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Fears that Milford water source may collapse

The public in Milford have expressed fears that their source for public water from Lough Columkille is facing collapse because of over-extraction by Úisce Éireann to serve outlying districts in Ramelton, Fannad, Kerrykeel and Glenvar.

By John McAteer

Local farmers say the fall in water levels is the worst in living memory and there is something seriously wrong. Only recently, a unit of the Donegal Fire Service was called to assist horse who strayed into the Lough in search of water. Due to the conditions underfoot, it's reported that the horse was unable to get ashore without assistance.

A major construction of a new treatment plant at Lough Colum in 2010 was supposed to ensure a full water supply for Milford for the next fifty years.

Lough Colum is fed from underground springs and is barely dependent on rainfall and it is claimed the area had continuous rainfall from the middle of June last year until the end of September and it made no real difference.

A similar loss of supply happened at the springs fed Tullyconnell Lake in Fannad



The Lough bed that should have 3m of water.

about 35 years ago. And it took the most of 15 years for the system to recover. And leaking pipes are not an issue in Milford given there has been a significant investment in identifying the loss of supply and repair works in recent years. There was a new lining installed at the Drumbern Reservoir above the town and all those repairs have been a big benefit for the consumers.

Adding to the urgency says Cllr. Liam Blaney, is the

fact that a business interest wants to invest millions of Euros in Milford but first he wants to be assured there is a guaranteed public water supply. He said this is good news for the area but there are issues that Úisce Éireann must resolve.

Seamus Kelly is a civil engineer for seventeen years in the West Indies and Central America told the Tribune about his plans to invest in Milford's future.

"We have cleared all the hurdles for planning per-

mission except in water services that are vital to the project going ahead. There have been delays and I'm in the process of seeking final answers that are essential to ensure that the investment we are putting into the town has a fully functioning supply of water. Otherwise it cannot happen," said Mr. Kelly.

Liam Blaney said: "I've been lobbying for a proper public water supply for a long time and I believed when the new treatment plant was up and running 14 years ago there would be plenty of water to supply the Milford area for the future. But that is not the case.

Cllr. Blaney has been campaigning for years for the Ramelton catchment area to be supplied from Letterkenny added: "That is the solution and it makes common sense. Otherwise, Milford's supply will be put at further risk."

The Tribune queried Úisce Éireann six weeks ago in relation to concerns being raised about the low levels of Milford's public water supply. It was a summer from hell when it never stopped raining.

He said that from mid June 2023, to September this

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McConalogue defends record on Redress



Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue dropped into have a chat with Tribune Editor John McAteer on Monday.

In his first public comment in the general election campaign, Minister Charlie McConalogue has strongly rejected claims that Fianna Fail has failed the owners of homes with defective blocks in Donegal.

"I can stand over my own position and the party's record on Mica Redress. There has been real progress in the scheme where homeowners are now entitled to claim €495,000. That is a big improvement... that is a lot of money. And if more needs to be done and if flaws are identified I will move to have those issues rectified."

He told the Tribune that he has played a lead role in the Cabinet to get the cap on funding increased by 10% and an 8% increase per square foot.

"I do not have any problem defending my time in Government. I agree that it has been a very difficult time for many

families, but now I really do believe we have turned a corner and getting more applications processed faster is a top priority for me," he stated.

Out on the campaign trail in Milford earlier in the week, the Minister took time to step out of his comfort zone to talk to the Tribune.

He was happy to confirm there was harmony amongst the three FF candidates, Pat the Cope and Claudia Kennedy. Any references about being shafted were quickly hung out to dry because McConalogue had a positive message for the constituency... on Monday it was canvassing in the Milford area.

He believes the party can win two seats and says their campaign is getting a fair response and the electorate is raising numerous issues on the door

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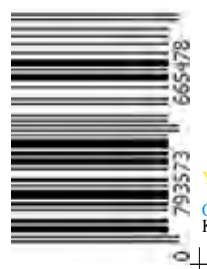


Listen up Santa....

The Whoriskey family Mary, Michael and Cathal with James Boyle as they begin the task of lighting up Shankey Hill, Kerrykeel for Christmas.

The lights will be switched on from 7.30pm on Saturday the 30th of November. The proceeds are going to Cancer Care West, Donegal.

Photo by John McAteer.



Nicole wins Hairdressing 'Apprentice of the Year' Award

Donegal talent and skills has a bright spotlight placed on its shining apprentice talent, after four apprentices takes home top Industry Awards at the spectacular Generation Apprenticeship 'Apprentice of the Year' Awards held recently in Dublin's Round Room of the Mansion House. Top category awards were presented to exceptional Donegal talent who represent the best of Hairdressing, Sales and Marketing, Electrical, and Food and Hospitality skills and talent across Ireland, with a record number of award wins made by Donegal this year.

Carrigart woman, Nicole McGroddy, undertaking a hairdressing apprenticeship in JC Hairdressing, Mountain Top, Letterkenny scooped top prize for Donegal in the Hairdressing Category. Commenting on her win, Nicole said: "I am so proud of my

achievement as winner of an Apprentice of the Year award for Hairdressing, and I am looking forward to taking the next steps in my career. I am delighted with this award as I am so passionate about Hairdressing and putting my best work in everyday as an apprentice. Thanks to everyone at JC Hairdressing and Marie, my tutor at ETB in Sligo for their amazing support."

Coordinated by the National Apprenticeship Office, the Apprentice of the Year Awards are now in their third year of celebrations. Nominees faced tough competition with a doubling of nominations, and record number 400 outstanding apprentices nominated for the awards. The Awards celebrate outstanding apprentice talent that exists across 70+ Generation Apprenticeship training programmes in every region in Ireland.

Pictured right - Nicole McGroddy Tirlaughan, Carrigart with her boyfriend Neil McTeague. Nicole is the daughter of Martin and Caroline McGroddy, who recently won hairdressing apprentice of year in Dublin.



Concerns over delay in opening new Dunfanaghy Health Centre

Concerns that Dunfanaghy's new Health Centre will not be open until early next year is a matter of much concern, according to Cllr. Michael McClafferty.

The current Health Centre on Pound Street in Dunfanaghy has been closed since October 25th and IT issues are referenced as the problem.

In the interim, the Dunfanaghy community is obliged to use the centre in Creeslough. The HSE says it hopes the new building will be

opened in late December or early January.

But Cllr. McClafferty said he has concerns about the delay and that it could run into 2025 before it happens.

He stated: "There are concerns in Dunfanaghy that the old surgery has closed over a week now and no sign of the new one opening.

"As someone who fought hard for the new health centre, I have my own fears that sourcing staff was always going to be an issue. But I didn't expect

it to become a reality. I have my concerns and I'm calling on the HSE to get this much needed surgery opened ahead of the winter."

He said the reason for the closure of the current Health Centre has been put down to IT issues, adding "there may be an issue with broadband".

He fears that the people of the village are "falling between two stools" as a result of the issues with older people and those without cars being the most affected.

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year, it never stopped raining in the general Milford area and he dismissed the response as not being relevant.

He said that while the supply is dependent on underground springs, a small amount of rainwater can also enter the supply, although the adjoining area is quite small.

"There is also the possibility that rainfall may serve to increase the pressure from the springs. It is a serious situation and despite much upgrading of the system, the

reality is that Lough Columkille supply was never going to be able to supply a wider catchment area out into the Loughside in Ramelton where there are extensive farming enterprises," he stated.

At the moment we understand the Milford supply is supplemented from Cranford and Lough Salt.

In its response to our queries, Úisce Éireann said: "Annually the level in the lake at Milford is at its lowest in October and 2024 is no different in that respect. How-

ever, this year, lower than average rainfall in the catchment area has resulted in the lowest lake level at Lough Columkille for some years. Generally, the annual trends show that water levels in the lake recover and begin to rise from October onwards. In order to safeguard the water supply for the public, Úisce Éireann has urged the public to conserve water and in addition, water abstraction from the lake has been reduced in order to restore the levels and they are continuing to monitor the lev-

els and may augment water supply in Milford further if required."

We understand that in recent years the Lough Colum supply has been extended to cover areas in Ramelton, the Loughside, Moorefield, Kerrykeel, Fanad, Glenvar and to Portlean school on the Kilmacrennan Road.

Meanwhile Cllr. Paucic McGarvey expressed his concerns over the lack of progress in resolving the water levels at Lough Colum. He said that ever since the Breaghy Reservoir that had

been serving Ramelton had been taken out of circulation by the Council, the town has been left without its own source.

He welcomed a total of almost €2.6m for water provision in Lurgan Boyce, Boor-rykeel, Fanad, Glenvar and to Meenatole.

"Some of the money includes taking over group water schemes but another area is depending on getting a supply of water from Milford. That is quite concerning and I will seek further clarification from the water services," he stated.

Stone smashes window in Rathmullan

Gardaí are investigating an incident in Rathmullan where a house window was broken when a stone was thrown through it.

It occurred at Abbey View, Rathmullan on Sunday, November 10th at approximately 8.40pm.

Gardaí say a group of people were seen running from the area immediately afterwards.

Electrical box and windows smashed

Gardaí are appealing for the assistance in relation to an incident of criminal damage where an electrical box and windows of a business premises were targeted.

It occurred in Ballymaleel, Letterkenny on Tuesday, November 5th at approximately 9pm.

Daylight phone robbery in Kilmacrennan

An investigation is underway after a woman had her phone stolen from her in Kilmacrennan by a passing male cyclist.

The daytime incident has shocked the community and gardaí are appealing for the public's assistance in identifying the culprit.

It occurred at the Community Development Park, Ballykeeran, Kilmacrennan on Thursday November 7th at approximately 2pm.

Cash and cards stolen from parked car

Gardaí are investigating a theft incident that occurred at the carpark at An Grianan Theatre on the Port Road, Letterkenny on Saturday, November 9th, where a sum of money and bank cards was taken from a vehicle.

It occurred sometime between 7.30pm and 11pm where entry was gained to the car that was parked at that location and it was searched through by the thief.

Digger items stolen in Letterkenny

Gardaí in Letterkenny are investigating the theft of machinery from a business premises at Drumnahoe, Letterkenny where two digger buckets and a rock breaker were stolen.

