



New owners at Rockhill Caravan Park

Kerrykeel's Rockhill Caravan Park has been sold to a Dublin based family company with sixty years experience in the holiday and leisure business.

The new owner is Harry Farrell and Sons Ltd from Rathcoole.

The firm already has holiday parks in coastal locations in Dublin, Kerry, Wexford and Waterford with over 1,000 residential units.

The sale was agreed with current owner Chris Carberry this week. Chris has spent over twenty years in Kerrykeel and he's developed the facilities to attract a new



The Farrell brothers Harry, Joe and Bill.

generation of holidaymakers. Originally developed by the late Eric McElhinney, the business has grown substantially over these sixty years. McElhinney sold the business to Fanad man, John McCollum.

Rockhill sits in the spectacular setting of Mulroy Bay and over its lifetime, it has grown and developed with 243 caravans, 13 log cabins and 22 touring sites.

Employing seven full-time staff, the numbers increase

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Paddy Gildea retires



Paddy Gildea who is retiring this week after 14 years as the proprietor of Gildea Farm Butchers at Oldtown Road in Letterkenny. The shop has been popular with locals and also had many customers from outside of town. But Paddy hasn't gone away completely as the mobile butcher van will still be at the Letterkenny Artisan Market on Saturdays. Photo by Declan Kerr.

Record Budget - shame about crumbling services

Tuesday's record giveaway budget will be remembered, but not for very long because Ireland's motorists and haulage companies will now have Europe's highest prices for diesel.

By John McAteer

This is a Budget that unashamedly targets the 60% of the electorate most likely to vote. It is a 'baby budget' in every sense from the newborn receiving €420 and much better fi-

ancial assistance with creche fees.

But it's terrible budget for the hospitality sector and the vintners who are left with no backing for a VAT reduction to 9%. The future for the sector is now less secure.

A spokesperson said: "Since the VAT rate was increased to 13.5% in September last year a total of 612 restaurants, cafés, and other food-led businesses have been forced to close per-

manently."

This budget will also provide cold comfort for the elderly who are on a low income and need money the most: Energy credits are cut to €250 from a high of €450 last winter.

And this also affects the many Donegal families with defective blocks and not a red cent on offer to cope with the extra costs of heating their homes.

Insofar as the Mansion Tax is concerned

let's not be too complacent even if this measure affects less than one per cent of sales. With the government now forking out €442,000 for modular homes, there is no way of knowing what they will do next in spending crazy money that does nothing for those paying ransoms on sky high rents and house prices.

From next Wednesday, VAT and carbon tax increases will add

2.5c to a litre of diesel and 2.1c on a litre of petrol. This will add around €1.60 to an average fill at the pumps and will, ultimately, add to the cost of living with consumers paying more for their weekly shopping. These new hikes mean that close to €1.05 of every litre of petrol will go to the Government and the take from diesel is 94 cents.

Finance Minister,

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Creelough remembers ten lives lost

Next Monday marks the second anniversary of the Creelough explosion in which ten people lost their lives.

To mark the event the bell at St. Michael's Church will be rung on October 7th at 3.17pm in memory of Michael, Leona, Jessica, Catherine, Martina, James, Martin,

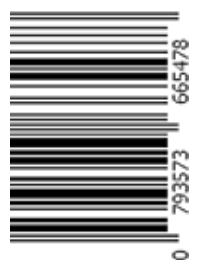
James, Robert and Hughie.

Fr. John Joe Duffy said that Mass will be celebrated this Saturday evening at 7.30 for those who died in the tragedy - everyone is welcome.

And on Monday evening there will be a prayer service at seven o'clock in St. Michael's to mark the lives lost in the explosion.



Hugh and Maura Logue, Gortnatra, Kerrykeel who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with their family in Ripples Restaurant, Kerrykeel.



OPR has "no solutions" for N56 - claim

Planning regulations have been branded "too severe" for those looking to build homes on family lands along the N56. Cllr Michael McClafferty claims a recent meeting with representatives of the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) only highlights that people are "making rules in Dublin that don't work in rural Donegal". He has expressed his continued concerns about planning issues in rural Donegal "in particular National road access or in our case the N56."

Cllr McClafferty said: "While I attended a planning meeting earlier this week which had representa-

tives of the Office of the Planning Regulator giving talks, but as always I have raised, yet again, about people unable to get planning on the N56. For many sons, daughters, grandchildren and the like whose families may have lived in the area for generations and already have an access to the N56 want to live and build a house at home but can't under the current regulations, they are too severe. The OPR has said solutions are in place but there are no solutions in Donegal at present for



the N56." He also claims that planning applications having to involve planners or architects from the outset for them to be considered, only adds "insult to injury". He added: "The reality is quite simple: people making rules in Dublin don't work in rural Donegal in my opinion." The proposals from the OPR were the subject of a long day of debate in Lifford in February and a number of amendments were agreed before

the plan was returned for public consultation once again. The original OPR plan saw 286 objections from the public after it was first put into the public domain. The plan initially went to public consultation in August 2023. A notice of the OPR's recommendation was published by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the 21st of September. The Minister will now consider the OPR's recommendation prior to making a decision, within 6 weeks of the OPR's recommendation, on whether to issue the Direction with or without minor amendments.

Record Budget - shame about crumbling services

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Jack Chambers, delivered his first budget and also the final one for this Government and promised to leave all of us with an extra €1,000 a year in our pockets. However, as much as €700 of that is already eaten away in private health insurance costs so far this year... and there are more increases in the pipeline!

The Restaurants Association of Ireland said the VAT decision was a "devastating blow" to a sector already in crisis. Their assessment stated: "Arriving on top of significant increases in the minimum wage, paid statutory sick days, the upcoming pension auto-enrolment scheme and sky-high energy and food costs, the VAT increase proved the final nail in the coffin for many."

The bellwether response to all budgets is rural Ireland is the voice of the IFA and they say the measures do not go far enough. Their President, Francie Gorman, said the farming measures would go some way towards addressing the pressures in farming, but they won't do enough to address the income crisis. He said: "The increase in supports for suckler cows, sheep and dairy beef calves will be of some help to farmers in the drystock sector. However, the reality is that these sectors need more as they drive economic activity in rural Ireland. Our tillage sector has had a torrid two years. The number of acres under crops will be in serious jeopardy in the coming years. This payment will help farmers this year, but a medium and long-term plan is needed to protect and grow our till-

age and horticulture sectors," he said. IFA National Farm Business Chair, Bill O'Keefe, said that the budget was a cost-of-living budget, rather than a cost of doing business budget. "Many measures in the budget will help families, including farm families with cost-of-living pressures, but will not do a lot to address the cost of doing business which for farmers has increased by 73% since 2017," he said. Minister Charlie McConalogue said he's got an additional €158 million for the Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine which represents an increase of 8% on Budget 2024 with €85 million to be spent in new measures for farmers. He said the funding will provide significant support to farming and coastal communities, as well as those working in these sectors next year. SF's Pearse Doherty hit out at Simon Harris as "a Taoiseach who cares more about headlines than he does about housing and this budget proves it." Deputy Doherty referred to the controversial Leinster House bike shelter, the ever growing costs of the national children's hospital and said the Government was "incapable of getting value for money". "People hear about the millions and billions of euros but they do not feel better off. For most people it is about what they have at the end of the week and if, when the bills are paid, there is anything left," he claimed. This was "not a giveaway budget" but a "giving-up-on-housing budget", he said, adding that the Government has raised the white flag when it comes to housing, affordable housing and rent-

ers. Ged Nash of the Labour Party summed up the paradox of budget 2025: 'A country of contrasts. Of contradictions. A paradox of plenty.' He spoke of record corporation tax receipts but record numbers of our citizens without a home. He said: "The highest number of people ever at work, yet one in five workers subsist on pay below a Living Wage. Surpluses the envy of Europe with public services and creaking infrastructure that should shame us. An apparent economic miracle papering over the cracks of the daily, now routine indignities of crushing child poverty. 100 years ago this year, the Boundary Commission was set up. It formally divided our island. A century on, the policies of Fine Gael and Fianna Fail have succeeded in dividing the people of this State. Socially and economically. It need not have been this way. These were the choices you have made. A few short years ago, our country was bust. Our options were limited. Now, for the first time in our history, and after a decade of uninterrupted growth, money isn't the problem. It's a lack of imagination and vision that's holding our country and its people back. The tragedy of this government is this. You have contrived to waste a boom. Strangled by your own crippling conservatism, this government's ideology has made this rich country feel so poor. And all presided over by 'Schrodinger's Taoiseach'. The man who manages to be both in government and opposition at the same time," he added.

Opposition to tree felling grows

There is growing anger in the Ballyraine area to Council plans to fell a 90-year-old oak tree to make way for an active N56 Urban Active Travel Project that will include an expanded footpath and cycle path between the Polestar and Creamery roundabouts. The local An Taisce has called on the Council to divert the cycle path around the tree. Local residents in Ballyraine have backed that call saying that there is adequate room to take the cycle path around the tree. The Council's position remains that the tree will be felled to allow the development to go ahead as per the planning permission that was approved. They say that there was a public consultation period where there were no submissions opposing the tree felling. The Council said that statutory consent through the Part VIII planning process was

received for the project in 2020. However, the Local Authority said it was planning to repurpose parts of the tree's trunk and plant its acorns in the vicinity of where the tree is located. But, Ballyraine residents were not happy with that response. Described as a "cross-community collaboration to save 'Ballyraine oak tree' an information event organised by Paucic Shevlin took place on Wednesday evening at the site of the tree in Ballyraine. An information leaflet stated: "The proposed cycling lane and greenway part of the Letterkenny Active Travel Project threatens the existence of a beloved landmark in our community: our 90-year-old Sessile Oak tree in Ballyraine. This magnificent tree has presided over the area for nearly a century, its roots running deep into both



Cloughaneely Golf Club Ladies with Thomas McClafferty Eurospar Gort a'Choice donating a cheque for €4,250 for Breast Cancer Research.

the soil and the identity of Ballyraine. Locals, supported by members of An Taisce Donegal Local Association, are justifiably worried about the council's decision, as it does not seem to value our natural heritage. Oak trees are a vital part of our ecosystem. Sessile oaks in particular can live up to 500 years and support hundreds of other species - from fungi to birds, insects and lichens. We therefore ask for immediate action to prevent the removal of this important community symbol and testament to our natural heritage." They have launched an online petition at www.change.org/BallyraineOakTree

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Jerald Baiju, a Transition Year student at St. Eunan's College, who has been selected to represent the U17 the Irish Badminton Team in Sweden in an international competition from 14th to 17th of November. Jerald is joined in the Irish squad by Kimberly Pearson and Rhys McAuley, all members of Raphoe Badminton Club. Rhys and Kimberly have been on international duty before but for Jerald it will be his first Irish cap when they take to the courts in Sweden. Jerald is pictured here with St. Eunan's College Principal Damien McCroary.

Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette

The Relics of St. Bernadette will be visiting the Diocese of Raphoe from October 11th until October 13th in St. Eunan's Cathedral. Friday 11th October ~ Schedule 12noon - 6.30pm Liturgy of Welcome followed by Veneration of the Relics Confessions available. 3pm Station of the Cross 7pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick 8.30 pm Rosary Procession 10pm Holy Hour. 11pm-9am Night Vigil Saturday 12th October ~ Schedule 9am Morning Prayer 10am Mass of Our Lady followed by Public Rosary 11am - 3pm Veneration of the Relics Confessions available 3pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick 4.30pm - 6pm Veneration of the Relics Confessions available 6pm Vigil Mass 7pm Youth Prayer 9pm Rosary Procession 10pm - 8am Night Vigil. Sunday 13th October ~ Schedule 8am Mass 9am-10am Veneration of the Relics. 10am Family Mass. 11am - 12noon Veneration of the Relics. 12 noon Solemn Mass and Conclusion Departure of Relics to Derry.

17th International Bridge Congress

The 17th International Bridge Congress will take place in Donegal Town on Friday 1st November at 7:45 pm with the official opening in the Abbey Hotel by Catherine Byrne, President CBAI. At 8:pm will see the first competition the Congress Pairs (1st Session) in the Abbey Hotel. Also at 8pm there is the Intermediate A1 and A2 Championship (1st Session). At the same time the Intermediate B, Junior & Novice Pairs (1st Session) takes place. Next door in the Central Hotel at the 8pm there is the Open Pairs. On Saturday 2nd November at 10:30am its the Fashion Show by Peter's Man Shop and Elite Boutique in Abbey Hotel. Competitions continue all day on the Saturday and Sunday with the Presentation of Prizes in the Abbey Hotel at 5pm. 6:30pm sees the Open Pairs and Mixed Pairs. The Congress closes at 10:30pm on Sunday night.

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Friends of LUH collection

The annual church gate collection in aid of The Friends of Letterkenny University Hospital will take place outside many churches in County Donegal on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th October. A Garda permit is issued for same as usual.

The Friends celebrate their 32nd anniversary this year and recently donated €380,000 to the hospital to purchase an Ultrasound Machine for Respiratory Medicine, a Double Balloon Assisted Enteroscopy System for Gastroenterology, a Contrast Pump Injector of Radiology & the Symp-

tomatic Breast Care Service, a Rezúme Prostate Treatment System and a Thulium Fibre Laser System for Urology Services.

These items of equipment will either enhance existing services in LUH or will enable the provision of new services locally, where patients had to travel outside LUH previously.

Recently, the Friends are cooperating with the HSE in the delivery of a pilot project for a defined period around the provision of transport for patients from Donegal who required to access services in UCHG in Galway.

Letterkenny Tennis Club's new facilities launched

The new facilities at Letterkenny Tennis Club were launched on Sunday afternoon by Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue.

Speaking at the ceremony, he said the facilities were put in place through the €165,000 in sports capital funding allocated in 2022.

"These facilities are a testament to the hardworking committee and head coach, Gerry Clarke, who continues to drive things on," Minister McConalogue commented.

The works included the replacement of floodlights, new surfaces on four tennis courts and on three children's mini courts, the completion of a clay court and the completion of fencing around the perimeter of the grounds.

"The developments at the Club are emblematic of what hap-

pens when sports clubs and community organisations get grant awards through sports capital. The grants are spent so well, make a massive impact in local communities, and are leveraged in a way that have a real impact on people's lives in a very significant way.

"Letterkenny Tennis Club has evolved and developed with the times since relocating to its current home in 1996 and it's great to see how, as a club, it has put out its linkages to embrace the community and welcome people in," he added.

"The club has linked up with St Eunan's College, Loreto Secondary School and Coláiste Ailigh with students from the three schools working closely with students from St Bernadette's Special School in Letterkenny through Donegal Sports Partnership, and that is

really important work on behalf of the club.

"I wish them well for the future and look forward to supporting them along with Cllr Ciaran Brogan and our public representatives in any way we can," Minister McConalogue said.

"That's a reflection of how seriously we take sport here in the county and how strong our sporting sector is. We worked extremely hard to ensure there was a strong allocation coming to Donegal so that we can actually see more projects like the one at Letterkenny Tennis Club being delivered. It's making an impact on young people and on those right across the ages, while also enhancing people's lives. There's great voluntary work going on at the club at committee level and through training young people in as well," he added.



Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue, cutting the ribbon at the launch of the new facilities at Letterkenny Tennis Club on Sunday.

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Annual Admission Notice 2025/2026

D'ullmhaigh Bord Bainistíochta Coláiste Ailigh Fógra Bliantúil maidir le hIontrálacha seo a leanas i dtaobh daltaí a ghlacadh isteach sa scoil don scoilbhliain 2025/2026. Foilsíodh an fógra seo an 09/10/2024.

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the Board of Management of Coláiste Ailigh in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2025/2026. This notice was published on 09/10/2024.

Lion na n-áiteanna atá ar fáil sa Chéad Bhliain:	72
Total number of places available in First Year Group:	

Tá cóip de Pholasaí Iontrála Coláiste Ailigh ar fáil ach: A copy of Coláiste Ailigh's Admission Policy is available at:	dul chuig láithreán gréasáin na scoile: School Website www.colaisteailigh.ie Ó oifig na scoile (cóip chlóite) School Office (for printed copy) r-phost a chur chuig/ By emailing colaisteailigh@donegaletb.ie
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Ni ghlacfar le hiarratais ar an Chéad Bhliain i gColáiste Ailigh ach amháin tar éis an 09/10/2024 agus is é an 4/11/2024 an dáta deiridh a nglacfar le hiarratais. Déanfar na hiarratais a gheofar i ndiaidh an dáta sin a mheas agus a phróiseáil mar iarratais dhéanacha de réir Bheartas Iontrála na Scoile.

All applications to the First Year Group in Coláiste Ailigh will only be accepted after 09/10/2024 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 04/11/2024. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

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Coffee Afternoon

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Is it moral to recruit nurses for NI from India?

The Western Health and Social Services Trust in the North has sent several members of senior management to India to recruit nurses. The morality of this has to be questioned. No-one can accept this is fair.

India is a much poorer country than we are. The United Nations Human Development Index places the South as seventh richest country in the world. The Index is looked on as fairly accurate. The Index puts India at 134th. That is not a gap. It is a yawning chasm.

The South is probably around 13 times richer than India. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per head here is €8,421. In the South it is €103,556. Figures, though, are hard to get your head round. So let's look at ordinary life.

Average life expectancy in India is 67.24 years. In the South it is 82.10 years. In the North, for women it is 82.3 years for women. For men it is 78.4 years.

In India, maternal mortality per 100,000 live births is 103 per 100,000. In the South, it is 5 per 100,000 live births. That is 20 times less. Maternal deaths here are rare. I am a pensioner. In my lifetime I have only known one woman who died as a result of childbirth. I'm sure there are many in my age group who never, personally, knew one who died at all.

India's infant mortality rate is 30.4 per 1,000 live births. In the South it is 3.3.

The CIA is not to many of our tastes. However, it produces a very good factbook. This gives accurate information on countries across the world. According to the CIA World Factbook, India is at "very high risk" of infectious diseases. Ireland, North

A country like India needs nurses. Instead, both states in Ireland are taking them. In Ireland there are 15.2 nurses per 1,000 population. There are still shortages. There is short-staffing. Any of us who has had to attend hospital knows that. India's problems dwarf ours. In India, there are just over two nurses per 1,000 population. The World Health Organisation recommends a minimum of three.

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the 'Irish dream' as the Irish used to believe in the American dream. One recruitment agency lists 'Perks of working as a nursing professional in Ireland.' Readers will have difficulty believing this is about the country where they live. Readers who are nurses will have particular difficulty: "Apart from living in one of the most beautiful islands with serene atmospheres, you also enjoy other benefits while working as a nursing professional in Ireland like free public education, healthcare facilities at subsidised rates, social security benefits, higher wages and a great standard of living. Also, working as a nursing professional in Ireland, you get to choose your area of specialisation in which you would like to work as a nurse." The nurses being targeted for Ireland are all graduates. Let's remember the Indian public purse, through universities and nursing schools, has invested a significant sum in training them. So there is a double drain on the Indian economy. Nursing graduates are being produced who are lured away. More, the more qualified will be particularly recruited. I am, of course, not opposed to Indian nurses coming to work in Ireland. Nor am I opposed to workers from any other country coming here. What has me concerned is that recruitment companies are targeting

India to recruit nurses. And I can see why they are willing to come. The average nurse in India earns a little under €210 per month. The average nurse in the South earns €47,313 per year. Reality here can be different to the fine words from recruitment agencies. For some, unfortunately, Ireland is not a land of welcome. During the summer nurses were intimidated out of the Ballycraig Estate in Antrim. Some had to sleep in cars and a disused hospital building. In South Belfast, some have also been intimidated out of their homes. Others are frightened to go out except to work. Strangely, when ill very few racists refuse treatment from brown or black health service staff. What is far worse is the hypocrisy of Ireland's political establishment. The political establishment is picking up all the dog-whistles about racism. The 'respectable' parties are willing to use the language of the far right. Leo Varadkar has said: "The majority of people think that the numbers (of immigrants) have been too high in recent years, and they're right."



By Anton McCabe

Varadkar himself is the son of an immigrant from India. Unfortunately, he is following in a long tradition. That is of those who have progressed pulling up the ladder behind them. Thus others can't have the opportunities they did. I'm not just criticising Varadkar. Fianna Fáil and even Sinn Féin have done the same.

This dog-whistling is combined with the same establishment encouraging poaching a skill that is needed there from one of the world's poorest countries. That activity is helping make that country, and others, poorer. Ireland claims never to have been imperialist. It condemns the colonial powers who looted treasures from Africa and Asia. But is taking nurses any better?

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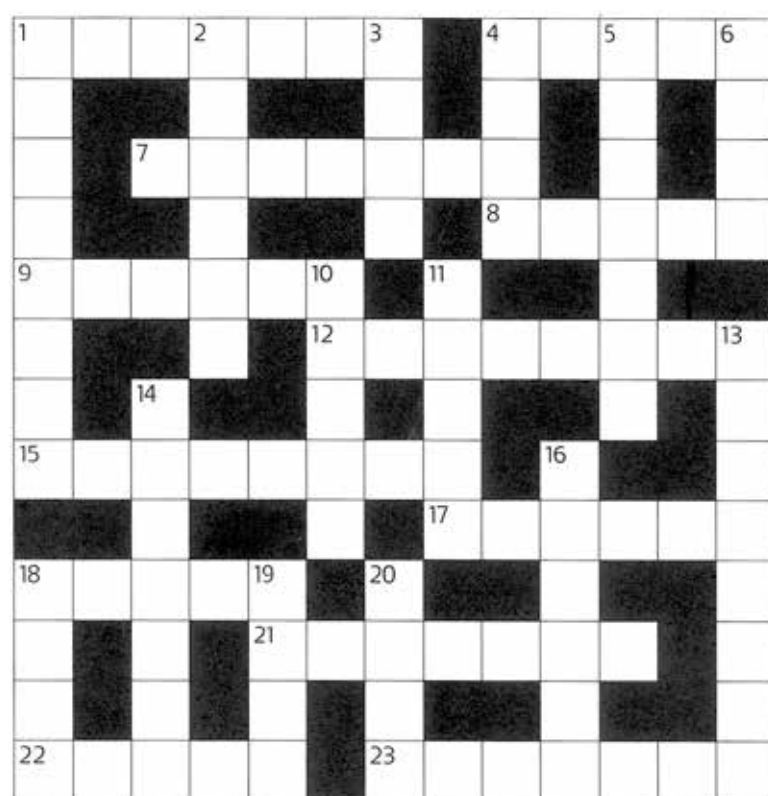
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Solutions to Crossword No. 1083

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John F. Loughrey & Associates celebrate 40 years in business

John F. Loughrey & Associates Ltd was established in 1984 and is situated in the heart of Letterkenny, in the prominent Crossview House building. Their clients benefit from 40 years of experience in providing expert advice on a range of services including Pensions, Investments, Savings, Deposits and Protection products.

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John F. Loughrey and his daughter Lisa in front of Cross View House in Letterkenny.

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Ramelton

Wedding

The wedding took place on Friday in the Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen of Laura Egan and Edward Boyce. Laura is the daughter of Tom and Deirdre Egan, Killydonnell, Ramelton. Edward is the son of Eddie and Sharon Boyce, Rectory Road, Ramelton.

Maid of Honour was Melissa Egan, the bride's twin sister. Bridesmaids were Laura's friend Andrea McLaughlin and her cousins Danielle Fisher and Emily Irwin. Best man was David Moore, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Eddie's friends Nicky O'Hanlon and David Fisher and his cousin Eoghan Boyce.

Readings were by Edward's cousins Natasha Boyce and Stacey Boyce. A poem was read by Laura's cousin Aisling Irwin. Stephen McLaughlin, a cousin of Laura's read a Reflection.

The wedding party, family and friends enjoyed a lovely reception afterwards in the Lough Erne Resort.

Chiropodist Makemie Hall

The chiropodist will be in the Makemie Hall on next Tuesday 8th October from 9.30am – 2.30pm organised by the Ramelton Care of the Aged.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Ramelton Presbyterian Church as holding their Harvest Thanksgiving Services on this Sunday 6th October at 12noon and 7:30pm. The 12noon service will be led by Mrs. Carol Wilson, Cole-raine while the preacher at the evening service will be Rev Stephen Richmond. All welcome to join with the community in giving thanks for the Harvest.

Crafts and Craic

The Crafts and Craic group will run every Mon-

day morning 10.30-12.30 in the parish centre behind St. Mary's Church Ramelton. Come along for the chat & craic. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your current project or start something new. Enjoy the craic company and a cuppa. Any queries call Myrtle on 087 6825387.

Hatha Yoga

Mens only Hatha Yoga Class will commence in the Town Hall Ramelton from Wednesday the 9th of October. The cost of the four week block is €40. Block booking only and contact Nuala for details on 087 6807850

Swilly Rovers lotto

Swilly lotto drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Sunday were 13, 14, 18 and 20. No jackpot winner. No 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €1050. Thanks for your continued support.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00 noon this Saturday 5th October. Stock up on all your food requirements for all Occasions and Parties by ordering in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability when you get to market on Saturday. The best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and why not pop into our Tearoom for a delicious Cheese Toastie when you have done your shopping. Teas/coffees, scones & sweet treats, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout



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(DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL)

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

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

Harvest Rally

Saturday, 12th October 2024

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

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

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

The road numbers involved are:

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

Alternative Route:

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

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

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

The road numbers involved are: R-249-2, R-249-3, R-249-4, L-1352-4, L-1412-2, L-5892-1, L-5882-1, L-5862-1, L-1352-5, L-5842-1, L-5822-1, L-58422-0, L-5702-1, L-5762-2

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service, Roads and Transportation

Tully Vintage Day raises €5,400



Staff members Catilina and Jean from the Donegal Hospice pictured receiving €2,700 proceeds from the recent Tully Vintage Day organised by the staff from Tully Lawnmowers - from (left to right), Roy Graham Matthew Lecky, Carmel Kilpatrick, Noel Kilpatrick and Niall Coyle. Photo Brian McDaid.



Vincent and Patricia Callaghan Donegal Branch of the Kidney Association receiving €2,700 proceeds from the recent Tully Vintage Day from (left to right), Roy Graham Matthew Lecky, Carmel Kilpatrick, Noel Kilpatrick and Niall Coyle . Photo Brian McDaid.

or from any market member.

Sounds Music Camps

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

Ramelton Tennis

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

Hatha Yoga Class

Hatha Yoga Class in the Town Hall Ramelton every Monday. The 4 Week Block Booking costs only €40. The times are - Monday's 6:45pm ~ 8pm. Wednesday's Men Only Class 7pm ~ 8pm Contact: Nuala on 087 6807850 for

the start of the next 4 week block.

Ramelton Bowling Club

Indoor Bowls continues in the Mackemie Hall every Monday from 8pm onwards. League games begin this week and will be played on Tuesday nights. New members always welcome, feel free to come along and try it out and see if it is for you. Enquiries to 087 1355059 or 087 4016637.

Céilí agus Craic

Adult Céilí dancing classes continue in the Ramelton Community Centre at 7pm on Wednesdays. Come along to learn some céilí dances and have some fun in the process. For everyone aged 18 and over. For more information contact Eoghan on 0851462689.

Ramelton SVP

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

Public Drop-In Clinic

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

UTV Mahon's Way in Ramelton

On Friday October 18th the UTV Mahons Way programme will be featuring Ramelton. The programme starts at 9pm. Joe Mahon returned to UTV at the end of August for another series in which he travels the length and breadth of Northern Ireland exploring the heritage, history and culture which make this place so unique. Joe has spent most of the last year exploring the local countryside and this 10-part series will take the viewer on a fabulous journey of discovery.

The series has everything – ancient townlands, castles and stately homes; stories of trailblazing people who helped shape so many places on these shores, and often further afield; flora and fauna of rivers, lakes and forests; and history and stories behind poetry and songs, and art.

In the first episode Joe was in Bushmills. And he also gets an exclusive



run out to the Giants Causeway on the tram!

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

Blue Banks needs climbing lane: McBride

The need for a climbing lane at the Blue Banks on the N56 Coolboy to Kilmacrennan is to be raised by Cllr Michael McBride at Tuesday's Municipal District meeting in Letterkenny. Cllr McBride who lives locally and travels the road on a daily basis says that heavy goods vehicles, lorries and tractors often slow up

traffic leading to big tailbacks from Coolboy into the village of Kilmacrennan. "We need to look at something like a climbing lane at the Blue Banks to allow cars overtake the bigger vehicles. Regularly there is big queues of traffic from the Gortnavern junction. So I will be asking the Council to look at this option

to relieve the congestion and make traffic movement a little more free flowing" Cllr McBride said. The €18.7m N56 Coolboy to Kilmacrennan road was officially opened in

October 2019. The 3.1km route saw the removal of the infamous Blue Banks bends on an important transport link to the north west of Donegal including Glenveagh National Park, Donegal Airport and the Gaeltacht. The new road also included a two-metre shared footway and cycle track on both sides of the road. It links with a walk and cycleway from Coolboy to the Mountain Top. Works on the Blue Banks scheme commenced in January 2018 and took 18 months to complete.

