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Mass vote failed Kerrykeel faithful

Two weeks ago, the congregation at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Kerrykeel saw their Saturday Mass at 6pm transferred to Milford. Following a vote, they now have Sunday Mass at 9am in the village. Until two weeks ago, the Saturday Mass in Milford was at 7.30pm.

"Milford has five times more of a population, so Kerrykeel's voice was always going to be buried in any vote.

The priests did not consult us - no

meetings were called - no explanation why we should lose our Saturday evening Mass. That is still a mystery to us," that's according to our sources in the village.

Contributors to the Tribune have been dismayed that the Church became involved in having a vote for change - they point to the sheer strength of numbers overwhelmingly favouring Milford.

Members of the community in Kerrykeel say the vote was a paper exercise and everyone knew the result.

A bit like David Frost's satire programme back in the day. "There is a general election in Greece next week and we already know the Generals who'll be elected."

Members of the congregation in Kerrykeel who, at the height of the recession raised €750,000 to upgrade the Church and preserve it for future generations have requested to have their views put into the Tribune...

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The creation by Aisling McFadden, Eabha McGinley and Sinead Browne of Pobalscoil Chloich Cheannfhaola who designed and created the Lady of the Landscape dress that caught the judges eyes at the Dublin All-Ireland and have been crowned World Finalists at the Junk Kouture Dublin City Final.

McConalogue blasts SF on Mica remediation

Minister Charlie McConalogue has accused Sinn Fein of empty promises on Mica Redress as he rejects their criticism of the Government's record of delivery for homeowners in Donegal.

By John McAteer

McConalogue said that SF has a very different perspective when it comes to Northern Ireland. He said the Northern Ireland Executive's three-year Programme for Government published at the start of September provides no commitment at all

to provide support to homeowners, despite some having already had to commence remediation works on homes with zero financial support.

He stated: "The Government is also committed to fully funding the scheme and ensuring that funding is made available over the course of the year ahead for all homes undertaking remediation. Each week, we are seeing more homes get into construction, with a total of 46 now finished and 206 more are underway.

The Government is fully committed to



seeing this momentum built upon in the year ahead. A total of 811 homeowners have now received grant approval under the scheme, with almost two-thirds of these being for full demolition.

The Government's commitment to following through on rolling out the Defec-

tive Concrete Block Scheme stands in stark contrast to the record of Sinn Féin, which has instead been characterised by empty promises as an opposition party in the Dail, and a total failure to commit any support to homeowners in Northern Ireland where they are now in Government".

With thoughts of an imminent election in the air, it is obvious that the 'defective blocks issue' will be the central issue across this constituency.

Minister McConalogue continued:

"Sinn Féin first promised to publish their own alternative Defective Concrete Block Scheme legislation in the summer of 2022, but then failed to do so.

They again promised to publish legislation in the summer 2023 but again failed to follow through. When invited by the Government to submit their proposals on the development of the new scheme's regulations, they simply didn't reply.

Then at the most recent meeting organised by defective concrete blocks

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Search continues for missing kayaker

The sea search for missing Ramelton kayaker, Paul Buchanan, was temporarily stood down on Wednesday due to adverse northerly winds of 17 knots. The search will continue when the seas abate.

A prayer vigil was held in Magheragallon on Wednesday night.

As the search continues off the West Donegal coast, the communities in Ramelton and Milford have united in their support for the family at an

unbelievably distressing time as they wait for information.

Aged in his 50's Paul had set off on his kayak from Magheragallon Pier in Gweedore around 5pm last Thursday.

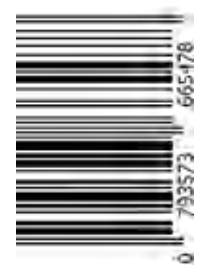
The alarm was raised around midnight when he hadn't returned home to Ramelton. The search commenced immediately and was paused at 3am before resuming again on Friday morning.

At around 7pm on Thursday

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The Letterkenny Memories made a welcomed return to the Station House Hotel on Monday last after the summer break with a large crowd in attendance. Pictured are the New Land Choir which was set up in 2022 and is made up of members from many different cultures.



SF seeks Council response to alleged 'alterations'

Sinn Féin has called for urgent clarification following the publication of an article in 'The Ditch' which claimed that "Donegal County Council secretly altered" more than 20 defective concrete block remediation applications.

Sinn Féin Group Leader on the Council, Cllr Gary Doherty said "I have written to the Chief Executive of the Council on behalf of the Sinn Féin group to request urgent clarification on

these very serious and concerning allegations made by 'The Ditch'.

That defective block homeowners, having already faced so many delays, barriers and road-blocks in their fight for 100% redress, could have their engineers' reports altered by the Council to effectively downgrade their remediation to a cheaper option is appalling.

"The Council's initial response that these unau-

thorised changes were due to "a minor technical glitch" is entirely unsatisfactory and fails to address the very real concerns being raised by homeowners and public representatives alike.

We need answers from both the Council and the Housing Agency as to how and why this was allowed to happen, causing further undue anguish to defective concrete block homeowners who have already suffered so much."

FAI bans player for five years

The FAI's Disciplinary Committee has handed down a five-year suspension to a Rathmullan Celtic player following an alleged assault on a referee during a Donegal Junior League cup competition tie in Ramelton last month. Following the incident referee Gerard Devine abandoned the game five minutes into the second half with Swilly Rovers leading 1-0 at the time. The match official's report was sent to the FAI who, having investigated its contents, have hit J.P. Doran with a five-year-ban that means he can't play in any FAI affiliated competition until

the autumn of 2029.

There is a right to appeal the decision. The incident occurred after Swilly Rovers were awarded a penalty with Rathmullan trailing 1-0 at the time in the Brian McCormick Area Cup semi-final. In the cases where there is an alleged assault on a referee the report is not dealt with by the local league executive and instead is forwarded to the FAI's Disciplinary Control Unit.

A Donegal Junior League spokesperson expressed full support for referees adding that a very strong message had to be sent out to play-

ers, club officials and supporters that abuse or assault of match officials will not be tolerated and the appropriate disciplinary sanctions will be applied fully where there is evidence of breaches of those rules.

The spokesperson also confirmed that the result of the game at the time the match was abandoned will stand, meaning Swilly Rovers who were leading 1-0 will now go through to the Letterkenny Area Shield final against Letterkenny Rovers. A date for that fixture will be announced in due course.

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Mr. Buchanan had been spotted between Inis Meáin island and the coast.

Family and friends had gathered at the pier on Friday evening as news emerged that his kayak was found 5 km north of Tory.

Malin Head Coast Guard and the Bunbeg Coast Guard were involved along with the assistance of the Arranmore Lifeboat and the Sligo R118 Coast Guard helicopter. A helicopter from the

UK Coast Guard in Prestwick in Scotland joined the search along with the Lough Swilly Coast Guard.

On Tuesday the Irish Coast Guard confirmed that the situation had moved to a search and recovery mission. The major multi-agency search operation has involved shoreline searches, boats, helicopters and drone searches. The agencies involved include Bunbeg Coast Guard Unit using Boat, Drone and Shore Searches, Arranmore RNLI All Weather Boat, Tory Island Coast Guard, Lough Swilly RNLI, R118 Sligo based helicopter, R116 Dublin based helicopter, R199 UK Prestwick based helicopter and Aer Corp Casa.

Rosaries were held in St. Mary's Church Ramelton and St. Peter's Church Milford on Friday evening. A special Mass to pray for Paul and the extended Buchanan family was held in St. Mary's Church Ramelton on Saturday morning.

Parish Priest Fr. Michael Carney thanked all who had taken time to come and support the family in prayer at the most difficult time in their lives. Prayers were offered for Paul's safe return and for all the personnel involved in the search of the Donegal coast. Fr. Carney said there was a feeling of helplessness so the opportunity for the extended family, friends and local community to come together in solidarity was very important to pray that Paul would come home. A rosary was also held in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday evening.

A chartered accountant Paul Buchanan was born in Scotland before the family moved to Newtowncunningham. A past pupil of St. Eunan's College he is well known in financial circles as an accountant. He worked for a number of Credit Unions including the Letterkenny and Gweedore branches. Paul was a former Director of the Letterkenny Credit Union.

He was also very active in the local community. Paul was a familiar face at Saturday evening Masses in St. Mary Church where he was one of the envelope collectors. He was also secretary of the Milford GAA Club's Minor Board who suspended all club activity last weekend as a symbol of their support for the family. Paul was also a keep fit enthusiast and had been a member of the Ray Men on the Move group. He was a regular participant in local adventure events.



World Rally legend Ari Vatanen with Termon father and son Charlie and Bernard Gallagher at the Stable Rally Museum in Frosses at the weekend.

Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette

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

Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues presentations



Bill Arnold of Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns committee receiving a donation for the group from members of the Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues committee. It was given as a token of appreciation for their efforts and support over the festival weekend and their work in the village throughout the year. The presentation was made by Anne Devine on behalf of the group, also pictured are Karen Alcorn, Geoffrey Black, Aisling Arnold and Eamonn McFadden. A festival hamper draw in Arnolds Hotel, sponsored by Flynn's Pharmacy, was won by Una Black. A festival hamper drawn in Lizzie's Dinner and the Oyster Bar was won by Maire Corcoran.

Social Dance in Letterkenny

There will be a Social Dance held in the Conwall Parish Hall on Friday 18th October from 9.00 - 11.30pm. Admission is €8 which includes supper and music is by Still Water.

McConalogue blasts SF

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homeowners in Buncrana, they disclosed that they would only commit (if in Government) to funding remediation of principal private residences and one rental property - eligibility the Cabinet has already provided for in the Government's new scheme.

A decision is also expected to be confirmed shortly that will see payments per square foot increase and the maximum cap go up by 10%, bringing the overall cap to €462,000. This will mean that along with the SEAI energy upgrade grants, the total maximum funding available for rebuilding a home will rise to €499,550.

The Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, has also said that the increase is planned to apply retrospectively to homeowners already in the scheme," he said.

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Stories from Tory Island captured in new book

The rich history, culture and folklore of Tory is captured in a new book aimed at preserving the stories of the island handed down from generation to generation.

Titled "S'Tory Book" is a collection of stories, fables and folklore from Tory Island and is written and illustrated by island resident, Saskia Lévy-Rodgers, and is suitable for people of all ages.

This work is described as an "an essential contribution to keep some of the Tory island stories alive for all, and to allow them to travel near and far."

Saskia, originally from France, is married to Michael Oliver Rodgers, and they live on the island with their young family.

There she has gathered many stories and memories from the local community in a bid to preserve them for her own children and future generations.

She describes the island as having 150 inhabitants, being a wildlife haven for scores of rabbits and seabirds with "almost as many fairies and inhabitants of the Sidhe, and millions of ghosts." Beautifully illustrated, it has been created with care and tenderness for the island and its rich culture.

Chapters include the island's historic links to Colmcille, Balor, Lugh, its many Kings and Queens, The Tau Cross, The Round Tower and much more.

She also adds more recent history, as well as her hopes for the future of the island and its inhabitants.

She explains: "This little book is by no means exhaustive; it is not an encyclopaedia or a dictionary. It is simply a collection of memories from islanders, thoughts, ideas, and hopes put together for Shona, Sean, and Aaron, their friends, and all their potential friends in Ireland and elsewhere. "I hope that you'll find many unanswered questions in this book and that you'll seek out the answers. I also hope that you'll be fascinated by your own folklore and traditions, that you'll take a great interest in researching these stories, and that you'll come to understand their wisdom and secrets."

"I hope you enjoy it, and if you have never visited Tory, I hope you might feel like visiting one day. If you do, please remember to take your litter with you, be nice and courteous, and be very careful with the big seal," she added.

It is available on the island, also on Amazon and you can obtain copies by emailing toryisland-book@gmail.com

Autism Family Support Group

Annual General Meeting of Autism Family Support Group Company will take place on Tuesday 5th November at 7pm. It will be held at the group premises at 31 The Elms, Glencar, Letterkenny, F92 P5K7. The meeting is open to all members old or new and to the public. For more information please contact the group on 086-1058086.

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Pringle questions Taoiseach on new Mica revelations

Deputy Thomas Pringle has raised with the Taoiseach claims that homeowners' engineers recommendations for defective blocks remediation were altered on a Donegal County Council-operated portal, as he pushed for a date for publication of a revised IS465.

Addressing the Taoiseach, Simon Harris, in the Dáil on Tuesday, Deputy Pringle said: "In the last two hours, the online news publication 'The Ditch' has revealed further controversy surrounding your failing defective blocks scheme.

It has emerged that in more than 20 cases the Donegal County Council-operated portal had altered the recommendations of the homeowners' engineers. What I find interesting or perhaps more appropriately described as disturbing, is

that in each case the alteration which Donegal County Council claim as 'a minor technical glitch' resulted in the original engineering recommendation aligning with a downgraded option recommended by the Housing Agency appointed engineer's desktop appraisals.

It would be naive in my mind to attribute this to mere coincidence.

When you add this to statements from Engineers Ireland at the Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, on the issue of IS465 earlier this year, where they stated that it is: 'the view of many



engineers that the existing standard is no longer fit-for-purpose where the mechanism of deterioration remains uncertain and developments in the scientific understanding of this issue must be appropriately considered.'

You can see why this is leading to frustration among residents in County Donegal who have had to engage with the scheme despite its many other flaws," he said.

Deputy added: "We know that the science now confirms the primary problem is internal sulfate attack, yet three years on from the trumpeted scheme announcement we don't have a date for the

review of IS465."

In his response, the Taoiseach said he will ask the Minister for Housing to pursue claims in relation to Donegal County Council with the local authority and revert to Deputy Pringle. The Taoiseach said he would also like clarity in relation to that matter.

The Taoiseach said that the review of IS465 will initially take the form of an extensive amendment to the testing protocol. He said every effort had been made to produce a public consultation draft amendment for quarter 3 of this year, but now is anticipated that it will be published by quarter 4.

The Taoiseach said he took Deputy Pringle's point about not wishing to see any further slippage and the importance of adhering to timelines and he will keep a close eye on that.

Letterkenny One Act Drama in November

The 2024 Letterkenny One Act Drama Festival runs from Friday 1st November to Sunday 3rd November in an Grianan theatre and the committee are confident that drama enthusiasts will not be disappointed with their programme this year.



Once again the festival is bringing drama groups from all over Ireland to compete in this All Ireland competition. The festival is one of many held throughout the country during the month of November and is run jointly by the Drama League of Ireland and the Amateur Drama Council of Ireland. As in previous years, the festival has a professional adjudicator who marks each play under the headings; Direction, Acting, Presentation, Overall achievement. Drama groups may compete in five festivals this year and are awarded points from each of these categories. The Top 9 qualify for all Ireland finals.

There is a Confined & Open competition in each festival. The Open Competition is for groups with significant experience The Confined Competition is for newer groups/ more inexperienced groups/ smaller groups/groups with less resources. Plays must not be less than 20 minutes and not exceed 55 minutes. As in previous years the festival has three plays at each session. At the end of each one the adjudicator gives an open adjudication of each play in front of the audience before giving a private critique with each group. The open adjudication has

proved popular with audiences in the past and many spectators make up their own minds who deserves the awards before the final adjudication.

As in previous years, the 2024 programme has nine one act plays performed by drama groups from all over the country, three each night/evening.

Letterkenny Music and Drama Group, Rosemary Drama Group, (Co Antrim), and Moogles Theatre Co., (Co Cavan) are set to perform on Friday 1st November.

Carraig na Bhear Drama Society (Co. Cork), Mosttrim Players, (Co. Longford) and Theatre 3 From Newtownabbey take to the stage on the Saturday and the Butt Drama Circle, the Erne Drama Group, (Co Fermanagh), and Devenish Drama Group, (Belfast) perform on the Sunday afternoon.

Please note that Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7.30pm but Sunday afternoon kicks off at 4.00pm.

Tickets: €18/€15 per day or attend all 3 days for €40. A special couples deal of €60 for all three sessions is available.

Tickets available from An Grianan box office on 0749120777 or online www.angrianan.com.

Friends of LUH collection this weekend

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

The Friends celebrate their 32nd anniversary this year and recently donated €380,000 to the hospital to purchase an

Ultrasound Machine for Respiratory Medicine, a Double Balloon Assisted Enteroscopy System for Gastroenterology, a Contrast Pump Injector of Radiology and the Symptomatic Breast Care Service, a Rezúme Prostate Treatment System and a Thulium Fibre Laser System for Urology Services.

These items of equipment will either enhance existing services in LUH or will

enable the provision of new services locally, where patients had to travel outside LUH previously.

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



Young people from Donegal Youth Service are pictured with Christine Callaghan from Vhi and Megan Rushe from Donegal Youth Service as they celebrated being one of 9 projects awarded grants through their Fund this year. Now in its fourth year the Fund supports projects that are focused on strengthening resilience in young people and helping them to manage anxiety, with a particular focus on early intervention and prevention. Non-profit organisations which work with young people in Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kilkenny, and Limerick were invited to apply for a share of the €90,000 fund this year. Photo by Joe Dunne

€750k funding for rural projects

John McNulty, the FG election candidate in Donegal has welcomed CLAR funding of €750k across the county.

He said: "The 15 receiving this funding of €50,000 each will provide long-lasting benefits, improving key amenities and ensuring that communities across Donegal continue to flourish. The social and economic impact of this kind of funding on our local centres, clubs, and public spaces are essential hubs of activity, and this investment will help to breathe new life into them, ensuring they remain vibrant and accessible for all."

Coiste Forbartha Ceantair Mhín an Aoire in Meenaneary, €50,000. Coiste Ionad Pobail Theilinn, €50,000;

: McNulty

Cloghan Childcare, €50,000; Glenswilly Community Group, €50,000; Red Hughs GAA, €50,000; Coiste Glan & Glas, Falcarragh TT - Biodiversity and History Walk around the town, €50,000; Togra Fiontar & Cultur Uladh CTR - Magheraroarty, €50,000; Gallowglass Community Centre Milford, €50,000; Whitestrand United Grounds, €50,000; Glenmore Hall Committee, €50,000; Aodh Ruadh Park Development Committee, €50,000; Culdaff Football Grounds, €50,000; Naomh Conaill GAA Grounds, €50,000; Glengad Football Grounds, €50,000.

Serious problem for SF at bad time

There is a verse in the Bible about a cloud no bigger than a man's hand. For Sinn Féin, the conviction of former press officer Michael McMonagle began as such a cloud. Former Party press officer McMonagle pleaded guilty to child sex offences. He awaits sentencing. The party has mishandled the issue.

However, it won't lead to a collapse of Sinn Féin. Equally, such a scandal is the last thing the party needs as the General Election draws near. McMonagle left Sinn Féin after his arrest. Sinn Féin was aware of the circumstances of his departure. We must all be careful, though. At this stage McMonagle was still an innocent man. He had not been convicted. That is the case no matter how horrible the alleged offence. (Incidentally, the same is also the case with Jeffrey Donaldson). After leaving Sinn Féin he went to work for the British Heart Foundation. Again, he was a press officer. Two Sinn Féin colleagues gave him references. Both are now former Sinn Féin employees and former party members. Their former party has publicly disowned them. The story becomes murky because we know McMonagle made at least one public appearance at a British Heart Foundation event at Stormont.

There were at least three Sinn Féin politicians present. I cannot believe none saw McMonagle. I also can't believe that the circumstances of his leaving were not discussed in Sinn Féin circles.

Sinn Féin members are like everybody else. They gossip. I do not believe there was a legal obligation to inform the British Heart Foundation. There were no safeguarding

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issues in McMonagle's new job. I do believe there was a definite moral obligation. A charity very much needs public goodwill. The last thing it needs is scandal. The decent thing was to tell the charity. That would be what you would expect any reasonable person to do.

Inevitably people in Sinn Féin know people in the British Heart Foundation. Thus a word of warning was very easy. It is what is called doing the right thing. Sinn Féin failed to do that. There is no evidence it covered up any offending. There is no sign of this bringing Sinn Féin down.

The party accuses opponents of playing politics. They are right. Simon Harris announced this was far too important a matter to play politics with. Then he went on to play politics with it.

There is, of course, another side. Were another party involved, Sinn Féin would play politics with the issue. That, unfortunately, is the nature of the Irish political parties. There is, of course, a barrage of criticism. I am sceptical at how important this is. Overwhelmingly, this comes from people who were never going to vote Sinn Féin. Reality is that Sinn Féin divides opinions. There are a lot of people who strongly dislike it. That group are those who are most vocal. That,

though, is not to say this scandal will not have an effect.

There must be a General Election within the next six months. It is very possible a November General Election will have been called by the time you are reading this column.

This scandal is the last issue any party wants in the run-up to a General Election. Sinn Féin is distracted from putting out politics.

Instead, it is denying mishandling a sex abuse case. That stalls the campaign. It is highly unlikely to lead to any more resignations at senior levels. It is highly unlikely the Sinn Féin vote will take a major hit as a result. It is highly likely the scandal will cost them a couple of tight seats.

The Sinn Féin advance in the South has, at best, stalled. A year or so ago all pointed to their being the biggest party after the election. They will still be a major party. But they will probably be in third place. Holding all 38 seats they won in 2020 is unlikely.

Even doing so, though, would be failure. They had been eyeing major gains. In the North, this is also a blow for Michelle O'Neill. She has had a good first 10 months as First Minister. She is good at smiling and being pleasant in public. Unionists aren't going to start voting for her.

However, many are pleasantly surprised. Since she became First Minister, this is the first major problem her party has faced. Her party has not put her forward. Conor Murphy and John O'Dowd have been put out to speak in the media. That is a certain vote of no-confidence in her ability to answer hard questions.

Let's remember Murphy and O'Dowd suffered a period of internal exile. O'Dowd stood against O'Neill for the party Vice-Presidency. Murphy publicly backed him. Now their party is depending on them. That is not a great vote of confidence in their First Minister. Above all, though, in this we should think of victims.

There are two sets. McMonagle's infamous public appearance was with the family of Belfast child Dáithí Mac Gabhann. Pictures show him with O'Neill and Junior Minister Asling Reilly. This was at Stormont. Dáithí is awaiting a heart transplant. His family succeeded in lobbying to have the law in the North changed so consent to have organs transplanted is assumed. The legis-



By Anton McCabe

lation is named 'Dáithí's Law'. The North is a place where anything can become a sectarian football. The family was able to get support from all parties.

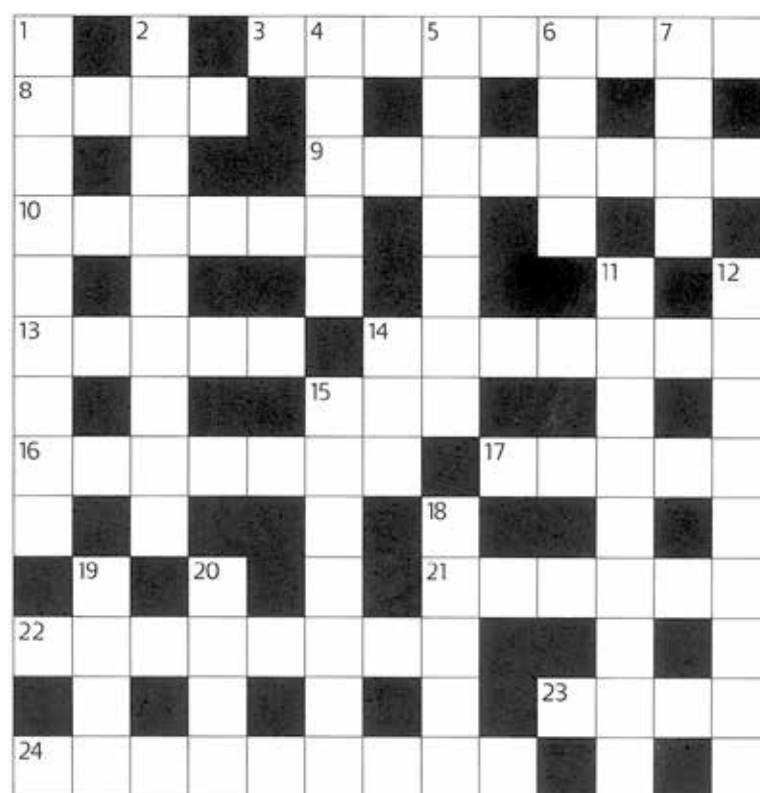
Linfield is seen as a very Loyalist football club. The club brought Dáithí to its home ground of Windsor Park as a guest of honour. Now the Mac Gabhann family find themselves caught up in a political storm not of their making. They did not know who Mc-

Monagle was. However, because both were at a particular event, their picture with him is all over the media.

There is another set of victims. These have suffered even more.

They are the children abused in McMonagle's offending. We must remember the horror they went through.

Tribune Crossword No. 1085



Across

- 3. Postponed (9)
- 8. 3600 seconds! (4)
- 9. Poignant (8)
- 10. Prosper (6)
- 13. City of the river Maasin Belgium (5)
- 14. Talkative (7)
- 15. Glass vessel (3)
- 16. Quarrel (4,3)
- 17. New wife (5)
- 21. Saurian reptile (6)
- 22. Morning bugle call (8)
- 23. Smirk (4)
- 24. Frighten (9)

Down

- 1. Ester Rantzen TV show (4'1,4)
- 2. Three-monthly (9)
- 4. Hoodwinked (5)
- 5. Month (7)
- 6. Stagger (4)
- 7. Poetic name for Ireland (4)
- 11. Single diamond (9)
- 12. Subject to (9)
- 14. Large container (3)
- 15. Dexterous entertainer! (7)
- 18. Consecrate (5)
- 19. Used to be (4)
- 20. Find out (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1084

Across 1. Quarter, 4. Blank, 7. Abysmal, 8. Dried, 9. Threat, 12. Obstruct, 15. Navigate, 17. Triple, 18. Dared, 21. Ailment, 22. Glenn, 23. Balcony. Down 1. Question, 2. Rubber, 3. Ramp, 4. Bald, 5. Antique, 6. Kind, 10. Today, 11. Islet, 13. Temerity, 14. Avarice, 16. Picnic, 18. Drag, 19. Darn, 20. Glib.

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The Letterkenny Memories made a welcome return to the Station House Hotel on Monday after the summer break with a large crowd in attendance. Pictured are all the entertainers on the night.

Féile Ficheall launched

Last Friday the Féile Ficheall tournament was launched in Scoil Isoagáin, Buncrana for all primary schools in Donegal. Ficheall is the national network of primary teachers promoting chess in their schools for the social and cognitive benefits it has for primary school students. Ficheall teachers use chess as a tool to teach through and an opportunity for their students to develop new skills and values, as well as representing their school at Ficheall tournaments called Féile Fichille (chess festival). The County Donegal Education Support Centre have hosted the Chess for Social Skills summer course previously with great success.

The tournaments are non-competitive chess tournaments organised annually in Term 2. No medals, prizes or trophies are presented. Instead, the day is a celebration of the students learning chess and social skills as well as their teachers' leadership skills to introduce the initiative in their school. Donegal primary schools can now register to participate in the Féile Fichille tournament by registering through the Donegal Education Support Centre.



Kieran McTaggart with Jennifer Tedstone.



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Ramelton

Care of the Aged Evening Tea

Ramelton Care of the Aged will host an evening team in the Ramelton Community Centre on Friday 25th October at 6.30pm. The tea will be followed by a game of bingo. Anyone wish to attend please contact Chris on 086 0580467. All welcome.

McNamee's men must win in Bray

To have any chance of making the play-offs Tony McNamee and his Finn Harps side must get the three points against Bray Wanderers at the Carlisle Grounds this Friday night (7.45). Harps are

five points behind both Wexford Youths and Bray who currently occupy the fifth and final play-off spot. McNamee, who is the Harps captain, will be back in action on Monday night in a rearranged home match against Wexford. Their final fixture of the regulation season is at Finn Park against Treaty Utd on Friday week 18th of October.