The theft occurred on Saturday, November 9th, between 9pm and 9.20pm. Two digger buckets for a Kubota digger and a JAB rock breaker were stolen.

Gardaí are appealing for the public's assistance who may have information of the incident or have become aware that such items are being offered for sale second hand.

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Falcarragh take away given temporary closure order

A takeaway business in Falcarragh was ordered to temporarily close after food safety concerns were raised during an inspection.

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland ordered the short term closure of Tasty Mac's, Falcarragh from 16th to 22nd October this year under European Union (Official Controls in Relation to Food Legislation) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 79 of 2020).

Inspectors noted flies among food and dirty cooking equipment when they inspected the property last month.

They observed unhygienic conditions and equipment in various places of the kitchen. This included dirty bowls, dirty whisks, and ingredient containers encrusted with dirt.

The Environmental Health Officer's report also noted that "a fly was found within a container of raw burgers". Flies were also observed in the food preparation area.

Insect proof screens were not provided on the doors and windows, the report added.

None of the food handling staff were wearing protective clothing or head coverings at the time. Other breaches included unclean food preparation surfaces, shelving, interiors of fridges, walls and floors, alongside a lack of cleaning chemicals. This was one of 16 businesses across Ireland served with enforcement orders by the FSAI last month.

Tenders sought for Creeslough regeneration project

A request for tenders has now been published for the procurement of Design Team services for the new community hub and facilities in Creeslough with a closing date of December 16th.

A statement said the project forms an "integrated part" of the village renewal. Donegal County Council also highlighted that as well as the funding, planning consent has also been secured for the new centre.

"The project which has a total value of €13,520,935 will deliver vital community infrastructure and facilities on an existing community site in the Village Centre, including a new central hub for community life that will support Creeslough on a journey towards a vibrant, healthy, well serviced, socially inclusive, and sustainable community. This project forms an integrated part of the Village Plan for the renewal and regeneration of the village which was launched in March 2024.



An Taoiseach Simon Harris paid a flying visit to Letterkenny and Stranorlar on Monday evening and went out canvassing with the two Fine Gael candidates in the Election. In Letterkenny he is pictured left, canvassing Val Cronin with Senator Nikki Bradley and he is pictured with John McNulty in his shop at McClay's Corner in Stranorlar.

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steps.

Given that Sinn Fein won more than 538,000 votes at the last election, we asked the Minister if he was satisfied that the process of democracy was being best served with the main party in opposition cast into the wilderness forever...

Minister McConalogue responded: "I want to serve in a government that best serves the people and that works for them. I do not believe that the policies of Sinn Fein can work." He would not be drawn into any further comment about parties of the Left.

We query the 10c a litre increase on a pint of milk and the general view that the prices for shopping and the cost of living is price gouging. He said there is a supply and demand dynamic at work here but "obviously I do not want food prices increasing.

The cost of living is a big challenge but we tackled these issues with extra payments in the budget, two energy credits, double payments," he stated.

Asked if sees the 11% vat for the hospitality sector as 'kite flying' by Simon Harris, McConalogue being the diplomat he is, he said that the situation was being kept under review because many cannot afford more increases.

"We certainly cannot afford an increase in energy and I do not agree with it."

Will FF change the 11% Vat rate? "We are no longer in Government. We have our own proposals to deliver for the hospitality sector, so we are going to wait and see. Simon Harris is the Taoiseach and we're in the very first week of an election campaign. This government has seen much progress and that has come through a three party consensus in Cabinet."

As Minister for Agriculture, the Marine and Fisheries, it was never going to be easy for him to become a prophet in his own land. A land dominated by the scourge of Mica with his native Inishowen the epicentre of the crisis.

He returns time and time again to the positives delivered by Fianna Fail and having a senior Cabinet Minister in the county has delivered

since the formation of the government... 'We go all the way down to Limerick to find the next senior Minister, so I think my time in Government over the last four and a half years has been very important and it has made a very positive difference,' he states.

If returned to Government would you like to retain your portfolio? "I certainly would because my four and a half years have been a great experience and a great challenge. I am delighted to have been the Donegal Voice in Cabinet where I was able to lobby for so many projects that will be beneficial to our county."

Being in Milford, it was opportune for the Minister to remind our readers of the benefits of the Three Towns Sewage project, obviously there are many environmental and health benefits and it will make a massive difference.

At least the people of Milford, Rathmullan and Ramelton will breathe more easily and kayakers will no longer fret about falling overboard in the Swilly estuary only to surface looking like an advert for hot chocolate.

This was the scheme that was projected to cost €17 million in November 2018. Will the final cost be much more than €50m? we wondered. He said he was not aware of any changes to the original figure in the contract.

And he wanted to highlight the Towns First Initiative and the investment already granted 'through myself in Cabinet'. And there is good progress on the horizon on a new national school and he did not accept our view that it will be four to five years before there are pupils in the desks



in the new building...

"It will be much sooner than that and I want to ensure that when the Inspectors' Report on the existing building is completed, my priority is to have the project moved to a funding platform," he said.

"Milford will be well served by the Town First Project which I am proud to bring forward for funding. This is going to be a big job..."

But do not look beyond the state of town's main thoroughfare and the vacant properties. And

what about job creation?

He said that many similar towns across the country faced the same challenges and he hoped this new initiative will bring success and breathe life into the business enterprises that continue to serve their communities.

He also referenced major investments in Ramelton: the village renewal scheme with funding of over €6m and the flood prevention allocation of €8m on the Shore Road.

And further out along the Swilly, the Minister said he was delighted with works on Rathmullan Pier where €4 million is being invested. He noted the completion of the restoration of Portsalon Pier at a cost of €1.5m.

Returning to agriculture he referenced the increases he's overseen in the sheep scheme with the subsidy going from €10 to €25 per ewe and coming from that background in agriculture he said the suckler and sheep sector is very important to him.

"This year, there is a suckler cow subsidy of €225 per animal and next year that will rise to €325. In the tillage sector the future is much stronger and

I've worked to make the farm sector in Donegal much stronger."

Referencing the controversies over Acres, the environment scheme he agreed there had been teething problems. Funding has been doubled. That has been a big help.

"Farmers in Donegal are getting 10% of all payments," said the minister.

Farmers were angry over the method of 'scoring' the farm to determine the level of payments. That is now resolved and the majority in the suckler sector are happy.

He says that with the latest increases farming in Donegal is much stronger, but what about attracting younger people to farm the soil.

He stated that a series of projects have been put in place to make farming a choice, either permanently or part-time and is optimistic. "However, this is something that is constantly being reviewed because we need a younger generation to look to the future and the preservation of an industry and a way of life that is vital for rural Ireland and rural families.

N56: planning restricted zone?

On that note, we noted that the N56 is set to become a planning restricted zone due to the mandate of the Office of the Planning Regulator and what is the Minister' view about the County Development Plan including the new restrictions on the N56 being voted through the Council with the backing of FF Cllrs.

McConalogue said it was obvious that the same kind of difficulties are arising in many other rural counties.

We will examine the consequences of the new regulations in how they impact on the N56 and the concerns over the construction of new houses.

And if changes are needed, then Fianna Fail will deliver those changes,' he added.

Asked if the OPR was yet another piece of bureaucracy, the Minister said the Office was need-

ed, however flexibility was required.

"It is one of FF's key objectives to promote rural areas, to allow them to grow and to be able to build houses and develop the infrastructure," he stated.

He said that the county's sports capital funding of €13.5m was a record and we were the fourth highest in Ireland. I welcome the news that 89 clubs in Donegal have been recipients of sports funding.

He turned to the situation at LUH and the ongoing issues. He said the government had invested heavily in more beds, (49 additional beds opened, 10 more beds brought back to being used): more finances and more staffing; the appointment of a neurologist and a second in the near future.

"More needs to be done, but staffing levels have increased by 50% in this government's term. However LUH is a challenge as are all other hospitals. We've also invested in a new 110 bed nursing unit at Knocknamona and that is a significant investment in our four years in office,' he said.

He stated that he was proud of being involved in getting a new veterinary college at the Atlantic Technological University in Letterkenny and in the financial investment of €25m from his own Dept. of Agriculture.



Wonder Years Childcare presenting the St. Eunans U10 Camogie Team and their coaches Sinéad Ní Dhomhnaill and Jason Toby with their new team kit. This team train twice a week at O'Donnell Park. Back from left are Tristin McNamee, Harry O'Hara, Andrea McNamee, Vincent McNamee, Wonder Years, Jason Toby, Coach, Marcella McNamee, Wonder Years, Sinéad Ní Dhomhnaill, Coach, Katelyn McNamee and Danielle McNamee, Wonder Years. Photo by Clive Wasson.

Proud to march for Gaza

On Saturday last I was proud to be one of thousands who marched through Dublin. We were protesting at the mass murder Israeli forces are carrying out on the people of Gaza and Lebanon.

In my time there have been only two world issues that energised world opinion so much. One was the Vietnam War of 50-odd years ago. The other was Apartheid in South Africa.

The Dublin marches are monthly, and also big. There have been very few examples of such huge marches. From experience, a campaign usually has at best two large marches or demonstrations. People only have a certain energy.

This is different. This month's march was larger than last month's. We left from Parnell Square. The crowd stretched the length of O'Connell Street. I would say that there were at least 10,000. The great majority weren't political activists. They were ordinary members of the public. Events horrify them. I travelled from Omagh with a friend who is a retired postman. I met a man who has travelled from Enniskillen. I met another who comes most months from Mullaghmore, Co Sligo.

I can remember no campaign that kept up such momentum. That is despite no apparent results. Rather the Israelis have widened attacks and become more extreme.

Despite pressure, the so-called international community has done nothing. The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Fortunately for him, he is not some small-time African leader who annoyed the Western powers. The warrant has had no effect. He has travelled the world pretty much at will. He spoke to the American

Gaza: Since October last year, medical experts put the death toll at 200,000. That is about 10% of the population. Seventy percent were women and children. The death toll is equivalent to one year of the Great Famine here, as a proportion of the population. That is genocide in anybody's opinion.

Congress in Washington. Democrats and Republicans tried to out-do one another in enthusiasm.