Wine & Dine

2 Courses & Wine €22.90pp

appetizers

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Goats cheese & beetroot salad

mains

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Seafood linguine
Vegetable Enchilada

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Upcoming classes at Craoibhin

- Low Cholesterol Cookery – *Beginning 04/11/2024*
- PHECC Certified First Aid – *Beginning 22/10/2024*
- Flower Arranging – *Beginning 30/10/2024*
- Art – *Beginning – 08/10/2024*
- Ladies Body Burn Classes - *Mondays & Thursdays @ 7:00pm with Nicola*
- Mens Circuits – *Beginning 10th October, 2024 – 8:30pm – 9:30pm*
- Parent & Toddler Group – *Every Tuesday morning @ 10:30am*
- Irish Dancing with Sarah Lennon – *Thursdays @ 4:00pm*
- Hatha Yoga – *Tuesdays @ 6:30pm*
- Reflexology – *Friday 1st November*
- Pilates – *Beginning Thursday 10th October @ 7:00pm*
- Termon GAA Bingo – *Fridays @ 8:30pm*

We are now taking names for our Christmas Craft Fair which takes place on Sunday 24th November. All proceeds to local charity.

Birthday Parties @ Craoibhin on Saturdays & Sundays 1pm – 3pm or 4pm – 6pm. Only €140 including County Castle.

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Churchill traffic calming call

Cllr Michael McBride is asking the Council to look at implementing safety measures in Churchill village to improve road safety. He says the raised tables that have been laid in Newtowncunningham is something that the Local Authority should look at for Churchill. "There are genuine concerns about the speed of traffic going through the village. I have travelled through Newtowncunningham where there are about six of those raised tables that seem to be working well. So I will raise the matter on Tuesday at the Municipal meeting in Letterkenny" Cllr McBride said.

Call for Autism parking bays

Cllr Donal 'Mandy' Kelly has asked Donegal County Council to consider providing Autism Spectrum Disorder parking bays throughout the County. Cllr Kelly will raise the matter during Monday's reconvened Council meeting in Lifford. He says that parents who have children with ASD should have the same parking rights as those who are disabled.

"The problem is that some of these families have received parking permits but they don't entitle them to use the disabled bays. They have to be ASD parking bays but we don't have them in Donegal. I'm told that they are in other parts of the country. Sometimes the absence of those parking spots can lead to very challenging situations for parents trying to get their children to appointments and school. So what I am saying now is that the Council must look at providing ASD parking bays at schools, hospitals and shopping centres" Cllr Kelly said.

Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on this Friday 4th October from 9.30 – 11.30pm. Music is by Sinead McLaughlin, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

Mevagh Family Resource Centre

Mevagh Carers Group – you are welcome to contact the centre for more information on attending our carer's group monthly meetings. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month for some 'time out' and to meet with other people in a similar situation, to share stories and experiences and access information and practical advice in a relaxed, understanding and supportive environment. We organise a variety of sessions ranging from information for carers, guest speakers and caring for the carer. A warm welcome is extended to anyone in the community who is a carer. Our first meeting after the summer break takes place on Tuesday 8th October at 11:30 am in the Mevagh Family Resource Centre. For further information on Mevagh Carers Group contact

Pauline Collins, Family Support Worker on 074 9155055.

Mná Mhíobhaigh / Mevagh Women's Group – are meeting on Monday 7th October at 7.30pm at the Mevagh Family Resource Centre. New and old friends welcome to become members.

Sew Smart - discover the possibilities with your sewing machine. Join our class "sewing machine for beginners and beyond" and complete the course with a lovely cushion cover starting Thursday 31st October, 10.30AM - 12.30 PM, 5 WEEKS, Participants fee €35, Spaces limited. Booking essential: 074-9155055 or email: info@mevaghfrc.com

Furniture Rejuvenation - with 'Brushed with Love' Tuesday, 8th October, 7-9pm. 6 weeks, Cost: €45 Transform your small piece of furniture with paint & other



The Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill, Trentagh Community First Responders Group wearing their new Churchill Stone sponsored jackets. Churchill Stone has also helped the First Responders Group to get set up with equipment and responder bags

techniques Spaces limited. Booking essential Tel: 074 9155055 or email: info@mevaghfrc.com

Other Notes:

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

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'. Contact Helena on 086 014 5829.

Ray Community Centre

Condolences

Condolences to Willie Gordon and family on the death of his brother Danny Gordon, Figart, Isle of Doagh, Clonmany from all Willies neighbours and friends in the Ray area. May Danny's gentle soul rest in peace

Couch to 5K for beginners

Continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm and Sunday mornings at 9.30am. Cost is €50 for adults and €20 for children accompanied by an adult.

Take YourPick

Congratulations to Roisin Doherty, Aishling Crawford McAteer and Mary C

Barrett who all won €20 in the Take Your Pick this week. Jackpot next Sunday 6th October is €425.

Astro Pitch Available to Rent

The Ray Astro Pitch is available to rent. Why not have your child's birthday party at Ray Astro pitch for only €60 for 2 hours.

There is also a covered picnic area for use with 10 picnic benches so it can cater for small or large crowds. In addition we have the Ray Wonder Woodland where children can explore the wonders of nature. Contact Syria for details on 087 2877900.

Hospitality sector lashes budget as devastating

There have been angry responses to budget 2025 from representatives in the hospitality sector saying the retention of the 13.5% VAT rate could lead to more business closures as many struggle to remain open due to rising costs.

With recent figures showing that 122 pubs have closed across Donegal since 2005, there are fears more closure will come following the lack of support in the budget the Vintners Federation of Ireland (VFI) stated.

Federation CEO, Pat Crotty, branded the Budget "a disaster for our sector".

Like many in the hospitality sector they were hoping for a reduction in VAT from its current level of 13.5% to around 9% but the Government held firm and maintained the rate.

A recent report from the Drinks Industry Group of Ireland (DIGI) shows a continuing decline in the number of pubs in Ireland with 2,054 fewer pubs nationwide today than in 2005.

It also details that an average of 114 pubs have closed annually over the past 18 years.

Pat Crotty said "We have been clear with the Government about the immense pressure pubs are under, yet they have failed to deliver any meaningful support.

"We have been clear with the Government about the immense pressure pubs are under, yet they have failed to deliver any meaningful support. Every minister and TD fully understands this Budget will lead to closures for a huge number of businesses across the county. The Government's own report from earlier this year accepts that many of the policies introduced to improve working conditions will increase operating costs for businesses."

Nearly Useless

He added: "For pubs to survive, our members needed to hear that VAT would be lowered to 9% along with a reduction in excise duty. What's worse, the minor supports Government is offering are nearly useless when you consider the soaring cost of doing business. Pubs are already closing their doors, and this Budget will accelerate that trend."

Hotels

The Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) was also highly critical in its reaction to the budget, describing it as having "next to nothing" for their sector.

IHF President Michael Magner said the failure to lower the VAT rate as costs continue to rise was a "perfect storm" that will impact the sector

negatively. "It is becoming increasingly clear that Government policies are now fundamentally at odds with the long-term interests of our sector and wider tourism industry. The half-baked measures announced today will have almost no impact for businesses that are struggling with ever-increasing costs, much of which are a direct result of the Government's own economic policies." He urged the Government to consider an "urgent reassessment" of how the State can support the hospitality sector.

Fuel hike pumps pressure on motorists

Ireland will now be amongst the most expensive places in Europe to fill your vehicle with petrol or diesel following Budget 2025.

Calls have been made by the Fuels for Ireland group for the government to urgently review the fuel tax hike saying this will impact running private vehicles and businesses.

Kevin McPartlan, CEO of Fuels for Ireland, said: "The total tax per litre of petrol will rise by 21.6%, from 85.85 cents in 2020 to 104.37 cents from October 2nd. The tax per litre of diesel will increase by 27.4%, from 73.60 cents to 93.78 cents.

For the average driver, this equates to an additional €12 per full tank.

"No future for rural Ireland" - Macra

Macra na Feirme has expressed their disappointment that more has not been done to support young people in the farming sector.

Macra President, Elaine Houlihan, said given the high level of spending being proposed they were hopeful more would be done to encourage and support young farmers.

She said: "To say that our members are disappointed is an understatement, with so much money washing around government coffers, we had hoped that for once the right course of action would be followed in relation to young farmers and farming succession, we were foolish to think that."

While she welcomed agricultural taxation, the renewal of stock relief for young farmers and partnerships up to 2027, the expansion of the accelerated capital allowance to include certain

safety equipment and the expansion of stamp duty relief to include young farmers in company structures.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue, announced details of his Department's Budget, with an additional €158 million including a package of €85 million for new measures will provide "significant support to farming and coastal communities, as well as those working in these sectors in 2025".

He said, "I wanted in particular to build on the significant sectoral supports I have put in place since my appointment as Minister. With that in mind, I am delivering substantially increased supports for the dairy beef, suckler, sheep and tillage sectors."

He also welcomed that the Government committed to retain key taxation measures to support the development in the sector in 2025.

Little for those at 'sharp end' of housing crisis

While measures such as the vacant homes tax and increases to social welfare were welcomed by homeless campaigners, Budget 2025 will not go far enough to protect low income households from the threat of homelessness.

A spokesperson for Simon Communities of Ireland said it was "extraordinary that so much money could be spent so little done for those at the "sharpest end of the housing crisis".

Wayne Stanley, Executive Director of the Simon Communities of Ireland said: "We welcome the vacant homes tax, though we are concerned that it is insufficient to drive change. Similarly, the increase in social welfare rate will be welcomed by those receiving them, but we know that it is not a sufficient buffer to work as a protection to low-income households to prevent homelessness."

Inclusion Ireland urged the Government to support 300 people to move out of their family home into a home of their own, a minimum of 200 people to move out of institutional/congregated settings, and at least 100 people to move out of nursing homes.

Minister O'Brien emphasised that the recent upward momentum in delivery – with Housing for All targets being exceeded year on year - will continue to grow as a result of the budget.

"This budget, like the four which came before it, is unprecedented with €6bn in capital to help us to deliver social, affordable and cost rental homes for our people. It's the most any Government has ever invested in housing. We're the top country in Europe for housing construction – with a sector which is growing. This budget will allow us to keep our foot on the pedal and sustain this strong delivery," he added.

Carers increase welcomed but 'deficiencies' remain

Family Carers Ireland say they welcome measures announced relating to income supports but they also expressed "genuine concerns" around how these will be delivered "given deficiencies in current schemes".

They said the decision to increase the Carer's Allowance income to €625 per week for a single person and €1,250 per week for a couple will ensure thousands of family carers will qualify for the payment for the first time while those on a reduced rate will receive a higher payment. These are significant first steps towards abolishing the means test completely, they added.

Among the financial supports for family carers announced today are a €12 increase in core social welfare rates, double payments in October and November, along with the Christmas Bonus, an increase in the Carer's Support Grant from €1,850 to €2,000, a one-off additional payment of €400 to Carer's Support Grant recipients, and a €20 monthly increase in the Domiciliary Care Allowance. They also welcome the decision to extend the Carer's Benefit to the self-employed and to make Carer's Allowance a qualifying payment for the Fuel Allowance - two issues they campaigned on for many years.

Davy observe election friendly budget

Ireland's largest wealth management firm and investment bank, Davy, say the Budget 2025 is close to what they predicted.

They stated they predicted "generous tax and spending measures" in anticipation of the general election.

Kevin Timoney, Chief Economist, Davy, said the total Budget 2025 envelope is €10.5bn, close to our expectation of €10bn.

McBride Fishing is Seafood Exporter of the Year

McBride Fishing, Downings has been named Seafood Exporter of the Year at an Industry Awards in Dublin. The family run business supplies premium live and processed crab to international markets and the award was in recognition of "innovative product development or market access initiatives". Speaking of their IEA success, company spokesperson Luke McBride said: "Winning this prestigious national award was made possible by the hard work, commitment and passion of the entire McBride Fishing team to deliver a quality product and service; from the crew on the boats to the office staff. It is a great recognition for the company to have since exporting is the core of the business. I also want to recognise and thank our partners in logistics, packing and airfreight for their expertise and support. Also, our joint venture company, Ocean Jade, has been pivotal in the Chinese market."

Richard Donnelly of BIM said: "Demand for high quality seafood is strong and McBride's focus on sustainability, traceability and innovation has enabled them to seize diverse market opportuni-

ties in Europe, Asia and other key markets throughout the world. On behalf of BIM, I want to congratulate them on their achievements. I also want to recognise their commitment to ensuring a consistently high standard throughout their operations. They are helping to drive the reputation of Irish seafood in Ireland and internationally."

Seafood Exporter of the Year evaluation criteria includes commitment to sustainability, product innovation, market access innovation and operational excellence. Companies are also asked to



Pete and Luke McBride of McBride Fishing.

demonstrate new product innovation, a commitment to sustainability and novel or innovative logistical and/or packing solutions to access new markets. This year's independent panel of judges commented on the commitment to industry, commercial partnerships and plans for growth demonstrated by McBride Fishing in their application.

Funeral of Danny Walsh

The funeral took place on Sunday of Danny Walsh, Milestone House, Ballyraine, Letterkenny. Aged 86 Danny passed away at his home on Friday. A native of Tipperary, he was a retired security officer at the Unifi Plant in Letterkenny. Danny emigrated to the UK in his youth and it was there that he met his wife to be Rose a native of Inishowen. They came back to Letterkenny in the early 1970's and settled on the Ballyraine Road. Danny was a football follower and his two sons Harry and Johnny both played for Finn Harps. He was also active in the Church of the Irish Martyrs and was one of the collectors of church envelopes at weekend Masses. Danny is survived by his wife Rose, daughters Bernie (Martin) and Mags (Martin), sons Harry (Patricia) and John (Cathy), grandchildren Holly, Megan, Niamh, Freya, James, Danny, Paul, Luke and Ollie, great-granddaughter, Zia, nieces, nephews and extended family, friends and neighbours.



He was predeceased by his grandchildren Jack and Isabelle, his brothers Sean, Mick, Jimmy and Tommy, sisters Biddy and Mary. Danny is survived by his brother Packie (Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia) and sister Winnie Thomas (Bridgend, Wales).

Remains reposed at his late residence on Ballyraine Road. Removal was from there on Sunday to the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraine. Fr. Ciaran Harkin P.P. officiated at the Requiem Mass. Concelebrant was Fr. Dominick. Burial took place afterwards in Ballybrack Cemetery, Greencastle. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Patrick McDonagh

The death occurred on Monday of Patrick McDonagh, The Grange, Letterkenny. A native of Galway, Patrick passed away suddenly at Letterkenny University Hospital.



Patrick's remains are reposing at his daughter Marie's residence, Carolina Park. Funeral is from there this Thursday for Requiem Mass at 11a.m. in the Church of the Irish Martyrs Letterkenny followed by cremation in Lakelands Crematorium. Funeral Mass can be viewed on www.youtube.com/@churchoftheishmartyrs4657

Patrick is survived by his wife Margaret, son Andrew (Steff), daughters Clare (Stephen) and Marie (Barry). He is also survived by sisters Mary and Teresa; grandchildren Morgan, Iona, Tristan, Shay, Sianna, Aoife and Charlie, extended family and friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Eileen Connolly

The death occurred on Monday at her home of Eileen Connolly (née McCutcheon), Ard O'Donnell Letterkenny. Aged 79, Eileen was a well known member of the local community. She was formerly an employee of the Post Office on Main Street where she worked as a telephonist. In recent years Eileen was a committee member of the Letterkenny Memories helping to organise the monthly music events in the Station House Hotel.



Remains are reposing at her residence.

Removal will be from there this Thursday to St. Eunan's Ca-

thedral for 11 am Requiem Mass which can be viewed on www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny followed by burial in Conwal Cemetery.

Eileen is survived by her sons Noel (Glasgow), Brian (Jenny) Offaly, daughter Martina (Paddy) and grandchildren Ciaran, Declan, Sam, James, Lauren, Nicole (Ciaran), Jordan, Brandon, Katie, Emma and Kingsley, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Mary McGinley, Falcarragh

The death has taken place of Mary McGinley, late of Forth, Ballyconnell, Falcarragh.

Mary, née McCafferty, died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Monday.

She was 95.

She has been remembered as a friendly person and much respected figure in her community. Predeceased by her husband Danny, her granddaughter Aisling, her parents Nancy and Tom, sisters Bridget, Katie and Nellie, brothers Eddie, Johnny, Jimmy and Dan.

She is survived by her sons Charlie and Tommy, daughter Kathleen, daughters in law Mary and Anne, son in law Henry, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brother Joe, nephews, nieces, wider family circle and many friends.

Her remains will leave her home this Thursday for 11am Requiem Mass in St Finian's Church, Falcarragh with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

Funeral Mass can be viewed on <https://mcn.live/camera/falcarragh-parish-church>.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Teresa McClafferty, Falcarragh

The death has taken place of Teresa McClafferty late of 40 Ballina, Falcarragh and formerly of Tory Island

Teresa, née Duggan, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 2nd, surrounded by her family in Letterkenny University Hospital.

Predeceased by her husband Jimmy, her parents Pádraig and Hannah, sisters Katie, Evelyn, Sarah, Mary, Brid and Gráinne.

She is survived by her sons Ruairí, Dónal and Pádraig, daughters Hannah, Mary and Sarah, in-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her sister Hannah, nieces, nephews, wider family circle and many friends. Wake is taking place at her residence from Wednesday evening. Rosary on Wednesday is at 10pm and 9pm Thursday. Removal from there will be on Friday for 12 noon Requiem Mass in St Finian's Church, Falcarragh with burial afterwards in Gortahork Cemetery. Funeral Mass can be viewed on <https://mcn.live/camera/falcarragh-parish-church>. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.



Death of Maureen Brogan

The death took place on Saturday of Maureen Brogan (née O'Donnell), College Farm Rd., Letterkenny. Aged 92 Maureen passed away peacefully at Letterkenny University Hospital. A native of Letterkenny she worked in the family run McCarry's Hotel on Upper Main Street where McGettigans is now located. Maureen was very involved in voluntary activities including Meals on Wheels and Care of the Aged as well as being a member of the St. Eunan's Cathedral Altar Society.



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By now, the Harvests should be well and truly safely gathered in and we are well into #autumn now with its beautiful colours, crisp air and falling temperatures, though some might argue that it's already been like that for most of August and September. After a busy time of flying, feeding and nesting, birds' feathers are worn and damaged, and so the molting season begins, when they shed their old feathers, which are replaced with new, stronger ones. This requires a lot of energy, so it's important for us from now on to keep feeders stocked with plenty of protein rich food, like peanut cakes, dried insects and peanut butter jars, to help them develop strong feathers to protect them from the cold in autumn and winter. However, homemade versions can be equally appropriate, and there are loads of suitable recipes online. Ask the children or grandchildren to help out.

Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday next, 9th October in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend. The Annual financial accounts will be presented along with a report of the past year's activities. If there's something you'd like to talk to us about, then this is your ideal opportunity, see you there!

Rathmullan Charters

Weekend dates available in October for full day and half day fishing trips, groups of 8/10, with rids and reels supplied. Also midweek trips subject to sufficient numbers. Call 087 1480132 for further details.

Rathmullan Celtic 50/50 Draw

The monthly draw took place last Saturday, 28th September and congratulations to Peter Shovelin on winning the €1,120 Jackpot with Barman Jon-

ny on Mary Mac's winning the Nbonus price. Tickets for next month's draw are available from the usual outlets or online options: Paypal: <https://paypal.me/RathmullanCelticFC> or Revolut: Enda McElhinney, on 086 401 9256, Cain Connolly on 086 348 9941 or Mark Curran on 086 873 2749. All tickets will be confirmed either by email or text, and thank you for your continued support.

Local Link Transport Services

The Local Link (formerly 300) which services Rathmullan and the local area has now been changed to 973, with increased services coming into effect from Monday 7th October. Please see <https://locallinkds.ie> time-tables/ for the new times and route information particularly relevant to Rathmullan.

Closure of Ramelton Road

Due to essential repair works, the R247 Rathmullan - Ramelton Road, near Rosreagh, outside Ramelton will remain closed from 30th September until Friday 18th October. Diversions will be in place, so drive with care.

World Mental Health Day

As we move into October, adults are being encouraged to take a break from alcohol and focus on their well-being, through 'Sober October'. Next Thursday is world mental health day, and is an opportunity for people and all communities to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right. Various events are being organised to celebrate this special day, eg Wellness Cafes, walks and talks, with emphasis placed on individual lifestyle modifications for a more efficient wellbeing. See MentalHealthIreland.ie to become involved as part of a dynamic movement that makes a real difference to many people's lives and to find out whats on locally where you can join in..

She was the wife of the late Seamus Brogan and sister of the late Kathleen Travers (Lucan) and Anne McFeely (Coventry). She is survived by her nieces and nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, relatives and friends.

Remains reposed at her late residence from Sunday. Removal was from there on Monday to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Anthony Hartnett C.C. Concelebrant was Maureen's cousin retired P.P. Fr. Danny McBrearty Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Dr John (Sean) McBride

The death took place on Friday at Aras Uí Dhomhnaill, Milford of Dr. John (Sean) McBride, An Riocht, Downings and formerly of Tralee, Co. Kerry. Sean was a former Director of the Tralee RTC. Remains reposed at his residence. Funeral was from there on Monday going to the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart for Requiem Mass where the celebrant was Fr. Philip Baxter, Ards Friary. Interment took place in the adjoining cemetery. Sean will be sadly missed by his extended family and many friends.

Milford

Death of Kathleen O'Toole

The death took place at the Donegal Hospice on Saturday of Kathleen O'Toole, Cooper's Road, Milford. Kathleen, nee McGinley, Ballymichael, Fanad was born in 1945. She was predeceased by her parents Arthur (Attie) and Margaret (Peggy) and brother Cathal (Charlie), Manchester in January 2024.



Kathleen was educated in Ballymichael NS before attending boarding school at St. Louis Convent in Carrickmacross. She returned to set up her family home in Mount Marian, Milford in 1968 and in 1981 moved to Cooper's Road, Milford. Kathleen worked in many establishments over the years including Regional College, Letterkenny, Unifi Factory, Milford Inn Hotel and Loreto Convent, Milford.

Kathleen was a quiet, modest and intelligent lady and enjoyed crosswords, playing cards, gardening, walking and playing golf. She was

a proud Fanad woman and devoted her life to her family, adored her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and often travelled back to Ballymichael to spend time with her extended family.

Kathleen took up the game of golf in the mid 1990's and was a dedicated member of the Portsalon Golf Club Ladies Branch for over 30 years and served as Club Lady Captain in 2003. The Club have remembered her in various capacities over the last few days and posted on their Social Media, "Kathleen was an active and esteemed member of the Portsalon Golf Club, where she served as Lady Captain in 2003, a role in which she demonstrated her leadership, grace and dedication to fostering a welcoming environment for all members and her gift of eloquent speeches was commented on by many. Her commitment to the Club was evident through the various positions she held on the committee over the years, contributing significantly to its success and camaraderie. Kathleen's kindness, strength, fun and generosity of spirit will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of her family and friends, and in the community, she

served so well".

Her funeral Mass took place on Monday in St. Peter's Church, Milford celebrated by Fr. Stephen Gorman CC, Milford, followed by a private Cremation.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her daughters Caroline, Deirdre and Aisling, sons John, Joe, James and Michael, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren Shannon, Maia, Megan, Séamus, Lorcán, Áine, Aoibhe, Cormac and great grandchildren Katelyn, Liam, Bonnie and James Dennis, beloved brothers and sisters Una, Seamus, John, Sydney, Australia, Brideen and Maire and all other family and friends.

AIM Support Worker

The Milford Community Playgroup are looking for a AIM Support Worker. Its for 19.5 hours per week and Level 5 is the minimum qualification.

Contact Jackie Strain on 086 3818943 for further details.

Playgroup Celebrates 40 years

Milford Community Playgroup will celebrate 40 years and invite all staff, pupils and parents, past and present to join them in celebrating 40 wonderful years and a trip down memory lane. The new date and venue is Saturday 2nd of November at the Milford Community Playgroup building at the bottom of the town on the Moyle Road. All welcome to pop in anytime between 2pm and 5pm for a catch up, photograph displays, fun and light refreshments.

Halloween Kids Disco

Milford Parish Community Games will host their annual Halloween Eve Kids Fancy Dress Disco on Wednesday 30th October in the Milford Parish Hall from 6.30-8pm. Admission is €5, everyone is welcome.

Milford United

Milford United Senior team defeated Glenea Utd in the first league game of the season in Glasserhoo, Gortahork on Sunday thanks to the only goal of the game by Kyle Black. Their next outing is an away tie in the FAI Junior Cup against Kilmacrennan Celtic on Friday 11th October at 8pm in the Letterkenny Community Centre. The reserve team are away to Lagan Harps on Saturday 5th October in their first league game at 1pm.

Social Dancing Milford Hall

Social dancing continues in the Milford Hall on

Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm with a good mix of Two Hand, Ceili and Line Dancing. Light refreshments. €5 entry. Everyone welcome.

Mission Hall

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

Mass Times

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 3rd October at 10am; Friday 4th October at 10am; Saturday 5th October at 6pm; Sunday 6th October at 11.00am.

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Down Royal winner for McGettigan

Ballyare jockey Patrick McGettigan got his second winner of his apprentice jockey career as he guided the Johnny Murtagh-trained Sevenses (9/4) to victory in the Coors Handicap at Down Royal on Monday. McGettigan, who is just starting out with Murtagh, had his first winner a month ago at the Curragh. On Monday the 16-year-old was soon in a share of the lead, the 78-rated victor was pushed along and gained a definite advantage with a furlong and a half to go.



Ridden from the furlong pole, the Any Excuse For A Holiday Syndicate-owned bay found plenty for pressure and was a length and a quarter clear at the line. Returned at 7/1, Dontspoilasale finished second under Jamie Powell for Adrian McGuinness, while turned out again quickly after filling the runner-up spot at the Curragh on Saturday, Harry's Hill (11/8f) was another length and three quarters back in third.

"This is my second winner and I can't say enough thanks to Johnny and everyone at home for giving

me the opportunities they have. I don't have my licence too long, so it is great to get on good horses like these. He was drawn one on the day he won with Rory (Mulligan) in Tipperary - he made the running, it was very easy and he bolted up. Same kind of plan here today, drawn one. Make all and hopefully don't get caught, keep him up against the rail. He relishes that soft ground. "I had a good chat with Johnny Murtagh beforehand, he's not here today as he's at the sales" McGettigan concluded.

of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Sunday 6th October at 9.30am.

Confirmations 2025

Confirmations will take place in St Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 29th March at 12pm for the children of Milford, Drumman and Kerrykeel Schools

First Holy Communions 2025

St Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 5th April at 11am for the children in Scoil Mhuire Milford and Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 5th April at 1pm for the children in Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel.

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Milford United Youth team awards winners at the Presentation function in the Hi-da-way Bar on Saturday night are from left Niall Murray, Joint Manager, Dylan Roulston, Managers Player of the Year, Daire Sheridan, Players Player of the Year, Ultan Blaney, Top Goal Scorer and Corey Lee McConigley, Joint Manager.



Winners from the Hi-da-way Bar Golf Society Captain's Day at Rosapenna Golf Club on Saturday 21st September pictured with Captain David Bonner. Left to right Pauric Curley, Nearest the Pin, Captain David Bonner, 2nd Nine, Damien O'Donnell, runner up, Gary Sheehan, winner, Peter O'Donnell, 1st Nine and Donal McCafferty, 3rd place.



Gary Sheehan winner of the Hi-da-way Bar Golf Society Captain's Day playing at Rosapenna Golf Club on Saturday 21st September receiving the Claret Jug from Captain David Bonner.