Swilly Rovers lotto

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Saturday were 1, 4, 9 and 16. No jackpot winner. No 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €1075.

Crafts and Craic

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

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

Ramelton stage is back 30 Year's On

Excitement builds ahead of this weekend's Donegal Harvest Stages Rally on Saturday October 12th. Three fantastic stages chosen by Clerk of the course John Crumlish will be the decider in two championships.

The Triton Showers National Championship & Sligo Pallets Border Championship will be decided after the 9 stages. With many crews in an intense battle all year for the title. The rally is also the penultimate round of the Donegal Commercial Vehicles Club Championship.

Sponsored by the Orchard Inn Letterkenny, COC John Crumlish has thanked the Crossan family for sponsoring the rally and to hold the ceremonial finish at the venue after the final stage. The stage sponsors are MW Fire Solutions, The Lennon Lodge & Race&Rally The D.M.C would like to thank these local businesses their valuable contribution.

There will be 3 stages completed 3 times and the layout for the day with are classic stages such as Trentagh, Carnhill and Ardrummond, with the final section of the Ardrummond test using the old Ramelton Town stage last used over 30 years ago. The noise shall reverberated around the Houses in the Wee Town once again not since the days of Fisher, Coleman, Bonner McDaid & Cullen has the excitement at fervour Pitch as the action returns to Ardrummond for SS3, 6 & 9 a feature of this stage in the town shall be live commentary of every car than will be heard from Swilly Pk to the finish on Rectory Rd.

John Crumlish the C.O.C would like to thank all the residents along the route for their warm welcome to the area. Such was the anticipation for the event returning to the Ramelton area, the Donegal motor club is running a marshal training night in the Lennon Lodge to facilitate the large number of local volunteers offering to help on the day. A spokesperson from the Ramelton area said "it is great to see a variation of the Ramelton Town stage running again. It used to be a large event years ago and will be a fantastic boost to the town once again. We are expecting a large number of spectators hoping to capture some nostalgia, so a group of us decided to work together and volunteer our help for the local area and hopefully it

might return again".

Within the championships, there are several contenders available for both the overall and class wins. Within the Triton Showers National Championship both Eddie Doherty & Daniel Cronin are leading on equal points with Monaghan Brothers Sam & Josh Moffett 2nd & 3rd respectively. All four drivers have potential for a championship with especially with recent results and Josh Moffett looking to claim the trophy for a potential 4th time.

In the modified section, Rathmullan's Kevin Gallagher leads after 7 rounds in the Darrian T90 ahead of Daniel McKenna in a MK2 escort. The national championship also includes a MKII Challenge which Michael Carbin & Convoys Dean O'Sullivan will be hoping to secure.

The junior championship has become a Donegal shootout with DMC crew Jordan Jervis & Kyle McDaid currently separated by 2 points, resulting in a winner takes all situation on October 12th.

In the Sligo Pallets Border Championship, Marty Toner & Sam Johnson are joint first overall with Gareth Deazley & Cathal Sheridan joint 2nd and Sam Moffett in 3rd. All drivers only separated by 2 points once again leaving it open to the possibility of a tie.

Class wise, the Orchard Inn Harvest Stages Rally will be the decider for the majority of the classes, with such intense racing throughout the year, reflected in the results with some competitors separated by 6 points.

Another Donegal shootout in the Border junior championship, with Kyle McDaid & Jordan Jervis alongside Creeslough's Jason Wilkinson who currently sits second, 3 points behind McDaid. This opens the possibility for either McDaid or Jervis



James McDaid taking part in the Ramelton stage in the Donegal Rally in 1976.

to claim both championships on completion of the final stage.

In the Donegal Commercial Vehicles Club Championship, the drivers points shows Conor Harvey is in a clear lead ahead of Kevin Gallagher with Jason Mooney & Johnny Wilhare joint 3rd. In the navigator Standings, Aidan Friel leads Rory Kennedy by 14 points with multiple contenders for 3rd.

Looking forward to the event, COC John Crumlish says final preparations are well underway for the event with action starting on Saturday morn-

ing with first car due on SS1 at 10:09. John once again took the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the early preparation of the event and to all sponsors who came on board. He continued to say, that the rally does not run without the volunteers who give up their time to ensure the safety of both competitors and spectators, with volunteers traveling from all corners of Ireland, however Marshals are still required for the event. John has asked that, anyone wishing to help, to contact Chief Marshal Tony Boyle on (087) 7566863 to register their interest.



Eamonn Harvey in the Donegal Rally in 1977.

IMPORTANT TRAFFIC LAYOUT

For Ramelton Town on Saturday 12th October

To allow the smooth flow of traffic and to allow local access the following plan will be on place on Saturday 12th October from 10:15 am - 19:30 pm.

The Shore Road shall be closed only allowing the movement of Rally Traffic to the Aughnish Road. The Mall, Bridge St. and Castle St. shall only be open to local access please call 087-3967075 for further details.

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Vincent Bonner and co-driver in Ramelton in 1976.



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Creeslough AirBnB claims national award

Creeslough-based AirBnB, Duffy's Lodge in Kilmacloo, has claimed a national award from the global accommodation booking site for being the best pet friendly hosts in Ireland.

The former garage converted into a stunning two bedroom apartment complete with Muckish views and its own playground is owned and run by Deirdre McBride.

Deirdre runs it with her daughter Mary Kate and although it has only been open for a year, they have already claimed the national award as well as five 'superhost' accolades.

Deirdre said she is delighted to be crowned Pet Friendly Holiday Accommodation of the Year sponsored by Pet Paradise.

"We are delighted to get this award after being open for just one year. We have had great guests and their pets seem to love the place. There is plenty of room for them to run around." One accommodation provider was selected from each county with the Duffy's Lodge claiming the crown based on guest feedback.

Deirdre, is the wife of the late John McBride who passed



Deirdre and Mary Kate McBride with their award in the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Dublin.

away in a tragic accident five years ago, but she continues to work their farm and even named the lodge after the original owners of the farm, the Duffy family, to keep their link to the area.

Deirdre travelled to Dublin with Mary Kate to collect their award at a function in the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel from TV personality, Adrian Logan.

The accommodation is described on the site as a place to "Relax with the whole family in this peaceful and tranquil home, only

Caring Capell claim special equine award

Falcarragh based equine centre, Caring Capell, claimed the Equine Therapy Award at this year's Equine Awards NI recently.

Caring Capell was founded and run by Katie Coyle and her family and the project provides therapeutic riding and emotional wellbeing coaching for those with additional needs.

The group were nominated for the award earlier this year and on Saturday night Katie, husband Mick and daughter Anna collected their award in Belfast.

Speaking of the event Katie stated: "We are so grateful to Equine Awards NI for a



truly wonderful evening. our family project honoured at this and friends who support us day in We are so humbled to have event and our wonderful families and day out."

Planning for major hotel redevelopment

Planning has been granted for major refurbishment and extension works to a landmark hotel in west Donegal. Conditional planning permission was granted to Bunbeg Revitalisation Limited for the works to Ostan Ghaoh Dobhair, Bóthar Na Trá, An Bun Beag.

It allows the refurbishment of existing building, alterations to internal layouts providing new reception/administration area, bar/restaurant, customer toilet/kitchen/staff facilities/plant and 69 guest bedrooms, proposed new additional second floor with new fully serviced wedding venue/function room, bar/restaurant plus outdoor terrace area, a

proposed new three storey extension to provide 11 new guest bedrooms (80 in total) and 15 new two bedroom apartments, a new part single storey, part four storey extension to provide extended kitchen facilities, new lifts, alterations and refurbishment of existing health and beauty spa, refurbishment of existing car parking facilities and construction of additional car parking areas to accommodate 143 car parking spaces and 30 bicycle parking spaces. The Council listed 16 conditions including that 20 additional car parking spaces be added and Archaeological monitoring shall be carried out during excavation works.

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Creelough

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended from the community to Paddy and Mary T. Doherty on the death of Paddy's father Anthony (Tony) Toye, The Grange, Letterkenny. Mass was celebrated in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Tuesday and Anthony was laid to rest in Conwal cemetery.

Jiving Classes

Learn Jiving, Line Dancing and more on Tuesdays in the Links Hub from 7-9 p.m. Register now. Contact Niall Doherty on 0862331174. €10 per

person per class. (Family concession) **New Year's Day Swim**

Doe Amateur Swimming Club are currently seeking nominations from charities or organisations who would like to be considered as beneficiaries of the proceeds of the 2025 New Year's Day Swim. If you would like to nominate a charity or organisation, forward details to the club committee via email to doeswimming@gmail.com before Monday 14th October.

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.

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@creeloughcommunity.com.

Harvest Thanksgiving

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

Cursillo

Cursillo is a movement of ordinary lay women and men who share their

faith in their every day lives. The next weekends will be held in Ards Friary in Creelough under the direction of Fr Laurence Kettle. The men's weekend from Thursday evening October 24th to Sunday afternoon the 27th and the women's weekend from the October 31st to November 3rd. If you would like more information or to book a place on a weekend please contact Martina on 0873749024 or Pat on 0879374001.

Reading of the Bible

A prayerful reading of the Bible at Ards Friary will be held on Tuesday nights from 7.30-9p.m. with Brother Jeremiah Henehan. This year we will

begin with the letters of St. Paul. Non-academic and in the Catholic tradition. If you have a Bible please bring it.

Creelough View

Creelough View are currently looking for photos, articles and stories for this year's Creelough View. Even if you have ideas for stories, we want to hear from you.

Please send them to creeloughview@gmail.com.

Two Hand & Line Dancing

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

Rathmullan film taking centre stage Californian Film Festival

Irish language film Fídal Ghorm (The Blue Fiddle), shot in Rathmullan last October is to have its International Premiere at the acclaimed Newport Beach Film Festival in California later this month.

Fídal Ghorm had its national Premiere at the recent Galway Film Fleadh where it won Best First Feature.

There were plenty of well known Rathmullan faces in the audience that night and the film got a ten minute standing ovation at the end.

Producer of the film, Rathmullan native Pierce Boyce, said: "The Galway screening was amazing. To see our friends from Rathmullan come down and get a chance to view it on the big screen was incredible. The audience reaction was amazing and to win a prize for it just capped a great week for us all. When the organisers of Newport Beach approached us after the Galway screening to invite us out we were like 'Is this for real?' They absolutely loved it and offered us a hugely prestigious slot in the Festival and made it one of their main screenings."

Pierce said he had the idea to shoot the movie in Rathmullan. "I don't usually have a lot of great ideas but shooting back in Rathmullan is up there with the best of them. The people were just brilliant, every single person in the town helped out in some way and I can't wait to bring it up to the town for a special screening early in 2025. We are already making tentative plans but can't reveal anything yet."

"The immediate plan is to bring it to Los Angeles and Newport Beach which is a huge festival. We screen at 6.15pm on Sunday, October 20th, but will be out for a week looking to

sell it to the USA and international buyers. Then we will come back and concentrate on a nationwide Irish release in cinemas nationwide in 2025," he added.

International film magazine Screen Daily said of the film: "Fídal Ghorm, a wholesome, Irish-language heartwarmer that seems tailor-made for rainy afternoon family matinees."

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Newport Beach Film Festival is one of the largest luxury lifestyle film festivals in the United States. The event brings an internationally curated collection of films and vibrant cultural gatherings to the Southern California coast. Committed to championing the work of original storytellers from around the globe, the Festival celebrates contemporary screen culture and cinematic excellence, engaging the community in compelling conversations with filmmakers and artists.

Cindy Cisneros from Newport Beach commented on the film and why they chose it for this festival: "This well crafted and heartwarming film is sure to be a favourite with our audience. It's ability to connect on multiple levels transcend language and make for a thoroughly enjoyable cinematic experience. We are truly proud to have it as our Irish language spotlight." The film producers were Pierce and Bríd Seoighe. It was directed by Anne McCabe and it was written by Patricia Forde and stars Edith Lawlor, Barry McGovern and Siobhan O'Kelly. The film plot details when 10 year old Molly meets a grumpy old fiddle player whom she hears has 'magic in his hands', she believes that if she can convince him to teach her to play the fiddle as beautifully as her father did, then she can wake him from a coma.



Pierce Boyce, Deirbhile Ní Churraighin and Bríd Seoighe.

Portsalon Golf Club make flying start in Donegal League final

Cathal Canning's Donegal League team are in control of the decider against Gweedore after they made a clean sweep on Sunday afternoon, winning all five matches in the home leg on what turned into a sun-kissed afternoon in Portsalon. There were wins for Ryan McGettigan and Kevin Boyce over Padraig Doherty and Michael Dwyer and Stephen Connolly and Jack Friel over Dylan Dwyer and Emmet McGee as Portsalon got the perfect start from the front end. In match three Patrick McGowan and David Butler defeated Declan McBride and Anthony Doherty, while Enda McElhinney and Odhran McGowan won the final match against Joe Bonar and Neil Paul Whoriskey.

By that point, it left Donal Callaghan Jnr and Shane Sandilands on the course as they duelled with Lorcan Mulligan and Paul McCool in a nail biting contest on the 18th all-square. With neither Gweedore player able to par from tricky spots, it left Shane Sandilands needing two putts from off the back of the 18th

green to complete the sweep and a superb lag putt afforded him the chance to win the match, which he duly took, holing out from 3.5 feet under pressure.

Cathal and his team will head to Machaire Gathlán on Saturday afternoon requiring a half-point to bring the Donegal League crown to Portsalon for the first time since in 21 years. All support is welcome for the second leg, with a strong Gweedore side certain to make life difficult on home soil.

Results - Wednesday 2nd October
1st Cathal O'Brien (23) -42pts;
2nd Dean Shields (12) 39pts BOT;
Gross: Kevin Boyce (5) 32 gross pts;
3rd Seanan McAleer (14) 39pts
Saturday 5th October 1st Cathal O'Brien (24) 45pts.
Sunday 6th October - 1st Marty Doran (30) 40pts; 2nd Philip Durning (10) 39pts BOT; Gross: Sean Hensy (4) 32pts; 3rd Sean Barrett (19) 39pts.

Letterkenny Ladies

An end of season presentation for the Ladies was held at Letterkenny



Portsalon Golf Club Donegal League team who defeated Gweedore Golf Club in the 1st Leg of the County Final at Portsalon on Sunday last by five games to nil. The team led by Captain Cathal Canning will play the return leg this Saturday afternoon in Gweedore.

Golf Club on Thursday 3rd October. Results of September Medal - Winner Bridget McClafferty (33) 70net; Runner up Margo Birmingham (30) 74net; Front 9 Kate Gallagher (18) 34 net; Back 9 Eugenia Moran (48) 39net.

Results Century Cinema Open - Winner Deirdre McCarron (32) 41pts; Runner up Sandra McMonagle (17) 39pts; 3rd Lorna Reynolds (31) 38pts BOT; 4th Gillian Dempsey (36) 38pts; Front 9 Roberta McDowell (37) 21pts BOT; Back 9 Breege McDonagh (46) 20pts BOT.

Results Mount Errigal Hotel - Winner Carmel McGeady (36) 37pts; Runner up Clíodhna Patton (19) 36pts BOT; 3rd Marian O'Sullivan (11) 36pts; Front 9 Roberta McDowell (37) 22pts;



All in the Pink with the winner Mary Barrett in Portsalon Golf Club at the Breast Cancer Research Fundraiser.

Back 9 Sarah Buchanan (36) 16pts BOT. Results Hue Hairdressing - Winner Clíodhna Patton (19) 35pts BOT; Runner up Gillian Dempsey (34) 35pts; Front 9 Lorna Reynolds (30)=18pts BOT; Back 9 Monica McDonagh (19)=18pts. Lady Captain Anne Flannery would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our Spon-

sors for their generous sponsorship and support throughout the season. She wants particularly to extend sincere thanks to Paddy Gildea Butchers for their loyal sponsorship over the years and to wish Paddy and his family all the best for their future following the upcoming closure of their shop.

Dates for your Diary
The Joint Past Captain's / Presi-

dents event will take place on Sunday 13th October at Letterkenny Golf Club.

Best of luck to the Letterkenny Ladies team who will be competing in the final of The Maire O'Donnell against Gweedore on Sunday 20th October.

9 hole re-entry competitions will take place during the coming weeks with the Hamper Competition on 27th October



Winners of Century Cinemas competition, pictured with Lady Captain, Anne Flannery at Letterkenny Golf Club

Quarry work planning refused in Falcarragh

Planning permission has been refused by An Bord Pleanala for quarry related work in the Falcarragh area. Moyle Plant Limited, Derryreel, Falcarragh had been granted conditional planning permission for a range of works including the extraction of rock and gravel through mechanical excavation for a period of 20 years; the construction of an on-site settlement ponds and on-site wheel wash and all associated site development works, back in August, 2023.

An appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanala against the development by the Cloughaneely Angling Association.

Their grounds for appeal included claims of the absence of an assessment of the project under the Water Framework Directive, significant changes were made to the substantive proposal, cumulative impacts arising from the applicant's existing quarry at Fawnmore, the applicant's restoration plan was

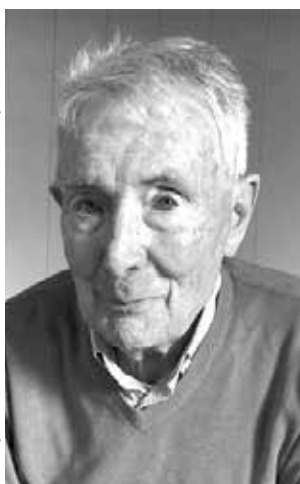
not comprehensive and that surface water run-off from the haul route could end up in the Derryreel Stream.

Refusing planning permission An Bord Pleanala detailed that the applicant failed to show its proposed settlement pond would be of an appropriate size and design to ensure that silted surface water and any disturbed ground water run-off from the proposed quarry would be capable of being handled satisfactorily, especially during storm events, during all

phases of the proposal. Also, that its proposed re-use of abandoned, unauthorised, existing settlement ponds would be capable of handling silted surface water run-off from the on-site access road satisfactorily, especially during storm events. It also stated that it failed to demonstrate if their proposed silted water collection drainage system would be adequate to avert the risk of pollution to an existing pond adjacent to the siting of the proposed wheel wash.

Death of Liam McCloskey

The death took place on Sunday at Hillcrest Nursing Home, Letterkenny of Liam McCloskey, Kiltroy, Letterkenny. Aged 92, Liam was a native of Glenvar. He went to secondary school in Galway and then trained for a career as a Primary School Teacher. A large part of his teaching time was spent in Drumoghill N.S. where he was to become Principal. He also had a political career and on Tuesday afternoon members and staff observed a minute's silence at the Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District meeting in memory of Liam McCloskey who was a Fianna Fail Cllr on the former Urban Council from 1979 to 1994.



Liam was a leading and influential figure in the Donegal branch of the Irish National Teachers Organisation for many years. He had the honour of serving as INTO President and used the office to lobby for better services for the underprivileged child and improved work conditions for his teaching colleague members. Among those in attendance at the funeral were current INTO President Carmel Brown and former INTO General Secretary John Carr.

Liam's remains reposed at the family home from Sunday. Funeral was from there on Tuesday to the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraine, Letterkenny for Requiem Mass where the main celebrant was Fr. Ciaran Harkin P.P. Concelebrants were Retired P.P. Fr. Willie McMenamin and Fr. Martin Cunningham P.P. Drumoghill. At the start of the Mass, Liam's son Conor delivered a eulogy about his father's life. Interment took place afterwards in St. Columba's Church Cemetery, Drumoghill.

Liam is survived by his daughters Eithne, Bernadette, Orla Foster and Derbhle Gould, sons Pearse, Enda, Garvan and Conor, 19 grandchildren, brother John (Letterkenny), sister Mary Ellen (Nottingham, England) sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours.

Liam was predeceased by his wife Mary (January 2022), brothers and sisters Eddie, Bridie, Anton, Paddy, Phia and Annie. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Darragh Scanlon

The funeral took place on Saturday of Darragh Scanlon, Gloucester, England and formerly of Letterkenny. Aged 39, Darragh was a well known member of the local community prior to emigrating to the UK. He was a former student of St. Eunan's College. Darragh was involved at underage level with St. Eunan's GAA Club. Among his other big sporting interests was following Manchester Utd as well as the Donegal GAA team. He worked for Crest Nicholson, a British house building company. Darragh cherished his family and always looked forward to coming home to be with them.



Darragh is survived by his brothers Jonathan (Jemima) and Eunan (Alice) (England), sister Martina Wolfe (Mike) (Scotland), nieces, neph-

ews, uncles, aunts and cousins, and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. He was predeceased by his parents Shaunie and Ann.

Darragh's remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top on Friday prior to his brother Jonathan's home at Aughnagaddy, Ramelton. Funeral was from there on Saturday to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Interment took place afterwards in All Saints Church Cemetery, Newtowncunningham. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

The late Anthony Toye

The death occurred on Saturday of Anthony Toye, The Grange, Letterkenny. Aged 89 Anthony was a native of Rathmullan. As a young man he worked in Hearty's Garage in Letterkenny and later was the driver of the ALB mobile bus. Anthony always had a big interest in working at and dealing in cars.



Anthony is survived by his wife Moire, sons Bernard (Sharon), Peter (Christina), Anthony, Miceál (Fionnuala), Paddy (Mary T.), daughters Majella (Jim) and Nicola (Gary) grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Remains reposed at the family residence in The Grange from Sunday.

Funeral was from there on Tuesday to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Anthony Hartnett C.C. Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Rhoda Buchanan

The death took place unexpectedly at her late residence on Saturday of Rhoda Buchanan (née Hunter), Socker, Trentagh, Churchill. Rhoda's remains reposed at her residence from Tuesday. Funeral was from there on Wednesday afternoon for Service in Trentagh Presbyterian Church where the Reverend Tommy Bruce officiated. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.



Rhoda was predeceased by her husband Jim (2013). She will be sadly missed by her family, many friends and neighbours to whom deepest condolences are extended.

The late Hugh McFadden

The death occurred on Monday of Hugh McFadden, Green Lane, Ramelton. Hugh passed away peacefully at the Ramelton Community Hospital. He was a very well known and highly respected member of the local community. Hugh was a for-



mer owner of the Bridge Bar and the popular Horseshoe Lounge, one of the first of its kind in the area. It was opened in the early 1970s by legendary Irish actor and comic Brendan Grace. Hugh drove the school buses too in later years. In his homily Fr. Michael Carney spoke about his many talents and a man who could turn his hand to so many jobs around the family home.

He was predeceased by his wife Peg in April 2018. Hugh is survived by his daughters Mary, Mairéad, Áine, Aideen and Jean, sons-in-law Colin, Mark, Daniel, Ian and Barry, grandchildren, brother-in-law Séan McCormack, sister-in-law Sr Anne McCormack, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Remains reposed at the residence of his daughter Mary McFadden, Rectory Road, Ramelton from Monday. Fr. Michael Carney officiated at the Requiem Mass on Wednesday in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton. Music and hymns were by Mark Bradley (son-in-law), Gabrielle Fitzsimons (niece) and Emily Harte (granddaughter) Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Jim O'Brien

The funeral took place on Saturday of Jim O'Brien, Greenhill, Letterkenny. Jim passed away on Wednesday of last week at the Ramelton Community Hospital. He worked in the UK for many years before returning home permanently in retirement.



He was predeceased by his wife Pat and sisters Jeanette and Isobel. Jim is survived by his sisters Frances Logue (Crieve) and Doris Moore (Thorndale) Letterkenny. Remains reposed at the Letterkenny Funeral Home, Port Road, Letterkenny on Thursday and Friday. Reverend David Skuce officiated at the Funeral Service on Saturday in Conwal Parish Church. Burial took place afterwards in Gortlee Cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle

Death of Madge McBride

The death occurred on Saturday of Madge (Madgie Dan) McBride Brinalack, Gweedore and Hawthorn Heights, Letterkenny. Madge passed away at the Donegal Hospice. Remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Sunday prior to removal to her late residence at Brinlack. Funeral Mass took place in St Colmcille's Church, Knockfolia on Tuesday. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Madge was predeceased by her husband Jody.



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Friday 11th October

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Sunday 13th October

Charity Bingo 4pm



In association with the McGinley Cycle for the Donegal and Bolton Hospice

She is survived by her daughters Louise (Johnny), Maria, Joanne (Benny) and Edel (Fintan); grandchildren Christopher, Shane and Páirc; her brother John and sister Mary. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Stolen car and items recovered across border

Gardaí are investigating a number of car theft incidents that occurred at Slieve Sneacht, Letterkenny in the early hours of Tuesday, October 1st. These occurred sometime between midnight and 00.30am.

Gardaí say two cars were entered without damage and a number of items were stolen from them.

In another incident a car was then also stolen from the estate. It was later recovered in Northern Ireland and a number of the stolen items were recovered also.

Gardaí asked: "We appeal to anybody who may have observed these incidents occur in the Slieve Sneacht area to make contact with Gardaí in Letterkenny on 9167100."

Building site theft in Letterkenny

Gardaí are appealing for the assistance of the public in relation to a theft incident at a Letterkenny building site where construction materials were stolen.

The incident occurred in the Dromore Lower area of Letterkenny sometime between September 1st and September 28th.

Gardaí say this was at the site of a new build that was entered between those dates and items stolen included forty 16mm metal rebar poles and eight 8 by 4 mesh sheets of steel (A393 mesh).

Milford

Wedding

The wedding took place on Wednesday 2nd October at Terre Di Nano, Monticchiello, Italy between Jonny Logue, Glenkeen, Milford and Monette Dimitrov, Canada. Jonny is the son of Michael and Sadie Logue, Glenkeen, Milford and Monette is the daughter of Judith Pungur and Arnold Dimitrov, Canada.

Bestman was Gary Merritt and groomsmen were Cathal McGettigan, Ultan McGettigan, TJ Evesson and Kyle Black, friends of the groom. Bridesmaids were Ciara Brown, Christine Dimitrov, Andrea Dimitrov, Analiese Dimitrov, Stephanie Warden. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Corrado Primavera and the couple are spending their honeymoon in Rhodes, Greece. The couple were joined by a large group of family and friends in Italy for the occasion.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Sean McCor-



Senator Nikki Bradley with Eimer Friel and Doreen Sheridan Kennedy at the Coffee Afternoon last Friday in aid of the Donegal Hospice in Deputy Joe McHugh's office in Letterkenny.

mack, Drumbern and family on the death of his brother-in-law Hugh McFadden Green Lane, Ramelton on Monday. Funeral Mass took place on Wednesday in St Mary's Church, Ramelton followed by Burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Open Day at Milford Fire Station
Milford Fire Brigade will host an Open Afternoon at the Fire Station, Rosgarrow, Milford on Saturday 12th October from 2pm - 5pm. Everyone is invited to attend to meet the crew,

tour the station and equipment, demonstrations and also present on the day will be the National Ambulance Service and Gardai. Entry is free and everyone welcome.

Playgroup Celebrates 40 years
Milford Community Playgroup will celebrate 40 years and invite all staff, pupils and parents, past and present to join them in celebrating 40 wonderful years and a trip down memory lane. The new date and venue is Saturday 2nd of November at the Milford Community Playgroup

building at the bottom of the town on the Moyle Road. All welcome to pop in anytime between 2pm and 5pm for a catch up, photograph displays, fun and light refreshments.

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

Contact Jackie Strain on 086 3818943 for further details.