'Genocide Joe' Biden pretends to be a pleasant old man. He is arming the Israeli forces to the hilt. Donald Trump will face difficulties in finding a way to be more extreme. The European Union is the second-largest supplier of weapons, after America. Germany is particularly enthusiastic about arming Israel. Germany murdered most of its Jews during the War. Most of the rest were driven out. Were they so genuinely concerned for Jewish people, why were they not welcomed back in their home country.

Then there is Keir Starmer. He has said the Israeli government had the right to cut off food, electricity and water from Gaza. The words of the Irish Government are far nicer. However, weapons are being moved to Israel through Shannon. Others are being flown through Irish airspace. This is illegal under Irish law.

The Government refuses to enact the Occupied Territories Bill. They excuse it as being allegedly illegal under EU law. American multinationals have put on pressure. Being concerned about suffering humanity is ok. But apparently we can't upset our friends in America. Thus helping mass murder is easier.

As to Israel, it is an apartheid state.

Apartheid is defined as "a particularly severe form of institutional discrimination and systematic oppression based on race or ethnicity, and is prohibited by international law." The International Court of Justice has ruled Israel is implementing apartheid. Among those who agree with that are the former head of the Israeli intelligence service and the former head of the Israeli army's Northern Command.

Genocide has been loosely thrown about in too many circumstances. However, it can be used about Gaza. At the start of the Israeli attack, Gaza had just over 2.1 million people. They were crammed into an area less than half the size of County Louth.

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A sign of genocide is that a United Nations Commission of Inquiry has round Israeli forces have deliberately destroyed the health services in Gaza. Thus people are dying not just from war-related injuries. Ordinary diseases, normally quite minor, are killing as well. The water supply has been destroyed. Less than

5% of water is now fit for human consumption. That brings all sorts of diseases. Making that worse, all sewage treatment plants have been destroyed. The electricity grid has been crippled. At least two-thirds of housing units have been destroyed or damaged.

Now, Israeli forces have split Gaza in half. They drove a road from the Israeli Border to the sea. Since the start of October, no supplies have been allowed into the Northern part of Gaza.

The people have been ordered to evacuate. But Israeli soldiers often shoot down people who try to move. More, the people have nowhere to go. Ninety five percent of the population is displaced. From experience those in the North fear they will be killed even if they move to supposed 'safe zones' in the South.

Starvation, disease and winter may well kill most of those in Northern Gaza. I'm no Hamas fan. Reality is they put up a harder fight than Israeli forces expected. So the Israeli army will primarily sit and starve them.

Already, Israeli settlers are getting ready to move in. That, again, is



By Anton McCabe

illegal under the powerless 'international law'.

The situation is not just dangerous for the Middle East. In the current situation, 'anti-semitism' is another term used way too much. Generally, it is used to mean any criticism of Israel. Horribly, anti-semitism is part of European culture. Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Féin, was an anti-semite. In its early days, Fine Gael refused to admit Jewish members.

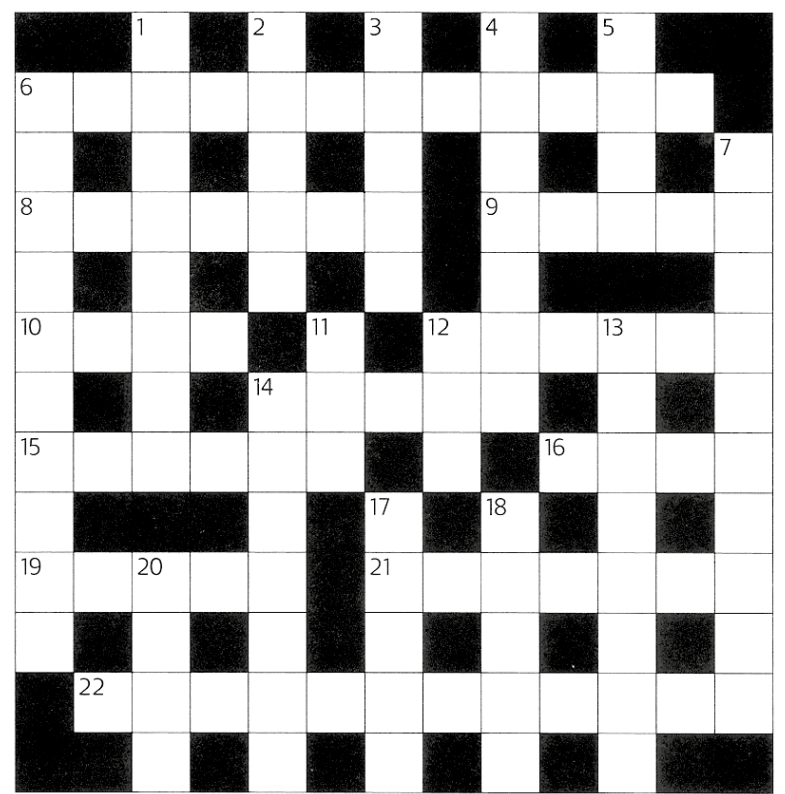
And, within living memory, six million people were killed because they were Jews. That is why so many Jews are sensitive on the issue.

The worst about those who now over-use the term is that they're like the boy who constantly cried 'wolf' in the fable. When anti-semitism really exists, people don't pay enough notice.



Kevin and Tiarnan McBride are pictured presenting Aiden Cunningham and Des McLaughlin of the Mevagh Padgroup with a donation of €1,000 on behalf of the McBride family, to support the installation of AED devices throughout the Mevagh parish. The donation is made in memory of the late Mary McBride, Toragh, Glen and Teresa (Teasie) McBride, Umlagh, Carrigart who passed away in April 2023. Also in picture is Mary Rooney and her husband, Paddy.

Tribune Crossword No. 1090



- Across**
 6. Interval (12)
 8. Plunder (7)
 9. Molten-metal container (5)
 10. Glut (4)
 12. Armed guard (6)
 14. Assumed name (5)
 15. Goad (6)
 16. Skin growth (4)
 19. Light beer (5)
 21. Wages list (7)
 22. Deletion (12)
- Down**
 1. Fit (8)
 2. Monstrosity (5)
 3. Frogman (5)
 4. Ineffective (7)
 5. Peddled (4)
 6. Mission ____, TV series (10)
 7. Athletic contest (10)
 11. Spanish cry! (3)
 12. French for "water" (3)
 13. Musical composition (8)
 14. Draw (7)
 17. Slop over (5)
 18. Jane ____, Falcon Crest actress (5)
 20. Snatch (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1089
Across 1. Stormy, 3. Saying, 6. Medusa, 7. Jordan, 8. Lived, 10. Prepare, 14. Susceptible, 17. Attempt, 19. Lower, 20. Labour, 21. Stayed, 22. Tiring, 23. Splice.
Down 1. Simile, 2. Mused, 4. Awoke, 5. Gunner, 9. Vault, 11. Rita, 12. Allow, 13. Peep, 15. Mallet, 16. Bridge, 18. Mourn, 19. Let-Up.

Prefab granted for Community Centre

Planning permission has been granted for a new prefab building at Letterkenny Community Centre. Conditional permission was granted to Letterkenny Community Centre Ltd for the construction of new prefabricated multi-purpose building, connection to existing services and all associated site works at the location on the Pearse Road,



Members of the Letterkenny Music & Drama Group who took part in the show.



Judges Tina Garry, Amanda O'Carroll, Kieran Kelly and Rory Kavanagh on Friday night.

Lip Sync Battle draws big crowd



Damian Daly and family at the show.

St. Eunan's GAA Club and the Letterkenny Music and Drama Group went head-to-head on Friday night in a Lip Sync Battle with over 600 people in attendance to enjoy the entertainment.

Report & Photos by Declan Kerr

Both groups will benefit from the proceeds along with a donation that will be made to the Recovery Fund for Letterkenny man Greg Fitzgerald. Greg is a young man well known locally who suffered a stroke earlier in



The McGettigan clan at the show.



The Harvey family among the crowd.



Adrian Shiels.

the year and is now on his road to recovery. Around 700 tickets were sold. There were plenty of familiar faces taking to the stage where the MC was Keith Fletcher. Entertainment stalwarts Martin Mullen and Barney performed as Foster & Allen while Tina Drein and a team of dancers got the crowd going with a number of routines. The judges included St. Eunan's Rory Kavanagh, Letterkenny Music and Drama Group stalwart Kieran Kelly and Amanda O'Carroll from Mrs Brown's Boys. Letterkenny Music and Drama Group performers team included the likes of Chris Duddy, Martin Anderson and



James Wilson Tracey Bradley



Mary Winston and Breege McDonagh.



John McMonagle

Bridghin Carr. St. Eunan's had Brendan Devenney, Ollie Harvey, Elaine Gallagher and Sammy Bogan on stage in one of the biggest local entertainment nights in the Mount Errigal for quite some time.



Martin Mullen and Barney McDaid who performed as Foster & Allen.



Ursula Mulgrew and Loretto McEniff.



Irene Simmons



Danny Bonner grandchildren

Vote 1

Minister Charlie McCONALOGUE TD



A chairde,

It has been an honour to represent Donegal in Government as Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine over the past four and a half years.

I have sought to maximise this opportunity to deliver in every way possible for our county.

This leaflet gives you an overview of some of the issues that I have worked hard on to deliver on your behalf while serving as a Cabinet Minister.

I ask for your support in this election and pledge to continue to work to deliver further progress for our county if elected.

Le meas,

Charlie



Minister McConalogue with CEO of TIL, Peter Walsh, and Donegal County Council Chief Executive, John McLaughlin.

PROGRESSING THE BUNAGEE LINK AND TEN-T PROJECT

I was glad to ensure Cabinet **approval in July for the TEN-T project** to apply for planning permission following completion of route selection as well as design and pre planning preparation work.

Delivering the new **Bunagee link** is crucial to addressing traffic challenges in Letterkenny while the Letterkenny to Manorcunningham and Manorcunningham to Lifford routes as well as the Twin Towns By-Pass are crucial for the development of Donegal and connecting our county with the proposed **new A5 in Strabane**.

