. This has been a phenomenal event in our fundrais-



ing calendar for past eight years as well as a unique sporting activity in the Fanad Peninsula, so hopefully this will return in 2025 and we're very grateful to them

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

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

# **Harps Lotto**

June. The numbers drawn were 2, 12, 20, 29. The next draw takes place on Thursday 27th June and the jackpot is €10,000.

There were 4 match 3 winners this week each winning €50.

Rita McColgan, Muff. Jim O'Shea, Templemore.

Gerard Quinn, Ballybofey. Pat Bonner, Ballybofev.

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# **Fanad Lighthouse AGM**

Fanad Lighthouse had their AGM in Fanavolty Hall last Thursday. Reports were given of a very successful year in 2023 with numbers up in all areas of business, accommodation, tours, gift shop and coffee dock.

In spite of the challenges being felt in tourism around the country, there were 60,000 visitors to the lighthouse last year, coming from all around the world. With support from the BIM Blue Economy fund, Donegal County Council and Creative Ireland, we spent over €70,000 improving our visitor experience. Pobal, Údarás na Gaeltachta & Fáilte Ireland were also thanked for their ongoing

There were 12.5 full time equivalent workers employed at the lighthouse in 2023. While we were successful in getting planning permission for a new visitor centre, unfortunately the hoped-for funding did not materialise. The manager reiterated that the lack of space is a now a serious problem that is preventing the development of a year-round business. The board is committed to finding an alternative way forward as a matter of urgency.

Auditor Cathal Roarty attended to present the annual accounts that he pronounced to be in a healthy state and Farren Roarty were confirmed as auditors for the year ahead.

John Curran from Donegal Volunteer Centre stood in, as always, to conduct elections. There were a few changes to the board with Bried



standing down. All were thanked for their contributions, none will be too far away, we hope.

There were 2 new members elected. Róisín Callaghan from Araheera, has just moved back to Fa-

Sweeney, Colin McAteer and John McIntyre nad to take up position as Development Officer at Comhar Fhánada & Ghleann Bhairr. She brings a wealth of experience to the board. As Tourism Development Officer at Donegal County Council, Sarah Nolan is also a formidable asset and we

look forward to working with both. The position of treasurer remains to be filled and the AGM approved

the board to co-opt someone to that position as soon as possible. Other officers will be elected at the first meeting of the board.

We look forward to a good year ahead, despite the challenges of cost of business in the sector and our own challenge of lack of space. We remain committed to developing sustainable tourism that encourages visitors to stay longer and experience all that Fanad has to offer, teanga agus cultúr san áireamh.

We welcome participation from the community. For €10 per year you can become a member of the company, giving you a voice all year round, a vote at the AGM and receive quarterly ezine updates. We also have a few opportunities for volunteers over the Summer. Have you green fingers?

You might be interested to direct people around the site and share some local history with them and you could put a snas on your Gaeilge in a bilingual workplace? Interested? Call us on 074 9116020

# Feis in Fanavolty Hall





Scoile Rince Ni Ghallchoir would like to say a massive thank you to Comhar Fhánada agus Gleann Bhairr and Fanvolty Hall for supporting the Irish dancing classes over the past year. Pictured are some of the winners at their recent Féis in the Fanavolty Hall with judge Maureen













Where

food

matters

2 Courses €25.50

Homemade Vegetable Soup

Garlic Mushrooms - Garlic Dip

Poached Fillets of Sole - Shrimp Au Gratin Sauce Roast Stuffed Turkey & Baked Gammon - Roast Gravy Pan Fried Fillets of Salmon - Lemon & Butter Sauce Roast Sirloin of Beef -Yorkshire Pudding - Gravy

Relish) on a Brioche Bap served with Chips

Cajun Chicken Pasta....Garlic Bread

Apple Crumble Tartlet...lce

Cream & Cream & Custard

Chocolate Fudge Cake

Carageen....Cream & Ice Cream

Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

Steak Burger or Chicken Burger (Bacon, Cheese, Onion and

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

Beef or Shrimp Taco

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Where

food

matters

3 Courses €29.50

Baked Brie - Cranberry Sauce

Sweet & Spicy Chicken Wings

Prawn Cocktail



The dramatic cloud Noctilucent formation at Rinmore Bay on Tuesday night.

# Fanad

**Funeral of Mona Hoban** 

The funeral took place on Monday of Mona Hoban ((nee Mc-Menamin) Cootehill Co. Cavan, and originally from Tamney, Fanad. She the was daughter the local Fa-



nad GP Dr. Michael McMenamin. Mona passed away peacefully, at St James's Hospital surrounded by her children, Jenny, Gerry and Moira. She is also survived by her grandson Conor, sisters Frances, Ann, Noreen and Joan, brother Michael, sisters-in-law Ilene and Fin and brothers-in-law Pat and Rory, daughter-in-law Helen; nieces, nephews and many friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of Gascoigne Nursing Home, Saint James's Hospital and the Darley Medical Centre for their care. Special thanks and gratitude to Monda's neighbours and friends in Cootehill for their constant kindness.

Remains reposed at Lakelands Funeral Home, Cavan on Sunday and a Service took place there Monday, followed by cremation. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Credit Union Draw

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#### to be won. 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.

#### Summer Schedule at the Old School Community Centre, Kerrykeel:

TUESDAYS: Slimming World: 5.15-6.45pm Contact Catherine on 083 830 0989 THURSDAYS:

Pilates Class: 5.30-6.30pm AND 6.45-7.45pm Book with Caitriona on 083 042 7887

Further details & updates on Facebook at The Old School Community Centre, Kerrykeel. Anyone wishing to run classes in the Autumn,

will take place on Satur-

Tickets cost €20 and are limited to 1 per memhe prizes include 1st

prize - €7000; 2nd prize €2000; 3rd prize -€1000 and there will be other prizes on the day

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#### Crochet and Needlework

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

# Grinds don Ghaeilge

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



# Sweeney

Margaret (Peggy) Gortnacor, Portsalon and Community Hospital Ramelton.

We, the family of the late Margaret (Peggy) Sweeney would like to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and kindness we received from relatives, neighbors and friends on the occasion of our recent bereavement With grateful appreciation we thank all those who called to the house, attended the rosary and removal to St. Columba's Church, Massmount and to those who travelled long distances to attend the funeral Mass and burial. We sincerely thank those who sent Mass cards and to those who gave donations to the patient fund at Community Hospital. Ramelton. To those who brought food to the house and helped at the wake, thank you all for your generosity and support.

We would like to thank all those who visited our mother during her long illness at Community Hospital, Ramelton and to those who remembered her in their thoughts and prayers. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the management, nursing staff and carers at Community Hospital, Ramelton for the exceptional care our mother received.

We gratefully acknowledge the years of care and support our mother received from Dr Gilligan-King and Dr. McGuinness, Tamney Health Centre.

With deep gratitude we thank V. Rev. Fr. Anthony Briody, C.C., Fanad and V. Rev. Fr. Kieran McAteer, P.P., Stranorlar for their visits to our mother, for their guidance, spiritual support and for celebrating the Requiem Mass. We thank all who participated including Michael Shiels for the church music and singing and to the gravediggers.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Colin McAteer, Funeral Director for his kindness, support and professionalism with the wake and funeral arrangements.

The Month's Mind Mass will take place on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at 7pm at St. Columba's Church, Massmount.



# **Fanad** Summer Camp

Campa Cois Farraige Fhánada - cuid de 'Gaeilgeoirí an Lae' ón Champa. Comhghairdeas libh!

'Irish Speaker of the Day' awards presented this week at the Included in photo is Róisín Ní Cheallacháin, Oifigeach Forbartha Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr







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# **Planning Notices**

#### **Donegal County Council**

I, Jim Borland am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to roof existing silage pit to provide extension to existing slatted cattle shed at Rossnakill, Co. Donegal in the townland of Aghadreenan. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

#### **Donegal County Council** Meenlaragh, Gortahork

An application is being made to Donegal County Council on behalf of James McGee and Emma Mc-Fadden for development at Meenlaragh, Gortahork, Co, Donegal. Planning permission is sought for a new part two-storey part single-storey house, access road, waste water treatment system and all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority at County House, The Diamond, 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 20 euro, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

#### **Donegal County Council** Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy

We, Kieran McGinley and Helen McGinley are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Corcreggan. 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

# Bookkeeper Required

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For further information or to apply please contact Majella on 074-9119988 or majella.orr@craoibhintermon.ie



Closing date for applications is 3.00pm on Friday 19th July, 2024.

