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Shutters fall on 33rd Dail

As the decks are cleared for the General Election, the Dail passed the Finance Bill on Tuesday night. In a vote that was guillotined the Government won the day, 75 to 55. This now leaves the Taoiseach free to call the election on November 29th.

Sinn Féin's Pearse Doherty took centre stage as he protested the guillotining of the Bill. He said: "In all my time, dealing with 18 different Finance Bills, never has there been a piece of legislation that granted an

income tax reduction of €320,000 to an individual."

He was referring to a pension provision change for super high earners contained in the Bill.

However the shutters were already closing in on the 33rd Dail and the TD's remaining were far too busy sorting out election details, putting the final draft on the posters that could signpost their return to Leinster House... while others checked the advertising deadlines in their lo-

cal newspapers.

Here in Donegal, Sinn Fein added the name of Cllr. Noel Jordan to their ticket. And given the mounting pressure in the Donegal Electoral Area, it was inevitable that Sinn Fein would move to ensure their share of the vote was fully covered. They got 45% last time and that was close to 35,000 first preferences.

Noel Jordan is the new candidate and he's a third-term Cllr.

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McAuliffe's of Dunfanaghy closed their doors on Sunday afternoon and pictured are Mary McAuliffe, Fr. Martin Doohan PP and Anne McNamara. Photo by Moses Alcorn.

Direct Provision Centre to open in Milford

The Mulroy Woods Hotel in Milford is to become a 'Direct Provision Centre' in the coming days.

By John McAteer

The International Protection Accommodation Service is to house as many as 150 people in 32 family bedrooms.

The contract with the owners, Peppard Investment Ltd is for two years, but the community believes that the international refugee crisis will be with us for many years.

In their briefing note to public representatives, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and

Youth sought to ensure the politicians were informed of the developments in Milford.

Deputy Pdraig Mac Lochlainn said this is totally untrue and 'it never happened'.

He stated "The Dept sent us an email only when the deal was done and the contract signed. We were not consulted at any time because this is not about housing refugees. It is all about making a small number of providers more millions of euros and being more wealthy than any of them could ever have imagined.

This is all about profits and not people. Milford and Donegal

are disadvantaged areas: the infrastructure in a remote location does not consider how overstretched facilities are. And that is so relevant in health and education, in primary school classrooms and in many other ways.

The plan to house as many as 150 refugees in Milford indefinitely is not fair to them and it is not fair to the area where hotel rooms are already scarce enough. There has been no community consideration and nobody knows who's coming and why and that's the reality of this development.

Donegal has the lowest level of income

in Ireland: it has the weakest services and public transport is lacking.

I have to state very clearly that I knew nothing about this plan and I'm merely highlighting the reasons why it is a very bad idea and bad for the community. I have fundamental questions about Direct Provision and this decision adds to the problem," he added.

In February 2021, the Government announced a plan to end direct provision by 2024. Obviously, the number of centres has increased dramatically. Emergency centres have been opened in all

parts of the country with over 230 accommodation locations utilised since January 2022 across 26 counties.

In their briefing note the Dept. said: "The property is a former hotel, which was then used to house people who were beneficiaries of the Temporary Protection Directive due to the war in Ukraine. A deal is in place for a period of two years."

However, patrons of the Mulroy Woods Hotel are still able to make reservations for accommodation and there is a big Christmas Party night on December 14th. The event features

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Kilmac school votes in US election!

One local school used the US elections as a novel way to teach children more about world politics and how they work.

Since their return from the mid-term break, the 6th class pupils from Scoil Cholmcille in Kilmacrennan have been learning about the electoral colleges, swing states and all things red and blue.

The students ran their own mock US Presidential election for the pupils in their school from 3rd to 6th class.

A school spokesperson stated: "They set up their own polling station and handed out voting cards to their fellow pupils. There was great excitement among students as they were given the opportunity to vote for either Donald Trump, or Vice President Kamala Harris. After the votes had been cast, 6th class got down to the counting of the votes. With the count verified, the pupils voted in favour of Vice President, Kamala Harris, who came out on top with 58.5% of the votes."

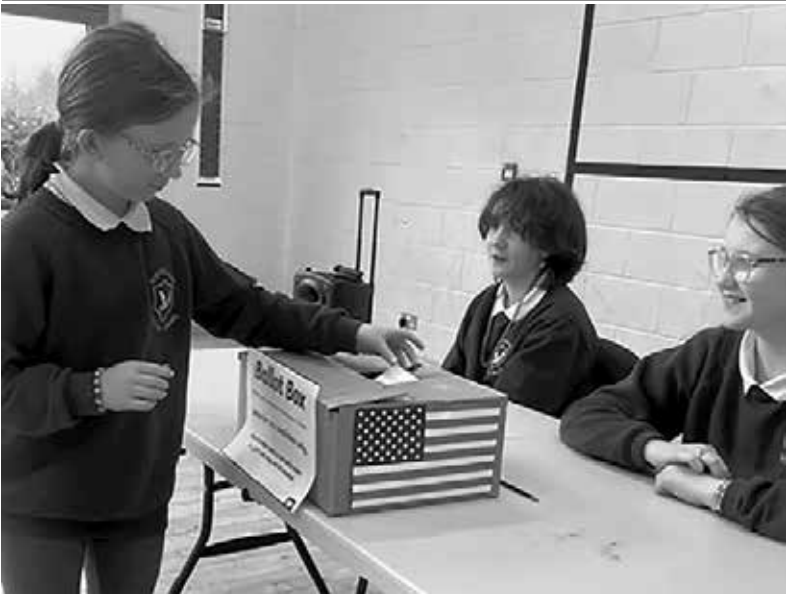


The scene at Scoil Mhuire Milford on Wednesday morning when RTE recorded a segment for their evening news.

The school has been the focus of attention due to serious overcrowding.

Photo Jacqueline Sharkey





Pupils from Kilmacrennan National School carrying out their mock US election at the school this week.



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In the June elections he polled 1,580 and his first preferences were 294 behind that of Fianna Fail's Michael Naughton on 1,874. Cllr. Jordan (right) said: "I am honoured to have been put forward by my party to contest. The party always said that they would be adding to the ticket, and I'm delighted they have put their trust in me. It will be a historic election and having spent a



good bit of time on the doors already, I know of the hunger for change that is out there." The Donegal Town area has become the real focus of attention in this election. Thomas Pringle is fighting his fourth general election. And this time he's joined in the battle by John McNulty, FG: Noel Jordan, SF: Claudia Kenne-

Gerry McKeever launches General Election campaign

Letterkenny man Gerry McKeever has launched his campaign as an Independent candidate. Key points in McKeever's manifesto include championing safer streets, affordable housing, and real change for the future. "I'm running for TD because I believe we need a Government that listens to the people and delivers real solutions to the issues that matter most," said McKeever, a member of a well known Letterkenny. He has run a barber business on the town's Main Street for over four decades.



"We're at a critical point in our country's history. It's time for a fresh approach. It's time for action." One of the most pressing concerns Gerry is hearing from communities across Donegal is the safety of our streets, especially after dark. Everywhere I go, people are increasingly worried about the lack of visible Garda presence. This is not just a Donegal problem, it's a nationwide issue. We need to invest in our people, our communities, and our future. That's the message I'm bringing to the people of Donegal."

Nuala Carr to run for the Green Party

Dr Nuala Carr has been confirmed as the Donegal Green Party candidate for the General Election. A native of Letterkenny, Nuala also ran for the Greens in the recent Council elections where she got 176 out of 13,175 votes cast. Carr said she was proud to be selected

as the Party's candidate: "It would be a privilege to represent the people of Donegal and work together towards a more resilient future". Nuala Carr works at ATU on an EU funded research project to harmonise the skills and training needs for the off-

shore wind energy industry. With a background in ecology she is acutely aware of the pressing need to address a long list of social and environmental issues in order to promote sustainable practices in local communities throughout Donegal.



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a drinks reception, festive dinner and dancing to the Thomas Maguire and Fhiona Ennis Band. The premises is a Recipient of Irish Hotel Awards Wedding Hotel of the Year and patrons can expect luxury, elegance of both service and surroundings at Donegal's 4 Star Mulroy Woods Hotel. The Dept told politicians: "We understand that communities need accurate information about Ireland's legal obligations to accommodate people seeking international protection, and hope this briefing note answers many of the questions they have." Deputy Mac Lochlainn: If communities need more accurate information, then it has to come

from Government sources because nobody else has the relevant information and he says he's not aware that the Mulroy Woods Hotel designation had been changed. We understand that the The Dept of Integration is in the process of alerting all state support services in the locality - so that they can prepare what additional support will be needed to assist people settle into the local community. This includes the Depts of Health, Education, Justice, Transport, the HSE, An Garda Siochána, the Local Government Management Agency, the Local Authority integration teams and local development office in your area. Direct provision was set up in Ireland as a 'temporary' measure in 2000. A response to the ev-

er-growing number of people seeking refugee in Ireland, the system planned to provide State accommodation and other basic necessities like food and healthcare. People who arrived at direct provision centres were told that they would remain there for a maximum of six months, while their asylum application was processed. In their Q&A section the Dept states: "This is a self-catering centre. Residents will be provided with shop vouchers compliant with the IPAS Points System. Refreshment stations will be available on site 24 hours a day. Most of the residents at this location will be new arrivals. An adult resident receives an allowance of €38.80 per week. Each child receives €29.80 per week. Adults are entitled to work in Ireland after six months

Money for 19 Donegal community centres

Nineteen community centres across Donegal have been allocated €364,451 for upgrade and refurbishment works under the Community Centres Investment Fund 2024.

Welcoming the funding, Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue said the grants will make a huge difference to the local centres.

"Community centres are the focal point for so many communities in Donegal and it's important that these facilities are invested in. Congratulations to the centres who have been successful with their funding application and thanks to the volunteers for all the great work they do in keeping our community centres going," the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine added.

Fine Gael Senator and GE Candidate Nikki Bradley has said "This is a really welcome announcement by An Taoiseach, Simon Harris, and the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and one which will really benefit community centres in Donegal, which are used by the whole community here. Today's funding is all about giving our communities a helping hand and making our towns and villages better places to live, work and raise a family. I would also like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to keep the lights on and facilitate activities in our local community centres - their work is never taken for granted," she concluded.

Local centres receiving funding are:
 Fanad Development Association, €25,000.
 Glenswilly Community Hall, €25,000.
 Mevagh Family Resource Centre, €21,405.
 Raphoe Community in Action, €10,837.

Ramelton Coffee

Evening and Cake Sale
 A Coffee Evening and Cake Sale will be held in Raymond and Frances Armour's Home at Loughnagin, Ramelton T92TX92 on Friday 15th November from 5-9pm. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds are in aid of a Medical Centre in Uganda for children with Clubfeet, Cerebral Palsy and various Limb deformities.

Lurgan Legion Club invite for Jim Dill

Jim Dill, Glenalla has been invited by the British Legion Club in Lurgan to attend an unveiling of a plaque commemorating the 80th anniversary of the death of Field Marshal Sir John Dill on this coming Friday the 8th of Nov. John Dill, Jim's nephew is laying a wreath on behalf of the Dill family and Sir John Dill's granddaughter is also attending. Field Marshal Sir John Greer Dill, GCB, CMG, DSO was a senior British Army officer with service in both the First World War and the Second World War.

Successful Letterkenny One Act Festival

The Letterkenny Act One Festival held over the Bank Holiday Weekena at An Grianan Theatre proved to be a great success.

Over the three days there were nine plays in total and the award winners were -

BEST PLAY OPEN

- 1st A Matter of Rights Butt Drama Circle
- 2nd Cider Park Letterkenny Music and Drama Group
- 3rd Perchance to Dream Theatre 3 Newtown Abbey

BEST PLAY CONFINED

- 1st Even Numbers Devenish Drama Group
- 2nd Tom Carrig na bhear Drama Society
- 3rd Waiting for you Erne Drama Group

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Ward bidding for 100% Redress seat

Charles Ward is out every spare hour he has on the campaign trail as he attempts to become the first ever 100% Redress Party member to be elected as a TD to represent Donegal in Dail Eireann.

by Declan Kerr

While the main platform for Ward is full redress for the families affected by the defective concrete blocks scandal, there are other issues like health care that he is highlighting and will be raising on the floor of the Dail if elected. With four Cllrs in Lifford, Ward says the foundations are there to take a seat but he warned against complacency. "We are going to try to reach out to as many people as we can in this campaign. The 100% Redress Party is about more than the defective concrete blocks. I work in the healthcare area and can see that Letterkenny University Hospital is on its knees. It is not properly staffed with nurses or doctors. Then you look at the cost of the Dail bike

shed when that money could have been put into improving the service delivery at the ED in Letterkenny. What's happening there is not the staff's fault."

Ward has taken issue with the narrative being put out into the public domain by Fianna Fail and Fine Gael that 300 houses have benefitted from the Redress Scheme. He says that the actual figure is 62 adding that there are 240 houses looking to access the scheme and many more are not in a position to proceed because of the upfront costs. "We are fighting for the futures of so many people. Then there is downgrading of houses that were supposed to be for demolition and are now only for partial repair. That is not right. Despite all that has happened there is still no regulation of the quarries. For our children we have to make sure this doesn't happen again. If I am in the Dail all the issues will have to be addressed and I won't



Charles Ward with Michael Connolly and Joe Morgan at the Ray Community Centre.



Charles Ward at the home of Shaun and Louise Gibbons, Carlan, Kerrykeel.

be setting for anything less" Ward said.

While Ward was unsuccessful in his bid to win a seat on Donegal County Council at the June elections he did poll quite well and is confident if the DCB families and others disillusioned with mainstream politics step up then he can be one of the five Donegal TDs elected to the new Dail. Born in Scotland, Charlie Ward's family moved back to Arranmore. He worked in Unifi for a period and is currently employed in healthcare at a Nursing Home in Convo.

Charles resides in Drumkeen with his wife Angela and their four children. The family is living with the defective concrete blocks issue for a number of years and it's had its health impacts on them personally. Like so many other families, upfront costs of engaging in any of the schemes proposed by the Government are way beyond the means of the Wards who will settle for nothing less than full demolition. "We want the full enforcement of the Peoples Document. That's an

end-to-end scheme where nobody is left behind including places like Community Centres and creches. We are the only political party to have fully endorsed the Peoples Document" Mr Ward said. The 100% Redress Party had four members elected to the Council including Ali Farren, Joy Beard, Thomas Sean Devine and Denis McGee. Ward will need the full backing of all four Cllrs and the supporters that they can out to the polling booths.

"I am out on the campaign trail and we have plenty of help. I have been to Carndonagh and Bunrana. I was in Lifford on Saturday and we were also in Letterkenny."

Along with Eamonn Jackson, Ward made a visit to the Ray and Kerrykeel areas on Friday. They met Shaun and Louise Gibbons at their house in Carlan, Kerrykeel. They also canvassed along St Bridget's Terrace in Kerrykeel.

A building that is not covered by the Redress Scheme is Ray Community Centre and there

Ward met with Joe Morgan and Michael Connolly both members of the Board of Management.

They spoke about the building and its condition as well as developments in the European Commission regarding defective concrete. "You could sense the community spirit in Ray and what they have achieved there so it would break your heart to see what is happening to the building" Ward said.

The 100% Redress Party General Election candidate says he and his supporters are connecting with the people demonstrating their community focus.

"I am not a career politician. I am out there to save our homes and the communities across Donegal."



Group of young children enjoying the Halloween Party night at the Letterkenny Youth Club in the Devlin Hall Lower Main Street.



Obituary for SF is too early

Politics North and South are different. The upcoming General Election shows that.

Sinn Féin is the largest party in the North in both seats and votes.

Forecasting the future is always risky. However, as of now, that is unlikely in the South.

I am not a Sinn Féin supporter. I would, though, warn opponents. Beware of wishful thinking. People very easily mistake how they think for the way others think. Elections are won by votes, not by opinion columns and letters in the Irish Times.

Let's be realistic. Sinn Féin often does itself no good in the attitude to the media. There is another side. Too many in the media tend to be too accepting of allegations against Sinn Féin. Were similar allegations made against most other parties, there would be more questioning. An example is the Brian Stanley case. Stanley decided to get his retaliation in first. An internal investigation had found him guilty of gross misconduct. He had sexually harassed a woman.

So Stanley went public alleging a 'kangaroo court'. He had alleged there was an organised move to get rid of him. That was clearly designed to produce a story that would get media sympathy. Stanley has over 40 years service in Sinn Féin. When others were purged during those years, Stanley was silent.

Then Sinn Féin released the results of the investigation. They did not look good for Stanley.

Sinn Féin has now been hit with another sexual misconduct issue. A Belfast City Councillor has been suspended. He is from a strong Sinn Féin background. He has employed high-profile lawyers to fight

In this election, 18 of 35 FG TDs elected last time are standing down. They are not stupid. Maybe they sense something of what the public is thinking. Meanwhile, Micheál Martin is soldiering on as Fianna Fáil leader. He is half a generation in the job. Enoch Powell was a right-wing British Conservative. He was also very smart. Powell said that all political careers ultimately end in failure. Martin seems to have forgotten that.

his case.

Certainly, Sinn Féin has been hit with all these allegations on the verge of a major election. No party wants that. I question how far the allegations will affect those who are going to vote Sinn Féin. Rather, the Party is being diverted into damage limitation rather than campaigning on policies.

A good example to look at is the DUP in the North. At the start of the year, Party Leader Jeffrey Donaldson was charged with sex abuse. (He is innocent unless proven guilty). Obviously, there can be no comment on the case until after a trial and verdict. However, the nature of those charges makes Sinn Féin's troubles seem minor. After all, the DUP claims to stand for a very strict Christian morality. There was a (United Kingdom-UK) General Election in July. Yes, the DUP lost three seats. They still polled over 170,000 votes. There was no meltdown.

In the last General Election Sinn Féin won 37 seats. Three of the TDs have since left. None of the three seem to have particularly helped their own cases.

In current circumstances, holding 37 seems very unlikely. Predictions go wrong at the best of times. Doing so this far short of an election is risking being particularly wrong. I would, though, be surprised if Sinn

Féin came back with less than 32 seats, at worst.

Let's remember that, for Sinn Féin, just about everything that could, went right in the 2020 General Election. That was their perfect storm. Some of their true believers will probably not like the comparison. But their election was like Boris Johnson's in the UK a couple of months before.

Clearly, a few of those elected didn't expect to be elected. Sinn Féin didn't expect them to be elected either. Their record suggests they weren't suited to the job.

However, not everything goes right all the time. After all, Sinn Féin has had bad elections before. Its obituary has been written. That writing was very premature.

Thus the Party can take a hit in terms of votes and still hold the seats. That's because Sinn Féin has a whole number of poll-toppers. Thus a hit in votes would not automatically transfer into losses of seats. Paradoxically, Solidarity-People Before Profit and left Independents might be worse hit. Several of these TDs were elected because big Sinn Féin surpluses transferred to them. Without those big surpluses, several of them might be in trouble.

Also, quite a number of Sinn Féin TDs are in five-seaters. Quotas there can be quite low. Everything points to numbers of independ-

ents standing. The Far-Right in particular, will be standing in many constituencies. So far, it has failed to come together. Thus, that vote will be split between several candidates. More, those candidates are not transfer-friendly. They are significantly less transfer-friendly even than Sinn Féin. On a bad day, that scattering of votes should help some Sinn Féiners to scrape home.

A factor helping Sinn Féin is the political and organisational collapse of Labour. The local and European elections could have put Labour into the grave. Instead, they kept it on life support. Sinn Féin has been able to fill and expand that vacuum. Solidarity-People Before Profit is largely Dublin-based. Even there its presence is patchy. The Greens are unlikely to collapse as completely as in the past. They will, though, take a major hit.

Thus there is a discontented electorate out there. Some of that will go back to Sinn Féin. In the local elections Sinn Féin's vote fell from the dizzy heights of the opinion polls. We should take that with a certain health warning. Young working-class people are more



By Anton McCabe

likely to vote Sinn Féin. They are less likely to vote in local elections than in General elections.

Those local elections were also poor for Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael. Both lost seats and votes. In this election, 18 of 35 FG TDs elected last time are standing down. They are not stupid. Maybe they sense something of what the public is thinking.

Meanwhile, Micheál Martin is soldiering on as Fianna Fáil leader. He is half a generation in the job. Enoch Powell was a right-wing British Conservative. He was also very smart. Powell said that all political careers ultimately end in failure. Martin seems to have forgotten that. With FF and FG as they are, don't write Sinn Féin's obituary yet.

2024 Literary Festival Events



2024 has seen another successful year for the Cathedral Quarter Literary Festival. One of the highlights this year was our flash fiction Competition. This was the second year of our competition and once again it was teamwork all the way! Continuing her role of last year, the Competition Co-ordinator was Theresa Ryder. She published the competition guidelines in July on many online platforms including The Irish Writers' Centre and Writing.ie. The festival webpage, designed by Pauric Havlin, also showcased the Competition. From the outset entries arrived in with a surge of applications towards the deadline closing date on 30th September. Submissions came from all parts of the country, Antrim to Cork, Sligo to Dublin. There was no set theme this year and

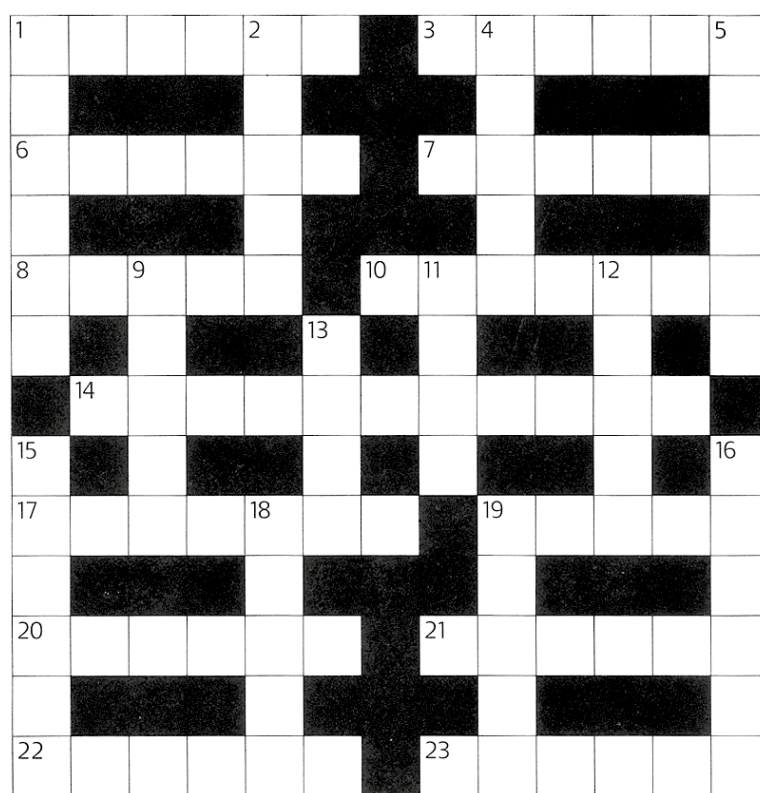
the response was impressive and the interest very gratifying for judge Averil Meehan, who had the special task of choosing the winning writers. 'The high standard of so many of the entries impressed me. Flash fiction is an art form. The finalists all submitted flash fiction that contained aspects of poetry as well as story. All of them touched my heart with characters that felt real, making them worthy winners.'

The winning flash fiction piece was the work of Mary Ethna Black from Co. Antrim who flew in from England especially for the event. The joint runners up were Alina Anderson from Co. Dublin and Lee Sheridan from Co. Kildare. There were three highly commended pieces from Patricia Lehmann (Co. Dublin), Fiona McKay (Co. Dublin),

and Graeme Shimmin (Co. Donegal). The winning stories were read on the Prize giving evening Saturday 19th October which was a great event for readers and audience alike. The prizes were presented by Andy McGovern from Donegal ETB, one of our main sponsors.

In our New Voices section of the evening we heard work from new poets Paul Williams from Sligo and Julian Cunningham from Milford. The New Voices series proved highly popular last year and we continued to give poets the opportunity to read their new unpublished poems as part of the festival. 'We hope this will encourage more new comers to participate', said Donnan Harvey, Festival Organiser, who is already planning for next year.

Tribune Crossword No. 1089



Across

1. Blustery (6)
3. Adage (6)
6. One of the Gorgons (6)
7. Country, capital Amman (6)
8. Dwelt (5)
10. Concoct (7)
14. Prone (11)
17. Endeavour (7)
19. Deeper (5)
20. British political party (6)
21. Remained (6)
22. Exhausting (6)
23. Join together (6)

Down

1. Figure of speech (6)
2. Pondered (5)
4. Kindled (5)
5. Artillery soldier (6)
9. Strongroom (5)
11. Educating ____, film (4)
12. Permit (5)
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15. Woodworking tool (6)
16. War film, A ____ Too Far (6)
18. Grieve (5)
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Ramelton

Ramelton brothers to bowl at World Championships

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to June Love and Lorna Stevenson on the death of their mother Eileen Stevenson, Ballygay, Milford. Private burial will take place this Thursday morning and A Service of Thanksgiving will take place in Milford Presbyterian Church also this Thursday at 1p.m. Everyone welcome

Ramelton SVP

As the cost of living crisis continues, many families will face impossible choices this Christmas. If you are in need of support this Christmas, contact Ramelton SVP in confidence. Please call 087 143 6640 before 1st December 2024.

Ramelton Grow Together meeting

Ramelton Grow Together committee will hold a public meeting on the 12th November at 7pm in the Community Centre. This will be an information evening for the community and for anyone who is interested in getting involved in the development of the garden. Everyone is welcome.

Swilly Rovers lotto numbers

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Lotto on Saturday were 3, 10, 19, 22. No jackpot winner. One 3 number winner: Aidan McGrenra. This week's jackpot is €1175. Thanks for your continued support.

Pastoral Council events

The local Parish Council has organised a number of events for the spiritual life of the Ramelton Parish. A Service of Light, Prayer and Remembrance for the Faithful Departed will take place on Monday, November 11th at 6.30p.m. Blessing of the Baby Jesus Figures for Cribs in the homes of the Parish takes place on Saturday the 14th of December at the 6.30p.m. Mass. A service of blessing for babies and Mass for families of new-

borns baptised since 2020 will take place on Saturday, January 25th at 3p.m.

There will be a cup of tea and light refreshments after each event. If you would like to help out with any of the above, please see the flyer in the entrances to St. Mary's Church.

Rosary for Ukraine

Rosary is offered every Tuesday morning before the 10am Mass in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton for peace in Ukraine and for the welfare and safety of those who have been displaced by this unjust war.

Novena of Masses for the Faithful Departed

The annual Novena of Masses for the Faithful Departed will continue until this Saturday November 9th.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12 noon this Saturday 9th November. 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 and sweet treats, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing and enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts and credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available.

Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member.



Two Ramelton brothers Lee and Jonathon Jacob (above left and right) will be part of an Irish team that will compete at the World Bowling Championships in Norway in 2026. That's after the Jacobs along with Ciaran Green (Buncrana) and Jamie Glackin (Maghery) won the Champion of Champions Tournament in Belfast at the weekend.