Halloween Kids Disco
Milford Parish Community Games will host their annual Halloween

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The Community Games held a presentation in Milford last Saturday evening for competitors that got through to the National Finals in Carlow. Competitors from Fanad, Ramelton, Cranford and Milford are included with managers Cathal Hagan, Sinead Hagan, Tony McCarry, Nancy McNamee and Jennifer Hunter. They took part in Athletes, Music and Art.



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FREE ENTRY!

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

Social Dancing Milford Hall
Social dancing continues in the Milford Hall on Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm with a good mix of Two Hand, Ceili and Line Dancing. Light refreshments. €5 entry. Everyone welcome.

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

Mass Times
Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 10th October at 10am; Saturday 12th October at 6pm; Sunday 13th October at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Sunday 13th October at 9.30am.

October Rosary
Rosary takes place at Our Lady's Grotto at Upper Mount Marian, Milford every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the month of October at 6pm. All are welcome. The Holy Rosary continues at Our Lady's Grotto, The Quay Milford, every Wednesday at 5pm for the Month of October. All are welcome.

Sounds Music Camps
Sounds Music Camps return this September. Classes in Milford, Ray, Ramelton and Letterkenny. Under 8's will have an opportunity to explore key musical concepts through singing, percussion, fun and games. Ukulele classes for 8 years and older. Beginners are welcome and all instruments are provided. Contact Tracy on 0851500123



Pictured left -

Loreto Community School Milford students Aoibhinn Callaghan and Ava Greer who have been selected for the Ulster Schools squad. Aoibhinn and Ava will be on the panel for the Inter-provincial Tournament that is scheduled to take place from Tuesday, 29th October to Thursday, 31st October. It is from this competition that players will be selected for the Irish Schoolgirls U15 squad.

Confirmations 2025
 Confirmations will take place in St Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 29th March at 12pm for the children of Milford, Drumman and Kerrykeel Schools

First Holy Communions 2025
 St Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 5th April at 11am for the children in Scoil Mhuire Milford and Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman.

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

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Martin Roarty presenting Paul Sweeney, Sweeney's Spar Service Station, Letterkenny who was the lucky winner of the €1000 Jackpot in the Milford United Football Club September 50/50 Draw.



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**VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE**  
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| Friday 11th October   |                                                    |                              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 12 noon - 6.30 pm     | Welcome of Relics followed by Veneration of Relics | Confessions available        |
| 3.00 pm               | Stations of the Cross                              |                              |
| 7.00 pm               | Mass with Anointing of the Sick                    |                              |
| 8.30 pm               | Rosary Procession                                  |                              |
| 10.00 pm              | Holy Hour                                          |                              |
| 11.00 pm - 9.00 am    | Night Vigil                                        |                              |
| Saturday 12th October |                                                    |                              |
| 9.00 am               | Morning Prayer                                     |                              |
| 10.00 am              | Mass of Our Lady followed by Public Rosary         |                              |
| 11.00 am - 3.00 pm    | Veneration of Relics                               | Confessions available        |
| 3.00 pm               | Mass with Anointing of the Sick                    |                              |
| 4.30 pm - 6 pm        | Veneration of Relics                               | Confessions available        |
| 6.00 pm               | Vigil Mass                                         |                              |
| 7.00 pm               | Youth Prayer                                       |                              |
| 9.00 pm               | Rosary Procession                                  |                              |
| 10 pm - 8 am          | Night Vigil                                        |                              |
| Sunday 13th October   |                                                    |                              |
| 8.00 am               | Mass                                               |                              |
| 9.00 am - 10.00 am    | Veneration of Relics                               |                              |
| 10.00 am              | Family Mass                                        |                              |
| 11.00 am - 12 noon    | Veneration of Relics                               |                              |
| 12 noon               | Solemn Mass & Conclusion                           | Departure of Relics to Derry |

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Volunteers from throughout the Diocese are required

Parish Groups from throughout the Diocese are invited to cover **ONE hour** during the **Night Vigil**

Volunteers required for the Hospitality Tent

If people would bring their **WRITTEN PETITIONS** it will save time during their visit. **All petitions will be sent to Lourdes.** Please **DO NOT** put money along with petitions.

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**Monday to Thursday: 9 am - 1 pm and 2 pm - 4.30 pm**  
**Friday: 9 am - 1 pm**

# Letterkenny Athletic Club News

Rosses Athletic Club hosted the Donegal Senior and Even Age Championships and the LAC women's team had an outstanding day, winning Cross Country Senior and Even Age Women's Championships. Nakita Burke, Christine Russell, Claire McGuigan and Shauna McGeehan prevailed in a competitive field to secure first place. The men's team also competed and secured a second place finish. Well done to Donal Farren, Danny Mooney, Ciaran Doherty, Mark McPaul, Michael Black, Philip McHugh, Dale Corbett, Kevin McGee, Cian Friel and John Foley.

In the Donegal East Three Quarters Marathon Graeme Michie ran 02:59:04, Conor McDaid ran 03:00:34 and Diane Bustard ran 03:24:29 while in the Donegal East Half Marathon Mairead Cullen ran 1:48:28, Liam Wiseman ran 1:52:37 and Martin Devenney ran 1:55:54.

In the Donegal East 13k Alicia McNulty and Con Duffy both ran superb times of 1:06:46 and 1:07:38 respectively.

Congratulations to Caitriona Jennings who ran the Perth Marathon in Australia and finished in an amazing second place in challenging conditions in 2:44:22, fourteenth overall.

LAC's A.G.M. will take place on Monday the 14th October at 8pm in the Station House Hotel. All members are encouraged to attend.

## Juveniles

The juveniles were out in force in Mullagher at the Donegal even age cross country with approximately 80 kids competing, winning several individual and team gold, silver and bronze medals.

The day started with the 2016 athletes did not disappoint. We started off with the U9 girls with Eleanor McDaid finishing in a fantastic 5th place and Niamh McNally running a mighty race coming in not far behind in 11th place.

The 2016 boys race was fast from the beginning and the boys fought hard. Scott Margey with an unreal run finishing in a podium 3rd place position closely followed by Finn McMennamin in 5th place. Eoghan Gallagher was 13th, Tom (14th) and Adam Jakubowski (15th), Neil McGrenra 19th.

The 2015 kids, Abbey Harkin was the first of the girls home. They went on to take gold in the 1000m run finishing 50m ahead of second place. She was closely followed by teammates Maia Mc Guirk, Martina Perri, Beth Duffy, Aoibheann Friel and Sarah Russell who went on to take the silver team medals. Also a big shout out to Flynn Mulligan taking Bronze in the boys 1,000m run. Reuben Dadon also had a fantastic race. A leg injury with stitches couldn't keep him off the field and he did great to finish 8th and was closely followed by teammates Donnacha McConville, Aidan McNulty, Oran Gallagher, Arlo Mc Dermot, Dara Cullen, Caolan Gibson, Hugo McDermot and Iarlaith Friel to take the silver teams medal.

Very successful day out for our u12 group. Two great team performances with our girls team winning gold and our boys team winning silver. All 3 podium spots in the girls race were taken by LAC with Katie



McDowell retaining her Donegal championship title taking 1st, Eve Nic Giolla Bhain a close 2nd and Niamh Woods in 3rd. They were supported by strong performances from Hayley Callaghan, Aoibhe Gibson, Sadie McDermott, Zoe Marley, Faye Laughlin, Eabha Walsh, Clodagh Naughton. The Boys team was lead home by Omofolarin Fuaad Abolaji running his debut race for LAC winning individual bronze. He was followed by Caomhán Byrne, Cian McGonagle, Shea McMennamin and Patrick Lavin.

Our under 14 girls who were the 2nd team home. Well done to Emma Naughton who ran a strong race to finish 6th followed by Sarah Higgins, Siobhan Gallagher and Cara Harkin.

Our under 14 boys claimed a team bronze. Leading them home was Ewan Summers who ran a fantastic race with an individual bronze medal. Next home was Daragh McGuirk, Matthew Finney, Luke McClafferty, John Devlin, Paddy Haslette, Davyn McGlynn, Adam McAuley and Barnaby Lyons.



Our under 16 boys won team gold. Daragh Naughton and Michael Donaghey were individual silver and bronze medalists respectively then followed by Luke Sweeney, closely followed by Jokin Menchacatorre and Tadhg Kenna.

Our under 18s girls stormed to victory in the team event with Emma Bonnar in 1st, Anna Russell in 2nd and Sophie Ellis in 3rd followed by Emer Cassidy. The boys under 18 of Kieran McFeely, Caolan Spratt, Henry Lyons ran a great race winning team bronze.

A Great day for the club, well done to all athletes, coaches and Parents for their commitment and dedication.



# Celebrating National Women's Enterprise Day in Donegal

National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) is an initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices that aims to encourage female entrepreneurship and support women in business across the country.

Now in its 17th year, NWED takes place across Ireland on Thursday, 17th October. Local Enterprise Office Donegal is marking the day with an event in Lough Eske Castle on Thursday, 17th October from 6pm.

National Women's Enterprise Day strives to empower even more women to set up their own businesses and to increase national recognition of the essential role played by Ireland's female entrepreneurs. This event will consist of inspiring speakers, a panel discussion featuring local businesses, networking opportunities and the chance to meet your local enterprise support agency representatives. Through the Local Enterprise Office and Enterprise Ireland, female entrepreneurs have access to a broad range of assistance—everything from training and development programmes to financial incentives. While these supports are available year-round, National Women's Enterprise Day brings a unique focus to female entrepreneurship.

Host and MC for the event is Grainne McCoy,

semi-finalist on The Apprentice in 2016, owner of the beauty brand, 'Give Us Beauty' and a presenter on Q Radio. Grainne will be joined by keynote speaker, Dr. Sabina Brennan, a chartered health psychologist, neuroscientist, author, and host of the Super Brain podcast.

Joining them is this year's National Women's Enterprise Day Donegal Ambassador, Diane Nesbitt, creator and chief baker of Purple Velvet Luxury Treats. Diane's work nods to a nostalgic connection to the flavours of our childhood.

Panelists Carole Boyd of Pearls and Lace Brid-



Brenda Hegarty, Head of Enterprise Donegal.

al, and Maureen Cudihy, co-director of the multi-award winning Welditz Engineering business in Inishowen, will share their knowledge and experience of growing their respective brands and businesses.

The theme of this year's National Women's Enterprise Day is "Making It Happen" which will be reflected in events taking place across the country, supported by Enterprise Ireland and the Local Authorities.

Brenda Hegarty, Head of Enterprise Donegal said: "National Women's Enterprise Day is Ireland's largest event dedicated to promoting, encourag-

ing, and empowering female entrepreneurship. Designed and led by women, this annual event shines a spotlight on the contributions of women to Ireland's business landscape. This year, we're delighted to have some amazing speakers and inspirational businesswomen join us in Lough Eske Castle. If you have that itch to start a business, or maybe you are already running a business, then this is the event for you. It can help you grow your network, find out what supports are available and learn from those who have gone before. Events like this are important in supporting positive improvement, providing women entrepreneurs and those considering starting a business with insights from leading businesswomen and introducing them to a network of entrepreneurs who are blazing a trail in the Irish market and overseas. Get registered and be a part of Ireland's biggest celebration of women in business!" National Women's Enterprise Day events will cover a range of topics and are open to all aspiring female entrepreneurs, existing female business owners and anyone who wants to learn more about entrepreneurship and the topics being discussed on the day. For more information and to book your spot, register at localenterprise.ie/Donegal



At the Coffee Afternoon for the Donegal Hospice in Deputy Joe McHugh's office in Letterkenny were Johnny Coll, Gweedore, Pat Finneran, Milford, Mary McHugh and Senator Nikki Bradley.



Fine Gael candidates in the General Election Senator Nikki Bradley and John McNulty with Fidelma Doherty, Paddy Gildea and Deputy Joe McHugh on Friday.



At the Coffee Afternoon organised by Deputy Joe McHugh in his Letterkenny office on Friday in aid of the Donegal Hospice were from left, Liam Sweeney, Bernadette Murphy Monaghan, Louis Boyce and Joe McHugh; Martina McGrenra with Senator Nikki Bradley and Joe McHugh; Fine Gael General Election Candidate John McNulty with Martin and Mary McHugh.



# National Women's Enterprise Day Donegal

Donegal Local Enterprise Office are delighted to bring together a range of speakers and specialists who will share their experience and expertise in how to make it happen and bring their business ambitions to life and overcome challenges in which ever form they take to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day.

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## A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

## Some shock to find a Garda station open

I was booked to provide extra cover for one of my clients while their family were attending a wedding, so I nipped up to Rathmullan before that on a different schedule to my normal one. I had a lot of things and bits to get sorted to allow the lads to progress with the next stages of the build.

I had to collect the ovens and hob which I had booked and paid for ages ago so that they would be there for the fella (or woman) from Cash & Carry Kitchens to measure up when they're out. I needed to have a chat with Simon about the groundwork and piping for the septic tank and various other bits. He's a hard one to get hold of but you can always depend on him to have the job done perfectly by the deadline, even when you've been despairing of him ever starting.

The rented container was emptied of the remaining stuff stored in it so it could go back to Sweeney's, and the pile of site rubbish moved to allow clear access to it. The septic tank was ordered and any unused, surplus materials were gathered and returned to Divers.

There's an air of tidying up and maybe rolling towards the end now. I suppose you could say I'm not out of the woods yet, but I can see the fence. That's what the consultant said to me 37 years ago when they were considering letting Mark out of the neonatal intensive care unit and up to the maternity ward for a few hours. Funny the things that stick in your mind; all that's left of it.

Talking of the same Mark, we had an unexpected and extremely enjoyable visit from himself and Nicolle on the Sunday while they were en route from Galway back to Kerrykeel. I was between shifts in work and was feeling a bit loose endish so it was a perfect time to see them. They had taken an overnight trip to the city of Tribes on the Saturday and finished up with a boat trip on the canal before heading our way. I never knew there was a canal in Galway. Mind you, I don't know much at all about Galway, but whenever I have time to ease off a bit I intend to visit a lot of this little country.

I was chatting with a fella last Sunday and he was saying that for the past week he's been working on the roads, putting up loads of new 60km speed signs where there were previously 80km signs. These roads are a few hairs past butt-crack, in the arsehole of absolutely nowhere in rural Cavan.

While there may possibly be some argument

*We're off to a concert hosted by Daniel O'Donnell in a fortnight in Cavan Cathedral. It's the evening of the Cavan County final and I'm booked to provide cover for one of my clients that day because their local team, Crosserlough, is in the final.*

*I'm definitely not a Daniel fan but I'm looking forward to it to see what the fascination with him is all about.*

in favour of reducing the speed limit to save lives, it does beg the question of how they intend to enforce it. I recently had need of a Garda signature to verify a copy of a document, so I sailed off cheerfully to Ballyamesduff garda station (Bailborough division) only to find it unmanned, the intercom to the main barracks not working and no duty rota displayed.

Mildly annoyed, I headed off to Oldcastle garda station (Navan division)... same story. No garda on duty, no intercom to the main office, no information regarding opening times. The cap fairly tightened and the blood pressure soared as I wheeled for Kilnaleck barracks (Cavan division), thinking it'd surely be third time lucky.

Not a chance. Same story again, except that this time the intercom was boarded over completely. As a last resort I roared off to the Cavan main barracks; the Caddy only hitting the road in an odd spot as I blew away several 80km speed signs in temper. I finally got the damned form signed in Cavan before flying back to base with scant regard for any speed limits. Not once in all my increasingly rapid travels did I come across a garda traffic car or a speed van.

I could have been doing 100mph and nobody was going to be there to do a thing about it. So be it with the new speed limits I'm thinking, there just aren't the guards to enforce it, and unfortunately youngsters will still crash and die.

There was a family wedding last Saturday; Himself's niece was getting hitched in Roscommon Town and the reception was in the Hodson Bay Hotel beside Athlone. I don't attend weddings anymore because the wiring in my brain is faulty and I can't cope with big social events without panic setting in. I'll

bring him anywhere from Mountnugent to Marrakesh and drop him at the church gate and pick him up afterwards at any hour of the night, as long as I don't have to attend the event.

He hopped a lift to Roscommon with Peter and Clare (his niece) and then got a lift on to the hotel with some member of the party. I was gone to work shortly after 7am so I didn't see him in all his finery that morning, but I'm sure it was a sight to behold. It was unusual to come back to the house between shifts without the awful wall of heat hitting me when I opened the door, or the old dog panting and gasping for air. I took advantage of the peace and quiet and got stuck into changing beds and Hoovering the shack from top to bottom. There were millions left homeless and many of those millions met the sole of my shoe as they scuttled for the nearest crack in the wall or floor, of which there are many. I don't mind them anywhere on the planet as long as they stay out of the few square yards I live in. "Personal space guys", as the ad on telly says. I finished work at 8pm and headed for Athlone to scrape Himself up and get him back to his own nest to roost for the night.

I enjoy night driving, I find the dark more comfortable on the eyes and it's a peaceful time for sorting things out in the mind. To give him fair play, he knows by now that I won't chat while I'm driving so he leaves me alone to enjoy the silence or to listen to music. He was in remarkably good shape when I picked him up and made it into the correct car, upright and unaided. I stuck my head round the door of his room before I left for work the following morning and the duvet was still rising and falling so I took it that he had weathered another bash safely.

I went over to Ballyhaise between shifts last



Kate Carton

Sunday, to catch up with friends there. Jacinta is a great baker, so I was careful not to have any lunch before I went. True to form, she had a batch of melt-in-the-mouth scones fresh out of the oven and a jar of home-made hedgerow jelly on the table. I was waddling by the time I heaved myself up to go! I probably told you before that her husband Tony sings with the cathedral choir in Cavan so he sometimes has an opportunity to buy tickets to performances which I wouldn't otherwise hear about.

We're off to a concert hosted by Daniel O'Donnell in a fortnight in Cavan Cathedral. It's the evening of the Cavan County final and I'm booked to provide cover for one of my clients that day because their local team, Crosserlough, is in the final. It'll be tight tipping to make two of myself, but it'll all work out on the day. I'm definitely not a Daniel fan but I'm looking forward to it to see what the fascination with him is all about; plus, I love a night out at any musical event.

The most vital piece of equipment for anything in the cathedral is a good cushion. The hard pews are a serious pain in the arse when you have to remain seated for the entire performance.

It's quite comical to watch the queue of people streaming in with cushions of all shapes and makes under their oxters, followed later by the reverse stream of people who didn't bring cushions crippling out complaining about the aches and pains in their nether regions. Anyway, that's all two weeks away and there'll be a lot of water under the bridge by then. For now, it's been a long, busy weekend, I'm tired and I have a hot date with two of my favourite fellas... Arthur Guinness and John Jameson, before I sleep, eat, repeat.

## Letterkenny's Literary Festival begins next week

Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter spokesperson, Donnan Harvey has confirmed that it is all systems go for this year's Literary Festival which will run from Thursday, October 17th until Sunday, October 20th - is 'bigger and better than ever'.

The very first offering is at 6:30 on the Thursday when Letterkenny Central Library will host an intercultural evening with performances from the New Land Choir, poetry and music from various Polish artists, and readings from the Raphoe Diamond writers with Celine McGlynn. It's free and all welcome.

The official opening will take place the following day when well-known author, journalist and broadcaster, Kathy Donaghy will do the honours. It's a free event, and it will be taking place at the County Museum at 7:30pm on Friday.

Earlier in the day, at 9:30am, the connection between the literary giant that was John Steinbeck and the North-West of Ireland will be explored. The talk will be given by Douglas Barrett on the author's connection with Limavady's Roe Valley. And the talk will be followed by a screening of the famous film, *Of Mice and Men* at Century Cinemas.

One of the highlights of the festival, is the Flash Fiction Competition. Here new authors who have been shortlisted are invited along to the prize winners evening. The noted journalist and academic, Roy Greenslade will give a talk on *The Peer*, the Priests and the Press to round off the evening.

This event will be held in Dillon's Hotel as will the first event on the Sunday morning where Professor John Brannigan of UCD will deliver a lecture on the



Kathy Donaghy who will open the festival.

literary genius that was Brendan Behan. Feted around the globe, particularly in American literary society, Behan was always anxious about how he was perceived in his homeland. Professor Brannigan will explore this.

Sunday is a busy day and Festival Director, Mary Turley-McGrath explains that the emphasis will shift to a more musical note later in the day.

Mary commented: "The Donegal Chamber Music concert is a must for those who love a wide range of music as the programme will include offerings from

Smetana, Faure, Holst, Mancini and others. That's at 3pm in Conwal Parish Church.

"And at 5pm in Dillon's Hotel we really do guarantee an eclectic evening of music. There will be solo artistes, duos, groups, instrumentalists and all from various ethnic backgrounds. It promises to be an unforgettable concert."

The final event of the festival will be an Evening With Pat McArt in Dillon's Hotel and the starting time will be 8pm. Letterkenny native McArt was editor of the *Derry Journal* during the Troubles

and had numerous encounters with political giants like John Hume and Martin McGuinness and the iconic figure from *Bloody Sunday*, Bishop Edward Daly.

He recounted much of those meetings and about growing up in Donegal in his memoir *War, Peace*

and the *Derry Journal*. He'll be in conversation with former BBC journalist and publisher, Garbhan Downey.

Check the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Literary Festival website or contact Donnan Harvey 086-3452457.

## Three-star cap for hotels who don't prioritise accessibility - Bradley

Senator Nikki Bradley has written to Fáilte Ireland urging that no hotel is to receive more than three stars without adequately catering for people with disabilities.

She outlined how the current Fáilte Ireland star-rating system does not account for hotels' accessible facilities and an appropriate level of awareness and respect amongst staff.

"No hotel should be given more than three stars if they cannot provide a high-quality service to people of all abilities. Integrating accessibility into the guidelines would encourage hotels to improve their services and experiences. I know from engaging with many hotels that they are enthusiastic about making these improvements, and this reform would guide and incentivise their efforts. I have had far too many difficult and uncomfortable situations in hotels due to



a lack of appropriate facilities and design for people with disabilities.

Unfortunately, I am not alone in experiencing these types of scenarios, and they are a daily occurrence for people with disabilities simply going about their lives.

In its current criteria, the comprehensive guidelines only make minor reference to the use of universal design

practice guidelines, and beyond that there is no more mention of disability or accessibility. There are many simple changes hotels could make and have a real difference for people with disabilities such as providing on-site parking close to entrances, modified room features, and ensuring there are working lifts. In many cases, these are not in place due to a lack of a person with lived experiences being at the table when designing and running hotels," she said.

# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Tá fáilte romhaibh ar ais, a chairde Ghaeil, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil gach duine maith, breá agus folláin. De réir mar a rudáil ag gabháil ar aghaidh le linn na seachtaine seo caite, fuair mé smaointiú go bhfuil níos mó Gaeilge ag gabháil ar aghaidh agus le cluinistín níos minice na laethanta seo, agus cúrsaí Ghaeilge ag gabháil ar aghaidh níos minice fosta.



iad ag éisteacht go cruinn, meangadh gáire orthu, ag déanamh soiléir go raibh áthas orthu an teanga a chluinstín. Go minic tosaíonn Gaeilgeoirí eile sa scuaine ag caint fosta agus bíonn POP-UP GAELTACHT againn!

Mar a dúirt mé, bhí mé ag déanamh cuir síos ar an scéim íontach sin, GAELCHARA, atá a reachtáil ag Michelle Nic Phóidín, Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga den chuid seo den tír. An rud atá ann ná go gcuireann sí daoine le chéile, ceann acu líofa sa Ghaeilge agus ceann atá ag foghlaim, nó ag iarraidh snas a chuir ar a gcuidse Ghaeilge. An struchtúr atá ann ná go réitíonn siad eatharthu féin teacht le chéile uair amháin gach seachtain Gaeilge a labhairt le chéile i, bhfheidir Caifé nó ag siúl, ag foghlaim, uilig ag a luas féin, agus fhaigheann achán duine €150 le íoc as sólaistí nó taisteal.

Rinne mé féin an cúrsa anuraidh agus, caithfidh mé a rá, bhí sé go hiontach maith ar fad. Bhí mé féin curtha le chéile a raibh Gaeilge maith aici agus a bhí ag iarraidh snas a chuir ar a cuidse mar gheall ar chomhrá cairdiúil agus gan strus, agus, caithfidh mé a rá go raibh an eispéras amhaith.

Thainig achán duine a chnócaigh an cúrsa le chéile leis an Teastas a fháil agus bhí oíche ar dóigh againn uilig. Is taispeánt fíor í go bhfuil an teanga labhartha beo agus bríomhar. Déanaim féin mo sheacht ndícheall an teanga a úsáid go poiblí chomh minic agus a thig liom, agus, anois tá sé nadúrach dom i gcónaí cúpla foclaí a chaitheamh isteach sa chaidreamh, foclaí Ghaeilge scaipthe

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Bhí mé istigh i siopa i mBaile na nGallóglach ag caint faoin cúrsa íontach sin GAELCHARA, atá ag gabháil a bheith ag toiseacht go gairid thart faoi Na Dúnaibh, Carraig Airt, Gleann Bharr agus thart timpeall, ag labhairt i nGaeilge leis an scéim a mhíniú do dhuine a raibh suim aici ann, nuair a thosaigh custaméir eile a bhí sa siopa ag caint Gaeilge galánta linn agus bhí comhrá breá eatharthainn, an trúir againn, rud a bhí íontach ar fad.

Mar is gnáth, in amanna mar seo, nuair a thagann Gaeilgeoirí le chéile go poiblí, bíonn suim ar leith ag daoine eile nuair a thig leo an teanga labhartha a chluinstín. Is iomaí uair a tharla dom, i LIDL ach go hairithe, mar tá cúpla daoine ar an foireann ann agus Gaeilge íontach acu, gur thug mé faoi deara go mbíonn daoine ag stopadh agus

thart sa chomhrá. Mar sin bím i gcónaí ag rá: Go raibh maith agat, ins na siopaí agus ollmhargaidh ach go hairithe. Agus is iomaí uair a fhaighim freagra ar ais sa Ghaeilge, is cuma cé chomh briste. Béidh iontas ort an tionchar atá leis seo!

Mar sin, a Chairde Ghaeil, bainigí úsáid as do chuidse Ghaeilge le daoine a spreagadh mar gheall ar an teanga a chluinstín go minic agus go nadúrach. Seans go dtiocfadh leat a bheith rud beag faiteach ag an tús, ach lean ar aghaidh leis go bhfeicfidh tú cad a tharlaíonn!



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 Leáigh im i bpota ar mheántheas, cuir seallóidí ann le 3 bom, an ceannainn le 5bom eile, ansin sícín, stoc agus tím agus suanbhruith le 20bom. Le cumascóir déan mín é, cuir an uachtar leis agus cuir amach.



Tara McDaid accepting cheque from Margaret McCarthy valued €1300 for the Residents Comfort Fund Aras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home in lieu of flowers for the late Pettie McLaughlin, Ramelton. Also in the photo are Teena Madhuban, Anne McCloskey, Sheila Harley, Margareta McConigley and Maura McGinty. The McLaughlin family would like to thank everyone who donated.

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 Ag baint leis. Pertaining to  
 Réitíonn siad. They regulate  
 Eatharthu féin. Between themselves  
 Ag a luas féin. At their own pace  
 Anuraidh. Last year  
 Taispeánt. Show, demonstrate  
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 A spreagadh. To encourage  
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THE ROMANS WERE VERY GOOD AT BUILDING ROADS. I WONDER WERE THEY ANY GOOD AT BUILDING BIKE SHELTERS?!

YES, THEY BUILT A BIKE SHELTER FOR CAESAR, AND IT DIDNT COST € 336,000.

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# 3 Plays for the Price of 1 this Saturday!

Letterkenny Music and Drama Group are presenting something new to the An Grianan Theatre stage this weekend. The group are staging 3 short one-act plays on Saturday 12th October at 8pm, giving the audience 3 very different plays for the price of 1! These one-act plays have 3 different casts, with 3 different directors, making for a night of great entertainment, comedy, and drama.