Michael Donohue is 90



Michael Donohue, Forquar, Milford turned 90 on Tuesday Sept 24th and to celebrate the occasion they held a small family gathering. Michael was the eldest of 14 children, there are 10 survivors still. He was originally from Ballinakill in Galway but retired back to Forquar in 1999 with his late wife Mary (nee Heraghty originally from Coshia in Fanad). Michael is pictured with two of his younger brothers Eddie (who was over from New York and travelled up from his wife Marian's place in Sligo) and Tom (who travelled up from Navan) helped him celebrate the day. The bottom photo is two of Michael with his sons John and Anthony (Tony) who were over from Southern England for the celebrations.





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# From Castaway to Comeback

A year and a half ago viewers could hardly turn on their screens without seeing Philip Schofield's tanned face staring back at them. Then, just like that, the house of Schofield came crashing down and morning TV's most permanent fixture was gone. For those who've forgotten, Schofield belatedly admitted to conducting an affair with a colleague. The details were highly troubling: the colleague in question was over thirty years his junior and had originally met

the disgraced star at the tender age of fifteen when the presenter gave a talk at his school. Following this, Schofield, a titan of the industry, played an integral part in the young man getting his big break at ITV. The potential for abusing his position and influence was obvious - although Schofield denies that his conduct amounts to grooming. Now after 16 months in the wilderness, Phil is back, fittingly enough in a wilderness. It isn't exactly subtle. "Philip Schofield: Cast Away" airs this week on

## Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

Channel 5 and looks like the opening salvo of a PR campaign aimed at resurrecting a stalled career.

The show's very title is designed to seize the narrative and turn it in Schofield's favour as viewers are invited to see the beleaguered star's experience on a desert island as a mirror of how he was cast away by industry big wigs when the scandal broke last year. The format of the show is ideal for this narrative wrenching as Schofield gets to spill his guts in the diary room format popularised by Big Brother. It's PR gold: he gets to sit there looking forlorn while telling his side of the story, sharing how he's "grown" or "changed", and (being on a desert island) there is no-one to ask any awkward questions about his

conduct. The strategy may just work because the story needs a new angle. Schofield's scandal is old news and the beast needs to be fed with new content. So what could be better than a redemption arc? Browse through the Netflix catalogue and you'll soon see there is something in our psyche that gravitates towards precisely that sort of story. Perhaps it is because this yearning for redemption strikes close to home. A cynical PR operation it may be, but this show will resonate with many as it teases the need for forgiveness and restoration in the wake of a self-inflicted mess.

Of course, real redemption can't be manufactured by media gurus. No amount of self-pitying island antics will do the job. It seems banal to say, but a year in the (metaphorical) wilderness simply isn't enough. That's because real redemption is more precious than we can possibly imagine and therefore more costly than we can possibly grasp. Yet paradoxically, it is given as a free gift. When we recognise that reinventing ourselves is a futile endeavour we are driven to the God who redeems us from our brokenness and sin by personally paying the steepest price imaginable. Now that's a redemption arc!

# Council seeks your input on migration to Scotland

An appeal has been made by Donegal County Council and Scottish media in search of memories and photographs of people from the Irish county who moved to Scotland during the 20th century. Staff from Donegal County Council have been at-

tending drop-in events in Glasgow and Edinburgh encouraging the Donegal diaspora to attend and give their experiences.

The project is a major exhibition to document the working experiences of Donegal people who moved to Scotland between 1940 and 1990. Family members of people who made the journey across from the county on the north west coast of Ireland are encouraged to help identify photos the stories over this fifty year period. Donegal has long had major links with Scotland with widespread emigration from the area to cities such as Glasgow and Edinburgh as well as other areas of the country. The events in Glasgow and Edinburgh will provide information on the exhibition, to scan photographs of Donegal people at work in Scotland to record their memories of working lives in the country. Former Celtic goalkeeper Packie Bonner will also be in attendance at the Glasgow events. Joseph Gallagher, the Heritage Officer at Donegal County Council said: "There are few families in County Donegal that have not been affected by emigration or participated in seasonal migration. In the twentieth century, Scotland was a familiar destination for people leaving County Donegal in search of work. In recent years, the stories of some of their experiences and successes have been documented but, for a long time, they have been overlooked or considered too ordinary to be recorded.

"Emigration from Donegal to Scotland was particularly high during the 1950s and 1960s. With the passage of time, the opportunities to record first-hand accounts of the experiences of Donegal people working in Scotland are disappearing. We're keen to capture stories and images while we can and to celebrate the



Maggie O'Donnell from Dungloe pictured at work as a maid in a parochial house in Dundee in the late 1930s. (Image courtesy of Sheila Friel)

working lives of Donegal people in Scotland, he stated". The exhibition will focus on historical context, working conditions and types of employment that men and women from Donegal found in the county. It includes seasonal work and those who settled in Scotland or returned to Donegal in later years. Workplaces such as farms, buses, railways, building sites, engineering projects, shipbuilding, domestic service, religious life and teaching will also be looked at for the exhibition which will be launched in the Donegal County Museum in Letterkenny in Spring 2025. Further information the Donegal Heritage Office by phone 074 916 3824 or by e-mail at donegalscotland@donegalcoco.ie.

## Kerr takes part in final US round

Kilmacrennan's Richard Kerr was in action at new Jersey Motorsport Park at the weekend for the final round of the Moto America championship. Kerr recently had a few wild card appearances for several teams in the British Superbike Championships Premier Class on different machinery

It was back to his trusty AMD/RK racing Honda Fireblade and back to Dunlop tyres for the weekend and with another new circuit to learn it was going to be a tough ask. Damp conditions on Friday saw Kerr qualify in fifth position for the Superstock class and 12th in the main superbike class. Richard had a great sixth place finish in Saturday's Superstock race and a 14th place in the main superbike race.

A fantastic four-way battle for the lead in Sunday's 15 lap stock race saw Kerr right in contention to the closing stages where he crossed the line in fifth position not far behind eventual winner and champion Hayden Gillim.

The last superbike race was over 20 laps and would see Richard line up on the fourth row. A ninth place finish kept the main superbike riders in his sight for 17 of the 20 laps and was the first Honda home. The level of opposition included world superbike race winner Frenchman Loris Baz and two Moto 2 riders, former world championship pole man American Cameron Beaubier and Sean Dylan Kelly. Richard's fastest lap time was less than 0.8 off the two Americans and on a Superstock spec machine.

A fantastic end to his Moto America debut, finishing sixth in the Superstock class. He was also sixth in the superbike cup after only competing in 4 rounds. With no previous data or machine set up and learning new circuits Richard can be very proud of his performances in the USA this season with his best result of fourth in the Superstock class and fifth in the superbike class at the ridge Motorsport Park. Richard would like to thank all his loyal sponsors for their continued support and all his team for their help this year.



Willie McBride from Milford pictured carrying a pipe threader at work as a pipe fitter with William Press in Glasgow circa 1970. (Image courtesy of Sheila Friel)



Participants in the Justice and Peace Walk at Ards Friary at the weekend.

## Curragh winner for Luke McAteer

Rathmullan man Luke McAteer won the seven-furlong Rated Race with Tokenomics at the Curragh on Sunday. Trained by David Marnane, the MRC International owned 7/2 chance won by one-and-a-quarter lengths. McAteer was also amongst the winners at Listowel on Tuesday of last week, partnering the David Marnane trained Amemri to land the seven-furlong handicap.

Dylan Browne McMonagle won the concluding one-mile-four-furlong handicap at Dundalk on Friday on 5/2f Lady Kai. Trained by Ross O'Sullivan, the Mrs Catherine Kinane owned filly won by two-and-a-quarter lengths.

Apples And Bananas survived a stewards enquiry to claim the seven-furlong Goffs Million. Ridden by Dylan Browne McMonagle, the 5/2 beat Antelope Canyon by a head. McMonagle completed a double by winning the seven-furlong handicap on 4/1 chance No More Porter.

Montpellier Green won the seven-furlong nursery at the Curragh on Sunday for the Letterkenny jockey and Joseph O'Brien. Sent off 10/1, the Simon Munir & Isaac Souede owned winner scored by half-a-length.

# Putting the 'Cap' back in cappuccino as Ards looks to the future

With coffee culture booming around Ireland, one of the most authentic brews may well come from the newly refurbished and extended café at Ards Friary.

Why so?

by Eamonn McFadden

Because the highly popular cappuccino, the Italian founded frothy, milky, caffeine-laced cuppa is named after the colour of the hooded robes worn by those in the Capuchin Order and dates back to the early 1800's. Now, visitors to Ard Mhuire can enjoy a heavenly brew and take in the stunning surroundings and nature of Ards and Sheephaven Bay at the same time.

The newly refurbished 'Cino's Café, formerly the Coffee Dock, has been upgraded with new facilities, double the amount of seating, some stunning local artwork and a much needed new roof.

Also, the popular shop at the Friary has also seen a welcome expansion and all of this is part of a new drive to secure the future of this historic, tranquil haven.

But these newly opened additions are only part of an ambitious project to utilise much more of the Ards estate and connect the public to nature in a holistic way. Ards Mhuire will celebrate its centenary as a centre for Capuchin study and pastoral ministry in five years 2030.

Originally the site of the old Ards Estate House, once the home of the Stewart Bam family, which sat opposite where the Friary building is today, became a Capuchin training college.

It remained there until the old house was demolished just before the new Friary opened in 1966.

Recently a new commitment has been made to the long established Order as they look to the future in terms of pastoral ministry, retreats, farming, ecology and a number of other exciting developments.

Brian McGarvey is the Project Manager of the "New Spring for Ards" project in the lead up to their 100 year milestone in the Creeslough area.

Brian, from Golan, says the project is aimed at building on their foundations but "springing back to life".

"It's a deliberate title and I'm here to help the Friars and staff coordinate it for the next few years and get it up and going. The Capuchins, like a lot of Orders, saw their numbers declining so they went through a discernment process for around six years and at the end of that they decided to recommit in a serious way to Ards. The Capuchins will be here 100 years in 2030. So we are working on a strategic plan at the moment, over the next five years, to have it ready for the next 100 years."

They are working on developing their built heritage and amenities, as well as the abundant natural environment that many people come to enjoy throughout the year.

He added: "We are working to put the infrastructure in, both the building suite renewal and the land/

beach renewal in place. The land and the buildings had both been rented out so we only have the land back since January and the Retreat Centre building back since May 1st, so it's at an early stage of the project. Already we have doubled the size of the café and doubled the size of the shop, we have re-worked the whole reception area to make it much more accessible in terms of ramps. We also have a new wheelchair accessible toilet and have new fire alarms in all the bedrooms, so we have a lot done in a few months."

He said they received great support from around the county at a recent church gate collection.

"There is a huge amount of goodwill towards Ards. The Capuchin commitment is something very deep and strong. It's like in Church Street in Dublin and here in Donegal, the people really appreciate that long term commitment the Capuchins have made and the lifestyle they live. It's a very inspiring place to work and an inspiring place to experience."

One strand of their future plans is a response to the climate crisis of global warming and they are using their location and practise as an example of what can be done to help this global situation.

Brian explained: "This decree was announced by the Pope in 2015 and the Capuchins looked to see what they could do and at Ards, which is an extremely beautiful place naturally, and they want here to be an exemplar of what is good ecological practice from our farming, from our land management. So we have started organic farming here. We have 13 Dexter cattle, and we are moving beyond the direction of organic farming, called regenerative organic farming where we allow the land to heal. That word 'healing' is very central to what the Capuchins do. Here when people experience death and illness and people gravitate towards it, we want to be able to sustain and grow that. This will be a place where people can heal, the land can heal, and it can grow naturally and organically. That is very central to the journey we are on. We planted 1,500 native Irish Oak trees, and we are starting to replant the 200 acres we have here."

They have also begun to utilise the historic walled



Brother Laurence Kettle in the peaceful surroundings at Ards.



Brian McGarvey the Project Manager of the "New Spring for Ards".



Brother Laurence and Brian McGarvey with staff in the Cino's Café, at Ards.

garden for growing produce alongside the community gardeners who have been based there for a number of years.

Brian said a term they use for this approach to people and place is 'Bio-spirituality' and is something they also intend to run workshops on in future.

They have also added new walks to the grounds and are also working with Coilte to develop the peninsula walks.

One already in place is the new "Master John Walk" on the grounds developed with the support of the DLDC.

People may be familiar with the small, ornate, structure between the friary and the old pier that was used to ship the silica sand from Muckish in the 1940's and 50's.

It originally was built as a dwelling for a local resident and had an ornate castellated roof and this is something they wish to reinstate in the future.

As part of their new efforts they produce a regular newsletter and have a website detailing many of the services, events and plans they have to keep Ards as a tranquil haven of peace and healing for many years to come.

Visit <https://ardsfriary.ie/> to find out more.

# Cranford AC at the Uneven Donegal Championships



Club photographer Amy Cullen with Clodagh Neely U19 and Michael Moore U17.

Last Sunday saw Cranford AC's athletes deliver impressive performances at the Uneven Donegal Championships, hosted by Inishowen AC. Despite the cold conditions, the sun shone, and while the wind occasionally made the course more challenging, our athletes rose to the occasion.

### Novice Men

The first event of the day featured our novice men's team. A big well done to Liam Doherty, Declan McBride, Ryan McBride, and Danny McFadden for their strong efforts, representing the club with pride.

### Under 9s

First up for the juveniles were Ciara Duffy, our sole Under 9 girl, and Adam Rogers for the Under 9 boys. Both showed grit and determination in their races, doing the club proud with their performances.

### Under 11s

Our Under 11 girls were well represented by Molly Moyes, Orlagh and Aoife Cleary, Alanna Curran, Sadhbh McBride, and Rose O'Toole. The girls ran brilliantly, finishing high up the field in a competitive race. On the boys' side, Chonaill McCloskey and John Patrick Duffy also put in strong performances, showing great promise for the future.

### Under 13 Boys

The Under 13 boys' race was a standout for Cranford AC, with an outstanding team effort from Ben McGee, Charlie Rogers, Oisín McHugh, Matthew Giles, Ronal Ladley, Tarlach Duggan, Faolan Caldwell, Ronan Cleary, and Seamus McCloskey. Congratulations to Ben McGee on earning a well-deserved silver medal, and to Charlie Rogers for his impressive 3rd place finish. Oisín McHugh and Matthew Giles also secured top-five finishes, contributing to the team's overall success. With such fantastic results, this young team is certainly one to watch in future competitions. These young boys are the Donegal Champions winning gold.

### Under 15s

Our Under 15 girls, Olivia Curran and Colleen McCloskey, put in solid performances, finishing high in the standings. Meanwhile, Oisín McBride dominated the Under 15 boys' race, earning the title of Donegal Champion. He was supported by Dylan Finnegan and Odhran McGroddy, who also ran well to secure a strong team result.

### Under 17s

Michael Moore and Diarmuid Gallagher represented the club in the



Cranford AC athletes who received awards at the recent, County Board awards night in Jackson's Hotel. Oisín McBride, Caolan McFadden, Clodagh Neely, Charlie Rogers, Michael Moore with Eamon Giles.



Miah Fletcher who came 3rd U19 Girls with her family.



Cranford AC Boys U13 who won Gold Team medals at the Donegal Championships in Carndonagh Oisín McHugh, Roan Ladley, Tarlach Duggan, Ronan Cleary, Faolan Caldwell, Charlie Rogers, Matthew Giles, Ben McGee, Seamus McCloskey.



Michael Moore 2nd U17 Caolan McFadden 1st U19 and Diarmuid Gallagher with Eamon Giles.



Cranford AC Girls U11 Team Alan Curran, Aoife Cleary, Molly Moyles, Orlagh Cleary, Rose O Tool, Sadhbh McBride.



Cranford AC U15 Dylan Finnegan, Oisín McBride Donegal Champion, Odhran McGroddy.

Under 17 boys' race, with Michael earning a well-deserved silver medal, finishing in 2nd place. Karen Neely was our sole representative in the Under 17 girls' race, and she put in a strong performance, finishing well up the field.

### Under 19s

Our Under 19 ladies, Clodagh Neely and Miah Fletcher, both ran excellent races, with Miah securing 3rd place and a bronze medal. The fi-

nal race of the day saw Caolan McFadden claim victory in the Under 19 boys' event, finishing his race in style and capping off a successful day for Cranford AC.

A huge thank you to Inishowen AC for hosting a well-organised event, and to the coaches, parents, and supporters who cheered on the athletes. Next Sunday, the Donegal Even Ages Championships will be hosted by Rosses AC.



Cranford AC Novice Men.



Karen Neely U17 Girls



Conaill McCloskey and John Patrick Duffy boys U 11



Cranford AC U9 team Adam Rogers and Ciara Duffy.

Glasgow, Montana

# The Middle of Nowhere, the Heart of a Different Kind of America

A conversation with a newspaper editor about guns, crime and Donald Trump

I'VE SEEN a lot of disturbing things in newspaper offices but I've never seen a loaded rifle propped up against the wall beside the editor's desk. "Is that real?" I asked Kelly Siefert. Kelly, as you might expect from someone willing to spill his guts to a stranger who has just walked off the street, is an open and friendly person. He's the editor of the BS Buzz, a daily freesheet in Glasgow, Montana (pop. 3,192). The Buzz is a remarkable publication - eight A4 pages five days a week, packed with local news, opinions (lots of them), puzzles and classified ads. It's the work of Kelly, his business partner Zac Garsjo, and staff member Rachel Boese, who blushes when the boss tells me 'she had two holes-in-one last week at the golf course'. The paper has been going for 14 years. The print run is 1,500-ish. The town also has a weekly paper, The Glasgow Courier, which has been going for more than a hundred years and, not to be unkind, reads like it. By comparison, the BS Buzz reads like a 16-year-old teenager with purple hair and a nose ring, a rebellious upstart who is seriously considering a neck tattoo just to piss off her parents. "We don't mind if people get upset at some of the things we publish," Kelly said. We'll come back to editorial policy later. First, we need to talk about the rifle. "Sure, it's real. Of course, it is." I talked Kelly into a photograph, not that it required a bribe. "It's loaded," he said, pulling back the bolt to show me the chamber. A live bullet falls out and onto the floor. "For f\*ck's sake," I squealed, not unreasonably. "That's a live bullet." Once my heart rate reduced to a life-sustaining level, I asked him why on earth he would have a loaded rifle in the office. "Just in case," he said. "You never know what could happen." I don't know what could happen, and Kelly doesn't tell me. But I'll make an educated guess. Kelly is a Montanan to the core and a Second Amendment guy. Guns are an integral part of his identity like they are for a lot of people in the state. This is a cowboy country, after all. He's also a smart guy so he knows the ominous undertones of "you never know what could happen" are unnecessary. An armed gang isn't going to burst into the office of the BS Buzz

and steal the photocopier. Nor will the United States Government be coming any time soon to take away his liberty, freedom and laptop computer. Kelly has a loaded rifle by his desk because he can. It's the way of life for people like him in Montana. I TOOK a 347-mile detour just to spend a couple of hours in Glasgow, Montana, for no better reason than it was named after Glasgow, Scotland, a place where I spent the biggest chunk of my adult life and love with all my heart. This will get me into trouble with the locals but Scotland's Glasgow is miles better. Not to say Montana's version doesn't have things going for it. The town is actually named after Glasgow in Scotland,



Kelly Siefert, the Editor of the BM Buzz in Glasgow, Montana. Nice guy. Loves guns.

the story being the people who founded it back in the 1880s chose the name randomly off a globe. A decade ago, a journalist from the Washington Post, having nothing useful to do with his time, worked out that of all the towns with more than 1,000 residents in the US, Glasgow is the furthest

# Goodbye Donald? An American Odyssey

by Lawrence Donegan



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

His final destination is Palm Beach, Florida, where Donald Trump will be hosting his election night party at his Mar-a-Lago club/home. Lawrence still hasn't received an invite yet but there's still time.

He said "I've been thinking about this journey for a long time, about the story I intend to write. I was going to call it Goodbye Donald. I figured Trump's electoral hopes were as lost as his relationship with truth. My story would serve as my gift to anyone who cared, an epithet for the American nightmare now over. Not any more, not now that Trump is favoured to win. For now, I'll write under the working title, Goodbye Donald? - a question, obviously, not a statement. I thought I knew America and Americans. I thought this country and the folks who live here had given up on Donald Trump. I was wrong. Turns out I knew the wrong Americans and the wrong America. It is time to hit the road and find out why."

ily trying to turn the conversation to politics. But it's a struggle. People don't want to talk about politics in Glasgow, Montana, at least not to strangers. "You say the wrong thing and before you know it you've lost most of your customers," explained the owner of The Loaded Toad coffee shop. I changed tack. She'd lived here all her life, apart from a couple of years away for college. What makes this place so great? "Community," she said. "Everybody looks after each other. If someone gets hurt there'll always be someone around to help. If anyone gets into financial trouble or something like that people will get together to do something, have a fund-raiser or something." I'd heard the same from a couple of other people and that was great as far as it goes. But it's not much to hang your hat on, is it? Not when you've only got a few hours to try and find a flavour of what makes a place tick. I'm not blaming anyone for that. We're all the same when it comes to our hometown. We know it's great so we don't spend much time thinking about why it's great. If the coffee shop owner (she didn't want me to use her name) had arrived in Glasgow, Scotland, and asked me the same question I would have been non-plussed, too. Couldn't she see with her own eyes that she'd just arrived in Nirvana? No such assumptions were made over at the BS Buzz, where Kelly offered chapter and verse about what made his hometown great. No holes barred. No filter applied. Just the Goddamn Montanan truth. "I'm glad to live here because we've got so much," he said, searching for the right words. "We've got so much ... artillery." And that makes you happy? "Yes, it does. It makes me very happy because I feel safer. I mean everybody around here knows how to use a rifle. The only way to wipe Glasgow, Montana out would be with nuke." What else? "There's no crime here." Come on, everywhere has got crime, even Nirvana. "Well, if you count DUI as a crime, sure," he said. If we're talking about crime crime, we'd have to go back about four years. "There was a guy who ran over his girlfriend out on the highway there. And before that, there was a crazy idiot who opened fire at the hospital - a lunatic from who-knows-where? His neighbour said he was a weird one. All he had was a .22 (a small caliber rifle) but he did end up killing a gal," Kelly said. "But that was such an isolated incident. You know, you get these wackos that move in, people who aren't local. Everybody in Glasgow gets along because we're not all wackos."

incumbent, and the GOP's Tim Sheehy, a squared-jaw ex-military man who, based on my highly unscientific analysis of voters' opinions, will win narrowly. When it comes to the Presidential race, however, there's no contest. The Republican candidate hasn't lost Montana since 1992 when Clinton defeated Bush (only because the independent loonball Ross Perot shaved off a quarter of the GOP vote). Trump will win comfortably this time. Everybody knows it. Strangely, though, I'd seen very few Trump signs on my journey across the state from west to east, in contrast to Arizona, Nevada and even Idaho, where he's a deity to many. Montana's size is the obvious explanation. The towns are small and far apart, separated by vast, unpopulated plains where the normal tools of election politics are not required. Cows don't vote, as someone wise once said. I pointed this out to the editor of the BS Buzz, who directed me to Glasgow's main residential area over on the other side of the highway. "You'll find plenty of Trump flags and posters over there."

We chatted a while longer. Years ago I worked on a small vagabond local newspaper in Donegal, the mighty Tirronaill Tribune. In many ways, the BS Buzz reminded me of the Tribune. They share the same spirit, the same lack of respect for conventions, which to me is a great thing for a newspaper. Kelly Siefert had echoes of the Tribune's editor John McAteer, another renegade spirit, albeit minus the gun fetish and love of Donald Trump. McAteer would rather die than vote for "that feckin' lunatic". Fortunately for Donald Trump, McAteer doesn't have a vote. Siefert does, and he wasn't shy in explaining why it was going to the former president. Not to be dismissive or patronising, but it was the usual litany of grievance and blind loyalty, not all of it grounded in reality. I've learned by now there's no point in pushing back when it comes to talking policy and positions with a diehard Trump fan. They believe what they believe, and that's fine. I let Hurricane Kelly blow itself out, thanked him for his hospitality and his truth, and left. It was time to get back on the road again, although there was something I wanted to do before I left. I drove up to Glasgow's residential area to take a photo of all the Trump flags Kelly had mentioned. I drove the neighbourhood streets once and then drove around them again. I thought I'd missed something but I hadn't. There wasn't a single Trump flag on display. I saw plenty of Stars and Stripes flags and a few street signs, candidates' names I'd never heard of running in local races. There were a couple of signs for Democrat Senator Jon Tester but that was it. Which was odd. Made me wish I had more time to hang around and make the effort to find out what's really going on in Glasgow, Montana.

away - four and a half hours - from any city with a population of 75,000-plus. Yes, I know. Who gives a shit? It turns out the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce gives an enormous shit. 'Middle of Nowhere' sounds like an insult to you and me but that's only because we couldn't spot a brilliant marketing slogan if it was painted on the inside of our eyelids. The Middle of Nowhere is marketing gold, a lemon ready to be turned into a barrel of lemonade. Get your tickets to the 2024 Middle of Nowhere Music Festival with headliners Chancey Williams and Tigirlilly! When you arrive in Glasgow, you'll find a quintessentially small American town with the usual small-town amenities - a cinema, coffee shops, an art gallery, a high street print shop, a pioneer museum, bars, a small hospital, and so on. But you won't find many people, not late on a Monday afternoon. I go for a walk and do my thing, talking to whoever will give me the time of day, chit-chatting about the museum (it was closed) and local high school sports teams - Go Scotties! - before sneak-



Scenes from Glasgow, Montana, and the office of the BM Buzz

# Mary T. criticises Charlie

Mary T Sweeney has criticised Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue for his failure to extend the time limit for farmers to spread slurry on their fields. The final date for spreading slurry on farms in Ireland this year was 30th September 2024, with the closed period beginning on the 1st October.

The Aontú General Election candidate said: "The slurry spreading deadline must be extended into October in a bid to help the agricultural sector in Donegal. Many farmers are working flat out, struggling to meet the current cut off point at the end of September. Spring and summer are the usual periods for this kind of work. However, farmers are in a total tailspin given the appalling wet weather we've had. Fields all over Donegal are still sodden."

Ms Sweeney said: "As with my party colleagues throughout the country, I've spoken to farmers locally and they tell me they are working from dawn to dusk trying complete the job before the current cut off point. Attempting to get tanks emptied in time has become a challenging situation."

As Donegal's first female auctioneer I've had a strong working relationship with farmers over the years. I fully understand environmental concerns surrounding potential pollution of our waterways. However, slurries are a valuable source of nutrient for plant growth and I would trust Donegal's farmers to act in responsible manner when spreading to minimise the risk of pollution. In turn I'm asking



Mary T. Sweeney with her Director of Elections Rebecca McDaid at the campaign launch in the Vestry, Letterkenny.

ing Minister McConalogue to be sensitive to the predicament which some farmers find themselves.

Farmers in Donegal have had a trying time this year so they need urgent help and extending the slurry deadline would be a step in the right direction. Farmers in Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford can start to spread slurry again in mid-January, yet farmers in Donegal and other north-west counties have to wait until the 31st of that month. Why the discrepancy? To compensate for this, surely with the unsuitable ground conditions experienced here this year farmers should be given an extra few weeks in October. I'm appealing to the Minister of Agriculture to give immediate consideration to the matter and give Donegal farmers some leeway."

# €42,500 funding boost for walking trails

Funding of €42,500 has been allocated to support and improve 13 walking trails across Donegal. The funding is part of a national initiative announced by the Minister Heather Humphreys, that will see €1 million being allocated to upgrade 517 trails.

Welcoming the announcement, Deputy Charlie McConalogue said: "This grant funding will be used towards the cost of purchasing equipment, small scale maintenance and marketing and promotion of the registered trails. Donegal has many popular walking trails and it's important that these are maintained on a regular basis."

"These walking trails in Donegal are great attrac-

tions for locals and tourists and I'd encourage people to check out their local walking trail - they provide an enjoyable experience for our domestic population and visitors," the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine added.

Fine Gael General Election Candidate John McNulty has said the funding will be a major boost for communities across the county.

"Walkways and trails are so important for communities in Donegal, providing an outlet to get fresh air, exercise, and socialise with friends. There is no doubting their valuable contribution to Donegal towns and

villages, in helping boost our health and mental wellbeing. In Donegal, we are fortunate to have such committed community organisations, and I'm delighted that this funding will support them to maintain and upgrade the walking trails." McNulty concluded.