They played Sean Trainor from the Oriel zone in the first game and had to dig deep to get through against one of the fancied rinks for the tournament. Second game was an easier run against Mark Wilson from Armagh and finished up with an end to spare. The semi final was against Andrew Lecky from Down who had won loads of these major competitions over the years. It was a cagey game with some great bowls being played by the Donegal men to win ends. They ran out 8-0 winners.

The final was against Stuart McSorleys rink from Mid Tyrone who had been playing some aggressive bowls all day and had come through the other semi final with a 1 shot win. The Donegal men started extremely well with Glackin playing some great conversion shots to get them to a 10-0 lead after 4 ends. It was only a matter of managing it after that and eventually they ran out 12-5 winners. It was a great run of results to get to the final and to win so convincingly in the decider was so satisfying. Afterwards the four men were presented with the cup.

Lee and Jonathon Jacob are no strangers to bowls success with their local Ramelton Club right up to national level. Both have previously played at international level. The success at the weekend sees them qualify to represent Ireland at the world championships in 2026 which are being held in Norway.

DLDC nomination for Ramelton Community Centre



William Blaney, Eilish Toland, Paul Stephenson, Mary Bond and Marty McDaid

The Ramelton Community Centre is a finalist in the Small Social Enterprise/Community Organisation category, sponsored by Highland Radio.

The DLDC Community Recognition Awards event will take place in the Finn Valley Centre, Stranorlar on next Thursday evening, November

10th at 7p.m.

Ramelton Community Centre has become a welcoming space for people of all backgrounds and abilities, bringing the community together through various social and cultural initiatives. After reopening following a three-year closure due to the pandemic, the voluntary committee has revitalised this much-missed resource.

The centre has reinstated various social, cultural, and recreational activities and has gone above and beyond to engage with new communities, including Ukrainian residents who have settled

in Ramelton. Their efforts in hosting welcome events have made the centre a warm and inclusive space for all.

The DLDC Awards acknowledge and reward the work of the community and voluntary sector. There are five categories - Best Social Inclusion/Peer Support Campaign; Best Collaborative Community Project; Best Community Organisation / Social Enterprise - Small; Best Community Organisation / Social Enterprise - Large and Most Innovative Community Initiative.

Coffee Afternoon

There was a very successful coffee afternoon last Saturday in the Robertson Hall organised by St. Paul's Church in Ramelton.

Many thanks to everyone who turned out to support the event.

The prizewinners in the draw were Hamper Eileen McGarvey; Bottle of Vodka Michael Lockhart; €20 voucher for L'Amour and sweets Vincent Harper; 2 bottles of wine Cathal Greene; Handknit nativity Set Mia Peoples; Christmas Cake Neill McGinley; Turkey and Ham Marian Mortimer.

We will have a page of photos from the event in next week's edition.

€860 from Ramelton Men's Group



Above - Mervyn Hutton from the Ramelton Men's Group presenting cheque for €860 to Allan Bucknell from the Donegal Hospice. The money raised by individual donations from members of the Group.

Left - Some of Ramelton Men's Group presenting cheque for €860 to Donegal Hospice. L to R. Jim McDonald, Harold Jacob, Mervyn Hutton, Allan Bucknell, Leslie Buchanan, Drew Corry and Tony Griffin. Money raised by donations from members of group.

Del Doll's shop up and running in Creeslough



Colette Boyle and Maggie McHugh pictured in their new shop Del Doll's which opened in Creeslough last week.

Just before the halloween holidays got underway a novel new shop opened its door just off Creeslough's main street. Del Doll's was founded by friends and well known local women, Colette Boyle and Maggie McHugh. The shop is situated in a newly refurbished unit in the lane-way between the Creeslough Community Hub and Scrumpitious Ice Cream. The pair had been busy getting their new business up and running in recent months and on October 17th Del Doll's officially opened for business. It is a one stop shop for a range of gifts, jewelry, clothing, costumes, balloons, cards for all occasions or a special treat for yourself. They also stock some homeware items and have something for everyone.

No stranger to local business, Colette ran Rose's Country Kitchen at Rose's Bar for many years and previously worked in the Corncutters Rest. Their bright, modern store will give locals and visitors to the area the opportunity to browse and shop for fun and special occasions, as well as mementos from the locality. Colette and Maggie said they are delighted with the support and good wishes they received since they opened their doors. They stated: "We are so thankful for each and everyone of you who called in or messaged with all your kind wishes & support these past few days. We would also like to thank everyone who has helped us this past few weeks/months so we could get our wee shop open." They added: "We're proud to be part of Creeslough's contin-



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ued growth, adding even more vibrancy and charm to our beautiful village." They ladies said that after a busy halloween week they will soon be getting ready for the Christmas season. Many shoppers and well wishers call into view the stylish new shop and wish the duo well for the future. One member of the local business community remarked that it was great to see another business open in the village with plenty on offer for locals and visitors alike. You can keep up to date with Del Doll's via their Facebook page and their opening hours at present are Wednesday to Saturday from 11am to 6pm.



Clodagh Morrison MSc, BSc Hons, RGN, Owl Cottage, Rathmullan. Clodagh has been awarded the degree of Master of Science with distinction at London Southbank University. She is a former student of Rathmullan National School and Loreto Community School, Milford.



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Man U

The next meeting of the Donegal Branch of the Manchester United Supporters Club will take place on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm in the Devlin Hall, Letterkenny. Membership is still open for this season, new members welcome as always. For information on any remaining season tickets, please contact Liam on 087 6736976.

Craft Fair

There will be a CRAFT FAIR in Trinity Hall on Saturday 23rd November in aid of MARY'S MEALS DONEGAL. If you would like to organise a table for Mary's Meals, please contact Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 0879077985.






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National Tidy Towns - Local Round-up

Carrigart up twelve points

Carrigart Tidy Towns spokesperson, Columba Boyce, expressed satisfaction with the marks in this year's competition. For the record, the village secured 375 marks, an increase of twelve marks on the 2023 total. This is the first year since our initial entry in 1988 that the group increased its marks in all the eight categories. Carrigart were beaten by one mark again for the fourth year in a row by Belmullet for the prestigious Gaeltacht Award. The village secured first place in category B in Donegal, and a bronze medal and third place overall in Donegal behind the winner Buncrana with 382 marks & Letterkenny with 381 marks.

Thanks are extended to local businesses and individuals who helped with sponsorship. Thanks to businesses & residents who painted or upgraded their properties. A special thanks to Donegal Co. Council for grant funding over the years. Thanks also to individuals who do road cleanups in their own area. Last but not least, a big thanks to our workers employed under the various schemes.

We offer our congratulations to Downings Tidy Towns who are making great strides in the competition. They gained twelve extra marks for a total of 322.

Rathmullan on the up with improved score

Rathmullan Tidy Towns group have improved their score following the release of the annual Tidy Towns Competition 2024 Adjudication Report. The group climbed to a score of 327 this year, compared to 313 in 2023.

They commend the group on their strong committee and links with local schools.

They stated: "The Tidy Towns group work under the umbrella of Rathmullan the Way Forward, a united voice for all the community. The village has a strong committee of eight members and a large number of volunteers working on various projects to develop and enhance the village. Committee meetings are held monthly with sub-committee meetings to plan and develop different projects as required. Newcomers to the village have been welcomed during recent years and have integrated well into the community as a result. The local newspaper publishes weekly updates on the work the Tidy Towns are doing

and on upcoming projects. This is a superb way of seeking help with projects as required. All agencies and businesses give good support from advice to funding. The schools work closely with the Tidy Towns on many projects, such as biodiversity and of course litter picking. Rathmullan has progressed well in the relatively short time in the competition which is positive." They added: "The streetscape has a mix of heritage and modern buildings all bringing their own charm and character to the streetscape. It is positive to see the heritage buildings being used, such as the old Courthouse. It is also good to see that in June 2023 you launched a booklet on the heritage properties. This booklet was compiled by the committee and students from St Josephs and St Garvan's NS. The booklets were distributed freely in the local outlets and the committee were rewarded for their efforts with a Special Recognition Heritage award."

Letterkenny improve score

Letterkenny Tidy Towns group have improved their score following the release of the annual Tidy Towns Competition 2024 Adjudication Report.

The Letterkenny group climbed to a score of 381 this year compared to 368 in 2023.

The report stated "The town has a well organised committee of 19 members comprising of eight teams, each team having responsibility for a Tidy Towns category. There is a large number of volunteers, drawn from a number of community groups in the town. Engagement with the Volunteer Centre is ongoing. Monthly meetings are held with the Municipal Team, to plan for the future and evaluate work completed to date. There is a large number of stakeholders that you work closely with, that provide advice and funding where possible for different projects.

There are many forms of communication of your work to the wider community, from digital communications, media, public meetings, surveys and events. Sporting clubs and educational centres are all very supportive of the work Tidy Towns do, to develop and enhance the town and surroundings. You are very proud of your project this year, which developed and launched a video to create awareness among the community, on ways to improve the sustainability of Letterkenny. This project is called the 'Power of One'. You are commended on its innovation." They also praised the heritage aspect of the town, as well as the maintenance of the local roundabouts.

They concluded by adding "There is great work completed and planned in various projects, to enhance and develop the town further."

Gortahork score improves in 2024

Gortahork Tidy Towns group have improved their score following the release of the annual Tidy Towns Competition 2024 Adjudication Report. The group climbed to a score of 319 points this year, compared to 307 in 2023, a jump of 12 points

They highlighted the great support the group enjoys and the use of local media in sharing information.

They stated: "Advertisements are placed in the community newsletter and local newspaper.

Advice is also sought from businesses and people who live in the area. Networking with other Tidy Towns groups helps you in their work. You are

lucky to have two workers from the Scheme Community Employment that assists with the general maintenance of the area. Good support is being received from Donegal County Council, from the Church, from the School, from all the businesses in the town as well as all the other agencies and bodies. Leaflets are distributed door to door in the community and Raidió na Gaeltachta also helps with communication."

They suggested using WhatsApp or email to reduce paperwork and work related to communicating with the wider community. They also praised the local school for what has been achieved under the Green Schools Initiative.

Kilmacrennan community encouraged

Kilmacrennan Tidy Towns group have improved their score following the release of the annual Tidy Towns Competition 2024 Adjudication Report.

A total of 284 points were awarded out of a possible 550 for 2024 while no points were recorded for 2023.

It highlighted a number of positive initiatives in the area and complimented them on the preservation of local heritage amenities.

They stated: "The village has a strong working committee of ten members and a number of volunteers to help with various projects. It is hoped that the new residents in the village will get involved in the maintenance of the village. You get good support from Donegal County Council, all other agencies and businesses with advice and support where possible. Communication to the

wider community is through social media, local newspapers and public meetings. The school helps out with clean ups. You also communicate with them on biodiversity and its importance for the environment. The village in spring must look bright and colourful from the large planting of daffodil bulbs, as noted in photos submitted. You have been entering the competition for forty years. The Tidy Towns unit values your long participation in the competition. Taking part has encouraged the community to get involved and they also appreciate the amount of work that is done to keep the village looking clean and neat." They offered a number of suggestions for the committee to consider including: "The approach roads to the village have entrance signs which need encroaching foliage to be cut back. Planting colourful plants would also enhance these signs."

Ramelton climb 14 points following inspection

Ramelton Tidy Towns group have improved their score following the release of the annual Tidy Towns Competition 2024 Adjudication Report. The group climbed to a score of 334 this year, compared to 320 in 2023. The total award is 550 points.

They stated: "Ramelton has a strong working committee of six members and a numbers of volunteers to help as required with various projects. Regular meetings are held which can also be working meetings. There is great support from all agencies and businesses with advice and funding. You are also fortunate to have a number of CE workers who help with the maintenance of many areas of the town. Communication to the wider community is through social media, local news and radio. Public consultations are held as required for larger projects such as the regeneration plan. The schools participate in the Green School Initiative and receive good support from the community with various projects such as biodiversity. In turn the schools help the Tidy Towns with their projects such as litter control. The community have welcomed newcomers

to the town and integrate into the community through working together on various projects. An example of this is noted in Ramelton Town Park where all members joined together to revamp two flower beds, which led to more projects being completed, with integration being the main focus."

They added: "The bridge which is an important part of the town structure is highlighted by floral displays. Work with Donegal County Council is ongoing on an audit of heritage sites now derelict and in private ownership. The consultant's report centres on retaining the heritage of the town where possible and also the modernisation of the town to meet the community's present day needs. Regeneration work-plan is ongoing which continues to preserve and refurbish shop fronts and houses along the streetscape. The Churches and surroundings schools and the Credit Union were admired on their presentation. Memorials to past members were also noted and admired. The use of murals and paintwork help to brighten the facades of unoccupied buildings."

Downings improved annual score

Downings Tidy Towns group have improved their score following the release of the annual Tidy Towns Competition 2024 Adjudication Report. The group climbed to a score of 322 points this year, compared to 310 in 2023.

The reports stated: "Downings has a committee of four members and a small number of volunteers, working to develop and enhance this beautiful village. Meetings are held monthly to discuss plans for future projects. Donegal County Council are very supportive with advice and funding on various projects. Communication to the wider community is through social media and posters. This helps to keep them informed on upcoming events. There is good interaction with Scoil Naomh Brid on various projects such

as planting. Projects are ongoing as you continue to enhance the village particularly at the entrances, which is important as it gives a good first impression to those visiting, which includes many tourists."

They added: "The businesses of the village have well painted facades and floral displays, bringing colour and interest to the area. Premises in need of enhancing have colourful murals, brightening up their facades, which was admired. There are great recreational facilities from swimming, walking and cycling. The GAA was also admired for its superb facility, where the community can participate or relax and watch the games. The National School was also admired for its superb presentation."

Kerrykeel group praised

Kerrykeel Tidy Towns group has been praised following the release of the annual Tidy Towns Competition 2024 Adjudication Report. The group scored 269 out of 550 with no previous scores listed.

The report detailed: "The village has a committee of four members and eight volunteers. The committee holds six meetings each year and also five community clean-ups per year. There is great support within the community for the work that is being done to develop and enhance the village and surroundings. Donegal County Council and the local businesses give you great support

with advice and funding. Communication to the wider community is through Facebook and local newspapers. There is great support from the senior classes of the National School with various projects and clean-ups. The Tidy Towns also help the school in return. Your biggest achievement is the ongoing work along the approach road which overlooks Mulroy Bay. The car park was resurfaced and the area made more accessible for those wishing to stop and enjoy the spectacular views. Entering the competition has given the community a better focus on the development and enhancement of the village with various projects. This is your eighth year entering the competition. You are wished well in the competition in future years."

They added: "Kerrykeel was a pleasure to visit and adjudicate. You are doing good work with various projects. Keep up the good work."

Falcarragh increase result

Falcarragh Tidy Towns group have improved on their score from last year following adjudication by the annual Tidy Towns Competition 2024.

The Adjudication Report detailed that across eight categories this year's total was 322, up 14 points from 308 in 2023. The maximum score is a total of 550 marks.

They stated that there was a great deal done to improve the flora and fauna as well as maintain the local beach.

They stated: "The work that you are doing to ensure that the beach is kept clean is commendable, from sea life to protect as much as possible from harmful debris that may enter the water."

"It was nice to visit Fál Carrach and judge it. The village is bright and welcoming and there are many beautifully landscaped areas. You have a lot of work in hand to develop and improve facilities for the public and visitors to enjoy them. Keep up the good work."



The recent Cars and Coffee Day in Carrigart raised an amazing €4637.43 and the cheque was presented to members of the Donegal Down Syndrome Association. Huge thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Ministerial appointment for Marie

Creelough's Marie Duffy has received a ministerial nomination on a new national steering committee examining mental health policy. Marie is a well-known mental health advocate and campaigner and currently works for Mental Health Ireland as a Communications Officer. Speaking of her appointment she stated: "I am delighted to accept my nomination from the Minister for Mental Health, Mary Butler TD, as a lived experience representative onto the National Implementation and Monitoring Steering Committee (NIMC) for Shar-



ing the Vision - A Mental Health Policy for Everyone. I look forward to the next

three years of my term on the committee and using my professional and lived experience of the past 20 years advocating for better mental health services." The Sharing the Vision policy focuses on outcomes and adopts a lifecycle approach placing the individual at the centre of service delivery at different stages of life. It also aims to enhance the provision of services and supports across a continuum of care, including mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention as well as acute and specialist mental health services.

The late Sarah Anne Boyle

The death has taken place of Sarah Anne Boyle, née Kelly, late of Creelough. She passed away on Tuesday.



A well-known and highly respected figure in her community, she was Creelough's most senior citizen aged 101 at the time of her passing. Sarah Anne was raised in Creeloughbeg and was the last remaining member of her immediate family.

She went to school locally and has enjoyed many travelling adventures around the world over her long life including trips to Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, America.

In her younger days she worked in Dublin, before moving to London, Bournemouth, Switzerland and the United States as nanny to a family that ran the Max Factor cosmetics company.

Her late husband Charlie was a well-known bus driver who ran Boyles Buses which is still a family run operation based in Creelough.

In January 2023 she enjoyed a special occasion with her family as she celebrated her 100th birthday.

Predeceased by her husband Charlie and son Tony she is survived by sons Edmund (Kathy) in Hertfordshire, Billy (Mai) in Creelough, Charles (Emily) in Texas and Danny (Belinda) in Sydney, daughters Mary (Brendan) in Chicago, and Ann (Tony) in Creelough, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She is in repose at the family home on Wednesday November 6th and Thursday 7th from 3pm to 8pm. Strictly family time will be observed at all other times.

Requiem Mass is in St. Michael's Church, Creelough, on Friday, 8th November at 11a.m. with burial afterwards in Doe Graveyard.

Mass can be viewed live on <https://mcn.live/Camera/st-michaels-church>. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Funeral of Sinead Boyce

The funeral took place on Sunday of Sinead Boyce, Kinnelargy, Downings. Aged 75, Sinead was formerly a member of the Noone family from Ballagh-dreen, Co Roscommon. She met her husband Denis Boyce in 1970 and the couple married two years later. They were both secondary school teachers and made the decision to relocate to Denis's home place in Downings. Both took up teaching posts in Milford - Sinead at Loreto Convent and Denis at the Vocational School. She was a Home Economics teacher and many students learned their sewing, embroidery and cooking skills under her watch. At home there were her six children to look after and then there was the joy of the next generation with 12 grandchildren. Sinead was an avid reader, she also loved to travel including doing the pilgrimages. She was also a keen gardener and played her part in keeping Mevagh tidy. Sinead passed away on Thursday at the Donegal Hospice.



Remains were removed from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest on Friday to the family residence. Funeral took place on Sunday in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart where the celebrant was Fr. Charlie Byrne. Concelebrant was Sinead's nephew Fr. Thomas Surlis who proclaimed the Gospel and said the Final Prayers of Commendation. Internment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. She was predeceased by her parents Peadar and Aine Noone and her infant daughter Aoihbheann. Sinead is survived by her husband Denis, her sons Frank (Sarah) and Peadar (Maria), her daughters Cliodhna (Jason), Sorcha (David) and Etain (Brian), grandchildren Elena, Bridin, Isobel, Abigail, Aodan, Grainne, Olivia, Ellie, Anna, Sophie, Aoihb and

Fionn, brothers Micheal and Peadar, sisters Noirin, Anne and Mairead, her aunt Sr. Phyllis, her nieces and nephews and her extended family and friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Joe McGlynn

The death occurred on October 23 of Joseph Andrew "Sonny" McGlynn of West Chester, PA, USA. Aged 96, Joe was a native of Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny.



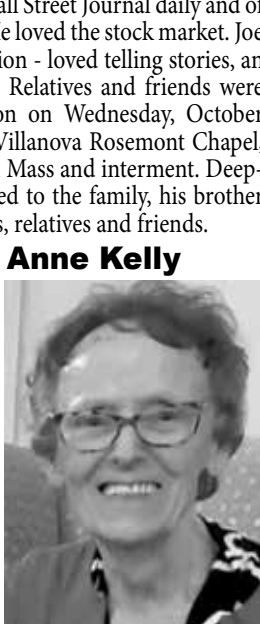
Born in 1928, Joe was the son of the late Patrick and Anne (nee Crerand) McGlynn. He is survived by his wife Mary Teresa (nee Harkin) McGlynn; sons Joseph (Deborah), Hugh Michael (the late Terri) and John, daughters Sharon Paff (Tom), and Deirdre Kelly (Brennan); grandchildren Bryan McGlynn (Kristen), Kristin Maitland (Danny), Erin D'Avanzo (Joey), Shanna Goldenbusky (Tony), Michael McGlynn (Emily), Courtney McChesney (Sean), Joseph Thomas Paff (Jen), Aidan Kelly, Pearse Kelly and great-grandchildren Jamisyn McGlynn, Gavin McGlynn, Mason McGlynn, Maeve Goldenbusky, Nori McGlynn, Nial McGlynn, Gracie McChesney, Brooklynn Maitland, Bryce Maitland, and Frankie D'Avanzo; his brother Danny McGlynn Upper Ard O'Donnell Letterkenny. Joe was predeceased by his siblings Jim, Nellie, Patrick, Eddie, Bridget, Theresa, Hugh, Tony, and Kevin.

Joe had an entrepreneurial spirit that began at the age of ten, in Letterkenny working on their family farm, and butcher shops. He was a paperboy, law firm delivery post boy and picked blackberries to get paid by the weight. In his teens, he drove a semi-truck transporting goods from the North of Ireland to the South where he took it upon himself to have his own "side business" importing Butter and Cigarettes to the South (where these items were hard to get). He was the first UBER. Dances were very big in Ireland back in the day, and in the country, taxis were not an easy option. In his teens, mid 1940's, he earned enough to buy a van. He was going to the dance of course, but he wasn't one to spend the whole night dancing. So, he would pick people up and drop them off at the dance. They would pay him so much per person. He then stayed at the dance, had fun, would do the same with a few trips after the dance.

In 1953, he wanted to see what was across the Pond. He took Mary and off they went. He worked from butchering to sales for Swift and Company for 20 plus years. Simultaneously, in 1969, opened his own butcher shop, Glen-Nor Butcher Shop (run by his wife Mary, AKA Mary the Butcher). In 1974, he purchased Ithan Food Market in Ithan PA, and in the late 1980's, opened two restaurants in Galway, one showcasing Philadelphia Cheesesteaks and American fare (Phillies), the other a specialty café with deli food (Nifty Fifties). Even after retiring, he continued to run the Ithan Food Market for 20 years, leaving a lasting impact on the community. Joe was an avid reader, always staying informed by reading Barron's, the Wall Street Journal daily and of course his Irish Echo. He loved the stock market. Joe had a gift for conversation - loved telling stories, an audience was optional. Relatives and friends were invited to his Visitation on Wednesday, October 30th at St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Chapel, followed by his Funeral Mass and interment. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family, his brother Danny, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The late Anne Kelly

The funeral took place on Saturday of Ann Kelly, Wolfe Tone Place, Letterkenny. Anne was formerly a member of the Glackin family from Glenswilly. After leaving school her first job was in the office at Doherty's Bacon Factory on Port Road and later she worked in Unifi. It was



in Doherty's that she met Frank Kelly and that in time saw the couple get married in St. Eunan's Cathedral in June 1964. Initially they lived in Rosemount before moving to Wolfe Tone Place in February 1967. Gradually that part of Glencar became more residential with more neighbours and families building the community. Anne was very much part of that. The big green in the estate was full of children out playing. Anne was an original member of a group that set up the Glencar Holiday Scheme to provide more recreational activities and breaks for families. She was always a great host for visitors and no one left without the tea and a piece of the home baking. Anne and Frank enjoyed the bus tours down the country and the shopping trips with her two sisters. She is survived by 15 grandchildren and they gave her a new lease of life in later years. Anne passed away at the Donegal Hospice on Wednesday of last week.

She is survived by her husband Frank, sons Michael (Clodagh), Francis (Siobhan), Conal (Una), daughters Eileen (Martin) and Breid, brothers Pat, Con and Jim, sisters Katie and Madge, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law. Anne was predeceased by her parents Michael and Ellen Glackin, brother Finbar and son Joseph. Funeral was on Saturday in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny where the celebrant was Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Burial took place afterwards in the family plot in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Hugh McGeady

The sudden death took place at his home on Friday of Hugh McGeady, Loughnagin Heights, Letterkenny. Aged 67, Hugh was an accountant by profession. He was a native of Gweedore. He was a huge Glasgow Celtic supporter.



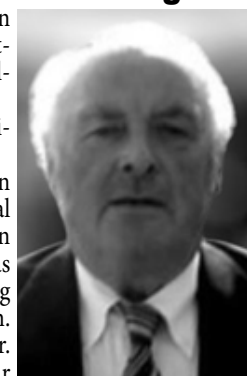
Hugh is survived by his wife Carmel, sons Rogan and his partner Eli, and Ryan and his wife Anne, sister Bernadette and husband Cathal and their sons Lorcan and Cian (Gweedore), sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins and extended family, friends and neighbours Letterkenny, Gweedore and Glasgow. Hugh was predeceased by his parents Teresa 'Tim' and Jimmy.

Hugh's remains reposed at The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Monday followed by removal to the family residence at Loughnagin Heights.

Funeral was from there on Wednesday to the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraine for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Ciaran Harkin. Private cremation took place afterwards in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Phil McGettigan

The funeral took place on Sunday of Phil McGettigan, Casheleenan, Kilmacrennan. Phil passed away on Friday at his home.



He was a very well known member of the local community especially in farming circles and was a familiar figure driving around in his white van. He was a sheep farmer. Phil was a good neighbour and always had time for a chat or a yarn along the road. He was a very talented dart thrower and won an Ulster title in 1980. Phil also had a great love of reading and could converse with young or old on almost any topic.

He was predeceased by his wife Susan (2004), parents Bridget and Johnny, brother John Joseph, sister Margaret and his very good friend P.J. McGettigan. Phil is survived by his daughter Mairéad, sisters Josephine (Jerry) and Kathleen (Johnny), brother Willie, nieces, nephews, great neighbours and many friends.

Phil's remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Friday prior to removal to the residence of his daughter Mairéad at Beinn Aoihbinn, Letterkenny. Fr. Martin Chambers officiated at the Requiem Mass on Sunday in

St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan. Concelebrant was Fr. Dinny McGettigan. Music and hymns were by the church choir. Phil was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

The late Trevor Logue

The death took place on Saturday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Trevor Logue, Crieve. Aged 52, Trevor is survived by his mother Frances, sister Jean and husband Gordon Peoples (Wood Road, Cullion), brother Alistair and wife Karen (Crieve, Letterkenny), nephews David, Evan and Adam, niece Laura and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. He was predeceased by his father William in 2008.