First up is 'Towpath', directed by Mary Lane, hot on the heels of her direction of the amazing 'Rent' in August. This play features the super-talented all-female cast of Geraldine Galligan, Rachel Akkoc, Ciara Gallagher, and Angela Gallagher. Sitting by a canal bank with a fishing rod and a hip flask, a lone woman finds herself at the centre of a growing group of strangers. Each has a tale to share and a problem to solve.

Next up is 'No Smoke without Fire' in the expert directing hands of Eoghan Mac Giolla Bhríde, and this comedy boasts the fantastic cast of Elaine Gillespie, Aoife Flanagan, Bill Vaughan, Fiona Mc Daid, and Ciaran O Gallchoir. Housekeeper Tilly Trimble suspects that her husband Fred is having an affair. She goes to a café, where he's been seen recently, to keep an eye out

for him. Once there, she meets her friends Rosie and Madge and confides in them. When Fred turns up, the woman he meets surprises them all. But there are even more surprises in store!

'Cider Park' is an original play written by our very own Kieran Kelly, and directed by Michael Leddy. Are any of us unique? Or are we all merely photocopies of what has come before? Is anything we say or do original? These are just some of the ramblings debated by friends JP and Georgie as they sup their cans in an old, abandoned playground known as 'Cider Park'. When they are joined by the much older Ritchie, each of the 3 men are forced to confront their pasts, their present and their futures are they finally understand what it means to be human. This thought-provoking play is brought to life onstage by the brilliant Andrew Tinney, Kieran Kelly, and Cathal O Gallchoir. 'Cider Park' is also representing Letterkenny in various One Act Drama Festivals throughout the country over the next couple of months. "I am really excited by this clever new script and the chance to bring it to life with such a talented cast" explains director Michael Leddy. Letterkenny Music and Drama Group

won the All-Ireland Confined Drama Festival with 'The 39 Steps' in 2012, and reached the All-Ireland Open Finals in both 2015 and 2018. Recent plays by the group include 'Beneath and Irish Sky', 'Dramateurs', and most recently 'The Alternative', while recent musical productions by the group include the AIMS award winning 'Calendar Girls: The Musical' in 2022, the sold-out 'All Shook Up' in 2023, and 'Rent' which was staged in

conjunction with Letterkenny Pride Festival in 2024. Rehearsals are in full swing for 'Skrek: The Musical' which will be staged in An Grianan Theatre from 3rd - 7th December, as well as the 'LIP Sync Battle' on Friday 8th November in The Mount Errigal Hotel, where we have teamed up with St. Eunan's GAA Club to put on a night of entertainment and fundraising. Letterkenny has a One Act Festival which

occurs in An Grianan Theatre for one weekend each November, and it is attended by drama groups from all over Ireland. 'Cider Park' will be entered into this festival, but we are also so proud to be doing our own night of one-act plays in preparation for this; 3 plays, 3 directors, and 3 local casts. Hopefully this is the first of many such nights over the next few years. Tickets can be bought online at [www.an-grianan.com](http://www.an-grianan.com) or (074) 9120777.



Geraldine Galligan, Rachel Akkoc, Ciara Gallagher, and Angela Gallagher in rehearsal for 'Towpath'.



Andrew Tinney, Kieran Kelly, and Cathal O Gallchoir who will perform 'Cider Park'.



'No Smoke without Fire' cast of Elaine Gillespie, Aoife Flanagan, Bill Vaughan, Fiona McDaid, and Ciaran O Gallchoir in rehearsal.

## Sixth spot finish for Kerr in MotoAmerica Superstock Champ

Richard Kerr and the AMD Motorsport team concluded their 2024 MotoAmerica Superstock 1000 Championship campaign at the weekend and did so in style with fifth and sixth place finishes at the New Jersey Motorsports Park seeing them claim sixth overall in the final standings.

Located in Millville, New Jersey in the Northeastern region of the United States, the New Jersey Motorsports Park first held racing in 2008, and the 2.25-mile circuit saw County Donegal's Kerr have his best qualifying performance of the season with an excellent fifth overall in the mixed conditions on the CBR1000RR Honda Fireblade.

The opening 14-lap Superstock race saw the 24-year old occupy fourth in the early stages but as the race wore on, he suffered a lack of grip with the rear tyre and had to drop back, eventually finishing sixth, 16.1s behind race winner and fellow Honda rider Hayden Gillim.

Continuing to make changes to the set-up of the Honda, to aid with grip in particular, the second race went a lot better for Richard as he ran with the leading pack for much of the way. Running as high as third for several laps, he battled with Jayson Uribe and Benjamin Smith for much of the way and took a fine fifth at the chequered flag, this time only eight seconds behind Gillim who won both the race and the championship.

The two Superbike races, held over 20 laps, were always going to be more challenging affairs with Richard lining up in 12th on the grid after qualifying again saw mixed conditions. The races were

dry throughout though and after taking 14th in the first race he improved to an excellent ninth in the second race where he set his fastest lap of the weekend at 1'22.008. This was less than a second slower than race winner Loris Baz's best lap on the Warhorse Racing Ducati.

Richard said "New Jersey was a good weekend for sure and there were a lot of positives to take out of it. We changed tact a bit and entered the Superbike class direct, rather than the Superbike Cup, to be out on track in all the sessions but the weather put paid to that as conditions were too sketchy at times to go out. I had a small tip-off on Friday but there was little damage to the bike, and we were soon back out and took solid qualifying positions."

"The first Superstock race went well, and we weren't too far away but the tyre started to chew up a fair bit in the second half and I lost the rear a lot when I was off the gas, so it was either push on and crash or ease back and settle for a position. We had much better pace in the second race though and ran with the leading group for a lot longer so fifth and sixth was a good way to end the season."

"We spoke to a few other teams about set-up and the like to try and help the tyre situation and increasing the pressure really helped in the second Superbike race. I was really competitive, finishing in a good ninth ahead of a few of the Superstock boys who'd beat me earlier whilst being the first Honda to finish was also pleasing. The circuit suited me, and I was pleased with both my results and lap times and it's fair to say we've



Richard Kerr with his father Ivan Kerr, Simon Bleasdale, Frazer Dykes AMD Motorsport and Liam McMullan and D Jones Honda America in New Jersey.

been learning all season."

"It's been a good year and an enjoyable one too, so a huge thanks to everyone who's helped me this season particularly my dad, Simon Bleasdale, Liam McMullan, Patrick McGinley, the Jones Honda team in America and, of course Fraser and Mary Dykes from AMD Motorsport and all my personal sponsors."

## Kerr for Sunflower Trophy Races

Kilmacrennan motorcyclist Richard Kerr will join Burrows Engineering/RK Racing for the upcoming Sunflower Trophy Races. Kerr, the reigning National Superstock 1000 Champion, will link up with the team at Bishopscourt Racing Circuit on October 18-19.

Kerr, a former winner of the Sunflower and last year's runner-up, will be riding the team's BMW M1000RR Superbike in three races over the weekend.



# Budget '25: A cold winter for social welfare recipients

*Any Budget that justifies giving multi-millionaires the same energy-credit note as old age pensioners and the lowly paid needs a total reset of their thinking. And to wonder at how a targeted approach could have given 40,000 children in poverty a real life-line.*

*FG will soon be fourteen years in power and they've lost sight of the real Ireland where homelessness and poverty are a constant reminder of their failure.*

The fact that there was no real breakthrough for the coalition government in the budget will not be a surprise to anyone, barring Simon Harris. Never before in the history of Ireland has so much been given away in the €18.5bn pre-election budget that has been hammered by the Irish Fiscal Council as boom to bust policies.

Eat your heart out Bertie Ahern and Charlie McCreevey. The Celtic Tiger continues to haunt Ireland and throwing money at winning elections is a derisory attempt at fooling the electorate. There's nothing much in the budget that will have a positive impact on people's lives. I doubt that anyone on a low income will be any better off in a year's time.

The reality that this is an election budget that will see the cohort of middle-income earners do well. However the sceptre of poverty will still be there next year and the one after. Because the notion of €12 making any discernable difference is a joke.

The IFC said the budget package amounts to €9.1 billion. This is substantial compared to what would have been seen in the preCovid era. The Budget contained €6.9 billion of permanent measures. The tax package is effectively neutral. That is, €1.4 billion of tax cuts cancel out what would be raised by people drifting into higher tax bands plus

the carryover impact of measures introduced previously. Spending measures total €6.9 billion (€5.3 billion current and €1.6 billion capital). The rest of the €9.1 billion package then relates to temporary cost-of-living measures. There has been a marginal boost in support for Fine Gael in the latest Sunday Independent 'Ireland Thinks' poll but support is down for their coalition partners Fianna Fáil, while the Green Party remains unchanged. No surprises there at all.

What was really surprising was how grown up politicians leaked with abandon what they'd assumed to be real life-changing increases: on what planet does this Cabinet reside? Not at all surprisingly, the Budget failed to give any real bounce to the Coalition parties, with Fine Gael up one point to 26%, Fianna Fáil down two points to 19% and the Greens unchanged on 4%.

If the social welfare recipients were already struggling before last week's Budget, they face the reality that they will be worse off this time next year as the cost of living continues to be a huge challenge for so many.

But in reality, it was the middle income ground that was the government's target vote last week in the mad race to appeal to a universal audience. Those that

needed it most got a mere tuppence worth but for middle Ireland, they were given a hell of a lot more.

Fine Gael is too long in office and despite the Simon Harris one-man-show touring every country crossroads over the summer, there is no change of substance. He's all about positivity, pragmatism, promise and better times for all. But how is he proposing that will happen?

More than anything else, the government and Harris reside in a bubble of their own creation where familiarity breeds a narrative driven by the spin machine with an agenda far removed from reality. Harris is a classic of this genre. You've only to ask and Simon will promise. Do not look beyond his time as Health Minister.

To say that Jack Chambers made quite the balls of handing out billion after billion without telling us that from now until the end of next year the cost of running Ireland Inc will be at least beyond €33 billion. And insofar as Paschal Donohue's vision stretches, he sounded as if he'd literally take-off from the floor of the Dail in his excess outburst of enthusiasm to talk up the record of government. He's been in power for much too long and his sense of exuberance would be better placed in a comedy piece with Oliver Callan.

To say that Budget 2025 was as uninspiring as Friday night's Late Late show might not be too far off the mark apart from the former costing billions of euros more. Mind you, RTE is not short of cash with a bailout of €725 million in government funding over the next three years. The station is to receive €225 million next year from TV license fee revenue and direct Exchequer funding combined.

In 2026, the funding will rise to €240 million, rising to €260 million in 2027. And to think they wanted another €30 million for next year! And if that is prudent budgeting what about Jack Chambers' first attempt? It

seems outrageous that those in low incomes will remain forgotten and left out in the cold.

It is a disaster that the hospitality sector has been treated so badly. For many people in rural Ireland, we notice the number of outlets now closed and precious jobs lost, the local pubs shuttered leaving a vacuum for so many remote parts of the countryside. Over six hundred outlets have gone since last September when the VAT rose to 13.5%. For small enterprise, the recovery from the pandemic the pathway back to business has been a torture with energy prices high enough to leave too many premises under threat of survival.

And many will not open again as long as this government remains in office. In that respect, the next five years will see more and more places shut down and we will be the poorer as a result. For some inexplicable reason and after a record Exchequer surplus, this is a budget that flatlines: there are no big ideas: no game changers with no concept of vision for the future: no new agenda to provide the infrastructure for a country now growing at more than 100,000 every year.

There is not a Minister in the Cabinet in these past ten years that has had the courage and the ability to address the lack of infrastructure in a country not fit for purpose as the population continues to grow. And these demands on a crumbling and critical infrastructure are threatening to bring vital services and systems to a standstill.

Any Budget that justifies giving multi-millionaires the same energy-credit payment as old age pensioners needs a total mind reset. And to wonder at how a targeted approach could have given 40,000 children in poverty a real life-line. Obviously, FG is soon to be fourteen years in power and they've lost sight of the real Ireland where homelessness and poverty are constant reminders of their failure.



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## Comment

Targeted increases to those on low incomes could have made the Budget worthy of representing the basic principle of equality. The government has been guilty of giving equal increases to rich and poor alike and it is quite difficult to understand the rationale for this practice.

But with the kind of mindset that deems it a great idea to splash nine million euros on phone pouches for students is way out of kilter with public thinking. And to think the students get much of their test exercises from college on their mobile phones.

This is a cold climate for the elderly because the cost of living remains far too high and I can sympathise with old people waking in the night feeling cold and miserable. It does not need to be this way, however, the government does not seem interested in making it a great country for the elderly who have to count every cent to stay out of debt. We now have record amounts of money to spend, can you imagine what it might be like for the well-off and how badly they needed that extra €12 a week to survive?

They are unlikely to awaken in the early morning feeling cold and wondering if they can afford an extra bag of coal next week. For pensioners, this Budget is mean: the €12 increase will only buy a bale of briquettes and a lottery scratch card. It means that those who feel the cost of living is too much, before the next twelve months is out, that situation will only worsen.

Shame on the architects of this budget when they had the money and the means to make a real difference for Ireland's most vulnerable sector.

The average household will make small gains from the Budget, but it will not reduce overall poverty levels, according to an analysis by the Economic and Social and Research Institute.

That is not surprising because so many on low income payments dread yet another winter leaving them short of money, struggling on a meagre income. And if the Taoiseach seems taken aback by that, the reality is that he lives in the bubble of positive hype: that is the BS coming from the government's spin machine every single day. Of course the budget is good for some: those who have most will gain the most but the notion of giving vulnerable people a pittance reflects how the parties in government are out of touch, in office for half a generation of failing to solve the crises that continue to haunt this country.

This budget has merely put more sticking plaster solutions on housing, on the crumbling health services, on roads and water infrastructure and there are few incentives to live in rural Ireland. The ESRI has calculated that the cost of untargeted cost of living measures such as energy credits and double child benefit payments would have been enough to finance a second tier of child benefit and lift 40,000 youngsters out of poverty.

It also warned the withdrawal of cost-of-living measures may increase the risk of poverty for pensioners and the disabled unless there are accompanying welfare increases.

It said the reduction in the energy credit from €450 this year to €250 in Budget 2025 will disproportionately affect households on fixed incomes, such as pensioners, for whom this credit represents a large proportion of income.

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# Refurbished Coole Cranford Commu

Helen Wilhare along with Patrick Logue, Yvonne Lynch and Michelle Brennan had the honour of opening the refurbished Coole Cranford Community Centre last Saturday afternoon.

It was fitting that these four people did the honours as they were the ones who drove the project from inception to conclusion. The original centre was opened on the 4th of

September 1974. It was built at a cost of £25,000 with a lot of local voluntary work. The Centre has served the community well over the years but was badly in need of refurbishment and this came about by way of a €300,000 grant in December 2022 under the Community Centres Investment Fund. The last major funding was in 2004 Dr. James McDaid as Minister of Sport provided the funding to replace the roof and floor.

It was also very fitting that the blessing of the centre was provided by Fr. Francie Mc Ateer and Rev. Chris Matchett.

Fr. Francie was the driving force behind the centre in 1974, purchasing the site from Annie McBride when he was serving as curate in Golan. They based the Hall on the size of a full size basketball court.

He thanked the new committee for all they have done for the Centre and suggested that in addition to the recreational uses it would be used as a Christian centre for all faiths. He said he "hopes for better things in the future and that this place will grow and flourish in the years ahead".

Local Church of Ireland Rector, Rev. Matchett said that he was blown in here, having been here one of the 51 years of the Centre. But his time in Donegal he has realised the importance of community and its important to strengthen and build up the community.

Speaking on behalf of the Committee, Patrick Logue said "One of the reasons its called the Coole Cranford Community Centre is that originally, it was to be built beside Coole Chapel, and the late Micky Harkin was going to donate a site for the project, but in the end it was deemed a little too far away from Cranford Park and Cranford AC.

Today we witness the result of a significant transformation over the past two years, which has delivered a multi-purpose community space that will serve as a hub for a wide range of activities."

Patrick thanked the various businesses and groups for their work including Keneth McCorkell Architectural Services; Cranford Football Club and Chris Carr and Liam Doherty; Cranford Women's Group; the Devlinreagh Band for their music and Mickey Friel for do-



Helen Wilhare, Michelle Brennan, Yvonne Lynch and Patrick Logue cutting the tape to

nating the bouncy castle. He thanked all those who supported the GoFundMe donation page and local businesses McBride's of Cranford, Mulroy Bay Mussels, Logues of Cranford, DJ John Bosco McBride and the Badminton Club; everyone who came to the Clean Up at the end of August, especially Evelyn Carr for the refreshments on the day. Patrick had a special word of praise for Nigel Black and his construction team for all their hard work during the construction. "It was obvious from the outset that Nigel was invested in the project not only from a professional perspective but also from a personal one. Being a person who is heavily involved with

clubs and groups in his own area could appreciate the importance of project and the impact that it would have on our community." Helen Wilhare made a presentation to Nigel on behalf of the Committee. In conclusion Patrick Logue paid tribute to his fellow committee members Yvonne, Helen and Michelle saying this would not have been done without the hours they spent in front of computers, attending meetings etc. James Whoriskey, Cranford NS Principal said "the spirit of the Cranford community is strong and the Community Centre is an amazing facility for the school and for long before I



Fr. Francie McAteer and Rev. Chris Matchett during the Ecumenical Service.



Members of the Devlinreagh Band entertain at the opening on Saturday.



Eoghan Whyte with his father Brendan.



A section of the attendance at the opening.



Helen Wilhare making a presentation to Nigel Black.



Checking out an early poster for the Cranford Sports were Patrick Carr, James Duffy, Cathal Toland and Paddy Logue.



Contractor Nigel Black with Arthur Lynch and Cllr. Michael McBride.



# Community Centre



Patrick Logue cutting the tape to officially opened the refurbished Community Centre.

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here. We have celebrated so many different events here down the years and it has always been here for us and thank you to the committee from the school community."

Speaking on behalf of Cranford Football Club, Philip Buchanan said that the Club is almost the anchor tenants and no one appreciates it like the Football Club. "We have first class showers and dressing rooms. We have been interlinked since the early 1970's all working together for a facility that benefits all. The indoor football competitions began in 1974 followed by the Football Club in 1976."

Cllr. Declan Meehan said it is fantastic

day to be in Cranford in the newly refurbished building. "I know the importance of a facility like this and Cranford has a proud community. Projects like this are great but its very hard to manage and spend the funding and congratulations to the committee for doing an excellent job."

Cllr. Michael McBride said it was great to see so many familiar faces and the centre is so bright and welcoming. "It took a lot of vision from the original committee and I congratulate the people who built it - one of the first in Donegal." He encouraged Clubs and organisations to get their applications ready for the next DFI Funding round from the Council in early February.

The Committee then cut the tape to officially open the refurbished Centre and saying they were now open for business. The Centre is available for all types of meetings, birthday parties, classes such as yoga, pilates, spinning. The Men on the Move has resumed again and the Hall is available to all groups with state of the art changing facilities and showers.

There is also talk of the famous Indoor Football Competitions beginning again and they hope to start with an Over 35's competition shortly.



Presentations of flowers were made to Helen Wilhare, Michelle Brennan and Yvonne Lynch by Emma Logue and Laoise Lynch.



A section of the attendance at the opening.



Patrick Logue making a presentation to Nigel Black.



Willie Doherty with Oliver Gallagher.



Members of the Devlinreagh Band entertain at the opening on Saturday.



Pat McHugh with Anthony, Francie and Fiacra Locke.



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# Kerrykeel: A village under siege

As residents of Kerrykeel claim their town has become a no-go area after midnight due to a huge increase in anti-social behaviour, community leaders there have called for a visible garda presence and increased numbers to combat the worst excesses of this problem.

Over the past couple of years it is alleged that gangs of youths have made the area around the locked up garda station and enterprise building the base of their operations.

Shocked residents say the amount of joy riders and drug dealers has increased alarmingly and all the while the community has been forced to remain silent for fear of reprisals or being forced off the road by these thugs.

Responding to the problems Supt. Bart Faulkner at Milford said he was fully aware of the difficulties and a series of measures have been implemented. He accepted that teenagers roaming the roads in old cars was a huge problem and soft drugs was also an issue which they were dealing with.

The Supt. said that a substantial number of illegal vehicles had been impounded in recent weeks and with additional resources now available progress is being made.

Supt. Faulkner said that while he's about to leave the Milford District on transfer to Dublin it was important to point out to the community that either he or his successor would be available at all times to meet members of the community on a totally confidential basis.

He said: 'We are addressing this problem and we are serious about it and with the extra resources now available we are confident we can deal with the situation.'

The Gardai cannot comment publicly on concerns over the perceived lack of officer numbers beyond saying this is a matter for the political process. However the general public see rural garda stations closed almost permanently with no visible garda presence and assurances are no

longer enough to satisfy their concerns. The Tribune understands that in recent weeks more company cars have been confiscated in the Kerrykeel area than anywhere else in the county and gardai say they will continue this policy of surveillance and identification of the drivers. Gardai also point to the fact that they've had more success in solving petty crimes in the Milford District in the past year than at any other time and the numbers of incidents being reported have fallen steadily.

The seriousness of the situation is reflected in the fact that nobody is prepared to go on the record or be photographed. At the same time the community has rejected a garda plea to hold a public meeting to highlight the problem. The reason being that nobody is prepared to stand up publicly and voice their concerns-the fear of intimidation is painfully obvious. We were told that around twenty teenagers regularly arrive in Kerrykeel to compete in road races and this is putting lives locally and across the Fanad peninsula at serious risk.

There are many reports of these clapped out cars being driven two-abreast at breakneck speeds on back roads at three in the morning. Meanwhile we are told that back in the village more teenagers are dealing in drugs and openly plying their trade. It is also alleged that requests from local gardai for resources and manpower to address this problem over the past two years were rejected by the powers that be in Garda Headquarters in Dublin.

'Young hoods and teenage thugs have been allowed to take over our town and we have nobody to claim it back. They are above the law and have been for years and they are giving their two fingers to the gardai knowing full well they are going to get away with it. Where are the gardai and what are they doing about it?'

That was an opinion that echoes louder than anything else this week from within a community

living in dread and fear. Ironically this same community says that extra gardai has never been a problem in the village previously and they point to hundreds of officers who were bussed into the village on three occasions back in 1997 as the community resisted an Esat mobile phone mast being erected in the grounds of the garda station. The community leaders say if they are seen talking to the media they will be targeted by the joy riders whom they saw have been allowed to take the law into their own hands.

# Glenheo: bog standard water



Gerlyn and Siobhan Coyle pictured at home with a glass of water from the tap.

A water supply from a bog hole might represent a bog standard effort from Donegal County Council to meet the needs of those whom it serves. But that's exactly what is happening for the householders in Glenheo above Carrigart in September 2004. They find it hard to believe that after more than a hundred years of local government in Donegal that their Council can continue to fail their most basic needs in such a shameful and uninspiring manner.

The Glenheo area has never known what it like to have a public water supply and even in this day and age when Donegal County Council prides itself on its record of so called progress this is patently ridiculous... but very true. We met with the representative of the houses on Tuesday to hear a tale of catastrophe and woe. And rather astonishingly in an area where holiday homes now dwarf the indigenous population by about ten to one it is only the locals who can't have a proper public water supply, said Andy Coyle.

He says the Council simply cannot give the local residents a water supply because there is not enough of the precious liquid on tap in Donegal. Yet developers constructing a rake of holiday homes have no difficulty whatever. This sounds astonishing but again many other communities have been making similar complaints particularly about planning and development issues. First of all it would be wrong to suggest the Council has done nothing in Glenheo. They actually know where Glenheo is and I happen to know this confidentially since Council engineers have gone to the trouble of writing letters to politicians pointing out why they can't have water, unlike every where else on this planet. The townland of Glenheo sits high above the village of Carrigart in a picturesque location which is wonderful: apart from having no public water supply. They've been trying their best

for years to convince the powers that be that this community is similar to any other: but is anyone listening. Obviously not since they've now had to resort to the pages of their local newspaper to highlight this injustice. But of course having no water is nothing new in Donegal despite all the old nonsense of hype and political spin that is visited upon us especially when an election is around the corner.

And it would also seem that a big job of works up at Cranford is meant to improve things with plans to pour some more water into the system. But there is no indication that Glenheo is included in this greater schedule of events.

Andrew Coyle took us to see where his family source their water. It is a hole in the ground up on the hill. At first glance the liquid looks like a strong malt whiskey or poiteen that has not been properly distilled. I shudder to think that any community is having to use this stuff in this day and age. What is even worse is that nobody can assure this community that they will eventually get a public water supply. Glenheo has eight permanent homes and they've been there for generations. Since 2001 many more new houses and holiday houses have been built. The locals say that boreholes were being used but that has now been stopped by the authorities because there is too much of going on and it could have a detrimental impact on the existing supplies.

Andrew Coyle says he's already been refused planning permission for a site because there is no water. However he's now been informed that water is not a pre-requisite for planning. And for the moment we shall leave the last word to Andrew Coyle. 'If were from Northern Ireland and building a holiday home, we'd have no bother at all getting a proper water supply'. Hopefully someone somewhere even in Donegal County Council will explain that one to everyone's satisfaction.



Pictured following the sponsored Legwax and Headshave in the Fanad Lodge in aid of the ISPC were Gerard McElwaine (leg wax), James Carr (head shave), Shaun Shiels (leg wax), Paul Fahey (head shave) with Katherine and Sheree McKinney, beauticians.



Brid McAteer and Marian McAteer of the Fanad Lodge presenting a cheque for 1660.65 to Yvonne Coyne of the ISPC the proceeds of the Legwax and Headshave at the bar



The Kilmacrennan Festival presented €3,000 profits from this year's event at a function in the Angler's Haven recently. Pictured above is festival treasurer Niall Doherty presenting cheques to Pricialla Doherty, Kilmacrennan Senior Citizens €500 and Lesiie Dougherty, Children's Christmas Party €500. Other groups to receive funds were Kilmacrennan Christmas Lights €500 accepted by Shaun McBride, Kilmacrennan Youth Club, €500 accepted by Danny Dougherty, €200 Kilmacrennan NS new building fund accepted by Eileen McGettigan, Downs Syndrome Association €200 accepted by Paul Doherty, Kilmacrennan Celtic FC €200 accepted by James Doherty, Kilmacrennan Ladies FC €200 accepted by Mairead Shields and St. Brigids Ward in Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children €200 accepted by Lisa Doherty.



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# Cllr fears being lynched

A Letterkenny Cllr. has expressed fears that he and his colleagues on Donegal County Council could be lynched if they leave streets unswept and other road services cancelled between now and the end of the year. They are in a wee spot of bother since their budget for these services is already spent. Cllr. Dessie Larkin was speaking at the Council's Letterkenny area meeting on Tuesday when the roads engineer, Pat Gillespie dropped the bombshell that they're skint for maintenance money and its still only September.

Street sweeping will have to be binned and other services abandoned since they've already run over budget by €18,500.

And adding to this woeful handling was a comment from James Boyle the senior county roads engineer. He says there is no facility to allow for overspending and pointed out that their budget for non-national roads maintenance has been reduced over the past three years. It is not clear how this crisis can be addressed but it would seem they

are hoping for a fairly mild winter and that local communities will sweep the streets themselves. Or else the County Council might get lucky and win a few bob on the lotto. Pat Gillespie warned that the road sweeping service will have to be scrapped until next year's allocation is received. The Cllrs rejected his proposal out of hand. According to the figures the local budget is overspent by a shocking €18,584.