The successful projects:  
Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns €1,500

- Muckish Development Group €2,500
- Arranmore Blueway Management Group €4,000
- Ballybofey and Stranorlar Integrated Community Company €1,500
- Ballyliffin, Clonmany & Urris Community Development Association €1,500
- Bluestack Way Committee €15,000
- Burtonport Old Railway Walk Committee €4,000
- Creevy Community Group €1,500
- Forbairt na Rosann €1,500
- Glenevin Waterfall Development Group €1,500
- Ionad Naomh Pádraig €4,000
- Leghowney Loop Walk Committee €2,500
- Loch Chonaill Railway Development Group €1,500



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

### • Area Manager

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

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday 21 October 2024.**

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

No late applications will be accepted.

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# Tip O'Neill Awards presented



Tom O'Neill with Billy Higgins, Award Recipient and Cllr. Ciaran Brogan at the Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2024 in Inishowen Gateway Hotel on Friday. Photo Clive Wasson

The 2024 Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards returned to the Inishowen Gateway Hotel in Buncrana, on Friday night, where some of Donegal and Ireland's finest were recognised for their outstanding contributions to society, culture, health-care, the arts and business.

Tom O'Neill presented three awards to Caroleann Gallagher, David McCourt and Billy Higgins.

Master of Ceremonies Trish Hegarty of Inis Communications introduced each recipient and helped summarise the impact in which the recipients have had on their respective fields. The term 'paying it forward' was mentioned on more than one occasion and accurately describes just how much the 2024 awardees have contributed to society.

Caroleann Gallagher, a native of Arranmore Island, Caroleann's career in law in the States has been primarily focused on personal injuries and those hurt by the negligence of others.

In over her fifteen years of practice, Caroleann has been recognised as a Super Lawyer within her field of practice as well as a Leading Lawyer and a Top 100 Trial Lawyer with The National Trial Lawyers Association.

In May 2024, Caroleann was sworn in as an attorney to the United States Supreme Court.

David McCourt, Founder and Chairman of Granahan McCourt Capital and the Chairman of National Broadband Ireland. As the owner and Chairman of National Broadband Ireland, he is currently working in partnership with the

Irish Government in the largest Public Private Partnership in European telecoms to deliver the country's €5bn National Broadband Plan.

Born and raised in South Boston, Billy Higgins is a businessman and community leader who is renowned for his charitable endeavours and the founder of the Southhill Childrens Fund. Their fundraising "helps provides the tool necessary to encourage education a key element of overcoming hardship" and has assisted hundreds of children access opportunities to better their lives and prospects. Billy has done immense work in supporting the education of children with special needs both in Boston and here Ireland. Donating to the Patient Social Fund of the Ballaghderrig Pre-School for Children with special needs in Donegal and has continued to support the school and its work for many years.



Maria Corrigan and Senator Niall Blaney at the Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2024 in Inishowen Gateway Hotel on Friday last. Photo Clive Wasson



Carolann Gallagher with her parents Laurence and Kathleen at the Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2024 in Inishowen Gateway Hotel on Friday last. Photo Clive Wasson



# An election winning gambit for Govt.

*A bike shed at €336,000, a security hut costing €1.43 million and a children's hospital with 3,000 empty rooms and a massive cost overshoot of a billion Euros.*

*This is a political joke as Simon Harris moves to distance himself from the blame game on account of him only becoming the health minister in 2016.*

*So where's he been since?*

Even though Christmas is on the horizon, the Government has beaten Santa Claus in promising more and more gifts for everyone in Ireland and we'll never see a poor day, ever again. There will be houses for all, hospital beds for everyone and a public water system that will never again leak 40% of the output.

This, indeed, is the land of make-believe and Santa's little helpers are busy travelling the Yellow Brick Road.

But this is Leinster House and not Emerald City in the Wizard of Oz.

When a tornado rips through Kansas, Dorothy (Judy Garland) and her dog, Toto, were whisked away in their house to the magical land of Oz and it was 1939. At least they had a house and this fact will amaze many of you.

I'm sure you are still gripping the edge of your seat when you watch the show. But how does Heather Humphries fare playing Dorothy?

And the wains, if you are really good, you'll all get an e-bike from Santa! Why not? Remind you parents where you read the news.

The government has a surplus of at least fifty billion Euros in this and next year's budgets and it would seem we've never had it so good... that's if you are affected by blinkered

vision. Or you might even be of the view that the cost of €1.2 million for a security hut was money well spent and it leaves the country safer for all of us. And the brass roof and its flares remain as a reminder of how our money is not spent wisely.

How can anyone ever justify that this was money well spent?

I'd imagine that there should be a total overview and scrutiny of every single cent awarded across government departments in these past ten years, if only to satisfy public concerns that the world of official contracts in Ireland resides in a different universe from that of the private sector.

However, or once, I've not heard any of the usual petrol heads warn about the imminent demise of corporation tax earnings and the threat of the big tech and pharma giants fleeing from Ireland.

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at more than 100,000 people a year and when the general election is over the political thinking will turn to the election after that. It is already obvious that having to live within the outdated 1937 Constitution and more and more new seats will have to be created that will quickly exceed the 200 mark.

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billion windfall from Apple and it will have to be spent sooner rather than later on infrastructure.

Here's a reality check: since coming into office in 2020, the government has spent an additional 50% more on spending. But are people 50% better off?

Hardly likely despite the number of holiday breaks on the continent. The country is running like hell to stand still and so there has to be a reason. This time there is the double edge to spend and to pretend the election is not part of the agenda. Dishing out money must be seen in the auction house politics of winning the general election. And while many see it as FG and FG back in power, the reality is that around 50% of voters only make up their minds when the election is called. This is a three week window for a public appraisal of the strength and weakness of the policies, the debates and indeed from the campaign on the doorsteps.

Here in Donegal, the defective block issue will be very strong since this remains a problem seen as lacking in detail and content by those faced with demolishing their homes through no fault of their own. Surely this reality alone, this lack of enforcement of the laws and the failure of officialdom to have proper identity of serious flaws should sign a light on how not to do things! There has to be much stronger oversight of how costs are arrived at and why projects like the Children's Hospital are virtually beyond the control of Ireland's political system.

The people put governments in place for five years, secure in the knowledge that the system adopted and overseen by that team will identify problems and act accordingly. So why and how are these disasters allowed to happen? There has to be a good reason why this has happened



## Comment

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and heaping blame on BAM may not be the answer to anything.

A bike shed at €336,000 a security hut costing €1.43 million and a children's hospital with 3,000 empty rooms and a massive cost overshoot of a billion Euros. This is a political joke as Simon Harris moves to distance himself from the blame game on account of him only becoming the health minister in 2016. So where's he been since?

The world's most expensive hospital is a shocking commentary on successive government's failure to have in place a robust and experienced team in charge of handling the contract to deliver a project on time and on schedule.

It is evident that this task is above the experience and ability of our political process. It is all too easy hammering into the OPW when something goes wrong but the Office is the responsibility of the Cabinet, the Taoiseach and the Minister with responsibility for the Department involved.

This is one of Ireland's longest running and most expensive sagas. In 2015 when planning was refused for the Mater Hospital site a new application was put forward for the campus at St James's Hospital. The estimated cost was €650 million with an expected completion date in 2020.

BAM won the contract to deliver the new hospital in 2022.

That was soon extended by three months to a November date the same year. Then in 2017 concerns emerged about the total costs of the project with a new figure of €983 million for the construction phase. And a new estimate of €1.43m then emerged as the new build cost with a final cost of €1.73 million.

In 2019 two Oireachtas committees conducted an investigation into the overspend and PwC was commissioned to review the issue.

Enter Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar saying the review makes for "grim reading". However he conceded that retendering was not an option. Like all else Covid delayed the project for two years. BAM submitted several revised programmes, with changing dates put forward for the construction phase of the hospital last year.

Then it was revealed that further completion works was planned for the end of March 2024, before this was revised to May 2024. BAM's latest indication was that it would hand the building over for commissioning at the end of October 2024, but it will be at least six months before Children's Health Ireland can receive patients, meaning it will be into 2025 before it is operational.

The perception from a weary public is that the first children being admitted to the hospital is at least two years distant, barring miracles. That is not good enough and it is up to the government to ensure the hospital is opened urgently. That is totally unacceptable and all we can do is remind the government that we depended on them to deliver the National Children's Hospital on budget and on time. Now after all these years of waiting, hope has been eroded as has our trust.

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# New students at Loreto and Mulroy College



Naomh Laoise First Years at Loreto Community School, Milford with Year Head Maureen Curran and Class Teacher Gary Doherty and Prefects Hannah Gibbons and Sean Black. Naomh Liam First Years at Loreto Community School, Milford with Year Head Maureen Shiels and Roisin Holmes.



Mulroy College 6th Year group with Class Teacher Ms. T. Friel, SNA Ms. J. Duffy, Class Teacher, Mr. D. Sweeney, Year Head Mr. P. Sullivan, Deputy Principal Ms. A. Quinn, Principal Ms. F. Temple, Deputy Principal Mr. D. McHale, Class Teacher Mr. Meleady Photo by Clive Wasson



Mulroy College 1st Year students with Assistant Year Head Ms. K. Stewart, Class Teacher Ms. S. Doherty, Deputy Principal Ms. A. Quinn, Principal Ms. F. Temple, Deputy Principal Mr. D. McHale, Class Teacher Mr. F. Boyce, Year Head Ms. N. Shiels

# Colleges, Milford



Naomh Larrosa First Years at Loreto Community School, Milford with Year Head Maureen Curran and Class Teacher Grainne McDaid and prefects Mary Cannon and Seamus Ferry.



Naomh Lorcan First Years at Loreto Community School, Milford with Year Head Maureen Curran and Class Teacher David Butler and Prefects Kate McAdoo and Adam Gordon.

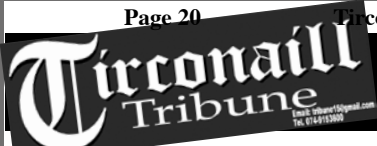


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F. Boyce, Year Head Ms. N. Shields and Class Teacher Ms. A. Gallagher. Photo by Clive Wasson



Naomh Lile First Years at Loreto Community School, Milford with Year Head Maureen Curran and Class Teacher Emma Black and Prefects Lizzie Haughey and Joey Barrett.



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Children from Kilmacrennan National School at the protest on Tuesday.



Louise McKee, chairperson of the Parents Committee at Kilmacrennan National School is interviewed by Eileen Magnier from RTE on Tuesday morning as protesting parents take their children away from the overcrowded building. Photo by John McAteer.

# Parents seek meeting with McDaid Rathmullan's new Swilly Explorer

As the controversy continues over the provision of a new primary school in Kilmacrennan the Parent's Committee has invited Junior Transport Minister James McDaid to attend a face to face meeting on next Wednesday night. This comes after McDaid said he envisaged that a new school would go to construction in 2006. Furious parents led by Louise McKee, the Chairperson of the Parent's Committee said that quite frankly this is yet another bluff to get the Dept of Education off the hook and they've refused to be fobbed off by such expressions of interest. "Dr. McDaid's statement changes nothing and when one reads the small print it is exactly the same as the communication sent to us on August 1st 2002 telling us the school would be going to construction in 2003," added McKee. The contents of the letter from Noel Dempsey read 'An extensive building programme for 2002 has already been approved and published. It is envisaged that the proposed building project at Kilmacrennan national school will proceed to construction in 2003'. The failure of the Minister to follow through on that commitment saw the parents withdraw their children from class on Tuesday morning at the start of a determined campaign that will empower the parents in direct action to have a new building put in place. The parents say that after a two year wait they could not sit back any longer since the institution of politics had failed them completely and they have no other course of action open to them. The original school constructed in 1935 with three basic classrooms has been hopelessly outdated for many years, yet no action has been forthcoming to address this dreadful crisis. The school has 121 pupils in class room conditions that are dreadfully overcrowded. This fact is underpinned in one room where the Principal, John Devenney is forced to teach three classes of 37 pupils in a space not fit to swing a cat. Louise McKee confirmed that the parents are now demanding confirmation of when the new school will begin and nothing else will satisfy the parents. In the next year the overcrowded school

is expected to have a rotten and porous prefab replaced after a disastrous twenty year wait. It is also expected that the special class which is being forced to exist in a cloakroom will also be rehoused somewhere within the building. The parents point out that another mainstream teacher should have been employed this year since the roll numbers fully justify that situation. Deputy Niall Blaney met with the Taoiseach's adviser Gerry Hickey at Government Buildings on Tuesday as the protest got under way back in Donegal. However since it is anticipated that a new Education Minister will take office at the end of the month it is apparent that no real comment will be offered on any aspect of the school's building programme apart from the recognition that it is a total hames. 'It would seem that a huge number of schools were advanced to an early architectural stage of planning by the former Minister, Michael Woods before he left office in 2001. In the meantime they have remained there and that is why parents in Kilmacrennan and many other places have not seen any progress, added Blaney. Fine Gael's Senator Joe McHugh has condemned the inadequate response from the Government to the protest at Kilmacrennan. He said: "The parents at Kilmacrennan School resorted to drastic action to highlight the cramped and unsafe conditions in which their children are trying to learn, yet still the Government fails to recognise their desperation. The hard fact is that Kilmacrennan faces a significant wait, perhaps two more years, before the building they were promised is delivered. This school now urgently needs an interim solution and the Department of Education must make that a priority. Reacting to the situation Dr. James McDaid said the Education Minister Noel Dempsey is satisfied that a replacement school is required. The proposed new school building project has been assigned a Band 2 in line with the prioritisation criteria in place for all building projects. The project is at the early stages of architectural planning and is being progressed as part of the 2004 School Building Programme."



Angela Crerand and Brendan Proctor with the Brown's from Inch who skippered the boat from Cogh.

A brand new boat costing €210,000 has been bought by the Rathmullan Enterprise Group. It is their second vessel and they plan to use it to cater for a rapidly developing tourism and corporate business. The Swilly Explorer arrived in Rathmullan last week and it is now one of only two such boats licensed by the Department of the Marine on the River Swilly and can accommodate 12 passengers along with two crew. It is an Interceptor 42 model with 500 hp Scania engine and boasts the most luxurious seating accommodation inside while outside there is a very spacious deck. The vessel took approximately four months to build and complies with the very strict safety regulations laid down by the Department. Neil Doherty and Angela Crerand are directors of the commercial venture which started in 1999 when Enterprise 1 was purchased to cater primarily for angling business with a spot of sightseeing thrown in. It is planned that the very

successful Enterprise 1 will stay with the angling market while the Swilly Explorer will look after the tourism/corporate market. The Rathmullan Enterprise Group is an umbrella body for a number of organisations in the town and was formed in 1994. One of these groups is the Lough Swilly Sea Angling Association which was set up in 1966. They have provided fishing facilities for enthusiasts down the years. According to Angela Crerand its time to expand a business that is understandably seasonal running from April to October. And the weather also plays an influential role in determining the success of the operation. All weekends are booked up during the season while the entire months of July and August are extremely busy. The new boat will be berthed at the pontoon at the Pier for the remainder of the season before being moved to a safe home for winter storage. A typical trip on the Swilly takes about two and half hours and includes visits to Fanad, Buncrana, Dunree and Portsalon.



Students from St. Joseph's NS, Rathdonnell on The Pfizer Science Bus at the LYIT on Tuesday with class teacher Mary Muldoon, Brian Carney LYIT, Meabh Conaghan, Enterprise Ireland, Sharon Murray and Catriona Fitzgerald - science bus instructors. Right - Brian Brogan as he conducts an experiment outside. Photos by Clive Wasson



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# Glemmaquin: case study of Council failure

Thirty years after the Glenmaquin community started a battle to have a public water supply provided to their homes they are still fighting the odds and a political system of failure that deems such communities to be treated like second class citizens. After all in today's brave new Ireland of scams: tribunals and spin normally sane institutions would still presume that water would be seen as a very basic civil and human right: but apparently not.

Once again on last Thursday night the people of Glenmaquin assembled in Black's Memorial Hall in Convooy to discuss what progress the Council had made in giving them a water supply: the answer like many other things in the life of local government continues to be very simply written: but obviously not in a family newspaper.

And on Thursday night the meeting heard that the actual cost (as estimated) by the Council for the provision of the water supply is a whacking great €1.3 million. At this price nothing will ever happen, which is fine unless in the Glenmaquin country where they've been waiting all their lives and ordinary folk actually wonder if Donegal County Council is a figment of someone's lurid imagination. Maybe they are right.

Declan Kerr was in Black's Hall on Thursday night for the Tribune.....

According to the residents the job could be completed for half that figure if the Council allowed the supply pipes to be laid on private property rather than along the main road. Thursday night's meeting which was also attended by public representatives heard that apart from the national school the whole infrastructure of the area had disappeared including the local shop and post office.

The quality of water from wells and boreholes is hardly fit for human consumption even with the use of filters. With approximately 140 houses in the area the estimated cost is €6,000 per connection and the residents are now to mount a high level campaign to force the Council to drop their demand for the water to be routed along the main road. This would allow the charge to fall to a more reasonable figure of €2,000.

The Glenmaquin Group has vowed that a public water supply will be provided for the people of the area within two years. Mervyn Mackey who has returned to reside in the locality after 35 years in the UK said on Thursday night that the infrastructure in the area had almost totally disappeared. He described as dreadful the TV footage he witnessed from his England home in 1999 showing teachers and children bringing bottles of water to the national school. "The quality of the water is very poor. It's brown in colour and is hardly usable even after buying an expensive filter. There's a filter in the school for the last five or six years and nobody has come to check it and see whether the water is drinkable. It's a disgrace that the schoolchildren can't turn on the tap for a drop of water. Is it because we are a minority population?" he said.

Mackey also spoke about what he described as the staggering cost of connecting to the public water supply. "The people in this area can't afford €6,000 after the expense of building their homes. €1500 or €2000 would be a more realistic levy."

The Glenmaquin group has been given to understand that the cheaper option of putting the new mains through the fields is not acceptable to the Council. Group



Glenmaquin and District Group Water committee members Clarke Gardiner, Mervyn Mackey and John Kelly along with Cllr. Dessie Larkin, Tony McDauid and Ciaran Brogan at the public meeting in Convooy on Thursday night.

Chairman Samuel James Eaton said that the local authority was concerned about access to private property in the event of a problem with the service.

He added: "I feel it could be done if the Government allowed the farmers' fields to be used". It has been estimated that the alternative could half the overall cost and on Thursday night it was the option that had the overwhelming support of the floor.

Madge Toye recalled that in 1980 the cost per dwelling was set at €600 now jumping to 6,500 and she was deeply concerned that the latest figure quoted would force people to

walk away from the Glenmaquin water problem.

Senator Joe McHugh described the estimated cost of €1.3 million as not being value for money. He suggested that in the 2005 estimates the Letterkenny Electoral Area Councillors allocate more money to Glenmaquin in the roads programme in a bid to force the local authority to take on more of the financial burden in relation to laying of the mains pipes. "Tell the engineers to use the funding to widen parts of the Glenmaquin Road. The Council don't do common sense and don't listen to the people. This would bring down

your cost but you must get this message across to the engineers.

Donegal IFA Chairman Keith Roulston spoke about the sheer amount of money being wasted by the Government on Tribunals while the people of Glenmaquin couldn't get a decent water supply. "Its time we got some of the Tribunal money redirected to Glenmaquin" he said.

Deputy Niall Blaney proposed that an individual levy of around 2,000 was most appropriate for the scheme and urged the group to persuade the council to employ the wayleave option to bring the water through the fields.

# Hospital Friends raise €1.8m

Think about it seriously! Since its foundation only twelve years ago the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital have raised €1.8 million Euro: thanks mainly to your generosity and out of a loyalty and dedication to healthcare in this county. It is a proud achievement for all concerned and in this piece we reflect on those 12 wonderful years.

On the 28th of October 1992 the first formal meeting of the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital signalled the beginning of an extraordinary 12 year fundraising campaign that has pulled in an incredible €1.8m for the upgrading of health facilities for the people of Donegal. Arguably one of their most successful events to date was the recent Prince and Princess of the Park which raised a remarkable €115,000 and goes towards a major refurbishment plan earmarked for the Acute Psychiatric Unit.

And according to public relations officer Michael McCole the drive to provide additional equipment and improve the range of services available to patients in the county has a bright future thanks to the tremendous support of the general public whose generosity has seen facilities like the Cat Scanner, Oncology Bus, Baby Incubator and Cardiac Rehab equipment being provided at Letterkenny General Hospital.

The initial seeds for the formation of the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital came in 1992 when the then administrator Pat Harvey invited Michael McCole and Noel O'Connell to a meeting in Gallagher's Hotel. The first officer board included Chairman, Noel O'Connell; Vice Chairman, Conal Sholin; Secretary Eileen Ryan; Assistant Secretary, Lucia McGonigle and joint Treasurers Barbara Grimes and Philomena Foley. Others present on that night were Kathleen Mc-

Fadden, Philomena Foley, Barbara Grimes, Theresa McHugh, Dymyna Kelly, Anne Toye, Sadie Skelly, Ned McGuinness, Marie Hickey and Frances Drein. From the start a big emphasis was put on having an organisation in place with countywide support with a core objective being to see services develop at a pace and at a higher level that might otherwise not have been possible.

Among the early tasks were the drawing up a constitution and an application for charitable status. A letter drop right around Donegal was carried out to inform the public about the 'Friends' core objectives which proved a very worthwhile exercise explaining that fundraising projects would provide additional facilities to enhance the quality of treatment and care of patients. People were encouraged to become members of the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital and one of the first initiatives was a project where volunteers came to the hospital, as part of a complimentary service, to support and assist patients and families attending the outpatients department. Later this service was extended to provide assistance to in-patients.

The first major fundraising venture, the purchase of the Cat Scanner, was a resounding success with the target figure being reached 12 months ahead of schedule. However, the old x-ray unit was unable to accommodate the new equipment and the crux provided the ideal opportunity to expedite a major upgrade of this department, which might not have otherwise happened.

Since then the public's generosity has seen the provision of cardiac rehab and urology equipment, a baby incubator, the oncology bus while financial support has also been made available for the Letterkenny General Hospital patients comfort

fund and a bus for St. Conal's Hospital. The latest initiative has seen the development of physical/sensory garden for patients in the Rehab ward on the St. Conal's campus.

The stunning success of the recent Prince and Princess of the Park during the Garden Fete has given a significant boost to the committee's objective of providing €750,000 to assist with a major refurbishment which is planned for the Acute Psychiatric Ward at Letterkenny General Hospital.



Pictured at the Heritage Day on Sunday were Aaron Reid, Eimer Alcorn, Brian Alcorn from Gartan shelter from the rain at the castle.



Winners in the draw held during last Thursday night's Garda Siochana concert at the Mount Errigal Hotel in aid of the Holy Cross Church Building, Dunfanaghy. Pictured from left Eugene Drumm, Superintendent Billy Byrne, Garda Band director, Mary Ferry, Charlie Durning maker of the top prize, a model Irish cottage, Maureen Farrelly, Fr Paul McGeehan PP and Kathleen McDauid.

# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Go mbéidh sibh uilig slán, a chairde Ghaeil. Tá súil agam go bhfuil achán duine go maith agus gur bhain sibh triall as na hoidis a bhí againn an seachtain seo caite. Is aimsir don anraithí é seo, agus don cócaireán mall, agus is breá liom go mór cócaireacht mar sin. Bhí mé i mBéal Feirste seachtain ó shin agus, mar atá mar nós agam, bhí mé san Ollmhargadh Áiseach atá ann ar bhruach na Lagáin, an abhainn bróidiúil a éiríonn ar Shliabh na gCrúb i measc na Beanna Boirche, agus a théann isteach i Loch Lao é féin. Is áit iontach é, mar ollmhargadh, le iliomad earraí agus táirgí ann ón Lár-Oirthear agus Oirthear. Is cosúil le Tír na nÍontas dom féin!

Feicim rudaí nua gach am agus mé istigh ann. Tá mé i gcónaí ag ceannacht earraí neamhchoitianta, le feiceáil cad é a thiocfadh liom a dhéanamh leo. Nó, b'fheidir úsáid nua a dhéanamh as an táirge i mbéile Éireannach. Rud amháin a rinne mé mar thurgnamh ná úsáid a bhaint as táirge Síneach le snas nua nó blas níos doimhne a thabhairt don béile. Agus bhí sé rathúil mar thurgnamh.

Ba é anlann Piobar Dubh. Nuair a d'amharc mé ar na comhábhair uilig thosaigh mé ag smaointiú go raibh níos mó ná teas an piobar san anlann seo. Ní amháin a bhfuil blas laidir an piobar ann, tá bonn an-suimiúil eile leis - caramal, nó triacla nó molás a thugann pearsantacht thar a bheith di-



ofriúil, suimiúil agus go domhan blasta don mias. Bhain mé úsáid as uair amháin agus mé ag déanamh Bouef Bourignon. Thug sé an ardú céime céanna don mias a fhaigheann tú, mar shampla, nuair a chuireann tú seacláid dorcha le Chillí con Carne, nó caifé a úsáid san áireamh nuair atá tú ag déanamh maranáid ar fheoil- mairteoil nó sicín, mar shampla, nó mar bhlastán cuimilte le comhábhair eile.

Tá sé, b'fheidir, frithiomasach, ach creid mé nuair a deirim go bhfuil sé galánta. Mar sin, nuair a chuir mé isteach an anlann piobair dubh leis an mairteoil, cairéidí, oinniún, fion dearg agus araile, thug sé blas eadar milis agus te, agus gné eile ar fad don oideas nach raibh mé ag súil leis.

Tá an anlann le fáil san ollmhargadh Áiseach in aice le ARENA 7 agus tú ag gabháil go Leitir Ceannainn, in éineacht le neart rudaí suimiúla eile. Ná bíodh eagla ort riamh triall a bhaint as rudaí nua mar seo.

Agus níl na rudaí seo costasach ach oiread, agus béidh tú ag foghlaim, agus sin an rud is tábhachtaí. Sampla eile díobh: léigh mé oideas uair amháin as leabhar cócaireachta an Ind; léigh mé faoi rud éigeantach nar chuala mé iomrá faoi riamh darbh ainm AMCHOOR.

An rud atá ann ná PÚDAR MANGÓ TRIOMAITHE. Tá boladh na meala air, púdar béas, a bhfuil blas laidir gearr ann, agus blas MANGÓ ann fosta. Ionntach suimiúil ar fad! Cheannaigh mé pacáiste ar €3 nó mar sin agus bhain mé úsáid as mar earra i maranáid. Bhí mé ag ullmhú eiti sicín agus chuir mé an AMCHOOR orthu le rud beag ola agus salann agus isteach san oigheann leo, agus, ar m'anam, bhí siad go hiontach! Bhí daoine ag tomhas cad é go díreach a bhí ann.