SUPPORTING DONEGAL FARMERS

I worked to deliver a strong Cap that ensured fairness for Donegal farmers. Additional funding was delivered for small and medium size farmers through front loading of payments on the **first 32 hectares**.

Payments for sheep have increased over the last three years **from €10 to €25 per ewe** while **€225** has been delivered **per suckler cow**. **50% extra funding** has been allocated to the ACRES scheme with 10% of all Acres participants nationally now being in Donegal.

Budget 2025 delivered **€100 per hectare** for tillage farmers and a doubling of the dairy beef payment to **€40 per calf**.



Minister McConalogue with Castlefinn suckler farmer, Raymond Palmer.

DELIVERING THE NEW DEFECTIVE CONCRETE BLOCKS SCHEME

The new scheme continues to roll out with over **300 houses** now under construction in the county and over **50 fully completed**. The first annual increase in rates under the scheme was agreed by Cabinet in October and will see an average **8% increase in payments** for all currently in the scheme and the **overall cap increase by 10%**.

This will see the average grant paid under the scheme **rise by €26,000 to €356,000** with an **additional €37,500** also available through SEAI energy grants.

The maximum funding available under the scheme for rebuilding a home has now **risen to €499,500**.



Pictured at the start of the works on the Rathmullan Pier Refurbishment Project that will see an investment of €4.8 million.

UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT IN DONEGAL PIERS AND HARBOURS

As Minister for the Marine over the last four years, I have delivered funding for **25 pier and harbour projects** across Donegal.

Of the **€50 million** spent on county council owned piers and harbours nationally, **€28 million, or 56%, of the total has been spent in Donegal**.

I also increased the percentage of project

costs that are covered by department grants **from 70% to 95%** to reduce county council cofunding requirements.

This has seen the completion of long-awaited projects such as Portsalon Pier renewal at a cost of over **€1.5 million**, while Rathmullan Pier is nearing completion with an investment of over **€4 million**.



The official opening of Errigal College's new modular buildings in Windyhall, Letterkenny that was performed by the Minister for Education, Norma Foley

BUILDING OUR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Work is well advanced on the new **Little Angels Special School in Letterkenny** while significant new extensions have been completed at **Scoil Colmcille, Errigal College and Mulroy College**.

I am continuing to work to progress the new **St Eunan's College** and new school building extensions for **Illistrin National School** and **Errigal College**. A technical inspection is being undertaken this month by the Department of Education on the proposed new site for **Milford National School** and I am working to make sure the school is added to the schools' capital programme.

Hot school meals have been introduced in schools as well as free **primary and secondary school books**.

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DELIVERING FOR DONEGAL

TOWN & VILLAGE REGENERATION AND BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE

Significant funding has been delivered to help regenerate our towns and villages.

The regeneration of Letterkenny town centre is supported by **€16.6 million Urban Redevelopment** funding and involves the Linear Park scheme, a re-imagined Market Square, a Cathedral Quarter Park and the Revival of the Old Courthouse.

Ramelton received €6,359,895 for the Reimagining Ramelton Project.

The Ramelton, Milford and Rathmullan Wastewater Scheme has seen an **investment of €50 million** to end the discharge of raw sewage into the Leannan Estuary, Lough Swilly and Maggie's Burn, while it will also safeguard the environment and supporting social and economic development.

NEW LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



The sod being turned to mark the start of the construction of the new Letterkenny Community Hospital.

Work is well advanced on the construction of the new **€59 million Letterkenny Community Hospital** located on the Kilmacrennan Road.

The new hospital will comprise of **110 beds** including a mix

of long stay, short stay, rehabilitation, and dementia care.

Letterkenny University Hospital has also seen significant investment over the past four years with over **200 extra staff** recruited and the delivery of **49 additional acute beds**.

NEW VETERINARY SCHOOL AND INVESTMENT IN ATU LETTERKENNY



Donegal Minister, Charlie McConalogue, pictured with Orla Flynn, President of Atlantic Technological University, Paul Hannigan, Head of College at Atlantic Technological University, and Henry McGarvey, Vice President for Finance and Corporate Service at Atlantic Technological University

Atlantic Technological University Letterkenny has continued to go from strength to strength with Government support over the last four years.

I have been glad as a local Minister to support its achievement of Technological University status in 2022. In September of this year, along with the Minister for Higher Education, I announced that ATU Letterkenny will be the **location for one of Ireland's two new veterinary colleges.**

This was supported through **€25 million** of capital funding from the Department of Agriculture to match **€25 million** by the Department of

Higher Education, with **€32 million** to be spent on the ATU Letterkenny/ Mountbellew Veterinary College development. The first intake of students is planned for September 2025 and there will be **200 students enrolled** at full capacity.

An investment of **€8.7 million** was also committed this month through the Department of Sport to develop phase one of a new **Regional Sports and Activity Hub for ATU on a 42-acre site** at Knocknamona in Letterkenny that will include a multi-pitch regional sports complex for individual sports and aims to cater to the needs of athletes, clubs, and local communities.

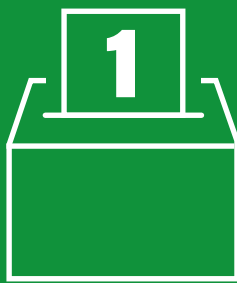


Donegal Minister, Charlie McConalogue and Cllr Liam Blaney, pictured with members of Termon GAA Club when he visited the Burren Road in April. The club has been allocated €170,259 for a gym studio project that is part of its major development plan.

SPORTS CAPITAL FUNDING

Donegal received the **fourth highest allocation** in the country after Dublin, Cork and Galway in the Sports Capital Grant allocation by Minister of State for Sport Thomas Byrne in September seeing a total of **89 clubs** receive record **funding of €13.5 million**.

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GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE

Minister Charlie

McConalogue TD

DELIVERING FOR DONEGAL

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Working with Senator Niall Blaney, Cllr Liam Blaney, Cllr Ciaran Brogan, Cllr Donal Coyle and Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly.



Christmas Sale in Ramelton

The Ramelton Second Encounter Community Shop will hold their annual Christmas Sale on Saturday 23rd November from 11am to 3pm at the shop. New gifts, clothes, toys, Christmas decorations and much more. Everyone is welcome.

Care of the Aged Christmas Party
Ramelton Care of the Aged are having their Christmas Party Night in the Silver Tassie Hotel on Monday 2nd December. Dinner served at 6.30pm sharp. Bus will leave from Church St at 5.30pm. Cost €15. To book contact: Chris 086 0580467 or Anthony 086 0822426.

Christmas lights table quizzes
Tables quizzes in aid of the Christmas lights will take place on Tuesday November 19th, 26th and December 3rd in the Purty House.

Singing Pub winners night
The Lennon Festival Singing Pub winners the Purty House will host their victory celebration night on Friday, November 29th.

Thank You
The Parents Association of Drumman N.S would like to thank the sponsors for prizes donated to the annual school draw and very much appreciated. John O'Donnell, Knockalla Caravan Park, Patrick from Doagh Island Famine Village, Bus Eireann, Henry McGinley, LK Skip Hire, Lindsay Ferry, Mulroy Woods, Clanree Hotel, Ricky Hair Salon, Glenalla Photography, Silver Tassie Hotel, Whoriskey's Shop, O'Donnell Fuels, Wendy's Hair Salon, Kernans Shop and Lagoon Termon. Thanks to Pauric McGarvey for allowing us to sell lines in his premises in Moorefield.

Ramelton Coffee Evening and Cake Sale
A Coffee Evening and Cake Sale will

be held in Raymond and Frances Armour's Home at Loughnagin, Ramelton F92TX92 on Friday 15th November from 5-9pm. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds are in aid of a Medical Centre in Uganda for children with Clubfoot, Cerebral Palsy and various Limb deformities.

Swilly Rovers lotto numbers
In the Swilly Rovers lotto last week the numbers drawn were 13, 16, 19 and 20. No three or four number winners. This week's jackpot is €1,200. Get your lotto in local shops or from committee members.

Country Market
Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12 noon this Saturday 16th November. Get ready for the Christmas Season ahead and order your cakes, puddings, mince pies and desserts in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability.

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

Mens Only Yoga
Men's Only Yoga has a new 5 weeks block starting on Wednesday the 13th of November in the Town Hall at 7pm. To book contact Nuala on 087 6807850

Pastoral Council events
The local Parish Council has organised a number of events for the spiritual life of the Ramelton Parish. Blessing of the Baby Jesus Figures for Cribs in the homes of the Parish takes place on Saturday the 14th of December at the 6.30p.m. Mass.

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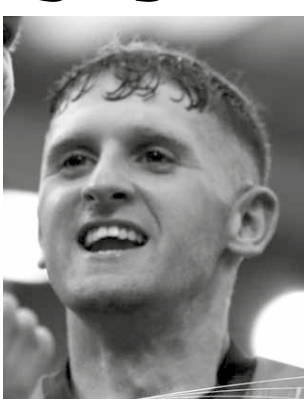
Unusually mild November weather continues to favour after-school tennis coaching. Pictured are pupils enjoying a recent session at Ramelton Tennis Club.