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** Derrybeg, Gweedore

We, Michael McBride and Elaine McBride are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house and domestic garage with septic tank and all associated site works at Derrybeg, Gweedore, County Donegal in the townland of Derrybeg. 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 or observation will be considered by the Planning or may refuse to Grant Permission. Authority in making a decision on the application.

#### **Donegal County Council** Craigmaddyeroe Far, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.

# **Acknowledgement**

#### In memory of a brother

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Woods family to thank all who attended the wake and Requiem Mass of our brother Joe who passed away suddenly. It is hard to describe or come to terms with the emptiness in our lives with such a loss of the first one in a family of fifteen.

We are very grateful for words of consolation, the undertakers Dennis and Maeve for advice and help, as well as the huge response of kindness from family, neighbours and friends from far and near who put their own lives on hold to help out with traffic arrangements, digging

of the grave, providing an endless supply of tea and food, guaranteeing that no-one left without an cupan tae and a bite to eat. The clergy who provided caring and comforting words of advice as well as the touching sermon at the funeral Mass. I'm certain that Joe would have been delighted because he was known for offering help to others whether they were alive or dead. His good friend Danny Friel who passed away in recent times was his tunneling workmate who went underground in England, Scotland wales and Ireland as well as in parts of Europe, would be greeting him with the words, "God' Joe what are you doing here!

Go ndéanfaidh Dia trócaire ar a anam. James Woods



The late Joe Woods pictured in 1998 with his niece Laura Jane.

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#### **Donegal County Council** RATHMULLAN & BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Liam McLaughlin, Margaret Todd and Grainne We, Gerard and Charlotte Black, are applying to Kelly, on behalf of Rathmullan District Resource Donegal County Council for Retention Planning Centre (RDRC) Committee, are applying to Done-Permission for 1) Alterations and Amendments to gal County Council for Planning Permission to 1) Dwelling House Granted under Planning Applica- Erect New Astro Turf Playing Facility, perimeter tion Ref. No: 19/51167 to form New Dwelling House fencing and floodlighting for Astro Turf Playing Fa-Construction on Site, 2) Retention Permission for cility and all associated ducting, 2) Construct New the importation of Rock and Fill and the creation additional Entrance and Access Road to be used for of a new roadway to the East of the Dwelling House the purposes of the Astro Turf Playing Facility and and for 3) Planning Permission to put Surface Wa- the Existing Recreational Playing Pitch and Tennis ter measures in place to prevent the discharge of Court on Site and 3) Car Parking area to be used in Surface Water onto the Public Road and all asso- conjunction with Proposed Astro Turf Playing Facilciated site works @ Craigmaddyeroe Far, Rathmul- ity and Existing Recreational Playing Pitch, Tennis lan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Court and Building on Site @ RATHMULLAN and Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is accompanied at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County with the Planning Application. The Planning Appli-House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A cation may be inspected or purchased at a fee not ex-Submission or Observation in relation to the Ap- ceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the plication may be made in writing to the Planning Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submiswithin the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date sion or Observation in relation to the Application

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#### **Donegal County Council**

Cashelreagh, Templedouglas, Letterkenny M.D. I, Kelda Kelly, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Dwelling House, Domestic Garage and Sewage Treatment Plant at Cashelreagh, Templedouglas, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant

# Rosapenna **Golf Club**

38pts; Cat B (13-18) - Albert Strain over 9 holes. All tee times are booka-Connor, Peader Boyce, John McBride, week. Kieran Gallagher

Shaun Boyce (10) 40pts; Cat B (13-18) - Albert Strain (16) 38pts; Cat C (19>) - Paddy McKeague (19) 34pts; Gross -Michael Bradley Snr (2) 34 gross pts. Two's - Micheal Bradley Snr, Martin McBride, Sean Daly, Peter Smyth

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

# Rosapenna Ladies

Saturday 15th June competition kindly sponsored by Tyrone Attic Stairs - Winner Vanessa Cunningham (44) 38pts; Second Claire Lenny (14) 37pts; Cat A Dympna Kelly (18) 36pts; Cat B Aisling Cullen (30) 34pts; Front nine Orla Lenny (12) 20pts; Back nine Marina Hamilton (19) 20pts.

Saturday the 22nd June kindly sponsored by The Beach Hotel - Winner Helen Mc Andrews (19) 73 nett (BOT);

(11-21) Sheila Breen (14) 75 nett; Cat B July 13th Terry Casey Memorial; Sat-Back nine Mary Sumner (26) 38 nett.

# **Members BRS Golf App**

Gents Section Results - Sunday 16th If you are on the course you must June - Cat A (<12) - Brian Garrity (22) be on the tee sheet, this includes all golf (17) 41pts; Cat C (19>) - Brian Garr- ble via the BRS App. Sunday compeity (22) 38pts; Gross - Michael Brad- tition tee times for Gents will open at as he hosts his Captain's Prize on Satley Snr (2) 32 gross pts. Two's - Seimi 10.00am the Thursday before, every urday 29th June. There are still some

# **Team News**

Sunday 23rd June - Cat A (<12) - The Ulster Cup beat Cliftonville and day for all concerned. now face Faughan Valley. The Rosapenna JB Carr team beat Castlehume and now play Loughgall. The Rosapenna Mixed Foursomes lost to Ballymena on tie holes. In the Donegal League advance to round two. In the Mixed Fourball Rosapenna lost to Roe Park. Many thanks to all the players and Captains involved.

# **Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures:**

JB Carr vs Loughgall - Away 30th June & home 5th July; Ulster Cup vs Faughan Valley - 7th July.

June: Sunday 30th - Golfer of the Year sponsored by Ocean View, Down-

July: Sunday 7th - Club Competition; Saturday 13th - Terry Casey Memorial (27 holes); Sunday 14th - Club Com-Year sponsored by The Downings Bay Hotel; Sunday 28th - Club Competition.

**Notable Club Events 2024** Saturday July 6th Mrs Suzanne Gal-

(22-44) Susanne Gallagher (22) 74 nett; urday 3rd - Monday 5th August 105th Front nine Bernie Ladley (28) 36 nett; Leitrim Cup sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop; Saturday August 31st Mr Peter Smyth's Presidents Day.

# **Portsalon Golf Club**

# Captain's Prize 2024

Best wishes to Mr Captain, Pat Horner, spots available on the timesheet. Here's hoping for weather and an enjoyable

# **Team Results**

Commiserations to the team Jimmy Bruen team after their run was ended on Sunday by City of Derry. Close games home and away, but in the end the Der-Rosapenna beat North-West and now ry men were able to claim a crucial point in Portsalon and that gave them the 3-1 win.

# Open Week 2024

Please see fixture list below for Open Week 2024. All Timesheets will go live tomorrow evening 26th June at 18.00 for members. Timesheets for visitors will go live on the 27th June at 18.00. Wed 10th July 2024 Open Week – Singles Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Letterkenny Driving Range Gents & Ladies; Thur 11th July 2024 Open Week - Singles Stroke Kindly Sponsored by Total Golf Gents & Ladies; petition; Sunday 21st - Golfer of the Fri 12th July 2024: Open Week - Single Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Donegal Oil Gents & Ladies; Sat 13th July 2024: Open Week - 4 BBB Kindly Sponsored by Knockalla Caravan Park Second Ann Currie (18) 73 nett; Cat A lagher's Lady Captains Day; Saturday Gents & Ladies (Any combinaton); Sun



Pauline McManus presenting Charlie McBride with the winners prize of the 2024 Niall McManus Memorial at Rosapenna Golf Club.