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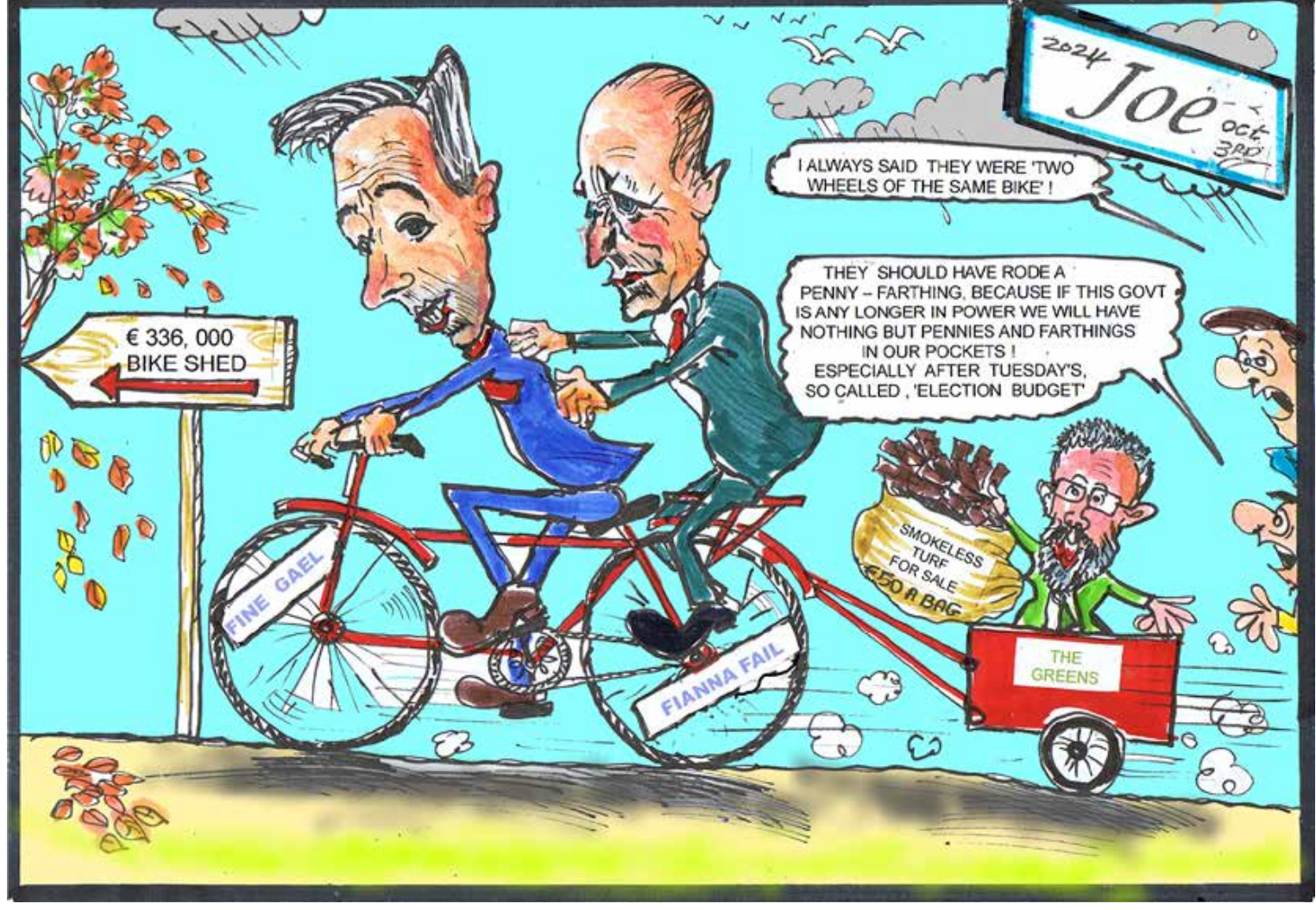
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St Peter's Church, Milford on a misty morning last week. Photo by Proinsias Carr



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- Frithiomasach. Counterintuitive
- Agus araile. Etcetera
- Gné. Dimension
- In éineacht le. Alongside, along with
- Mangó triomaithe. Dried mango
- Mil. Honey
- Boladh na meala. Smell of honey
- Toraidh. Fruity
- Eiti sicín. Chicken wings

**In Memoriam**



**Barnes**  
Ann  
Letterkenny  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear wife Ann who died 8th October 2019.

*A quiet prayer  
A loving nature,  
a heart of gold  
The very best this  
world could hold  
Never selfish  
always kind  
These are the  
memories you left  
behind*

*A silent thought  
a quiet prayer  
For a special person  
in God's care*  
Always remembered and sadly missed Gerry.

**Anniversary Mass for Ann will be held on Sunday 6th October at 11.30am in Church of The Irish Martyrs.**



**Boyce**  
Joanne  
High Glen,  
Carrigart  
12th Anniversary

In loving memory of Joanne whose anniversary occurs on 3rd October.

*We're missing you a little more each time we hear your name  
We've cried so many tears yet our hearts broken just the same  
We miss our times together things in common we could share  
But nothing fills the emptiness now you're no longer there  
We've so many precious memories to last our whole life through  
Each one of them reminders of how much we're missing you.*

Loved and missed by Mum, Dad, brothers and sister and partners, nieces and nephews xx.

*Sweet your memory,  
precious your name  
Deep in our hearts  
you will always remain.*

Always remembered and sadly missed your aunts, uncles and cousins.

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**Crawford**  
Baby Aoife  
Ards Ramelton  
11th Anniversary  
4th October

*Sometimes when we first wake we think that you're still here  
And for a fleeting moment the clouds all disappear  
You left us broken hearted not knowing what to do  
But now we find such comfort in memories of you  
You would not like to see us sad  
So what we try to do is live a bright and happy life in memory of you  
For though we'll always miss you and it's dreadful being apart  
We haven't really lost you Aoife, you're still here in our hearts*

Truly loved and sadly missed every day love Daddy, Mammy, Cillian and Sarah xx

*Play in Sunshine every day  
Innocent and free  
And promise that you'll always smile,  
When you think of us.*

Sadly missed and remembered with love every day by your Aunts, Uncles and Cousins

*You're one of Heaven's angels now  
A perfect little star  
And when you shine the World can see how beautiful you are  
And though our hearts are broken  
And your life was far too short  
We thank you, sweetest angel for the happiness you brought.*

Love and missed always by Nana, Granny and Granda xx

**MEMORIAM CARDS**



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**Planning Notice**

Donegal County Council  
Carrownamaddy,  
Creelough

I, Theresa Duffy am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to relocate dwelling house approved under planning reference number 22/51966 and

**Doherty**  
Adrian  
Creelough Beg,  
Creelough  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of my husband who died on 2nd October 2021.

*I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new  
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too  
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name  
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame  
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part  
God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart.*

Missed every day and forever in my heart, your loving wife Brid XX

In loving memory of Adrian

*It was a sudden parting,  
too bitter to forget  
Only those who loved you, are the ones who will never forget  
Our loss is great,  
we'll not complain,  
But trust in God to meet again.  
Rest in Peace Adrian*

Always remembered and sadly missed John, Margaret, Una and Denise

**Adrian's 3rd Anniversary Mass will be on Sunday 6th October at 9am in St. Michael's Church Creelough.**



**O'Hanlon**  
Duncan  
Swilly Park,  
Ramelton  
27th Anniversary

In loving memory of Duncan who died on 6th October 1997.

*A wonderful nature, warm and true  
These are the memories we have of you  
Time may pass and fade away but thoughts of you will always stay.*

Loved and missed by all the family.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St Mary's Church, Ramelton on Saturday 5th October at 6.30pm.**

also to erect a domestic garage with all associated site development works at Carrownamaddy, Creelough, County Donegal in the townland of Carrownamaddy. The planning application



**Gormley**  
Anne  
Lennon View,  
Ramelton  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother

*"Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there,  
I do not sleep  
I am a thousand winds that blow  
I am the diamond glints on snow  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain  
I am the gentle autumn rain  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight  
I am the soft stars that shine at night  
Do not stand at my grave and cry  
I am not there,  
I did not die"*

Loved and missed by Gerard, Mary, Seamus, Garvan and Sarah.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Saturday 5th October at 6.30pm.**



**Logue**  
Martin  
Gortnatra,  
Kerrykeel  
27th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear husband, father and grandfather who's anniversary occurs on 4th October.

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day  
Those who think of him today, a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Always loved and remembered by your loving wife Rita, daughter Sinead and grandson Callum, parents, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces.

**Anniversary Mass in St Columba's Church, Massmount on Sunday 6th October at 9a.m.**

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

**Acknowledgement**

**Ferry**  
Edward  
(Eddie)



The family of the late Edward (Eddie) Ferry would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for the support and condolences we received on the death of our father. Thank you to our extended families, neighbours, friends and those who travelled great distances to be with us at this sad time. Thanks to all who attended the wake and funeral and to those who called, wrote, sent Mass cards and flowers. Thanks to all the kind neighbours and friends who brought food, served tea and helped out during the wake and funeral.

We would like to thank all the Nursing and Medical staff of Medical 3 and 4 along with the staff of the Short Stay Ward at Letterkenny University Hospital for their care of our late father. Thank you to Fr. Martin Collum, Fr. Eddie Deeney, Fr. James Friel, and Fr. Raymond McQuarrie for officiating a beautiful funeral Mass of our dear Father and thank you to Emma Burns for the music that added to the ceremony Mass. We also would like to thank Patrick Sweeney Funeral Director for the professionalism and kindness shown to us over the wake and funeral and to the gravediggers. Thanks to the Silver Tassie Hotel for the food and refreshments after the funeral Service of our late father. We wish to express our deepest thanks to everyone as it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. **Edward's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday the 4th October at 7pm in St. Joseph's Church Rathmullan.**



**McTaggart**  
Peter  
Kilmacrenan  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather who died on the 5th October 2020.

*As each day dawns we think of you  
As each night falls we pray for you  
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept  
To love and to cherish and never forget  
In heaven you rest, no worries or pain  
In God's own time we'll meet again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving family.

opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the



**Sweeney**  
Paul  
Churchill,  
Letterkenny  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Paul who died on 9th October 2023.

*Quietly today your memory is kept  
No need for words we will never forget  
Will those who think of him today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
O Lord, Support us all the day long  
Until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes  
And the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over and our work is done  
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging  
A holy rest, and peace at the last,  
through Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

Forever remembered and loved by your wife, Julie, daughter, Shanna, son, Conor and McDermott family, Ballaghderg.

**Anniversary Mass in Church of Irish Martyrs, Ballyraine, Letterkenny on 9th October 2024 at 9.30am.**

**Logue**

Mary  
Chapel View,  
Kilmacrennan



We, the family of the late Mary Logue, would like to thank sincerely everyone who sympathised with us following our recent sad loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbours who attended the wake and funeral and sent Mass and sympathy cards, and floral tributes. Thank you to our kind family, friends and neighbours who brought food to the house over the weekend. Special thanks to Fr. Chambers for his kindness and support during the wake, for the Rosary and the funeral Mass. Sincere thanks also to the Choir for the beautiful music.

We would also like to thank Patrick Sweeney Funeral Director for his professionalism in dealing with the funeral arrangements, and to the grave diggers who prepared Mary's final resting place.

To all the doctors and staff of Letterkenny University Hospital and Sligo University Hospital for their kindness and care to Mary, thank you. Thanks also to the Doctors and staff of the former Kilmacrennan Health Centre and Mulroy Practice, Milford.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

**Mary's Month Mind Mass will take place on Sunday 6th October at 11am in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan.**

**McFadden**

Connie



We, the family of the late Connie McFadden, Derryreel, Falcarragh would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us on the recent passing of our beloved husband, Dad and Grandad. Thank you to everyone who travelled from near and far to sympathise with us and to those who sent Mass cards, text messages and online condolences. Thank you to those who brought food to the wake house and who helped during the wake serving refreshments and with traffic management. Thank you to all who made donations to the Donegal Hospice in Connie's name. To all our families, neighbours and friends who called to support us and who continue to support us. We are truly grateful to each and every one of you.

A special thank you to all the doctors, nurses and staff at the Donegal Hospice who provided such exceptional care to Connie during his time there. Thank you to Fr Martin Doohan for celebrating the funeral Mass and also to Fr. Sean Gallagher and to Fr John Joe Duffy. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who took part in the funeral Mass and a special word of thanks to the Choir for providing the beautiful music. To all the members of CLG Cloich Cheann Fhaola, Buíon Cheoil Sinsear Cloich Cheann Fhaola and Banna Ceoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola for performing a Guard of Honour on the day of the funeral. Thank you to An Garda Síochána for providing assistance with traffic management.

We would like to thank Roarty Funeral Directors, Dunlewey for their guidance and professionalism throughout the wake and funeral. Thank you to McClaffertys, Gortahork and to the management and staff of Ionad Naomh Fionnán who provided and served refreshments following the funeral.

It is not possible to thank everyone individually however we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our sincerest appreciation for all the help and support we have received.

**Months Mind Mass on Friday 4th October at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church, Dunfanaghy.**

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**MEMORIALS**  
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Brian Harte with his wife Susan, daughter Laura, sons Kieran, Michael, Barry and granddaughter Lauren.

Brian Harte marked his 70th with a party in the Lennon Lodge on Saturday night where he was joined by family and friends including a number of relatives who travelled from Glasgow for the occasion.



Donegal Junior Football League

# Local derby in Whitestrand

There's a local derby at McGarvey Park on Sunday where Whitestrand Utd host the Kerrykeel 71 Club. Home manager Brian Dunleavy will be aiming for three points that won't be easy against Hughie Walsh's outfit who had a big 5-1 win over Dunkineely Celtic at Rabs Park last Sunday. Whitestrand drew 1-1 with Drumoghill F.C. at the Moss.

In the Premier Division Gweedore Celtic host Kilmacrennan Celtic who will be going for back-to-back wins. At Leckview Park, Letterkenny Rovers will be looking for their first victory of the season but that won't be easy against Keadue Rovers. At the Flagpole Rathmullan Celtic face a tough test against Fanad United. Likewise Swilly Rovers won't find it easy as Bonagee United provide the opposition in Ramelton.

### Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

#### Strand no match for Oldtown Oldtown Celtic 10-2 Strand Rovers

Oldtown ran out comfortable winners against and understrength Strand Rovers side in the first game of the season. Oldtown got out the traps and took an early lead when Sean Cleary's cross found Micheal Doherty to volley home. They had a chance to add a 2nd but Kevin McGrath hit the post with a volley. Strand soon equalised when Ethan McCafferty fired home from the spot. Oldtown soon regained the lead when a fine passing move resulted in a low cross finding Luke Nelis to tap home from close range. And Kevin McGrath got his 1st of 5 goals heading home from a corner after Hanlon in the Strand goal made a fantastic save to deny him. 3-1 at half time. Oldtown kicked on in the 2nd half and added a 4th when Kevin Mc Grath fired home from the spot after a foul in the box. Sean Cleary added the goal of the game when a fine passing move beginning from a goal kick that build up before Joe McCarron slipped Cleary in to fire home. Mc Grath added his 3rd with a second penalty before Ciaran Gibson headed home at the back post. James Gallagher added a 2nd for Strand before McGrath added his fourth. John McFadden got in on the act before McGrath added his 5th of the game with a cool finish. Ref: Michael Connolly

### Glencar win in Ramelton Swilly Rovers Reserves 0-4 Glencar Celtic

Glencar made the most of their chances in the first half going 2-0 up from two set pieces delivered by Jack Dwyer. Swilly had a goal from Tony Gallagher disallowed for offside. Swilly had a few chances thought the half but it was Glencar who did the scoring in the 2nd half with two goals from their attack force. Swilly Rovers Res - Jamie Blaney, Daire Fennell, Tony Gallagher, Kyle McMullan, Edan Bradley, Evan Ryan, William Buchanan, Dathi Cavanagh, Calvagh O'Donnell, Christopher Mc Laughlin, Odhran Grimes Subs: Adam Morgan for Buchanan, David Lockart for Grimes. Ref: Dessie McLaughlin.

### Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

#### Rovers romp home

#### Letterkenny Rovers Res 6-0 Cappry Rovers Res

Letterkenny Rovers cruised to a dominant 6-0 victory over Cappry Rovers. The home side opened the scoring just 4 minutes in when Jason Doherty latched onto Gareth Temple's corner and finished neatly into the goal. Rovers continued to press in Cappry's half with Nathan Bonner firing over the bar soon after. On 38 minutes, Doherty doubled the lead, finishing calmly after a well-placed cross from Artem Tymoshenko. The second half began with more Rovers' pressure, and just minutes in, Adam Murphy was fouled in the box. Jason Doherty stepped up and completed his hat-trick with a well-taken penalty. Shortly after, in the 51st minute, Doherty added a fourth, combining with Artem to finish another Rovers' attack. Rovers extended their lead in the 76th minute when Nathan Plumb finished off a great ball from Odhran Kelly. The home side capped the scoring in the 83rd minute, with Jordan Nugent slotting home a Plumb through ball. Referee: Seamus Ferry

### Defeat for Kilmac

#### Erne Wanderers 4-3 Kilmac Reserves

Despite goals from Mark Patterson, John Sandilands and Mickey McDonnell there was no joy for Kilmac Reserves in Ballyshannon on Saturday. Kilmacrennan Cel Res - Kevin Mallon, Noah Paratain, Rueben Grimes, John Sandilands, Jake Burrows, Terence Shiels, Danny Sandilands, Owen Browne, Toby Tyler, Mark Patterson, Mikey McDonnell

### Bonagee win local derby

#### Drumkeen Utd Res 1-4 Bonagee Utd Res

Drumkeen welcomed near neighbours Bonagee to St Patrick's Park on Saturday afternoon for their opening game of the season in the Finn Travel Saturday League Division Three. The home team found themselves 3 goals behind at the break. Drumkeen were doing ok in this game and could have had a couple of goals themselves but then they conceded 2 goals in quick succession midway through the first half. Conor Stewart put Bonagee ahead on 23 minutes and before they knew it the hosts were two behind as Josh McCullagh added a second for the visitors. The two goals knocked the stuffing out of Drumkeen and they lost their way a bit after that. It didn't get any better for them as Reuben Doherty added a third for the visitors just before the

break. Drumkeen's woes increased about 10 minutes into the second half when they conceded another goal as Conor Stewart added his second goal of the game. Drumkeen tried their best to get back into the game in the second half but it was an uphill struggle and it wasn't going to happen for them on this occasion. The hosts managed to keep Bonagee scoreless for the rest of the second half and they did manage to get a goal towards the end. The goal came after Sean Collum, who was brought down in the box, and he stepped forward himself to fire home a great penalty. Ref: Ryan Carlin.

### Double for Dylan

#### Gweedore Utd Res 1-5 Fanad Utd Res

Fanad United ran out convincing winners after an impressive second half performance. Fanad United began applying pressure down the left-hand side with good link up play between Keelan Kerr and Dylan McGloin, the latter finished the move off from close range to put the visitors in front. The visitors had exerted dominance for much of the first half, however the home side began to grow into the game, a corner from Padraig McFadden came off the Fanad crossbar. The Gweedore men equalised on the 45th minute from excellent play by Seighan O'Baill, Stephen Mulhern and Francis Gallagher applied the finish. The visitors began the second half like the first half and further joy down the homeside's left hand side. On the 64th minute Daibhid Lynch put Fanad in front giving Cian Gallagher no chance with an exquisite finish. The away side extended their lead on the 65th minute with more good work down the left-hand side from Dylan McGloin, a curling shot from him came off the home-side's crossbar and fell kindly to his teammate Darragh McElwaine to make it 1-3. Fanad increased their lead on the 68th minute from a great pass by Ciaran Coyle to pick out Daibhid Lynch who added to his tally for the evening. The visitors found the net again on 76th minute to make it 1-5 when Dylan McGloin marauded down the left-hand side again to cap off a fantastic performance.

Fanad Utd Reserves - Aodh McBride, Dylan McGloin, Oisín McHugh, Paul Friel, Caolan McElwaine, Alan McAteer, Shea Cannon, Darragh O'Doherty, Niall Toland, Dylan McBride, Keelan Kerr. Subs used: Ciaran Coyle, Daibhid Lynch, Darragh McElwaine, Conor McConigley, Caolan Gibbons, Patrick Moffitt

### Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

#### Winning start for Mailey

#### Bonagee United 5-1 Gweedore Celtic

The home side almost took the lead two minutes when a cross into the box by Jamie Harris was met by the head of Dean Larkin but the keeper saved well from fifteen yards. The visitors came close to scoring on six minutes when Thomas Diver turned on the edge of the box and his strike was headed to the bottom corner of the net only for Nicholls in the home goal got a hand on it and turned the ball round the post. The visitors took the lead on ten minutes when a good through ball from midfield from Diver to Ryan Doherty who rounded the keeper on the edge of the box and shot home. On eighteen minutes Padraig Gallagher for the visitors to see his strike from outside the box saved by the goalkeeper. Dan O'Donnell had a great strike on goal on twenty minutes well saved by McKelvey in the visitor's goal.

The home side were level on thirty-five minutes when Fintan Hassan hammered home from the edge of the box. On forty-three minutes Dean Larkin saw his strike from fifteen yards come off the Gweedore goal-post. The home side took the lead on forty-six minutes when a great ball over the top from Jack Parke found Jamie Harris and he hammered home from the edge of the box. Dan O'Donnell for the home team saw his strike from twenty yards just go over the bar on fifty minutes. It was three one on sixty-two minutes when a great through ball from James Henry from midfield to Shay Maloney and he shot home from fifteen yards. Jamie Doherty for the visitors saw his shot from the edge of the box on sixty-seven minutes turned over the bar by Nicholls in the home goal. The visitors kept plugging away and Thomas Diver had a good strike on goal from the edge of the box well saved by the goalkeeper. It was goal number four on seventy-eight minutes when Jamie Harris won the ball in midfield he passed three defenders before hammering home to the bottom corner of the net from twenty yards. The final goal of the game came on eighty-two minutes when a Buchanan cross into the box fell to Jamie Harris and his shot was saved by the goalkeeper but the ball rebounded to Kyle McLaughlin and he shot home from six yards. Referee: Liam McLaughlin.

### Narrow win for Fanad

#### Fanad United 1-0 St. Catherines

Fanad Utd began their defence of their Premier Title with a narrow 1-0 victory over St Catherine's at Traigh-a-Loch on Sunday. St Catherine's produced a few half chances before Fanad created their 1st on the half hour mark. A Liam McGrenaghan free kick into the box was collected by Darren McElwaine's shot from 18 yards was deflected just wide. In first half injury-time another McGrenaghan free fell to Peter Carr who hit the side netting. Fanad played with the breeze in the second half and started to create more chances. The only goal of the game came in the 52nd minute.

A Darren McElwaine corner was flicked on by James Gallagher and Shaun Carr's shot found the net via a deflection off an unlucky St Catherine's defender. With 5 minutes left on the clock, St Catherine's missed a gilt-edged chance to equalise. When a free into the box fell to Josh Maxwell, he headed wide from 7 yards.

Fanad Utd - Mark McConigley, Keelin McElwaine, Liam McGrenaghan, Patrick Moffitt, James Gallagher, Daibhid Lynch, Shaun Carr, Peter Carr, Darren McElwaine, Eoin Logue, Adam Carr. Subs used: Oisín McHugh, Oisín McMenamin, Paul Friel. Unused: Seimi Friel, Darragh O'Doherty, Shea Cannon, Dylan McGlone. Referee: Gerard Devine

### Rovers draw in St. Johnston

#### Kildrum Tigers 0-0 Letterkenny Rovers

Kildrum Tigers welcomed Letterkenny Rovers to Station Road for the first league encounter. Played under perfect autumn conditions the game started as a cagey affair. Jonny Robb nearly put Kildrum ahead on 8 minutes but his lob just went over the crossbar. BJ Banda then flashed one around the post after 12 minutes. Brian Breslin then landed onto a layback which nearly nestled in the top corner. The second half started with a frantic pace but both teams cancelled each other out. Gaps started to appear as the half went on. Jonny Robb broke though on 72 minutes and seemed to be brought down in the box but the ref waved play on. Kildrum struck the woodwork twice within the last 10 minutes, firstly when a Rovers player nearly put one in his one net and then when Johnny Robb rounded the keeper but his effort clipped the post from a tight angle.

### 10 men Kilmac take the points

#### Kilmacrennan Cel 3-0 Rathmullan Cel

Kilmacrennan got the season off to winning start at Letterkenny Community Centre against a hard working Rathmullan side despite playing a part of the game with 10 men following the red card received by Cathal McDaid. They took lead on 25 minutes when Shane McNamee whipped in a super ball to Sam Harvey who finished well from inside the box. On 72 minutes Shane McNamee scored from a cross from Matty McLaughlin after a great ball from Stephen Black to make it 2-0. On 85 minutes James Doherty crossed and Chris Dillon headed home to make it 3-0. Best for Kilmac were Shane McNamee and Matty McLaughlin. Kilmac - Liam McBride, James Doherty, Rory McGrenra, Kieran Gorman, Stephen Black, Matthew McLaughlin, Cathal McDaid, Gerald McGranaghan, Shane McNamee, Chris Dillon, Sam Harvey. Subs used: Paul Bradley, Shane McDevitt, Mark Patterson. Rathmullan Cel - Killian Hagan, Daire Sheridan, Lee Patterson, Chris Kemp, Shea Coyle, Kevin Doran, Gerard McAteer, Eoin Sheridan, Oluwatobi Akinyimika, Jay Curran, Niall Carruthers.

### No joy for Swilly

#### Keadue Rovers 6-1 Swilly Rovers

Swilly Rovers suffered a heavy defeat on Sunday in their Premier Division league opener at Central Park. Tom Mullen was the scorer for Damian Friel's side. Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher, Darragh McDaid, David Craig, Shay Durning, Brad Patterson, Laurence Toland, Ian Ward, Michael Kerr, Jordan McDaid, Tom Mullen, Marty McDaid. Subs used: Tony Gallagher, Daniel McAteer and Darragh Fennell.

### Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

#### Black nets late Milford winner Glenea Utd 0-1 Milford Utd

Glenea welcomed Milford to Pairc Joe for the opening league game of the season. The home side started well and had the first shot on target from Shane Coll but his effort fell short of the target. Glenea had the ball in the net on the 17th minute from a Kevin Mulhern header, however, it was blown up for offside by referee Ryan Carlin. Both teams had spells of dominance as the half progressed but there was nothing that troubled either keeper too much and 0-0 was the score at the break. The second half again saw both teams with good spells of possession but neither could find the final ball needed to take the lead. Just when it looked like it was going to be a share of the spoils, Milford found themselves in the Glenea box and a failed clearance and a ricochet between defenders and attackers resulted in the ball in the net via Kyle Black and Milford led 1-0 with 3 minutes left on the clock. Glenea had a massive penalty decision waved away. Milford Utd - Caolan McGettigan, Conor McHugh, Lorcan Friel, Jacob Campbell, Niall Murray, Killian McBride, Joey Cullen, Corey Lee McConigley, Darren McLaughlin, Shane Black, Kyle Black. Subs Finn Coll for Darren McLaughlin 60mins, Fallon McBride and Jordan Ryan 88 minutes for Kyle Black and Corey Lee McConigley, Paul Ryan and Conor Coll unused.

### Dunleavy's Strand equaliser Drumoghill F.C. 1-1 Whitestrand United

It ended all square as Drumoghill and Whitestrand shared the spoils at The Moss. Although both sides had chances to win the game, a draw was a fair result. Drumoghill did get off to the perfect start when Liam O'Donnell raced away to give his side the lead inside 30 seconds. There appeared little danger until Colm Gardiner opened the Whitestrand defence with a perfect pass into O'Donnell's path and the striker made

## Fixtures

Saturday 5th October K.O. 1p.m.  
Glencar Inn Saturday Division One  
Donegal Town Res v Ramelton Mariners  
Keadue Rovers Res v Arranmore United  
Kildrum Tigers Res v Swilly Rovers Res  
Strand Rovers v St. Catherines Res

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two  
Cappry Rovers Res v Castlefin Celtic Res  
Drumoghill F.C. Res v Fintown Harps  
Dunlewey Celtic v Erne Wanderers  
Glenea United Res v Letterkenny Rvs Res  
Kilmacrennan Cel Res v Gweedore Cel Res

Finn Travel Saturday Division Three  
Ballybofey Utd Res v Drumkeen Utd Res  
Bonagee Utd Res v Gweedore Utd Res  
Fanad Utd Res v Cranford Utd Res  
Lagan Harps Res v Milford Utd Res

Sunday 6th October  
Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division  
Gweedore Celtic v Kilmacrennan Cel  
Letterkenny Rovers v Keadue Rovers  
Rathmullan Celtic v Fanad United  
St. Catherines v Kildrum Tigers  
Swilly Rovers v Bonagee United

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One  
Castlefin Celtic v Cappry Rovers  
Cranford United v Ballybofey United  
Gweedore United v Donegal Town  
Lifford Celtic v Glenea United

Division Two  
Convoy Arsenal v Drumoghill F.C.  
Drumkeen Utd v Raphoe Town  
Dunkineely Celtic v Deele Harps  
Letterbarrow Cel v Curragh Athletic  
Whitestrand Utd v Kerrykeel '71 F.C.

## Results

Saturday 28th September  
Glencar Inn Saturday Division One  
Drumbar F.C. 0-2 Kildrum Tigers Res  
Oldtown Celtic 10-2 Strand Rovers  
St. Catherines Res 1-1 Donegal Town Res  
Swilly Rovers Res 0-4 Glencar Celtic

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two  
Castlefin Celtic Res 2-1 Dunlewey Cel  
Erne Wanderers 4-3 Kilmacrennan Cel Res  
Fintown Harps 4-2 Glenea Utd Res  
Gweedore Cel Res 2-2 Drumoghill Res  
Letterkenny Rvs Res 6-0 Cappry Rvs Res

Finn Travel Saturday Division Three  
Copany Rovers 4-1 Ballybofey Utd Res  
Cranford Utd Res 1-4 Lagan Harps Res  
Drumkeen Utd Res 1-4 Bonagee Utd Res  
Gweedore Utd Res 1-5 Fanad Utd Res

Sunday 29th September  
Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division  
Bonagee United 5-1 Gweedore Celtic  
Fanad United 1-0 St. Catherines  
Keadue Rovers 7-1 Swilly Rovers  
Kildrum Tigers 0-0 Letterkenny Rovers  
Kilmacrennan Cel 3-0 Rathmullan Cel

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One  
Ballybofey United 1-2 Lifford Celtic  
Cappry Rovers 7-0 Gweedore United  
Donegal Town 6-0 Cranford United  
Glenea United 0-1 Milford United  
Lagan Harps 1-4 Castlefin Celtic

Division Two  
Curragh Athletic 2-3 Drumkeen United  
Deele Harps 3-1 Letterbarrow Cel  
Drumoghill F.C. 1-1 Whitestrand Utd  
Kerrykeel '71 F.C. 5-1 Dunkineely Celtic  
Raphoe Town 1-6 Convoy Arsenal

no mistake. The visitors though responded well and took advantage of a mix up in the Drumoghill defence that allowed Cormac Dunleavy the chance to score and the striker made no mistake.