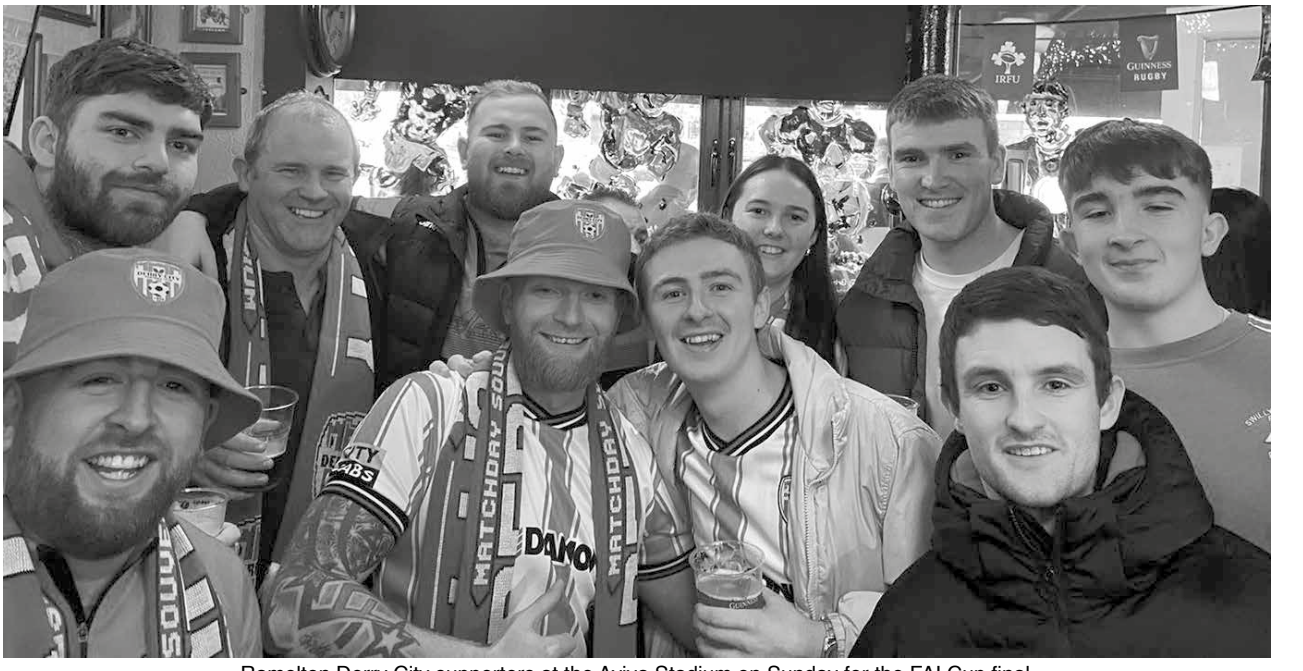
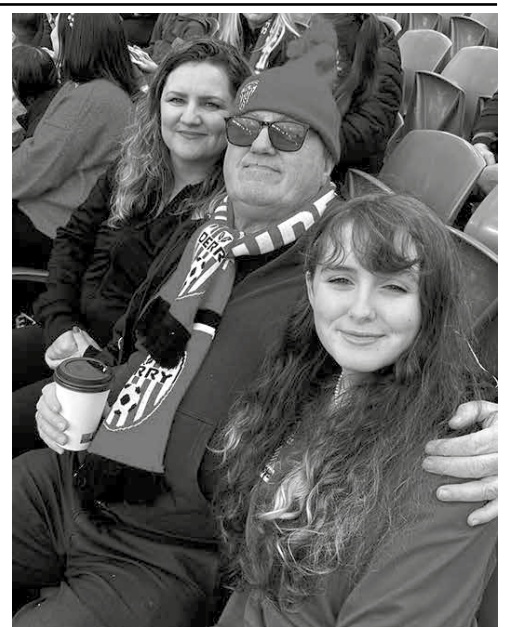
Craig Veitch, Brian McFadden, Seamus Crawford and PJ Bonar taking a break on Tuesday night from putting up the Christmas lights.

No Aviva joy for Boyce

There was bitter disappointment for Ramelton man Ronan Boyce as his Derry City side suffered a 2-0 defeat in their FAI Senior Cup Final against underdogs Drogheda Utd. Boyce had been bidding for his second cup medal in three years before a crowd of just under 39,000. However, it was Drogheda who showed more hunger for the prize but the former Swilly Rovers player did have a good first half. The attacking wing-back setup Derry's best first half chance which Daniel Mullen should have converted and that miss was punished as the Louth outfit took the lead after a defensive lapse from Mark Connolly. Derry did not start the second half well but it was a controversial refereeing decision that gave Drogheda the big chance to double their advantage before the hour mark. Boyce was adjudged to have committed a foul inside the penalty area but replays of the incident clearly shows that it happened just outside the 18-yard-box. The spot-kick was converted with the Ramelton man being withdrawn from the final as manager Ruadhiri Higgins went with three at the back but the Candystripes were largely ineffective in attempts on goal as Drogheda



defended well. Derry really only seriously threatened in the dying minutes of the decider. It brought down the curtain on a very disappointing last couple of months of the season when the Brandywell club let the league title slip as well meaning there is no lucrative European football to look forward to next year. Now the position of manager Higgins will come under very close scrutiny and after the final on Sunday at the Aviva Stadium he looked very much like a man that won't be in charge for the 2025 campaign. Donegal Town man Jack Keane was an unused sub on the winning Drogheda side who had two former Finn Harps players on board. Dave Webster played the full game while Adam Foley came on as a sub in the latter stages of the final. Drogheda still have another huge match this Saturday in a relegation-promotion play-off against Bray Wanderers at the Tallaght Stadium. Kevin Doherty's side have struggled all season in the Premier Division but will be favourites to keep their place in the top flight against a Bray side who won the First Division play-off last week to give themselves a chance of going up.



Ramelton Derry City supporters at the Aviva Stadium on Sunday for the FAI Cup final.

Murray makes it 20 candidates

Independent Ireland have announced Donna Murray as the party's candidate for the Donegal constituency in the upcoming General Election. This brings the number to twenty looking for five seats, with nominations closing at 12noon this Saturday the 16th of November and polling day on Friday the 29th November.

With a background in restorative justice, youth advocacy, and community development, she brings over three decades of hands-on experi-

ence to the table, the group states. Her aims are to champion policies that address Donegal's most pressing needs in housing, planning, agriculture, and infrastructure, focusing on delivering tangible, sustainable change for the people of Donegal.

"Donna's extensive qualifications include an MSc in Restorative Practices from the University of Ulster, coupled with a commendable career spanning positions working in youth justice and in care for offenders. Her leadership

has impacted hundreds of young lives, bringing innovative restorative practices to the criminal justice system, enhancing social capital, and promoting community-centered approaches to justice. Her commitment to public service is evident from her years managing high-stakes projects and training teams across Northern Ireland."

A total of 20 candidates have now been confirmed to run for Donegal's five Dáil seats. They include Fine Gael's Niki Bradley and John McNulty,

Fianna Fail's Charlie McCann, Pat the Cope Gallagher and Claudia Kennedy, Antó's Mary T Sweeney, Sinn Féin's Pearse Doherty, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Cllr Noel Jordan.

Independent candidates include Thomas Pringle, Gerry McKeever, Frank O'Donnell, Niall McConnell and Kevin Sharkey.

Others include The Irish Freedom Party's Eamon McGee, The Irish People/National Alliance Kim McMenamin, The 100%

Redress Party's Charles Ward, the Green Party's Nuala Carr, People Before Profit's Carol Gallagher and Independent Ireland's Donna Murray.



Candidates who have declared this past week include from left, Donna Murray, Kevin Sharkey, Carol Gallagher, Niall McConnell, Kim McMenamin and Eamon McGee.

Death of Shane Gillespie

News of the sudden death on Saturday of Shane Gillespie has been met with a deep sense of sadness in the local communities in Kilmacrennan and Donegal Town. Aged 39, Shane resided with his wife Donna and two daughters Katie and Amy at Keenaghan, Kilmacrennan. He was a native of Brookfield, Donegal Town. Shane was a member of staff at PCC Falcarragh where he taught Construction Studies since 2007.



On Tuesday Shane's parents attended a Mass of Remembrance in Teach Póbaill Naomh Fionán in Falcarragh where PCC staff and students gathered to pay their respects.

In a post PCC said "We are filled with deep sadness and regret for the loss of our beloved friend, colleague and teacher, Shane Gillespie. His passion, enthusiasm and love of teaching was reflected every day in his classroom by his thorough preparation and work ethic and instilled this in all his students. We are very proud to acknowledge the great contribution to education he made throughout his years in PCC. His students both present and past have attested to this. We in PCC are all the better for having known Shane as a friend, colleague and teacher in our school. He will be sorely missed in our school community.

May his gentle soul rest in peace, and we ask that God will bless and give strength to his beloved wife Donna, his two precious little girls, Katie and Amy and all his family at this sad time."

The Gillespie family have been a big part of Donegal Town Rugby Club for many years. Shane turned out regularly for the team and the club paid tribute to him. "It's with a heavy heart that the club would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of Shane Gillespie. Shane was a player, friend and role model who embodied everything good about our club.

On the pitch, Shane inspired and raised the levels of every player who graced the field with him. His work ethic, ability and leadership made him one of the greatest players the club has ever produced. Words cannot do justice to the loss the club and all its members feel at this time. Shane will never be forgotten at 'The Holmes' of Donegal, may he rest in peace."

In his eulogy at the start of Wednesday's Funeral Mass, Shane's brother Patrick spoke about a man who was so special to so many people in so many places. Chief celebrant Fr. James Gillespie described Shane as a 'nice fella and sound man' who had left his mark positively everywhere he went. He added that family was precious to him meaning his sad passing will leave a huge vacuum in the lives of his wife Donna and his daughters Katie and Amy.

Shane's remains reposed at his residence in Keenaghan from Monday. Funeral was from there on

Wednesday to St. Agatha's Church, Clar, Donegal Town for Requiem Mass. The main celebrant was Fr James Gillespie P.P. Concelebrants were Fr. Willie Peoples, Fr. Adrian Gavigan, Fr. Danny McBrearty, Fr. Martin Chambers, Fr. Seán O'Gallchóir, Fr. Brian O'Fearraigh, Fr. Martin Doohan, Fr. John Joe Duffy and Fr. Rory Brady.

Fr. McBrearty Proclaimed the Gospel. Final Prayers of Commendation were said by Fr. McBrearty and Fr. Chambers. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

He was predeceased by his grandparents Ned and Nora Brogan, Patsy and Kathleen Gillespie and his uncle Francie Brogan.

Shane is survived by his wife Donna, daughters Katie and Amy, parents Sean and Rosemarie, sister Gemma (Dave), brother Patrick (Sharon), Ronan (Aileen), mother in law Mary Sweeney, father in law James Sweeney, brother's in law Mark (Jill) and Owen, nieces and nephews Molly, Peadar, Sadie, Doireann and Oscar, friends, team mates, work colleagues and good neighbours.