In a heated debate Dessie Larkin demanded that the road sweeping service be maintained while describing the 2004 allocation of €350,000 as peanuts and he proposed that future maintenance programmes be administered from the environment budget. Gillespie's report shows that this year's overall roads maintenance budget of €327,909 had been exceeded and to continue the road sweeping programme for the remainder of the year would cost another €25,000.

At the moment it's a case of robbing Mickey to pay Pat; or so our observations might suggest.



Fanad Community Games winners at their presentation night with Hugo Duggan, Mandy and Margaret Boyce, Colm McGonagle and John Doherty.

# New plans for Oldtown bypass

The Letterkenny area roads manager Pat Gillespie is to seek the support of Councillors to have funding prioritised in the 2006 Budget for a €1.5 million relief route from Dunnes Stores to Sallaghgraine. The need for a by-pass at this location has been widely debated since it was raised by SF Cllr. Gerry McMonagle recently.

Cllrs Ciaran Brogan and Dessie Larkin have called for the route to be prioritised to alleviate the chronic traffic congestion at Oldtown, Griers and the Back Road. At Tuesday's Electoral Area Meeting Pat Gillespie said when the Business Park to Kilmacrennan Road was completed Members should strongly consider putting the Dunnes Stores Link to the top of the list to receive all available funding.

The Area Manager also gave an update on the four schemes that are ongoing saying further works will be required on the Business Park, Castleshaghan and Coolohy roads next year while it is hoped to complete the purchase of lands for the Leck works in the coming months.

He also spoke about adopting an alternative approach to spending on the roads programme. "At the moment the four schemes are get-

ting approximately a quarter of the available funding. Perhaps when the existing schemes are progressed to a particular level consideration could be given to focusing the funding on one or two jobs to speed up their completion" he said. He also referred to a review of the current priority list saying that: "An example of a route, which should be considered for funding as a priority is the Dunnes Stores to Sallaghgraine or River Diversion Project as it has been previously known. Whether it is a river diversion or two bridges this link is rapidly becoming a necessity. At present the Sallaghgraine and Kirkstown area is showing indications of major development, not to mention the new Leisure Complex. As there is no alternative route all of these are going to increase the volume of traffic on Ballymacool Terrace and the Junctions at the Back Road, Griers and Dunnes. This road {Dunnes Link} should be treated as a priority."

Cllr Larkin pointed out that a number of years ago Dunnes Stores was to assist with a €1 million contribution to the relief road and asked that the Council reopen discussions with company representatives on a deal which would have the potential to benefit their business.



The Milford GAA team pictured on their return to Milford on Saturday night in Dusty's Bar celebrating their Division 4 victory.



At the launch of the Donegal Hospice Sympathy Cards at An Grianan Theatre, Letterkenny on Monday evening were seated from left Noel O'Connell, Donegal Hospice, Kathleen Callaghan who devised the idea and Highland Radio's Shaun Doherty who launched the cards. At back are from left Dr. James McDauid TD, Michael McGettigan of McGettigan Construction Ltd and Noel McGinley, McGinley Motors Ltd who along with Barry Jackson of Jackson's Hotel Ballybofey sponsored the cards. Also included is Donal Kavanagh, Highland Radio who was MC for the launch.

# IDA and Council agree Carnamuggagh land deal

IDA Ireland is to purchase a 1.64 acre parcel of land at Carnamuggagh Lower from the Council. The details of the €312,000 deal were disclosed at this week's Letterkenny Electoral Area meeting. Senior roads engineer James Boyle told Members that it was a small part of the private land purchased in the area for the construction of the new road from Unifi to the N56 Kilmacrennan Road. At the time of this deal it was further agreed that the County Council would sell the 1.64 portion to the IDA for the same price in order for the state body to add to their land property portfolio in the area. Boyle also informed Members that he has held discussions with representatives of Unifi in effort to secure a part of the firm's carpark for the construction of a new roundabout to improve traffic flow in the area.

# Respond to build 24 houses at Oldtown

A proposal by the Respond Voluntary Housing Association, supported by Donegal County Council for the construction of 24 houses has been approved for funding by the Department of the Environment. The project which will include communal facilities will be built on Council land at Oldtown. According to Letterkenny area housing manager Patsy Lafferty work should commence on site in early 2005 subject to land transfer and legal matters being finalised. "The proposed development will be managed by Respond and will be a significant contribution towards meeting the needs of those on the Letterkenny Housing list" he said.

# Woodlands Junction hotspot: Larkin

Cllr Dessie Larkin has called for upgrading works to be carried out on the junction at Woodlands National School following a recent serious car accident. Larkin said: "The Woodlands junction is now a major hotspot with residents telling me that there is an accident every week." However Cllr. Ciaran Brogan said that the road from the Elmwood Downs junction to Tara Court needed work before moving further out the Ramelton Road. The FF Member said a barrier was required on one side to protect local dwellings. Cllr. Brogan also pointed to the absence of a turning lane at Tara Court on a very busy route.

# Out of the Red, Goodbye Donald? Into The Blue

After three weeks traveling through Republican strongholds, it was time to spend some time with Democrats

IT OCCURRED to me while I was in Waukesha, Wisconsin, hanging around in the meeting hall at a local college for the Governor of Michigan Gretchen Whitmer to speak to Democratic party activists about abortion rights, that if the framers of the Constitution had stipulated extra Electoral College votes would be awarded pro-rata to the candidate with the most youthful and neurotic campaign aides then Kamala Harris would be home and dry already, a landslide winner before a vote was cast. "Would you mind moving up towards the stage so you're in front of the TV cameras?" I was extremely grateful to be an accredited journalist in Waukesha. Thank you Wisconsin Democrats. It felt good to be part of something grown-up and official, even if it meant being told where to stand by a 22-year-old who thinks the future of American democracy depends on the viewers at home being fooled

into thinking Governor Whitmer was speaking to a packed crowd instead of 80 people squashed together at the front of the stage like Galapagos penguins on a rock. "I'd rather not, if that's okay with you, thank you." I'd been on the road for three weeks, spending virtually all of my time in Trump World, chatting to his adoring foot soldiers at rallies and churches and coffee shops. Which reminds me - how do you spot a Trump supporter at Starbucks? She's the one bitching about the disastrous state of the American economy while waiting for her \$24 Double Vanilla Bean Mocha Frappuccino. True story. I also spent a lot of time trying to navigate the Trump campaign media apparatus. I know you're not interested in war stories from the frontlines of campaign journalism so I'll just leave you with this. Imagine you are a speck of household dust swept up by a breeze and

# Goodbye Donald? An American Odyssey

by Lawrence Donegan



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

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

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

deposited on the nose of a departing rocket ship, destination the far side of the Solar System. Three-quarters of the way there, a flaming vortex left in the wake of a passing asteroid sucks you off the rocket nose and propels you

have to line up five hours in advance. I called Stephen Cheung, head of media for the Trump campaign, to politely ask for help. "I don't have time to deal with this," he said. "And where did you get this phone number?"

I would no more reveal my source to Mr Cheung than I would publish his private cell phone number in a public forum like this. That would be unethical behaviour for a journalist. But since you are about to click on the 'Buy me a Coffee' button below and I want to show my appreciation in return, what I will say is this - Stephen Cheung's cell phone number may or may not be 1-666-666-KNOB. "Hey there, no I wouldn't like to move to the front of the hall. I'd rather stand here."

GRETCHEN WHITMER is a great performer on TV and just as good in front of a live crowd, even when it's only 80 diehards. She's smart, she's sassy and she's got a three-part plan for making the government work for the people. It's not a detailed plan, though. It's the kind of plan that a crowd of any size can get behind with, yell out loud and laugh. GET. SHIT. DONE! I'm not going to lie. I frickin' love Whitmer and that was even before she took the time

"And I said before I'd rather not. Thanks anyway."

IT SEEMS a strange thing to say about an event with so much political star power but the best speaker of the day was a young local woman called Laurel Marcinkus. She told a harrowing story about how she almost lost her life in hospital while doctors debated whether or not they could legally induce the birth of her daughter, knowing that the baby would not survive. Without the induced birth Laurel herself could die. "After the Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade, Wisconsin was enforcing an 1849 law banning abortions unless the life of the mother was at risk. But the question was whether or not I qualified under that exemption. Two different doctors needed to be consulted about my case, which meant for an entire day I was bleeding, getting sicker and sicker," she said. Laurel broke down at this point. A few people started crying. I'm not sure how many more of these official events I'll attend between now and election day - to be honest, I much prefer to be out there talking to ordinary people in informal settings - but I doubt I'll witness a more poignant and powerful moment. "I'd really appreciate it if you moved up the front."

This was the first time Laurel had spoken in public about the loss of her daughter. I chatted to her husband, Kelly McCormack, afterward and he said she was really nervous all week. "I'm so proud of her," he said.

When you are out there in Trumpworld, it is difficult to concentrate on anything else. The Red madness is all-consuming. You stay awake a night, wondering exactly what it is you are watching and how it is that one deeply flawed person - let's be truthful, a sociopathic, untethered conman - has been able to fool and continues to fool so many people. No wonder I hadn't been able to get a proper sense of what was going on with the Blue. But from afar, it all looked a bit uptight and restrained, as if the Harris campaign was scared of making a mistake. I guess I'll discover more now that I'm heading into the swing states, where the election will be decided. "For the last time - I won't be moving to the front of the stage." I'll never forget Laurel Marcinkus. These personal stories hit hard, much harder than the million-dollar ads, cute videos on TikTok, and even anything said by the starriest of political stars. Authenticity remains undefeated. I don't know who said that and I bet you don't either. So I'm going to claim it as my own. Authenticity remains undefeated. Ordinary people telling their extraordinary stories to the voters might not guarantee election victory but it'll make more of a difference to the result than how an early morning campaign stop in Waukesha looks on local TV.



Governor Gretchen Whitmer speaks. As seen from the back of the room



Democrats campaigning

into the deepest, darkest realm of space, where you float around for all eternity. No one knows where you have gone or even cares. It's as if you never existed. You are nothing. That's how the Trump media operation made me feel when I called them up. "Hey there, would you mind moving up to the front of the hall for me, thanks." I wasn't asking for a spot on the guy's plane. I didn't want to sit on Trump's knee, stroking his hair and feeding him french fries one at a time. I know that's Laura Loomer's gig. All I wanted was a seat at a press conference, maybe early access to rallies so I didn't

to have a quick chat before she climbed into her black Surburban SUV and high-tailed off to the next campaign stop. I asked her if she had seen a New York Times poll that morning which had Kamala Harris just 1% ahead of Donald Trump in Michigan, a much smaller lead than had generally been assumed. "I've always said it was going to be tight," Whitmer said. "Tighter than tight." "So what are you doing here in Wisconsin and not back in campaigning in Michigan." She paused then gave me a big, bright Governor of Michigan smile, the kind of smile that says FUCK. RIGHT. OFF! "Well, it's our job to get out here and get the activists energised," she said. "Now I really should get going." "Please move up to the front. I asked you before. Thanks." Jasmine Crockett, a lawyer and first-term congresswoman from Texas, also showed up. She's one of the Democratic party's rising stars and it's easy to see why. She spoke passionately about her political mentor Kamala Harris, the kind of person she was and the kind of President she would be. "Roe v Wade was a case that came out of Texas and it gave women the freedom to make their own health care choices. Kamala Harris will codify those rights back into law and that's why we need to do everything we can to get her elected."

# Cranford AC shine in the Rosses



Cranford's Charlie Rogers on his way to winning the U12 race and below, Oisín McBride winner of the U14 County title.

Last Sunday, Cranford AC travelled to the Rosses for the even ages cross country competition. The weather couldn't have been better, with sunshine making for a great day of racing. A big thanks to Rosses AC for hosting and organising such a well-run event. The field is always a tough but rewarding challenge for cross country runners.

Under 9's - Representing Cranford in the Under 9 category were Sarah Kate Boyce and Adam Rogers. Both athletes had a strong performance on this challenging course.

In the Under 10 girls' race, Cranford AC was well represented by Sadhbh McBride, Molly Moyles, and Alanna Curran. The girls put in a solid effort, showcasing their growing strength as young athletes.

Under 10 Boys John Patrick Duffy claimed the title of Under 10 Donegal Champion, with a fantastic performance. He was closely followed by teammate Gavin Boyce.

Under 12 Girls Aisling Toner and Rose O'Toole both put in great efforts, finishing well up in the field. They continue to show steady progress in their performances.

Under 12 Boys Charlie Rogers led the Under 12 boys' race, securing the Donegal Championship title, with strong support from Faolan Caldwell, Harry McHugh and Oisín Giles. The team finished third overall, earning a well-deserved bronze medal.

Under 14 Girls Olivia Curran was Cranford's sole representative in the Under 14 girls' race. Olivia ran a solid race, finishing impressively in a



Cranford AC boys U14 who came 2nd Team Oisín McBride, Tarlach Duggan, Roan Ladley, Ben McGee and James Hartigan.



The Cranford Boys U 12 team who won Bronze at the Donegal Championship - Oisín Giles, Charlie Rogers who won the race Faolan Caldwell and Harry McHugh.



Sarah Boyce with Orla Neely at the start of the U9 race.



Clodagh Neely who came 2nd U19 at the Donegal Championship in Rosses.



Cranford AC U9 - Adam Rogers and Sarah Boyce.



Aisling Toner and Rose O'Toole girls U12.



Cranford AC U10 team - John Patrick Duffy 1st and Gavin Boyce



Karen Neely who ran u16 girls.



Cranford AC U18 Team who got silver medals Caolan McFadden 1st, Michael Moore 3rd and Diarmuid Gallagher.



Olivia Curran who ran in the U14 race



Cranford AC Girls U10 Molly Moyles, Sadhbh McBride and Alanna Curran

tough field. Under 14 Boys Oisín McBride delivered an outstanding performance to win the Under 14 Donegal Championship, closely followed by teammates Ben McGee, Roan Ladley, Tarlach Duggan, and James Hartigan. Their combined efforts earned the team a silver medal, finishing second overall. Under 16 Girls Karen Neely represented the club in the Under 16 girls' race, showing great determination with a strong finish. Cranford's Under 18 boys put on an impressive display. Caolán McFadden took home the

Donegal Championship title, while Michael Moore secured third place with a bronze medal. Alongside Diarmuid Gallagher, who finished high up the field, the team earned a silver medal for their efforts. Under 19 Girls Clodagh Neely had a fantastic race in the Under 19 girls' category, finishing second to claim a silver medal. A huge thanks to the coaches and parents for their continued support. It was another successful day for Cranford AC, with strong performances all around.

# Intermediate title for Termon



John James Sweeney with family members

## Termon 0-14 Naomh Columba 0-8

Pre-match favourites lived up to that tag with a deserved victory in Sunday's Donegal Intermediate Football Championship Final on Sunday at the O'Donnell Park. Their opponents Naomh Columba never really put it up to Caolan McDaid's side. Termon were on a mission and they weren't going to disappoint their supporters who way outnumbered the opposition fans and weren't going home without the Cathal McLaughlin Cup!

On a showery afternoon the Burn Road outfit played into the river end and got into the groove after Aaron Doherty had opened the scoring for the Glen men. Jack Alcorn who had a super first half landed three points from play while Enda McCormick and Ryan McFadden were on target from marks and Kevin McGettigan also scored from play. So Naomh Columba were trailing 0-6 to 0-1 with just 19 minutes on the clock. They had been guilty of wides and a couple of long balls in that went harmlessly over the endline.

Aaron Doherty did convert a free but Termon remained on top with McCormick kicking a free and Daire McDaid getting his first score of the final while James McSharry also split the posts to leave

it 0-9 to 0-2 with just two minutes left to the break. The Glencolmille outfit needed a few scores and got them courtesy of Eric Carr and a Doherty free. But, it was their opponents who got the better start to the second half to go 0-10 to 0-4 in front as Daire McDaid posted a fine point. Four minutes after the break a Patrick Fegan goal attempt was diverted over the bar by a Glen defender. Pauric Ward and another Doherty left five between the sides in the 43rd minute but Naomh Columba



Faolan McGrenra showed his support for the Termon seniors on Sunday with this poster that had full faith in manager Caolan 'Jaffa' McDaid



Jamie Grant (No.7) who was Man of the Match with his brother Anthony and family members



Kevin McGettigan with Edel McGettigan

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The Termon Reserve team in celebration mode after Sunday's success at the O'Donnell Park.



Steve McDaid with his parents Hugo and Madeline and sister Maeve.



The Termon seniors celebrate their Intermediate Title success on Sunday in Letterkenny.



Emmett Maguire and Sophie Gallagher



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needed a goal and it never really looked like happening. Termon guarded that area well and it must be said that their opponents did likewise at the other end. They certainly missed the presence of county panelist Philip Doherty who is ruled out long term with an ACL injury. An Enda McCormick 45' along with efforts from play by sub Cian McMennamin and Jamie Grant who had a good second half wrapped up the Termon points total of 14. Declan McGuire and Eric Carr completed the Glen total of eight points, three of which came from frees. There were really just two goal chances in the whole game.

As Donegal champions, Caolan McDaid's side now enter the Ulster Intermediate Club Championship where they will meet the Tyrone champions at the beginning of next month.

Termon - Emmet Maguire; Cormac Callaghan, Ricky Gallagher, Cormac Brady; Patrick Fegan 0-1, Conor Cassidy, Jamie Grant 0-1; Bobby McGettigan, Ryan McFadden 0-1 (m); John James Sweeney, Kevin McGettigan 0-1, James McSharry 0-1; Dáire McDaid 0-2, Enda McCormick 0-3 (f,m,45'), Jack Alcorn 0-3.

Subs: Conor Black and Ciaran Cassidy for Fegan and Sweeney (both 41 mins); Cian McMennamin 0-1 for McSharry (52 mins); Anthony Grant for J Alcorn (57 mins); Aaron Reid for McCormick (58).

Naomh Columba - Shane O'Gara; Barry Carr, Pauric Ward 0-1,

Paul O'Hare; Stephen Callaghan, Eric Carr 0-1, Pauric Hegarty; Paddy Byrne, Declan McGuire 0-1; Darragh Cunningham, Aaron Doherty 0-4 (3fs), Ryan McNern; Shane Callaghan, Christopher Byrne, Ronan O'Hare. Subs: Ryan McNern and Lanty Molloy for D Cunningham and R O'Hare (both 38 mins); Michael Callaghan for McNern (42 mins).

Ref: Anthony McCallig (Naomh Ultan)



Oisín Harkin and Emmett McGettigan celebrating after winning the Donegal Intermediate B Final.



Cousins Aaron Reid and Jack Alcorn



A jubilant Termon manager Caolan 'Jaffa' McDaid with Cormac Brady and Steve McElwaine after the final whistle on Sunday



Shane Callaghan who played a key role in Termon's B Final success with Geraldine and McLaughlin and their son Sean

Donegal Intermediate B Championship Final

Report and Photos by Declan Kerr

# Final success for Termon Reserves

Termon 1-9 Burt 0-10

Sunday at the O'Donnell Park started well for the Termon Club as their Reserves took the Intermediate B title. They had been leading comfortably at half-time but took their foot of the accelerator and allowed Burt back into the contest. And landing the silverware appeared to be on a bit of shaky ground as Burt closed the gap and missed opportunities to go in front at a stage. But the Burn Road boys steadied the ship enough to get over the winning line. The nervy second half performance did take a little bit of the gloss of the celebrations initially but when the seniors completed the double later in the afternoon all that was quickly forgotten.

Gary McGettigan got the Man of the Match Award after a personal tally of 1-3 including the decider's only goal in the first half. That was to be the game's decisive score. Played in wet conditions it was Termon who started well with Emmett McGettigan and Gary McGettigan firing over at the Clubhouse end of the ground. Callum Porter opened Burt's account before Gary McGettigan came close to a goal but his effort went narrowly over the bar.

But McGettigan wasn't to be denied his goal latching onto a Jamie Gallagher 'up and under' to round a defender and the keeper for a fine individual finish. McGettigan completed his 1-3 tally with another white flag while Ballaghderg man Evan Keown was also on target. Oisín Kerr registered twice for Burt while Termon full-back Shane Callaghan made a vital intervention to block what would have been a certain goal. That left Termon leading 1-6 to 0-3 at the interval.

Joint captain Paul Mallon put the Burn Road men seven points ahead at the start of the second half. But Burt then domi-



Termon captain Ricky Gallagher presented his gloves to cousin Conor after the final on Sunday

nated for a lengthy spell with Kerr on the mark again while Porter tagged on two but they were also guilty of poor finishing and really should have found the back of the net. Even with all that they did cut the deficit to just two thanks to another Kerr free.

Finally at the other end Mallon broke that momentum showing leadership to pop over an important score. Termon did gain upper hand for a short period but there were a couple of wides and another into the keeper's hands. Caolan Gallagher did stretch the advantage to four points at the river end. However, that man Kerr converted a brace of frees to leave it a two-point game again. However, Burt needed a goal but they couldn't carve out a clear cut chance which was very much down to disciplined Termon defending as the Burn Road men held out for a two-point victory.

Termon - Thomas Cannon; Eoin Gallagher, Shane Callaghan, Martin Steel; Jack O'Neill, Dan Conaghan, Evan Keown 0-1; Jamie Gallagher, Oisín Harkin; Caolan Gallagher, Emmett McGettigan 0-1, Oran Gallagher; Caolan Curran 0-2, Paul Mallon 0-2, Gary McGettigan 1-3. Subs: Stephen

Black for Jamie Gallagher 40 mins; Eoghan Quinn for O'Neill 44 mins; Patrick McDaid for O Gallagher 51 mins; Owen Browne for Curran 54 mins; Luke McGarvey for Harkin 61 mins.

Burt - Charles Lavery; Callum Porter 0-3, Bill Callaghan, Aidan McKinney; Michael McHugh, Leo Kelly, Kevin Curran; Ciaran Bradley 0-1, Callum Purves; Oisín Kerr 0-6 (4fs) Ryan McDaid, Ciaran Porter; Fiachra Gill, Paddy Curran, Seamus O'Donnell. Subs: Michael Doherty for Gill h-t; Cathal McElhinney for O'Donnell 52 mins.

Donegal Senior Football Championship Final

# Eunan's need to deliver

Sunday's County Senior Football Championship Final sees St. Eunan's go in as favourites against Dungloe who are contesting their first decider since 1964. The venue is MacCumhaill Park with a throw-in time of 4pm. Barry Meehan is the Eunan's manager with Brendan Devenney. Their side has progressed through the championship without being overly impressive. There were narrow wins over both Naomh Conaill and Gweedore in the knock-out stages. Likewise Dungloe squeezed over the line against both Glenswilly and St. Michael's.

The Rosses outfit have been the big surprise of this year's championship and what a story it would be if they went on to win the title 60 years after their last appearance in a decider. Against Eunan's they are going to have to score at least one goal to have a chance of landing the silverware. That's because their recent record shows a low scoring points re-

turn. Manager Dessie Gallagher really needs more from his forwards to be in with a shout.

St. Eunan's do have the forwards with firepower potential but it hasn't been evident in recent games. However, on the big day O'Donnell brothers can deliver. Both Niall and Shane performed well in big matches for Donegal in 2024 so Eunan's fans will be hoping that they can bring that form onto the MacCumhaill Park pitch on Sunday. However, it won't be just about them, the Letterkenny side has plenty of quality all over the park from keeper Shaun Patton out to the full-forward line.

Caolan Ward, Conor Morrison and Conor O'Donnell Snr are experienced and key players in defence and then there is Ciaran Moore who had an unbelievable debut season with the Donegal seniors. If those players perform at our near their best then Dungloe's dreams of landing the Dr. Maguire will be very

slim indeed. The Rosses outfit will go defensive, sit tight and hope that frustrates the Letterkenny men. Eunan's will be prepared for that and have to be patient. They should have a stronger bench than their opponents but that will depend on having a fully fit squad. And injuries on either side will be kept a closely guarded secret ahead of Sunday's decider.

Barry Meehan will be guarding against complacency this week which is arguably the biggest challenge for himself and Brendan Devenney. As well as the more experienced players he will want to see the likes of Aaron Deeney, Ciaran Tobin, Eoin Dowling, Eoin McGeehin and Conor O'Donnell Jnr to step up to the plate at MacCumhaill Park. Dungloe need big showings from the Currans' Mark, Barry and Darren, Karl Magee, Ryan Connors, Dylan Sweeney and Daire Gallagher. Eunan's are the favourites it's now up to them to deliver on that tag.

Horse Racing News

# Wolverhampton winner for Wilkie

Letterkenny jockey Brandon Wilkie was in the winner's enclosure at Wolverhampton on Saturday on 11/2 shot Doves Of Peace for trainer Michael Bell.

Rathmullan man Oisín Orr also had a winner on Saturday for trainer Katie Scott on "Curious Rover" at Redcar, going to post at 100/30.

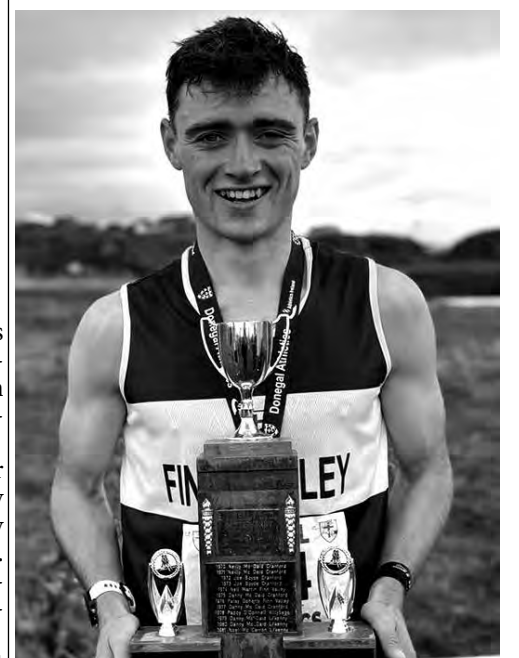
Dylan Browne McMonagle rode two of Joseph O'Brien's three winners at Bellewstown on Thursday. He took the opening eight-furlong nursery handicap on the 9/2 chance Balrath Lady.

She led over two furlongs from the finish to beat Donnacha O'Brien's fast finisher, the 12/1 shot Now, by

a length. The O'Brien treble was rounded off as 10/11 favourite Prairie Angel landed the second division of the Mary Rogers Memorial Handicap in fine style.

A second winner of the afternoon for Browne McMonagle, she was nicely clear in the straight to beat the Harry Rogers-trained Gotta Catchem All. The race was run in memory of Harry's wife Mary who died in November 2021.

Dylan Browne McMonagle brought his tally for the week to seven at Saint-Cloud in Paris on Friday where Atlantic Coast landed a listed race success, Joseph O'Brien's tenth winner in five days.



Glenswilly man Sean McGinley who made it back-to-back Donegal Cross Country Senior titles on Sunday by winning in Mullaghderg ahead of Letterkenny AC's Donal Faren. It was the Finn Valley AC man's first competitive race for a number of months due to injury. FV won the team race.

## 17th International Bridge Congress

The 17th International Bridge Congress will take place in Donegal Town on Friday 1st November at 7:45 pm with the official opening in the Abbey Hotel by Catherine Byrne, President CBAI. At 8:pm will see the first competition the Congress Pairs (1st Session) in the Abbey Hotel

Also at 8pm there is the Intermediate A1 and A2 Championship (1st Session). At the same time the Intermediate B, Junior & Novice Pairs (1st Session) takes place. Next door in the Central Hotel at the 8pm there is the Open Pairs On Saturday 2nd November at 10:30am its the Fashion Show by Peter's Man Shop and Elite Boutique in Abbey Hotel. At 11:30am there is a Workshop in the Abbey Hotel by Dr Gay Keaveney. It's back to the competition at 1pm for the Congress Pairs (2nd Session). At the same time there is the Intermediate A Pairs (2nd Session) and the Intermediate B, Junior and Novice Pairs (2nd Session) and Open Pairs. The Congress Teams of Four and the Intermediate Teams of Four take place at 6.45. At 7pm there is a Gala Pairs competition. Then at 10:45pm there is 42nd Anniversary Gala Night in the Central Hotel

Sunday 3rd November starts at 11:15am with a reception and presentation of prizes in the Central Hotel. 12:45pm will see more competition with the Open Pairs, the Congress Team of Four (2nd Session) and the Intermediate Team of Four (2nd Session).