Whitestrand Utd - Declan Brougham, John Heraghty, Cian Sweeney, Ciaran Sweeney, Cormac Shovelin, Kevin McCarry, Ronan Sweeney, Conor Heraghty, Cormac Dunleavy, Aaron Curran, Paddy Sheridan. Subs: Cormac Sweeney, Charlie Crerand, Reece Thompson, Emmett Kelly, Shaun P Gallagher, Ryan Sheridan, Adam War, Ciaran McElwaine. Subs used Cormac Sweeney for Aaron Curran 80 mins. Reece Thompson for Paddy Sheridan 82 mins.

### Mark Friel nets double

#### Kerrykeel '71 F.C. 5-1 Dunkineely Celtic

The '71 got their league campaign off to a great start with a win over Dunkineely. Mark Friel got the first on 3 minutes after a great Patsy Friel ball. It was two minutes later when Shaun Kerr headed home a great corner from his brother James. Kerrykeel kept pushing and Jamie McAteer made it 3 on 39 minutes, firing home from close range after great work from Bernard McGettigan. Dunkineely, to their credit, kept working but just couldn't get past a strong '71 defence. Mark Friel got his second on 60 minutes to seal the win. Aron Byrne got a goal for Dunkineely on 80 minutes but the goal of the game came just seconds later when Marty McAteer scored directly from the kick off with a fantastic strike. Best for the '71 were Shaun Kerr, Mark Friel and Jamie McAteer. Kerrykeel 71 - Shaun Friel, Jamie McAteer, Shane Friel, Shaun Kerr, Paddy Heraghty, Mark Friel, Kevin Loughey, Brandon Mc Clafferty, Bernard McGettigan, Patsy Friel, James Kerr. Subs: Marty McAteer for Bernard McGettigan 65 mins, Ronan McAteer for James Kerr, Dean Friel for Jamie McAteer 80 mins.

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# Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr

Bá mhaith linn Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr (CFGB) a chur in aithne dhaoibh. Is comhlacht réasúnta úr é CFGB a bhfuil sé mar aidhm againn a bheith mar chrann-taca do phobail Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr.

Is é misean CFGB ná forbairt leanúnach agus ta-caocht a thabhairt do ghrúpaí pobail, d'fhiontair agus do mhuintir an reigiúin go háirithe dóibh siúd atá lónaithe sa Ghaeltacht. Déanfaimid an misean seo a sheachadadh trí thacaíochtaí, aiseá agus uirlisí forbartha a sholáthar chun cabhrú leis an gceantar agus lena mhuintir maireachtáil i bpobal inbhuanaithe agus bríomhar.

Tá an Ghaeilge agus athneartú na teanga mar chuid lárnach de chlár oibre CFGB.

Tá an grúpa maoinithe ag Údaras na Gaeltachta agus bhí áthas orainn bean Fhánada ó dhúchas, Roisín Ní Cheallacháin, a fhostú sa ról mar Oifigeach Forbartha le déanaí. Deir Roisín go raibh áthas an domhain uirthi bheith sa bhaile le bheith ag súil ar an trá achan trathóna taréis 'commute' cúig bhomaite! Tá sí lonnaithe in oifig ins an Ionad Lae i dTráigh a Locha.

Ar an gcéad dul síos ba mhaith le Roisín liosta cuimsitheach a chur le chéile de ghrúpaí agus eagraíochtaí áitiúla agus a gcuid pointí teagmhála chun líonra a chruthú le gur féidir faisnéis ábhartha a roinnt maidir le deiseanna maoinithe,

glaonna maoinithe, imeachtaí srl. Más úinéir gnó tú, má tá tú ar choiste áitiúil nó má tá smaointí ar bith agat a bheadh ar leas an cheantair bí i dteagmháil le do thoil. B'fhéidir gur féidir linn comhoibriú leat. Sonraí teagmhála thíos.

Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr are a group who, with the support of Údaras na Gaeltachta, came together relatively recently with the aim of becoming a pillar of support for the communities of Fanad and Glenvar. CFGB is comprised of a group of Directors representing different organisations in the local Gaeltacht area and have recently employed Fanad native, Roisín Ní Cheallacháin, in the role of Oifigeach Forbartha (Development Officer).

Roisín is delighted to take up the role, having moved home from Dublin where she had worked as PA to the Dean of the DCU Institute of Education, Prof Anne Looney, for a number of years.



CFGB's mission is the ongoing development and support of community groups, enterprises and people in the area. We aim to deliver on this mission through the provision of supports, information and development tools to assist the area and its people to live in a sustainable and vibrant community. At the heart of the group is the preservation and promotion of the Irish language.

Roisín is keen initially to compile a database of businesses and groups in the Fanad and Glenvar Gaeltacht areas in order to introduce CFGB and to create a network for sharing relevant information around funding opportunities, funding calls, upcoming events and so on.

All queries and information shared with us will, of course, be treated in the strictest confidence. If you are a small business owner, a local committee member or someone with ideas on a new group to set up in the area please get in touch.

Contact details below.

Gabh i dteagmháil le Roisín ag roisincfcb@gmail.com nó ar 083 1960918.

Ag súil go mór le cloisint uaibh!

"Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine"

## Cooles Cranford Community Centre

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

## Kuscuts Kerrykeel: it's a different style by John McAteer

Once there was one and then it was two. Now there are four Turkish Barbers on the main street in Kerrykeel and the place is open seven days a week.

Back seven and a half years ago, Kus Melvit decided to lease a space in the former Mulroy Ballroom on the outskirts of the village not knowing what lay in store. But at least keeping warm in winter was not a problem since there was an old fashioned stove burning all day long.

In an April 2017 edition of the Tribune we reported that a Turkish barber was setting the scene alight in Kerrykeel where he'd established a new barber's shop. In retrospect, most locals would not be on speaking terms with a Turkish barber... because the locality did not attract many Turks to the shores of Mulroy Bay.

Within six months of setting up shop, 'Kuscuts' was attracting much attention as the name and the skills of Kus took off in a big way. It is seventeen years since Kus left Turkey and he's done many things, bar work, hotels and hospitality before settling on becoming a barber in Kerrykeel. 'Kuscuts' is popular with old and young, the rich and famous and even for 'hen parties' who like the style and quality for their wedding day. So it's important to have a bottle of Champagne in the chiller.

Nowadays, grooms and best men will have their hair styled the previous day. However, they return on the morning of the wedding for a 'hot-towel' shave and all that goes with looking professional on the most important day of their lives.

People come here to Kerrykeel from all walks of life because they appreciate there is no haircut like that of 'Kuscuts'. They also appreciate that there is strong emphasis on ensuring that the waiting time is reduced to a minimum.

The shop is right up with the latest trends depending on the Premier League. No doubt next year, the hottest of hair styles will be Oasis.

This is a place that has character: easy going, good for conversation, the latest goss, football and children love the place. Kus is the man with the magic touch and his team serves the people very well.

Kus has come to know hundreds of new customers every year: from all across Donegal to the North of Ireland... Some would have become familiar with the place while on holidays locally and many of them are return-customers, driving over a hundred miles for that magical haircut and trim that is Kus Melvit's secret trademark.

Today, Kerrykeel's main street is busy: the barbers shop and the 'Narrow Quarter' restaurant are both



Kus Melvit with Callum outside his shop in Kerrykeel.

busy and with high reputations, the future is set fair for both. The barber's shop is open seven days a week and there's never a dull moment. And Kus can testify that nobody has ever left the place with a bad haircut. So nobody ever demanded their money back.

His staff includes Calum from Birmingham with his distinctive accent, Louis and Roisin who works part-time. For a small village it is rather unique to find four barbers' chairs... and there might be a need for more. All the while, the range of services continue to grow. When Kus left his native Turkey he was already a professional barber who could earn a living anywhere. Having come to Ireland he went into the hospitality sector and before his big break in Kerrykeel, he worked in the Milford Inn. But it was time to move on... To return to cutting hair and it's a decision that has proven to be a big success story.

And he's proud to have chosen Kerrykeel and today 'Kuscuts' has achieved a reputation well above the imagination of the proprietor. This is a very modern premises and the footfall is as amazing as it is diverse. On Monday I was back in 'Kuscuts' chatting to Kus and Calum who arrived here from Birmingham via Ramelton last year. Louis Hanlon, also from Ramelton and the fourth member of staff is Roisin, she works on a part-time basis.

And having made the initial decision to reside in Kerrykeel, Kus established the first Turkish barber's shop in the village. And so, those who

want a professional haircut in a traditional Turkish Barber's shop will be right at home here because nobody does it better than Kus and his team.

Prices at 'Kuscuts' cater for all ages and home visits can be arranged. And you can have the luxury of being shaven with a cut throat razor - this is a special kind of shave where applying the lather is equally as skilled as the actual shave.

Kus never wanted to do anything else in life and even in primary school he was cutting hair, whether his mates liked it or not did not matter. He spent time in Amsterdam before arriving in Cork a number of years ago.

Kus is excited about the level of interest in the business and he's delighted with the response to his shop and the weekly footfall in Kerrykeel... and the client base continues to grow across many parts of Donegal and in Northern Ireland. Now that the Covid pandemic is well past, Kus reflects on having survived for the best part of two years with the curtains down on the shop... And in those two years, he made many new friends and got to visit so many out of the way places in the county. It gave him a different perspective on the Donegal landscape, but now the team is happy to be back serving you in style in the village of Kerrykeel.



The stylish interior of Kuscuts in Kerrykeel.

# Fanad

The late Nora Doherty (née Blaney) The death took place on Sunday of Nora Doherty, Sappagh, Muff. Nora was formerly a member of the Blaney family of Rosnaskill, Fanad. She passed away at Bunrana Community Hospital. Nora is survived by her husband Andy; Mary Cunnell, nieces, nephews, her wider family circle and friends.



Remains reposed at the family home on Monday. Removal was from there on Tuesday to St. Patrick's Church, Iskaheen for Requiem Mass followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery. Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Kathleen Callaghan, Murrin on the death of the mother Mary McGinley, Ballyconnell, Falcarragh on Monday.

Tráth na gCeist Beidh Tráth na gCeist sa Lighthouse Tavern dé hAoine 4ú Deireadh Fómhair 9i.n., á réachtáil

# Rockhill Caravan Park

From Page One significantly between Easter and October and it is an integral part of the Kerrykeel community. Bill Farrell has major plans to add to the facilities onsite at Rockhill. A top priority is a new state of the art sewerage treatment plant along with an upgrade of the site itself. Many of the residents have been coming to Rockhill since they were children and the level of the children's facility is a big attraction for families. Gareth McLarnon of Glen Estates said their company was tasked with finding a new owner in what is essentially a niche market. He said: The spectacular park and the facilities are excellent and he was very happy to source a buyer. The Farrell family will bring their own expertise to Rockhill Park and that will also be a big boost for the village of Kerrykeel.

ag Gaeltacht Bheo Fhána-da. Bigí linn fá choinne oíche chraic agus cheisteanna! Beidh na ceisteanna dátheangach. Fáilte roimh chách.

There will be a Quiz Night in the Lighthouse Tavern on Friday 4th October 9pm, organised by Gaeltacht Bheo Fhána-da. Join us for a night of craic and questions. The quiz will be bilingual. All welcome.

**Men's Shed in Glenvar**  
The committee of Coiste Forbartha Ghleann are considering the possibility of setting up a Men's Shed in Glenvar. Anyone interested in taking part please contact Joe 085 205 4890. **Flu & Covid Vaccine Clinic**  
Fanad Health will have a walk in Flu and Covid vaccine clinic on Monday 7th October between 4pm and 7pm. Please contact us on 0749159060 if

**FANNET PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH KERRYKEEL**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving  
Service**  
Sunday 6th October at 7p.m.  
*All welcome.*

you are unsure if you are eligible to receive. Childrens Nasal Flu Vaccine also available for ages 2 - 17 years. **A Quiz night**  
Kerrykeel Park Development will host a Quiz Night in the Plough and Harrow Bar Kerrykeel on Saturday 19th October at 9.00pm sharp. €10 per person, Teams of 4 is €40. Please support the raffle cards around the local businesses Many spot prizes and raffle prizes to be won on the night. Please come along and support your local Park.

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Beef or Shrimp Taco      Baked Brie - Cranberry Sauce  
Mussels Mulinaire      Prawn Cocktail  
Homemade Vegetable Soup      Sweet & Spicy Chicken Wings  
Garlic Mushrooms - Garlic Dip

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

*All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables*

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

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

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Derek McMahon in the Donegal Car Rally in 1978 in his Hillman Hunter at the top of Ballynacrick with Kerrykeel's Jerry Carr in the background. Photo by Les Ashe.

### Portsalon Golf Club News

# Johnny's still got the winning touch at 87!



Congrats are certainly due to our longest-standing member, Johnny Strain (above), who won Wednesday's members competition with 41 points at the sprightly age of 87! A member at Portsalon for more than six decades, it's only a little over 12 months since he fired in a hole-in-one and he is living proof that age is just a number when the attitude remains good. Here's to many more happy days on the course. Johnny is pictured after teeing off on the 2nd hole, with thanks to Claire McGonagle for the stunning pic that certainly does capture a man in a happy place.  
Wednesday September 25th

Winner: Johnny Strain (34) - 41 pts  
Runner-up: Noel Callaghan (36) - 39 pts  
Gross: Sean Hensey (4) - 31 gross pts  
Third: Seanan McAleer (15) - 38 pts  
**Home rule in Junior Scratch Matchplay**  
Portsalon GC were crowned Donegal Junior Scratch Matchplay champions on Sunday afternoon for the first time after a comprehensive win over outgoing holders Strabane. Team captain Dermot Shields and his squad capped a magnificent season with a 3-0 success against a strong Strabane team, making the most of the home advantage they enjoyed for this once-off final.

**Schedule for Rosnaskill Community Hub**  
**Monday** 10.30am Yoga Kindly with Brigitte. 6 block class €60. Please book direct on: Tel 0870653333  
6.45-7.30pm. 'Fit in 45'. A brilliant opportunity to bring on a healthier and fitter you. Booking essential on : Tel: 0862240321  
8pm 'Men on the Move'. All levels of fitness welcome.  
**Tuesday** 7-9.30pm Mens Healthy Eating / Cooking course. This course is FREE and runs for 6 week duration.  
6-7pm & 7.15-8.15pm Pilates with Catriona. Booking essential, direct with Catriona on : Tel 0860466295  
**Wednesday** 6.45-7.30pm 'Fit in 45'. Booking is essential on Tel: 0862240321

8pm 'Men on the Move'. All levels of fitness welcome.  
**Friday** Mulroy Hoops Basketball. Registration online, new members welcome. 5.15-6pm under 6's; 6-7pm under 8's; 7-8.15pm under 10's  
Rosnaskill Community Hub Gym is open from the hours of 9.30am -1pm and 5.30-10pm Monday to Friday.  
Price for Gym: 1 hour : €5 1 month : €25 3months €60 6 months:€100  
**Upcoming events / classes / talks**  
Alzheimers / Dementia talk. On Thursday 24th of October at 7pm, we will host at Rosnaskill Community Hub a talk on Alzheimers and Dementia facilitated by 'The Alzheimers Society of Ireland'. Please share with anyone you think may benefit from this talk.

An unforgettable summer's journey for this team included defeating Dunfanaghy in near pitch-dark conditions in round one and another hard fought success against Ballybofey & Stranorlar in the quarter-finals. From the get-go, team captain Dermot would have been pinpointing progress into the last four, with Portsalon confirmed as the neutral venue for both semi-finals and the final this year. The semi-final saw them overcoming North West GC 3-0 and it was the same story in the final against Strabane as each member of the Portsalon team stood up and was counted in a display of exceptional golf all round.



The Portsalon team was Kevin Boyce, Cathal Canning, Patrick McGowan, Daniel Shields and Davitt Walsh. They were the five in position to don the black and yellow colours this time around, but along the way valuable contributions were made by Clive Davison, DP Logue, Ciaran McCormick, Kevin McGonagle and Ultan McGettigan and as any successful team will attest, success can only come from a strong and willing squad being formed. This was a really significant win for the club and this will be a springboard for further Portsalon team success. Next up for Portsalon is this Sunday, when Team Captain Cathal Canning puts his Donegal League team into first leg action in the final against Gweedore. Tee-off is 1.00pm in Portsalon and all support is welcome.  
**Portsalon Scratch Cup in association with Man-**

Sunday's team is pictured with Team Captain Dermot Shields and Club Captain Pat Horner before teeing off against Strabane.  
**or Motors Open**  
Gross Winner: Caolan Dunn (1) - 72 BOT  
Runner-up: Enda Kennedy (1) - 72  
Third: Seamus Conner (1) - 73  
Nett Section Winner: Paul McGuigan (6) - 76  
Runner-up: Cian Page (5) - 71  
Third: Jack Langan (8) - 72  
Intermediate Scratch Cup  
Gross Winner: Liam Campbell (11) - 78  
Runner-up: Ronan McAteer (11) -79  
Third: Eoghan McGreilis (17) - 83  
Nett section Winner: Peter O'Donnell (15) - 70 BOT  
Runner-up: Patrick O'Kane (15) 70 BOT  
Third: Damion O'Donnell (18) - 70 BOT  
**Sunday Members - September 29th**  
Winner: Ray Devenney (20) - 67 nett  
Runner-up: Johnny Moore (17) - 68 nett  
Gross: Shaun Strain (7) - 77 gross  
Third: Denis Friel (19) - 71 nett

## Rosapenna Golf Club

Results from Sunday 29th September - Golfer of the Year sponsored by SMC Accountants - 1st Brian Currie (26) 64 Nett; 2nd Paddy Ban McClafferty (9) 67 Nett; Gross Seamus Connor (1) 74 Gross; 3rd Marty Carlin (10) 68 Nett BOT; Front 9 Garvin Toye (15) 32 Nett; Back 9 - Louis Boyce (13) 31 Nett. Two's - Gareth Brien, Paddy Ban McClafferty, Eddie McGroddy.

The 2024 Golfer of the Year will consist of 7 strokeplay competitions running from April to October, the final qualifier is the 13th of this month. To be eligible to win GOY you must play a minimum of 2 GOY competitions.

Ladies Section -Winner Mairead O Connell (32) 37pts (BOT); Second Helena McBride (16) 37pts; Cat A Carmel Barry (12) 35pts; Cat B Veronica Dowds (22) 33pts; Front nine Marina Hamilton (20) 17pts (BOT); Back nine Bernie Wilson (30) 20pts.

### Captains Trip to Portrush

Congratulations to all the prize winners who travelled to Portrush last week for the captains outing. A total of 32 players made the trip to Castlerock on Thursday and Portrush Valley Links on Friday. In testing conditions two of the most experienced players came out on top with Brian Currie winning on Thursday with 41pts and Joe McHugh picking up the prize on Friday with 34pts. Brian also won the overall award for the two days. A big thanks to all those who travelled on what was an enjoyable trip and to the many prize sponsors.

### Upcoming Fixtures

October: Saturday 5th Lady Cup Final; Sunday 6th Club Competition; Saturday 12th Ladies Christmas Hamper sponsored by Boyces Centra (final G.o.Y); Sunday 13th - Final Golfer of the Year sponsored by McGee Insulation; Sunday 20th Club Competition; Saturday 26th Winter Event Series; Sunday 27th Winter Event Series.

## Planning Notices

### Donegal County Council Drumoghill Td, Termon

I, Breda McGettigan am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to demolish existing dwelling house and erect new dwelling house and use of existing ancillary services on this site at Drumoghill Td., Termon, 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, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council

We, Tony & Laura Coll are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house, domestic shed and install septic tank at Cranford, Co. Donegal in the townland of Cranford. 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

I, Noel Canning am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct a sand arena for the exercising of horses at Glenvar, Co. Donegal in the townland of Carnarrow. 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

#### Rockhill, Portnablagh, Dunfanaghy

We, Ronan & Mairead McElhinney, intend to apply for planning permission for development at Rockhill, Portnablagh, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal in the townland of Rockhill. The development will consist of planning permission to construct a dwelling house and connection to public sewer and all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, 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 Captain Enda McClafferty (left) presenting Brian Currie with the first place prize for the overall two day competition held over Castlerock & Portrush Valley Links during the Club Captains Trip Away.

ries & Club Competition; Monday 28th - Donegal GAA Golf Day on St Patrick's Links.

## Cloughaneely

Congratulations to all involved in the recent a Play in Pink fundraiser which raised €4250 which was donated to Breast Cancer Research. Thank you to all the Ladies for their help with organising this golf competition and selling raffle tickets.

Again, a special Thank you to Thomas McClafferty (Eurospar Gort a'Choire) for sponsoring all the prizes for the golf and for the raffle. Earlier this week, Cumann

permission.

### Donegal County Council Carrowcanon, Falcarragh

We, Sean Mooney & Treasa Kelly are applying to Donegal County Council for the erection of a two storey dwelling house & detached storage shed with connection to public sewer and all other associated site development works at Carrowcanon, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Carrowcanon. 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 P Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council (Natura Impact Statement)

**Mevagh, Downings, Letterkenny**  
I, Eileen Connors applied to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the erection of a new dwelling house with septic tank system and all other associated site development works. A Natura impact statement (NIS) accompanied the application at Mevagh, Downings, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The planning application was originally lodged with Donegal County Council on the 6th of March 2024 and is under planning Ref Number 24/50077. Following a requirement of the Planning Authority a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted to the planning Authority in connection with the application at Mevagh, Downings in the townland of Mevagh. The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours at the offices of the Authority. Subject to the payment of the relevant fee, a submission or observation in relation to the NIS may be made in writing to the Planning Authority within 5 weeks of the date of receipt by the Authority of a copy of this required newspaper notice.

### Donegal County Council Fawns, Termon, Letterkenny

I, Manus Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain additional car parking spaces as constructed and permission to carry out the following works at the site of my existing filling station/shop; 1. Demolish part of existing front of the building, 2.

Gaifl Chloich Cheann Fhaola received excellent news from Pat the Cope Gallagher that we have been allocated €25,000 under the Sports Capital Grant Programme. The club has been awarded this grant that will go towards further golf course development and improvements. Thank you to everyone that was involved in the process of submitting the club's application, especially Patsy McVicar for all his good work. Maith thú.

This weekend's 18 hole singles is sponsored by Denis Finn. The September Golf 100 draw will take place on Monday. Thank you to everyone that supported the draw to date.

Erect a new extension to the front of the building, 3. New internal layout of the shop to include an off-licence, 4. Provide new signage throughout the development, and 5. All additional site development works at Fawns, Termon, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Fawns. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council Bunnaton, Glenvar

I, Chloe Martin intend to apply to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain and complete dwelling house under construction with all other associated site development works at Bunnaton, Glenvar, County Donegal, in the townland of Bunnaton. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council Massreagh, Kilmacrennan

I, Kenneth Tease am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with connection to the main public sewer and all other associated site development works at Massreagh, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Massreagh. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning

## In Memoriam



### Doyle

Baby Gavin  
Meenbunone,  
Creeslough

#### 28th Anniversary

Precious memories of our little Angel Gavin who died on the 7th October 1996, aged 7 Months.

*Little angel,  
so precious and dear  
In our hearts,  
you're always near  
Though your time  
with us was brief  
Your spirit brings us  
peace and relief  
We'll hold you in our  
dreams each night,  
and cherish the  
memories,  
shining bright  
Though you're gone  
from our sight, your  
memory will forever  
live on in our hearts  
X*

Hugs and kisses my darling Gavin, love always Mum xoxoxox

*You are near  
"Tootsie" even if  
we don't see you  
You are with us,  
even if you are  
far away  
You are in our  
hearts, in our  
thoughts always.*

Forever remembered by Uncle Michael, Marjorie, Ciana and Michael xoxoxox

*No matter how  
life changes us  
No matter what  
we do  
A special place  
within our hearts  
Is always kept for  
you Gavin.*

Lovingly remembered by Uncle Danny, Clodagh and Ciara xoxoxox

*"Although Gavin  
you were with us for  
a short time, you  
brought a  
lifetime of love."*

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 5 Tully Mountain, Ballyarr, Ramelton

I, Siobhan Ward, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for Retention Planning Permission and Planning Permission for development works at my Defective Concrete Blockwork property at No. 5 Tully Mountain, Ballyarr, Ramelton, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Tully Mountain. The proposed development works will consist of the following: 1) Retention permission for existing dwelling



### McGarvey

John

#### Kilmacrennan

1st Anniversary  
7th October 2023

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

Much loved and always remembered, by his wife Kathleen, sons, daughters, and extended family.

**John's Anniversary  
Mass will be held  
in St. Columba's  
Church, Kilmacrennan  
on Saturday  
October 5th at 6pm.**

house as built, 2) Retention permission for existing domestic garage, 3) Planning permission for demolition of existing defective concrete blockwork dwelling house and construction of a replacement dwelling house, 4) Connection to all existing services, to include existing wastewater treatment system, 5) All other associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council

**Carrowkeel, Kerrykeel**  
I, Donal Callaghan am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for construction 3 No. glamping pods, associated parking & connection to existing services at Carrowkeel, Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal. The Planning Applica-



## McBride

Paddy (Shuss)  
Gortnalough,  
Downings

#### 9th Anniversary

*Remembering you  
is easy, we do it  
every day  
But missing you is  
the heartache that  
never goes away  
We hold you tightly  
within our hearts  
and there you will  
remain  
Until the joyous  
day that we will all  
meet again.*

Sadly missed by your daughter Louise, son Patrick and grandchildren Michaela, Patrick, Lilly-Mae, Rosey and Maggie xxxxx

*Those we love don't  
go away they walk  
beside us everyday  
Unseen unheard but  
always near, still  
loved still missed  
and held so dear,  
never forgotten.*

Always in our minds and sadly missed everyday by your brother Anthony, Bernie, god-daughter Shannon, Michael, Anthony and Aine.

*In a little graveyard  
across the Irish sea,  
my brother was  
laid to rest 9 years  
ago today  
My heart still aches  
with sadness, what it  
meant to lose you no  
one will ever know.*

Always remembered and missed each day by your brother John and Catherine in Glasgow.

*A beautiful memory  
dearer than gold  
Of a son-in-law  
whose worth can  
never be told  
There's a place in  
our hearts no one  
can fill*

*We miss you Paddy  
and always will.*

Loved and sadly missed by Mickey, Bridget and family.

**Anniversary Mass  
in St. John the Baptist  
Chapel, Carrigart  
4th of October at  
10am.**

tion may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**In Memoriam**



**Friel**  
Maggie Ann  
Drumatrumm  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dearly loved Mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 6th October 2018.

*Dear Mummy  
Remembering you  
is easy, we do it  
every day  
Missing you is the  
hard part that never  
goes away  
You always had  
a smile to share,  
a laugh, a joke  
and time to care  
A wonderful mother,  
warm and true  
These are the  
memories we  
have of you  
We talk about  
you often  
With pride we speak  
your name  
But our life to date  
without you, has  
never been the same.  
Our Lady of Fatima  
pray for us.*

Loved and remembered, daughter Mary, Jim and family.

*Time and years slip  
gently by love and  
memories never die  
In our hearts you  
will always stay  
Loved and  
remembered  
every day.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by Jimmy, Patricia and family.

Mass Offered



**Sheridan**  
Charlie  
Creevery,  
Rathmullan  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

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

Loved and missed by Kathleen and all the Sheridan Family

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 5th October in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan at 7pm.

Tel. 074 91 53600



**Gallagher**  
Mark  
Mulroy View,  
Carrigart  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear son, husband, Dad and Grandad who died on 7th October 2023.

*A loving nature  
a heart of gold  
The very best the  
world could hold  
Never selfish  
always kind  
These are the  
memories you  
left behind  
No special day is  
needed for us to  
think of you  
You are always in  
our thoughts no  
matter what we do  
Your resting place  
we visit and say  
a little prayer  
But no one knows  
the heartache as  
we turn and leave  
you there  
A silent thought  
a quiet prayer for  
a special person in  
God's care  
Rest In Peace.*

Sadly missed by Mum, son, daughter, grandson and all the family.