14th July 2024: Open Week - Single Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Pat O'Neill Building Services Ltd Gents & Ladies; Mon 15th July 2024: Open Week - 2 person Scramble for Donegal Hospice Charity Day (All proceeds on the day go to Donegal hospice) Gents & Ladies (Any combinaton); Tues 16th July 2024: Open Week - Singles V Par Kindly Sponsored by Keating Amenities Gents & Ladies; Wed 17th July 2024 Open Week – Singles Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Pattersons Caravan Park Gents & Ladies

**Club Results** 

Wednesday 19th June - 1st Cathal McGettigan (19) 43pts; 2nd Damion O'Donnell (19) 42pts; Gross: Sean Hensey (5) 34 gross pts; 3rd Bernard Nash (24) 40pts.

Saturday 22nd June - Winner: Donal McClafferty (14) 36pts BOT; Runner-up: Dermot Shields (6) 36 pts BOT; Gross: Jamie Foley (Scr)- 36 gross pts; Third: John Shields (17) 36pts.

Sunday 23rd June - Winner: Shaun Strain (10) 41pts; Runner-up: Noel Fisher (13) 40pts; Gross: Michael Campbell (3) 35 gross pts; Third: Enda McHugh (32) 40pts.

**Acknowledgement** 

**Boyce** 

The family of the late Hugh Boyce would like to express their sincere gratitude to their extended family, neighbours and friends and anyone who supported them in any way

during their recent sad bereavement.

# In Memoriam

# Coyle High Glen, Carrigart





Peter 8th Anniversary

Philomena 11th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a precious Mum and Dad, Peter who died on 1st July 2016 and Philomena who died on 20th June 2013.

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 you 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.

Love from your family at home and abroad.

Anniversary Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 29th June at 6.00pm.

#### **Durning** Drummond





Gerard 10th Anniversary 3rd July 2014

Lily 8th Anniversary 26th June 2016

In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother, father and grandfather.

> Time and years slip gentle by Love and memories never die In our hearts you will always stay Loved and remembered everyday.

Always loved, remembered and sadly missed by your daughters, sons and their families.

# **McGarvey Glasgow and Fanad**





**30th Anniversary** 

Ellen 17th Anniversary

In loving memory of Eddie and Ellen whose anniversaries occur at this time.

I cried when you passed away I still cry today Although I loved you dearly I couldn't make you stay No farewell words were spoken no time to say goodbye You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why A golden heart stopped beating hard working hands at rest God broke my heart to prove to me He only takes the best.

Sadly missed by John and all your family and friends in Glasgow and Fanad.

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church Massmount on Saturday 20th July at 7pm.

# **Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council** Carn High, Ramelton, Letterkenny

We, Elsa Stewart & Peter Scott are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Carn High, Ramelton, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Carn High. The development will consist of the construction of a two storey dwelling house, detached domestic garage, new access laneway, a sewage treatment system and all associated site development works. The planning application may



Coyle **Eddie Ballyheerin Fanad** 

5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who died on 28th June 2019.

> In God's care you rest above In our hearts you rest in love Never more than a thought away Loved and remembered every day.

Sadly missed by Elaine, Tony, Sarah and James x

Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part God has you in his keeping and we have you in our hearts.

Always remembered and sadly missed by Pat, Sharon, Maeve, Alva, Daithi, Erin and Cormac x

Always remembered and loved by Peter, Aine and Alannagh x

We hold you close within our hearts And there you shall remain To walk with us throughout our lives Until we meet again.

Loved and missed by Suzanne, Alan and Grace x

Sadly missed along life's way Quietly remembered every day. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts, you're always there

Always loved and remembered by Margaret, Christopher, Brian, Clara, Aisling, Ella and Cathair x

Those special memories of you Daddy will always bring a smile. If only we could have you back for just a little while Then we would sit and talk again just like we used to do You always meant so much to us and always will do too

Always loved and sadly missed Mary, Paul and Sarah x

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, mount on Sunday 30th June at 9am.

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



Kerr **Eunan** Creesloughbeg, Creeslough 1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband father, grandfather and brother who died on 1st of July 2023.

Deep are the memories precious they stay No passing of time can take them away.

Always loved and remembered by his wife Mary, sons Kieran and Darren family Tracey and Catriona, grand-children and brothers and sisters.

Anniversary Mass in St Michael's Church, Creeslough on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm.

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 applica-

#### **Donegal County Council** Woodland, Letterkenny

We, Meave Blaney & Paul Doherty are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Woodland, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Woodland. The development will consist of a change of house type, increased garage length, updated site layout plan and all associated site works from that previously granted under Planning Reg. Ref. 20/51557. 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** Knockybrin, Letterkenny

We, Ciaran & Lisa McEleney, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the construction of a dwelling house with detached garage (with basement), connection to a new sewage treatment plant and percolation area, and all associated works and site works located at my site at Knockybrin, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Knockybrin. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

#### **Donegal County Council** Cashelshanaghan, Letterkenny

I, Anika Saigal, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the construction of a dwelling house with detached garage, connected to a new sewage treatment plant and percolation area, and all associated works and site works located at Cashelshanaghan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland



Murray Mary Anne Rathmullan 1st Anniversary

In loving of a dear mother and grandmother who died 30th June 2023.

McGinley

8th Anniversary

In loving memory of

a dear husband, fa-

ther and grandfather

who died on July 2nd

May he rest in peace

I lost a husband

with a heart of gold

How much I miss

him can never

be told

Dad shared our

troubles and helped

us along

If we follow his

footsteps we can

never go wrong.

~~ +~~

We miss you from

your fireside chair

Your loving smile

and gentle air

Your vacant place

no one can fill

We miss you dearly

and always will.

He was a Grandad

so very rare

content with

his family and

always there

On earth he toiled

in Heaven he rests

God bless Grandad,

you were the best.

~~ +~~

Each time we look

at your picture

you seem to smile

and say

Don't be sad

but courage take

And love each other

for my sake.

Always remembered

and sadly missed

by your loving wife

Annie, daughter, Ann

Marie, sons, Eddie

Charlie, Kevin and

Martin, son-in-law,

daughters-in-law,

grandchildren and

great grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass

in St. Columba's

Church, Kilmac-

rennan on Saturday

June

29th

6.00pm.

2016.

May Heaven hold a place for you where you can dig and plant flowers of the humblest kind and those of rarest scent

Always remembered by all your family, Sean, Anthony, Fionna and Geraldine and grandchildren and extended family.

Mass Offered.



**McElwee** Hugh Major's Road, Rathmullan

23rd Anniversary In loving memory of

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

From your wife Winnie, son Joey, Barbara and family, daughters Annemarie, Patrick and family, Geraldine, Terry and family, Eileen, Martin and family.

of Cashelshanaghan. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond Lifford Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

#### **Donegal County Council** Lurgabrack, Hornhead, Dunfanaghy

An application is being made to Donegal County Council on behalf of Conor Hanna at Lurgabrack, Hornhead, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal for planning permission for a change of house type to previously approved dwelling; Planning Ref 22/50399. The proposed dwelling is two storey. The revised proposals include alterations to the site layout plan. Permission is also sought for the erection of an attached

#### Thank you for your kindness and sympathy. **Doherty,** Charlie Carnagore, Carrigart

The family of the late Charlie Doherty would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who sympathised and supported us during our recent bereavement. A special word of thanks to



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

Martin Doohan for concelebrating the funeral

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday 5th July at 7pm in St. John The Baptist Church, Carrigart.

# **McBride**

Rose Ann Ardglass, Portsalon

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

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

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

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

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



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# **Raising of Activity Flag and Concert at Murroe School**













Scenes from the end of Year Concert and the unveiling of the Activity Flag by Michael Langan at Murroe National School in Dunfanaghy on Wednesday.







# Cloughaneely

# **Junior Band**

There was no jackpot winner in the Band lotto last week and the winning numbers were 1-4-8-12-16-18. Micheala Terry, Seamus Gallaghe,r Catherine Gallagher all received €35.00 each. This week's Jackpot will be

The band would like to invite everyone to Ionad Naomh Fionnán on Thursday, June 27th at 8pm to showcase their Disney programme to family, friends and the community.

# Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations Donal Gallagher, Oldtown who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1005.