Trevor's remains reposed at the family residence in Crieve. Funeral was from there on Tuesday to Conwal Parish Church, Letterkenny Service of Thanksgiving which was officiated by Reverend David Skuce Interment took place afterwards in Gortlee Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of James Mailley

The unexpected death occurred on Tuesday the 29th of October of James (Jim) Mailley, Carlan Lower, Kerrykeel and formerly Dunbarton, Scotland. Jim is survived by his partner Mary Rose McVey, his extended family, neighbours and many friends.

A service to celebrate Jim's life was held at The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Saturday. Remains were repatriated to Scotland where a cremation will take place at a later date. Deepest condolences are extended to Jim's family and friends.

Funeral of Margaret Harvey

The funeral took place on Friday of Margaret Harvey, Dr. McGinley Road, Letterkenny. A well known member of the local community in Letterkenny, Margaret was a native of Owey Island off the Donegal coast near Kincasslagh. She was just a nine-month-old baby when her parents Edward and Mary moved the family to the mainland to reside at Sheskirone, Dungloe. She went to the local Meenmore NS and then on to secondary school at the Loughanure Tech. Margaret then moved to Letterkenny to work. She was renowned for her baking and sewing skills. In 1988 she married Phonsie Harvey in St. Eunan's Cathedral where a new priest Fr. Pat Ward was officiating at his first wedding. Margaret sang the Homes of Donegal in the Cathedral that day. That talent was in the extended family as she is a cousin of Margo and Daniel O'Donnell. Margo sang some of the hymns on Saturday and was accompanied by Bridgin Carr. Margaret and Phonsie had one son Ciaran who was front and centre of their lives. She was devoted to her faith and was a long-time member of the Legion of Mary where she also served as President. In his homily Fr. Damien Nejad said Margaret would be remembered with great fondness as a family orientated person and would be sadly missed by all who came to know her. Fr. Nejad was the main celebrant at the Requiem Mass on Friday. Concelebrant was Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Margaret was predeceased by her husband Phonsie and brother Michael. She is survived by her son Ciaran, brother Eddie, extended family and friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Bobby Doherty

The death occurred on Wednesday 23rd October in Brentwood Manor Nursing Home, Convoy of Bobby (Bridie) Doherty, Ballymacool Terrace, Letterkenny. Bobby was a well known member of the local community in the town. Remains reposed at Letterkenny Funeral Home, Port Road, Letterkenny. Funeral took place on Friday 25th of October with Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral where the celebrant was Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Bobby was laid to rest afterwards in the family plot in Conwal Cemetery.

She was predeceased by her parents Neilus and Sheila Doherty, sister Mary Frances and twin brother Neilus. Bobby is survived by her sister Vera (Terry), brothers Patrick and Johnny. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Milford

Death of Eileen Stevenson

The death took place on Tuesday 5th November in St Eunan's Nursing Home, Woodlands, Letterkenny of Eileen Stevenson (née Johnston), Ballygay, Milford. Eileen was predeceased by her husband Matt.



Private burial on Thursday morning and there will be a Service of Thanksgiving in Milford Presbyterian Church at 1pm on Thursday.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her daughters June and Lorna, son-in-law David, granddaughters Katy, Suzanne and Julie, sister Isobel, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Milford United Presentation Night

Milford United Football Club will host their Underage Presentation Night on Saturday 9th November in the Milford Parochial Hall at 7pm. All players and parents are invited to attend.

Milford United

Milford United Senior team will play at home to Cranford FC in the League at Moyle View Park on Sunday 10th November at 1.30pm (note later time). Milford United Senior team were defeated by Ballybofey United 2-1 in the league on Sunday, goal scorer was Kyle Black.

The reserve team are away to Gweedore United on Saturday 8th November at 1pm.

50/50

The next Milford Untied 50/50 draw will be the Christmas Monster 50/50 Draw with a guaranteed Jackpot of €3000 which will take place on Sunday 29th December.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Bar Golf Society

President's Day will take place on Saturday 16th November at Portsalon Golf Club. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

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.

Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows:-

Sunday 1st December :- Billy Wray.

Mass Times

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Friday 8th November at 7pm, Saturday 9th November at 6pm; Sunday 10th November at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Thursday 7th 7pm, Sunday 10th at 9.30am.



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Shock as SP Barrett not back as U20 manager

The Donegal U20 team is to have a new manager for the 2025 season after clubs were informed earlier this week that Gary Boyle has been appointed to the post and not Shaun Paul Barrett who had been widely expected to be in the job for a second season. There is a lot of shock locally that

the Milford man didn't get a second term after coming very close to reaching an Ulster Final last year. It had been widely understood that the Garda Sergeant would be there for a two-year term.

Barrett had previously been in as County U20 manager in 2020 when his team reached the Ulster Final. Again somewhat similar to this current situation Barrett did not get a second year with the job going to Gary Duffy on that occasion. While there is normally a review after the first season most County managers get at least two years to bed into the job. Barrett and his backroom would have had near half of last year's squad available for the 2025 season. Ironically Croke Park had done a review with some of Donegal's recent managerial candidates regarding how they were treated during the application and interview process.

Gary Boyle is from the Naomh Mhuire Club in Annagry and is involved with Shay Murrin and Niall Friel who have taken charge of managing the newly formed Southwest Donegal team that are entered in the MacRory Cup later this year. They have responsibility for five schools, Colaiste Na Carraige, St Catherine's VS, Killybegs, St Columba's Comprehensive, Glenties, Pobalscoil Na Rosann, and Pobalscoil Ghaoth Dobhair. Murrin is representing St Columba's Comprehensive, Boyle from Pobalscoil Na Rosann, and Friel is with Pobalscoil Ghaoth Dobhair.



Milford AC News

Pb for Steven in The Big Apple

Congratulations to Steven Devlin who ran a pb of 2.58.09 in the TCS New York Marathon on Sunday morning. A great achievement for the dedicated athlete who earlier in the year ran 2.59.02 in the London Marathon in April.

Speaking afterwards, he said, he was delighted to improve on his London time particularly as New York is a tougher course, particularly over the second half with steep inclines and bridges. With the marathon season wrapped up, Steven becomes the 19th club member to break 3hrs barrier... a task that requires averaging under 4.16km for 42.2km.

Dublin Marathon.

Dublin Marathon was another huge success in terms of numbers competing and Milford AC had a slightly reduced representation of 17 runners. Peter O'Donnell was in super shape going into the race - but in the marathon anything can happen. Thankfully all went well, he stuck to the plan and with the pacing help of club mate, Marty Lynch he took 5 minutes off his pb to run 2.34.27 and finish 62nd overall.

Anthony Doherty took 5 minutes off his pb to run 2.44.47 and finish 2nd in the men's 0/55 Irish Championship. Joe Gibbons also took 5 minutes off his pb to run 2.47.18. Barry Coyle ran 2.57.22. John Whoriskey was 2.58.09. Paddy Ryan paced his brother, Declan to run sub 3 hour at 2.58.42. Darren Murray ran 3.20.05 in Manchester in April and achieved a pb of 3.15.03. Eoin Sheehy took 2 minutes off his time from last year to record 3.15.08. Daniel Cullen ran a pb of 3.26.04. James Whoriskey was 3.34.11. Karen McAteer took 34 minutes off her time from last year to run a pb



of 3.48.56. Brian Doherty with little training wanted to maintain his record of having ran every Dublin marathon since 2012 ran 3.58.55 but his sister, Siobhan Kenny, Naas AC had the family bragging rights as she ran 3.55.20!

Michael McBreaty took 22 minutes off his time from last year to run a pb of 4.10.22. Jacqui Barrett had probably the 'worst day at the club office' as she struggled in the closing stages but with determination and support she achieved the remaining target of getting to the finish line, regardless of time.

Maureen Curran who trained with the Club CTo5km group over the Summer achieved her target of completing a marathon coming home in 4.58.57 pb. Moira Stilvern ran 5.41.46 to place 7th in the ladies 0/70 category. Her daughter, Rachael ran 3.53.58.

Another Milford native now running with Naas AC completed her first marathon. Brid O Connor, nee McHugh, daughter of Mary and the late John McHugh, Forquar, ran 4.41.00.



Parent Wendy Carr getting her point across on Wednesday morning.



Milford parents Gareth McLearnan and Patrick McBride being interviewed Shane O Curraibhin of RTE on Wednesday morning.



Traffic congestion at Scoil Mhuire on Wednesday morning (well every school morning).



Ladies from the "First House" Studio's Craft Group outdid themselves this season. Together, they completed many projects including a spooky Halloween cross-stitch sampler and some chunky pumpkins. These creations were gifted to the Milford A Post Office, and they couldn't be more thrilled.



Kellyann Buchanan of Drumherville, Ramelton who graduated with a BEd Honours Degree in Sports Studies and Physical Education with French from UCC, Cork. Daughter of Jason and Marianna Buchanan, grand daughter of Harry and the late Mary Buchanan, Milford and May and the late Francis McGregor McFadden, Ray. Kellyann is a past pupil of Brownknowe National School and Mulroy College, Milford. She is currently taken up a teaching post in Drogheda Educate Together Secondary School.



Martin Roarty presenting Brigid Wilhare, Cranford with €1000 following her winning the Jackpot in the Milford United 50/50 Draw in October. The next 50/50 Draw will be the Monster Christmas 50/50 with a guaranteed jackpot of €3000 with draw on Sunday 29th December.

Activities at the Gallowglass Centre

The Gallowglass Community Centre's Autumn schedule continues with a variety of activities designed to engage and inspire the community. Classes which are taking place are Baby-Toddler Group: Conversational English: Men's Pilates: Active Retirement Contact Emma Doherty directly on 086 7707586; Line Dancing; Pilates CL Wellness: Healing Flow Yoga: Antenatal Classes: Milford Yarns: Move2TheBeat: Phone Photography/Digital Skills: Sounds Music Workshop: Community Choir: Scouting Ireland Info and Sign-Up: Jane Watt Chair Yoga: Social Dancing. Weekends are available for party and event bookings, providing a versatile space for community gatherings.

Upcoming Health and Wellness Events, the centre will host a Men's Health and Wellness Event on November 21st.



Opening Hours

Food Served Daily
 12.30 - 8.00pm Sunday - Thursday
 12.30 - 9.00pm Friday - Saturday

Sun. 10th November - Sunday Lunch

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Thursday 14th November - **Olivia Douglas** Thursday 21st Nov - **Gavin Gribben**

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Christmas Party at the Mulroy Woods Hotel

Join us for our Christmas Party Night on Saturday 14th December with **Thomas Maguire & Fiona Ennis Band** followed by DJ

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Pictured are members of the Milford Yarns Crochet Group donating 306 Baby Hats to staff at the Maternity Unit at Letterkenny University Hospital to provide warmth and comfort to newborns. The group meet every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm and for more information about the Milford Yarns Crochet Group or to get involved, please contact Lesley Newberry, Social facilitator, lesley@mdrc.ie

Not All Cultures Are Equal?

It's a big week for election lovers. Not only does it look like the worst kept secret in Ireland will finally be announced but across the pond the biggest show of them all is finally upon us. I have at least one friend who will spend all of Tuesday night scoffing snacks in front of live electoral college projections.

Just a few days ago, another vote reached its conclusion as the UK Conservative Party elected their new leader. Kemi Badenoch is now the official leader of the Opposition, although whether she will contest

a General Election before being ousted by her hopelessly divided parliamentary party is anyone's guess. Badenoch's victory came at the end of a strange old contest: a low energy meander that barely seemed to make a splash on the public consciousness.

The race did provide one fascinating moment a few weeks ago as the now Tory leader penned a Sunday Telegraph article laying out some of her policies. The article contained one phrase that sparked a maelstrom of criticism as Badenoch declared that, "not all cultures are equally valid".

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

The backlash was predictable. Laura Kuenssberg took her to task on BBC One. James O'Brien offered

the usual disingenuous soundbites on LBC. A raft of Guardian columnists sounded their xenophobia sirens and went on the attack.

Yet as much as it is deemed unsayable by the media establishment, Badenoch wasn't wrong. Secondary schools in Afghanistan are strictly boys only zones. Women living in Iran dare not leave home without carefully covering themselves from head to toe. Millions of young girls in parts of Africa and Indonesia are horrifically injured by genital mutilation carried out in the name of cultural tradition. If all cultures are equally valid then the oppression of women must logically be con-

sidered on a par with Irish dancing or afternoon tea. I can think of plenty of reasons to criticise the new Tory leader, but her comments on cultural relativism are not one of them. Sure, every culture has both its strong points and its blind spots, but some are so appallingly regressive that they must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. To pretend otherwise is to fail those who suffer under their harshest traditions. Inevitably it is women and minorities who tend to bear the brunt.

In fact, we should go further than Badenoch and dig a little deeper. Why is it that women are treated like property in some cultures while

they are valued and free in others? Why is equality under the law at the heart of some cultures while such a notion would be unthinkable in others?

A historical study unearths an inconvenient truth: values such as empathy, equality, and respect didn't arise in a vacuum but gradually found acceptance as Christianity spread and transformed the cultures into which it arrived. The dramatic spread of the Gospel provided the soil that these cherished concepts needed in order to blossom. The usual suspects won't acknowledge it if course, but even those with a distaste for Christianity tend to like its fruit.

Change of govt. required to deliver 100% redress - SF Leader

Sinn Féin Leader Mary Lou McDonald met on Friday with families in Inishowen whose homes have been impacted by the defective blocks scandal. She was accompanied by Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Pearse Doherty and they set out Sinn Féin's absolute commitment to deliver 100% redress for all defective block homeowners.

Ms. McDonald said "We had lengthy and detailed discussions with families in Inishowen whose homes have been impacted by the defective block scandal. Thousands of families, through no fault of their own have been left in an appalling situation for years now because of the use of defective blocks in their homes. They have been very badly let down by the outgoing Fianna Fáil/Fine Gael government who have not taken this issue seriously and have shown no urgency. The result is that only a very small

number of homeowners out of the thousands affected have had their homes remediated but they have had to pay tens of thousands of euro themselves. This is utterly unfair and everyone else continues to be left in limbo with no certainty for the future. We set out Sinn Féin's commitment to deliver 100% redress which would ensure that all residential properties are remediated with surrounding walls and ancillary buildings covered. It would also include holiday homes and rental properties that remain in the rental sector with no clawback for the first three properties. Separately, we will audit commercial and community properties to identify the extent and scale of what is required and options for redress.

We have a clear plan and have ensured that the funding will be in place from day one so that the maximum number of homes can be remediated quickly."



Paddy Diver and Michael Doherty and Mica Affected homeowners with Sinn Féin leader Mary Lou McDonald, Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn and Pearse Doherty.

Rathmullan

Tidy Towns

The annual Tidy Towns results issued on Friday last and we're delighted to have been awarded an increase of 14 points year on year, total 327 out of a possible 550. All the comments were quite favourable with more suggestions for other initiatives. Thank you Rathmullan for your continued support, to all who present their own areas and property to a high standard, as well as everyone who helps out on special occasions, we're very grateful. By working together, we are ensuring Rathmullan is a great place for us all to live, work and enjoy. Congratulations to our cross water neighbours Bunrana for their fantastic achievement on winning Gold and first place in the County, and to all the other Donegal towns and villages who take huge pride in their hometowns.

Due to popular demand, we're pleased to announce that a new 'Upcycled Christmas Décor' 6 week course, facilitated by Moira McHugh, Perfectly Thrifted Interiors commenced on Tuesday last. This course which is part funded by ETB's Community Education Support programme is now fully subscribed, and we wish all the participants well in their endeavours.

Now in these darker evenings, gardai are asking us all to be vigilant and wear hi viz clothing when out and about. Also, if you notice any faulty street lighting in Rathmullan, then please report it to 1800 1501 150. Electric Skyline is the contract for defective public lighting in County Donegal.

Rathmullan Film Festival Challenge

The annual film festival will not take place until February 2025, but in the meantime the committee are calling first time and emerging film makers based in Donegal, Tyrone or Derry to make an Irish language film using repurposed archive footage and screen it at the Festival. Training for this Free Filmmaking challenge will

take place via Zoom over 4 evenings November/December 2024 in association with Northern Ireland Screen and Poca Productions. Contact Camilla@pocaproductions.ie for registration and full details.

Rathmullan Celtic 50/50

There is still time to get your tickets for the deferred Halloween Draw for this coming Saturday 9th November, available in all the usual locations and online now. 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 ticket purchases will be confirmed either by email or text.

Christmas Lights

Now that the Halloween decorations are all tucked away, it's time to think of the Christmas Lights. Help Rathmullan sparkle more this year by supporting the Annual Raffle for Hampers and many other prizes that are on offer. Lines €2 or 3 for €5 available in all local outlets. Further information available on 085 1172107.

University Sailing Team Racing Rathmullan

Rathmullan will welcome teams of university students on 9th & 10th November for a weekend of inter-collegiate sailing team racing. Four regattas are run throughout Ireland each year to find the best university sailors who will represent Ireland at international university sailing competitions. Carlingford has already played host this year, but the event in Rathmullan will be a first for Donegal.

Team sailing has grown from strength to strength over the past twenty years and is the primary sailing activity in universities worldwide. University teams from Galway, Cork, Limerick, Belfast and Dublin are expected, with many of the sailors having represented Ireland in other sailing

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classes. The sailing is expected to be of the highest level, and will take place close to the beach in Rathmullan - so is well worth a visit.

Rathmullan Sailing and Watersports Club will be hosting the event, and we are delighted to have been included in their racing agenda. We are expecting over 150 sailors who are being hosted in the town, and we look forward to seeing them out and about over the weekend enjoying the Donegal hospitality.

Bingo with a Difference

Rathmullan Community Festival are presenting 'Bingo with a Difference' for adults only, on Friday next, 15th November in the Beachcomber Bar with DJ Terry McIlvar. Six rounds of bingo, party games with crazy prizes and raffle, with entry fee €10 payable at the door.

St Vincent De Paul

Any time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, so contact the Confidential number 087 698 2822. Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, while also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. If you're looking for Christmas inspiration, then why not drop into the shop and select a few great bits & pieces suitable for upcycling.

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Book Club - Meet again Monday 11th November at 11.30am. New members are always welcome.

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

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

Other Notes:

Postnatal Pilates in Mevagh Family Resource Centre starts Wednesday 13th November at 10am for 5 weeks. €50. Call Danielle on 0851622310 to secure your place.

Pilates in Mevagh Family Resource Centre new block starts Thursday 21st November at 6.30pm for 5 weeks. €50. Call Danielle on 0851622310 to secure your place.

Men's - Fit for life Exercise & Physical Activity Programme for men, starts Thursday 14th November for 5 Weeks - €50. Contact Fiona directly on 085 1569424 or email risehealthhub@gmail.com

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

Yoga Kindly - continues on a Saturday morning at 9:45am. Contact Brigitte directly on 087-0653333 or email brigitte@yogawildatlanticway.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.

Coffee Morning in Gartan

Stramore National School are inviting everyone to join them at their Coffee Morning in the Heritage Centre, Gartan on Sunday the 10th of November from 10.30am to 1.30pm to raise funds for the running of the school.

Glenree 50th anniversary book launch

The launch of the Glenree 50th anniversary book will take place on Saturday, 23rd of November in the Carrigart Hotel. The Committee is putting the finishing touches to their 200 plus pages of arti-



GLENREE 50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK LAUNCH

**Carrigart Hotel
3 pm Saturday 23 November**

Join us in celebrating 50 years of Glenree Sports Club with a special collection of stories, reflections and opinions from past members. This book captures the rich history of the club - McGettigan/Coyle family, Athletics, Soccer, Rugby and the memories of camaraderie shared by all. Set in a picturesque location, the stories reflect the spirit of community, sport and the Joy of Glenree. (BOOK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM 2PM)

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Myles Gallagher and John Friel.

cles. 10-year-olds up to the age of 99 have contributed to the book in their own special way. Many topics have been covered including, among others, Athletics, Soccer, Rugby, Golf, History, Geography,

Culture, Health, Funny Stories, Interviews, Podcasts, Singing, Walking Club, Doe Castle, Ty students, Jimmy McGrory, Olympic Experiences, Olympians, Mulroy Stars.

Perhaps the most important part is the memories of camaraderie among the participants over the last fifty years and the stories reflect the spirit of their community. They set out to include diversity in the book so that it wouldn't just include sport. They have many other topics included to make it interesting for a wider audience.

The committee hopes that the local community and the diaspora will enjoy the read. The Glenree Sports Club was formed in Tommy and Teasie McBrides's house in Umlagh. It was John F Friel and Myles Gallagher who discussed the possibility of recording the history of Glenree Sports Club. It's been a big undertaking, but well worthwhile to preserve the history of the club, its legacy and honour the people who contributed to its success.

Myles Gallagher said so many people had contributed in different ways to the development of the club. Athletics Ireland President John Cronin, a native of Dooley, Downings was a regular at the Croc o'Gold venue in his youth for athletics training. John was an All-Ireland winner with Glenree AC On many occasions, John and his brother Patrick, thumbed the seven miles from Dooley to train in Glenree or sometimes they took the "shortcut" up Tramore Beach.

Frank Kelly from Creeslough was the first Glenree FC manager. They entered the Donegal League in the 74/75 season. Myles Gallagher remembered the late Jim McFadden sending out letters to all the club secretaries in the league to vote Glenree into the league. It worked. Their first game was at home against Killea FC on 29th September 1974 with Killea winning by 2-0. Former Irish League and League of Ireland players, Jimbo Crossan and Richie Kelly were playing for Killea.

Mick McGettigan is the oldest surviving member of the first Glenree Sports Club meeting that took place in Tommy and Teasie McBrides house in Umlagh. Mick and perhaps Bernie McLaughlin have spent the most time on the day-to-day business of Glenree over the last fifty years. They are two men that have done trojan work for the club.

29 Transition Year students from Loreto CS Milford have been helping and driving the project forward, ably led by their teacher Roisin Coyle with the cooperation of Principal Margaret O'Connor. The digital hub at gteic Carraig Airt has also been invaluable as a meeting point for those involved with the benefit of using their facilities to build the book momentum.

Dr Edmund and Pat Coyle have been thanked for the use of their property for sporting activities over the past 50 years. Their son David is allowing the continued use of the ground for playing and training up to the present day.

The launch of the Glenree 50th anniversary book will take place on Saturday the 23rd of November in the Carrigart Hotel at 3 p.m. The book will be available to buy from 2p.m.

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A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

Everything has its time - my time with horses is done

I was in Rathmullan again last week for a couple of nights. It's unusual for me to go up for two consecutive weeks because it means taking time off work and leaving folk without their regular cover. But unfortunately, my head is not good at the moment; I'm on a greatly increased amount of meds, the sleep is haywire and I just needed to get away for a couple of days peace and quiet.

It's a strange and unsettling place to be in your head and body; sort of disassociated from everything around you, like you're in a sound-proof glass bubble, remotely watching someone else's life happening.

Until the next wave of despair (Despair (noun) the complete loss or absence of hope) overwhelms you and you're drowning in a tsunami of grief again. Then you know for absolute certainty that this is your life and there's no escaping it until the end. I am extremely fortunate to have the support of my family and friends, and my work acts as a buffer to help put some structure on the interminable days. In time this will pass... or it won't, but right here, right now the clock is still ticking.

Outside the glass bubble of isolation the parallel life continues to lurch forward. I bought an old shipping container so that I would have a safe, dry place to store my meagre belongings until the house is ready. I have no shed or garage and every nook and cranny belonging to the family is crammed with the detritus of life. I have to thank Paddy Sweeney of Sweeney Containers and Cabins, Letterkenny for his top class, professional service, and also for his kindness, humanity and understanding. I would unreservedly recommend him to anyone looking for a secure self storage unit or any form of container unit.

Back at the build, the lads had all the sewerage and water pipes completed and were finishing up the landscaping. The place looked like the

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aftermath of a world war but a few loads of gravel and deluges of rain will wash the ground clean and it will all heal itself over the winter. John had the light fittings in place in the house and I got Margaret to come over to keep an eye while I climbed the ladder to put in bulbs. Part of the ceiling is very high and I needed someone to say how it happened in case I took flight from the ladder. The electricity and heating go live on Friday 8th, which will be a massive step forward and it will finally allow me to think about getting the tiling and second fix carpentry done. I know that when I boil the first kettle of water to make the first pot of tea that it will be a great achievement and the realisation of a lifelong goal, but at the moment there's no joy in me for celebrations.

The nine reactor cattle were valued, to everybody's satisfaction, and duly went off to the factory. With a bit of luck the next TB test will be clear, but at the very least it will be an easier test because the cattle will already be housed for the winter. Himself is having trouble with his back at the moment so I'm doing the feeding when I'm here. It suits the cattle because my inability to sleep well means that they get fed long before sun/crow rise and it passes an empty hour for me. The horses were

rugged last week while they were dry.

There are only three left this winter as I gradually phase them out. Everything has its time and my time with horses is done. They were a wonderful part of life and I was fortunate to have some great successes over the years, but now it's time to move on. The sheep are doing a good thrive and putting on condition on the late grass. There are just under forty of them this year; a little less than a third of the previous flock, and lambing is due to start around February 17th. I sold my own flock and put the money towards the house. Another part of my life that has run its course and reached the end. The woollies, like the horses, were a great source of pleasure and interest over the years, but you need land for them, and I am not a landowner. I am gradually emptying all the summer planters and readying the garden for winter. I like this time of year when everything gets tidied away and the soil is in big heaps, resting and refreshing for next year.

I will move my geraniums and dahlias to Rathmullan so they don't fall victim to the hard, midland frosts here. I had 10 daffodil bulbs riding round in the front of the Caddy for about a month while I waited for the head to come right again. I'm still waiting for that,



Kate Carton

but I planted the bulbs anyway in two buckets when I was in Rathmullan last week so they'll be coming along. They'll come in useful somewhere in the spring.

I was in Cavan the other day, looking for a go of fold up packing boxes to pack my belongings into for moving. On the way down the street I took a notion to call into a second hand furniture shop to see if I could pick up a narrow reclining chair for Himself. It's not so much that he has a skinny arse (far from it!), but there's no space in this gaff for the modern, thickly upholstered chairs. I was the only client in the shop and the owner was showing me around and chatting, as you do.

He happened to make some remark about how I seemed troubled and sure the flood gates opened and I bawled for Ireland. He was the kindest fella you could meet and he gave me a big hug and a mug of tea and we ended up having a great chat. I've met some of the nicest, most understanding folk during this dark patch and I'm very grateful to each of them for their time and care. With a bit of luck the sun will rise again some day soon and hope will return. Look after your mental health because without it you have nothing.

Gallen and Ryan support Sports Star nominations



Letterkenny MD Mayor Cllr Gerry McMonagle, Danny Ryan, Grace Boyle, Sharon Gallen and Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh

Two of the most decorated Donegal Sports Star winners Sharon Gallen and Danny Ryan have lent their support to the nominations drive for the 2024 Awards. Sharon Gallen (nee Foley) and Danny Ryan excelled in athletics and boxing respectively in their sporting careers. Lifford woman Sharon Foley twice won the Overall Award in 1989 and 1993 for her high jumping successes. She was only the second woman ever to take the Overall Award after Danae Herron in 1985. Only Sinead Jennings has taken the top honour more than Foley.