*Words and times we  
can no longer share  
But in our hearts  
you are always  
there.*

Always remembered by Seamus, Teeney and family.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 5th October in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6.00pm.

**Memoriam  
Cards  
&  
Thank You  
Cards**



Contact  
Tirconnail Tribune  
Office  
074 91 53600

**Planning  
Notice**

Donegal County  
Council  
Drumnahaogh,  
Letterkenny



**Kelly**  
Vera

Tullinascreen, Churchill  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died 10th October 2023

*She gave us love in the fullest measure  
Care, Devotion, Memories to treasure  
In our hearts you will always live  
The Dearest Mother God could give  
Gone from our home that smiling face  
The cheerful happy ways,  
The heart that won so many friends  
In bygone happy days  
A sadness still comes over us  
Tears in silence often flow  
Memory keeps you ever near us  
Though you died one year ago*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by all your family

*Of all the special gifts in life  
however great or small  
To have you as our Granny  
as our greatest gift of all*

Loved and missed by all your grandchildren

**McEleney**

Bernadette  
Woodlands, Letterkenny  
13th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister who died on 7th October 2011.

*A wonderful sister sadly missed  
along life's way  
Quietly remembered every day  
No longer in our life to share but in  
our hearts, you are always there.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by all your sisters and brothers

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly on Friday 11th October at 7.30pm.

**Birthday Remembrance**

Happy Heavenly  
Birthday

**Peoples**  
Marie  
2 Hillview,  
Kilmacrennan



Happy Heavenly Birthday, our beloved daughter, Mum, wife and sister on 6th October.

*Our daughter Marie  
Today is your birthday, in Heaven above  
Our blessings we send on the wings of a dove  
Not just for today but everyday hereof  
We think of you always, with all our love.*  
Mum and Dad.

*Six months have gone, but not a day  
do we forget you in any way  
On your first birthday in Heaven's light  
we send our love, strong and bright  
Always in our hearts, so near  
we carry your memory, forever dear.*

Love husband Denis, sons DJ and Stephen

Heavenly Birthday Sister

*Six months have passed since  
you've been gone  
But in our hearts you still live on  
your first birthday in Heaven's light  
We send you love, pure and bright  
Forever missed, forever dear,  
in every moment you're always near.*

Love Leona, Serena, Drew and Junior, sister-in-law Anne, niece Alanna, nephew Andrew xx

I, Michael Donaghey am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for relocation of an amended wastewater



**Meade**  
Thomas

Fanad  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Thomas who died 6th October 2023.

*God looked around  
his garden  
and found an  
empty place  
He then looked  
down upon the  
earth and saw  
your tired face  
He put His arms  
around you and  
lifted you to rest  
God's garden must  
be beautiful  
He always takes  
the best.*

Always remembered by your wife Sally

*We thought of you  
with love today but  
that is nothing new  
We thought about  
you yesterday and  
days before that too  
We think of you in  
silence we often  
speak your name  
Now all we have are  
memories and your  
picture in a frame  
Your memory is our  
keepsake with which  
we will never part  
God has you in His  
keeping we have you  
in our hearts.*

Forever missed by your sister Betty, brothers Michael and Sean, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

*Quietly today your  
memory is kept  
No need for words  
we will never forget  
As thoughts go back  
as they often do  
We treasure the  
memories we  
have of you  
Each of us in our  
own way have  
special thoughts  
of you.*

Always sadly missed by your sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews-in-law, Fanad, Kerrykeel Letterkenny.

Anniversary Mass in Massmount Chapel on Saturday 12th October at 7pm.

treatment system previously approved under Planning Ref. No: 23/50669 and all associated site works at Drumnahaogh, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Drumnahaogh. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation



**McGill**  
Martin

Creelough & Glasgow  
7th October 2022  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear son, brother and uncle who died in the Creelough tragedy on 7th October 2022.

*When I go  
Don't learn to live  
without me, just  
learn to live with  
my love in a  
different way  
And if you need to  
see me close your  
eyes or look in the  
shadow when the  
sun shine, I'm there.  
Sit with me in the  
quiet and you will  
know I did not leave*

*There is no leaving  
when a soul is  
blended with  
another  
When I go  
Don't learn to live  
without me  
Just learn to look  
for me in the  
moments.  
I will be there.  
Thinking of you and  
the other 9 Angels  
that went with you  
that day.*

Also your father my husband Joseph McGill.

Love and sadly missed from your Mum Mary and sisters, Caroline and MarieLouise, brother-in-laws Iain and Matthew, nephews Aaron, James and Jacob and your niece Emily.

**Doherty**

Dom  
43rd Anniversary

In loving memory of Dom Doherty who died on the 3rd of October 1981 and also his father Denis who died on the 2nd of October 1984.

*You always had  
a smile to share,  
time to give and  
time to care  
A loving nature,  
kind and true  
We hold you close  
within our hearts  
and there you  
shall remain  
To walk with us  
throughout our lives  
until we meet again..  
43 years has passed  
since that awful day,  
our friend was taken  
away  
The years may wipe  
out many things but  
this they'll wipe out  
never the memory of  
those happy days we  
all spent together.*

Always remembered by Thomas, Mary and family.

in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of

**Acknowledgement**

**Gillespie**

Mary Ellen  
Mount Marian,  
Milford  
2nd September 2024



Eamon and family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised with them on their recent bereavement. Thanks to everyone who attended the wake, funeral and to those who travelled long distances to be with them. Thanks also to those who gave Mass cards, sympathy cards or who expressed their condolences through phone calls, messages and on RIP.ie.

Thank you to all family members for their help during the wake and also to those who sent food to the house, it was very much appreciated. Thank you to members of Milford Fire Brigade and Milford United for their help with parking during the wake and to Majella at the Milford ETB for the use of their car park. Thanks to An Garda Siochana for their help with traffic management on the morning of the funeral.

Thanks to Doctors, nurses and staff at Milford Health Centre for their great care and assistance over the past few years.

Special thanks to Anne and all the staff at Aras Ui Dhomhnaill Nursing Home for their excellent care of Mary Ellen during her time with them and for their kindness and support in her final days and for the Guard of Honour at the removal.

Special thanks to Fr. Stephen Gorman, CC Milford for his spiritual support at the Nursing Home and at the family home and for celebrating the funeral Mass. Thanks to the Milford Choir for the lovely music at the Mass and to the Silver Tassie Hotel for the excellent refreshments after the Funeral. Thanks to members of the Fire Brigade, Milford United and the staff at Scoil Mhuire, for their Guards of Honour.

Thanks to Patrick Sweeney Funeral Directors for their dignified and professional service with the funeral arrangements.

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

**Mary Ellen's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 5th October in St. Peter's Church, Milford at 6.00pm.**



**Lynch**

Kathleen  
1st Anniversary  
4th October 2024

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on 4th October 2023.

*Just a prayer  
from the family  
who loved you  
Just a memory  
fond and true  
In our hearts you  
will live for ever  
Because we thought  
the world of you.*

Remembered by your husband John, children Annemarie, Kathleen, Jacqueline, Paul and Siobhan, spouses and grandchildren.

**Kathleen's Anniversary Mass is in St. Mary's Church, Bocan, Culdaff on Saturday 5th October at 8pm.**



**Sweeney**

Paul  
Glendowan,  
Churchill  
1st Anniversary

Remembering Paul who died on 9th October 2023.

*They say there  
is a reason  
They say time  
will heal  
Neither time or  
reason, will change  
the way we feel  
Gone are the days  
we used to share  
But in our hearts  
you are always there  
The gates of  
memories will  
never close  
We miss you more  
than anybody knows.*

Sadly missed and always remembered from all your heartbroken family.

**First Anniversary Mass will be in St. Columbas Church, Glendowan on Thursday 10th October at 7.00pm.**

five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

# Dunfanaghy

## Table Quiz

A Table Quiz will be held in the Oyster Bar on Tuesday nights in aid of the Halloween Festival. Please note the change of night and everyone is welcome.

## Harvest Thanksgivings

Harvest Thanksgiving will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Dunfanaghy on this Friday 5th, October at 7.30pm. The preacher will be Rev. Canon Harry Gilmore. The Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations will continue in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday the 7th October at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

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

## Service of Remembrance

The annual Service of Remembrance which was postponed earlier in the year owing to inclement weather will be held in Clondehorkey Cemetery at Kill on Sunday 7th October at 4pm and everyone is welcome.

## The Workhouse

Muckish Film Festival will be taking place at the Workhouse on October 11th to 13th. There will be films running daily that will include "Mrs Robinson", "Kneecap", "Roise and Frank" and plenty more! Contact the Workhouse for more information or if you'd like to get involved at [dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com](mailto:dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com)

Workhouse Administration

Position Open for Applications: The Workhouse is seeking to appoint 1 x Administrator (Tourism Development Officer) to support the implementation of new Social Enterprise Business and Development Plan which will see the facility become a "flagship" cultural heritage and creative arts visitor experience on the Wild Atlantic Way. This role will be co-funded under the Community Services Programme (subject to POBAL funding) and will be based in The Workhouse in Dunfanaghy. For the full job details including job description(s) and person specification(s), please email [managerdunfanaghyworkhouse@gmail.com](mailto:managerdunfanaghyworkhouse@gmail.com). To apply, please submit a CV that includes a cover letter which outlines how you meet the requirements to [managerdunfanaghyworkhouse@gmail.com](mailto:managerdunfanaghyworkhouse@gmail.com). Closing date for applications is Thursday, October 3rd, at 5pm.

The Workhouses of Donegal Exhibition: The Workhouses of Donegal Exhibition will be finishing up on October 5th in the Workhouse. If you would like to see this special exhibition running in partnership with the Donegal County Museum, please visit us from 10am to 4pm during the tour operating hours, or call 0749136540 for more information.

Macalla: Enjoy an interactive and engaging musical experience with Macalla during Wainfest this year at The Workhouse. The event will be running from the 5th to the 9th of October. To book a time slot for

your group, call us at 0749136540

## Ballymore Bowls

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

## Dunfanaghy FRC

Citizen Information Service on the 2nd Tuesday, of each month, 10-12noon. No booking necessary- drop in welcome. Next dates are Tuesday 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

## Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 4,6,11,13,18,20. The match 5 winners were Niall Rodden, Glasgow and Gerri Doohan, Gortnalake who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3350.

50/50 Congratulations to Anna Sweeney, Kildarragh who won €320 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50.

## Prayer Meeting

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

## The Workhouse

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



Pictured at the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation first ever "Muckish Railway Family Fun Day" held on Saturday last on the Muckish Railway Walk.

# Creeslough

## The late Isabelle Hammant

The death took place on September 21st of Isabelle Hammant, Magherablad, Creeslough and formerly of Belfast. Isabelle was predeceased by her husband, Stanley.



A memorial took place at the family home on Wednesday September 25th and Isabelle was laid to rest in Doe cemetery. Sympathy is extended to her daughters: Sharon, Brenda and Natasha, son Quentin, grandchildren Sean, Jenny, Ella, Alfie, Zoe and Bodhi, sisters, brothers, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, relatives and friends.

## Sympathy

The death has taken place on September 28th of Jenny Kinahan (née Meegan) The Lane, Dromiskin, Co. Louth mother of Susan McGee, Massinass, Creeslough to whom sympathy is extended. Also to Jenny's daughters Catherine and Susan, sons Martin and Dave, grandchildren, brother, sons-in-law Eamonn and John, daughters-in-law Kelly and Simone, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

## Sympathy

The death has taken place of Kathleen O'Toole, Milford. Sympathy is extended to her daughters Caroline, Deirdre and Aisling, sons John, Joe, James and Michael, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, family and friends. Mass was celebrated on Monday in St. Peters Church, Milford followed by private cremation.

## Relics of St. Bernadette

The Relics of St. Bernadette will be visiting the Diocese of Raphoe

from October 11th until October 13th in St. Eunan's Cathedral.

Friday 11th October - 12noon - 6.30pm Liturgy of Welcome and Veneration of the Relics Confessions. 3pm Station of the Cross 7pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick 8.30pm Rosary Procession 10pm Holy Hour. 11pm-9am Night Vigil

Saturday 12th October 9am Morning Prayer 10am Mass of Our Lady followed by Public Rosary 11am - 3pm Veneration of the Relics Confessions available 3pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick 4.30pm - 6pm Veneration of the Relics Confessions available 6pm Vigil Mass 7pm Youth Prayer 9pm Rosary Procession 10pm - 8am Night Vigil.

Sunday 13th October ~ Schedule 8am Mass 9am-10am Veneration of the Relics. 10am Family Mass. 11am - 12noon Veneration of the Relics. 12 noon Solemn Mass and Conclusion Departure of Relics to Derry.

## Ard Mens Shed

Ard Mens Shed would like to thank the Paul McGinley Foundation for their generous support as we continue to improve our facilities and prepare for a busy Autumn / Winter. It is hoped to make the Shed more comfortable for opening in the evening during the Winter, this year and the group are also very grateful for the support received from DLDC and through the local County Councillors.

## Doe Swimming Club

Doe Swimming Club '24 / '25 swimming season continues this Saturday 5th October at Aura. There are 2 buses going night and its important children return on the same bus they go out on to make it easier for supervisors doing the check list for way back. Bus 1 leaves Dunfanaghy Square @ 4:45pm. Supervising parents are Seamus Wilkinson and Evelyn Gamble. Bus 1 & 2 leaves Creeslough chapel carpark at 5pm.

Supervising parents are Donal McCaul and Shauna Mitchell. Shop supervisor is Denis McGee. Busses return to Creeslough at approx 8:10pm and Dunfanaghy at approx 8.20pm.

## New Year's Day Swim

Doe Amateur Swimming Club are currently seeking nominations from charities or organisations who would like to be considered as beneficiaries of the proceeds of the New Year's Day Swim.

If you would like to nominate a charity or organisation, forward details to the club committee via email to [doeswimming@gmail.com](mailto:doeswimming@gmail.com) before Monday 14th October.

## Ards Friary Retreat Centre

Introduction to Contemplative Ecology on Friday 4th - Sunday 6th October. For further information email [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie) or call 074 9138909.

## Conversational Irish

Classes are underway at the Links Hub, Main Street on Wednesday evenings, Beginners 7-8pm, those with a little Irish 8-9pm, everyone welcome.

## Beginners Yoga

Beginners Yoga Classes by Patricia Swan have commenced in The Hub every Monday. Classes begin at 7.15 p.m. €30 for 6 weeks. For more information Tel. 0872923102 / [info@creesloughcommunity.com](mailto:info@creesloughcommunity.com).

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## Harvest Thanksgivings

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## Cursillo

Cursillo weekends will be held in Ards Friary under the direction



# wainfest

Children's Arts & Book Festival

## MACALLA



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DUNFANAGHY,  
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# MUCKISH FILM FESTIVAL

October 11th to 13th 2024

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH**  
**IRISH LANGUAGE DAY**  
12PM - TARRAC  
2PM - Ó BHEAL  
5PM - ROISE AGUS FRANK  
8PM - KNEECAP

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**  
**SHORT FILM DAY**  
5PM TO 7PM - SHORT FILM MARATHON WITH Q&A FROM FILMMAKERS

FEATURING SHORT FILMS FROM CAROLINE HARVEY, SEAN MULLEN, DOROTHY DUFFY, EAMON HUGHES AND MISHEL MUDRYK.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**  
**HERITAGE FILM DAY**  
11AM TO 3PM - "PUFFIN PARTY" SCREENING OF PUFFIN ROCK: THE MOVIE FOLLOWED BY PUFFIN THEMED ACTIVITIES

7PM - MRS ROBINSON

INDIVIDUAL SCREENING: 5 EURO  
DAY PASS: 17 EURO  
ALL ACCESS PASS: 40 EURO (DOES NOT INCLUDE PUFFIN PARTY EVENT)

CALL 074 9136540 TO BOOK.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT FOR THE PUFFIN PARTY EVENT.









of Fr Laurence Kettle. The men's weekend from Thursday evening Oct 24th to Sunday afternoon the 27th and the women's weekend from the Oct 31st to Nov 3rd. If you would like more information or to book a place on a weekend please contact Martina on 0873749024 or Pat on 0879374001.

## Reading of the Bible

A prayerful reading of the Bible at Ards Friary will be held on Tuesday nights from 7.30-9p.m. with Brother Jeremiah Henehan. This year we will begin with the letters of St. Paul. Non-academic and in the Catholic tradition. If you have a Bible please

bring it.

## Creeslough View

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

# Cloughaneely

## Public Meeting

Tinteán - Public Meeting to develop a Gaeltacht Housing Campaign at 11am on Saturday, 12th of October at the Chloich Cheann Fhaola Clubhouse. The coming together of local housing campaigns to develop a national campaign. All the community are welcome. Use your Voice! Get Involved. Seanán 085 8670762 pobaleas@gmail.com or Caitlín 087 2270722 info@ptccf.com.

## Save Ballyness Bay

There will be a Fundraiser for the Save Ballyness Bay Campaign in The Shamrock Lodge in Falcarragh on Friday October the 25th getting underway at 10.30pm. The music is by Killing Time and Friends and everyone is welcome.

## Centre Manager

Ionad Naomh Fionnán is looking for a Centre Manager to lead the team, oversee daily operations, and ensure the Centre runs smoothly and efficiently. For information email managerionadnf@gmail.com

## Junior Band

Lotto Results and there was no jackpot winner. Numbers 7-10-14-15-19-20. 2 match 5 winners Ann Curran and M. Ardsbeg who won €50 each. This week's jackpot will be €8400.

## Falcarragh Medical Centre

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

## Pobal Eascarrach

Clár an Fhómhair are working on a program of classes and workshops for the autumn and seeking ideas, requests and expressions of interest from the community. Get in touch with us. Baskets | Arts and Crafts | Boats | Computers! Srl. 074 9180571 pobaleas@gmail.com.

There currently are vacancies for general workers on the Rural Social Scheme in the Cloughaneely area. To be eligible to participate on the Rural Social scheme you must meet the criteria as laid down by the Dept. of Social protection. If you are interested please contact Joe for information on 0871605930, before midday on Friday 11th October.

## Friends of LUH

The Annual Church Gate Collection in aid of The Friends of Letterkenny

University Hospital will take place outside many churches on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 12th/13th October.

## ICDL Course

Are you an adult living in the Cloughaneely area and are interested in learning or improving your IT skills? Do you know someone who is? If so, our Computer Skills ICDL Course, starting soon, could be just the course for you. The course runs two mornings a week, Wednesday and Friday. Ring Noreen on 074 91 35218 for further information.

## RI-Oga Dance Academy

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

## Pobail Le Chéile

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## Landscape Quilting Classes

Free Landscape Quilting Classes at Ionad Garradh CholmCille on Tuesdays 11am to 12.30pm. All materials supplied. Textile artist Henny Arts will guide you step-by-step through the art of quilting by hand.

## Parenting When Separated Course

A 6 week course taking place every Tuesday, starting 22nd October. It will take place at Ionad Garradh CholmCille Falcarragh F92 W2H7, from 6-8pm. A practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through, have gone through a separation or divorce. Le tuilleadh eolais a fháil nó le clárú, cur scairt ar Mháire 074 95 32949. This course is facilitated by Ionad Naomh Padraig.

## Na Tithe Gloine Cillulta

There currently is a vacancy for a general worker on the Rural Social Scheme at the Glasshouses in Killult. If you are interested contact Joe on 0871605930.



The outside view of the derelict Colaiste Uladh building which is in a state of disrepair.

## Plans for community to purchase Colaiste Uladh

A public meeting took place in An Sean Scoil Gortahork on Thursday night to discuss the proposed purchase of Colaiste Uladh. The present owners (trustees) are giving the parish the opportunity to buy at a much-reduced and affordable rate, and that fact has to be recognised.

Joe Mangan has been at the helm of this venture going back many years because as he said, the building has been lying vacant for a number of decades and it could be utilised in such a way to benefit the youth of the parish by way of sporting facilities such as gaelic, soccer, (indoor and outdoor) basketball, music etc. Due to Colaiste Uladh's historical connections with the Gaelic language and leaders of the 1916 Rising, it's the only College built in Ulster in order to teach the Irish language to students from as far away as Dublin, it was officially opened in 1968 by An t-Uachtarán Eamon De Valera, so it is important that Gaelic remains central to its proposed rejuvenation.

A further meeting is to take place at the same venue on the 10th October at 8pm where a committee will be appointed, so it is important that local views, input and considerations are to the fore because it is for the benefit of all both old and young.



Deirdre Gallagher (Gallagher & Bonner Solicitors), Joe Mangan and An tAth Donnchadh Ó Baoill at the Public Meeting last week.

## Thursday Café

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

## Band AGM

Buionn Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola's Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) will take place on October 12th at 8:00pm in Falcarragh hall. Join us for discussions, and future plans. All band members and members of the community are welcome to attend and share their ideas.

## Pobail Le Chéile

Siopa Pobal Autumn opening times: Monday- CLOSED Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday Closed/Closed.

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# Portsalon Ladies

## Death of past Lady Captain Kathleen O'Toole

A fond and sad farewell was bid to our dear friend and esteemed member of Portsalon Golf Club, Kathleen O'Toole this week. It's fair to say that Kathleen loved her golf whether it was regular Sunday competitions or off on golf trips with her beloved daughter Dee and friends.



The Late Kathleen O'Toole former Lady Captain at Portsalon Golf club.

A proud and strong Fanad woman would be an understatement. She loved all things Fanad from holidays with her beloved sisters, hill trails, and trips locally with friends. But ranking up there with a sense of deep pride, was her Captaincy of Portsalon Golf Club in 2003.

Together with Jackie Barrett, the 2003 Captain,



Paddy Lynch Fanelton who recorded a hole in one on the 147yard 16th Hole at Letterkenny Golf club on Sunday.

they worked and strived to inspire many people to take up the wonderful game of golf. Witty and welcoming with a natural flair for speech making, members and visitors loved Kathleen alike. A voice of reason, and impartiality she was a fantastic member and contributor to both the ladies branch and Portsalon Golf Club over many years.

Her commitment to the club did not end on completion of her Captain's year. It is a testament to her great character that she took on many roles over the years and it is that legacy of work and diligence that saw the club grow and develop. Personally, she made me feel so welcome when I joined the Portsalon family, and she was never short of a quick witty remark when I lost the run of myself!

However, the passing of Kathleen at the weekend in the loving care of the staff of the Donegal Hospice could not be felt more keenly than by her beloved family. They were the breath that breathed life into her. John, Joe, Caroline, James, Deirdre, Michael, Aisling, her grandchildren and great grandchildren will carry forward her memory. For Kathleen everything centered around her family and when she needed them most, they were with her as she passed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

## Play in Pink Ladies Open

Book on BRS or call the club (074) 915 9459 to book your tee time on Friday 4th Oct. This is such a worthy fundraiser for breast cancer research. There will also be a Pink Prize Draw, and the ever popular 'pullouts' for those who are there for prizegiving. October re-entries will all be donated to the breast cancer research fund also. Ladies Medal Result - Winner Oct Medal - Deirdre Hensey 74.

## Letterkenny Golf Club

Prizegiving was held in Hunters Bar & Grill on Wednesday night for the following competitions. Patrick Callan Plant Hire Open 4/9/24: Damien McGlynn (26) 38, Winner. Karol Dempsey (7) 38, Runner up. Michael Curran (2) 37, 3rd & Gross. David McGowan (3) 36, Cat 1. Pluinead O'Fearraigh (22) 35, Cat 2.

Zeus Industrial Products Open 7/9/24: Michael Shiel Jnr (3) 38, Winner & Gross. Tony Duffy (20) 37, Runner up. Ian Ireland (17) 37, 3rd. Shaun Duffy (3) 36, Cat 1. Shane Kelly (21) 36, Cat 2.

Sunday Open 8/9/24: Pete Kavanagh (21) 40, Winner. Paddy Lynch (13) 39, Runner up. Michael Shiel Jnr (3) 33, Gross.

Sheridan Security Open 11/9/24: Michael Shiel Jnr (3) 41, Winner & Gross. Michael Curran (2) 36, Runner up. Michael Collum (6) 35, 3rd.

Auto Fast Fit Open 14/9/24: Tim O'Farrell (24) 40, Winner. Diarmaid Doherty (26) 39, Runner up. Shane Scanlan (2) 39, Gross. Paul Carlin (17) 36, 3rd.

Sunday Open 15/9/24: Peter Doherty (30) 38, Winner. Philip Robinson (10) 37, Runner up. David McCormick (1) 36, Gross. Michael Shiel Jnr (2) 37, 3rd.

Wednesday Open 18/9/24: David McCormick (1) 39, Winner & Gross. Ciaran Haran (10) 37, Runner Up. Noel Duggan (10) 37, 3rd

Auto Fast Fit Open; Diarmaid Doherty, Tim O'Farrell Winner, Capt Paul Carr. Category 4 Prize Winners; Pairic Daly, Hugh Doherty, Peter Doherty Overall Winner, Cathal Sheridan, Brian Hegarty Cat 4 Convenor, Capt Paul Carr.

Paddy Lynch who recorded a hole in 1 at the 147 yard par 3 16th on Sunday. Unconfirmed records have that a sweetly struck 8 iron and with a bit of zip the ball disappeared into the cup.

## Letterkenny Hospitals Golf Society

The Society held it's final outing of 2024 at Portsalon Golf Club last Friday, the weather was mainly favourable and the course was in excellent condition. Marian Keating produced the round of the day with a super score of 40 points to win by a clear three points from runner-up Cecelia Doran on 37 points. Section winners were John James McBride, John Doherty, Monica McDonagh and Christine Johnstone.

Results  
Winner - Marian Keating 40 points, Runner-up - Cecelia Doran 37 points.



Pictured are recent prize winners at Letterkenny Golf Club.



Section One - John James McBride 35pts, Joe Blake 32pts, Mickey Ferry 32pts. Section Two - John Doherty 36pts, Trevor Duncan 32pts, Stephen Boucher 32pts. Section Three - Monica McDonagh 30pts, Hugh McClafferty 30pts, Eileen Williamson 29pts. Section Four - Christine Johnstone 30pts, Bridget McClafferty 29pts, John O Friel 29pts. Front Nine - James McFadden 18pts, Back Nine - Ciaran Williamson 19pts.

The golf was followed by the Annual General Meeting with reports presented by the outgoing officers and the election of officers for 2025. Outgoing Captain Maureen Sweeney thanked the society members for their support and good wishes during the

year, saying she had really enjoyed her year as captain and was now handing over the reins to Joe Blake with her very best wishes for 2025.

Joe thanked Maureen for inviting him to be her vice-captain in 2024 and said he was looking forward to carrying out the role of Society Captain for 2025. Joe announced that he had invited Bridget McClafferty to be his vice-captain and was delighted that Bridget had accepted his invitation.

**New Officers Board for 2025** - President / Secretary: Dessie Ferry Treasurer: Paucic McHugh. Handicap Convenor: Kevin Mills. PRO: Charlie Collins. Captain: Joe Blake. Vice-Captain: Bridget McClafferty. Outgoing Captain: Maureen Sweeney.



Scenes from the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation first ever "Muckish Railway Family Fun Day" held on Saturday last on the Muckish Railway Walk





# GAA Club News

## St. Michael's

### Senior Championship

Unfortunately, small margins can change a year and on Sunday with 59 minutes gone in a tight match Daniel McLaughlin broke through the Dungloe close rearguard and smacked his goal bound shot off the inside of the post and unfortunately the rest is history. But what a year this group of players and management have given, with the match against Kilcar in Glenties will forever be etched on everyone's mind who was lucky enough to be there. They say a week's a long time in politics and the same can be said of sport looking back on the season securing Division 1 status and coming within a whisper of a county final is of little consolation but as the weeks move on, the club will realise that 2024 was a positive year.

The final score in Macumhail Park was Dungloe 0-9 St. Michael's 0-8.

Scorers: Michael Cannon 0-1; Daniel McLaughlin 0-5, 5f; Michael Langan 0-2, 2f.

Team: Mark McGinley; Oisín Langan, Liam Pól Ferry, Paddy McGinley; Anton McFadden, Ciarán Kelly, Kyle McGarvey; Michael Langan, Colin McFadden; Paul Johnston, Martin McElhinney, Daniel McLaughlin; Edward O'Reilly, Michael Cannon, Carlos O'Reilly. Subs: Michael McGinley for E O'Reilly (ht), Andrew Kelly for P McGinley (40); Edward O'Reilly for A McFadden (58).