# Coiste Glan agus Glas

Thanks to your generosity we collected €390 from our recent Church Gate Collection. This will help enhance our area in preparation for this year's judg-

# Cuidiú de dhith!

It is that time of year again when the Tidy Towns Judges are due to visit our area. Thanks to the volunteers and CE workers the place is looking well. Please help us keep the town and approach roads free from litter and let us all do our bit to make sure the place looks its best for the summer season.

# **Preschool Booster**

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

# Safe to Call Service

Safe to call is a new community initiative to support victims of domestic abuse and highlighting the supports that are available to them. Pobail Le Chéile are providing such victims a

safe space to make a call confidentially. Time available for this service is Monday - Thursday 10am - 5pm.

# **Pobal Eascarrach**

There currently is a vacancy for a general worker on the Rural Social Scheme at Pobal Eascarrach in Falcarragh. To be eligible to participate on the Rural Social scheme you must meet the criteria as laid down by the Department of Social protection. If you are interested please contact Seanán Mac Aoidh on 085 8670762, before midday on Friday 28th June 2024. Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach

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

Pobail Le Cheile

Cloughaneely Food Bank has a collection box in Siopa Pobal and there is also a collection box in the Cope Falcarragh or drop in at Ards Begley Hall on a Thursday morning

CE Youth Worker vacancy: Are you interested in working with the Donegal Youth Service on a Community Employment Scheme as a youth worker (19.5 hours). General eligibility is 21+ years old and in receipt for 1 year unemployed or in receipt of a welfare payment. Contact Lee Stephenson 074 9129630 Email: lee.stephenson@donegalservice.ie

Summer Buggy Walks: Open to all parents, carers etc caring for babies/ children supported by Donegal County Childcare meet at the car park beside the Little Free Library (behind the Strand Bar) 10am on July 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th. Call 086 455 7519 for

more info!

Cumann Cairdeas - The next summer trip will be on Wednesday 31st July to the Donegal Waterbus in Donegal Town. The trip to Oakfield Park was a great success.

Donegal Youth Service FREE Arts and Crafts workshop on Thursday 4th July 2pm-4.30pm, for 9-12 year olds at Garradh Cholmcille. Booking essential: 086 455

Youth Activities: Trip to Arena 7 on Monday 8th July for 9-12 year olds. Kayaking trip for 12-14 year olds on Friday 12th
July. Booking essential: 086 4557519. PartGraveyard Sunday wil

funded by DLDC and our recent Church

Gate Collection.
Fáilte Isteach English Conversation group There will be trip to the Dunlewey Centre in June and then the group will be taking a break for the summer.

ARTSPACE: Thank you to all the local artists who are taking part in our Spring Exhibition-Seamus Doohan, Kathleen Sharkey, Brendan Sweeney, John Connaghan and Nóirín Ní Mhíanáin. The summer exhibi-

tion will be launched on Friday 26th July. Graveyard Sunday will be on Sunday 4th

#### August, 1pm. Pobail Le Cheile

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

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

Thursday Café

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



The new Inisboffin Ferry "Saoirse ná Márá III" which arrived in Magheraroarty last week.

# **Dunfanaghy**

The Late Joyce McCaughey
Joyce McCaughey of Ballymore
House, Port-na-blagh, passed away after a short illness in Letterkenny Hospital. She will be sorely missed by her husband Barney, Daughter Sian and Son-in-law Colin and Son Hugh and Daughter-in-law Shirley and her Grandchildren Ross, Tori, Aoife, Ben, Maisie and their partners and greatgrandson Archie. They will all miss their Granny Bun and her wonderful baking.

Joyce will be waked at the fam-ily home at Ballymore on Thursday 27th June 12.00pm to 8.00pm, house strictly private before and after. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if desired, to Donegal Hospice.

Cremation to take place on Friday 28th June with final details yet to be confirmed.

#### Summer Kids Club

The Olympics are coming to Dunfa-naghy 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. LGBTIQ+ Pride Month

As we prepare for the Bród Na Gael -Pride Parade at the start of July, Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre want to acknowledge and support "Individual uniqueness" and the "Sexual Diver-sity" within their wider community during June - PRIDE month. This year their theme looks at "What it means to

be an LGBTQ+ ally"
On Thursday 27th June they will therefore hold a Family Fun - Banner Making Session, throughout the day between 10 - 3.

The event, which will be facilitated by Sinead Murray of Donegal Youth Service, and Pól Penrose of Bród Na Gael, will provide individuals, young people, parents and members of the wider community with an opportunity to ask questions, obtain information and show their support for the LGBTIQ+ community. To top it all they will have an opportunity to help create a special PRIDE Banner for the 2024 - Brod Na Gael parade

#### Ballymore NS

The Board of Management and staff of Ballymore National School wishes to commend all pupils and parents for their hard work and dedication to

school activities during the year.

As the summer holidays begin, the wider school community wishes to congratulate Beau, Joseph, Matthew and Megan on their graduation from 6th class and wish them every success as they begin secondary school in Au-

#### Fun Run/Walk

The Dunfanaghy Youth's Football Club is holding their 5K Fundraising Run/Walk on Saturday July 13th at 11a.m. Registration open from 10a.m. at the Ozanam Centre. Entry fee -Child €5, Adult €10, family €20 Refreshments in the Ozanam Centre afterwards.

#### Table Quiz

A Table Quiz in aid of Vision Ireland is being held in the Cloghan Day Centre (F93HK29) on Friday July 12th at 8.30 p.m. Refreshments and raffle on the night. Cash prize for winning team. Entry per person €5. Vision Ireland works for people with sight loss and helps those with eyesight problems.

#### Mass in Doe

The annual Graveyard Mass will be in Doe Graveyard on Sunday August 4th

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

#### Family Resource Centre

Dunfanaghy FRC Quiz Nights in Ar-nolds Hotel starting Tuesday 2nd July at 9.30pm sharp, for July and August in aid of supporting, improving and enriching the lives of children, families and individuals in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas. Note the quiz on Tuesday 30th July will be in aid of Dunfanaghy August Fair.

#### Citizen Information Service

Citizen Information Service next meeting on Tuesday 9th July 10-12noon. No booking necessary-drop in wel-

Need help with form filling such as Medical Card, application/ renewal or updates. Dunfanaghy FRC next clinic on Wednesday 10th July 10am-1pm. Contact Georgina on ggallagher@ dldc.org or text/whatsapp 0860133203 to book an appointment

Regional Employment Service - Employment support including CV preparation. Call Mary on 0879926681 Next meeting Wednesday 3rd July 10-12noon.

Wellness Café at The Workhouse Dunfanaghy next meeting Monday 8th

# Sterritt Family raise €23,000 from Coffee Morning



On Monday evening the Sterritt Family pictured above presented a cheque for €23,000 to Naomi Fitzgibbon from the Motor Neuron Society the proceeds of a Coffee Morning held in the Ozanam Community Centre in Dunfanaghy earlier this year. The family say "Well what can we say except a massive Thank You to everyone. To think a tea day could raise €23k is just crazy. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and in the run up, everyone who donated prizes for the raffles, the Ozanam Centre and their staff and to everyone who came and supported such a great cause. Thank you also to Dunfanaghy Bowling club who also had a raffle and



The pupils of Ballymore NS, Dunfanaghy, last week unveiled their BFGTOEU (Big Friendly Guide to the EU) and Young Social Innovators Design for Change project. They made their presentation to a panel which included former MEP and friend of the school, Pat the Cope Gallagher, as well as Philip Murphy (University College Cork) and Angela Horgan of Young Social Innovators (YSI).

YSI empowers young people to reimagine the world into one that is more caring, equal and fair, and to come together to bring their ideas to life. Through engagement in YSI and, through research and advocacy, young people are given a voice and agency on the issues that matter to them. Using the YSI framework, the pupils developed a project that centred around the need for every individual to take personal responsibility to reduce the pollution impacting the local beaches and coastal waters. As part of their work, they organised beach clean-ups, wrote to local councillors asking for additional bins and signage to be placed at beaches in the Dunfanaghy and sur-rounding areas. They also shared their thoughts with the wider community through newsletter and newspaper articles. The children used the presentation day as an opportunity to ask Pat the Cope Gallagher many burning questions they had about the life of an MEP and issues they felt needed addressing – climate change, pollution, homelessness and the current education system.