Kerrykeel photographer Shaun Egan captured these stunning images of the Aurora on Sunday night. Pictured above is Magherwarden Beach in Portsalon and below, Tirhomnin in Milford.

## Rathmullan News

### Tidy Towns

Many thanks to all who supported the Tesco Community Blue Token appeal during the summer months, and we're very grateful to receive €632 this week. This is a massive boost towards our Community involvement with the younger generation and the Painted Stones near the Playground is testament to that commitment.

We're also delighted to be involved with the 5/6th Classes of St. Joseph's National School working on a joint initiative to highlight marine waste and our constant fight against plastic waste. We have had a few inhouse sessions already and will be unveiling our unique 'display' this Friday afternoon at 2pm, near the Sailing Compound. Everyone is welcome to attend, and it is hoped the Display will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Changemakers Seeds of Change courses endeavor to address local and global issues linked to one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and we were fortunate to have Moira McHugh, of Perfectly Thrifted Interiors, facilitate our upcycling course earlier this year. Part of that Funding also included some tuition by Poca Productions of Colab Innovation Hub, Letterkenny towards Smartphone Video Training using a mobile device. Congratulations to Moira McHugh and Sandra Smith who successfully completed that course, and produced a 3 minute video to tell the story of what action we are taking locally to make our works moere sustainable. This video was premiered on Sunday last at the Irishwomen Disappear Here Film Festival in Ballyliffen along with four other groups from the county who participated, and is now available to view on Rathmullan Tidy Towns U-tube channel.

### Rathmullan Charters

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

for further details.

### Butchers Shop Closed

It's a sad time for Rathmullan to see the 'Patton Family Butchers' finally close its doors last week. However, Pat has devoted his whole adult life behind the famous butchers counter and we all wish him every good health now for his retirement, while he moves into the next stage of life with Freda by his side, and time to enjoy his many other pursuits.

### Swim in Pink for Breast Cancer

Best of luck to all of the brave swimmers and dippers taking to the water this Sunday 13th at 11am. Remember, they're all doing it for a great reason, so all financial support or sponsorship would be gratefully received, and be sure to cheer them on.

### Halloween Weekend

Rathmullan will be a witches hive of activity for Halloween Weekend, when there will be fun and entertainment for all of the family.

A frightfully fun Halloween Makers Market featuring local handmade arts and crafts, food, face painting will take place at the Boathouse Sheds from 12-4 on Saturday 26th October. A Spooktacular Saturday awaits, and Prize for best dressed fancy dress.

Ghouls Nite Out Rathmullan Community Festival presents for one night only, Batts Realm, 6.30 - 9pm, Are you brave enough to enter? Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult and book on kellygrainne50@gmail.com or contact 086 3397724. Admission only €5.

Sunday 27th Rathmullan Community Festival are also calling all the little witches, ghosts and all things spooky for a Halloween Trail around the Walks, at 2pm. Admission €3.

### Community Courses in RDRC

Expressions of interest are invited for what courses you would like to take part in this autumn and into winter? Respond to kellyrainne50@gmail.com or phone 086 33977324.

### World Mental Health Day 10th October

As we move into October, adults are being encouraged to take a



break from alcohol and focus on their well-being, through 'Sober October'. Reduced alcohol consumption has been proven to improve mood, better sleep, and increased mental health. Next Thursday is world mental Health day, and is an opportunity for people and all communities to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right. The theme for 2024 is 'It is Time to Prioritise Mental Health in the Workplace'. Mental health is a basic human right for all, and everyone, whoever and wherever they are, has a right to the highest attainable standard of mental health. This includes the right to be protected from mental health risks, the right to available and good quality care, and the right to independence and inclusion in the community.

Various events are being organised to celebrate this special day, eg Wellness Cafes, walks and talks, with emphasis placed on individual lifestyle modifications for a more efficient wellbeing. See MentalHealthIreland.ie to become involved as part of a dynamic movement that makes a real difference to many people's lives and to find out whats on locally where you can join in.

### Local Link Transport Services

The Local Link (formerly 300) has now changed to Route 973 servicing Rathmullan and the local area, has increased services from Monday last, 7th October. Please see <https://locallinkdsl.ie/timetables/> for the new times and note the only Stop now on the schedule is opposite the former Post Office.

### Closure of Ramelton Road

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

### 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. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.



Hazel Russell and Mary Patton accepting a cheque for €632 from Tesco for the Community Art Project.

# Mass vote failed Kerrykeel faithful

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"We write to say that many members of our congregation at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Kerrykeel are dismayed and annoyed at the manner in which our Saturday evening Mass was cancelled in favour of St. Peter's Church in Milford. Our Mass was at 6pm on Saturdays: Milford already had a 7.30pm Mass on Saturdays. But to our amazement that time is now changed to 6pm for no logical reason. There was a vote to decide on a couple of options: our main interest was to retain our 6pm Mass on Saturdays. However, with the Kerrykeel and Milford Church congregations being under the same administration, someone in their wisdom decided that in the best interests of the Church, a vote should be held. Nobody consulted with us about our choice. We were ignored. There was a one week notice in the newsletter. There were no discussions with the con-

gregation and no respect for our views. The results were a foregone conclusion because the Milford congregation is five times that of Kerrykeel. This vote could never be democratic and it ensured that our voices in Kerrykeel were cancelled. This was a huge error of judgement and we've been wrongfully excluded in the way this issue was addressed in the first instance. However when our curate in Milford decided to carry out repairs at Our Lady of Lourdes Church during the worst times of the recession, we were forced to raise €750,000 with the responsibility falling on the people of Kerrykeel. Our committee travelled every roadway in Donegal and after our fundraising efforts were finally exhausted, a stipend of an extra €10 a week was levelled on everyone through an extra envelope for three years. Yet, no such levy was imposed on the congregation at St. Peter's Church. But

how come they've now become involved in making a decision that was never going to favour us? Everyone in the parish of Killygarvan and Tullyfern is entitled to have a say in what happens in their church congregations. However Kerrykeel has been excluded by those in authority within this parish and this diocese in favour of Milford. And there are €750,000 worth of good reasons for leaving our Mass time alone. This is an ageing population and some are less able. Obviously, there is a price to pay for our faith in more remote parts of this Diocese of Raphoe. But are we less deserving?" Obviously, it's a question that will gain more traction elsewhere in the diocese in the coming years with falling vocations and too few shepherds to tend the flock. The Milford-Kerrykeel Mass schedules are subject to review next year.

## Information sought on 'Golden Dawn'

Does anyone know anything about a fishing boat named Golden Dawn which sank in the Donegal inshore waters sometime in the last century? Please contact melmount@gmail.com

## A Quiz night

Kerrykeel Park Development will host a Quiz Night in the Plough and Harrow Bar Kerrykeel on Saturday 19th October at 9.00pm sharp. €10 per person, Teams of 4 is €40. Please support the raffle cards around the local businesses. Many spot prizes and raffle prizes to be won on the night. Please come along and support your local Park.

## Badminton

The Badminton Club continues in Kerrykeel Church Hall every Wednesday at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

## Crochet and Needlework

Crochet and Needlework classes resume in the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel on Wednesday 16th October from 8-10pm. These classes are partly funded by ETB. For further information contact Kathleen 074 91 50690 or 086 3486684.

## Concert

The annual Concert in conjunction with the Whoriskey Christmas Lights

Donegal Physiotherapy and Performance Centre Division Two

at the home of Michael and Mary Whoriskey will take place in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Kerrykeel on Thursday 31st October at 8.15pm. Performances from a host of local Artist and admission by Donation at Door. The chosen Charity for 2024 is Cancer Care West, Donegal. For further information contact Mary 086 8545797.

## Fright at the Light

The Fright at the Light will take place again this year at the Lighthouse over two evenings, Tuesday and Wednesday the 29th and 30th of October from 6 to 8pm.

If you want 50% off enter the code FATL24 at the checkout after buying your tickets on their website www.fanadlighthouse.com or give them a call on 9116020 for more details.

This was great crack last year and proved very popular with both young and old.

## Portsalon Swim

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| Garlic Mushrooms - Garlic Dip |                              |

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| Poached Fillets of Sole - Shrimp Au Gratin Sauce            |
| Roast Stuffed Turkey & Baked Gammon - Roast Gravy           |
| Pan Fried Fillets of Salmon - Lemon & Butter Sauce          |
| Roast Sirloin of Beef -Yorkshire Pudding - Gravy            |
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| Apple Crumble Tartlet...Ice  | Pavlova                         |
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# Kerrykeel win local derby

Whitstrand Utd 0-2 Kerrykeel '71 F.C. The first home match of the season was a local derby between Whitstrand and Kerrykeel. The visitors secured the points with the help of first half goals from Bernard McGettigan and Mark Friel. The game started off with both teams looking to assert their authority on the game and the first chance culminated with Whitstrand keeper Declan Brougham saving on the line. Whitstrand had a good free saved from Cormac Dunleavy. The first goal came from a cross which the keeper could only parry into the path of Bernard McGettigan. Whitstrand were pushing for an equaliser and were closed down in the middle of the park and Mark Friel made it 2-0. Whitstrand made changes in the second half and were in control of possession for large swathes of the second half but couldn't find a breakthrough.

Whitstrand Utd - Declan Brougham, John Heraghty, Cian Sweeney, Kevin McCarry, Cormac Shovelin, Paddy Walshe, Ronan Sweeney, Conor Heraghty, Cormac Dunleavy, Aaron Curran, Paddy Sheridan. Subs: Michael Sweeney for Ronan Sweeney h-t, Charlie Crerand for Aaron Curran 75 mins, Emmett Kelly for Kevin McCarry 70 minutes. Cormac Sweeney for Cian Sweeney 80 minutes. Not used: Adam Ward, Ryan Sheridan, Shaun Gallagher, Ciaran McElwaine. Kerrykeel 71 - Shaun Friel, Jamie McAteer, Shaun Kerr, Paddy Heraghty, Shane Friel, Mark Friel, Kevin Loughrey, Brandon McClafferty, Bernard McGettigan, James Kerr, Patsy Friel. Subs: Johnny Nanny for Patsy Friel 65 mins, Michael McDevitt for Shane Friel 65 mins, Calum McAteer for Brandon McClafferty 65 mins, Marty McAteer for James Kerr 80 mins. Not used: Killian Friel, Ronan McVeigh, Dean Friel.

swimmers nationwide to take a dip in aid of Breast Cancer Research. This year again Portsalon will host their annual swim at the Pier Beach at 11.00am on Bank Holiday Monday 28th October. If you would like to swim, dip, splash or just paddle then you

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can register to join the Pink Portsalon Plungers Swim Team at www.swiminpink.ie and join us in Turning Portsalon Pink to raise awareness for breast cancer research. Over the last three years this national event has raised over €100,000. So if running through a Pink Dash to dip in the lovely sea, followed by some apple tart and drinking tae (probably in the rain) is your thing then come along to Portsalon at 11.00am on the 28th and join in the fun and craic. **Men's Shed in Glenvar** The committee of Coiste Forbartha Ghleann are considering the possibility of setting up a Men's Shed in Glenvar. Anyone interested in taking part please contact Joe 085 205 4890. **Fanad SVP** The Fanad St.Vincent de Paul Society can be contacted on 0877003732.

# Donegal Chamber Music Festival begins this Saturday

The DONEGAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL is taking place in Letterkenny from 12th to 20th October. The well established annual event, created in 2014, will present four concerts this year, happening over two weekends, in two of the most iconic buildings of the Cathedral Town. The Society, now in its 15th year, works closely with other cultural institutions both locally and nationwide with the aim of fostering an appreciation of Classical Music in the County. Their popular Sunday afternoon concert series 'Sundays in Conwal' and the annual Chamber Music Festival are the highlights of their local productions. Nurturing local talent, as well as inviting international performers and local based musicians has been at the heart of these concerts, since the very beginning, showcasing the present and future of classical music in Donegal. A Free Lunchtime Family concert; Sunday afternoon recitals;

Music workshops and an evening performance are planned at this year's edition, organized by the Donegal Chamber Music Society and Donegal Music Education Partnership. The Festival is the continuation of the many years of dedicated teaching and musicianship on the part of the husband and wife team of Hungarian violinist Orsolya Szabó-Yélamo and Spanish cellist Víctor Yélamo. They came from their native countries in the mid 2000 to live in Donegal to work with the Local Music Education Partnership of Donegal ETB. The Donegal Junior Strings and the Donegal Chamber Orchestra, both ensembles performing at the Festival, are two of their very successful ongoing projects as music educators. Four concerts will be presented in the Cathedral Town offering a range of music styles and repertoire, presenting eclectic programmes of music

and a variety of composers for all tastes and ages. This year's programme will feature the Donegal Junior Strings and guests (Oct. 12th); Classical Guitarist Manus Noble (Oct. 13th); Argentinian instrumental Tango duet Vito Sputnik (Oct. 19th) (pictured right); and the Donegal Chamber Orchestra and guests (Oct. 20th). All concerts this year are taking place in Letterkenny, opening with a free lunchtime concert at An Grianán Theatre's celebrating the theater's 25th Anniversary and continuing with three concerts in the historical Conwal Church, one of the town's oldest buildings dated from the 17th century.



Tickets in advance from eventbrite and also will be available at the door, thirty minutes before the event starts. For more information please visit: www.donegalstrings.com/music-festival-2024

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**Planning Notices****Donegal County Council  
Whiteleas, Ramelton.**

I, Jerome Magee, am applying to Donegal County Council for outline planning permission for the development of a mobile home for residential use at Whiteleas, Ramelton, Co. Donegal. The proposal includes: A. A mobile home; B. A septic tank for wastewater management; C. A site entrance to facilitate access. 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, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public open 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 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  
Tirargus, Trentagh**

I, Marcus McLaughlin, am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain and utilise an existing entrance/access, and planning permission to erect a dwelling house with onsite sewerage treatment and all associated site works, at Tirargus, Trentagh, County Donegal in the townland of Tirargus. 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  
Cloghroe, Kilmacrennan**

We, Kirsty Barnett & Aaron Forde, are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house, with onsite sewerage treatment, and a domestic garage including all associated site works, at Cloghroe, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Cloghroe. 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****Ballyness, Falcarragh, Letterkenny, F92 P8N0**

I, Mauread Bray am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following developments; (1) Raise the level of existing roof to create new first floor accommodation. (2) Construction of an extension to the rear & new porch to the front of existing dwelling. (3) Minor elevational changes & all other associated site development works at Ballyness, Falcarragh, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 P8N0 in the townland of Ballyness. 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, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority, in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee of 20 euros within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority.

**Donegal County Council  
Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal**

We Connor Homes Ltd are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following (1) Construction of 44 no. dwellings and 12no. apartments (Total No. of Residential Units 56) in lieu of 51no. units previously approved under Planning Ref. No. 04/2843 (extended under Planning Ref. No. 10/30338) and Planning Ref. No. 06/31696, (2) All associated site development works to include associated carparking, landscaped amenity spaces, surface play areas and seating areas, (3) Connection

to existing on site services including existing foul water treatment system and proposed access to site via 2no. existing entrances all previously constructed under Planning Ref. No. 04/2843 (extended under Planning Ref. No. 10/30338) and Planning Ref. No. 06/31696 at Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal in the townland of Dunfanaghy. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

**Donegal County Council**

We, Rob McMorran & Triona Davey, intend to apply for planning permission for development at Ballyhoorsky, Ballylar P.O., Letterkenny, Co Donegal. The development will consist of demolition of existing structurally deficient bungalow and replacement with new dormer bungalow, together with new wastewater treatment plant & percolation area and all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Donegal County Council**

I, Brian Brogan am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct a loose surface gravel track, service/training area, service building containing sanitary facilities, kitchen, meeting and consultation rooms, carparking, perimeter fencing and install a wastewater treatment system including all associated site development works at Churchill, Co. Donegal in the townland of Clondavaddog. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

**Donegal County Council  
Drumany, Letterkenny**

I, Trevor Wylie intend to apply for planning permission to erect dwelling house with septic tank including all other associated site development works at Drumany, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumany. 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  
Roughpark, Letterkenny**

I, Killian Sweeney intend to apply for planning permission to erect dwelling house with septic tank including all other associated site development works at Roughpark, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Roughpark. 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  
Carn High, Ramelton**

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

**Donegal County Council  
Massreagh, Kilmacrennan**

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

I, Michael Mc Fadden am apply-

ing to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain and complete dwelling house under construction including all other associated site development works at Keenaghan, Kilmacrennan County Donegal in the townland of Keenaghan. 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  
Ballinacrick & Ballynabrocky,  
Fanad North, Fanad**

I, Mary Kelly, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for alterations and extensions to my existing dwelling house, to include demolition of existing attached domestic shed, relocation of existing site entrance, and all other associated site development works at Ballinacrick & Ballynabrocky, Fanad North, Fanad, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Ballinacrick & Ballynabrocky. 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  
Pound Street, Rathmullan**

We, Superior Quality Builders Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to remove existing roof above lounge area and constructed new roof terrace area and stairway with all other associated site development works at Pound Street, Rathmullan, County Donegal in the townland of Rathmullan. 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  
Kinnalargy, Downings**

I, Conan Patrick Dunne am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with connection to existing public sewer and all other associated site development works at Kinnalargy, Downings, County

**Acknowledgement****Kerr**Jean  
4 The Steeples,  
Ramelton

We, the family of the late Jean Kerr wish to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy at the time of her death. We also thank all those who helped with Jean's funeral and Thanksgiving Service.

A special word of thanks to the staff at St Eunan's Nursing Home for the excellent care Jean received during her time there. We appreciate all the support and kindness that we have received over these past weeks.

Donegal in the townland of Kinnalargy. 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****Bohirril, Gortnavern, Letterkenny M.D.**

I, Lauren Joanne McCracken, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Extension to Side and Front of Existing Dwelling House and Connection to Existing Sewage Treatment Plant on Site and all associated site works @ Bohirril, Gortnavern, 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****Gortflugh Far, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.**

I, Andrew Allison, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Storage Shed to Side and Rear of Existing Dwelling House and all associated site works @ Gortflugh Far, Rathmullan, 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****Drumbrick, Kilmacrennan, 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 on site and all associated site works @ Drumbrick, Kilmacrennan, 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.

**Cloughaneely  
Golf Club**

The September GOLF1000 Draw took place on Monday night in the clubhouse with Caolán Colm taking the top prize of €500. Well done to all our prize winners. €100 Winners were: Seamus McGee, Larry McCurry, Hugo Cannon, Michael McClafferty and Neil McMullan. Thank you to everyone that entered and supported the draw. Go raibh míle maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht uilig. The October draw will take place in early November 2024 quite a few Members will be contacted

this month to renew their entry into the draw. The Minor League team line out this weekend against Gaoth Dobhair in the return leg of the semi-final. The winners meet Ballybofey & Stranorlar in the county final.

The final 9 Hole Competition of 2024 takes place this Friday kindly sponsored by Mangan Tours. The weekend 18 Hole Singles Stableford is kindly sponsored by Joseph & Shaun McGarvey Building Contractors. Open to both Ladies & Gents. The practice green is open looks excellent and has 9 flags to practice your putting on. This is primarily a putting green but golfers can chip from around the fringe or from 5 yards out... but

golfers are not allowed long pitch shots onto this putting green. We also have a few 'new targets' set at 50m, 70m & 90m for golfers to pitch iron shots to these targets. Thank you to Greens Convener Oweny McFadden, Head Greenkeeper Phil McGeady, John Murphy, Chris McCallion and all the team for their help on this area. It is great for Club Members to be able to use this area to improve their golf and enjoy the facilities.

Tá an galfchúrsa ar cheann de na háiseanna is lárnai agus is tábhachtai sa phobal seo, tá sé ag croílár phobal na Gaeilge sa cheantar agus tugann muid dóchas, comhlúadar agus tacaíocht do sciar mór den phobal.

**In Memoriam**

**Cannon**

Cassie  
Mount Marian,  
Milford  
13th October 1991

In loving memory of a special mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

*A silent home  
an empty chair  
Something's missing  
everywhere  
Life goes on we  
know that's true  
But it's not the same  
since we lost you.*

Loved and remembered every day by Rosemary, Brian, Michael and families.



**McCarron**  
Gerald  
Kerrykeel  
19th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on the 8th October 2005 RIP.

*Remembering you is  
easy we do it  
every day  
Missing you is the  
heartache that  
never goes away  
Time may hide the  
sadness like the  
smile that hides  
the tears  
But memories hold  
you very close  
despite the passing  
years  
Time may pass and  
fade away but  
memories of you  
will always stay  
Our wish is just a  
simple prayer God  
bless and keep you  
in his care.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Teresa, sons, daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

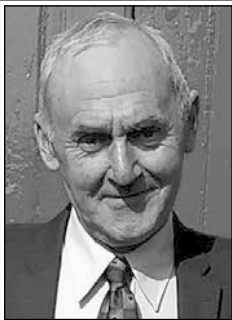
*Thoughts of you  
are precious, they  
never fade away  
We think of  
you always not  
just today  
No matter how  
life changes, no  
matter what we do  
A special place  
within our hearts is  
always kept for you.*

Always remembered by your sister, brother, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nieces and nephews in Glasgow and Kent.

**Mass Offered**

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council**  
**Carnamuggagh Lower, Letterkenny**  
I, Brian Brogan am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following: 1. Construction of a 4 storey apartment



**Diver**  
Patrick  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of Patrick who died on 12th October 2021.

*After Glow  
I'd Like The  
Memory Of Me To  
Be A Happy One  
I'd Like To Leave  
An After Glow Of  
Smiles When Life  
is Done  
I'd Like To Leave  
An Echo Whispering  
Softly Down  
The Ways  
Of Happy Times  
And Laughing Times  
And Bright And  
Sunny Days  
I'd Like The Tears  
Of Those Who  
Grieve, To Dry  
Before The Sun  
Of Happy Memories  
That I Leave When  
Life Is Done.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by all the family.



**Diamond**  
Bridget  
Grey Rocks,  
Milford  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of Bridget who died on 14th October 2018.

*A loving nature  
a heart of gold  
The very best this  
world could hold  
Never selfish  
always kind  
These are the  
memories you  
left behind  
A silent thought  
a quiet prayer  
For a special person  
in God's care*

Always remembered and sadly missed by Jim, Mary, James, Lucia and Catherine, Alanah and Kamal.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by May, Brendan and grandson Cormac.

**Anniversary Mass will take place at a later date.**

**Carr**

Ballyheerin, Fanad



**Grace**  
18th Anniversary



**John**  
10th Anniversary

In loving memories of Grace Carr and her son John anniversary's 13th October.

Always remembered and sadly missed, by Michael Marie and family.

**Carr**

Derryhassen, Downings



**Denis**  
10th Anniversary



**Madge**  
48th Anniversary

Treasured memories of our dear parents Madge and Denis who died on the 7th and 15th October.

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

Loved and remembered by your daughter Ellen, sons Paddy and Charlie and all the families.

**Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 20th October in Stella Maris, Church, Downings at 10am.**



**Cullen**  
Charlie  
Fawns  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dearly loved husband, Dad and grandad who died on the 14th October 2021.

*God looked  
around the garden  
and found an  
empty space  
Then he looked  
down upon this  
earth and saw  
your tired face  
He put his arms  
around you and  
lifted you to rest  
God's garden must  
be beautiful  
He only takes  
the best.*

Love and miss you forever, your loving wife Margaret and family.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Columba's Church, Termon on Saturday 12th October at 6.30pm.**



**Ferry**  
Annabel  
18th Anniversary

In memory of Annabel Ferry who sadly passed away 10th October 2006

*No farewell words  
were spoken  
No time to say  
goodbye  
You were gone  
before we knew it  
No one could tell  
us why.  
Your turn of phrase,  
your gentle way  
Those little things  
that you would say  
Your friendly smile  
and heart of gold  
Those cherished  
memories that we  
hold.*

Remembered by Jack, David, Bethany, Hugh and all Ferry and Cunningham families.

*"Always remembered  
Never Forgotten"  
Rest easy Annabel.  
Always in our  
thoughts.*

Love Nicola and Annabelle xx

block containing 22no. apartments, communal roof terrace, circulation and ancillary areas, including lower level carparking and bicycle parking. 2. Proposed vehicular and pedestrian accesses to site, carparking, bicycle parking, bin storage compound, toddlers play area, landscaped amenity areas including boundary fencing. 3. Connection to existing public services including on site foul effluent pump station, rising main and storm attenuation system at Carnamuggagh Lower, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland



**McGinley**  
Annette  
Kerrykeel  
40th Anniversary

In loving memory of Annette who died 15th October 1984.

*Memories have  
a magic way  
Of keeping  
loved ones near  
Ever close in  
mind and heart  
Are the ones we  
hold most dear.*

Forever remembered Mum, Michael, Lucia, Damien and families.

**Smyth**  
Freda  
Bunlin, Milford  
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of a loving wife, mother, grandmother who died on 16th October 2017.

*You always had a  
smile to share, time  
to give and time to  
care*

*A loving nature kind  
and true you'll never  
be forgotten for we  
thought the world of  
you.*

*We hold you close  
within our hearts  
and there you shall  
remain*

*To walk with us  
throughout our lives  
until we meet again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your husband James, daughters, sons, grandchildren and family circle.

of Carnamuggagh Lower. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

**Donegal County Council**

I, Aidan Jack, am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for (a) The retention of existing temporary living accommodation and retention of existing connection to existing septic tank and (b) construction of a new dwelling and the installation of a

new foul water treatment system and disposal and all associated external site development works at Magheraroarty Mountain, Gortahork, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority at The County House, Lifford, Co Donegal, during its public opening hours. A submission



**Foster**  
Eileen  
Moyle Hill,  
Milford  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother Eileen who died on 17th October 2023.

*The tears in our  
eyes,  
we can wipe away  
But the ache in our  
hearts will always  
stay  
Tenderly we treasure  
the past  
With memories that  
will always last.*

Always remembered by your husband Terry, sons Terry and Wesley and grandson Bailey.

In loving memory of a dear sister Eileen.

*They say that time's  
a healer  
but as time goes on  
We seem to find it  
just as hard to face  
the fact you've gone  
Today is the  
anniversary of the  
day you went away  
We're standing  
at your graveside  
believe us when  
we say  
You'll never be  
forgotten and every  
year we'll shed  
a tear*

*But its only because  
we love you and  
wish you were  
still here  
Along the road of  
suffering you found  
a little lane  
That took you up to  
Heaven and ended  
all your pain  
You may be out of  
sight we may be  
worlds apart  
But you are always  
in our prayers  
and forever in  
our hearts.  
For those we love  
don't go away they  
walk beside us  
every day  
Unseen, unheard but  
always near still  
loved still missed  
and very dear.*

Always loved and remembered by your loving sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

*Will those who think  
of Eileen today  
A little prayer to  
Jesus say.*

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 19th October at 6pm.**

**Acknowledgement**

**Brannigan**

Paul  
Glenard, Ramelton.  
30th August 2024

The Brannigan family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised with them on their recent bereavement. Thank you to everyone who attended the removal, funeral and those who travelled long distances to be with them.