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 4,6,11,13,18,20. The Match 5 winners were Niall Rodden Glasgow and Gerri Doohan Gortnalake who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3350.

### Ulster All Star for Michael Langan

Congratulations to Michael Langan, on being picked on the Irish News Ulster All Star in Belfast on Friday. This was a great achievement for Michael and well deserved after his successful campaign with Donegal this year. Michael has also been nominated for a National All Star and these will be announced later this month.

### North West Coastal Challenge

Wishing all competitors a safe and enjoyable experience at the North West Coastal Challenge this Saturday. It is a fundraiser for Youth Development of all underage players in St. Michael's.

### Gaelic4mothers and Others

If you're looking to get involved in this vibrant community, new members are always welcome. They train every Wednesday at 8pm and Saturday at 9am at the bridge, and everyone's welcome! Come try it out for a week - you might just find your new favourite routine!

### Parish League

The Parish League will start on Sunday, the 13th of October.

### Under 12's

Our u12s defeated St. Eunans in the Div1 Northern semi-final on Friday. In a tough game the boys played some excellent football and led at half time. St. Eunans pushed hard in the second half with the wind in their backs for scores but some excellent defending was displayed by the boys to come out on top by four points. They now await the winners of the other semifinal between Gweedore and McCumhalls.

### Under 13 Girls

The girls faced two tough challenges in recent games. First, they played against a very strong Dungloe side, showing resilience and a much-improved second-half performance, which was encouraging and something to build on. There will be easier games ahead, and the effort put in was commendable.

In the second game against Milford, the girls again gave a brave performance. Despite their best efforts, Milford's three first-half goals made the difference.

### Upcoming schedule:

Training: Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Next game: Tuesday, October 8th, away to Naomh Mhuire under the lights.

### Under 10 Girls

The under 10 girls played their final game of the season last Thursday against Termon. With big numbers on both sides we played 3 teams of 7-a-side.

### Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior footballers concluded their season with a defeat against Burt in the final relegation playoff game in the Intermediate Championship. Well done to the squad and management for all their hard work and effort over the season.

Bingo continues every Monday evening at the

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

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

### Buíochas

We would like to thank Raylene Coyle, Cassie Coyle, Sara Cannon and Loreen Halley who were out selling lotto tickets at the weekend.

### Lotto

The numbers drawn were 4,10,15,18,21,22. We had 1 match 5. Congratulations to Mairéad Boyle who wins €100. The jackpot is now €5,400. Cluiche Ceannais Cupa Faoi 14 an Chontae Roinn 1 Scór Lán Ama Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 0-6 Gleann tSúilí: 4-15

### Buachaillí Faoi 14

Bhí droch ádh ar na leids sa chluiche ceannais ach rinne siad éacht fáil chomh fada leis an chluiche ceannais mar sin féin. Tá moladh mór tuille ag an fhoireann Faoi 14 uilig idir an fhoireann a d'imir an oíche dheireanach agus an fhoireann a d'imir i gcluiche ceannais na scéithe ar an tseachtain seo a chuaigh tharr as a ndíogras agus a saothar uilig. Is iontach an rud é do chlub ar bith dhá fhoireann a chur chun páirce ag an aoisghrúpa céanna. Tá moladh mór tuille ag an fhoireann bainistíochta, Christopher Smyth agus a fhoireann bainistíochta, Liam Coyle, Remy Moran, John Joe McClafferty, Aiden Coll, Neil Collins, Niall McGee agus Thomas Duggan as an obair uilig a rinne siad leis na foirne seo ó thús na bliana. Agus cá mbeadh muid gan an lucht tacaíochta iontach a bhí i láthair ag an chluiche agus i rith na bliana, ár mbuíochas libh uilig as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach. Tá muid buíoch do na tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí as a gcomhoibriú fosta agus do Michael agus The Strand Road Bar & Kitchen as urraíocht a dhéanamh ar bhéile don fhoireann nuair a phill siad ar an Fhál Carrach.

### Craobh Shinsir Dhún na nGall

Cluiche Ceannais Dícháilithe Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 0-5 Naomh Náille: 2-7

## Naomh Adhamhnáin

### Lip Sync Battle

Naomh Adhamhnáin and Letterkenny Music and Drama Group will be battling it out in a Lip Sync battle on Friday November 8th in the Mount Errigal hotel. Tickets are now on sale through the club and at the Mount Errigal hotel. This promises to be a fun night out for all the family. Check out our social media channels for more information.

### Irish News Ulster GAA All-Stars 2024

Congratulations to Niall O'Donnell and to all the Donegal men and women who picked up Ulster All Stars awards last Friday in football, hurling and LGFA.

### Senior Men Football Championship

We were delighted to have our 3 senior men's teams in semi-final action last weekend with all 3 teams making it though to their respective finals. Well done to all the players and management teams for their ongoing commitment and hard work.

### Senior C

Our Senior C team beat Termon in Glenfin last Saturday to get the weekend off to a great start. Naomh Adhamhnáin 2-13 : 1-13 Termon

### Senior B

Our Senior B team, who played on Sunday afternoon came away with a 4-point win in a tough battle with Naomh Conaill. Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-08 : 0-07 Naomh Conaill.

### Senior A

Gaoth Dobhair 0-07 : 0-8 Naomh Adhamhnáin After Gaoth Dobhair scored an early opening point Naomh Adhamhnáin responded with three points in succession from Conor O'Donnell (Jnr) x 2 and Niall O'Donnell. Gaoth Dobhair narrowed the lead, before James Kelly hit a lovely score for the Cathedral town men. Midway through the half Conor Morrison picked up a black card and during his time off Conor O'Donnell hit another free to restore a two-point lead.

The second half was a close affair with scores from Eoin McGeehin and Eoin Dowling which Gaoth Dobhair responded too immediately. Shaun Patton pulled off a great save to prevent a certain goal while the impressive Daire O'Baoill hit a superb long-range effort to leave a point between the teams. Naomh Adhamhnáin held out for the narrowest of wins and are through to the County final in two weeks where they will play An Clochan Liath.

Scorers: Conor O'Donnell (Jnr) (0-03), Eoin

# Eunan's reach County Final

## St Eunan's 0-8 Gweedore 0-7

It was close as St. Eunan's squeezed through to the County Final after overcoming Gweedore at MacCumhail Park on Saturday night. Eoin Dowling's brace of late points proved enough for Barry Meehan's men to advance to a decider against Dungloe. There was some controversy over whether Dowling's final free should have been allowed by referee Enda McFeely as some argued that the ball should have been called wide. The Letterkenny side will now be going for their 16th title. They last brought the Dr. Maguire Cup back to Letterkenny three years ago when Rory Kavanagh was the manager.

Three Conor O'Donnell Jnr frees and two from play courtesy of Niall O'Donnell and James Kelly helped St Eunan's into a 0-5 to 0-3 lead at the interval. Conor Morrison was black-carded for taking down Daire Ó Baoill but Gweedore still went in two down at the break

Marks from Eoin McGeehin and Eoin de Búrca kept the same margin between the teams early in the second half at 0-6 to 0-4. de Búrca and Dowling exchanged scores. Then Stephen Donna McFadden cut the Eunan's advantage to just a point.

Dowling's contentious free on 54 minutes proved to be the winner. A fine Ó Baoill effort got Ronan MacNaill's side back to within a point again but the County player then missed a free which ended Gweedore's hopes of making it back-to-back County senior finals.

St Eunan's: Shaun Patton; Aaron Deeney, Conor Morrison, Caolan Ward; Oran Winston, Conor O'Donnell snr, Kieran Tobin; Eoin Dowling 0-2 (1f), Ciaran Moore; Kevin Kealy, Shane O'Donnell, James Kelly 0-1; Eoin McGeehin 0-1 m, Niall O'Donnell 0-1, Conor O'Donnell 0-3 (3fs). Subs: Pauric Boyle for O'Donnell jr (47), Darragh Mulgrew and Lee McMoangle for Winston and Kealy (52), Eamonn Doherty for McGeehin (57).

Gaoth Dobhair: Dáithí Roberts; Fiachra Coyle, Gary McFadden, Danny Curran; Stephen Donna McFadden 0-1, Niall Friel, Neasán Mac Giolla Bhríde; Domhnall Mac Giolla Bhríde, Micheál Roarty 0-2; Fionnán Coyle, Eamonn Collum 0-1, Adan McGeever; Eoin de Búrca 0-2, Daire Ó Baoill 0-1 (f), Ethan Harkin. Cian McEntee for N Mac Giolla Bhríde (39), Seagan Ferry for Fionnán Coyle (45), Cathal Gillespie for Harkin (52). Ref: Enda McFeely (St Mary's, Convoy)

# Ulster All-Stars for Langan and O'Donnell

St. Michael's midfielder Michael Langan and St. Eunan's forward Niall O'Donnell were among six Donegal players honoured at Friday night's Irish News Ulster GAA All-Stars. Langan's influence grew as the season progressed until the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway where he landed four points. O'Donnell had a fine championship season after missing a big part of the league campaign due to injury.

The other All-Stars from the Ulster champions side were Caolan McGonagle, Oisín Gallen, Brendan McCole and Peadar Mogan.

Meanwhile on Friday night Abigail Temple Asokuh and Niamh McLaughlin were also selected for Ulster Ladies All Star awards. Steven McBride was the only Donegal hurler to be honoured after being part of the winning Nicky Rackard Cup.

Dowling (0-02), James Kelly (0-01), Niall O'Donnell (0-01), Eoin McGeehin (0-01).

Naomh Adhamhnáin : Shaun Patton, Aaron Deeney, Conor Morrison, Caolan Ward, Kevin Kealy, Conor O'Donnell (Snr), Kieran Tobin, Eoin Dowling, James Kelly, Ciaran Moore, Shane O'Donnell, Oran Winstone, Conor O'Donnell (Jnr), Niall O'Donnell, Eoin McGeehin. Subs used: Pauric Boyle, Darragh Mulgrew, Lee McMonagle, Eamonn Doherty.

### Senior Championship upcoming fixtures:

Thanks to everyone who supports all our teams and especially to all who attended the senior Championship matches over the last few weekends. We have had a great support especially at the championship quarter finals and semi-finals. Next up we are fortunate to have three county finals to look forward too and we will need your support more than ever.

### Minor Board:

U16 Results: Friday September 27th, NRB U16 Division 1 - Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-12 : 1-11 Gleann tSúilí  
U14 Results:

Wednesday, September 25th, U14 Shield Final Division 1 - Naomh Adhamhnáin 2-17 : 0-06 CLG Bun Cranncha

### Hurling Fixture:

Friday, October 4th U21 Hurling Championship semi-final - Aodh Ruadh v Naomh Adhamhnáin 8pm in the Donegal GAA centre, Convoy.

## Gaeil Fhánada

Lotto Results 29/09/2024

Numbers: 1, 2, 6, 9, 13. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: D Walsh. This week's Jackpot: €2,150

Cluichí na Seachtaine Dé Sathairn, 5ú Deireadh Fómhair Cailíní Faoi 13 Gaeil Fhánada v Cloich Cheann Fhaola @ 11:00 Dé Domhnaigh, 6ú Deireadh Fómhair Buachaillí Faoi 18 Gleann Fhinne v Gaeil Fhánada @ 5:00 U13 Girls beat Gaoth Dobhair Gaeil Fhánada 4:08

### Gaoth Dobhair 3:09

The u13 Girls continued the positive start made to their campaign on Saturday after picking up a two point victory in Gaoth Dobhair.

This is the fourth game for this group of girls in the last number of weeks, with four victories to show for their efforts. Next up is a home fixture against Cloich Cheann Fhaola next weekend.

Refereeing Duty in Australia for Siobhan

Our club is once again

represented on the international stage with the involvement of our club referee, Siobhan Coyle at the Australasia Interstate Championships. Siobhan travelled to Australia at the weekend and will officiate at the games over the coming week.



## North West Special Olympics sports Club

NWSO Club is a sports club affiliated to Special Olympics Ireland for adults with learning disabilities. We are currently looking for new Athletes to join our club. We compete in Basketball and 7-A-Side Football in the Ulster leagues



### Volunteer's wanted

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with our training sessions. No sporting experience necessary. All volunteers must be Garda vetted and complete a 3 hour online safeguarding course.

For more information contact the club via email: [Nwsosletterkenny@sosportsclub.ie](mailto:Nwsosletterkenny@sosportsclub.ie) or call Nicky 085 7241647 or Pat 0876944822



# Painful defeat for St. Michael's

Dungloe 0-9 St. Michael's 0-8

It was the one that certainly got away as St. Michael's missed out on a huge opportunity to reach a Donegal Senior Football Championship for only the second time in the club's history. They trailed by a point at the interval despite being the better team in the first half. But it was a poor start to the second half that was to have a significant bearing on St. Michael's chances of reaching the decider. However, the Bridge Boys did have the upper hand for most of the second half but failed to convert a handful of decent scoring opportunities.

It was not a surprise that it was a low scoring semi-final but Dungloe to their credit were still more efficient when it came to raising white flags. Both sides had netted two goals each in the quarter-finals. Homework was done on that and there was really just one clear cut shot on goal in the entire match. Neither keeper had a save of not to make. Cathal Sweeney's side managed just one point from play and that came in the second minute of the match. Four of Dungloe's eight came from open play.

A diagonal breeze from the media side of the ground favoured St. Michael's playing into the river end in the first half. On a cool afternoon the attendance was to say the least a little disappointing for two teams that are not often in the County semi-finals. While there was a threat of rain it didn't materialise. Michael's started really well with Michael Cannon popping for his side's only point from play in the second minute. A foul on Carlos O'Reilly then saw Daniel McLaughlin kick the first of his five frees. Wing-back Karl Magee opened Dungloe's account in the fourth minute off his left foot from the same wing.

Ryan Connors with the first of his three frees made it 0-2 each. At the other end Daniel McLaughlin popped over another free following a foul on Ciaran Kelly. But that was cancelled out by Oisín Bonner's success from a mark. Both teams were then guilty of poor finishing either wide or drop-

ping the ball into the keeper's hands. There wasn't a score for over 12 minutes until McLaughlin made it 0-4 to 0-3 in the 26th minute from a free that was brought forward as a result of Dungloe dissent.

It was the Rosses outfit who finished the first half better with two points including another Connors free to lead it 0-5 to 0-4 at the break. Dungloe also capitalised on a disastrous start to the second half by Michael's who conceded three points and got away with another couple of chances that the opposition should have punished. Keeper Mark Anthony McGinley was penalised for over-carrying leaving Connors with an easy free to convert. Dungloe should have done better from a misplaced Antoin McFadden crossfield pass in his own defence while Danny Rogers was wide from another free. But, Dessie Gallagher's men did find the range from play twice courtesy of Barry Curran and Dylan Sweeney to go 0-8 to 0-4 in front with just five minutes of the second half played.

To their credit as they had done in previous games St. Michael's got on the front foot with Martin McElhinney winning a free which was brought in again for dissent with Daniel McLaughlin converting. However, a lot of the team's good work was undone by a failure to register more scores. The wides were mounting up and it was very frustrating as the Creeslough/Dunfanaghy outfit were winning nearly all the kick-outs from Danny Rogers.

Michael Langan did leave it a one-point deficit after landing two placed balls in the 49th and 53rd minutes. What turned out to be the key score of the semi-final came six minutes later when Darren Curran split the posts to leave it 0-9 to 0-7. It was backs to the wall stuff for Dungloe as the game entered seven minutes of injury time. Just inside the Dungloe half near the side-line Liam Paul Ferry did unbelievably well to win a ball that he had no right to and fed McElhinney who sent Daniel McLaughlin away. He went for goal but his effort agonisingly came off an upright and spun across and the rebound went wide.

In the 64th minute referee Mark Dorrian awarded St. Michael's a free for an infringement after a long high ball in from Langan. McLaughlin slotted over the close range kick to leave it 0-9 to 0-8. It was to be the last score of the game but there was one more attack. A free was awarded right out on the side-line near the Stand about 40 metres from the goal at the town end. Daniel McLaughlin launched the ball into the danger area but it was Dungloe hands who got possession in the 66th minute and with that came the final whistle.

St. Michael's cannot be faulted for effort and while they lost, their defence was good for the most part. Liam Paul Ferry led by example and he felt the pain of defeat more than most and that was clear to see as the full-back was on his knees with his head bowed to the ground knowing full well that a big opportunity to play in a County Final had been missed. Colin McFadden had a fine game in the middle of the park while McElhinney was prominent in the half-forward line. Daniel McLaughlin took the game to Dungloe especially in the first half but as in the quarter-final Michael's needed at least one goal to have a chance of winning.

The Rosses outfit were just that bit more efficient in score taking but they will have to get goals in the final to overcome Eunan's. Michael Langan returned early from his holiday but didn't have the impact that the team needed. He came in for the injured Jamie Hunter. So the dream of a first County Final since 2011 has been dashed. The St. Michael's players and management will get a well deserved break now and they will return in the New Year to plan for the 2025 season.

Dungloe - Danny Rodgers, Jason McBride, Aaron Ward, Mark Curran; Barry Curran 0-1, Conor O'Donnell, Karl Magee 0-1; Darren Curran 0-1, Ryan Connors 0-3 (3fs); Dylan Sweeney 0-1, Daire Gallagher 0-1, Matthew Ward; Oran Aaron Neely, Conor Greene, Oisín Bonner



Daniel McLaughlin soloing into the Dungloe defence on Sunday in Ballybofey

0-1 (m). Subs: Shaun McGee for Greene (30), Noel McBride for R Connors (55), Conor Diver for D Gallagher (63), Danny McGlynn for B Curran (65); Ryan Connors for K Magee (67).

St Michael's - Mark McGinley; Oisín Langan, Liam Pól Ferry, Paddy McGinley, Anton McFadden, Ciaran Kelly, Kyle McGarvey, Michael Langan 0-2 (2fs), Colin McFadden; Paul Johnston, Martin McElhinney, Daniel McLaughlin 0-5 (5fs), Edward O'Reilly, Michael Cannon 0-1, Carlos O'Reilly. Subs: Michael McGinley for E O'Reilly (ht), Andrew Kelly for P McGinley (40); Edward O'Reilly for A. McFadden (58), Ref: Mark Dorrian (Gael Fhánada)

Donegal Intermediate Football Championship Final

## Termon tipped to take title

Sunday will be a huge day for Termon GAA as their first team bids to win the Donegal Intermediate Football Championship title. The O'Donnell Park is the venue and the opposition is Naomh Columba (throw-in 3.30). Caolan McDaid's side will be favourites after hammering the Glencolmille outfit in the group stages of the competition at the Burn Road running out ten-point winners in the end. Termon have also been promoted to Division 1. However, this is a final and Naomh Columba are still capable of upsetting the odds. They have improved as the championship has progressed and defeated Malin in the semi-final a fortnight ago.

They will also point to a very poor start in the Burn Road conceding two early goals. Daire McDaid scored 4-1 that day, a tally that is unlikely to be repeated in the decider. But he will still be a key man who has to deliver in order for his side to secure the silverware. Termon defeated Naomh Mhuire comfortably in the semi-final.

The Termon Club is 61 years in existence and a lot has happened at the Burn Road in just over six decades. The latest development is a new state of the art clubhouse which is expected to open in the near future. So an Intermediate Football Championship trophy resting at the new facility would be something special. It would also be a fitting recognition of the work the late Paddy Murray did for Termon in the 1960s and 70s. Murray passed away 11 months ago. He managed the Burn Road side to their first piece of silverware the Junior Football Champ. title in September 1973.

It will be a huge occasion for the club as their second string are in the Reserve Final against Burt also at the O'Donnell Park with a 1.30 start. And with the Ladies winning the County Senior title last weekend the treble is very much on.

The Termon seniors have a lot of talent with a sprinkling of players who

have enjoyed success at minor level and they also reached an U21 Donegal Final a couple of years ago.

Ricky Gallagher is the skipper and is one of the most experienced players. He has been featuring at full-back while James McSharry is another player who has been around for a while and offers a physical presence that Termon will need against Nh Columba who will no doubt want to unsettle the rhythm of some of the opposition's skilful playmakers. Caolan McDaid has plenty of height with big Bobby McGettigan and Ryan McFadden on duty in that zone. Up front Daire McDaid is the star man. He registered 2-5 in the semi-final win so he will definitely be a marked man on Sunday. That's where other forwards will have to step up to the mark including Enda McCormick who is a match winner on his day.

In the semi-finals at the O'Donnell Park a fortnight ago the mens reserve team's recovered from a shaky start against Buncrana. James Gallagher's boys held on for a one point victory in the Intermediate B Championship and are seen as favourites to get the better of Burt in the decider. The first team in their Intermediate semifinal against Naomh Mhuire were much the stronger side and ran out convincing winners.

In their semi-final Nh Columba edged out Malin 2-10 to 1-10. Paul O'Hare, Eric Carr and current county senior player Aaron Doherty will be key players for their side and one thing is for sure it will be a totally different game to the one when the two sides met at the Burn Road in August. If Termon can cope with the anticipated intensity that the Glencolmille side will bring to the game they should take the silverware back home. It's a similar story for the Reserves who have the quality but they will have to deliver on that because Burt will adapt a physical approach that could make it challenging.

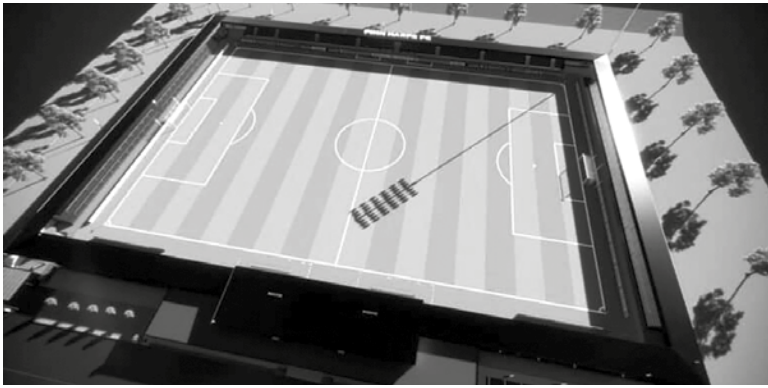


Paddy McGinley takes the ball forward during Sunday's County semi-final at MacCumhail Park.



Young St. Michael's Supporters at the semi final on Sunday.

# Harps plans still to be lodged



Five months after a public meeting in Ballybofey heard that a new planning application was about to be lodged for the €7.3m Finn Harps stadium the club confirmed last week that it had not yet gone to Donegal County Council. That meeting in the Villa Rose Hotel was told that a revised design for the new stadium was almost ready to be submitted and all the pre-planning engagement had been done to ensure that the application would have the best chance of approval. And diggers were going to be onsite soon after the green light was received from the Local Authority's Planning Department. In a stadium update, Finn Harps said it hoped to lodge the fresh planning application this week. "Our original planning was submitted in 2008 and after numerous extensions we have been

asked by the Council to resubmit planning. We hope to do that in the next week and have been working with our architects to achieve this. Once we have the complete detailed drawings, we will be able to get detailed costings and complete the negotiations with our contractor and seek approval from our partners at the FAI, the Dept of Sport and the County Council. We hope to have that process complete in time for the planning approval process to be completed which takes a minimum of 90 days. When the stadium is complete the club are proposing to the Finn Park Trust to swap the title deeds of Finn Park with the title deeds of the new stadium and the club would then sell Finn Park and repay the community Finance Loan and will fundraise to repay the subcontractor loan. Earlier

in the summer Harps founding member and former manager Patsy McGowan said the current Finn Park has been the home of the Club since the late 1960s and should remain so adding that all that was needed was to replace the current stand which would be adequate for the club's fan base.

In Thursday's update Harps gave a rundown on a lot of things that were not aired as part of the new stadium briefing at the public meeting at the end of April when the attendance was given to believe that it was all systems go to lodge the planning application with the potential to have approval in the summer. Instead Harps now say that in the past number of months the Club has been negotiating with the FAI and Dept of Sport on the specifics of what will be delivered.

## Harps unhappy over Wexford fixture

Finn Harps have no game now for at least a fortnight. That's due to the fact the Wexford Youths have an FAI Cup semi-final this weekend. They had been scheduled to play Harps in Ballybofey this Friday but instead their cup tie takes precedence. In regard to the Wexford match, Harps had submitted at least four alternative dates but none of them got the green light and instead the

game looks likely to take place on Monday, October 14th. The club is not happy with that, pointing that they had been very accommodating with the FAI regarding fixtures changes this season where both Cobh Ramblers and Cork City had their games reversed to Finn Park in the first half of the season. Harps are four points behind Bray Wanderers

who have a vastly superior goal difference. It is effectively another point. Harps next game is away to Bray on Friday week the 11th of October. Then it appears to be Wexford on the following Monday and the last game of the regulation season for Darren Murphy's men is against Treaty on Friday 18th October in Ballybofey. So it will be three games in the space of a week.

Donegal Ladies Senior Football Championship Final

## Terrific Termon make it three-in-a-row



Termon 7-13 1-8 Moville

The Termon Ladies will be hoping that their success on Sunday will spur the two men's sides on this weekend to make it a treble of Donegal Championship titles for the Burn Road Club. At the O'Donnell Park on Sunday the team managed by the McGettigan cousins Kevin and Adrian proved much too strong for Moville with Geraldine McLaughlin netting three

of the seven goals. Termon will now go on to play in the first round of the Ulster Champ.

It was a third title in a row for Termon with Ciara McGarvey, Evelyn McGinley and Geraldine McLaughlin grabbing the first half goals. Moville were down to 14 players for a period in the first half following a yellow card. It was 3-09 to 0-04 at the break. Two early second half goals from Geraldine

McLaughlin made sure that there would be no Moville comeback. The former County star ended with a personal total of 3-5. Jodie McFadden netted two more goals for Termon while another County player Niamh Hegarty got the Moville goal. Termon - Orla Corry; Evelyn McGinley 1-0, Niamh Friel, Chelsea Gorman; Niamh Bonner, Shannon McLaughlin 0-2, Aoibhe McDaid; Emer Friel, Megan Ryan 0-1; Jodie McFadden 2-3, Roisin Friel 0-1, Anna Gallagher; Ciara McGarvey 1-0, Geraldine McLaughlin 3-5 (2fs), Roisin McCafferty. Subs: Jenny McGettigan for Gorman, Lauren Gallagher for Bonner; Siobhan Cameron for Friel; Sophie Curran for Gallagher; Rionach Giles for McDaid; Meabh McDaid for Roisin Friel; Cayla

Ladies County Junior A Championship Final

## Donegal title delight for Downings

Na Dunaibh 6-12 Nh Padraig Uisce Chaoin 0-9 Na Dunaibh were crowned Donegal Junior Champions after an all too easy 21-point victo-

ry over a young Naomh Padraig Uisce Chaoin on Sunday. Shannon McGroddy with 2-3 and Denise Doherty who registered 2-2 were the top

scorers for the side managed by Brian Curran and Dominic McGroddy at the O'Donnell Park. A Donegal senior player McGroddy got the first



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of the two goals in the opening half with Doherty netting the other.

Downings led 2-7 to 0-4 at the break and after the restart McGroddy got her second. That was quickly followed by Doherty's second goal. Sinead McBride and McGroddy added points before further goals came courtesy of Caoimhe McLaughlin and Lauren McBride. The Na Dunaibh scorers were Shannon McGroddy 2-3; Denise Doherty 2-2; Lauren McBride 1-2; Caoimhe McLaughlin 1-0; Sinead McBride 0-2, Julie Trearty 0-2 and Aoibhinn O'Connell 0-1.

Na Dunaibh - Charlie Shelvin; Jessica Roberts, Chloe Hay, Maggie Doherty; Meabh O'Connell, Nadine Gallacher, Michelle Wilkin; Julie Trearty, Aoibhinn O'Connell; Amy McLaughlin, Mary T. Boyce, Sinead McBride, Denise Doherty, Shannon McGroddy, Lauren McBride. Subs: Caoimhe McLaughlin for Boyce; Aine O'Connell for Meabh O'Connell; Aobha Pasoma for Gallacher; Caoimhe Coyle for Amy McLaughlin; Danni Shelvin for Doherty; Aoife McMullan for Lauren McBride, Keirra Cairns for Wilkin; Katie McGroddy for Sinead McBride; Eve Kelly and Kaycie Gallagher for Maggie Doherty and Shannon McGroddy; Emer Trearty for Roberts, Mary Bridget McGeever for Shelvin.

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