"As a small school we are delighted to see that the work going on in our classrooms and local community, here in Dunfanaghy, is being

recognised and seen on a national level," said Cáit Ní Chuireáin, Principal.

# St. Michael's Lotto

The numbers drawn 1,6,15,16,17,19. The match 5 winner was Luke McCarry who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €7100. 50/50

Congratulations to Mary Doherty and John Mc-Clafferty who won €320 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week. Prayer Meeting

Cenacolo Prayer Meet-ing 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

Dunfanaghy Country Markets

open every day from 10am until is under the Green Gazebo every book page.

5pm featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Saturday from 10am until 1pm Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and with a wide selection of home Playground and the team welcome baking, handknits and crochet everyone over the coming months. personalised crafts, jewellery, vegetables and flowers. Pre-orders The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is The Dunfanaghy Country Market can be taken through their Face-



# FANAGHY VALITHS F.C. Letterkenny / North West U12 Division **Dunfanaghy Youths 3-2 Glenea**

Dunfanaghy left it late to secure victory against Glenea, in a thrilling game of football at Callum Friel Park

nating the opening exchanges, took the lead on 9 tom corner to win the match 3-2 and secure his hatminutes when Cian Langan ran through and finished trick. Thanks to Seimi Ferry, the match referee, on a into the bottom corner. Glenea equalised when a long diagonal ball was well controlled and finished inside the post

The first goal in the second half came when a Glenea Player of the Match in Cian Langan. The panel was:

Odhran Sweeney. In the 57th minute, Cian was taken and Alfie Roarty.

down in the box after a brilliant run. He dusted himself down and dispatched the penalty into the net to tie the match at 2-2

Dunfanaghy sensed the victory and kept pressing. Seve Roarty went on one of his trademark lung busting runs and delivered a brilliant ball over the Glenea Dunfanaghy started the game well, and after domi- defence. Cian took it down and finished into the botvery good game.

Dunfanaghy had excellent displays from Seve Roarty, Caolan Sweeney, Anthony Wilkinson, and the shot from the edge of the box took wicked deflection and ended in the net to give them a 2-1 lead.

Rory Boyce, Seve Roarty, Oisin Sweeney (Captain), Caolan Sweeney, Oliver McFadden, Oisin Nelis, An-Dunfanaghy kept probing and went close on a num-thony Wilkinson, Matthew McFadden, Cian Langan, ber of occasions through Cian, Liam McFadden, and Liam McFadden, Odhran Sweeney, Dylan Robinson



Dunfanaghy Youths U12 team who defeated Glenea Utd by three goals to two.

# Creeslough

#### The late Margaret Sweeney

There were widespread feelings of sadness and sympathy felt in the community on learning about the death of Margaret (Maggie) Sweeney, nee McDermott, Ballyboes, Creeslough recently in the Donegal Hospice. Showing the popularity and esteem in which Maggie was held so many people visited the wake and attended the Mass in St. Michael's Church. The main celebrant was Fr. John Joe Duffy as-



sisted by Fr. Francis Ferry and Fr. Seamus Murphy. Fr. Martin Doohan P.P. Holy Cross Church was unavoidably absent and apologised. Included in the tributes presented by Shane was a family picture and a drawing. The Responsorial Psalm was recited by Emma, Patricia and Karen. Maggie was predeceased by her parents Patrick and Catherine and brother John. Fr. John Joe in his homily said how Maggie knew that God was with her and said how Fr. Seamus had remarked the last evening about the blazing sun and cloud formation. The sun is always there behind the dark clouds of challenges and trials in life. Maggie was the youngest in her family and she was someone who appreciated the simple things in life. She touched the lives of so many people who felt a sense of peace from her and felt her warmth and goodness. Maggie was a happy person, she loved playing cards and loved to cook and bake.

When Fr. Francis visited Assisi he offered a Mass there for Maggie and she had great devotion to Blessed Carlo Acutis who will be Canonised next year. The final prayers were recited by Fr. John Joe and Fr. Francis who also said the prayer of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Beautiful music and singing during the Mass.

Sympathy is extended to her husband, Vincent, daughters Michelle and son-in-law Johnny, Claire and son-in-law Shane; brothers Gerry, Packie, Michael, Andrew, Tony and Donal; sister Bridget and their families, Parents-inlaw George and Bridget, Maggie's close and wide circle of friends, co-workers and relatives. Maggie was laid to rest close to her parents in Doe cemetery.

#### **Sympathy**

Deepest sympathy is extended to Garda James Doran from Creeslough Garda Station on the tragic death on Saturday of his brother Patrick from Leitrim Village, Leitrim whilst taking part in the North West Dive Rally at Teelin Pier.

#### **Creeslough Community Association**

Thanks to all who helped with the Village Planting on June 11th. The group will be watering every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7p.m. at the Corner of the Gar-



Oisin Nelis who proudly representing Michael's at the U13 All County skills competition in Convoy on Friday.

den. Anyone with an hour to spare please join or contact us. Also, thanks to Logan from Kiwi Nurseries who sponsored the plants for the flower beds.

# St. Michael's Lotto

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

Ireland Rally for Life, Dublin is on Sat-urday July 6th. To book a seat on a Donegal Pro Life sponsored bus contact any of these numbers: 0892469599, Margaret Teresa 0862647235, Jim 0872606595 or Brian 0872913186.

Ards Friary Shop Opening Times: Monday –



6th Class pupils from Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough who completed their primary education and attended their farewell Mass of thanksgiving on Friday last pictured with their class teacher Ms Claire Gallagher

Saturday 12 noon until 5p.m. Sundays: 12 noon until 7p.m. Closed during evening Mass from 5.30 p.m. until 6.15p.m. The newly renovated Coffee Dock is open again,

#### **Prayer Group**

The St. Pio Prayer Group will meet in Ards Friary this evening Thursday June 27th. Rosary will be at 7.10p.m. and Mass at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome.

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

#### carries that loss with new hope Mass in Doe

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

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

#### **Creeslough Crafters Sale**

The Creeslough Crafters are having a Sale in Massinass Hall in Creeslough on this Saturday and Sunday

the 29th and 30th June. Open on Saturday from 11am until 4pm and on Sunday from 12noon until 4pm. There will be art, woodwork, handmade crafts, new and used jewellery, household items and good quality clothing.

All monies raised will be going to local charities and everyone is welcome.



Jim McGuinness raising the Anglo Celt Cup with a young student in Scoil Mhuire Creeslough at the raising of the Green Flag Day at the school.

# Jim McGuinness raises Green Flag in Creeslough

ing. The children were delighted to meet their special guest and to call to us.

Jim McGuinness raised the 7th Green Flag [Global Energy Citizenship] in Scoil Mhuire Cresslough recently and Jim spoke with excitement to the children and even more to the teachers and staff. the whole school and emphasised to them the importance of train- All were delighted to see Jim and we thank him for the take time







Donegal GAA Senior team manager Jim McGuinness raises the Green Flag at Scoil Mhuire NS. Creeslough and also pictured are students and teachers with the Angle Celt Cup on the day.



# **GAA Club News**

#### **Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn**

The senior footballers are free this weekend and travel to Dunkineely to take on Naomh Ultan on weekend of 29th June.

The senior ladies were defeated last Sunday away to St. Mary's Convoy. This Sunday the girls travel to Malin at 10.30am.

The senior hurlers get their championship up and running this weekend against St. Eunan's in the Junior Hurling Championship.

Well done to Deirdre Doherty who represented Letterkenny Gaels and CLG Dhún na nGall at the Poc Fada in Shane O Neills, Glenarm, Co. Antrim last Thursday.

Good luck to Club stalwart James Frain and the Mad Dogs cycling crew who are cycling from Mizen to Malin over three days in July. The team are completing the cycle in aid of Donegal Down Syndrome Association.

#### **Chloich Cheann Fhaola**

#### Campa Samhraidh

1-5 Iúil do pháistí idir 6-12 bliain d'aois. Cuir glaoch ar Chaolán le clárú at 086 358 3874. Cluiche Ceannais Sraith Faoi 18 an Tuaiscirt

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 0-9 Nh Adhamhnáin: 1-7

Sraith Faoi 14 an Chontae - Roinn 1

CCF: 1-4 Naomh Conaill: 2-11

Comórtas Póstaer 2024

Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a ghlac páirt sa chomórtas agus leis na scoileanna uilig sa pharóiste as a gcomhoibriú.