Thank you to all those who gave Mass cards, sympathy cards or who expressed their condolences through phone calls, messages and on RIP.ie.

Thank you to the Doctors, nurses and staff at The Whittington and Royal Free Hospitals, London for their excellent care of Paul. Thank you to the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust for their assistance in bringing Paul home.

Thank you to Fr Stephen Gorman CC Milford for celebrating the funeral Mass. Thank you to McElwee Funeral Directors for their dignified and professional service with the funeral arrangements. Thank you to the Silver Tassie Hotel for the food and refreshments provided after the funeral.

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

**Paul's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 13th of October in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton at 11am.**



**Sweeney**

Mary  
Cooladerry, Fanad  
17th September 2024.

We, the family of the late Mary Sweeney wish to express our sincere gratitude, appreciation and thanks to everyone who sympathised, assisted and supported us on our recent bereavement. A special word of thanks to friends, neighbours and colleagues for their help during the wake. We would like to extend thanks to all the staff at Tamney Health Centre; Sally McLaughlin for her help and support; and family and friends who attended and cared for Mary. We sincerely thank Fr. Anthony Briody for his help and guidance; members of An Garda Síochána; those who helped with traffic and parking, the digging of the grave; the music; at the Mass and the food in the Hall afterwards. Thanks is extended to Colin McAteer Funeral Directors for the professional and dignified manner in which they carried out the funeral arrangements. While it is impossible to thank you all individually please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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a healer  
but as time goes on  
We seem to find it  
just as hard to face  
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Today is the  
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We're standing  
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believe us when  
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year we'll shed  
a tear*

**Mary's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 19th October 2024 in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty at 7pm.**



**MEMORIALS**  
**Mark Daly DALYSTONE**  
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**Arive'n'Jive in Dunfanaghy**

Arrive'n'Jive at The Outback in Patsy Dans Bar in Dunfanaghy featuring jiving, line dancing, with the odd waltz thrown in will be starting back again on Tuesday 15th October and every Tuesday from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. There is no charge. All donations appreciated with money going towards the Renal Dialysis Unit at Letterkenny University Hospital. Everyone is welcome.

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.

# Creeslough Remembers

The Creeslough community and many others joined with the relatives of the ten victims who lost their lives in the explosion two years ago at 3.17p.m. on Monday.

On a lovely afternoon the crowds gathered at the site of the explosion where prayers were led by Fr. John Joe Duffy and a wreath was laid by Fr. Martin Doohan and the Rev. David Skuce. Those who lost their lives in the explosion were Jessica, James, Martin, Catherine, James, Hughie, Martina, Robert, Shauna and Leona.

At the same time, the bell rang at St. Michael's Church in peaceful remembrance - each peal rang out to break the silence of the summer-like October afternoon.

Later in the evening a huge congregation gathered in St. Michael's Church to take part in a Prayer Service. It was led by Fr John Joe Duffy, assisted by Fr Martin Doohan, Brother Philip Baxter, Fr Paddy Dunne and Rev. David Skuce. Present also were Rev Griscome and others from the Friary.

Messages were received from President Michael D. Higgins, Taoiseach Simon Harris, Tanaiste Micheal Martin and other leaders.

Rev. Skuce rang the special bell which was donated by the Donegal Association in London, one ring for each name. Prayers were recited including a prayer for the people involved in the bus accident in County Down.

There was a Reading by Margaret O'Brien followed by a Gospel Reading by Fr. Doohan. Fr. John Joe gave a short sermon assuring the families of the community support.

He said "We would like to say words of comfort but words are very difficult to find. We express our togetherness and will walk with you and try to do our best. It is a journey of life that we will walk on. A journey that we,

## Remembering October 7th 2022

by Pat McCarry

*In the blink of an eye another day is gone  
In the blink of an eye another week is gone  
In the blink of an eye another month is gone  
In the blink of an eye another year is gone  
In the blink of an eye ten precious souls were gone.  
Jessica, James, Martin, Catherine, James,  
Hughie, Martina, Robert, Shauna and Leona.  
The community will always remember them, each  
in their own particular way and all their families.  
Always remembered, never forgotten.*

## Echoes of Creeslough

by Mary Bates

*The mountains stood silent, holding their breath  
A village scarred in the aftermath of death  
Homes that one sheltered laughter and light  
Now shadows lay restless in the darkened night  
Yet hope found a way in the rubble-strewn space  
A dog and his handler, stepping with Grace.*

*Among shattered walls and dreams turned to dust  
A dog's gentle nose sought traces of trust  
He moved through the wreckage with calm knowing eyes  
A guardian of solace where loss still cries  
His handler beside him, with heart strong and kind  
Guiding through sorrow, what hope they could find.*

*The wind whispered secrets of those torn away  
Candles of memory flickered through the day  
But the dog, with his senses attuned to the pain  
Lifted a spirit that had been broken by strain  
In paws on the earth a comfort unknown  
His presence a slave where grief had grown.*

*In those fleeting moments of breath held tight  
The dog gave a gift in the still of the night  
A bark for the lost, nuzzle to guide  
Compassion unwavering at his handlers side  
The people of Creeslough watched through their tears  
An unspoken bond that calmed deepest fears.*

*For though the village will carry its scars  
And dreams are remembered under moonlit stars  
A bond unbroken in that field of despair  
Between handler and dog showed a love beyond care  
Silent yet steadfast, they bore hope's spark  
A light in the rubble, A warmth in the dark.*

*In the Echoes of Creeslough where sorrow may sleep  
The story of courage and love runs deep  
A handler with heart and A dog at his side  
Bearing A weight only shared with pride  
To Creeslough they gave what words could not say  
A tender reminder that hope finds its way.*

as a community, hope to accompany you on. No two people are on the same page. You are always in our hearts and prayers. Father John Joe recited the well known words of "I carry a Cross in my pocket".

Fr. Dunne led the congregation in a decade of the Rosary. Brother Philip read the Prayer of St. Francis "Make me a channel of



John O'Doherty and teachers from Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough on their way to lay a wreath at the site.



Brother Philip Baxter, Fr. John Joe Duffy, Fr. Paddy Dunne, Rev. David Skuce and Fr. Martin Doohan on their way the service.



Fr. John Joe Duffy leading the prayers at the remembrance service at 3.17pm on Monday.



# Cloughaneely

## Public Meeting

Public Meeting to develop a Gaeltacht Housing Campaign at 11am on Saturday, 12th of October at the Chloich Cheann Fhaola Clubhouse. All the community are welcome. Use your Voice! Get Involved. Seanán



Anne McFadden who completed the North West Coastal Challenge on Saturday last on her 60th Birthday pictured with her husband Eddie.

085 8670762 pobaleas@gmail.com or Caitlín 087 2270722 info@ptccf.com.

## Save Ballyness Bay

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

## Thank You

Nora FitzGerald and her husband Liam would like to thank everyone that supported their fundraising efforts. The coffee morning was a great success. They raised €6,160 for the Ronald Mc Donald House Charities. Congratulations to Noreen Doogan and Patricia Harley who won the hampers that Nora and Liam put together.

## Centre Manager

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

## Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the lotto this week and the numbers drawn were 4-7-9-12-14-15. Two match 5 winners Emily and Leah McGee and Chris Cannon who won €50 each. This week's jackpot will be €8450.

## Medical Centre

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

## Pobal Eascarrach

Pobal Eascarrach are working on a program of classes and workshops for the autumn and we are seeking ideas, requests and expressions of interest from the community. Get in touch 074 9180571 pobaleas@gmail.com.

## Rural Social Scheme

There currently are vacancies for general workers on the Rural Social Scheme in the Cloughaneely area. If you are interested please contact Joe for

information on 0871605930, before midday on Friday 11th October.

## Friends of Letterkenny Hospital

The Annual Church Gate Collection in aid of The Friends of Letterkenny Hospital will take place outside many churches on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 12th/13th October.

## ICDL Course

Computer Skills ICDL Course, starting soon, could be just the course for you. The course runs two mornings a week, Wednesday and Friday. Ring Noreen on 074 91 35218 for further information.

## RI-Oga Dance Academy

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

## Pobail Le Chéile

The Parent and Toddler Group meet on Thursdays at Ionad Garradh CholmCille from 10.30am-12pm. Babies welcome too!

English Conversation group has moved from Fridays to Mondays at Ionad Garradh CholmCille. Free Landscape Quilting Classes at Ionad Garradh CholmCille on Tuesdays 11am to 12.30pm. All materials supplied.

## Parenting Course

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

## Na Tithe Gloine Cillulta

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

## Thursday Café

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

# Falcarragh vandalism slammed

Cllr Michael McClafferty has expressed his disappointment about vandalism at The Bottle Banks in Falcarragh last weekend by saying, "I'm extremely disappointed at the antisocial behaviour that occurred in Falcarragh that resulted in vandalism and moving of the bottle banks at the Chapel Car Park.

Please note that part of the footpath outside the graveyard is currently blocked. Please be careful as the area is full of litter and there may be bits of broken glass etc." He went on to say that the matter had been reported to the Gardai and Donegal County Council.



# Dunfanaghy

## Just in Time Lifesaving Awards

Two local lifesavers Rohan Debeny Bazeley and Yanto Carrothers were among those from around the country who were honoured at the Irish Water Safety Awards which were held in Dublin Castle last week. Ronan and Yanto were presented with a Seiko Just in Time Rescue Appreciation Award by Minister of State Anne Rabbitte.

On the evening of May 18, 2024, at Portnablagh pier, both Rohan and Yanto heard yelling down at the pier. They observed Gardai arriving at the scene. They grabbed kayaks, entered the water and paddled quickly towards a woman in distress. Upon reaching the woman, they noticed she was afloat and holding onto something by the pier. Gardai had managed to grab a hold of the female and both students remained in the water with her until she was safely pulled onto the pier to safety by members of the Gardai. She made a full recovery. For this Rescue Ronan and Yanto won the Rescue Appreciation Awards.

## Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns

The Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns committee held a meeting last Tuesday the 1st October and among the attendance were Derek Alcorn, Susan Alcorn, Bill Arnold, Derek Arnold, Christine Barnes, Ian Barnes, Connie B, Charlie Ferry, Moira Harley, Patrick Knowles, Ivan McElhinney, Shane McElhinney Gill Tricoglus, Robert Wasson while there were apologies from Kathleen Duggan, Anne McBride, Daniel McBride, Eamonn McBride, Diana Walford.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 5th November 10am at the Workhouse. All welcome.

## Doe Swimming Club

The '24-'25 swimming season continues this Saturday 12th October at the Aura Leisure Centre. Bus 1 leaves Dunfanaghy Square at 4:45pm. Supervising parents are Dan Gill and Maura McHugh.

Bus 1 & 2 leaves Lay-by between Wild Atlantic Camp & Creamery at 5pm. Supervising parents are Aidan McNulty and Agnes McGinley. Shop supervisor is Maria Finnegan. Busses return to Creeslough at approx 8:10pm and Dunfanaghy at approx 8.20pm.

## 2025 New Year's Day Swim

Doe Amateur Swimming Club are currently seeking nominations from

charities or organisations who would like to be considered as beneficiaries of the proceeds of the 2025 New Year's Day Swim. If you would like to nominate a charity or organisation, forward details to the club committee via email to doeswimming@gmail.com before Monday 14th October.

## Table Quiz

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

## Harvest Thanksgivings

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

## The Workhouse

Muckish Film Festival will take place at the Workhouse on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th of October. There will be films running daily that will include screenings from local film directors: Dorothy Duffy, Caroline Harvey, Seán Mullan, Mishel Mudryk, Eamon Hughes and more. With screenings of "Kneecap" and "Mrs Robinson" featuring over the weekend as well and a family friendly event "Puffin Rock Party" on as well. Contact the Workhouse for more information or if you'd like to book tickets and meet the directors for a great weekend. Call 913 6540 for more information.

The Workhouse is hosting a range of events this year for Halloween. On Saturday 26th of October from 2-4pm Amanda Ferry from Book Buddies is having child friendly spooky stories, arts and crafts and family fun for children ages 2+. No charge to this event but booking is essential.

On Monday 28th of October from 7-9pm the local Heritage Officer is hosting a Halloween Horror Stories night in The Workhouse. €5 per person and booking is essential. To book please contact The Workhouse on 0749136540. Not suitable for young children.

On Thursday 31st of October from 2-3pm Anna Devine is hosting a Fairy Godmother Sing Along Halloween Special. Suitable for children aged 3+. Fancy dress is encouraged. €10 per person and booking is essential, please book directly with Anna on 0851121264.

## Winter Craft Fair

The Winter Craft Fair will take place at The Workhouse on Saturday 9th of November

at 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 information 913 6540. Information Service Citizens Information Service and advice clinic at Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre every second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am to 12pm. Next dates are Tuesday 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

**Mimi Lotto**  
There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Monday. The numbers drawn were 6,8,10,15,17,19. The match 5 winners were Daniel McColgan and



The Gradam Awards Committee handing over a donation to the volunteers who resurfaced the paths in Ballyconnell, Falcarragh. Included are Paul McFadden, Caitriona Kelly, Norman McClean and Barney Gallagher.

Caroline Curran who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3450. Congratulations to Karen Louise

McGovern who won €350 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week. **Prayer Meeting** Cenacolo Prayer Meeting every

Tuesday after 7p.m. Mass in the Oratory in Holy Cross Church from 7.30-8p.m.



The Original Irish Hotels Charity Cycle Run ended at Arnolds Hotel in Dunfanaghy on Monday evening last with the cyclists having made their way up from Cork along the Wild Atlantic Way to Dunfanaghy. Among the cyclists entering Dunfanaghy on Monday evening was Aishling Arnold, Donegal President of the Irish Hotels Federation and members of staff from Arnolds Hotel as they made their way across the finish line.



Paul Baird helping Bridget Gallagher exit the Kayak section during the North West Coastal Challenge on Saturday.



Young Naomh Michael who came out to support the competitors in the The North West Coastal Challenge which took place at the Bridge, Dunfanaghy on Saturday as a fundraiser for youth development of underage players at Naomh Micheal.

# Scenes from the North West Coastal Challenge held in and around Dunfanaghy on Saturday



Birthday Girl Anne McFadden crossing the finishing line at the North West Coastal Challenge took place in Dunfanaghy on Saturday afternoon.



Local ladies who completed in the North West Coastal Challenge pictured with birthday girl Caroline Toye in pink in middle.



Birthday boy Jubal Williamson and Brandon Prasi all smiles during the race.

## The North West Coastal Challenge

The North West Coastal Challenge took place at the Bridge, Dunfanaghy on Saturday. The Run, Cycle, Kayak adventure race was a fundraiser for youth development of underage players at Naomh Micheal.

### Results

Male category: 1st Shaun Stewart, 2nd John McFadden, 3rd Stephen Robinson; Female category: 1st Caroline Curran, 2nd Sarah Doherty and 3rd Kathryn Sheridan



Nia Roberts and Declan Breslin pictured during the Adventure Race.



Competitors coming over the Bridge during the North West Coastal Challenge in Dunfanaghy on Saturday.



Stephen Robinson in action on the bike section.



Sarah Doherty second lady home crossing the finishing line in the North West Coastal Challenge



Bernard Doherty, Lucienda Doherty and Stephen Black on completion of the Adventure Race.



Caroline Curran pictured during the race.



St. Michael's GAA Club woman Bridget Sweeney along with Michael Langan and Jim McGuinness.



Rocky in full flow during the race.



Shaun Stewart leading the way in the elite wave as the front three competitors.



A group of competitors pictured during the North West Coastal Challenge in Dunfanaghy.



Jane McGinley and Leah McDaid with their medals.



DB Shiels, Seamus Cannon, Seamus Morrison and Nigel Black during the race.



# GAA Club News

## St. Michael's

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 6,8,10,15,17,19. The Match 5 Winners were Daniel McColgan and Caroline Curran who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €3400.

### North West Coastal Challenge

We are delighted with the success of the inaugural Coastal Challenge which took place on Saturday. Well done to all the participants who took part, it was great to see so many locals and a great number who travelled from other Counties and clubs in support of the event.

A huge thank you our many sponsors for making the event possible; All the marshals, both from the club and wider community, who gave encouragement to the participants and ensured that the event ran safely; The locals along the route who came out to support the participants; The Red Cross; The Medical volunteers; The Mountain rescue volunteers; The Gardai; The local farmers who gave up their time and land to enable the event to go ahead; The local angling club; The NPWS; The people who donated the beautiful spread of food for afterwards; The ladies who catered upstairs in the clubhouse; Jim McGuinness and Michael Langan for presenting medals at the finish line; The people who donated equipment to run the event; The volunteers who took photos and helped out in many other ways.

### Parish League

It sounds like an exciting day ahead for the Parish League this Sunday. With over 150 children participating and eight pitches in use. The 2pm kick-off means everyone will be ready for a full afternoon of football.

### Under 10 Girls

The under 10 girls played their final game of the season last Thursday against Termon. With big numbers on both sides, we played 3 teams of 7-a-side. Each team played three games against well matched Termon opposition.

### Upcoming Fixtures

#### Saturday, 12th October

U13 Girls: Home vs Fanad @ 11am

U16 Boys: Home vs Letterkenny Gaels @ 12noon

U8s: Home vs Milford @ 1pm

#### Sunday, 13th October

U23 Ladies: Home vs Fanad @ 10:30am

Parish League at The Bridge @ 2pm

## St Eunan's

### Senior Men Football Championship

We are privileged to be in three County senior finals this weekend. We have had great support all year in this championship so far, but we need you now more than ever. The players and management have asked us to thank you for your support to date and ask you to support them again this weekend in the finals if you can. Bring your voice, your flags and your colours. Thank you!

### Final Details:

Senior C Champ Final – Friday, Oct 11th

Naomh Conaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin – 8pm, Donegal GAA Centre

Senior B Champ Final – Sunday, Oct 13th

Gaoth Dobhair v Naomh Adhamhnáin – 1.45pm, MacCumhaill Park

Senior A Champ Final – Sunday, October 13th,

Naomh Adhamhnáin v An Clochan Liath – 4pm, MacCumhaill Park

### Club Lotto

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

### Minor Board:

#### U18 Results:

Sunday October 6th, All County U18 Division 1 Sheild semi final

Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-03 : 1-07 Cloich Cheann Fhaola

### Lip Sync Battle

Naomh Adhamhnáin and Letterkenny Music and Drama Group will be battling it out in a Lip Sync battle on Friday November 8th in the Mount Errigal hotel.

Tickets are now on sale through the club and at the Mount Errigal hotel and online. This promises to be a fun night out for all the family.

Check out our social media channels for more information.

### Sunday Morning Skills Academy

The Sunday Morning Skills Football Academy continues this Sunday from 11am to 12.15pm. This is for Boys and Girls aged 4 to 10.

### Hurling

Well done to our U21 Hurlers who beat Aodh Riadh and are now through to the U21 Championship final.

Friday, October 4th U21 Hurling Championship semi-final - Aodh Ruadh 1-10 : 2-08 Naomh Adhamhnáin

### Hurling Academy

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

## Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The U-21 Football Championship returns this weekend with our men at home to Naomh Muire, Íochtar na Rossan on Saturday at 4.30pm. All support welcome.

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

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results 06/10/2024

Numbers: 2, 4, 13, 21, 22. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Lisa Mc Conigley. This week's Jackpot: €2,200.

### Double Hop - 2 x €500!

1 ticket, 2 chances! Our monthly Double Hop draw is back this week, and once again, 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.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Sathairn, 12ú Deireadh Fómhair

Cailíní Faoi 13

Nh Mícheál v Gaeil Fhánada @ 11:00

Craobh Faoi 21

Cloich Cheann Fhaola v Gaeil Fhánada @ 4:30

### U21's on the road

Our U21 side face into the first clash of their championship campaign this weekend, as they travel to Falcarragh on Saturday to face off against Cloich Cheann Fhaola. They also have games coming up against St. Michael's and Naomh Columba in the coming weeks. This Saturdays game is fixed for 4:30pm at Páirc Naomh Fionán. All support is welcome.

### Spoils shared for the u13 Girls

#### Gaeil Fhánada 1:08 Cloich Cheann Fhaola 1:08

The Gaeil Fhánada u13 Girls were in action on Saturday at Páirc Uí Shíadhail when they faced Cloich Cheann Fhaola in their fifth encounter of this year's u13 league competition.

The visitors were first out of the blocks, scoring a point with barely sixty seconds on the clock, before Gaeil Fhánada opened their account with a point two minutes later. This was followed by a nine minute scoreless spell, as a very tricky breeze made life difficult for both sets of forwards. Cloich Cheann Fhaola then got two quick points on the board. Gaeil Fhánada responded immediately, splitting

# LAC members to run Marathon in memory of Aidan McGlynn

The Letterkenny Athletic Club members who will compete in the Irish Life Dublin Marathon on Sunday, October 27th, have once again selected the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association as their benefitting charity.

Twelve Letterkenny AC runners will be among the thousands who will take on the 26.2-mile challenge at the end of the month around the streets of the capital. This year, they will dedicate their run to Aidan McGlynn, the Letterkenny AC member and marathon runner who died on September 5th.

Letterkenny AC Chairman, Raymond Birch, said: "Our club members raised money for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association through their participation in marathons in 2022 and 2023 and after Aidan's sad passing last month, the group decided to choose the same charity organisation to fundraise for and will dedicate their run to Aidan."

"The club has had a long and proud tradition of raising money and awareness for charities, local groups, and families down the years, and people have been extremely generous. Last year, €9,400 was raised for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association," he added.

"As a club, we are grateful for the kindness and support we get from our community, so this is one of the ways through which we give back to the community. Once again, we've set up a GoFundMe page, and all donations will be most welcome."

The twelve Letterkenny AC members taking

the posts on sixteen minutes. The home side then raised their only green flag of the morning with eighteen and a half minutes played, before scoring a quick point in the next attack to put them three ahead heading into the latter stages of the half. Cloughaneely would have the last say of the opening period however when they raised the white flag again to put two between the sides at half time. Gaeil Fhánada 1:03 Cloich Cheann Fhaola 0:04

Gaeil Fhánada got off to a bright start after the break, splitting the posts for a fourth time to leave them with a three point lead. The visitors however were determined to make their mark, and had hit the back of the net less than a minute later, leaving the sides level. Cloich Cheann Fhaola added two further points to their tally, in the sixth and thirteenth minute respectively to put themselves two clear, midway through the half. Gaeil Fhánada, who had been creating plenty of chances throughout, kicked into gear to raise the white flag four times in the space of six minutes, regaining their earlier two point lead. But the Falcarragh side weren't finished yet, adding two points in as many minutes to their tally, leaving it all square once more. A nervy few minutes ensued, with both sides looking to break the deadlock, but when referee Pat Barrett blew the full time whistle, the scoreline read 1:08 each.

Cloich Cheann Fhaola and Gaeil Fhánada each had their periods of dominance throughout the fixture, but a draw was probably a fair result in the end. Both sides battled hard until the final whistle and put on a great spectacle for everyone watching, and will no doubt look forward to meeting each other again in the future!

### Minors bow out

#### Gleann Fhinne 2:12 Gaeil Fhánada 2:10

Hard luck to our minor boys who narrowly lost out to Glenfin in their Shield semi final at Páirc Taobhóige. In an entertaining and well contested contest, the hosts just had enough to get over the line at the



part in the Irish Life Dublin City Marathon on the last Sunday in October are: Robert Kavanagh, Clive Monohan, Michael Harkin, Barry Mackey, Conor McDaid, Mark O'Donnell, Mark Nee, Chris McMenamin, Eamonn McEldowney, Enda McLaughlin, Gary Kearns and Derek Campbell. To make a donation go to <https://gofund.me/eb-1fb6d5>

Gaels' expense.

Our thanks to the management team, led by Aidan Heraghty and all the players for their efforts throughout the year. A few of this side also stepped up to reserve football and a couple made their senior debuts in 2024 as well, and we look forward to seeing them kick on again next year, while some of the panel will feature for the U21 side in the coming weeks.

Killian Friel; Conor Callaghan, Eoghan Logue; Darragh McElwaine, Jamie McAteer, Adam Ward; Shane Carr, Declan Brougham; Niall Toland, Harry Blaney, Evan McDaid; Cormac Dunleavy, JP Gallagher. Caolan McElwaine on for Evan Mc Daid, Ronan McVeigh on for Harry Blaney.

### Ulster Blitz for G4MO

Well done to our Gaelic for Mothers and Others side who made their way to Ballymena on Saturday last to take part in the third Ulster G4MO blitz of the year. A great day was had by all.

## Baile na nGalloglach

Baile na nGalloglach's thoughts go out to the family of Paul Buchanan (secretary of our Minor Board), who has tragically gone missing at sea. In this time of profound uncertainty and sorrow, our community stands with you, offering our deepest sympathies and unwavering support. We hope for strength and solace for Bernadette, Mark and Martin as we all hold onto the hope for his safe return.

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

### Buíochoas

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochoas a ghabháil le Shaun Maguire, Joe Kelly, Blaine Mulligan agus Ciaran Scanlon a bhí amuigh ag díol lotto ag an deireadh seachtaine.

### Lotto

The numbers drawn were 14,6,1,8,13,17. We had 18 match 4s. Congratulations to Saorlaith Houston who wins €100. The jackpot is now €5,450.

### FÓGRA

The pitch is now closed to all activity due to essential maintenance work. Comhghairdeas Congratulations to both our U12 teams today who overcame Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn and Naomh Adhamhnáin at the weekend in their All County Finals at the Donegal GAA Centre in Convooy.

### Cluiche Leathceannais

Sciath Faoi 18 an Chontae - Roinn 1 Scór Lán Ama CCF: 1-7 Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-3

Comhghairdeas leis na leads atá fríd anois go dtí cluiche ceannais na scéithe i ndiaidh cluiche iontach ag an deireadh seachtaine.

Sraith Faoi 13 an Chontae - Roinn 1

D'imir na girseachaí Faoi 13 in éadan Gaeil Fhánada ag an deireadh seachtaine, bhí coimhlint iontach ann agus chríochnaigh an cluiche ar chomhscór.

Cranncur Míosuíl/Monthly Draw

### Meán Fómhair/September

€500 - Tom Feeney €100 - Cormac McGarvey, Mary Harkin, John Paul Gallagher, An tAthair Seán Ó Gallchóir, Caitríona & Manus Kelly.



Donegal girls Laura Gallagher (Glenswilly GAA), Orla McAteer (Milford GAA) and Aisleen Cunningham (Killybegs GAA) were part of the New South Wales senior ladies football team who won the Australasia GAA State Final. Held in Melbourne, New South Wales overcame Victoria in the final after playing games against Western Australia and Queensland throughout the week. This marks the 50th year of Australasian Gaelic Games. The team were presented by Michael Naughton, LGFA President.

Donegal Junior Football League

# FAI Junior Cup weekend

The FAI Junior Cup takes centre stage this weekend with seven games down for decision. There are two matches this Friday night with Kilmacrennan Celtic hosting Milford United in a local derby at the Letterkenny Community Centre (kick-off 8pm). Gerard McGranaghan's side will be favourites to advance from this second round tie but Milford will fancy their chances of causing an upset. At the same in Leckview Park, Letterkenny Rovers should be too strong for Gweedore Celtic. In Traigh-a-loch there is arguably the biggest tie of the weekend as Fanad Utd take on Keadue Rovers at the earlier time of 12 noon. Arthur Lynch's men have won all their competitive games so far this season but Keadue will provide formidable opposition and will want to bounce back from the league defeat against Letterkenny Rovers at Leckview Park last Sunday. The other FAI Junior Cup games on Sunday have 1.30 starts. Swilly Rovers should be too strong for Fintown Harps in Ramelton. Donegal Town will be underdogs against Cockhill Celtic at the Hospital Field while Greencastle FC with home advantage will be fancied to defeat St Catherines FC. In Manor Cunningham Lagan Harps will have to produce an extra special performance to overcome Aileach FC. Extra-time and penalties will be on standby to decide the outcomes if necessary.

## Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

### Defeat for Swilly

**Kildrum Tigers Res 3-0 Swilly Rovers Res**

Three second half goals made the difference for Kildrum Tigers against Swilly Rovers in St. Johnston on Saturday. The goals came late in the game. In a tight first half, Kildrum struggled to get going against a strong breeze and Swilly had the better of the chances. In the second half, Kildrum started better, after a couple of changes one of the subs Ethan Coll scored with a strike from distance. The game opened-up following that and Conor Friel got their second. With five minutes remaining the Tigers got a penalty when Colhoun was brought down and he stepped up and tucked the penalty away.

Swilly Rovers - Jamie Blaney, Daire Fennell, Darragh McDaid, Kyle McMullan, Edan Bradley, Shea McFadden, Dathi Cavanagh, Tony Gallagher, Michael Kerr, Thomas Mullan, Harvey Mullan, Subs: Ronan Docherty for Mc Fadden, Eoghan McDaid for Gallagher, Adam Morgan for Kerr.

### Mariners lose in Donegal Town

**Donegal Town Res 2-0 Ramelton Mariners**

Donegal Town came out on top in a keenly fought encounter against newly promoted Ramelton, with Niko Dominick scoring a cracker on his first league appearance for the club. Town dominated the opening exchanges and deservedly took the lead on the 34th minute when Dermot Slevin chased a lost cause and nipped in front of the keeper and slotted home from the narrowest of angles. Niko Dominick made it two when he received the ball from 30 yards out, turned smartly evading two defenders and knocked the ball past the Mariners' keeper.

### Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

**Glenea Utd Res 3-2 Letterkenny Rovers Res**

Glenea came out on top in a competitive contest against Letterkenny Rovers, with Patrick Doohan scoring from two goals direct from corners. Glenea took the lead on 20 minutes when Doohan's corner deceived everyone and ended up in the net. They extended their lead on 35 minutes when Doohan repeated his trick of scoring direct from a corner.

In the second it was the away side that started brightly, and they pulled a goal back on 48 minutes when Jason Doherty fired past Mathew Ryder. Just as it looked like Rovers were going to equalise, the home side extended their lead when, after good work by Christopher Barrett down the right, his cross was turned in by Seamus Doogan at the back post. Rovers eventually pulled a goal back on 82 minutes when an Artem Tymoshchenko effort from the edge of the box found the bottom corner.

### Welcome win for Kilmac

**Kilmacrennan Cel Res 2-0 Gweedore Cel Res**

Kilmacrennan Celtic posted a two-goal win over Gweedore Celtic under the lights at Letterkenny Community Centre thanks to goals from Danny Hall and Eoghan Quinn. After a scoreless first half Kilmacrennan emerged a rejuvenated team in the second and were on the front foot from the off, forcing Gweedore to defend deep for long spells. With an hour gone they hit the front, a delightful ball over the top from Eoghan Quinn picked out the run of Hall and the lively winger made no mistake firing low into the far corner. With five minutes remaining Kilmacrennan sealed the points, this time Quinn turned goalscorer as he timed his run into the box to perfection and finished first time to the net to give the home team their first points of the new season.

Kilmac Reserves - Kevin Mallon, Owen Browne, Reuben Grimes, Caolan Kelly, John Sandilands, Danny Sandilands, Terence Shiels, Danny Hall, Ed-

die Doherty, Ciaran McCormick, Mikey McDonnell. Subs used: Ciaran Connaghan, Eoghan Quinn, Matthew Nee, Noah Paratian, Charlie Gorman. Not used: Ethan O'Donnell.

### Finn Travel Saturday Division Three

#### Victory for Fanad

**Fanad Utd Res 4-0 Cranford Utd Res**

Fanad United continued their winning start to Saturday League Division Three with a 4-0 victory over Cranford United Reserves at Traigh-a-Loch on Saturday. The scorers for Paul Lynch's side were Oisín McHugh, Dylan McBride, Niall Toland and Seimi Friel. On the stroke of half time, Fanad got their first goal. After a corner the ball fell to right back Oisín McHugh whose shot found its way into the bottom corner. Just minutes into the second half, Fanad extended their lead. Darragh O'Doherty advanced from left back and after beating three players his through ball to Dylan McBride who made no mistake firing home. After the hour mark Fanad added a third goal. Sub Shane Carr did very well down the left and his cross to fellow sub Niall Toland was headed home. Then on 70 minutes Fanad scored their fourth and final goal. Centre half Seimi Friel won possession in the centre circle and advanced up the field and after a neat one-two with Niall Toland, Friel produced an accomplished finish into the bottom corner.

Fanad Utd Reserves - Aodh McBride, Oisín McHugh, Oisín Sweeney, Seimi Friel, Paul Friel, Caolan McElwaine, Alan McAteer, Shea Cannon, Ciaran Coyle, Darragh O'Doherty, Dylan McBride. Subs used: Darragh McElwaine, Niall Toland, Shane Carr, Ryan Moffitt, Johnny McAteer. Not used: Conor McConigley, Alex Gerwatowski

#### Murray nets twice

**Lagan Harps Res 2-4 Milford Utd Res**

Milford picked up the three points in windy conditions at Lagan Harps with the goals coming from Jordan Ryan and Killian McBride while sub Niall Murray netted twice. The away team took the lead when Jordan Ryan took advantage of slack marking to head home. The game was turned on its head when Lagan were awarded two penalties in a two-minute spell. Ross Hamlyn scored both. The second half was evenly balanced but Milford carried a bigger goal threat. They were level on sixty-three minutes when Niall Murray scored after a goalmouth scramble. They took the lead on sixty-nine minutes when Killian Mc Bride rose to head into the far corner. Lagan keeper Kai Brown pulled off two good saves while Milford also struck the post. Milford were awarded a penalty in the last minute for a foul and Niall Murray converted. Milford Utd Reserves - Declan Jordan, Fallon McBride, Ciaran Gibbons, Jordan Ryan, Darragh Kelly Cullen, Killian McBride, Darren McAteer, Adam Campbell, Mark Wilson, Darren McLaughlin, Adam Hosford. Subs used: Alec McConigley, Niall Murray, Aidan McGettigan, Ultan Blaney. Not used: Kieran Sheridan

### Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

#### Doherty's penalty winner

**Gweedore Cel 1-2 Kilmacrennan Cel**

Ten man Kilmacrennan pulled off a dramatic win six minutes into injury time at the end of the match thanks to a James Doherty penalty. Chris Dillon had given the away team the lead in the tenth minute but they failed to add to their lead and when they were reduced to ten men before half time when Shane McDevitt was sent-off for two yellow card offences. The home team started to create chances. Gweedore equalised in the second half through Tommy Diver and Darragh McGee should have put them ahead but his chip over the keeper went just wide. With time almost up Kilmacrennan grabbed the points after a foul on Danny Hall saw Doherty plant a penalty in the back of the net for a dramatic victory.

Kilmacrennan Celtic - Liam McBride, Alan Boal, Rory McGrenra, James Doherty, Kieran Gorman, Shane McDevitt, John Sandlinands, Matthew McLaughlin, Chris Dillon, Shane McNamee, Paul Bradley. Subs: Sam Harvey, Gerard McGranaghan, Danny Hall. Not used: Glen McNulty. Referee: Michael Connolly.

#### First win for Letterkenny

**Letterkenny Rovers 5-2 Keadue Rovers**

After drawing in St. Johnston last week BJ Banda grabbed a hat-trick as Letterkenny Rovers got their first win of the new Premier Division season with a 5-2 victory over Keadue Rovers at Leckview Park. In a repeat of last year's Brian McCormick Cup Final, which Letterkenny won in dramatic circumstances, it was the hosts who struck first inside ten minutes. A perfectly weighted pass from Adrian Delap sent Banda in the clear and the former Finn Harps striker drilled his effort past Patrick McGarvey. Keadue responded well and scored a deserved equaliser on the half hour mark. Mark Forker's corner was punched clear by Mark Anthony McGinley but it fell to Oisín McKelvey outside the box and he rifled home a brilliant effort to send the sides in level at the break. Rovers clearly

moved it up a gear in the second half and Banda restored their lead three minutes after the break with a close-range finish to make it 2-1. Joel Bradley-Walsh's free-kick was met by a beautifully glanced header from Nathan Plumb to extend Letterkenny's lead on 51 minutes and suddenly it looked a long way back for Keadue. Just after the hour mark, Plumb slotted home his second of the game to stretch the home side's lead to 4-1 but to Keadue's credit they battled hard and McGinley had to be in top form to deny Calum Boyle from close range and again to make a smart save from McKelvey's free-kick. Banda completed his hat-trick with a fine header from a superb Delap cross to make it 5-1 on 76 minutes before Paul Boyle slotted home from the penalty spot to grab Keadue a consolation goal against his former club. Referee: Barry Maxwell.

#### Fanad in top form at Flagpole

**Rathmullan Cel 0-6 Fanad Utd**

Rathmullan Celtic's first home game of the season saw them face Fanad United, and the visitors delivered a performance that underscored why they remain the team to beat in the league. Their goals came from an OG, Patrick Moffitt, Paddy McGinley, Eddie O'Reilly, Eoin Logue and Darragh O'Doherty. Despite some promising moments from Rathmullan, Fanad's were efficient in front of goal and their well-rehearsed set pieces proved too much to handle. Fanad wasted little time in asserting themselves and it wasn't long before they took the lead. A dangerous free kick was whipped across the face of Rathmullan's goal and, although the home side had bodies in the box, they couldn't clear the danger. Darren Mc Elwaine was on hand to capitalise, bundling the ball home from close range in what felt like a soft but avoidable goal for Rathmullan to concede so early.

Set pieces were a constant source of danger throughout the first half, with Fanad showing their organisation and aerial dominance. Rathmullan were forced to defend a series of well-delivered crosses, but they struggled to cope with Fanad's physicality in key moments. It was no surprise when the second goal came from another dead ball situation, this time Paddy Moffitt rose highest to meet a well-placed corner and guided his header into the back of the net. Two goals down at the break, Rathmullan were left to reflect on how they could find a way back into the match. The second half began much as the first had ended, with Fanad controlling possession and looking dangerous whenever they moved forward.

Oisín McMenamin, who had switched allegiances from Rathmullan to Fanad over the summer, found himself in the right place at the right time to slot home his side's third goal early in the second half. His close-range finish was a further blow to Rathmullan's hopes of mounting a comeback. Rathmullan, to their credit, tried to push on and did create some moments going forward. Jay Curran and Gerard McAteer both worked hard to fashion half-chances, and there were glimpses of what the home side are capable of. However, Fanad's well-drilled defence held firm, and whenever Rathmullan looked like they might create something, the visitors quickly snuffed out the danger. The champions ability to exploit set pieces once again proved decisive when Eddie O'Reilly made a clever run to the near post and finished with composure for Fanad's fourth goal. As the game wore on, Fanad could play with more freedom, and they added further gloss to the scoreline with goals from Darragh O'Doherty and Eoin Logue.

Rathmullan Celtic - Killian Hagan; David Edwards (C), Daire Sheridan, Peter Curran, Shea Coyle, M Touhami, Gerard McAteer, Eoin Sheridan, O Akinyinka, Jay Curran, Kevin Doran. Subs used: Matt McNulty, Dara Patton, Lee Patterson. Not used: L Rahmannia, G. Curran, B Jano.

Fanad Utd - Mark McConigley, Keelin McElwaine, Liam McGrenaghan, Patrick Moffitt, James Gallagher, Eoin Logue, Paddy McGinley, Peter Carr, Darren McElwaine, Eddie O'Reilly, Oisín McMenamin. Subs used: Adam Carr, Oisín McHugh, Shaun Carr, Darragh O'Doherty, Carlos O'Reilly. Unused: Darran Nash, Oisín Langan, Daibhid Lynch

#### Harkin sinks Swilly

**Swilly Rovers 0-1 Bonagee United**

Former Finn Harps player Gareth Harkin secured the three points for Bonagee Utd at Dry Arch Park on Sunday in a reversed fixture against Swilly Rovers. The first chance of the game came on eight minutes when a strike from Swilly's Michael Kerr from twenty-five yards went over the bar. Two minutes later a great strike from James Henry for the home side from forty yards was saved by the goalkeeper. Henry again saw his shot on fourteen minutes from the edge of the box just go over the crossbar. The home side took the lead on twenty minutes when Garrett Harkin won the ball in midfield he headed toward the goal and his strike from forty yards flew into the bottom corner of the net. Barry Gallagher in the visitor's goal made two good saves from James Henry on twenty-two and twenty-five minutes from strikes from the edge

## RESULTS

### Saturday 5th October

#### Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Donegal Town Res 2-0 Ramelton Mariners  
Keadue Rovers Res 5-1 Arranmore Utd  
Kildrum Tigers Res 3-0 Swilly Rovers Res  
Strand Rovers 1-0 St. Catherines Res

#### Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Cappry Rovers Res 2-0 Castletin Celtic Res  
Drumoghill F.C. Res 2-2 Fintown Harps  
Dunlewey Celtic 4-6 Erne Wanderers  
Glenea Utd Res 3-2 Letterkenny Rvs Res  
Kilmacrennan Cel Res2-0 Gweedore Cel Res

#### Finn Travel Saturday Division Three

Ballybofey Utd Res 0-3 Drumkeen Utd Res  
Bonagee Utd Res 5-1 Gweedore Utd Res  
Fanad Utd Res 4-0 Cranford Utd Res  
Lagan Harps Res 2-4 Milford United Res

### Sunday 6th October

#### Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

Gweedore Celtic 1-2 Kilmacrennan Cel  
Letterkenny Rovers5-2 Keadue Rovers  
Rathmullan Celtic 0-6 Fanad United  
St. Catherines 0-2 Kildrum Tigers  
Swilly Rovers 0-1 Bonagee United

#### Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Castletin Celtic 2-1 Cappry Rovers  
Cranford United 1-3 Ballybofey United  
Gweedore United 1-4 Donegal Town  
Lifford Celtic 2-4 Glenea United

#### Donegal Physiotherapy and Performance Centre Division Two

Convoy Arsenal 3-1 Drumoghill F.C.  
Drumkeen Utd 2-1 Raphoe Town  
Dunkineely Cel 0-4 Deelee Harps  
Letterbarrow Cel 4-2 Curragh Athletic  
Whitestrand Utd 0-2 Kerrykeel '71 F.C.

## Fixtures

### Friday 11th October FAI Junior Cup 8pm

Kilmacrennan Celtic v Milford United  
Letterkenny Rovers v Gweedore Celtic

### Saturday 12th Oct 1pm

#### Glencar Inn Saturday D1

Arranmore United v Donegal Town

#### Old Orchard Saturday D2

Castletin Celtic v Glenea Utd Res

#### Finn Travel Saturday D3

Copany Rovers vs Lagan Harps  
Cranford FC Res vs Bonagee United

#### Old Orchard Saturday D2

Drumoghill Res v Kilmacrennan Cel  
Erne Wanderers v Cappry Rovers  
Gweedore Celtic v Dunlewey Celtic

#### Finn Travel Saturday D3

Gweedore United v Drumkeen United  
Milford United v Fanad United

#### Glencar Inn Saturday D1

Oldtown Celtic v Kildrum Tigers  
Ramelton Mariners v Strand Rovers  
St Catherines Res v Glencar Celtic  
Swilly Rovers v Drumbar FC

### Sunday 13th October

#### FAI Junior Cup 1.30

Fanad Utd v Keadue Rovers 12.00  
Swilly Rovers v Fintown Harps  
Donegal Town v Cockhill Celtic  
Greencastle FC v St Catherines FC  
Lagan Harps v Aileach FC

#### TDA Appliance D1 @ 1pm

Cranford FC v Lifford Celtic  
Ballybofey Utd v Gweedore Utd 12.00

#### Donegal Physiotherapy Division Two @ 1pm

Curragh Athletic v Dunkineely Celtic  
Deelee Harps v Kerrykeel 71  
Drumoghill v Drumkeen United  
Convoy Arsenal v Whitestrand Utd  
Raphoe Town v Letterbarrow Celtic

of the box. Kevin O'Donnell for the home side saw his strike from twenty-five yards go over the bar on thirty-six minutes. Dean Larkin was denied on forty-two minutes by the keeper from a shot from fifteen yards. Gallagher again made another save from the head of Conor Stewart from six yards from a Dean Larkin cross on forty-eight minutes. Jamie Harris and James Henry saw their shots on target well saved by the Swilly keeper on fifty-three and fifty-five minutes. The home side were awarded a penalty on seventy-two minutes but Jamie Harris hit the crossbar and the ball was cleared by a defender. The home team had several chances from Harris, Henry and Kyle McLaughlin but great keeping and some great defensive play kept the score at one nil. The visitors had a good chance on eighty-two minutes when a cross into the box by Michael Kerr was headed just wide of the post by Thomas Mullan from ten yards. Team effort by both sides.

Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher, Darragh McDaid, David Craig, Ciaran Kelly, Shay Durning, Daniel McAteer, Martin McDaid, Michael Kerr, Jordan McDaid, Tom Mullen, Tony Gallagher. Sub used: Tyler Durning. Not used: Jamie Lee Blaney and Darragh Fennell.

# Harps play-off hopes now slim

There are just three league games remaining now for Finn Harps starting with the Bray Wanderers game this Friday night at the Carlisle Grounds (7.45). Harps last match was a fortnight ago in Tralee against Kerry F.C. There was no game for Darren Murphy's side last weekend as their First Division fixture against Wexford Youths was postponed as they had an FAI Senior Cup semi-final against Drogheda Utd on Sunday. That game ended in heartbreak for Wexford losing 3-2 to Drogheda whose late winner came from ex-Harps striker Adam Foley.

That Wexford game has been refixed for this coming Monday in Ballybofey (7.45). And the final game of the regulation season for Harps is on Friday week 18th of October against Treaty Utd at Finn Park. Bray's draw with UCD at Belfield hasn't helped the Harps cause and at a stage it looked like it was going to be three points for the visitors. Cristian Magerusan gave Bray a 35th minute lead. Stephen Mohan equalised for UCD on 70 minutes. On Saturday Athlone drew 1-1 away to Longford Town which means they are now guaranteed a play-off place.

To be sure of a play-off place Murphy's men really need to win their last three games and that would probably need other results to fall kindly for them as well. On Friday a draw will secure Bray a place in the play-offs as they will be six points ahead of Harps with a vastly superior goal difference. It will be a similar story for Wexford on Monday night in Ballybofey where a draw would leave them six ahead of the hosts with just one game remaining. But, first up Harps need to defeat Bray at the Carlisle Grounds on Fri-

day night. They cannot now mathematically catch Athlone Town who drew with Cork City on Friday night. Wexford are at home to Kerry FC where they will be expected to pick up at least a point. The other game sees Treaty United taking on UCD who are already guaranteed a play-off spot. Longford are home to Cobh Ramblers on Saturday night. Harps and Wexford have already met three times this season and it has been pretty good for Darren Murphy's outfit with two wins and just the one defeat. It started off very well on Friday 15th March at Ferrycarrig Park where the visitors recorded a 2-1 win with the help of a late David Cawley goal. It completed a super comeback by Darren Murphy's side who were slightly fortunate to be only a goal behind at the break. The manager made a double substitution at the interval and one of those replacements Patrick Ferry got the visitors back on level terms in the 49th minute. The result left Harps joint second in the table. In their second meeting on Friday 31st May Harps won 1-0 with the now departed Sean O'Donnell getting the game's only goal in the 19th minute at Finn Park. Their last encounter was on Friday 9th August at Ferrycarrig Park where Wexford Youths youths won 2-0 thanks to goals from Thomas Oluwa in injury time at the of the first half and Darragh Levingston doubled that advantage in the final minute of normal time.

It was the first time they had got the better of Harps and it was a significant defeat for Darren Murphy's side who went two places outside the play-offs after being in top five all season.

## Harps meeting to discuss finance options

A Special General Meeting of Finn Harps Co-operative Society will take place at Jacksons Hotel this Sunday 13th of October at 7p.m. The Club is experiencing financial challenges and it's not unusual to hear calls for additional support as the season draws to a close.

Hopes of a big gate from a play-off game are hanging by a thread and if that doesn't happen covering the overheads and player wages to the end of November will pose a headache for the Board of Directors. On top of that is trying to get the new stadium over the line. Last week the Club said that a new planning application is going to be submitted to the Council.

In regard to Sunday evening's meeting the Club said: "Since the public meeting with supporters in April regarding share ownership model, the board has explored all options which would deliver the resources necessary to safeguard Finn Harps

senior status and continue to build on the huge growth in recent years across all levels of the club.

The board of Finn Harps will present its recommendations and stress the need for positive participation from everyone concerned with ensuring Finn Harps FC has a bright future. A date for a follow up public meeting will be announced in near future."

It's understood that one of the proposals is ask Co-operative Society members to sign up to an annual subscription to the Club. It's not known what the incentives would be for people who would consider signing up to this arrangement. If that proposal is a runner it would obviously then be brought to a public meeting. There is also the suggestion of moving away from the much hyped 'fan owned club' to some form of private ownership.

## An announcement through gritted teeth

Recently my wife and I welcomed our third child into the world and had the joy of making a baby announcement to our friends. We loved reading the congratulatory WhatsApps as they came in and enjoyed soaking in the well wishes of our nearest and dearest. If only we could have bottled the feeling!

Not all baby announcements are quite like that though. Just a few days before our new arrival, one man announced a new arrival and the tone could not have

been more different. Dave Grohl, lead singer and guitarist of Foo Fighters and formerly Nirvana's drummer, took to social media to announce the birth of his daughter. Alas, and I feel for the poor girl, this read like an announcement made through gritted teeth.

It's a short announcement, so I'll copy it out in full: "I've recently become the father of a new baby daughter, born outside of my marriage. I plan to be a loving and supportive parent to her. I love my wife

## Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

and my children, and I am doing everything I

can to regain their trust and earn their forgiveness. We're grateful for your consideration toward all the children involved as we move forward together. - Dave."

Aside from the almost palpable levels of cringe, there are two things that strike me about this non-apology apology. First is what "Dave" doesn't say, second is what he does. What he doesn't actually say, at least publicly, is "sorry". Sure, he alludes to broken trust, but at no point does he explicitly acknowledge wrongdoing on his part. I can only hope any private apology was very different because a betrayed

wife deserves better.

What he does say is no less pathetic. He immediately moves from the bare facts of his adultery to a list of what HE is going to do to put things right. He will be a supportive father. He will regain his family's trust. He will earn their forgiveness. Yet anyone who has been on the receiving end of marital betrayal will know that adultery's agony does not fade easily. It takes a long time for trust to be regained... if it can ever be regained at all. There is much to learn from this non-apology, and not just for those who have been unfaithful to their spouses.

Perhaps the most telling word of all and the one that is most out of place is "earn". Grohl hopes to earn his family's forgiveness. Yet forgiveness is always something that is granted; it is never something that is earned. That is something the gospel teaches us: our sins are too serious and our lives too broken to earn our way back into the fold. Yet there is a flip side to the pain of acknowledging this: our confidence of forgiveness no longer depends on how well we can atone for our sin and rests instead on the wonderful grace of God.

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## Rodgers steps down from Harps Academy

James Rodgers has stepped down as the Finn Harps Youth Development Officer after 20 years of distinguished service. The Club has expressed their appreciation for the work that Rodgers has put into the job over the past two decades. A retired Deputy Principal at St. Columba's College, Stranorlar he was a key figure in the club's efforts to develop the Academy achievements and



strengthen Academy" the Club said.

the pathway for young players progressing to the senior team.

"James has been instrumental in the Academy's growth over the years, helping it go from strength to strength. His support has enabled the Academy to continue developing players for the first team, with numerous successes along the way. We are grateful for all the structures James has helped to implement within the

## FAI Cup Final for Ronan Boyce

Ronan Boyce is in line for a second FAI Senior Cup medal in the space of three years after helping Derry City to secure their place in the 2024 decider on Friday night. Ronan lined out in his familiar right wing-back position as the Candystripes defeated Bohemians 2-0 at Dalymount Park thanks to a brace of goals from Michael Duffy. In 2022 Boyce was on the Derry side that won the FAI Cup title after a 4-0 final win over Shelbourne at the Aviva Stadium. This time their opponents will be Drogheda Utd who defeated Wexford Youths on Sunday.



## Coyle extends Finn Park contract

Darragh Coyle has signed a new two-year deal with Finn Harps. Coyle has progressed through the Finn Harps Academy ranks, from U13s to senior level and this new deal will keep him at Finn Park until the end of the 2026 campaign. The 17 year-old made 9 appearances in the First Division this season including his first senior start in a 3-3 draw against UCD. Unfortunately the Burt boy's season was cut short after suffering a serious knee injury in a friendly with Ballinamallard during the Summer. The midfielder is the younger brother of former Harps player Mark Coyle.

Harps manager Darren Murphy told club media: "Darragh was another young player who signed his first senior deal this season, and I felt it was hugely important that the football club stand by him after he

suffered an ACL injury during the Summer. I wanted him to see that the board, the fans and everyone connected with the club is one hundred percent behind him on his road to recovery. That recovery has started, and while there is a long road ahead he now has peace of mind as to what club he will be at and Finn Harps has shown that it is a family club, committed to their players and to helping young local talent maximise their potential.

Darragh is a lad who had really started to impress myself and the coaching staff but unfortunately injuries are part of the game and this has cut that progression short. I have no doubt that he will come back better and stronger and I'm delighted to know that he will be with us now for the next two years."

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## €25k for Letterkenny Rovers

Four Donegal clubs have been allocated a total of €100,000 through the Healthy Ireland Walking Tracks Initiative. Drumbar United FC, Letterkenny Rovers FC, Cappry Rovers FC and Inishowen Rugby Club will each receive €25,000.

Welcoming the allocations Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue said: "I'm delighted that four Donegal clubs are to benefit from this latest round of funding. Donegal is receiving the second largest allocation in the country behind Galway. It's great to see two of our main sporting organisations coming together to improve club facilities to allow people in the community the option to walk and exercise in a safe and secure setting on a year-round basis," he said.

Fine Gael Election candidate John McNulty has also welcomed the funding saying "In Donegal, we are lucky to have such committed community organisations. I'm delighted to see the funding of €25,000 each awarded to Drumbar Utd FC, Cappry Rovers FC, Letterkenny Rovers FC, and Inishowen Rugby Club, which will support them to maintain and upgrade their walking tracks."

Also welcoming the funding Senator Nikki Bradley said "this will play a major part in creating safe and inclusive spaces for people of all ages. This funding will promote increased physical activity among all ages by supporting clubs to upgrade their walking tracks which will improve accessibility for people with mobility issues, such as older persons and wheelchair users," she concluded.

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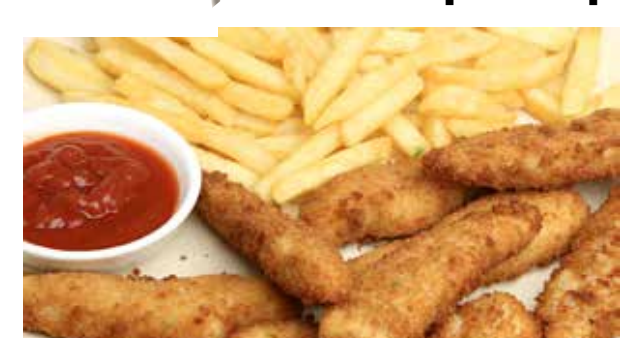
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