Shane was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Death of Paddy Byrne

The death took place on Sunday of Paddy (Patrick) Byrne, H a w t h o r n Heights, Letterkenny. A native of Kilmacrennan, he passed away at the Donegal Hospice. The Byrne family had a pub business in the village. Paddy was a boarder at St. Eunan's College before going on to study at University College

Galway where he graduated with an engineering degree. Following his marriage to Christine the couple lived in Annagry initially before settling in Letterkenny. Paddy was a keen GAA follower and was widely acknowledged to be a very good card player, especially bridge. Family came first and foremost with him with his three children's education at the top of the list. Like himself, all three went to study at third level.

Paddy is survived by his wife Christine, son James, daughters Helena and Joanne, sons-in-law Eamonn Ferry and Donal Kelly, granddaughters, Ciara, Aoife, Aisling, Eimear, Orla and Niamh; siblings Máire O'Donnell (Annagry), John-Joe, Micheal, Martin (Kilcar); brothers-in-law Paddy-Joe O'Donnell (Annagry), Seamus and Paddy O'Donnell (Killybegs), and his many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister Kathleen O'Donnell (Ardara) and his parents John and Nellie.

Remains reposed at the family home in Hawthorn Heights from Sunday. Funeral was from there on Tuesday to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Anthony Hartnett. Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Ceme-



tery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Ann Harkin

The death has taken place of Ann Harkin (nee Deeney), late of Ballymore, Dunfanaghy. She passed away on Tuesday in Letterkenny University Hospital following her recent ill health.

He was 77. Known for her quiet, kind nature, she spent part of her life in Scotland.

Predeceased by her husband Jim. She will be sadly missed by her sons, James and Kevin, sisters Mamie, Fay, Teresa, Rose and Veronica and brother John, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Her remains are reposing at her home from Wednesday morning. Funeral Mass in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough on Friday morning, 15th November, at 11a.m. Burial is afterwards in Doe Cemetery. Funeral Mass can be viewed live on <https://mcn.live/Camera/st-michaels-church> Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.



Death of Maureen Kelly

The death occurred last weekend of Maureen Kelly, late of Creesloughbeg, Creeslough. Maureen, née M c L a u g h l i n, was formerly of Knocknafagher, Dunfanaghy.

She passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 9th, in care of the staff of Medical 3, Letterkenny University Hospital. She was aged 93 and was remembered for her kind, quiet nature.

Predeceased by her husband Willie she is survived by her children Mary (Terry), Kevin (Maev), Liam (Ann Marie), and Carol (David). She will also be missed by her daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren Ciaran, Michael, Ronan, Liam, Sarah, Aoife, Jonathan, Daniel, Andrew, Aoibhinn and Cillian, sister Pam and brother Malachy, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Her remains were reposing at the home of her son Liam and daughter in law Anne-Marie Kelly in Creesloughbeg.

Funeral Mass was in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough, on Tuesday, and celebrated by Fr. John Joe Duffy, and concelebrated by Fr. Martin Doohan and Fr. Seamus Murphy.

Burial took place afterwards in Doe Graveyard. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.



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Clement

New workshop and charging station granted for Glenveagh

Planning permission has been granted for new facilities at Glenveagh National Park.

The conditional permission allows the construction of a vehicle servicing workshop and a vehicle charging station including a canopy structure, all ancillary site works including staff parking and connection to existing drainage network. The application was made by the Department Of Housing Local Government And Heritage for the site at Gartan Mountain, Glenveagh National Park.

Glebe gets Green Flag

Glebe House and Gallery in Churchill is one of 12 Office of Public Works sites to have been awarded an International Green Flag Award this week.

The OPW's, John Conlon said: "I am delighted that many of our OPW sites have been awarded these flags, which highlights the wonderfully diverse parks in our care. These parks provide unique spaces for the public to enjoy and we are proud that we continue to receive the recognition for the work and dedication that goes into the upkeep of these beautiful parks. I would particularly like to congratulate all the OPW staff whose hard work and commitment to each property has contributed towards these Awards. The OPW places great importance on the sustainable management and conservation of the State's Heritage sites, and the Green Flag Awards scheme is a wonderful way of recognising and celebrating these high standards."

Milford

Death of Thomas McGinley

The death took place at Letterkenny University Hospital on Monday 11th November of Thomas McGinley, 236 Lower Mount Marian, Milford. Thomas was 29 years of age and predeceased by his father Francie in September 2017. His remains were removed from the Eternal Light Chapel



of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Tuesday, residing at the residence of his aunt Anne and Andy Burke, 1 Cul Glas, Milford.

Funeral Mass will take place on this Thursday at 11am in St Peter's Church followed by Burial in Milford Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to his mother Teresa, sister Teresa, grandmother Philomena, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family and friends.

Milford United

Milford United Senior team will play away to Gweedore United in the league on Sunday 17th November at 1.00pm. On Sunday last they recorded victory over Cranford FC in the League at Moyle View Park by three goals to one, goal scorers were Cathal McGettigan, Conor McHugh and Joey Cullen.

The reserve team defeated Gweedore United on Saturday last 5-1 with goals from Mark Wilson, Adam Hosford, Caolan McBride and Daithi

McTaggart. This Saturday 16th November they will play away to Cranford FC at 1pm.

Christmas 50/50

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

Book Fair

A Book Fair will be held on Friday 15th Nov from 3-8pm in the Reformed Presbyterian Church at the Milford Retail Park. Come along browse and buy, second hand books available too for a donation, and grab a cup of tea/coffee and a bun! Look forward to seeing you.

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Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Bar Golf Society Presidents Day will take place on Saturday 16th November at Portsalon Golf Club, tee times are as follows - 11:20 Captain David Bonner, Scott McBride, Cian McGettigan; 11:28 John McGettigan, Stephen Boucher, Mick Bowe; 11:36 Denis McBride, Michael McCarron, Pauric Curley; 11:44 Michael O'Hara, Peter Doherty, PJ Hagan, Anthony Toland; 11:52 Fergus Friel, Gary Sheehan, Peter O'Donnell, Brian Forrest; 12:00 Dean Shields, Paul McGinley, Adam Bolton, Jim Deeney; 12:08 Donal McCafferty, Eamonn McCafferty, Martin MacCafferty, President Eugene McCafferty. Presentation of President's Prize and Golfer of the Year will take place on Saturday night in the Hi-Da-Way Bar at 9:30pm. Contact

Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Social Dancing Milford Hall

Social dancing continues in the Milford Hall on Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm with a good mix of Two Hand, Ceili and Line Dancing. Light refreshments. €5 entry. 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. Sunday 1st December with Billy Wray.

Mass Times

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 16th November at 6pm; Sunday 17th November at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Thursday 14th November 7pm, Sunday 17th November at 9.30am.

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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.

Milford Yoga

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Milford win derby

Milford United 3 Cranford FC 1

Visitors Cranford made life tough for the home side at Moyle View Park as milford had to fight from a goal down at the break to clinch Victory in the 2nd half. Milford had plenty of possession In opening period and created half chances but Jason Hergarty was excellent between the posts for the visitors. On 40 mins Chris Carr headed home from a corner to give Cranford the lead. The rear guard of Cranford of the experienced Chris Carr And Cris Duffy looked solid for an hour, until substitutes Finn Coll and Mark Wilson combined well on the wing for Joey Cullen with a great lay off to Cathal McGettigan to fire home on 65mins for the equaliser. Ten minutes later Conor McHugh shot from distance to bottom corner wad enough to beat He-

garty in nets. On 85min Joey Cullen converted from close range following a shot from McGettigan to seal victory much to the delight of the Milford team and large crowd. Chris Carr and Chris Duffy were best for Cranford. Best for Milford were Jonny Logue, Cathal McGettigan and Kilian McBride. Referee Seimi Ferry. Milford Team: Caolan McGettigan, Conor McHugh, Jonny Logue, Niall Murray, Shane Black, Killian McBride, Joey Cullen, Corey Lee McConigley, Darren McLaughlin, Cathal McGettigan, Kyle Black. Subs Finn Coll for Darren McLaughlin, Mark Wilson for Niall Murray, Conor Coll for Corey Lee McConigley, Shea Gibbons for Kyle Black, unused Paul Ryan, Jacob Campbell.

Discussion absent on SP Barrett non-appointment

At Monday night's County Committee meeting in Convooy all the Donegal GAA football and hurling managers were officially confirmed for the 2025 season. There was no discussion on any of the positions even on the most contentious issue of Shaun Paul Barrett not being appointed for a second year as U20 manager which had been widely anticipated. Despite having done a good job in 2024 he was the only man not reappointed for a second term.

Jim McGuinness, Barry Ward, Mickey McCann and Adie Gaffey were all reappointed to their respective football and hurling posts.

Last year Barrett's U20 team only missed out on an Ulster Final following a controversial late finish to the match against Derry in Ballybofey. Derry went on to win the All-Ireland U20 Championship. Barrett has been involved with Donegal underage sides for well over a decade bringing on many players who have gone to play for the Donegal senior side. He

managed the County Minors to an All-Ireland semi-final and four years ago he was in charge of a Donegal team that reached the Ulster U20 Football Final. It's not easy for managers from North of the Gap to get more than a year as an adult County manager especially if one is from Milford or Fanad as Paddy Carr also found out last year.

At Monday night's monthly County Committee meeting the new County U20 manager was confirmed as Gary Boyle, a member of the Naomh Mhuire Club and a teacher at Rosses CS in Dungloe. He is involved with Shay Murrin and Niall Friel who have taken charge of the newly formed Southwest Donegal team that are entered in the MacRory Cup. They have responsibility for five schools, Colaiste Na Carraige, St Catherine's VS, Killybegs, St Columba's Comprehensive, Glenties, Pobalscoil Na Rosann, and Pobalscoil Ghaioth Dobhair. Murrin is representing St Columba's CS, Boyle from Pobalscoil Na Rosann and Friel is with Pobalscoil Ghaioth Dobhair.

Milford AC News

International call up for Anthony

After the Irish masters trials in Dublin three weeks ago, Anthony Doherty was first reserve on the Irish 0/55 men's team. After a drop out, Anthony was called upon to make up the four team members of the Irish 0/55 men's team to compete in the Masters international cross country in Belfast this coming Saturday.