Comhghairdeas leo seo a leanas a bhain duaiseanna: Faoi-13

- 1. Coco Matthews, Scoil Chnoc na Naomh, Doire Chonaire.
- 2. Gerard Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Scoil Naomh Dubhthach, Machaire Rabhartaigh Faoi-9
- 1. Nuo Xin Yao, Scoil Fhionáin, An Fál Carrach 2. Alice Ní Chuireáin, Scoil Fhionáin, An Fál

Duais an Mholtóra: TG Nic Eachaidh, Scoil Naomh Dubhthach, Machaire Rabhartaigh

The numbers drawn were 2,4,14,16,17,18. We had 1 match 5. Congratulations to Anne McLaughlin who wins €100. The jackpot is now €7,100.

Sraith Faoi 16 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 2

The lads had a great win over Naomh Muire, Conmhaigh

# **Gaeil Fhanada**

**Lotto Results 23/06/2024** 

Numbers: 2, 4, 12, 24, 25. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Patsy McGinley. This week's Jackpot: €1,450.

# June Grab a Grand Winner

Congratulations to Edel Friel who won the €1000 for our June Grab a Grand, with number 165 coming out of the drum.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Sathairn, 29ú Meitheamh Cailíní Faoi 14 Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Conaill 11:00 Sraith Roinn 2 (Cluiche Tacaíochta)

An Clochán Liath v Gaeil Fhánada 6:00 Sraith Roinn 2 (Sinsear)

An Clochán Liath v Gaeil Fhánada 7:30 Cúl Camp

Bookings for the Gaeil Fhánada Cúl Camp the 1st - 5th July are currently open. To book www. kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/

Ciorcal Comhrá

Tá Ciorcal comhrá agus seisiún ceoil ar siúl 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.

Seniors earn a point

Gaeil Fhánada 1:06 Na Cealla Beaga 0:09

A Paddy Carr penalty kick, and two injury time points from Shaun Kerr and substitute Mark Friel saw Gaeil Fhánada earn a share of the spoils against Killybegs.

Gaeil Fhánada: Shaun Friel, Shaun Kerr (0:01), Jimmy Covle, Calum Mc Ateer, Brandon Mc Clafferty, James Gallagher, Oisín Mc Fadden, Seán Carr, Paddy Carr (1:00), Eoghan Carr, Darren Mc Elwaine, (0:01), James Kerr (0:01), Alan Mc Ateer (0:01), Michael Sweeney (0:01), Odhrán Shiels. Mark Friel (0:01) for Alan McAteer, Eoghan Logue for James Kerr, Paddy Heraghty for Oisín McFadden.

Killybegs defeat reserves

Na Cealla Beaga 1:11 Gaeil Fhánada 2:06

Trailing by a margin of six points with fifty minutes played probably wasn't a fair reflection of the Gaeil Fhánada performance against Killybegs. They subsequently fired a goal and two points to leave themselves within touching distance of a share of the spoils, but a late late breakaway point

from the visiting side secured their victory by a two point margin, continuing their impressive form near the head of the table.

Brian Gallagher, Emmet Kelly, Aaron McConigley, Eoghan Logue, Jamie McAteer, Paul Coyle, Eoin Logue, Christy Sweeney, Michael McDevitt, Charlie Crerand, Bernard McGettigan (0:02), Darragh O'Doherty (1:00), Dan Kerr (1:00), Paul Friel (0:02), Seán Friel. Joshua McAteer for Paul Friel, Patrick Shiels for Eoin Logue, Declan Brougham for Paul Coyle, Marty McAteer (0:01) for Bernard McGettigan, Brandon Friel (0:01) for Seán Friel. Conor McConigley.

Dungloe too strong in ladies clash

An Clochán Liath 3:11 Gaeil Fhánada 2:08

The ladies travelled to Dungloe on Sunday in their latest league encounter, and despite a much improved performance in many aspects of their game, Dungloe were just that bit more clinical in front of the posts as they recorded a six point win. Rosheen McGinley, Shauna Howe, Tori Gallagher, Maggie Friel, Iseult Ní Mhathúna, Aoife Gibbons, Méabh McAteer, Eimear Sweeney, Eiméar Gibbons, Rachel Sweeney (0:01), Caoimhe Barrett (0:01), Siobhan Sweeney (0:01), Hannah Shiels, Lauren Carr (1:05), Maireád Coll. Eibhlin Shiels (1:00) for Rachel Sweeney, Rachel Sweeney for Hannah Shiels, Hannah Shiels for Siobhan Sweeney.

Two from two for u14 Girls

Gaeil Fhánada 4:14 An Clochán Liath 3:11

Gaeil Fhánada's u14 Girls secured their second victory of their Division 1 league campaign against An Clochán Liath.

Comhghairdeas Meabh

Well done to Meabh Sweeney who made her first appearance for the senior ladies team last weekend.

Well done Jay

Well done to Jay Walshe who won the Gaeil Fhánada primary school's skills competition. Jay then represented the club at the County Finals in Convoy.

# St. Michael's

Both teams were at home to St. Eunans on Friday, Rally Campsite but unfortunately both teams lost. Scorers were: Carlos O'Reilly, Andrew Kelly, Kyle McGarvey, Eoghan Kelly, Colin McFadden and Edward O'Reilly 0-1. Team:Mark Anthony McGinley; Jamie Hunter, Liam Paul Ferry, Stephen Doak; Paddy McGinley, Ciaran Kelly, Andrew Kelly; Oisin Langan, Kyle McGarvey; Edward O'Reilly, Martin McElhinney, Colin McFadden; Antóin McFadden, Carlos O'Reilly, Michael McGinley. The Reserves were also defeated 0-5 to 1-6. Both teams are away to Kilcar this Saturday with

at 6pm and 7.30pm. Mini Lotto

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

Under 8's The under 8s played Milford on Wednesday. Congratulations

Congratulations to Oisin Nelis for representing the Club at the U13 All County skills competition in Convoy on Friday.

Result

Hard Luck to our u14 girls who played on their first game on Thursday night against Milford. This week's Fixtures

Thurs 27th u14 Girls Home v Glenswilly 6.30pm Fri 28th u12 boys D3 Home v Buncrana 6.30pm Sat 29th U10 Boys Blitz, 4 teams 10am Sun 30th Senior Ladies Away v Burt 10.30am.

# **Glenswilly**

**Club Development Draw** 

The Club have launched our Club Development Eoin McGeehin 0-1. Draw with a €50,000

First Prize of €25,000, along with an additional 12 Cash prizes get your tickets now from any club member or online at: www.Glenswilly-GAA50KCashDraw.ie

PRIZE FUND!

The 5K took place on Tuesday the 18th of June. Local man Sean McGinlev was fastest round the route with a new record of 14.35mins. Thank you to everyone who registered and took part in the race. Big thank you to any club members who helped out in any way to ensure a

smooth running of the 5k but a particular thank you to the committee who secured sponsorship and spot prizes as well as providing a fantastic spread of refreshments. Thank you to all the sponsors.

Category winners:

Senior Men 1st: Sean McGinley FVAC, 2nd: Declan Ferry Rosses AC.

Senior Women 1st: Cara Laverty FVAC, 2nd: Teresa Doherty FVAC

Junior Men 1st: Ishmael Fathoun Olympian AC Junior Women 1st: Anna Russell LAC

Men Over 40 1st: Ciaran McGonagle LAC Women Over 40 1st: Bernie Boyle Rosses AC Men Over 50 1st: Liam Bradley Inishowen AC Women Over 50 1st: Catriona Devine FVAC Men Over 60 1st: Barry Mackey LAC

Women Over 60 1st: Noreen Bonner FVAC Senior Men

against Naomh Conaill on Sunday. The Seniors are at home to Bundoran on Saturday at 7.30pm. There is no reserve game.