Raphoe man Danny Ryan won the Donegal Sports Star Award Boxing Category five years in a row from 1990 to 1994. Foley and Ryan both

competed at international level. Ryan went to box in the professional ranks after an outstanding amateur career. And the family links with Donegal Sports Star successes has continued for Sharon with her eldest daughter Adrienne winning the Youth Award in both 2020 and 2021 for her achievements in Track & Field while her younger sibling Caoimhe was a nominee in 2023 representing Lifford-Strabane AC. Sharon Gallen and Danny Ryan joined the Committee this week to encourage sporting bodies to submit nominations for the 2024 Awards with the deadline approaching at the end of the month. It's been another good year in terms of success for teams and individuals

from the County. The closing date for the submission of nominations is Friday, 29th of November and should be emailed to info@donegal-sportsstarawards.ie Include a brief summary of achievements along with photos and any video footage.

The successes must have taken place during the calendar year 2024. The Hall of Fame winner will be selected by the Committee so nominations should not be submitted for this category. The presentations will take place on Friday, 31st of January in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. Once again Donegal County Council are the sponsors and they have been involved since the late 1970s when they started sponsor-

ing the school categories. Awards Chairperson Grace Boyle said the Committee was pleased with the level of nominations already received from Primary and Post-Primary Schools which had an earlier deadline.

"Last year we presented awards in over 30 different categories so that demonstrates the successes and the diversity of sport across the County. That is something that we as a Committee were very pleased to see. We have already seen this year that the spread of achievements is happening again so it's important that all of those are recognised by being amongst the nominees when the Awards function takes place at the end of January" Ms Boyle said.

Coffee Morning in Gartan

Stramore National School are inviting everyone to join them at their Coffee Morning in the Heritage Centre, Gartan on Sunday the 10th of November from 10.30am to 1.30pm to raise funds for the running of the school.

Anam Cara

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Thursday 14th November at 7:15pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.



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Celebrations at Milford Playgroup

The Milford Community Playgroup hosted an anniversary event on Saturday last in their premises on the Moyle Road. There was face painting and refreshments with a display of nostalgic photos arranged by Emma Strain stretching back to children from the earlier years.



Michelle Greene and Jackie Strain cutting the cake.

It was very disappointing that this could not include the latter years but unfortunately with the new GDPR regulations this would have been illegal.

Rebecca Strain welcomed everyone beginning with the quote "People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing."

"For a community group to last four decades there must have been a lot of fun to balance out the hard work and dedication of so many people over the years. She said her education began at the Playgroup in the Community Hall in the early '80's. Back then a group of local parents got together to provide a resource for parents and children to prepare them before they went on to big school.

Many things have changed since those initial meetings but today's playgroup still retains the same ethos of putting the needs of the child first, encouraging learning through play, nurturing each individual and building self-confidence.

Over the years many great people, kept the Playgroup going, as leaders, assistants, committee

members and volunteers. But there are a few people who have dedicated more than their fair share of time and energy. The current staff team have kept going through thick and thin, under the guidance of their leader for over 35 years Jackie Strain. In the words of Eilish Toye, Jackie has left a legacy of love and care and left an indelible mark on the childcare community in the region. Hundreds of children and their children have benefited from her commitment to early childhood education." Rebecca concluded before calling Eilish Toye to make a presentation to Jackie. Presentations were also made to Eilish Toye and current staff members Michelle Greene and Paula Devlin.

In returning thanks Jackie Strain said the Playgroup would not be the Playschool without the parents and it started out with one parent, Ellen Strain looking for a place her son Ian and that started things going. "All the way through the parents have been very supportive and a big thank you to my right hand woman through it all Michelle Greene for her work. Thanks to Una McGettigan and Shirley Ward at the start. Only for the kids I would be lost. I was supposed to be retired last year but I want to get a permanent home for the children of the town."

We are booked out for 2025 and if you want to get



Eilish Toye making a presentation to Jackie Strain.

a space please book now for 2026. She thanked everyone involved in putting the anniversary together before cutting the cake along with Michelle Greene.



Jackie Strain with Irene and Ivan McCausland.



Eilish Toye with some of her daughters and grand daughters.



Grainne McCafferty with her daughter Orla and grand daughter Ava.



Ellen Strain with the Eastwoods.



Emma Strain, Paula Devlin, Eilish Toye, Michelle Greene, Jackie Strain, Rebecca Strain, Teresa McDermott, Una McGettigan and Grainne McCafferty.

Cranford's McFadden scores Double victory at Ulster Champs

Cranford AC athletes enjoyed a successful day at the Ulster Uneven Ages and Novice Championships held in Finn Valley. With ideal weather and a well-maintained course, athletes across various age categories showcased their hard work and determination in what proved to be a memorable competition. A special thanks to Finn Valley for their exceptional organisation, making for a smooth and enjoyable event.

The day kicked off with the Under-9 girls' race, where Lily Rose Browne and Sarah Boyce represented the Club. Adam Rogers was the sole representative for the Under-9 boys and delivered an impressive run.

Cranford's Under-11 girls' team followed, bringing five runners to the starting line. Molly Moyles, Ava McBride, Rose O'Toole, Aisling Toner, and Sadhbh McBride each gave a strong effort, showing teamwork and skill.



Cranford AC Novice Men Ryan McBride, Seamus Kelly, Liam Doherty and Danny McFadden

The Under-11 boys' team also had a great race, with John Patrick Duffy, John Boyle, Gavin Boyce, and Bobby Browne giving it their all.

Competing in the Under-13 boys who had a stand-out performance. Congratulations to Ben McGee who finished in 7th place, Charlie Rogers, Roan Laddley, Tarlach Duggan, Faolan Caldwell, Rory Boyce, James Hartigan, Oisín Giles, Harry McHugh and Peadar McBride who all showed impressive endurance and camaraderie on the course. Ben McGee and Charlie Rogers were also part of the winning Donegal team too.

In the Under-15 category, Olivia Curran ran out of her age and put in a remarkable effort.

Meanwhile, Oisín McBride, also competing in an older category, came home in an impressive 6th place. His strong finish secured him a place at the All-Ireland Championships in Waterford. Well done to both Olivia and Oisín.

The Under-17 boys continued the momentum, with Michael Moore and Diarmuid Gallagher both delivering strong races. Michael's 10th-place finish earned him a well-deserved place in the All-Ireland finals in Waterford, set to take place in four weeks.

In the Under-19 girls' race, Mia Fletcher represented Cranford AC with a stellar performance, coming in 11th and securing her own spot at the All-Ireland. Mia was also part of the winning Donegal team. In the boys' category, Caolán McFadden capped off the underage events in style. Running out of his age, McFadden led from the start, clocking a personal best of 15 minutes and 12 seconds in the 5K, and qualified for the All-Ireland as well.

The Donegal team won gold in the Under 19 event. The day concluded with the novice men's race, where Cranford AC had four athletes competing. Congratulations to Seamus Kelly, Liam Doherty, Ryan McBride, and Danny McFadden, who each put forth a commendable effort. The younger Cranford athletes were on hand to cheer on the senior runners, adding to the spirited atmosphere of the day.

Special recognition goes to coach Declan McBride, whose guidance was key despite his disappointment in being sidelined due to injury. Additionally, congratulations to Hugh Duffy, who completed the Dublin Marathon last Sunday, demonstrating the strength and versatility within Cranford AC.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated coaches and supportive parents who contributed to the success of each athlete. Cranford AC will next compete in the All-Ireland event in Inverstown on November 17th, where our athletes will again have the chance to showcase their skill and determination. Good luck to all, and here's to continued success for Cranford AC!



Ulster Champion Caolan McFadden with Declan McBride and Eamon Giles.



Lily Rosé Brown and Sarah Boyce



Cranford AC Girls U11 Molly Moyles, Ava McBride, Rose O'Toole, Aisling Tonnor and Sadhbh McBride



Diarmuid Gallagher and Michael Moore who ran in the U17 boys race.



Cranford AC U13 team who came 4th and now qualify for Nationals in Waterford next month. Faolan Caldwell, Ben McGee, Charlie Rogers, Roan Laddley, Peadar McBride, Rory Boyce, James Haitian, Oisín Giles, Tarlach Duggan, Harry McHugh.



Miah Fletcher who came 11th and was on the winning Donegal team.



U13 Charlie Rogers and Ben McGee.



Oisín McBride who won an individual medal and Olivia Curran both competed U15.



Cranford AC athletes and coaches and supporters



Cranford AC boys U11 John Patrick Duffy, John Boyle and Gavin Boyce

Pat the Cope Gallagher: inspired by his legend

Fianna's Fail's Pat the Cope Gallagher is the grandson of the founder of The Templecrone Co-Op. He's immensely proud to bear the name. There is no doubt that when he completes his 5k walk every morning at 6.00am, he is inspired by the 'Cope' legacy. It is from where he gets the passion, the energy and the drive to serve the people with a dedication that is writ large across his political career.

This general election will be Pat the Cope Gallagher's sixteenth time to seek a mandate from the people and he's looking forward to the campaign with the same enthusiasm and energy as he did in 1979 when he first ran for a seat on Donegal County Council.

The State of the main parties after the EU Elections is FF 35: FG 32: SF 33: Indep 20: Greens 12: Lab and Soc. Dems 6 each: Sol. PBP 5: Indep Ireland 3 Aontu 1: Others including the Ceann Comhairle 3. And there are five vacancies in the 33rd Dail. And the new House will have 174 seats.

This Pat the Cope's 11th General Election campaign and his team, one of the most energised and experienced, are burning the midnight oil to ensure that every FF vote is harvested and as many more as possible. It's a very daunting task, but it's no bother to the Cope who is revelling in the challenge. The burning ambition is to win back the seat that Pat held through nine general elections.

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It is a very long way back to Christmas Night 1871 and the birth of Patrick Gallagher in the mountainy Rosses townland of Cleendara.

One of nine children, this was the man who would become the founder of 'The Templecrone Co-Operative Society'

His autobiography is the stuff of heroes and 'The Cope' is forever etched in history.

There is no doubt that when he completes his walk every morning, he is inspired by 'the Cope' and it is from where he gets the desire, the energy and the drive to serve the people with a dedication that is writ large across his political career.

Even in today's times, Paddy Cope's autobiography is inspirational in the manner that he overcame many obstacles on the road to setting up the 'Cope'. And he did it well because the company's delivery vans are out across many parts of Donegal serving the needs of the community.

Paddy Gallagher's book is forever entwined within the mood music of an Ireland, oppressed, under British law and the hard earned few shillings to exist were scarce and many were forced to emigrate. The Templecrone Co-Op and its founder survived those harsh times with hope, inspiration, the people and their kindred spirit. It is a rich part of a history of which we all should be justifiably proud because we owe everything to the pioneering spirit that drove a movement that has continued to serve many parts of Donegal

to the present day.

And like most simple ideas, the Co-Op began in Cleendara when along with a few neighbours, smallholders among the stony gray fields, Paddy Gallagher pulled together the idea that might give them a bit of bargaining power to buy bags manures... it was original and few others apart from the revered Fr. James McDyer has come to epitomise the spirit of Donegal.

Paddy the Cope became the first Chairman of this small group and so began the legend of the Templecrone Co-operative Society. And in the early nineteen fifties, Paddy Gallagher harnessed the energy from the local river to provide electricity for Dungloe, the various business premises and local industry.

The man became a huge inspiration in the Rosses and he was the moving spirit and Chairman. The legacy that would become 'Paddy the Cope' first small steps grew from one small seedling of inspiration.

The people of Donegal are Pat the Cope's community and his political input in politics is part of that legacy. And the family history is likely the reason that Pat earned a B. Comm. degree at University College Galway.

Misled by Micheal Barnier

After being selected to contest the General Election, Pat 'The Cope' delivered the best speech of the night: full of enthusiasm and forward thinking. He declared he was as enthusiastic as ever and the campaign is taking him out on the roads well travelled in a career of 45 years.

He told the 300 strong convention that he felt he sold out by Michel Barnier on Ireland's fishing quotas. Barnier had been the EU chief negotiator in the Brexit talks when he met Deputy Gallagher in 2019, was the European Union's Chief Negotiator in the Brexit talks when he met with then Deputy Gallagher. Barnier has since become the Prime Minister of France, elected to the office only last month.

One of the compromises agreed on Brexit centered on the UK being allowed to reclaim control over fishing waters. Ireland, as one of the EU countries most reliant on British waters for fishing, was disproportionately affected, losing around 15% of its quota

Pat the Cope told the FF grassroots on convention night: "We have lost the equivalent of €224 million worth of fish over that period.

Michel Barnier sat across a table in Dáil Éireann and told me: 'The fishing industry will not be affected while I am negotiating the Brexit deal'.

"How foolish I was to have listened to him. He sold us out at the time. We didn't get what he promised. He said negotiations on fisheries would be inextricably linked with trade and we wouldn't lose..."

Pat was always a Fianna Fail activist and he was first elected in 1979 to Donegal County Council for the Glenties Electoral area. Back then the elected members had real clout and could deliver for their communities.

Lifford was a proactive hub for all political parties and none. And there were more important meetings of importance in the corridors than inside the Chamber and we all recall the racket when the County Manager put a penny on the commercial rates... it was the closest we came to a riot since the foundation of the State!

The Council was a hard hitting Chamber of debate and the rivalry between FF and FG was intense... then Independent Fianna Fail arrived on the scene with four Members. They were to offer a new dynamic and a real challenge for the established parties on the Council. In his time, Pat the Cope became close to Neil Blaney and his party because they contributed in a positive way to the debates... some of which were never-ending! Pat enjoyed the cut and thrust of the Council and he was re-elected in 1985 and might have contested the local elections in 1991, but he was a TD and dual-membership was removed... but not for the benefit of the people. He was Council Chairman in 1985/86.

He has an immense record of serving people over all his life. If you need a passport in a hurry or a hospital bed... then Pat's the man on the ball and he knows almost all the important people who can help out.

He was first elected to the Dail in 1981 for Donegal South West and was returned again in Feb 82 and Nov 82. His record of service in the Dail continued following the general elections of 1987, 1989, 1992, 2002, 2007 and 2016: he lost out in the 2020 election and that is one of the reasons he's back in the campaign. He believes he's got unfinished business serving Donegal and he brings a huge wealth of experience that will stand the county well in the years ahead.

He's proud to have served in the Dail under FF leaders, Charlie Haughey, Albert Reynolds and Bertie Ahern and in his time there have also been strong FG Taoisigh: Garrett Fitzgerald through to Enda Kenny and Leo Varadkar.

Pat being a fluent Irish speaker has always had a strong interest in their communities, the fishing industry, rural affairs and farming and in retaining the population on the Western seaboard.

February 1981 was the election FF should have won with Charles Haughey as party leader. In a close contest FF ended up losing 4.5% of the popular vote and were down six seats to 78. A resurgent FG under the leadership of Garret Fitzgerald gained 22 seats to give them 65. Haughey lost out as



Pat the Cope Gallagher.

Labour's Frank Cluskey joined FG in forming a government with 80 seats: it was four short of a majority and seemed destined not to last very long.

This was the first of five general elections in the eighties and the country seemed a basket case. Pat the Cope had a front row seat in those historic Dails.

He was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Marine from 12th March 1987 to 12th July 1988. He was appointed Minister of State at the Department of the Gaeltacht in July 1987, serving in that post until February 1992 and again in the same post from 13th February 1992 until 12th January 1993. He was appointed Minister of State at the Department of the Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht on 14th January 1993.

Life in EU Parliament

Pat the Cope contested EU Parliament in 1994, 2009 and 2014.

In 1994, he was elected to the European Parliament as an MEP for the Connacht-Ulster constituency, and was re-elected at the 1999 European Parliament election. During his period in Europe, Gallagher was a member of a number of committees including Fisheries, Economics and Monetary and Industry and Energy.

He was returned as an MEP for the North-West constituency in the 2009 European Parliament election and he replaced Brian Crowley as the head of Fianna Fáil's European delegation.

Gallagher lost his seat at the 2014 European Parliament election.

He returned to domestic politics to successfully contest the 2002 general election, and was appointed Minister of State at the Department of the Environment and Local Government in June 2002. In Taoiseach Bertie Ahern's reshuffle in 2004, he was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Environment and Local Government and at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources from 29th September 2004 to 14th February 2006. Following a period in this role, Gallagher was appointed as Minister of State at the Department of Transport from 14th February 2006 where he served until 14th June 2007. From 20st June 2007 to 12th May 2008, he served as Minister of State at the Depart-

ment of Health and Social responsibility for and Food Safety. He was elected after Brian Cowen in May 2008.

In the 2016 general election alongside sitting TDs, he spoke as the two Fianna Fail members in the new five-seat Donegal constituency. Gallagher was elected on the first count, after McConal on the first count.

Following the 2016 election, Leas Cheann-Comhairle Pat the Cope would have to win the FF seat in the time, perhaps that was given his profile. He had a preference of 9.64% a 1.1% behind Charlie the preferences were in favour. Fianna Fail's first Deputy and I can in details of every poll analysed and the midn as FF seeks to win back Donegal. That result will be a bellwether of Martin as he strives to tries out towards gaining seats nationally.

The margins are very FF but the Tanaiste ca that Team Pat the Cope forefront in delivering Donegal. Between no

will be tens of thousand out and car tyres will be the bonfires with a Dail objective. That, just now the Cope supporters in the ty. There is a way to go a the lie of the land better He noted: 'While I lost lose my contacts and I've lobby for the community needs.

The general election is in Fail and I want to be the second seat for the county lised and the more voice Donegal, the better serve Mica and the infrastructure housing, health and a sh



Pat the Cope's grandfather Paddy the Cope who founded the Templecrone Co-Op



Legendary grandfather

ment of Health and Children with special responsibility for Health Promotion and Food Safety. He was not re-appointed after Brian Cowen became Taoiseach in May 2008.

In the 2016 general election, he ran alongside sitting TD Charlie McConalogue as the two Fianna Fáil candidates in the new five-seat Donegal constituency. Gallagher was elected on the 11th count, after McConalogue was elected on the first count.

Following the 2016 election he became Leas Cheann-Comhairle.

Pat the Cope would have been expected to win the FF seat in Donegal SW last time, perhaps that was taken as a given - given his profile. He had a strong first preference of 9.64% and was a slender 1.1% behind Charlie McConalogue but the preferences were not running in his favour. Fianna Fáil's first preferences of 20.4% fell short of electing two Dail Deputies and I can imagine the forensic details of every polling station being analysed and the midnight hour's long past as FF seeks to win back a second seat in Donegal. That result of the tally count will be a bellwether one for Micheál Martin as he strives to push the boundaries out towards gaining and extra 10/15 seats nationally.

workers in construction are among my priorities," he adds

Pat surprised nobody on being selected at the party convention and it was another milestone on his epic journey back to Dail Eireann. The Cope is optimistic that he can win back the seat he lost in 2020 and his campaign has momentum and energy.

It is a changing landscape because things have changed dramatically with fewer people engaging all that much in party politics anymore. However, many of the candidates were down this road at local levels back in June where they found that the people were happy to see them on their doorstep. I'd imagine this is going to be a tough battle for Donegal's five seats. FG's Joe McHugh has departed the scene and 100% Redress is contesting its first election. The electorate is likely to increase very substantially from 2020 when 125,000 were on the electoral registers.

Pat the Cope has the final word as expectations of a November poll grows.

"I was first elected in 1979 to serve the people and to do for them what I could. I'd like to think that I've made a difference. And I wish to continue that work in the new Dail." Nobody dares to doubt his record, integrity and a long long life serving this county to the best of his ability. Starting the new day with a 5k walk at 6am is not for the faint hearted, but that is only one small part of the legacy of Pat Cope and he hopes that the electorate across the constituency will be there for him on polling day. By midweek he's clocked up 1,770 walks: that's the equivalent of 240 marathons and that is truly amazing. However, there is a huge marathon up ahead and with his experience and zeal, that too can become a reality!

Running for the Dail sees him on the road early and late and it is a seven days a week schedule... and that is only going to increase in the weeks ahead as numbers of FF's most experienced workers get behind him in a final push to win back that cherished seat in Donegal SW.

The Fianna Fáil ticket in the constituency has reached out to new horizons with the decision to add the name of Claudia Kennedy to the ticket in the Stranorlar area: she joins Pat the Cope and Charlie McConalogue to the ticket.

Was this really a surprise decision?



Pat the Cope Gallagher and his wife Ann.

Owen's love of songs & stories captures unique perspectives

For Falcarragh songwriter Owen Curren, capturing unique moments in life through song and verse is a celebration of people, places and history.

by Eamonn McFadden

Owen, originally from Ray and now based in Gortahork, may work in the roads department of Donegal County Council by day but in recent years he has enjoyed delving into the world of songwriting and poetry in his free time, much of it based around the people and places who helped shape his own life, as well as the community and issues he sees around him.

Not only is it the process of crafting his own original work that he enjoys but also the moments these creations have connecting with others when he gets to share them at live events.

He takes part in regular monthly open music nights in the Shamrock Bar in Falcarragh, and recently he brought his storytelling, poetry and songs to entertain the staff and residents of the Lakehouse Nursing Home in Portnablugh.

He gave the background of each of his competitions that detailed the people, places and events that inspired them, which resonated nostalgically with many. He was joined on the day by musician Noreen Potter and Charlie Sweeney, who recited the poem "The Creeslough Boy", as well as giving a rousing rendition of the Boys from Killybegs.

Owen explained that many of the places and people he refers to in his works would still be fondly remembered in the locality.

In the days after his visit he penned a new composition dedicated to the hard working and dedicated staff of the Lakehouse

He says while he enjoys the feedback from others he also gets "a great deal back" from the experience.

Indeed, writing the songs was his main focus when starting out and performing and singing was only an after thought he explained, adding that he has grown in confidence from attending weekly songwriting workshops hosted in the Devlin Hall, Letterkenny by Maria McCormack. Maria is very well-known for her own unique compositions and Owen says that this has been a huge support to him and rarely a week goes by that he doesn't attend and he leaves with more confidence and inspiration.

Speaking of his early days he explained: "My father, Joe, was a fiddle player since he was young and was always musical. None of us took up the fiddle but then none of us tried it. His thought was always 'It's up to themselves if they want to play it'. My mother, Sadie, was always into music as well without being overtly so. I recall when we grew up in Glasgow



Owen reciting stories in the Lakehouse.

for part of my life, when the big purchase was a record player and there was a great array of records and I recall my father having music from Hank Williams and The Clancy Brothers. By osmosis you start to delve into it and I enjoyed reading as a wee fella and you learn a lot about the singers of the songs by reading the back of the record sleeves. I suppose that is what got me interested in it and what led on to a bit of song writing in later life. I was always interested in them and I was always interested in songs that could bring out a feeling in you. That's some gift to be able to do that and for you to be able to get what the artist was trying to say - to me that was always a very powerful thing."

His love of live music and going to gigs and seeing artists like the legendary Townes Van Zant and Kris Kristoferson, were an inspiration to him, as well as more local traditions.

He added: "There is a great history and tradition of writing songs around our area and in some ways that was starting to go away because maybe it started to seem old fashioned but I thought the stories we have around our own place are worth exploring and there is power in these stories to record parts of history and folklore through the lines of a song. It can help preserve these moments and maybe it could prompt people to want to find out more about them in future."

"If you look at our history, I'm not ashamed to say it, but if you go back 100 or 150 years, our ancestors came from hard times and that is something I think about. Some of the themes I return to and acknowledge the hard times people had in the past. Also, I do see a political dimension to some of the songs as well and that is just in me and I can't shut it off either."

He says that while he may always have been dabbling in writing and keeping

notes it was in the last five to six years he started more seriously to craft a few complete songs. Now he says he has around 20 that he is happy with as well as a range of others done in part or are a work in progress.

His audience in the Lake House enjoyed his song about the famous Ray River Inn, a popular late night spot back in the day and the people who frequented it. Or The Green Fields of Murroe, a tribute to his mother Sadie and her original townland. He says a tribute to his father, Joe, is also in the works. Indeed Joe had a great story to tell about one of the world's greatest songwriters when he worked in the UK when he befriended Paul McCartney for a short time.

This was something Owen learned about while watching Christmas Top of the Pop in 1977 on their brand new television. The No.1 hit for Christmas was the folk classic 'Mull of Kintyre' by the post Beatles band Wings. It was while watching this performance that Joe announced that he knew the lead singer and regularly spoke with him near his farm in Campbeltown when he was working in the area.

Owen also uses his own life experiences and some of his most popular songs include "The Council Road Men". Another song called 'Names on the Wall, dedicated to the famous Donegal Tunnel Tigers is one that resonates strongly with others. Owen said he recently learned of a family seeking out the song to be played at a funeral of a former Tunnel Tiger having heard it some time ago. He said this highlighted to him the powerful way these stories can connect with people and their experience and it was a great honour to have the song played at the funeral.

He also paid tribute to the late Paul Mooney who helped him record and mix some of his early recordings.



Owen Curren and Noreen Potter entertaining in the Lakehouse Nursing Home Portnablugh.



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Meenaboll: conflict of opinion

As a volume of opposition gathers to the proposed landfill site at Meenaboll, some 11.6 miles south of Glenveagh Castle elected members of the Council say they've been told conflicting opinions by senior council officials as to the areas the project will serve should it go ahead.

These representatives are now saying publicly that along with the Milford and Glenties areas the refuse from Letterkenny town will also be sent to Meenaboll and they've been given this information by senior personnel within Donegal County Council.

At the same time other members say that Letterkenny has not been identified to them as a possibility and it was never their understanding that it would.

As the campaign of opposition moves up a gear the pressure is now building on the politicians to explain why Meenaboll is more suited for a dumping ground rather than Corravaddy.

Public meetings in Gartan and Fintown have given the thumbs down to the proposed landfill site at Meenaboll and there have been angry exchanges between the Cllrs. and members of the public on the issue.

The group opposing the landfill have accused the politicians of driving the agenda for the Council and at the same time very little by way of relative information has been provided by Lifford.

Udaras member Sean O'Baoill from Fintown and others say they've told very categorically the Meenaboll site will take in the refuse from Letterkenny and they are uniting in opposition to any such strategy.

Cllrs. are now saying their belief in supporting a county waste management strategy was on a basis that each of the electoral areas would have its own facility. And they point out that the proposals for Meenaboll flies in the face of the actual plan.

Cllr. Enda Bonner speaking at Fintown on Monday said he was seriously concerned about the prospect of the refuse from Letterkenny Town being included in the landfill site at Meenaboll. He opposed the original idea two years ago saying that every electoral area should have a landfill of their own. He says the Manager responded saying that there should be at least three or four such sites and that insofar as possible the views

expressed would be accommodated.

Cllr Bonner said he was not opposed to landfills. However he could not support refuse from places like Letterkenny being transferred fifteen miles. He pointed out that the road over Meenaroy with three dangerous bridges was in no way suitable for an increase of an extra 25 refuse trucks per day. He has also questioned the methodology employed by the Council in identifying landfill sites. On the basis of a digitally generated presentation he was impressed with the data on Meenaboll as a potential site. However the Council had failed to identify one single site in either Inishowen or Letterkenny and he wanted to know why and what exactly is the current position.