Remembrance 10k

Thirteen club athletes took part in the annual Remembrance 10km at Finn Valley on Sunday. Anthony Doherty led the way finishing 6th overall in 36.01. Daniel Cullen continues his excellent season as he took 20 seconds off a long standing pb to run 40.50. Micheal McHugh was hoping to get under 45 and


with the pacing help of Damian McBride he ran an excellent 42.39. Kieran McAteer took 3 minutes off his NW 10 km time in May to run 45.29. His wife Karen continues her excellent season by running a pb of 46.14. Milford resident, Bronagh Harley was hoping to get under one hour with the pacing help of school colleague, Liam McLaughlin but went almost 5 minutes better to record 55.18. **Results** - Anthony Doherty 36.01; Daniel Cullen 40.50pb; Damian McBride 42.39; Micheal McHugh 42.39; Joe McLaughlin 43.41; Frank McTaggart 44.29; Kieran McAteer 45.29pb; Karen McAteer 46.18pb; Patrick Shiels 52.04; Brona Harley 55.18pb; Liam McLaughlin 55.18; Debbie Houston 63.28 and Fiona Blaney 63.28.



Donal Cullen, Chairperson Radharc na Cille Residents Association and Frances Connor, Chairperson Lower Mount Marian Residents Association along with Declan Meehan Manager of Milford & District Resource Centre receiving funding. The donations came from the Development Fund and is funded by the Rags to Riches Charity Shop as well as from the profits of MDRC.



Buster (Danny O'Carroll) meets one of Mrs Browns biggest fans Fergal McBride from Milford




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Major industry award for Boyle Construction



Letterkenny-based firm, Boyle Construction, were crowned Contractor of the Year at the 2024 Irish Construction Industry Awards at a gala event in Dublin last Thursday.

The Donegal company was shortlisted alongside BHA Construction, Boyne Construction and Maintenance, CField Construction, Kelbuild, Shareridge and Taylor Construction, before they were announced as the overall contractor of the

year to great jubilation from the team present at the event. A statement from the company paid tribute to their staff and all who supported them on the journey to this prestigious award.

They stated: "We are proud to have won the prestigious Contractor of the Year award at the Irish Construction Industry Awards, held last night at the Royal Convention Centre in Dublin. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard

work, expertise, and commitment of our dedicated staff, trusted subcontractors, and reliable suppliers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our success."

Founded by brothers Donal and Eugene Boyle in 1984, the company has grown and developed to become one of Ireland's premiere construction and fit-out firms working in several sectors including healthcare, education, commercial, and retail.

Mulroy Woods Hotel Milford

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Every Thursday 9 to 11pm
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Olivia Douglas
Thurs. 21st -
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Spot Prizes
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Fine Gael backs business by cutting costs

Fine Gael will cut costs for businesses around Donegal with their ambitious plan, both their candidates said. Within 100 days of Government, they plan to introduce a package to reduce the VAT rate to 11% for food based hospitality, entertainment and hairdressers, provide a PRSI rebate for SMEs and establish a new energy grant scheme worth €4,000 for retail and hospitality businesses.

Senator Bradley said: "This is good news for businesses across Donegal. Fine Gael will cut the VAT rate to 11% for food based and entertainment businesses, along with hairdressers. This will be a permanent change to give businesses the certainty they need. John McNulty said: "As a self-employed business owner, I understand that thriving local businesses are the backbone of a strong rural economy. Not only will we cut costs for businesses, but we will also back our retail businesses and workers."

Better the house of mourning

I had a funeral last week of a wonderful godly lady. She had spent many years trusting in her Saviour and was more than ready to meet him. In thinking of her funeral I was reminded of several things: There's a verse in the Bible that says, "It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart." (Ecclesiastes 7:2) I was reminded of a talk on YouTube by Kathryn Mannix, a palliative care doctor, who said, "Human beings are the only animals capable of contemplating their own mortality, and they've

been doing that for thousands of years." And yet she would go on to point out that we have distanced ourselves from it in recent decades. It's something we talk less and less about. They say that in the Victorian era death was a common topic of conversation, and sex never. Yet we have reversed this, sex is plastered everywhere, and death hardly ever spoken of. And we are the poorer for it. People face it with unspoken fear and unreadiness. I remember visiting a nursing home and taking a friend with me - he was in his mid-nineties. He asked if there was anyone older than him - only one. Then

Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

he pointed at me and said, "I'm going to say something that this young one can't - it would seem impudent from him, but since I am almost the oldest in the room I can say it." Then he said, "My friends, we are going to die

soon, and no one is talking to us about it. And as perhaps the closest one to it, I want to talk to you about it." And so with pathos and compassion this elderly man spoke, and the residents and the staff all listened as he told of how he had found a way to face death with hope - it was a moving experience. We do need to think about it. Death is not natural - just because it happens to all of us doesn't make it so. It is an ugly intruder, hence why the poet said "Rage, rage against the dying of the light" - we know it is an interruption of the beauty and grandeur

of life. Yet it comes to us all, and we would do well to think about it. Can you face death with confident hope? I believe so; in fact that is part of the good news of the Bible. God would not have us die in uncertainty - that would be cruel. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to conquer death so that those who entrust themselves to Jesus would also be victorious. The certainty of Christ's work on the cross and his resurrection from the grave means that his people can have certainty too, even as they face the end of life

here. Now that is a kindness, and that is what my aged friend shared in that nursing home. We are the only creatures who can contemplate mortality, but if we never give it a thought, it will sneak upon us and we will miss the opportunity. If we do contemplate it, and take hold of him who conquered, we will be able to say with the apostle Paul, "Where O death is your victory, where O death is your sting? ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Christ Jesus." (1 Corinthians 15:55,57)

BOOK FAIR -

Friday 15th Nov 3pm - 8pm. Come along browse and buy, second hand books available too for a donation, and grab a cup of tea/coffee and a bun! Look forward to seeing you at the Reformed Presbyterian Church at the Milford Retail Park. Mark Loughbridge is one of the ministers in Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or jmarkloughbridge@gmail.com.



The boats take to the water in Rathmullan for the IUSA Sailing event.



Some of the competitors in the IUSA Sailing Event in Rathmullan at the weekend.



Organisers of the IUSA Sailing Event in Rathmullan at the weekend.

Rathmullan

Tidy Towns

The annual Playground Clean, Beach front and Pier area will take place on Saturday 30th November, and we're asking for your help. Meet at the playground at 10.30am. Children and families particularly welcome, with refreshments served afterwards.

The 'Upcycled Christmas Décor' 6 week course, facilitated by Moira McHugh, Perfectly Thrifted Interiors part funded by ETB's Community Education Support programme is now fully subscribed. Are you taking Risks in the Dark? Gardai are urging us all to 'be Bright and be Seen', so wear hi viz clothing when out and about during these darker evenings. Have you noticed any faulty street lighting in Rathmullan, then please report it to 1800 1501 150. Electric Skyline is the contract for defective public lighting in County Donegal.

Rathmullan Celtic 50/50

Congratulations to Claire McGinley, The Kinnegar on winning the October Jackpot and to Odhran Patton on winning the bonus prize. November tickets now available in all the usual locations and online now. Paypal: <https://paypal.me/RathmullanCelticFC> or Revolut: Enda McElhinney, on 086 401 9256, Cain Connolly on 086 348 9941 or Mark Curran on 086 873 2749. All ticket purchases will be confirmed either by email or text.

Christmas Lights

Help Rathmullan sparkle more this year by supporting the Annual Raffle with Hampers and many others prizes on offer. Lines €2 or 3 for €5 available in all local outlets. Further information available on 085 1172107. Best wishes to the Volunteer Crews who are already busy erecting the Lights, which promises to be bigger and better this year again.

Donegal Designer Makers

The annual 'Christmas Presence Craft & Design fair' will take place at Rathmullan House on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November from 11-5pm each day, showcasing the county's leading designers and artisan craft workers, with a unique range of quality gifts.

IUSA Sailing Event

What an epic weekend for Rathmullan Sailing & Watersports Club and the Sailing School when they hosted the first ever Irish University Sailing Event in County Donegal. Over 170 sailors from all over Ireland arrived on Friday accompanied by 18 specialist dinghies and racing started on Saturday morning at 10.15am after briefing. The weather was ideal

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which ensured a superb weekend of fun for everyone on and off the water, with excellent online live coverage throughout the weekend.

Congratulations to the 'Team' for hosting this major Itish Sailing Association Ulster event, which showcased the best of young talent in Irish sailing from all over Ireland, who were warmly welcomed by the Rathmullan community. A first for Rathmullan and hopefully more events of this caliber will now follow.

Bingo with a Difference

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

Beginners Restorative Yoga

An introduction to Restorative Yoga with Anne Marie will take place on Saturday 23rd November, 2pm to 3.30pm at the RDRC. Fee €10. For bookings or information email rathmullanyoga@gmail.com

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, contact the Confidential number 087 698 2822. Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, while also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. If you're looking for some Christmas inspiration, then why not drop in and select a few great bits & pieces suitable for upcycling. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturday afternoons.

Clean Coasts & Coastal Care

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday morning, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10am. The 2 minute Beach Clean Boards are near the Pier Car Park and on the beach opposite Patton's Butchers, so please do a litter pick on either beach, any day, any time that suits you.

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- 181 Citroen Berlingo x2
- 172 Peugeot Partner
- 161 Ford Fiesta Van

Review County Development Plan: O'Donnell

General Election Candidate, Frank O'Donnell, has said that he has concerns with the new Donegal County Development Plan for 2024-2030. It was adopted by the Council in June 2024. O'Donnell, feels that part of this Development Plan should be reviewed as a matter of urgency. His concern centres on 'Chapter 8', which includes the infrastructure of the N-56 Road Network which he says will have unforeseen consequences for rural towns and villages on this road network. Many of these townlands are situated in Gaeltacht areas which are already under strain. O'Donnell feels that the implementation of the current plan will stifle the potential for growth in these smaller townlands and villages. "The Development Plan in its current form, only allows for a limited number of homes to be constructed on the route. I feel that this restriction may lead to depopulation within these areas. As a result, this will lead to the depletion of essential services and commercial and social activities, adding more strain on these communities. If elected, I will request to relevant Government Ministers that this limited access on planning be removed from the Development Plan and that a common sense approach be adopted in keeping with the planning regulations that are in place for the rest of the County" he concluded.