The Seniors and Reserves both suffered defeat

**Minor Board** Well done to Dylan Curly who represented the

Club in the all county skills competition. The U9 team travel to Derry on Saturday to take part in the Festival of Football Tournament.

Mothers and Others

Glenswilly M&O will host a blitz on Sunday July 21st. 10 teams max. Register your interest by contacting Jackie msjmcateer@gmail.com WhatsApp 0894627559

Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

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

Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm. Congratulations to last week's winner Michael Canning who won €360!

CÚL CAMPS 2024

The CÚL Camp will take place on the week starting 8th of July.

# Naomh Adhamhnáin

The club wants to thank the many people who volunteered their time last weekend to set up and secure O'Donnell Park, the people who helped park cars, pick up litter, clean up after the event, run the club shop and so many more activities. Your time and support ensured another smoothly run event.

Up for the Match

The Club present 'Up For The Match' on Friday June 28th at 8pm in the Clubhouse. Special guests announced so far are Anthony Molloy and Rory Kavanagh. MC for the evening will be Brendan Devenney. Doors open at 7:15pm and tickets are priced at €15 and will be on sale at the door.

All County League

The senior and reserves men's teams were at away to St Michaels last Friday. Our reserve team came away with a comprehensive win.

Naomh Adhamhnáin played their final game of their league campaign on Friday night. The main highlights from the first half were a Pauric Boyle goal along with three points from Conor O'Donnell (junior) added to by points from Dylan Doogan and Noah Barrett. St Michaels did the vast majority of the scoring in the second half with five points versus one point for the away team scored by Eoin McGeehin. Full time score Nh Adhamhnáin 1-6: 0-6 St Michael's.

Scorers: Pauric Boyle 1-0; Conor O'Donnell (junior) 0-3; Noah Barrett, Dylan Doogan and Team: Ronan McGeehin; Conor Parke, Eamonn Doherty, Anthony Gallagher; Noah Barrett, Kieran Tobin, Peter Devine; Conor O'Donnell Snr, Kevin Kealy; Dylan Doogan, Pauric Boyle, Jordan O'Dowd; Conor O'Donnell Jnr, Noel O'Donnell, Eoin McGeehin. Subs: Lee McMonagle and Jake Whelan for Doogan and N O'Donnell, Brian MacIntyre for Doherty.

**Upcoming Fixtures:** 

The Club championships draws will take place on Wed July 3rd in the Abbey Hotel Donegal

Our Men's div 4 team will play Glenswilly at 3pm on Saturday June 29th in O'Donnell Park.

Our reserve team will play Gaoth Dobhair also on Saturday June 29th also in O'Donnell Park at 4:30pm.

Minor Board:

Congratulations to our U18 boys who won the Northern Board Division 1 league title in a closely fought battle with Chloich Cheann Fhaola in Moyle Park on Monday. Fintan Hasson scored a great goal while Thomas Roache scored two important points near the end in this close encounter. Nh Adhamhnáin 1-7: 0-9 Chloich Cheann Fhaola

**U16 Results:** 

U16 Div 1: Four Masters 2-10: 2-8 Nh Adhamhnáin

**Upcoming U16 fixtures:** 

Monday July 1st All County U16 Division 1 Gaoth Dobhair v Nh Adhamhnáin 7:30pm. Monday July 1st All County U16 Division 5A Nh Adhamhnáin v Nh Columba 7:30pm.

U14 fixtures: Wednesday June 26th NRB U14 Div 1 Nh Adhamhnáin v Cloich Cheann Fhaola 6:30pm

Hurling Our senior hurlers had a comprehensive win over An Clochan Liath in the opening round of the Senior Hurling Championship last Sunday.

**Upcoming fixtures:** Junior Hurling Champ Round 1 – Fri, June 28th - Nh Adhamhnáin v Letterkenny Gaels 8pm. Senior Champ Group B Round 2 – Fri, June 28th Carndomhnaigh v Nh Adhamhnáin 2pm

# Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 18/6/24

10-11-24-32 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Frances Mc Hugh, Forquar, Milford.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 29th of June: Maple, Milford. U16 Boys. **RESULTS AND FIXTURES** 

**U14 Boys** 

Our U14s won the Northern Division 2 league final last Tuesday, defeating Glenfin on a scoreline of 6-4 to 1-9 Senior Men

Our Senior men recorded a good victory over Naomh Muire Iochtar na Rosann on Saturday evening last on a scoreline 3-6 to 2-6. **U14 Girls** 

The U14 girls had a great victory against St Michaels on Thursday last.

**Club Summer Camp** 

The Club is running a summer camp from 7th to 9th of August, from 10am to 1pm daily, for Primary school children. The cost is €50 for 1st child and €40 per sibling which includes a new training top. Registration is via Clubforce and the closing date for applications is 30th of June.

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

Please Contact - Aodh McCormack 0878131565 Donall Barrett 0868353701; Aidan Cannon 0876784787; Shaun Strain 0879013504

Roisin McCormack 0879188795



The Milford U14 team after winning the Northern Division 2 league final.



Independent Cllrs. Declan Meehan, Jimmy Brogan, Michael Gillespie and Michael McBride.



The 100% Redress Party Members at their first Council meeting, Cllrs. Thomas Devine, Joy Baird, Ali Farren

# 'Not an inclusive Council'. McBride

Cllr Michael McBride has repeated his claim that neither he nor a number of other Independent Cllrs were contacted to take part in the negotiations to form a power sharing pact on Donegal County Council ahead of Friday's AGM in Lifford.

#### by Declan Kerr

As such he said it wasn't an inclusive arrangement the way positions were divided out and described the situation as similar to what occurred after the 2019 local elections. The other Cllrs on the outside were fellow Independents Declan Meehan, Jimmy Brogan and Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Esbuig.

On Friday morning, Cllr McBride asked the newly elected Cathaoirleach Niamh Kennedy to adjourn the AGM to allow all the Independent Cllrs to meet and agree the share of positions on the various committees.

"There are a number of Independent Cllrs who at no time were consulted about the positions to be filled on the Council. The way it's being done is not fair and equitable. This is not a good start. It's nothing short of an insult what has happened here. I am asking that this meeting be adjourned so that all the Independent Cllrs can go and meet in a room and do this fairly. That would get this Council off to a good start," Cllr McBride said.

However, the Cathaoirleach did not respond to that request and the AGM continued. Cllr McBride said that since Friday there has been no engagement with the Fianna Fail, Sinn Fein, Fine Gael and Independent groupings that formed the pact ahead of the AGM.

"We received no invites of any description and it's the same now as I speak to you on Tuesday for the Municipal District AGM in Letterkenny next Monday. There was also a procedural issue with the vote for Cathaoirleach at the AGM. The vote on the second name proposed Thomas Sean Devine should have been taken first and then the vote for Niamh Kennedy. Instead it was done the other way around. I am not getting too perturbed about it. It's just important that the public knows that it is not an all inclusive Council. I will just get on with the job I was elected to do and that is representing the people to the best of my ability," Cllr McBride said.

Independent Cllr Frank McBrearty asked the Cathaoirleach on a number of occasions during the AGM to give him a copy of the pact agreement. While she said she would, Cllr Kennedy didn't say when Cllr McBrearty would receive a copy. He demanded that he receive it there and then. That led to sharp exchanges with the Cathaoirleach requesting Cllr McBrearty to withdraw a comment he made to her. As a result of that the meeting was adjourned and when it reconvened, Cllr. McBrearty was not present.

Following the election of Cllr Kennedy as Cathaoirleach, the Fianna Fail Party Whip Cllr Ciaran Brogan said there had been a good 10 days of negotiations to reach an agreement involving his Party, Sinn Fein, 100% Redress and Independents. "We want to work together going forward. It has to be a team effort and we all need to wear the county jersey. There are big challenges ahead for the Council. This is a positive for us and a special one for Niamh Kennedy as the new

Cathaoirleach" Cllr Brogan said. Newly elected Cllr Declan Meehan said it was certainly not an all inclusive Council when five Cllrs including himself were not involved in the negotiations. That he said was not the D'Hondt method of allocating positions fairly as it had excluded five Cllrs. Cllr Meehan asked for the names of those who had represented each grouping in the negotiations but that was not forthcoming.