One of the major questions the Council has now to answer is what is right with Meenaboll that was so wrong in locating a landfill at Corravaddy. The question has been amplified at the public meetings and the notion that public opinion dictated a change of heart despite a very substantial investment at Corravaddy will simply not wash, say those now opposing Meenaboll.

The two public meetings have seen angry exchanges with councillors and the local residents accused them of being on the side of the Council and despite repeated claims that they were present to hear the community concerns residents alleged the Council was putting in 'this super-dump' by stealth and no information had been provided.

The closing date for objections to the proposal is November 8th and there are widespread complaints that the Council has failed to provide the necessary information to the public to make a balanced decision on the project. However it is most likely that objections will be lodged.

The Cllrs in attendance in Gartan and Fintown included were Ian McGarvey: Noel McBride: Liam Blaney: Enda Bonner: David Alcorn: Brian O'Domhnaill: Udaras member Sean O'Baoill and Adrian MacFhearraigh of the Green Party. The Cllrs. explained in some detail the extent of the non-technical report which had been given to them. However the meeting felt that this fell far short of the report of the actual environmental impact study.

It was alleged this report has not been given to the opposition group.



Shauna McBride, Downsings a student at Mulroy College, Milford who won the Repak Recycling National Award pictured with the Chairman of Donegal County Council Patrick McGowan in Lifford on Monday. Shauna was honoured by the Council and also included are Cllrs. Ian McGarvey and Liam Blaney.



Ciara McElwaine, Drumaboden, Ramelton catching up with the news on her 2nd birthday recently.

Silting problems at Magheraroarty

Silting problems and lack of berthing for ferry boats at Magheraroarty Pier were aired in Lifford on Monday when Cllr. Padraig Doherty raised the matter and sought urgent action by the Council to rectify the problems that had arisen.

Cllr. Doherty gave a history of the works on the pier which are highly commended: however there are a number of key issues preventing the facility from reaching its fullest potential. During the renovations at the Pier a channel was made out to the deeper waters and Doherty now says that boat operators claim its width is causing a danger in heavy weather. Sand is silting up as well and one part of the pier is not being used as a result.

He called in his motion for a full dredging operation and a widening of the channel to address the difficulties and he got widespread support from Pearse Doherty who seconded the motion along with David Alcorn. Enda Bonner also supported but said he was questioning the value for money of the project. He wondered how the consultants had not identified these difficulties and he

wondered who should pay to put things right.

Padraig Doherty said it was a very difficult job of work in the inner basin and it was always anticipated it would be so. John McLaughlin the Sector Manager on Roads and Transport agreed that another survey would be done and he expected that to happen early in the New Year.

In an aside to this motion Padraig Doherty queried the Chairman about protocol of media debate on a motion that had not been discussed. It seems that there was a big discussion on Radio na Gaeltachta in Derrybeg by others than Padraig and he sought to establish if this was the right thing to be doing.

Meanwhile Cllr. Brian O'Domhnaill issued his own statement supporting the motion. He says: "The development of Magheroarty Pier has been a very positive infrastructure improvement, however further development to the local environment is now needed.

I recently visited the Pier with the Council Marine Engineer to examine the facility, particularly impressing the need to have the

silt build-up along the pier taken away and a long-term solution found. At the moment the Council are undertaking a Traffic Management Plan for the general pier area. The plan will highlight essential works required to conclude the overall development of the pier."

I have asked the Council to ensure a footpath and public lighting is put in place from the Magheroarty Regional road down to the pier, which would help tourism, the fishermen and the Irish College located in the area. I have been told by the Planning and Economic Development Directorate of the Council that the plan will be ready early next year and I have asked that an application for funding be then made to An Roinn Gnothaí Pobail, Tuaithe & Gaeltachta and Udarás na Gaeltachta with funding also coming from the Council."

O'Domhnaill concluded by saying: "Once this work has been carried out the facility will then become an attractive tourism and local attraction which leads to the beautiful Magheroarty beach."



The new 72.28 million extension at Loreto Convent in Letterkenny is blessed by his Lordship, Dr. Philip Boyce during the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Loreto Order on Saturday.



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Marina row in stormy waters

A debate on a Council motion in the name of SF Cllr. Padraig MacLochlainn on Monday generated a stormy debate amid accusations that the issue should not have been raised.

In a heated row MacLochlainn accused the Council of 'wasting €1.26 million in consultancy fees' and an earlier report had then been overturned by a new report that had scuppered Rathmullan and Buncrana.

MacLochlainn was seeking to establish the exact protocol in relation to the Council's strategy on the six sites already identified by DeLoitte who'd carried out the survey that highlighted the privately promoted Fahan Marina as the flagship in the county.

The SF Cllr. accused the Council of spending €1.26 million on an earlier study by Kirk McClure and Morton identifying Rathmullan as a priority project. He detailed the extent of the history of consultation processes and how different groups had reached different conclusions.

He failed to understand that later another group of consultants had excluded Rathmullan as a priority and this needed to be clarified.

Among the interested parties in the public gallery was John McDaid of the Fahan project and he heard MacLochlainn suggest that what had happened there read like a fairy tale: were it not so serious. He argued it was absolutely crucial that Fahan be given a fair crack of the whip and that this group must be supported since their investment was saving the taxpayers millions.

He said that John McDaid was investing four million Euro in Fahan and he has put his life savings into the development of the marina.

He accused the Council of promoting other projects in direct competition with Fahan and this, he said 'was a scandalous waste of public monies'.

MacLochlainn said that McDaid must be encouraged and that had not happened. He called on the rest of the Chamber to rectify this injustice. He suggested that the €1.26 million spent on consultancy fees was a disgrace especially when private investment was there to do the job without any liability on the taxpayers. He then stated that the Council continued to drag in red herrings about the legal status of Fahan when everyone knew it was fully above board.

In a lengthy and often confusing debate MacLochlainn was accused of excluding other potential marina sites particularly in West Donegal with the motion: this he denied strenuously.

Cllr Ian McGarvey supported the motion saying that he backed developments of this kind. Rena Donaghy said there had been a lot of misinformation and she had no difficulty in backing Figary Sports as long as they complied with the legal status laid down. MacLochlainn said this was only a red herring and it fitted into the political strategy of one political party who were trying to block and stall Figary Sports and John McDaid.

MacLochlainn and Donaghy of FF clashed several times on the issue. She said that all she was seeking to establish was the legal status of Fahan. Then



The annual general meeting of the Credit Union will be held in the Downings Bay Hotel on Tuesday the 7th of December. The Youth Council elections for the Milford Electoral area were held on Monday and elected were Back Flaw from left, Dean Boyce, Loreto CS with 205 votes, Dermot Friel, Mulroy College with 123 votes, Louise McDonnell, Loreto CS with 80 votes, Mary Brid Sweeney, Mulroy College with 149 Votes and seated left Liam Boyle Loreto CS with 95 votes. They are pictured at the count on Tuesday with Evelyn Gallagher, Returning Officer, Virginia McLoone, Milford Public Services Centre Denise Ryan, organiser and Council officials.

McLochlainn questioned the status of another marina project in Inishowen and said they'd sourced 800,000 Euro in Interreg funding and they were not on the priority listing. The manager said that any private group had the right to go ahead with a project that was not costing the Council financially and they did not have to be on a priority to do so. An amended motion that omitted the words 'without prejudice' was then removed and

the Manager made a detailed statement of the Council's promotion and he emphasised that Fahan was within the strategy of the Council's Marina Strategy.

The DeLoitte Report recommended the development of six marina sites in the county including the private one at Fahan. Other locations with a base of 233 berths include Bunagee (15); Ballywhoriskey (3); Tory Island (15); Burtonport (100); Killybegs (100).



Brigid Duffy of Sheephaven Credit Union presenting the keys of a new Toyota Yaris to Myles and Ann Gallagher who accepted them on behalf of their son Ashley which he won on the Sheephaven CU draw last Friday night in the Carrigart Hotel.

McGarvey speeds up Council meetings

As most astute observers of Council meetings already know the ordinary business can be tediously slow and it is not unusual not to complete an agenda without several meetings.

The issue was addressed in a motion by Cllr. Ian McGarvey this week seeking to have many of the local matters on the agenda dealt with at the electoral area meetings. These issues relate to motions and questions that are specific to each electoral area and the Council has agreed the motion. From now on only corporate matters will be raised in Lifford. But will the electoral area meetings now go on for several days as well? We await the results with excited anticipation.

Speaking on a motion at the adjourned meeting of the Council on Monday last Údarás na Gaeltachta Board member Cllr. Brian O'Domhnaill called on the Authority to make the Willow Cottage site in Dunfanaghy available to the local voluntary Childcare Committee.

O'Domhnaill said "The site which is owned by the Council should be given to the local com-

munity so as to develop a childcare facility in the village which would cater for the entire community. I am also asking the Council to purchase a landbank in Dunfanaghy for the development of Social/Affordable or Local Authority housing. The Council has a key responsibility in this regard given the volume of planning permissions which were granted for holiday homes or speculative development which in turn drove-up the cost of sites and housing on young local people looking to set up their first home."

He concluded by saying "The Director of Service Community & Enterprise is now to engage with the Community Group with a view to making the site available within a timeframe that would allow the group draw down available funding towards developing a Childcare facility."

The motion was backed by Padriag O'Dochartaigh; Tony McDaid; Ian McGarvey and Pearse Doherty. Micheal Heeney the Director of Services said that he would arrange to visit the location and make a report as soon as possible.

Comhaltas committee formed

A Committee has been selected to take on the task of organising and ensuring the smooth running of Fleadh

2005 Letterkenny. Over 70 people attended the inaugural meeting on Tuesday night in the Holiday Inn under the auspices of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri na hEireann - the national organising body. The Fleadh will bring a windfall of at least €20 million to the Letterkenny and surrounding areas, with over 200,000 people converging on the town over the August weekend. Chairperson Paddy Tunney described the inaugural meeting as a wonderful public response to Europe's largest cultural festival. Anyone wishing to get involved with any of the subcommittees is asked to contact Paddy Tunney. Officers of the Board Chairperson - Paddy Tunney; Vice-Chairperson - Mick Foy; Secretary - Anne-Marie Conlon; Assistant Secretary - Fiona Tunney; Treasurer - Pat Keating; PRO - Joanne Sweeney Sub-Committees: Finance and Fundraising - Pat Keating; Events and Entertainment - Gerry Mc Brearty; Venues and Facilities - Finbar O'Raiartaigh; Accommodation (General) - Maire Aine Gardiner; Health and Safety/ Security - Joe Lynch; Campsites, Caravans and Tents - Paddy O' Grady; Stewarding - Eamonn Graham assisted by Neil Clarke; I.T. Needs - Damien Blake; Youth Officer - Joseph Gibson; Scoil Eigse - Seamus Gibson; Seachtain na hEigse - Paddy Tunney; Accommodation and Catering - to be filled



Stramore National School, Churchill who's project received a donation of €1,000 from the AIB Better Ireland Programme towards the cost of purchasing musical instruments from left are Niamh Callaghan, Cora Cunningham, Mary Foley AIB, Letterkenny, Tres McMonagle, and Paula Doherty, AIB, Letterkenny. Photo Clive by Wasson

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Fáilte roimh achán duine ar áis, a chairde, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh uilig maith agus folláin agus ag cócaireacht libh. Tá Samhain inár ndiaidh agus muid ag fánacht ar an Gheimhreadh le teacht. Le bheith macánta, tá an aimsir measartha lách, níl sé fuar níl sé ag cuir fearthainne gach lá achán lá. Agus nuair a fheiceann tú an tubáiste atá i ndiaidh titim amach sa Spáinn, na tuillte agus an anró mar gheall orthu caitheadh muid a admháil nach bhfuil na himeachtaí aimsire againn in Éirinn leath chomh hól agus mar atá siad in áiteanna eile ar fud an domhain. Thainig na tuillte gan bagairt ceart ón Rialtas Áitiúil agus is léir go bhfuil fearg agus deargbhuile ar na daoine bochta. Bhí mé ag amharc



ar thuairisc nuachta a bhí ag taispeáint na tuillte ag brú a mbealach rompu fríd na sráideanna, na gluasteain uilig tógtha suas acu, agus de réir an tuairisceoir ní raibh an rabhadh oifigiúil tugtha amach go fóill! Chuaigh Rí na Spáinne, Felipe VI, go dtí an ceantar ar chuairt agus bhí na daoine ag caitheamh eadar láib agus maslaí air féin agus a chomhlúadar, ag screadail gurbh dhúnmharfóirí iad. Tá an fearg seo éasca a thuigheail. Bhí mé ag léamh go raibh na céadta gluasteain faoin uisce go fóill i gcarrchlósanna faoi thalamh agus nach bhfuil an inneallra nó lucht oibre acu iad a fháil amach. Mar a dúirt mé, tá muidne ag tabhairt amach faoin aimsir atá againne atá lách, mín agus suailceach i gcomparáid leis na tíortha eile. Tá súil agam go dtiocfaidh lámh cuidithe go na daoine bochta atá ag fulaingt i Valencia. Bhí mé ag ithe le déanaí sa Bridge Bar Restaurant i Ráth Mealtáin, agus bhí mé ag smaointiú go léiríonn an biachlár galánta an athrú go dtí na miasanna a bhfóireann an am seo de bhliain. Cad é a bhí ar an Biachlár ach crúbíní. Ní fhaca mé a leithid ar bhíaclhlár le fada an lá, agus, ar m'anam, bhí siad galánta ar fad, domhan agus blasta. Thainig siad amach i gcupán filo, dóighiúil a fheiceáil, agus iad miongearrtha agus meascaithe le comhábhair eile nar aithin mé, agus iad uilig le chéile a rinne mias a bhí go híontach speisialta. Bhí cos lachan confit agam i ndiaidh sin agus é galánta fosta. Is modh cócaireachta Francach é, confit. Cuirreann tú cos lachan nó sicín nó gairleogí fú, i saill ghé nó lachan, lán clúdaithe agus déanann tú é go mall réidh ar theocht íseal. Mar shampla 130C ar feadh 2 uair a chloig. Fagann tú an craiceann ar an cos agus nuair a thógann tú amach é, agus é deas bog agus síodach. Cuir faoi ghrioscán te é le 5 bom nó mar sin le craiceann deas brioscach a fháil. Tig leat é a chuir amach le, mar shampla, piorra scallta nó lintilí déanta le luibheanna agus stoc sicín. Tá lintilí saor agus blasta agus lán scamhaird fosta. An



Megan McBride from Tirlaughan, Carrigart, who graduated with BA Hons in Business and Spanish at the ATU last week. She also was awarded the ATU Academic Excellence Award for Best Student Department of Law, Public Service and Education.

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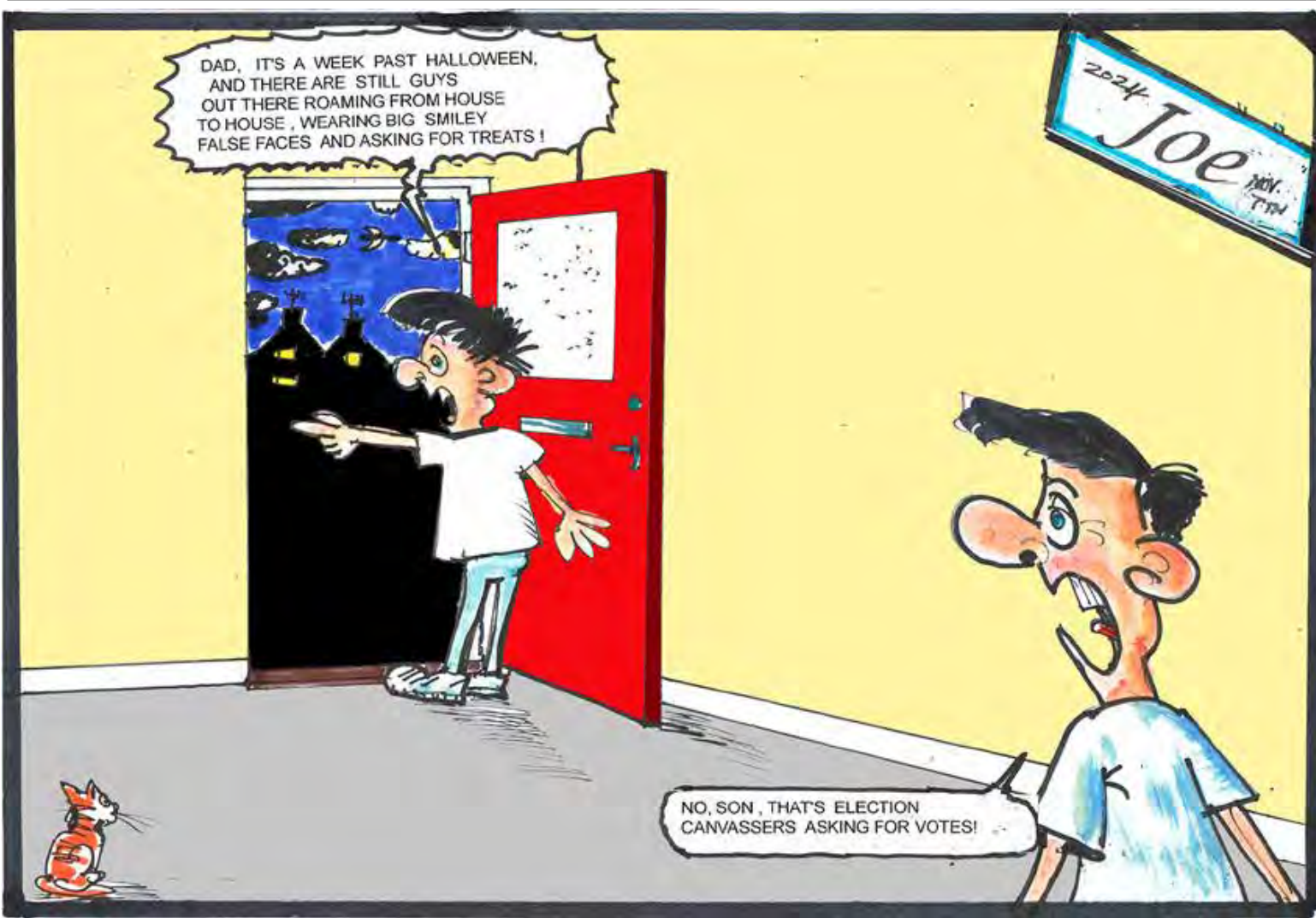
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| Samhain. | Feast of Samhain |
| Inár ndiaidh. | Behind us |
| Macánta. | Honest |
| Tubáiste. | Disaster |
| Adhmháil. | To admit; Receipt |
| Tuille, tuillte. | Flood, floods |
| Anró. | Hardship due to weather |
| Imeacht aimsire. | Weather event |
| Ar fud an domhain. | Throughout the world |
| Bagairt. | Warning |
| Rabhadh. | Warning |
| Rialtas áitiúil. | Local government |
| Tuairisc nuachta. | News report |
| Ag brú roimhe. | Battering through |
| Tuairisceoir. | Reporter |
| Láib. | Mud |
| Masla. | Insult |
| Ag screadail. | Screaming |
| Dúnmharfóir. | Murderer |
| Carrchlós. | Car park |
| Faoi thalamh. | Underground |
| Inneallra. | Machinery |
| Tíortha. | Countries |
| Ag fulaingt. | Suffering |
| Go leiríonn. | That it reveals |
| Miongearrtha. | Finely chopped |
| Cos lachan. | Duck leg |
| Saill ghé. | Goose fat |

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Local derbies in Milford and Rathmullan

There are Donegal Junior League local derbies in Milford and Rathmullan this Sunday. In Division 1 Milford host near neighbours Cranford Utd while across in the seaside village Rathmullan Celtic take on Swilly Rovers in a Premier clash. Both sides have been struggling big time this season but it's a chance now for the two teams to get badly needed points on the table.

When the sides met in the Brian McCormick Cup in September the match was abandoned just after half-time following an incident where the referee was assaulted by a Rathmullan player. Swilly were leading 1-0 at the time and were subsequently awarded the game following a Donegal Junior League disciplinary meeting. On home turf the Seasiders will fancy their chances of taking the three points.



Cranford F.C. Joshua Patton in action against Gweedore Utd Reserves on Saturday

At Moyle View Park, Milford Utd will want to bounce back after losing away to Ballybofey Utd last Sunday. But, that won't be easy against Cranford F.C. who have started the season reasonably well. Back in the Premier Division, it should be an interesting at the Letterkenny Community Centre where Kilmacrennan Celtic host Keadue Rovers. Kilmac have won all their league games so far but Keadue are well capable of taking at least a point from this encounter.

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Arranmore United 2-1 Glencar Celtic

Early goals in each half proved crucial for Arranmore against a Glencar side who never gave up until the final whistle. Shaun Bonner gave the home side the lead after 5 minutes. Paul Early slipped a ball through the defenders and Bonner lifted the ball over Declan McDermott. Glencar were unlucky not to go into the break level as Jack Dwyer forced a save from Frankie Early from a free kick. Just after half time a free kick was delivered from the left-hand side and Alan Stephenson was in the right place to double Arranmore's lead. The away side got a consolation goal when Andrew Doherty poked home from a corner. Team performance poor for Arranmore with Darren Hunter a stand-out performer for Glencar.

Swilly suffer big defeat

Oldtown Celtic 10-1 Swilly Rovers Reserves

Micheal Doherty gave Oldtown the lead when he finished a reverse pass from Joe McCarron. Kevin Mc Grath hit the bar before Moe Friel prodded the ball over the line from a corner. The Swilly keeper then produced some magnificent saves before Doherty added a third and Cleary added a 4th. Swilly did pull a goal back when Daniel Mc Ateer broke through and showed composure to finish under Gibson in the Oldtown goal. 4-1 at the break. Sean Cleary added his second and Oldtown's fifth with a free kick from the edge of the area. John McFadden broke through to add a 6th before Kevin McGrath added to the lead. Paul Mc Laughlin came off the bench to score twice before Cleary completed his hat-trick. Swilly Rovers - David Lockart, Calvagh O'Donnell, Tony Gallagher, Tom Mullan, Edan Bradley, William Buchannan, Evan Ryan, Daniel Mc Ateer, Dathi Cavanagh, Ryan Moore, Odhran Grimes. Subs used: Adam Morgan for Bradley, Fionn Robinson for Ryan, Harvey Mullan for Cavanagh, Clive Callan for Lockart

Tigers defeat Mariners

Ramelton Mariners 1-4 Kildrum Tigers Res

Ramelton Mariners woes in Division 1 continued on Saturday as they suffered another defeat this time at home to Kildrum. Sub Shay Callan McFadden was the scorer for the hosts. Ramelton Mariners - Dylan Roulston, Myles Mulgrew, Stephen Bryant, Kieran black, Conor Ferguson, Jonah Serina, Aidan Connolly, Brandon Wilkie, Luke Friel, Fionn Robinson, Evan Hewitt. Subs used: Conor Gillespie replaced Aidan Connolly, Paul Gallagher replaced Dylan Roulston, Shay Callan McFadden replaced Fionn Robinson, Oisín Sweeney replaced Luke Friel and Shaun Bryant replaced Evan Hewitt.

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Strong finish from Rovers

Castlefin Celtic Res 2-7 Letterkenny Rovers Res Letterkenny overcame Castlefin in a game where it was closer fought than the scoreline suggests. The game was in the melting pot in the first hour, a double from Thomas Devlin for the hosts and goals from Padraic Gilsenan and Jack Duff for the visitors had the game level. However, Letterkenny pushed on in the final quarter of the game with five

quick-fire goals, a Jason Doherty brace complimented by strikes from Kealan Dunleavy, Cathal McGarvey and another Gilsenan goal.

Kelly's winner for Moss men

Dunlewey Cel 0-1 Drumoghill Res

Dunlewey Celtic welcomed Drumoghill Reserves to Glentornan Park with conditions good for football. Dunlewey started brightly, creating numerous chances but couldn't get past the Drumoghill keeper. Right on the cusp of half time Drumoghill capitalised on some loose defending, and Eunan Kelly put the visitors ahead when he put the ball past the Dunlewey keeper. 1-0 to the visitors at half time and that proved to be the winner. Referee: Matthew Hull

Winning run continues for Kilmac

Kilmac Celtic Res 3-0 Capry Rovers

Goals from Danny Hall, Owen Browne and Sam Harvey keep Kilmac at the top of Division 2 after this win over Capry on Friday night at the Letterkenny Community Centre. Kilmac Reserves - Kevin Mallon, Kevin Kelly, Matthew Nee, Rueben Grimes, Owen Browne, Gerard McGranaghan, Danny Sandilands, Ethan O'Donnell, Toby Tyler, Eddie Doherty, Danny Hall. Subs used: Eoghan Quinn, Mikey McDonnell, Jake Burrows, Charlie Gormam, Sam Harvey. Not used: Ciaran Connaghan, Jack O'Neill, Oran Gallagher.

Finn Travel Saturday Division Three

Guthrie grabs four

Milford Utd Res 1-5 Drumkeen Utd Res

Four goals from Lee Guthrie helped hosts Drumkeen to a fine victory over Milford United at St Patrick's Park in a reversed fixture. The home team got off to the perfect start when Lee Guthrie put them ahead after he was set up by Sean Collum. The hosts doubled their advantage with a great finish from Michael Guthrie who was set up by Eoghan Kennedy. Milford didn't give up and got a goal back on 37 minutes when a cross from the right wing from Wilson was steered home by Ultan Blaney. Drumkeen got back on track again before the break when Lee Guthrie struck again after another assist from Eoghan Kennedy. In the last 20 minutes, Drumkeen put the issue beyond doubt when Lee Guthrie got his hat-trick and then added his fourth of the afternoon following an assist from his brother Michael. Referee: Mick Lagan. Milford Utd Res - Declan Jordan, Fallon McBride, Ciaran Gibbons, Adam Campbell, Shane McFadden, Darren McAteer Adam Hosford, Conor Meakin, Mark Wilson, Ultan Blaney. Subs all used: Dathi McTaggart, Alan McGettigan, Aidan McCafferty, Kieran Sheridan.

FAI Junior Cup

Logue lands double

Fintown Harps AFC 0-4 Fanad United

Goals from Eoin Logue with two, Eddie O'Reilly and Alan McAteer secured victory for Fanad on Saturday. Fintown welcomed the premier league champions to Pairc Acla on a beautiful afternoon in this third round encounter and it was Fanad who started the brightest with Fintown getting stretched on the flanks and finding Eoin Logue a handful up top for Fanad. Logue opened the scoring on 10 minutes with some great one touch football from Fanad setting up the cross in for Logue to tap home. Fanad really were on top in the early stages and went 2-0 up on 20 minutes with Logue finding the range again. Fintown had a great chance when, from a quick break from the back, Shane McDevitt turned his man and bearing down on the Fanad his shot was saved. Fanad made it three before the break when Eddie O'Reil-

ly put one past Leon in the Fintown goal. 3-0 at half time. The sucker punch came on 65 minutes when Fintown got reduced to ten men when Toner was given a second yellow for talking back to the referee. Fanad went 4-0 up when Alan McAteer headed in from close range on 76 minutes. Fanad Utd - Mark McConigley, Oisín McHugh, Darragh O'Doherty, Seamie Friel, Patrick Moffitt, Paddy McGinley, Paddy Carr, Eoin Logue, Eddie O'Reilly, Keelin McElwaine, Carlos O'Reilly. Subs used: Shaun Carr, Dylan McGlone, Paul Friel, Charlie McAteer, Alan McAteer. Not used: Shea Cannon, Darran Nash.

Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

Seasiders lose again

Bonagee Utd 5-0 Rathmullan Cel

Bonagee Utd made it a miserable Saturday night for Rathmullan Celtic at the Dry Arch and so the struggle goes on for the Seasiders.

Rathmullan Celtic - Killian Hagan, Matt McNulty, Daire Sheridan, Eoin Sheridan, Chris Kemps, Dara Patton, Gerard McAteer, Touhami Mouhamed, Jay Curran, Kevin Doran, Imed Rehamnia. Subs used: Dominick Hull, Glenn Curran, Ridha Abdullah.

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Lagan let two-goal lead slip

Capry Rovers 2-2 Lagan Harps

In a game reversed to Manor, both teams served up an entertaining encounter. Lagan started strong. Josh Hay fired over a dangerous cross that Aaron Kelly did well to knock behind for a corner. They took the lead on fourteen minutes when keeper Mark Margey sent Kyle Martin through. Kyle finished well. Codey Brogan then had a great effort pushed over by Joe Boyle. Codey then scored Lagan's second on twenty-four minutes. Capry pulled a goal back when Daire Quigley found Conor Mc Daid breaking in at the back post to slide the ball home. They went close minutes later but Mark Margey did well to scramble away Michael Carroll's effort at the back post. They equalised on forty minutes when a free was laid back to Aaron Kelly who powered a shot home from thirty yards. A draw was a fair result in a good match. Referee: Gerard Devine.

Defeat for Milford

Ballybofey Utd 2-1 Milford Utd

All the goals came in the second half with the home side finally getting a well-deserved goal when the busy Dathi Mc Mahon's shot came off the post and rebounded to Mark Griffin who slotted home with his second touch of the game after coming off the bench. Milford had a good opportunity later in the half to equalise, but their shot went just the wrong side of the post. With 2 minutes left on the clock, Oran Gallen was taken down inside the box and won the home side a penalty. Mark Griffin stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way to double his and Ballybofey's tally. Milford made the final minutes a bit more interesting when they pulled one back on 90 minutes through Kyle Black, however Ballybofey defended well and saw out the game for a good win. Milford Utd - Caolan McGettigan, Paul Ryan, Lorcan Friel, Jacob Campbell, Niall Murray, Killian McBride, Jacob Cullen, Corey Lee McConigley Darren McLaughlin, Cathal McGettigan, Kyle Black. Subs Shea Gibbons and Dhahi Rayes for Niall Murray and Paul Ryan 75 minutes.

Share of the spoils in Cranford

Cranford Utd 1-1 Castlefin Cel

The points were shared in a game that finished with end to end chances. Cranford took the lead after 10 minutes when Cathair Sweeney chased down the keeper and rolled the ball into the net. Castlefin then pushed hard to get the equaliser before half time but the Cranford defence kept everything out. The last half hour was end to end with both sides having chances. Castlefin equalised with 10 to go after breaking from a Cranford attack. Dean Fleming pulled off two great saves for Cranford in the last 10 minutes and Chris Carr nearly won it in the last minute when his effort struck the bar.

Glenea comeback

Donegal Town 2-3 Glenea United

Glenea left the Hospital field with all 3 points coming from 2 goals down to win 3-2. A dream start to game for the Town when Caccia nipped in at the back post to tuck home in the 1st minute. It was the same in the first minute of the second half when Duignan finished beautifully to make it 2-0. Glenea made it 2-1 a minute later and levelled the match with 30 to go. A well worked goal made it 3-2 to Glenea with their keeper making brilliant saves from Doherty and Campbell to make sure Glenea held on for the 3 points.

Donegal Physiotherapy Division Two

Hat-trick for Sweeney

Drumkeen Utd 2-3 Whitestrand Utd

Drumkeen took an early lead in this game when Conor Bonner put them ahead after 10 minutes. The lead didn't last long though as Michael Sweeney equalised for Whitestrand almost immediately. Sweeney put the visitors ahead after 75 minutes. Sweeney then added a third to Complete

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St Catherine's 1-2 Letterkenny Rovers

Division One

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Keadue Rovers 6-1 Strand Rovers
Oldtown Celtic 10-1 Swilly Rovers
Ramelton Mariners 1-4 Kildrum Tigers
St Catherine's Res 1-0 Drumbar

Division Two

Castlefin Celtic 2-7 Letterkenny Rovers
Dunlewey Celtic 0-1 Drumoghill Res
Gweedore Celtic 2-1 Glenea United Res
Kilmac Reserves 3-0 Cappry Rovers

Division Three

Copany Rovers 2-1 Bonagee United
Cranford FC Res 5-3 Gweedore United
Lagan Harps 2-3 Ballybofey United
Milford United 1-5 Drumkeen United

Sunday 3rd November

Division One

Ballybofey United 2-1 Milford United
Cappry Rovers 2-2 Lagan Harps
Cranford 1-1 Castlefin Celtic
Donegal Town 2-3 Glenea United
Gweedore United 13-4 Lifford Celtic

Division Two

Convoy Arsenal 4-1 Letterbarrow Celtic
Curragh Athletic 3-2 Deelee Harps
Drumkeen United 2-3 Whitestrand Utd
Drumoghill 12-0 Dunkineely Celtic
Raphoe Town 2-3 Kerrykeel 71

his hat-trick. Despite this setback Drumkeen did their best to get back in the game and Niall Sweeney added a second for them with a few minutes remaining to set up a grandstand finish. Whitestrand Utd - Declan Broughan, John Heraghty, Paddy Sheridan, Ciaran Sweeney, Cormac Shovelin, Conor Heraghty, Ronan Sweeney, Adam Ward, Michael Sweeney, Cormac Dunleavy, Paddy Walshe. Cormac Sweeney for R Sweeney, Reece Thompson for Ward, Emmett Kelly for C Sweeney. Not used: Ciaran McElwaine, Ryan Sheridan, Charlie Crerand. Ref: Damien McFadden.

Moss men hammer Dunkineely

Drumoghill F.C. 12-0 Dunkineely Celtic

Drumoghill maintained their recent good form with this dominant victory over Dunkineely Celtic. Gareth Hamilton and Keelin Bogle both hit four goals on the day and were the main predators as the visitors struggled to contain the rampant reds. Karlos Rodgers, Karol McGinley, Liam O'Donnell and Eunan Kelly were the other scorers.

Kerrykeel keep top spot

Raphoe Town 2-3 Kerrykeel '71 F.C.

Top of the table Kerrykeel visited Raphoe today and were happy to come away with a marginal win thanks to goals from a Kevin Loughrey penalty and two from Bernard McGettigan. A penalty was awarded to Kerrykeel on the stroke of half-time to make it 0-1 at the break. They started stronger in the second half and found themselves 3-0 up in the first 15 minutes. However, Raphoe young guns never gave up and pulled one back with 20 minutes to go through Ryan Mc Neil's thunderous shot from outside the box. They pressed hard again with all the play and five minutes from the end Finn Canning slotted a free kick into the top corner giving the keeper no chance. Kerrykeel 71 - Shaun Friel, Jamie McAteer, Shane Friel, Shaun Kerr, Kevin Loughrey, Calum McAteer, Brandon McClafferty, James Kerr, Bernard McGettigan, Mark Friel, Patsy Friel. Subs used: Johnny Friel for McGettigan 65 mins, Michael McDevitt for Shane Friel 65 mins. Not used: Killian Friel, Dean Friel

No cup joy for Kilmac

Cockhill Celtic 3-0 Kilmacrennan Celtic

Kilmac made their exit from the FAI Junior Cup on Sunday losing to reigning champions Cockhill Celtic at Charlie O'Donnell Park in Bunrana. Kilmac were well in the contest until the early stages of the second half.

Kilmac Celtic - Liam McBride, Stephen Black, Rory McGrenra, James Doherty, Kieran Gorman, Conor Black, Caolan Curran, Matty McLaughlin, Shane McNamee, Chris Dillon, Paul Bradley. Subs used: Sam Harvey, Danny Hall, John Sandilands, Niall O'Regan. Not used: Cathal McDaid, Gerard McGranaghan

Park picks out winner

St. Catherines 1-2 Letterkenny Rovers

All the goals came in the second half as Rovers advanced in the Junior Cup. The home team took the lead a minute into the second half and all of a sudden we had a cup tie on our hands with Paul O'Hare the scorer. Rovers were awarded a free kick just outside the Saints' box on 55 minutes. The resulting kick rebounded off the wall and was met sweetly by the excellent Bradley Walsh as his left boot connected beautifully from 25 yards to get the teams back on level terms. Rovers pressed for the winner and got their just rewards on 75 minutes. It was a long distance shot from Parke giving the home keeper no chance.

Ladies Ulster Junior Football Championship semi-final

First Ulster Final for Downings Ladies

Na Dunaibh 2-6 Eoghan Rua (Coleraire)
 The sheer joy of getting over the winning line was clearly demonstrated as the Na Dunaibh Ladies celebrated after securing their place in a first ever Ulster Final on Saturday afternoon.

Report & Photos by Declan Kerr

It was very close all the way through the semi-final against their Coleraire opponents with just a point separating the two sides when Monaghan referee Anthony Marron blew the final whistle after nine minutes of injury time. Denise Doherty's two goals, one in each half, were key scores for Downings who will now play Down's Warrenpoint in the decider on Saturday week. The side managed by Barney Curran and Dominick McGroddy played with a significant breeze at their backs blowing towards the clubhouse

end in the first half. However, it was the visitors who settled better with early nerves in front of a big home following, certainly affecting the Na Dunaibh ladies. On a dry pleasant afternoon a Louise McIntyre free and an effort from play by the impressive centre-half-forward Shauna Doherty gave the Coleraire outfit the perfect start. Aoibhinn O'Connell's the home side's best player on the day, opened her team's account in the seventh minute after an excellent build-up involving Mary T Boyce and Shannon McGroddy. At the other end Doherty made it 0-3 to 0-1 and Downings were really on the back foot for a period with Eoghan Rua creating a couple of decent goal chances and probably should have converted at least one of them. But, credit to the hosts defence who got in a couple of brave blocks while keeper Charlie Shevlin also had to be courageous in

denying the opposition a goal.

Gradually the Na Dunaibh players settled with a couple of decent passages of play saw Lauren McBride post a super score off the outside of her right boot, Mary T Boyce also split the posts as did Caoimhe McLaughlin. Downings was in front for the first time in the semi-final by 0-4 to 0-3 with three minutes of the first half remaining. But, another Doherty score made it all square again.

Then two minutes into injury time the hosts got the big boost of a goal. Amy McLaughlin's initial effort took a deflection for a 45'. O'Connell took the free short to Lauren McBride whose low ball into the small parallelogram was finished to the net by ace goal poacher Deirdre Doherty to give her side a 1-4 to 0-4 advantage going into the second half.

Na Dunaibh were slow to get started again and the visitors soon cut the deficit to a point with a McIntyre free and one from play courtesy of Doherty. A goal had been threatening from Eoghan Rua and it came on 44 minutes when the hosts lost possession from their own sideline kick inside the opposition half. The ball was worked down the



Young Downings fans at the match.



Julie Trearty in control for Downings against Bethany Duffy.



Na Dunaibh's Chloe Hay putting pressure on Shauna Doherty.



Happy after the final whistle Lauren McBride Jessica Roberts, Tanya Roberts-Browne, Denise Doherty and Michelle Wilkin.

right side of the home defence and Lucy O'Kane slipped through to produce a fine finish. The Coleraire Ladies were now 1-6 to 1-4 in front with the breeze in their favour.

But, Na Dunaibh showed resilience to stay in the contest although initially there were a couple of frustrating wides. Then on 49 minutes O'Connell kicked over a fine free into the wind to lift the morale. From that kick-out there was a turnover that saw Doherty go through but her goal effort went the wrong side of the upright. But, Doherty was not to be denied when she was in the right place to finish off her second goal on 51 minutes after Amy McLaughlin's point attempt fell short forcing Eoghan Rua keeper Isabella to parry the ball into her path.

Downings were now two points in front but the outstanding Doherty was on target along with O'Kane to tie the sides at 2-5 to 1-8 with seven minutes of normal time remaining. The winning score came on 55 minutes when the influential Shannon McGroddy popped the ball over the bar following a Doherty assist. It was to be the last score of the semi-final and it was to be a long 14 minutes for the home fans. There were nine minutes of injury which included a lengthy stop following an injury to Aoibhinn O'Connell. The Downings defence managed the game very well to

hold on for a memorable one-point win.

O'Connell was the Player of the Match and the management team of Barney Curran, Dominick McGroddy, Tanya Roberts-Browne, Eimear McGeever and Charlie Coyle will be hoping that the midfielder will be fit for the final against Warrenpoint which is fixed for Saturday 16th of November. Shannon McGroddy and Lauren McBride were also impressive up front and Denise Doherty for the second match in a row proved to be a match winner netting two goals as she had done in Cavan the previous week. Eve Lundy, Sorcha Duggan, Shauna Doherty and Lucy O'Kane had fine games for the visitors.

Na Dunaibh - Charlie Shevlin; Jessica Roberts, Chloe Hay, Maggie Doherty; Emer Trearty, Nádine Gallacher, Michelle Wilkin; Julie Trearty, Aoibhinn O'Connell 0-2 (1f); Amy McLaughlin, Mary T Boyce 0-1, Caoimhe McLaughlin 0-1; Denise Doherty 2-0, Shannon McGroddy 0-1, Lauren McBride 0-1. Subs: Áine O'Connell for Gallacher 42 mins, Danni Shevlin for Boyce 60 mins, Meabh O'Connell for A McLaughlin 63 mins. Subs not used: Mary Bridget McGeever, Sinead McBride, Aobha Pasoma, Emer Trearty, Caoimhe Coyle, Aoife McMullan, Keira Cairns, Eve Kelly, Katie McGroddy, Kaycie Gallagher, Clíodhna O'Connell, Karen Gavaghan.



The Downings ladies before their game on Saturday.



Mary Bates launches debut CD

Letterkenny native Mary Bates launched her first CD "Melodies of Healing" in Carr's of the Diamond last Saturday night. Jermaine Friel is pictured above right purchasing a copy of the 12 original track CD. Also included is Mary's partner Malcolm Fisher. This album contains some heartfelt material that is close to Mary and her journey through life. Mary didn't start singing until last Summer so it's been an achievement to get to where she is today. Also pictured are some of the crowd in The Diamond enjoying the entertainment.

Letterkenny Ladies Golf

The Past Captains / Presidents Day

The Past Captains/Presidents Day was hosted jointly again this year by the Ladies and Men's clubs and it took place on Sunday 13th October at Letterkenny Golf Club. There was complimentary teas/coffees and scones in Hunter's Bar at 11.30am followed by a mixed team golf competition in the afternoon and there was great camaraderie and some great scoring on the day. Dinner was hosted in Hunter's Bar and Grill at 7pm and the presentation of prizes took place after the meal. Past Captains scramble winners:

Monica McDonagh, Maura Cavanagh, Mary Fowley & Keith Spence 55 nett, runners up: Marian O Sullivan, Sandra McMonagle, Celine Markey & Hugh Doherty 57 nett

It was great to see so many of our Past Captains/ Past Presidents in attendance on the day and the joint event proved to be a great success. Thank you to Noreen and the team for the beautiful meal in Hunters after a great day of golf

Hole in One

There was great excitement on the 8th hole when our Lady Vice- Captain, Pauline Curley scored herself a superb hole-in-one on 27th October. Congratulations Pauline.

Turkey Competitions

Turkey Competitions commenced on 1st October and continue to run with a mix of front and back 9 re-

entry competitions with prizes in 3 categories so there is something for everyone. Thank you to our Competition Duo Marian Keating and Marian O Sullivan for arranging the competitions.

Portsalon Golf Club

Social night in the clubhouse

This Friday, November 8th, there will be a social night in the clubhouse to celebrate the Donegal Junior League and Donegal League winning teams from this season. The evening has been organised by team captains Dermot Shields and Cathal Canning and all are welcome to attend. Finger food will be served at 8.00pm and music will follow via The Ferryman aka Kevin Boyce, the man that can putt in the dark when needed!

Club Results

Wednesday 30th October - Winner: John McGinley (25) 44pts BOT; Runner-up: Marty Doran (29) 44pts; Gross: Shane Magee (2) 34 gross pts; Third: Paul Gallagher (11) 40pts.
Saturday 2nd November - Winner: Joe Coyle (12) 42 pts; Runner-up: Trevor Duncan (18) 42 pts; Gross: Pascal Cullen (4) 31 gross pts; Third: Paddy Merritt (16) 40 pts
Sunday 20th October - Winner: Gareth McLarnon (12) 44pts; Runner-up: Ray Devenney (20) 39pts BOT; Gross: Shane Magee (2) 35 gross pts; Third: Paul Travers (15) 39pts.

Portsalon Ladies

Kathleen Rodgers won the Ladies Winter Links on Halloween 31st October with a winning score of 43pts.

The next Ladies Winter Links will be played on Thursday 28th November.

Results: Winner Kathleen Rodgers (16) 43pts Gweedore; Runner-Up Breege McDonagh (45) 37pts Letterkenny; Gross Mandy Coyne (7) 25 Gross pts Portsalon; 3rd Brid Uí Chearnaigh (23) 37pts Gweedore; 4th Mairead Harkin (21) 36pts BOT Gweedore; 5th Margaret McColgan (15) 36pts BOT Buncrana; Front 9 Anne-Louise Hicks (27) 20pts; Back 9 Rena O'Herlihy (36) 23pts. 2's: Anne Condon, Kathleen Rodgers Sunday Members Results - Winner Ita Ward 37pts; Runner-Up Claire Ferry 36pts BOT. The Pink Raffle has concluded, and winning tickets will be drawn this weekend.

Ladies Christmas Hamper Competition will take place on the 30th November. Keep your eyes



Letterkenny Golf Club Lady Captain, Anne Flannery, Captain Paul Carr and President, Ed Margey pictured with Past Captains and Past Presidents at the recent annual past Captains and Past Presidents Day at the club.



Lady Vice- Captain Pauline Curley with her hole in one on the 8th at Letterkenny Golf Club.

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Scenes from the annual concert for Whoriskeys Christmas Lights, Kerrykeel in the Fannet Presbyterian Church last Thursday night. This year the benefitting charity will be Cancer Care West, Donegal and lights will go on on Saturday the 30th of November.

Fanad

Funeral of Mary Begley

The funeral took place on Sunday of Mary Begley, Shannagh, Fanad and Limerick. Aged 98 Mary was formerly a member of the Clinton family from Ballylar. As a young woman she emigrated to London. After she returned home Mary married James Clinton from Shannagh. She worked as a District Nurse and also on the family farm. In recent years she moved to reside with her sister Catherine Power in Limerick.

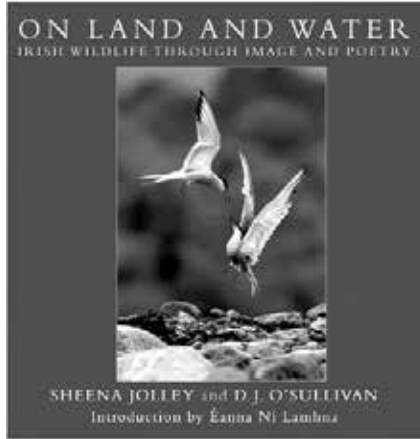


Mary passed away at The Good Counsel Nursing Home, Kilmallock Road, Limerick on Friday. She was predeceased by her husband James, brothers John, Eddie and Peter, sisters Sheila and Teresa and nephews Paul Flaherty, Sean Murphy and Paul Clinton. Mary is survived by her sisters Susanna Flaherty (UK) and Catherine Power (Limerick), brother-in-law Ned Power, her extended family, kind neighbours and many friends.

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Book Launch

On Land and Water - Irish Wildlife through image and poetry by Sheena Jolley and D.J. O'Sullivan will be launched at the Fanad Lighthouse on this Saturday the 9th of November at 3pm.



D.J. O'Sullivan was a master at writing about nature and he was writing poetry about the wildlife that he observed at first-hand as a lighthouse keeper, right up till his death at the age of 87 in 1993. Long after he had retired and indeed long after the lighthouses became automatic and lighthouse keepers redundant.

His poetry has now been brought to life with images by acclaimed nature photographer Sheena Jolley in this beautiful new volume. Sheena will be joined on Saturday by D.J.'s son Dónal. Fáilte roimh chách.

Mary's remains arrived at St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty on Saturday to repose overnight. Fr Anthony Briody officiated at the Requiem Mass on Sunday followed by burial in the adjoining graveyard.

Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Vaccines

Fanad Health Flu & Covid Vaccines - Flu and Covid vaccines are still available, please contact us on 0749159060 to book or drop in on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Childrens Nasal Flu Vaccine also available for ages 2 - 17 years.

Rossnakill Community Hub

Join us for our Annual General Meeting on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm in the Rossnakill Community Hub. We welcome new committee members to help progress the Hub and all it has to offer to the community.

Walk in Yoga classes with Brigitte from 'YOGA Kindly' every Monday

at 10.30am. Brigitte can be contacted on 087 065 3333.

Teach Solais Fhánada

Míle buíochas to the great crew of volunteers who took part in this year's Fright at the Light at the lighthouse last week. It was great fun and widely appreciated with a record turnout over the 2 nights.

As Christmas approaches, the café and shop will be open 7days from 10am to 4pm with some great ideas for Christmas presents. Tours will be every day except Monday. If you are travelling, please check in advance online or at 074 9116020 as the weather can affect our plans.

Ceiligh Dancing

Two hand ceiligh dancing in Fanavolty Hall on Tuesday 12th November at 8pm (please note change of date). Everyone welcome for a good night's enjoyment and exercise.

Kerrykeel Yoga

Gentle yoga in Kerrykeel Old Schoolhouse, Thursdays 10-11 am

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Classes in Glenvar Sewing Class began on Tuesday from 7pm to 9 pm. 8 week course - not too late to join.

Dance Class for beginners and advanced, continues every Wednesday. 6 week course. Jiving, Line Dancing, Waltzing and Quick Step. 8pm to 9.30pm. No partner needed. Cards run every Thursday at 7pm.

Palm Beach Florida... a little piece of Fanad

On Tuesday night as the polls closed in the US Presidential Election, Lawrence Donegan made his way towards Donald Trump's base at Mar-a-Lago in Florida. Along the way, he would have passed a part of Palm Beach which had once been a little bit of Fanad for 21 years, namely St. Edward's Church.

By Kevin O'Sullivan

This is the spiritual home to some of the richest families in the United States

Monsignor Bernard McGrehan celebrated his first Mass in St. Edward's in 1945 and became parish priest in 1971, staying until his retirement in 1992. Monsignor McGrehan's parents were Bernard McGrehan (senior) from Gortnatraw and Rose McElwaine from Ballyheerin. For many years of Monsignor McGrehan's tenure he was assisted by his Assistant Pastor, Father Walter Hartnett, whose mother was Marjorie Powers from Glinsk.

It is a short journey down the Palm Beach coastal road from St. Edward's to the former Kennedy compound, winter home to many of Monsignor McGrehan's most celebrated parishioners. He was particularly close to the late Pres-



Monsignor Bernard McGrehan identified JFK's mother Rose Kennedy who attended his 8.30am Mass every day she was in town. Monsignor McGrehan was born on the 3rd of March 1919 and died on the 31st of August 1997. Father Hartnett was born on the 18th of May 1920 and died on the 25th of May 2006. Both men made a number of visits to their ancestral homes in Fanad. Monsignor McGrehan's father



Father Hartnett

was one of five brothers and, curiously they ended up spelling their surname in three different ways 'McGrenaghan' for the Fanad brothers Anton, Henry and John, McGrehan for Pittsburgh based Bernard and "McGranahan" for Philadelphia based Tom. This data is courtesy of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County.



Msgr McGrehan's parents Bernard McGrehan were from Gortnatraw and Rose McElwaine, Ballyheerin.



Monsignor McGrehan was particularly close to JFK's mother Rose Kennedy.



Scenes from Fright at the Light at the Lighthouse last week.



Organisers of the Paul Sweeney Memorial Cup 25 Card Drive which was played for in Wilkins Bar, Churchill which includes below the winner Dan McDaid and runner up Joe Gibbons.

Paul Sweeney Memorial Cup

A large crowd had a very enjoyable night at the 25 card game in Wilkins Churchill on Tuesday night. The cup was sponsored by Edward Sweeney of National Fuels. Thanks to all who turned up and a special thanks to Martina McGill, Joe Gibbons and all at Wilkin's Bar for making it such a great night.

The Cup was won by Dan McDaid who was playing for Denis Cannon and the Runner up was Joe Gibbons.



Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

Drumbrick, Kilmacrenan Letterkenny M.D.
I Garvan Friel am, applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for construction of extension to side of Existing Dwelling House and connection to existing sewage Treatment Plant at and all associated site works @ Drumbrick, Kilmacrenan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council

Pollet, Ballylar P.O., Letterkenny
We, Fergal & Marie Stewart, intend to apply for planning permission for development at Pollet, Ballylar P.O., Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Pollet. The development will consist of planning permission to renovate, extend and increase height of derelict cottage. Demolish portions of the cottage and upgrade existing on-site sewerage treatment system with 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 permission.

Donegal County Council Chapel Road, Brinalack, Derrybeg

I, Manus Mc Garvey am applying for Retention Planning permission to retain the changes made to my dwelling house, garage and septic tank during construction and all other associated site development works at Chapel Road, Brinalack, Derrybeg, County Donegal in the townland of Brinalack. 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

Ardrumman, Letterkenny
I, Mark McCauley, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the erection of a dwelling house with wastewater treatment system and domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Ardrumman, Letterkenny, County Donegal, in the townland of Ardrumman. 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

Fawnaboy West, Gortahork
I, Patricia McGuire am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for 1. Retention of existing garage/store 2. Change of use from outhouse to existing granny flat. 3. Retention of existing septic tank & percolation area, and all other site development works at Fawnaboy West, Gortahork, County Donegal in the townland of Fawnaboy West. 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

**Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
Dundoan Upper, Downings**
I, Nicole Reid have submitted a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) to Donegal County Council following a requirement of the Planning Authority in con-

nection to application Ref No: 24/61374 which was submitted on the 05th of September 2024 and made for the erection of a permanent dwelling House with Septic tank and all other associated site development works at Dundoan Upper, Downings, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Dundoan Upper. The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) 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 of €20.00, a submission or observation in relation to the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be made in writing to the authority within 5 weeks of the date of receipt by the authority of the NIS.