Independent Cllr Pauric McGarvey had proposed Niamh Kennedy for the position of Donegal's first citizen and that was seconded by Labour Party Cllr Martin

Cllr McGarvey said she was a poll topper in both the 2014 and 2019 Donegal Electoral Area and was now commencing her third term as a Cllr.

"I believe that Cllr. Kennedy will do a very good job as Cathaoirleach," Cllr McGarvey said. However, the position was contested with another Independent Cllr. Frank McBrearty proposing 100% Redress Party Cllr. Thomas Sean Devine as Martin Harley's successor. In a recorded vote 27 Cllrs voted for Kennedy with nine supporting Devine including his fellow 100% Redress councillors as well as Cllrs. McBrearty, Mac Giolla Easbuig, Michael McBride, Declan Meehan and Jimmy Brogan.

Kennedy became just the first Independent female Cllr to be elected as Cathaoirleach and only the fourth woman to take the position in the 125 year history of Donegal County Council. The previous holders were Maureen Doohan, Cora Harvey and Rena Donaghey. Cllr Tomas Sean Devine of the 100% Redress Party was nominated by Cllr Frank McBrearty and seconded by Cllr Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig. The outgoing Leas-Cathaoirleach was Sinn Fein Cllr Gerry McMonagle who was unable to be present in person on due to his daughter's wedding. However, he did briefly join the AGM online. He has been succeeded in the position by another Letterkenny Cllr, Jimmy Kavanagh from the Fine Gael Party. Kavanagh was elected after being proposed by Cllr Martin Harley and seconded by new FG Cllr Manus Boyle. Cllr McBrearty proposed Joy Beard of the 100% Redress Party for Leas Cathaoirleach but there was no seconder.

Pictured left - Ind. Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, the new Council Chairperson with Fine Gael Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Vice Chairperson. Pictured below - Jimmy and Roisin Kavanagh with Independent Cllr. Pauric McGarvey at the AGM.





Some of the Fianna Fail team in the Council, Clirs. Donal Coyle, Donal Mandy Kelly, Ciaran Brogan, Liam Blaney, Martin McDermott and Paul Canning.



Ind. Cllr. Michael McClafferty with Sinn Fein's Cllr. Brian Carr a tthe AGM.

# **Sheephaven Half** marathon this Saturday

Letterkenny 247 Triathlon Club would like to let locals know that the Sheephaven Half and Sprint races will be in the Mevagh parish on this Saturday June 29th. The event will see over 300 competitors, their families, supporters and the teams of volunteers attending the events.

The races are sponsored by The Downings Bay Hotel. Thanks yet again to Na Dunaibh GAA Centre for the use of their facilities, where the race will be at its busiest.

We want to let locals aware of the event and to ask for assistance in getting the word out. Safety measures will be in place. There will be a one way system on Downings Main Street. Traffic coming in from Carrigart can go straight though the Main Street. One side of Downings Main Street will be closed to traffic. Traffic coming from the pier side with be diverted up Murlog and down by Magherabeg. The race starts with a swim in the Bay at 7.30am starting from the beach beside Rosapenna, then a cycle and run.

There will be marshals and local Garda to assist. Extra marshals are always a bonus and if anyone is free contact race directors Gavin Crawford or Liam Tinney on 087-

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# **Cloughaneely Golf Club**

We have Mrs. Roisín McGee's Lady Captain's Prize this week. On Friday 28th June we have a 9 Hole Team Scramble draw at 5.45pm. All welcome.

On Saturday 29th June, we have a Competition for Gents and Competition for Ladies. Please book your teetime on clubnet. Presentation of prizes at 8pm in the clubhouse. We wish Roisín the very best this week with her Lady Captain's Day. Congratulations to Tony McGinley's Donegal Seniors team that defeated Bundoran Golf Club today. Brian Dolan and Peadar Curran secured the first win and Francis Boyle and Martin Terry secured the half match to progress us through. A great away result.

Vincent Collum's Minor League team played Rosapenna Golf Club on Friday evening. Having won 5-0 at home, they won the required match to progress. They face Redcastle Golf Club next. Maith sibh. Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheann Fhaola are delighted to announce 2024 Golf Open Week from 5th to 14th July. A mixture of singles and team events. Open to Ladies and Gents. We are offering an unlimited open week member's pass for €50 that includes entry to all competitions! Open Week passes can be purchased

> from next week at the golf club or at the start of Open Week.

Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheann Fhaola wishes to thank all our generous sponsors. Mangan Tours (Joseph Mangan), Kevin McCarry (Newtown & New York), Centra Falcarragh (Shaun Boyce), McNutts Corner (Danny McNulty), McGee's Service Station Falcarragh (Seamus Danny), VP Mc-Mullin Solicitors (James Sweeney), Teach Bhillie & Máire Rua's (Damien Whoriskey), Batch Donegal (Ciaran McGarvey), Ostán Loch Altan, Gort a' Choirce and John Joe Mc-Fadden Oil & Coal Depot (Ian McFadden).

We would also like to thank our 3 Main Sponsors for their support: ProAmpac (John McDermott), The Strand Road Bar & Kitchen (Michael McClafferty), McClafferty's Eurospar Gortahork (Thomas McClafferty). Go raibh míle maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht uilig. Míle buíochas dár n-urraithe uilig.



The Cloughaneely Golf Club at the Donegal Seniors away in Bundoran Golf Club.

# **Letterkenny Rugby Club U18 Awards**

Letterkenny Rugby Club U18's had their end of season awards presentation in Dunfanaghy at the weekend.

Player of the Year - Charlie Robinson Players Player of the Year - Chris McCann Most Improved Player - Isaac Hay Young Player of the Year - Ryan McFadden



Most Improved Young Player - Sam O'Donnell

Fair play to the players and coaches for a great

season. U18's are encouraged to get involved

with current senior men's training happening

on Tuesdays 7:30pm and all are more than wel-

come. For more information contact U18 Head

Boyd Robinson presenting the Player of the Year Boyd Robinson presenting the Most Improved Play-



Boyd Robinson presenting the Young Player of the Year award to Ryan McFadden.



Boyd Robinson presenting the Players Player of Year Award to Chris McCann.

# **McMonagle** departs Finn Park

Shane McMonagle became the third player to leave Finn Harps this month with the club confirming the news on Tuesday evening. The Inishowen man who played mainly on the left side of defence lost his place to Luke O'Brien in the last couple of months. Sean O'Donnell and Chris Loefta also departed early this month. It's expected that manager Darren Murphy will be trying to bring in a couple of replacements in the transfer window which opens at the start of July. Harps manager Darren Murphy said: "I'd like to thank Shane for his professionalism and commitment

**English breaks Irish** 

during his time at Finn Harps. He is a brilliant lad and

future."

record again
For the second time in the space of three days Mark English broke his own Irish 800m record as he finished fourth on Friday at a race meeting in Madrid in a time of 1:44.53. The previous Tuesday the 31-yearold had broke the record first in Finland with a time of 1:44.69 to reach the qualifying standard for the Parish Olympics later this summer.

# Kelly's sixth

MMA success
Darragh Kelly extended his super start to professional mixed martial arts on Saturday night at the Bellator Champions Series card at the 3 Arena with a submission win just one minute and 28 seconds into the bout.

# **Horse Racing** in Bundoran

The local Horse and Pony Racing scene heads to beautiful Bundoran this Sunday 30th June at Finner Camp with a 2.30pm start. The seaside town has been a popular venue for a long number of years. With the Donegal game in Croker clashing with it the Committee will have live commentary on track so you

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Wed 17th July - Cattle Sale 12noon

Wed 24th July - Sheep Sale 11.30am Booking-in will take place Tuesday 23th July - 8.00 to 8.30pm

Wed 31st July - Cattle Sale 12noon

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# **Milford Mart**

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Meanwhile local star from Ballyare rider Patrick McGettigan had a fine double at Oldcastle Co Meath on Sunday when he partnered Fire Drops and Jacob to impressive wins and will be hopeful of adding more success this Weekend. Refreshments on course as well as Bookmakers.



Paddy McGettigan who did the double at Oldcastle on Sunday