Donegal County Council

Woodlands, Letterkenny
I, Kevin Boyce am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with wastewater treatment system and domestic garage and all associated site works at Woodlands, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Woodlands. 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.

In Memoriam

Begley Francis Glenalla

In loving memory of our father Francis Begley, Glenalla who died on the 7th November 1970.

*Though your smile is gone forever
And your hand we cannot touch
We still have many memories of the father we loved so much.*

Always remembered by son Neil, daughters Frances and Sheila, grandchildren, Ballyare, Glenalla and Glasgow.



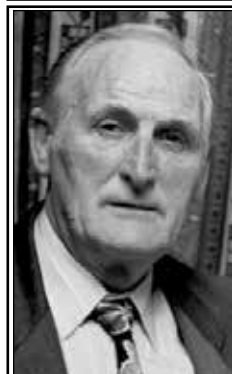
Dorrian Seamus Ross, Rosknack 4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on the 17th November 2020.

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

Loved and missed by your wife Delia and family xx.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Chapel, Fanavolty, Fannad on Sunday the 17th November at 11am.



Shields Gerry Kilmacrennan 4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on the 7th November 2020.

*We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.
So rest in peace dear loved one and thanks for all you've done
We pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won.*

Always remembered and missed by your loving wife Susan, your sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mass has been offered.



Sweeney Nellie 18th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother Nellie who died on the 7th November 2006.

Although our worlds are different now or is that just how it seems for we see you when we close our eyes because you are always in our dreams

*We know you're up in Heaven and looking down on us
And when we look up at the stars
We know that's where you'll be*

*Even though we miss you, you're not too far away
Because our hearts are full of memories
And we treasure them every day*

*Our time on earth was special
But it's only the very start
So please keep watching over us
While we're not so far apart*

Dearly loved and sadly missed by your husband Tony and all the family.

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Saturday 9th November at 7pm.

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



Contact
Tirconail Tribune
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Prayer for Publication

Novena to the Sacred Heart to be said six times a day for nine days. Never known to fail. May the most

sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified throughout the whole world forever and ever. Amen. Publication must be granted ET

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In Memoriam

Duddy

Liam
Derryveagh Ave,
Letterkenny
2nd Anniversary



In loving memory of Liam who died on the 13th of November 2022.

*The clouds in the sky
hide from my eyes the
sun that's trying to shine
When each grey day is here to stay
hope seems away down the line
I know that you will guide me through
until the skies begin to clear
I'll face the rain until I see you again
and sunny days appear.*

Loved and sadly missed by your wife Gráinne

*It's been two years since you left us
we feel your spirit every day
A quiet guidance from above
to check that we're okay
You were the quiet man to many
but your voice it still resounds
In all our cherished memories
there is solace to be found
In our thoughts and conversations,
we often feel you near
When we hear the guitars playing
and when we're ordering the beers
In days we really need you, you make your
presence known
We know that you're above and
we are never on our own
Whilst listening to the radio
or watching the tv
We'll catch a Marvel movie
or a verse of "Let it Be"
It's then we know you're watching
in your unassuming way
The quiet voice is all around as
we go about our day
Keep looking down upon us, your
brothers, sisters and your Mam
We'll keep listening for you every day,
our brother and our son*

From Cath, Chud, Mick, Marion, Chris and Our Mam.

Fondly remembered by Carmel, Shirley, Annemarie and Shauna.

*Liam, give us strength to live without you
We loved you dearly, we hope you knew
Fond memories of an uncle we loved so dear
Another song we'd love to hear
A song on the radio, "Reet Petite"
We're playing "The Beatles" on repeat
Family gatherings just aren't the same
Without our beloved Uncle Liam
Strings now strumming in a place Heavenly
Speaking words of wisdom "Let it Be"*

Sadly missed by your nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

*Sweet, sweet the memories you gave to us
You can't beat the memories you gave to us*

Always remembered by Anne, Bríd, Conor, Hugh, Rachel and Catherine.

Anniversary Mass in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Wednesday 13th of November at 10am.



McFadden
Francis
(McGregor)
Ray, Rathmullan
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and father-in-law who died on the 9th of November 2021, R.I.P.

*Lonely is the home
without you, life to us
is not the same
All the world would
be like Heaven if
we could have
you back again.
A light is from our
household gone,
a voice we loved
is still*

*A place is vacant in
our home that can
never be filled
The happy hours
we once enjoyed,
how sweet their,
memory still
But death has left
a vacant place this
world can never fill
How dearly we
loved you
and prayed you
might live*

*But Jesus just called
and we had to give
Our family chain is
broken nothing
seems the same
But as God calls us
one by one the links
shall join again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife May, sons, daughters, sons-in-laws, daughters-in-law and all the grandchildren, Ray, Rathmullan, Letterkenny, Canada and Drogheda.

a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours.

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the

prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council
19-21 Upper Main Street,
Letterkenny

We, Glenview Catering Ltd are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at 19-21 Upper Main Street, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Letterkenny. The development will consist of the demolition and reinstatement of the existing front wall structure and the removal and reinstatement of the existing pitched roof structure, to include all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority 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



Corry
Seamus
Illistrin,
Letterkenny
5th Anniversary
Died on the 13th
of November 2019

Cherished memories of a loving husband

*I don't need a
special day to bring
you to my mind
The days I don't
think of you are very
hard to find*

*Each morning when
I wake, I know that
you are gone, and
no one knows the
heartache as
I try to carry on
My heart still aches
with sadness and
secret tears still
flow, what it meant
to lose you, no one
will ever know
My thoughts are
always with you,
you're place no one
can fill*

*In life I loved you
dearly, in death
I love you still.*

Deeply loved, sadly missed by your loving wife Fidelma.

*We miss you more
than ever..
Your guidance
and your love
But, we know you're
still watching
silently from above
The love you gave
still warms us, the
way it always will
But leaving an
empty space that
time can never fill
From Heaven you're
still giving the love
you always had
We know you hear
us talk to you we
will always love you
Dad.*

Sadly missed by your loving daughters Emma, Orla and Niamh,

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Saturday 9th of November at 6pm.

We, Sophie & Martin Mc Daid are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for a new domestic garage located to the side and rear of our existing dwelling house. The ground floor will have a garage area and clothes drying area and the first floor will have a home office loft space with an external covered seating area and all associated site development works at Faheykeen, Churchill, Co. Donegal in the Townland of Faheykeen. 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 at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal. Submissions or Observations in relation to this development may be made to the

Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council.
Faheykeen, Churchill

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Acknowledgement

McBride
Sean
Downings



The family of the late Sean McBride, his sister Aldona, his nephew David, his niece Aisling together with their families and all of Sean's extended family would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who sympathised with them at the time of Sean's death. To all who travelled for the wake, funeral and sent messages of sympathy, a word of thanks.

To the staff of Aras Ui Domhnaill who cared for Sean in his last number of months and all the other medical staff, too numerous to mention, we thank you all. A special word of thanks to his carers, Ann and Bernie whose care and compassion to Sean was invaluable while he was being cared for at home.

A special word of thanks to Sean's lifetime friends and colleagues at Tralee IT/MTU for their lovely tribute to him in the Kerryman, and for having the flag of Tralee IT flown at half-mast on the day of his burial.

We would also like to thank Fr Philip Baxter, Capuchin Friary, Ards for celebrating Sean's funeral Mass and prayers at the graveside. Grateful thanks also to Seamus Gallagher, Funeral Director for the professional and courteous manner in which he carried out his duties.

Last but not least, thanks to the Mc Clafferty family, Beach Hotel for providing a beautiful meal after Sean's funeral.

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

Sean's Months Mind Mass will be held on Sunday 10th of November at 11.30am in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.



McBride
Eamonn
Rathmullan
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of Eamonn who died on the 28th of November 2019.

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

Sadly missed by your brother Francis.



McElwaine
Charlie
Rinmore, Fanad
16th Anniversary

In loving memory of Charlie who died on the 6th November 2008.

*God called your
name so softly, that
only you could hear
And no one heard
the footsteps of
angels drawing near
The golden gates
stood open, God saw
you needed rest
His garden must be
beautiful He only
takes the best.*

Always remembered by your loving family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Fanavolty on Sunday 10th November at 11.00am.

Planning Authority

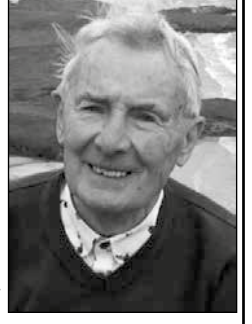
in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Planning Authority.

Donegal County Council
College Farm Road,
Sallaghgrane, Letterkenny

I, Margaret McNulty am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling with associated site works at College Farm Road, Sallaghgrane, Letterkenny, County Donegal in

McCloskey

Kilty
(formerly of the
Island, Glenvar)



The family of Liam McCloskey would like to thank all those who offered their support and took part in the interment of our father on October 8th last.

We thank Fr Gillespie who ministered to Liam in his final hours and to Fr Harkin who helped us through our mourning and who officiated at the funeral Mass, assisted by Fr Mc Menamin and Fr Cunningham, Drumoghill. Thank you also to the Choir of the Martyrs who added much to the occasion.

The Family took much solace and comfort from the dignified manner in which Seamus O'Donnell and Family, Funeral Directors, managed the occasion.

We are grateful for the care given to our father in Hillcrest Nursing Home over the last few months.

Thanks also to the Children of Drumoghill NS who provided a Guard of Honour on the day.

Many people came to the Wake, sent their condolences and attended the funeral, we shall be eternally grateful to them for their support and kindness as we are to our wonderful Kilty neighbours who helped in many ways.

We thank all those who sent Mass cards and who contributed to Saint Vincent De Paul, Letterkenny, in lieu of flowers.

The Month's Mind Mass for Liam "Willie the Isle" McCloskey will take place at the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Saturday morning November 9th at 9.30am.

McFadden
Hugh

Died 7th October 2024

A loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.



The family of the late Hugh McFadden wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the support shown to us during our recent sad loss. Our heartfelt thanks to all who visited during the wake, attended the funeral, left Mass cards, sent sympathy cards and offered comforting words as well as those who made charitable donations. Thank you to our family and friends for the hospitality they provided to the many visitors who attended the wake. Sincere thanks to Fr Carney who comforted Hugh during his illness and who officiated during his funeral Mass. Special thanks to Fr Carney whose homily reflected Hugh's kindness, gentle nature and sense of fun. Thanks to all who contributed to the beautiful music during the Mass.

Many thanks to the medical profession and in particular Daddy's many Carers for the excellent care they provided.

Special thanks to the Ramelton Community Hospital team for the loving care and support they gave to Hugh and his family during his time there.

Many thanks to Sweeney Funeral Directors for the professional and dignified manner in which they conducted Hugh's funeral arrangements.

It would be impossible to thank individually all those whose kindness has brought comfort to us so we trust this acknowledgment will be accepted as a token of our sincere thanks.

Mass will be offered for your intentions at Hugh's Months Mind Mass on Friday 8th November at 6.30pm in St Mary's Ramelton.

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The late Joseph McGlynn

The death took place of Joseph Andrew "Sonny" McGlynn, age 96, of West Chester, PA, on October 23rd last. He was born in Letterkenny in 1928. Joseph was the son of the late Patrick and Anne (nee Crerand) McGlynn.

Joseph was the husband of Mary Teresa (nee Harkin) Derryart to whom sympathy is extended from the community. Sympathy is extended also to his family: Joseph McGlynn (Deborah), Hugh Michael McGlynn (the late Terri), John McGlynn, Sharon Paff (Tom), and Deirdre Kelly (Brennan); caring grandfather of Bryan McGlynn (Kristen), Kristin Maitland (Danny), Erin Davanzo (Joey), Shanna Goldenbusky (Tony), Michael McGlynn (Emily), Courtney McChesney (Sean), Joseph Thomas Paff (Jen), Aidan Kelly, Pearse Kelly and great-grandfather of Jamisyn McGlynn, Gavin McGlynn, Mason McGlynn, Maeve Goldenbusky, Nori McGlynn, Nial McGlynn, Gracie McChesney, Brooklynn Maitland, Bryce Maitland, and Frankie D'Avanzo. Brother Danny Letterkenny.

Predeceased by his siblings Jim, Nellie, Patrick, Eddie, Bridget, Theresa, Hugh, Tony, and Kevin. Relatives and friends attended his Visitation at St. Thomas of Villanova Rosemont Chapel, Rosemont, PA, followed by his Funeral Mass.

His family have paid tribute to him by saying "From a young age, Dad taught us the value of hard work through his own unwavering example. He believed that a strong work ethic was not just important, but profoundly rewarding. He was a man of his word, and his integrity shaped our family values.

Family was everything to him. He cherished the bonds we shared and made it a priority to keep our family close. Before he left Ireland in 1953 to come the US, he made a promise to his father-in-law that he would bring Mary, our mother, back to Ireland to visit (as many who left rarely returned). He honoured that promise, returning again and again creating beautiful memories for all of us along the way. His commitment to bringing us allowed us to forge meaningful connections with all of our Irish cousins and deepen our roots.

Dad was a responsible provider who believed in the power of education. He made sure that each of us had the opportunity to pursue our dreams through education without hesitation.

He was an entrepreneur. His entrepreneurial spirit began at the age of ten, in Letterkenny, Ireland working on their family farm, and butcher shops. He was a paperboy, law firm delivery post boy and picked blackberries to get paid by the weight. In his teens, he drove semi-truck transporting goods from the North of Ireland to the South where he took it upon himself to have his own "side business" importing Butter and Cigarettes to the South (where these items were hard to get). He was the first UBER. Dances were very big in Ireland back in the day, and in the country, taxis were not an easy option. In his teens, mid 1940's, he earned enough to buy a van. He was going to the dance of course, but he wasn't one to spend the whole night dancing. So, he would pick people up and drop them off at the dance. They would pay him so much per person. He then stayed at the dance, had fun, would do the same with a few trips after the dance.

In 1953, he wanted to see what was across the Pond. He took Mary and off they went. He worked from butchering to sales for Swift and Company for 20+ years. Simultaneously, in 1969, opened his own butcher shop, Glen-Nor Butcher Shop (run by Mary our Mom, AKA Mary the Butcher). In 1974, purchased Ithan Food Market in Ithan PA, and in the

late 1980's, opened two restaurants in Galway, one showcasing Philadelphia Cheesesteaks and American fare (Phillies), the other a specialty café with deli food (Nifty Fifties). Even after retiring, he continued to run the Ithan Food Market for 20 years, leaving a lasting impact on the community.

Dad was an avid reader, always staying informed by reading Barron's, the Wall Street Journal daily and of course his Irish Echo. He loved the stock market and would often share his insights. We fondly remember our conversation once, imagining he should have his own talk show called "Irish Joe's Corner," where he would have shared his straightforward, honest takes on the market. No slants or biases. Ok, we admit it, probably the main reason for Dad going to Heaven is a chance to see if they have any better stock tips up there.

He had a gift for conversation - loved telling stories, an audience was optional. Dinner was the apex of etiquette, he taught us the proper way to mix the peas, carrots and gravy "Innnnn" the mashed potatoes and sometimes the meat.

At his core, Dad was a big kid at heart. The joy on his grandkids' faces as they saw him approach the driveway was a testament to the love and warmth he brought into our lives. He had wit with many funny sayings. One Example- For large footed family members he would say "Hey Pal, you've got a good grip on the earth". Another "I am not always right, but I am never wrong." We feel truly blessed to have had such a wonderful father who imparted invaluable lessons throughout our lives. His presence will be deeply missed, but his spirit will continue to guide us. Thank you, Dad, for everything".

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Novena of Masses

A Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls will begin in St. Michael's Church on Monday November 11th until Saturday November 16th and from Monday November 18th until Wednesday November 20th. Mass will be at 7.30p.m. each evening.

Secular Franciscan Order

Mass is on Wednesday 13th November in Ards Friary at 7.30pm Rosary at 7.10pm. All are welcome.

Classes at the Hub

Maths Grinds in the Hub for a six week Block began on Monday November 4th for Junior Certs and November 5th for Leaving Cert Students. Contact if you would like to register. info@creesloughcommunity.com Tel. 0872923102

Upholstery Classes in the Hub for six weeks from Thursday November 7th. Stools, chairs, head-boards etc. Please text, email or call to register.

Annual Pilgrimage

The annual Pilgrimage to Knock Vigil for the feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Saturday December 7th. Bus leaving Falcarragh at 4pm stopping at Dunfanaghy and Creeslough and returning on Sunday at approximately 8.30a.m. For information or to book ring Margaret on 087 8289068

Sunday Evening Mass

Sunday Evening Mass in Ards Friary will take place at 4.30p.m. during the Winter months.

St. Michael's Mimi Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's

Happy Birthday Fr. John Joe



John McAteer of the Tribune, Carmel and Sylvia Byrne, Kilcar and Caolan McFadden, Killoughcarron, Creeslough wishing a happy 50th Birthday to Fr. John Joe Duffy CC Creeslough.

Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 1,3,4, 8,11,19. Match 5 winner Henry Alcorn, Hornhead winning €100. This weeks Jackpot €3600.

Doe Amateur Swimming Club

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Christmas Day Dinner

The Hub will open on Christmas Day providing a festive dinner for those that may be on their own or unable to travel to be with their families. If you, or someone you know, would like to join please contact the Hub.

Creeslough Bingo

Creeslough Bingo is on every Sunday in The Hub with eyes down at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Joy Of Samhain Retreat

Friday 8th November to Sunday 10th November. Music, poetry, and nature will carry you gently into this celebration. Inviting you to experience all of this in your own body as it discovers the past, present and future, in a manner that cultivates a creativity that invites us into the next phase of our journey. Facilitated by Deirdre Ni Chinneide, Fr Philip Baxter and John Keane. Cost €280. For enquiries and bookings contact Ards T: 00353 74 913 8909. E: info@ardsfriary.ie.

Jiving Classes

Learn Jiving, Line Dancing and more on Tuesdays in the Links Hub from 7-9p.m. Register now. Contact Niall Doherty on 0862331174. Fun and easy to learn. No need to bring a partner. €10 per person per class. (Family concession)

Conversational Irish

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



Micheál McCarroll who won €320 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

2 Roosters for Sale
Spring 2024
Creeslough Dunfanaghy Area
Tel. 086 3948561

Beginners Yoga

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

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.

Run the Wall for Palestine in Dunfanaghy

By James Woods

A gathering and walk in support of the plight of the Palestinian people took place on Sunday starting off



from the green across the road from Arnolds Hotel.

This was part of a global day of similar assemblies of people and events, so the Rev Niall Johnston in conjunction with Debra Moore, Christine and Patrick Knowles and Bill Arnold who supplied refreshments afterwards in the Hotel. As the rev explained to me this event was about highlighting the plight of the Palestinian Christians and hoping to raise some funds to go towards an ecumenical charity that supports Christians throughout the holy land. Its more about raising awareness rather than collecting money which is secondary but without money it is hard to provide the help needed. Rev Niall lives in Dunfanaghy with his roots in Faugher outside the town and flies to Jerusalem every month for nine to ten days, where Christians make up only 2% of the people. But everyone Muslim, Christian and non-faith all work together in these terrible difficult situations. I asked him does he have any insight into how the conflict would come to an end? Well internally its about everyone talking to everyone especially Palestinians and Israelis. Ordinary Israelis



are talking and do want peace, and externally it's about putting pressure on our governments to keep the plight of Palestinian christens alive and to ensure that we honour the agreements we made to bring peace between Palestine and Israel. Rev Niall Johnston is a Church of England priest whose work on conflict prevention and resolution means that he has significant overseas work experience with a considerable amount of time being spent in the Holy Land and surrounding countries. In July 2023, he marked the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by presiding at Eucharists in the Eye Hospital chapel and St



Debra Moore, Bill Arnold Rev Niall Johnston Christine and Patrick Knowles organisers of the Dunfanaghy gathering/walk in aid of Palestine.



George's Cathedral in Jerusalem. A passionate supporter of the Eye Hospital Group, Niall's focus is on raising awareness of the Group's work whilst also supporting fundraising. He

is a frequent visitor to the Eye Hospital campuses and is well known to many of the staff both clinical and non-clinical. Niall is Deputy Great Almoner and the Provincial Prelate of London.

Spectacular Halloween Night in Dunfanaghy

Dunfanaghy town was packed on Friday for the Halloween Torchlight Procession and Fireworks Display serving up an absolutely fantastic Night, with a terrific atmosphere and community spirit.

Well done to the Festival Committee who say that they are over whelmed by the response. They have thanked everybody for their help and support saying "as a small Dunfanaghy Festival Committee, Ciara, Annie Moore and Bernice Alcorn, Cathy Dunne. We would like to thank each and every one of you that helped us make it possible and for all the donations we raised. To everyone who Marshallled, helped set up, Denise Ferry who kindly gives up her free time every Thursday to help with the Quiz and in any way she can, Niall Doherty (Dj Doc), Donal who done the fantastic Firework Display, to Andrew and Ryan Moore for building a barge for the Fireworks to be able to go ahead, the Fire Eater Performers, Orson on the stilts, and the fantastic Falcarragh Samba Band, Tidy Towns, Ozanam Centre, and to Karen Blaney painting all the lovely wee faces on the night".

The late Maurice Henderson

The peaceful death occurred at his home on Friday of James Maurice Henderson, Hillsborough. James and his wife Hazel and family are well known in the Dunfanaghy area where they have a holiday home in Hornhead for a number of years, Sympathy is extended to his wife Hazel and family Gill, Suzanne and James, father-in-law of Jason and Dale and loving grandad to Rob, Scott, Lara and Olivia.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Maurice was held in Hillsborough Presbyterian Church on Monday followed by a private family burial.

Boxing Tournament

Dunfanaghy Boxing Club are holding a tournament in the Ozanam Centre on this Saturday 9th November at 8pm

against a strong Dublin team featuring several Irish champions. The team are Tiernan McGinley, Harry McBride, Carys McFadden, Odhrán McCarr, Conor McFadden, Cathal Russell, Mathew Ferry, Mick McGinley, Eddie McBride, Luke Kelly, Sean Kelly, Conor Durning, Sean Doohan. Everyone is welcome to come along for what promises to be a very exciting evenings boxing.

Senior Citizens Party

Senior Citizens Christmas Party is on December 8th in the Ozanam Centre in Dunfanaghy at 1.30 pm and all are welcome.

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Night Swim at Portnablagh

The Gartan Open Water Swimmers organised a Portnablagh night swim on Friday last. Both water and air temperature about 12c. Great crowd of swimmers and the snorkelers lighting up the sea underneath them as well. The Gartan Open Water Swimmers would like to say thanks to Darragh, Paddy and Matthew for kayak support. Thanks to Louise for doing the registration. €725 was raised going to the RNLI Donegal and Sheephaven Subaqua Search and Recovery Unit.

Arrive'n'Jive

Arrive'n'Jive at The Outback in Patsy Dans Bar featuring jiving, line dancing, with the odd waltz thrown every Tuesday from 7.30-9.30pm. There is no charge. All donations appreciated with money going towards the Renal Dialysis Unit at Letterkenny University Hospital. Everyone is welcome.

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Winter Craft Fair

The Winter Craft Fair will take place at The Workhouse on Saturday 9th of November from 11am-5pm. This annual event will host 30 crafters under the marquee, 5 hot food trucks, storytelling and sing along with Mrs Claus, kids face painting, Christmas themed thermo mix demonstration, and a raffle with lots of prizes to be won. Join in for this festive community event. For more information call 913 6540.

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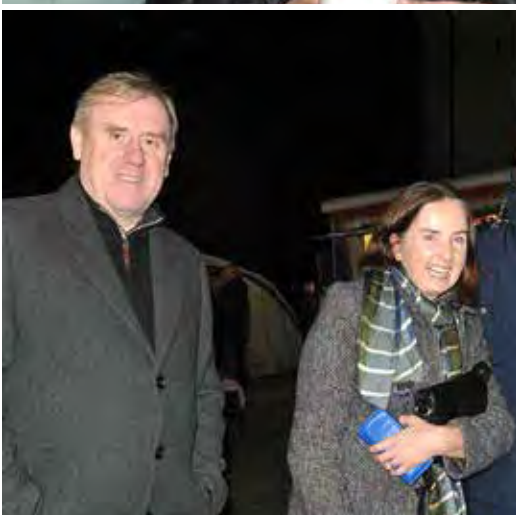
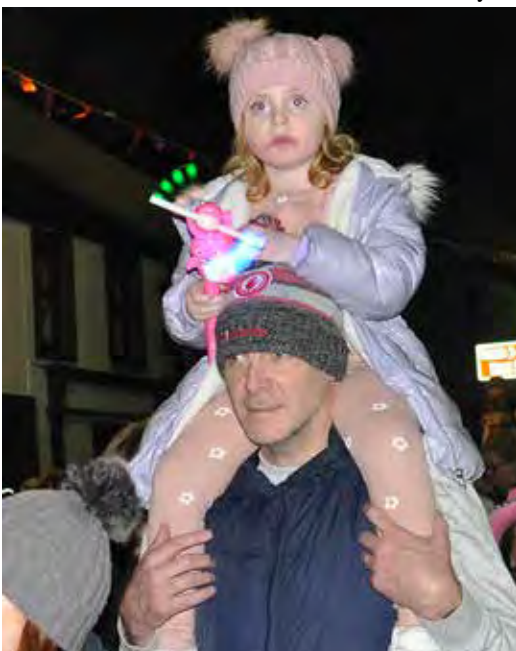
Congratulations to Micheal McCarroll who won €320 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Prayer Meeting

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.



Pictured are groups enjoying the Halloween Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Display in Dunfanaghy on Friday night



McAuliffe's closes in Dunfanaghy

Sunday marked the end of an era in Dunfanaghy with the closure of the McAuliffe's Craft Shop on the Main Street. To mark the occasion the family welcomed the local community into the shop for a closing down function and it was a lovely occasion which was tinged with a hint of sadness for all concerned. For those of us who grew up in the area, the late Jack McAuliffe was a familiar and friendly sight behind the counter of his chemist shop dispensing medication and advice to both the human and the animal population whilst upstairs his wife Mary ran the very successful Tweed and Fashion Shop which attracted customers from all over the county and much further afield. Among those in attendance was Mary McAuliffe who took over the family business at Sweeney's Corner in Falcarragh and who moved over from Falcarragh to Dunfanaghy on her marriage to Jack McAuliffe. For many of those present it was a chance to reminisce with Mary about

buying wedding dresses and school clothes or the many fashion shows that she organised over the years. A number of former retired members of staff also were present for the occasion as we members of the various local committees that Mary would have volunteered on over the years. Also present was Fr. Martin Doohan who in his weekly newsletter described the closure of the shop as being like a death in the family and as a community we are sad to see it go. Fr. Doohan went on to sum up the mood of the area by "wishing Anne, Conor and all the McAuliffe Family and staff who worked so hard to make McAuliffe's such a wonderful shopping experience wishing you every good wish we can and ask God's Blessing upon you all for the future. Thank you for the memories of a shop and a family name associated with quality and customer care and a job well done, very well done indeed - We shall miss you".



Pictured are McAuliffe's Staff on Sunday last at the closing function are Nicola Doherty, Caroline Friel, Erin Wilson, Toni Zasa, Aoife McNally, Emma Doherty, Anne Mc Namara, Conor Mc Namara, Linda Hanlon, Angela McLaughlin.



Staff member Nicola Doherty and James McBride at the closing on Sunday afternoon.



Mary Thresea O'Donnell, Mary McAuliffe and Alistair O'Donnell.



Caitriona Kelly and Gloria Carr Falcarragh relatives of Mary McAuliffe



Maura Harley, Doreen Arnold, Anna Boyle, Shaun McAuliffe and Bill Arnold in McAuliffe's



Caroline Friel, Susan Moffitt and Janette Murray



Aoife McNally and Conor McNamara.



Conor McNamara pictured with Pascal Blake, Fr. Martin Doohan and Sean Maloney.



Staff members Erin Wilson and Linda Hanlon making Presentations to Conor and Anne Mc Namara.

Cloughaneely News

Ionad Naomh Fionnán 50/50

Congratulations Mary McGarvey, Lower Brinalack who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1038.

Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in Band lotto this week and the numbers draw were 2-7-12-15-17-18. The Match winner Luke Fetherston who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €8650.

An Introduction to Mindfulness

The world can be a seriously stressful place. Take a load off by coming along to our Introduction to mindfulness course. Led by Julie Voss, this FREE 5 week course is perfect for those seeking practical steps to self-care. Starting in

Ionad Garrdh Cholmille on Tuesday 12th November from 11am-12.30pm you will learn what mindfulness is, how to practice it and how mindfulness can help us flourish. No need to book, just come along. For information contact Pobail Le Chéile 086 455 7519.

Thanks

The Coffee Morning in Ionad Naomh Fionnán in aid of the Donegal Hospice raised a total of €835. Thanks to all who helped.

Pobail Le Cheile

Turas Chumann Cairdeas go Doire Dé Máirt 3ú Nollaig. Bus will be leaving Pobail Le Chéile at 10am. Béile i mBialann agus Beár Broc ag 1.30pm. Lonnaithe i gceoilár na Cathrach, tá múrmhaisiú clúiteach Derry Girls sa bhialann seo a bhfuil gradaim bainte amach aici. Cosnaíonn an turas €30 PP, lena n-áirítear bus agus béile dhá

chúrsa le tae/caife. Ní mór áit a chur in áirithe cuir glaoch/téacs ar 086 455 7519. Go raibh maith agat do DLDC as a dtacaíocht le costais iompair.

Cumann Cairdeas trip to Derry on Tuesday 3rd December. Bus will be leaving Pobail Le Chéile at 10am. Meal in Badger's Restaurant and Bar at 1.30pm. Located in the heart of the City, this award winning restaurant is home to the famous Derry Girls Mural. Trip cost is €30 PP, this includes bus and two-course meal with tea/coffee. Booking is essential call/text 086 455 7519. Thank you to DLDC for their support towards transport costs.

Social Handball

Social Handball for Adults at Ionad Magheroarty, Wednesdays, 6-7pm. Contact John on 087 125 5600.

Siopa Pobail

Siopa Pobail will be getting painted on

Monday 11th November. The shop will close at 5pm on Friday 8th November and reopen on Wednesday 13th November.

Glenea United 50/50 Draw

Glenea United held it's 50/50 draw last Friday and the winner was Máire Duggan, Ardsmore with a jackpot of €200. The next draw will take place on Friday 8th November at 7pm. The club greatly appreciates all the support it received with regards to the tickets. Tickets are on sale in local businesses and can also be bought using Paypal with the following link paypal.me/joecollgufc. Please could people that are using the paypal system, ensure that they add their address and / or contact number with the payment, in order, to help the committee.

Christmas Craft Fair

Ionad Cois Locha are having a Christmas Craft Fair on November 16th from

11am-4pm which includes Santa, Face Painting, Music and Treats available on the day.

November Novena for the Holy Souls

The annual Novena will run from Saturday 2nd - Sunday 10th November. Masses for the Novena will be at 7pm daily and on Sunday at 11am. Envelopes and lists for the Novena, can be returned to the letterbox beside the Sacristy Door in the Church. If you wish to have someone included in the Novena, please drop their names into the letterbox before the Mass on Saturday. The envelopes will then be placed on the altar for the duration of the Novena.

RI-Oga Dance Academy

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

GAA Club News

St Eunan's

Lip Sync Battle

Naomh Adhamhnáin and Letterkenny Music and Drama Group will be battling it out in a Lip Sync battle this Friday November 8th in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Tickets are on sale through the club, at the Mount Errigal Hotel and online. This promises to be a fun night out for all the family.

Scór na nÓg

Best of luck to Katie Coyle and Matthew Devenney who will represent the club in the county finals of Scór na nÓg in Inver this Saturday November 9th. Ádh mór orthú.

Senior Men

Naomh Adhamhnáin played Tyrone champions Errigal Ciaran last Saturday in Healy Park in Omagh. It was a close battle throughout with the Tyrone Champions coming away with a two-point win in the end. We would like to thank all the fans who again travelled in numbers to Omagh last Saturday.

Errigal Ciarán 0-12 Naomh Adhamhnáin 0-10

Team : S Patton; A Deeney, C Morrison, C Ward; D Mulgrew, Conor O'Donnell Snr, K Tobin; E Dowling, J Kelly; C Moore, K Kealy, S O'Donnell; O Winston, E McGettigan, Conor O'Donnell Jr. Subs: N O'Donnell for Winston (h/t), P Boyle for McGeehan (46), L McMonagle for Kealy (59)

Scorers: S O'Donnell (0-04); Conor O'Donnell Jr (0-03, 2f); J Kelly (0-01); Conor O'Donnell (0-01), N O'Donnell (0-01)

Hurling Academy

The Hurling Academy is on every Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. New players always welcome. Hurls and Helmets are provided.

Under 21 Championship

Our Under 21s started played Four Master in Donegal Town last Sunday and came away with a defeat to an impressive Four Masters side.

U21 Fixture:

Sunday, November 10th Under 21 A Championship

Nh Adhamhnáin v CLG Bun Cranraha at 12pm in O'Donnell Park.

Club Lotto

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

Sunday Morning Skills Academy

The Sunday Morning Skills Football Academy is now finished for this season, we had a great evening in the Mount Errigal last Sunday when the boys and girls were presented their medals.

Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 29/10/24

15-23-27-32 - Numbers drawn at Bingo in Mulroy Woods Hotel No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Noelle Hagan.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 9th November: Maple, Milford - U 12 Girls

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Under 21 Men

Our Under 21s went to Ardara on Friday needing a victory to qualify and duly obliged with a 3-09 to 0-15 victory at the end of a pulsating encounter.

Trailing by 0-7 to 0-3 after 20 minutes the lads upped the ante to go in level at halftime on a scoreline of 1-5 to 0-8 after a super goal from Eoin O'Donnell.

The second half was nip and tuck the whole way. Shane Black converted a penalty in an outstanding display, and Owen McElhinney slipped in a 3rd goal for the sky blues.

Shea McBride pulled off a brilliant fingertip save in injury time which meant a 3 point victory and quali-

fication. Scorers: Shane Black 1-07, Eoin O'Donnell 1-02, Owen mc Elhinney 1-00, Killian Mc Bride 0-01

U14 Boys

Our U14s had a good win over N Ultan in the All County Division 2 semi-final on Sunday. They now play Ardara in the final which is provisionally fixed for 16th/17th of November with day, time and venue to be confirmed.

U13 Girls

Our U13 girls were defeated by McCumhaills on Saturday at the 1/4 final stage of the platinum competition. It has been a great year for the girls, and it was an achievement in itself to qualify for the platinum competition.

St. Michael's

Bingo

The Hub/St Michael's collaborative Bingo continues in the Hub on this Sunday at 7.30pm. The Snowball is €300 on 45 nos or less on the Single Sheet.

Pitch Closure

Please be advised that our pitch will be closed from December 1st to January 31st for essential maintenance and preparation for next season.

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Gaelic4mothers and Others

The Gaelic for Mothers and others continues at the same times.

Parish League

Parish League continues this Sunday at 2pm.

Glenswilly

The AGM of CLG Ghleann tSúilí will now take place on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm sharp in the Clubhouse.

Nomination forms for Executive Committee, Sub Committee and Juvenile Management Positions along with Motion Sheets can be requested by contacting Sharon McGinty by email at Secretary.glenswilly.donegal@gaa.ie.

The closing date for submission of nomination forms is this Friday the 8th of November at 6pm.

The U21s were on the road on Sunday as they travelled to Father Tierney Park. A close encounter ended in a 1 point defeat for the boys on a scoreline of 13 points to 12. Next up is a trip to MacCumhaill Park on Sunday with a throw in of 12pm.

Minor Board

The U14 boys will contest the All County Division 1 Final after defeating Four Masters in a high scoring battle on Sunday. Extra time was needed to separate the sides with Glenswilly edging it by the narrowest of margins on a scoreline of 4-13 to 1-23. Fantastic display of football from both sides and our boys now prepare for the final on Sunday the 10th with time and venue to be confirmed.

Ladies Board

The ladies board AGM will be held on Friday the 8th of November in

Eunan's allow Errigal comeback

St. Eunan's let a golden chance of progression in the Ulster Senior Club Championship slip away at Healy Park in Omagh on Saturday night eventually bowing out on a 0-12 to 0-10 scoreline. Barry Meehan's men were leading in the dying minutes by a point after a fine Conor O'Donnell Jnr 45m free but then a couple of poor turnovers allowed Errigal Ciaran to shoot the final three scores of the quarter-final and a place in the last four against Antrim champions Cargin. Eunan's display was much better than their performance in the Donegal Final win over Dungloe when they finished strongly. Unfortunately for them their momentum ebbed away in the closing stages. Shane O'Donnell was the Man of the Match despite the disappointing defeat while his brother Niall only came on for the second half due to an injury.

While Eunan's led 0-05 to 0-04 at half time, Errigal Ciaran would have been

very unhappy with the fact that they missed at least a couple of scorable efforts from play while Peter Harte had a 15th minute penalty well saved by Shaun Patton. Going into injury time at the end of the semi-final the visitors were ahead 0-10 to 0-09 in front but three late points in a row gave Errigal Ciaran the victory. County player Ben McDonnell notched three of the last four points with sub Tommy Canavan getting the last score. Eunan's had done well defensively on the two Canavan's Ruairi and Darragh with Aaron Deeney, Caolan Ward, Conor Morrison and Darragh Mulgrew working well as a unit. Donegal manager Jim McGuinness was an interested spectator and while he would have been disappointed to see Eunan's exit the plus side is that those players such as the O'Donnell brothers Shane and Niall, Ciaran Moore and Caolan Ward will now be available earlier for County training.

Errigal Ciaran - Darragh McAnenly; Cormac Quinn, Aidan McCrory, Ciaran Quinn; Peter Óg McCartan 0-1, Niall Kelly, Tiarnan Colhoun; Ben McDonnell 0-3, Joe Oguz; Padraig McGirr, Peter Harte 0-2, Ciaran McGinley; Darragh Canavan, Odhran Robinson 0-1, Ruairi Canavan 0-3 (1f, 45'). Subs: Thomas Canavan 0-1 for McGirr 39 mins; Mark Kavanagh 0-1 for Robinson 46 mins; Ryan Ward and Dermot Morrow for Quinn and Colhoun 59 mins.

St Eunan's - Shaun Patton; Aaron Deeney, Conor Morrison, Caolan Ward; Darragh Mulgrew, Conor O'Donnell Snr 0-1, Kieran Tobin; Eoin Dowling; Ciaran Moore; James Kelly 0-1, Shane O'Donnell 0-4, Oran Winston; Conor O'Donnell Jnr 0-3 (2fs, 45'), Eoin McGeehin, Kevin Kealy. Subs: Niall O'Donnell 0-1 for Winston (half-time); Paucic Boyle for McGeehin 47 mins; Lee McMonagle for O'Donnell Jnr 60 mins.



It wasn't a good weekend for the Termon GAA Club over the weekend both their Senior Men's and Ladies exiting from the Ulster Championship. On Saturday the men were beaten 1-11 to 1-08 by Tyrone champions Derrygloughlin in the Intermediate quarter-final Healy Park in Omagh. Caolan McDaid's side were underdogs going into the match so the manager could hardly have been prepared for the scenario of being 1-4 to no score up after just ten minutes. Termon were unable to sustain that momentum and shipped seven points on the trot as Derrygloughlin responded in impressive fashion with Man of the Match Thomas Carney tormenting the Termon defence. Jamie Grant, John James Sweeney, Enda McCormick and Jack Alcorn had the visitors 0-4 in front and got even better with corner-back Patrick Fegan reacting quickest to a breaking ball for a goal in the 10th minute. Termon failed to score again and their opponents dominated the closing 20 minutes of the first half to go in level 1-04 to 0-07 at the break. The Donegal champions started the second half positively with young

Sweeney and Jack Alcorn splitting the posts.

But that was as good as it got as Carney converted a free and then put Derrygloughlin ahead for the first time in the quarter final, getting on the end of a good move to slot past Illistrin man Emmet Maguire. It was the key score of the match and they added more points while Jamie Grant and Daire McDaid got late points for Termon. Still it's been a very good season for Caolan McDaid's men and while there was big disappointment at losing on Saturday evening perhaps a decent break is what is really needed now to be ready for Division 1 football in 2025.

Termon - Emmet Maguire; Cormac Gallagher, Ricky Gallagher, Cormac Brady, Patrick Fegan (1-00), Conor Cassidy, Jamie Grant (0-02), Bobby McGettigan, Ryan McFadden, John James Sweeney (0-02), Kevin McGettigan, James McSharry, Daire McDaid (0-01), Enda McCormick (0-01), Jack Alcorn (0-02). Subs used: Cian McMenamin, Conor Black, Gary McGettigan, Aaron Reid, Evan Coleman.

Heavy defeat for Termon Ladies

It was one of the toughest days ever experienced by the Termon Ladies at the weekend as they were beaten 2-14 to 0-05 by Lurgan of Cavan in an Ulster Senior Ladies Semi Final in Virginia. Lurgan now advance to their first ever senior provincial final where they will place reigning champions Clan Eireann (Armagh).

In Sunday's match the Donegal champions never really got going with some uncharacteristic misses in the first half signaling that it probably wasn't going to be their day. However, the side managed by cousins Adrian and Kevin McGetti-

gan were only four points down at the interval.

They could have been in front or at least much closer having hit the crossbar twice in quick succession as well as a failure to convert a couple of handy frees. Geraldine McLaughlin was the main scorer as usual and registered their 0-3 in the first half all from frees. The Burn Road failed to score from play in the first half and that didn't change after the break with McLaughlin getting all five of their scores from placed balls. And things got a lot worse as the Cavan champions cruised to a 15-point win. Lurgan's top

scorer was Aoife Brady with 1-6, which included a penalty and five frees while Catherine Dolan registered 1-1.

Termon: Orla Corry; Aibhe McDaid, Niamh Friel, Chelsea Gorman; Niamh Bonner, Evelyn McGinley, Shannon McLoughlin; Emer Friel, Megan Ryan; Jodie McFadden, Roisin Friel, Anna Gallagher; Ciara McGarvey, Geraldine McLoughlin, Roisin McCafferty. Subs used: Jenny McGettigan for N Bonner, Siobhan Cameron for A Gallagher, Lauren Gallagher for R Friel, Sophie Curran for M Ryan

Referee: Oliver McKenna (Tyrone)

All-Stars for Gallen and Mogan

Peadar Mogan and Oisín Gallen were recipients of GAA All Star Awards at the RDS in Dublin on Friday evening following fine seasons for the Donegal senior football team. For both players it was their first time to be honoured.

St. Eunan's Ciaran Moore was a nominee for the Young Player of the Year

but was pipped by Armagh's Oisín Conaty. After the All-Ireland Final win in August, Conaty had been named 'Man of the Match' so would have been seen as favourite to take this award ahead of Moore and Galway's Johnny McGrath.

Still 2024 was an unbelievable success for the Ramelton man in his first season

with the Donegal senior footballers with Jim McGuinness deserving great credit for the way he brought the St. Eunan's man into the team.

A very athletic footballer, Moore showed his versatility playing in defence and midfield while also getting forward to score points.

the clubhouse at 9pm. Anyone interested in managing/coaching any of our ladies or underage teams should attend!

A fantastic evening was had at our Halloween Disco full of dancing, treats and fun. Big shout out to DJ Paddy Kelly for

giving his time and providing the music. Thanks to those who sponsored prizes towards the raffle and kids prizes: McFadden's Pharmacy, Mari-Claire's Beauty Bar, Flawless Blends and Donegal Stationery Co.

Lastly thank you to all the kids and parents who came out in their costumes to party with us. The time and effort that went into every costume made it extremely difficult to pick out some of the best ones.

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Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

Intensive Irish course in the clubhouse on Saturday 9th November. Only €20 and includes a meal in Wilkin's that evening at the Pop-Up Gaeltacht! Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start! Over €2000 in prizes guaranteed every week. Well done to last weeks winner Brid McDaid who won €390!

Gaeil Fhanada

Lotto Results 03/11/2024

Numbers: 5, 13, 14, 22, 24. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Christian Gibbons. This week's Jackpot: €2,400.

Club Planning Workshop

Don't miss your chance to have your say in the future of Fanad Gaels. We're holding our Club Planning Workshop this Friday, 8th November at 8pm. Everyone from players to parents and supporters is welcome to join and share their ideas. Let's create a vision for the

future, together. Focus Groups will be formed to develop key recommendations – this is your opportunity to make an impact on the club's future. See you there.

Gaeil Fhánada Double Hop

1 ticket, 2 chances. Our monthly Double Hop draw is back this week, and you will have two chances at winning a €500 cash prize. If your ticket wins the first €500, your ticket then goes back into the drum for the second draw. Tickets will be on sale from Friday lunchtime.

AGM

The AGM will take place in the Old School Community Centre, Kerrykeel, on Friday November 22nd, at 8p.m.

If you are interested in a position within our club, the GAA have a number of online resources, <https://learning.gaa.ie/node/282155> where you can find what's involved in the role. You can also call 085-1555645 for further informa-

tion. If nominating someone for a position, please seek their permission, prior to doing so. If any adult member hasn't received notification, they should contact by email, secretary.donegal@gaa.ie for nomination papers.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

U13 Girls face Moville in semi

Our U13 girls side face another big game this weekend, as they welcome Moville to Portsalon for their U13 Platinum County semi final. The girls have had a brilliant campaign to date, and are now only one game away from a Division 1 county final. All support would be greatly appreciated on Saturday at midday.

Scór na nÓg - County Final

Beidh Gaeil Fhánada ag glacadh páirte i mBabhta Ceannais Scór na nÓg ag an deireadh seachtaine in Inbhear. Best wishes to all our competitors taking part in the Scór na nÓg county final this Saturday afternoon in Inver.

The Club will be represented in three competitions, having qualified from the semi finals last month in Glenfin.

Gemma Nic Congail will take part in the Amhránaíocht Anair competition. Marie

Ní Fhríl, Róisín Breathnach, Caragh Ní Ghiobúin, Gemma Nic Congail and Sorcha Nic A' Phobail make up the Bailéad Ghrúpa. Ellie Nic A' Phobail, Clodagh Ní Fhríl, Órla Nic Giolla Fhionntáin, Sinéad Breathnach, Fódhla Ní Fhrighil, Aoife Ní Thalbóid, Lucy Ní Bhuaigh, and Lucy May Ní Ghallchoir will represent the club in the Rince Foirne competition.

It is a great achievement for everyone involved to have reached the County final and we'd like to wish all the girls the very best of luck in their respective competitors.

U14 Boys secure semi spot

Well done to our U14 boys side who enjoyed a comfortable victory over Red Hughs on Sunday in their Division 3 County League quarter final. They will face Naomh Columba in the semi final in a fortnight's time.

U13 Girls see off Glenswilly

Well done to the Gaeil Fhánada U13 Girls who defeated Gleann tSúilí in their Platinum Quarter final clash on Saturday at Páirc Uí Shíadhail.

Both teams put on a great display of football but the Gaels had more in the tank and finished the stronger.

Spirited U23 lose to Glenfin

Gleann Fhinne3:10 Gaeil Fhánada 2:07

Our U23 ladies put in a battling performance on Sunday, but came up just short against Glenfin in the U23 silver semi final at Páirc Uí Shíadhail.

The side showed their battling credentials throughout, coming back from six points down in the opening half to level proceedings early in the second half, and with ten minutes remaining, Gaeil Fhánada only trailed by two points. The visitors however, pushed on in the final ten minutes, to extend their lead to seven with a goal and two points, before a late Gaeil Fhánada score brought the gap back to six before the full time whistle.

Clare Friel, Méabh McAteer, Méabh Duffy, Aoife Gibbons (0:01), Alisha Gallagher (0:01), Lauren Carr (0:05), Eimear Sweeney (1:00), Jessica Coll, Rachael Friel, Eibhlín Shiels (1:00), Ella Mc Bride, Caitlin Heraghty, Tori Gallagher, Emma Friel, Ciara Mc Elwaine, Emma McGrenaghan, Olivia Friel, Iseult Ní Mhathúna.

October 'Double Hop' Winners!

Congratulations to our €500 winners in this month's 'Double Hop' draw - Mary English-by c/o Fiona; Kevin Friel.



Under 1s Girls group at the Mulroy Academy year end presentations with special guest Aaron McLaughlin and managers.



Under 14 Girls group at the Mulroy Academy year end presentations with special guest Aaron McLaughlin and manager Martin McAteer.



Under 16 Girls group at the Mulroy Academy year end presentations with special guest Aaron McLaughlin and managers Syria McGeever and Martin McAteer.

Mulroy Academy Presentations



Aisling Crawford McAteer making a presentation to Rose Blaney. Also included is special guest Aaron McLaughlin.



The Under 14 girls award winners.



Under 14 Girls Award Winners with Manager Syria McGeever and special guest Aaron McLaughlin



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Booking in Thurs 21st Nov from 8 - 8.30pm.

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Creelough Walking Group thanks

The Creelough Walking Group in partnership with the Hub (CCA) hosted a coffee morning on Sunday 27th October. A total of €3,000.50 was raised. All monies raised will be donated to the Creelough Christmas Lights. The group would like to thank Majella, Stephen and the Committee of the CCA for use of the facilities, those who helped to make the morning such a success and the large number of people who attended and donated so generously. The group would like to extend their sincere thanks to all those who donated prizes including:

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The Creelough Walking Group is facilitated by the CCA and has been going from strength to strength since it began over 18 months ago. It has provided an opportunity to meet, socialise and exercise in the fresh air. The Group, which is suitable for all abilities, meets each Thursday at 11am and refreshments are served in the Hub afterwards.

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INHFA meets with Minister on ACRES



Donegal INHFA Officers meeting with Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue.

The Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association (INHFA) have held meetings with Minister McConalogue in Kerry and Donegal as they seek to find workable solutions to ongoing issues around ACRES payments. Speaking on this National Chair Pheilim Molloy stressed that "the 4,000 farmers currently awaiting balancing payments must be paid in addition to those farmers that are still awaiting their first ACRES payment." In their meetings with the Minister the INHFA delegations (which were led by Pheilim Molloy in Donegal and John Joe Fitzgerald in Kerry) outline the urgent need to get these payments made in addition to addressing the ongoing issues farmers are experiencing, especially in ACRES CP areas. These issues Molloy detailed include "lack of information on commonage scorecards which has for many farmers led to low scores and payment rates that has seen demands from the DAFM for the repayment of monies." In addition to this, farmers have, he added "being denied the opportunity to address issues that could improve their score and the support through specific actions because the DAFM have failed to facilitate actions under the Non Produc-

tive Investments (NPIs) and Landscape Actions (LAs)." In their meetings Molloy detailed how the Minister "was presented with a document outlining INHFA proposals to resolve many of the issues while also ensuring that all farmers currently waiting on payments are paid. The delegations also pushed the Minister for further engagement between the INHFA and Department staff" In his response the Minister agreed to facilitate such a meeting as soon as possible and also agreed to consider how the scheme could be improved." Since the meetings with the INHFA delegations the Minister has announced an ACRES scheme review which Molloy has welcomed. However, the INHFA Chair stressed that "any review must involve active engagement with the key stakeholders including farming organisations such as the INHFA." In concluding Molloy returned to the ongoing issues around ACRES and demanded that "no farmer be left behind, adding that the INHFA proposals to pay all farmers on a score of eight can be the basis to ensure farmers are paid, while also providing the time to address more fundamental issues that have dogged the scheme."

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McNulty worried about Construction Workforce Shortage

John McNulty, Fine Gael General Election candidate, is urging Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Peter Burke to take immediate action in reviewing Ireland's critical skills list. This plea follows a recent report from the Fiscal Council indicating that the country requires an additional 80,000 construction workers to tackle pressing infrastructure needs, particularly in the housing sector. The report underscores the pressing demand for skilled workers in construction, a sector currently facing a severe shortage of essential tradespeople, including construction workers, plasterers, labourers, electricians, and plumbers - skills that are not currently reflected on the critical skills list. Without these vital tradespeople, key housing projects will continue to stall, further exacerbating the ongoing housing crisis in Donegal and across Ireland. John McNulty stated, "The construction industry is the backbone of our economy, and we must ensure that we have the skilled workers necessary to meet our urgent housing needs. The shortage of 80,000 workers is a wake-up call for our government. The absence of essential trades on the critical skills list is a significant oversight. We must act now to address not only the current workforce shortages but also to ensure that we can meet future housing demands as Ireland continues to grow." "Donegal has immense potential, and with the right workforce in place, we can build a stronger, more sustainable future for our communities. I urge Minister to act swiftly to ensure that our critical skills list reflects the urgent need for skilled workers in the construction sector to help resolve the ongoing housing crisis," he added.

Captain Coyle enjoys Shels success

Burt native and former Finn Harps player Mark Coyle became the first Donegal born player to captain a side to League of Ireland Premier Division success after Shelbourne defeated Derry City 1-0 at the Brandywell on Friday. Shels had a two-point advantage over Shamrock Rovers going into the final series of games who also won on Friday night against Waterford Utd at the Tallaght Stadium. A late 85th minute goal from sub Harry Wood secured the silverware for Damian Duff's side and Mark Coyle created his own little bit of history in lifting the LOI Premier Division trophy.

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O'Donnell welcomes Regeneration Funding

Independent General Election candidate Frank O'Donnell has welcomed €4 million secured under the Call 3 of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund by Donegal County Council. This funding has specifically been allocated to tackle long term vacancies and dereliction in Letterkenny. The aim of this funding programme is to assist property owners with bringing their properties back into productive use. "As a resident of the town and a member of Letterkenny Community Heritage Group I see this as a positive development not just for Letterkenny but for all towns and villages in Donegal" said Mr O'Donnell who confirmed last week that he would be running in the upcoming General Election after resigning from the Fine Gael Party.

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