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Rathmullan-based film claims International award

Irish language film Fídal Ghorm (The Blue Fiddle), shot in Rathmullan last year has won the prestigious Audience Award for Best Irish Feature at the Newport International Film Festival in California.

The event saw the international Premiere of the film that already claimed awards in Ireland at the Galway Film Fleadh where it won best feature film.

The film producers were Pierce Boyce from Rathmullan and Bríd Seoighe. It was directed by Anne Mc Cabe 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



Pierce Boyce and Bríd Seoighe from Fídal Ghorm. 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.

Book Review by Connie McGranaghan

Only Ever Yours Louise O'Neill



This novel by Irish author Louise O'Neill is set in an imaginary future society where girls have ceased being born and are manufactured purely for the pleasure of the hierarchy (men). The women, known as Eves, are schooled up until the age of seventeen.

At this school they are cut off from the outside world and spend their days learning how to be a physically perfect and dutiful wife. At the age of seventeen the Eves will be placed into three categories upon which their futures will be decided. At their 'Ceremony' they may be one of the lucky ten to be chosen as a companion (wife) by the hierarchy. On the other hand it may be decided that the Eve will leave the school to become a concubine living the rest of their lives sexually gratifying the hierarchy. The concubines will most likely live together in a brothel of sorts. If all else fails and you are chosen neither as an Eve or deemed worthy to be a concubine then the left-over Eves will become a Chastity who never leaves the school and never gets to discover the outside world. The Chastity's will be tasked with teaching the next generation of Eves.

must compete against her sisters to remain ranked as one of the top ten Eves. This competition involves clothes, makeup, gym sessions, backstabbing, spitefulness and NEVER EVER eating from the 'fat girls buffet'. Frieda is struggling in the last few months particularly because her best friend Isobel who was ranked number one Eve has become distant and even more sinfully has stopped taking care of her appearance and is becoming overweight. Frieda hooks up with another Eve, Megan who due to Isobel's fall from grace becomes number one Eve. Later when (Mean girl) Megan figures that Frieda may be about to get something that she herself wants, she sets out to do her utmost to ensure that Frieda does not pip her at the post and does this in a unmercifully cruel way.



Louise O'Neill is an excellent author but in keeping with some of her other work this book is not easy and at times is very uncomfortable reading. It was first published ten years ago but I feel a lot of the messages still resonate with today's society and the way in which some still view women and unfortunately how many women view themselves. The ending was not as I would have liked but this would not stop me from recommending this powerful and though provoking book. Highly recommended.

The main Eve presented in the novel is Frieda and the story centres around the sixteen-year olds preparation for her upcoming Ceremony, where she may or may not be chosen as a companion. She

Letterkenny AC Notes

L.A.C. was well represented by Danny Mooney and Noeleen Scanlan at the Finn Valley A.C. Remembrance Run 10km.

Danny won the men's race in a superb time of 31:34 while Noeleen won the women's in an outstanding time of 36:21.

L.A.C.'s Philip Mc Hugh crossed the line in second place running 34:32 and John Foley came in 4th place in an excellent time of 35:10.

Margaret Shiels ran 49:46, Alicia McNulty 51:49, Con Duffy 51:44 while Anne Robinson ran 55:48.

In the 5km run Noreen Pinder ran

33:08, Ger O'Rian ran 33:29, Angela Mc Gee ran 36:49, Brenda Faul ran 36:50, Noel Mc Hugh ran 51:56 while Noelle Lynch ran 1:07:00.

LAC host running sessions from the Aura Leisure Centre on a Tuesday at 5.15pm and 6.30pm for interval running sessions, a Thursday evening hill run at 6pm, Saturday mornings at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday mornings at 8am for a long run.

Fit 4 Life which is run by LAC in conjunction with the Donegal Sports Partnership takes place every Monday at 6pm on the track at the Aura Leisure Centre Letterkenny.

Anam Cara

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on this Thursday 14th November at 7:15pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.



Groups enjoying the presentation of the cheques from the McGinley Family sponsored cycle from Letterkenny to Bolton in Carrs of the Diamond.



Ramelton Community Christmas Tree Festival

- Friday 29th November: 2-9pm
- Saturday 30th November: 2-9pm
- Sunday 1st December: 2-9pm

Ramelton Presbyterian Church
(F92 AW77)

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All donations will go to RNLI and St. Vincent de Paul.

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5.30pm - 8.30pm

Sunday Lunch
1pm - 3.30pm

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Ramelton Coffee Evening and Cake Sale

A Coffee Evening and Cake Sale will be held in Raymond and Frances Armour's Home at Loughnagin, Ramelton T92TX92 on Friday 15th November from 5.00 – 9.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds are in aid of a Medical Centre in Uganda for children with Clubfeet, Cerebral Palsy and various Limb deformities.

Pat the Cope welcomes revised Housing Adaptation Grants

General Election Candidate, Pat the Cope Gallagher has welcomed the publication of regulations giving effect to the recommendations in the recently published 'Report on the Review of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability'. The key changes include an increase in the grant limits of over 30%, an increase of 25% in the income thresholds for eligibility. The legislation adjusts the burden sharing for local authorities by reducing their funding contribution to 15% (from the existing 20%) together with a number of amendments to the means test.



The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny

Country Sundays
Sun. 17th November -


Derek Ryan




Doors Open 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11pm Pay at door followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.

Coming :- 24th Nov. - Robert Mizzell, 1st Dec. - Jimmy Buckley

Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas.





If you are in need of support this Christmas, contact Ramelton SVP in confidence.

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Volunteers wanted to help monitor earthquake activity in Donegal

Did you know that Donegal is the most seismically active county in Ireland? When you feel the earth move under your feet, it might not be your imagination!

The Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS), in collaboration with Geological Survey Ireland runs the Irish National Seismic Network and its associated citizen engagement programme, called QuakeShake. The INSN monitors and reports on earthquakes throughout Ireland and our surrounding seas.

QuakeShake is now calling on citizen volunteers to help monitor Donegal's earthquakes. A special workshop for interested participants is being held in the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny on this Thursday 14th November from 7.30-8.30pm. This free event is part of Research Ireland's Science Week 2024. As places are limited, DIAS is urging people to register for the workshop on Eventbrite at <https://quakeshake.ie/register>

This workshop will cover: An introduction to earthquakes: why they occur and how they are monitored; Donegal's earthquakes; How the local community can join the QuakeShake citizen science programme and What is involved in hosting a seismometer in your home

Happy 70th
It's a great day for the parish as Mary McGrenra (nee Birney) of Kilmacrennan turns 70!

Mother, sister, granny and all-round Chief of the family- Happy Birthday, we love you xx




SANTA DASH

FAMILY FUN WALK

Sunday November 24th
3pm @ The Boardwalk, Carrigart

All runners are welcome!
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Lennon Ploughing Association Annual Presentation



Gerry Mallon and Dean Conaghan with the U16 loy diggers - 1st Michael Boyle, Kilmacrennan, Calum McKeague, Bob Simms and Zack McKeague, Henry Simms, Alfie Simms, Leeroy Simms, Harry Simms and Anthony McKinney.



Hughie McDaid presenting Matthew Simms, Milford with the Senior World Style Donegal Creameries Cup. Also seated are Gary Simms, Milford 2nd and Harry Mallon, Kilmacrennan 3rd. At back Lee Simms, Milford winner of the Junior World Style winning the Howard Rutherford Cup and 2nd place Dean Conaghan, Milford.



Kathlee Donaghey presenting the Junior Ladies Loy Diggers Cup to Jose Goes, Kilmacrennan. Also included are Cara Simms, Milford 2nd and Helen Doherty, 3rd.



Prizewinners at the Lennon Ploughing Association included Ivan Wilson and John Roulston 3rd and 2nd in the Classic Conventional Class, Mark Simms 1st Vintage Single Furrow Class, Alan Simms 2nd in Vintage Lift Class and Patrick Doherty 3rd in Vintage Lift Class.



Matthew Simms, chairman of the Lennon Ploughing Association presenting awards to Alan Simms to mark him winning the Vintage 6 Nations Award in Scotland and Oliver Peoples, winner of the All Ireland Senior Loy Digging.



Prizewinners at the Lennon Ploughing Association Match were Peter Buchanan, Cranford 1st in the 3 Furrow receiving the Letterkenny Skip Hire Cup, Ellie Simms winner of the Farmerette Class winning the William Borland Cup, Tamzin Friel, Fanad winner of the Conal McElwee Cup for Beginners Class and Evan McGirr, 2nd in the 3 Furrow Class.



Dean Conaghan presenting the Harry Conaghan Cup for the Senior Ladies Loy Digging to winner Kathleen Donaghy, Letterkenny with 2nd place Marion Boyce, Ramelton.

Radio Maria Christmas fundraiser in Letterkenny!

On Thursday 28th November in The Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, the Catholic radio station Radio Maria Ireland will be holding their very first Christmas Fundraiser in Donegal. Doors open on the evening at 6pm which will include a four course meal, raffle prizes, live entertainment featuring local musicians Hugh P and Maria Doherty (pictured right) and also in attendance will be John Carlin and Deacon Don Devaney the President and Spiritual Director of Radio Maria who will share some highlights of the year. The radio is Ireland's only Catholic radio station broadcasting to an audience of hundreds of thousands of listeners, both nationally and internationally. As a registered charity, Radio Maria Ireland seeks to provide a supportive, easy-listening service free of all commercial advertising and with a variety of programming, prayer, and music 24 hours a day. The three pillars of the broadcasting are of catechesis, prayer, and human forma-

tion, accompanying the listeners on their own journey of faith. Radio Maria Ireland is also reaching nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons with its own unique mission of comfort and support to those otherwise isolated or alone. Deacon Don Devaney said "I would personally like to invite anyone who lives in the area to come along to the Radio Maria Christmas Fundraiser in Letterkenny on Thursday 28th November to celebrate Christmas while also supporting a good cause and do bring a friend!" Radio Maria Ireland is available on digital television via Saorview channel 210, website www.radiomaria.ie, or on the App 'Radio Maria Ireland', via Alexa, Facebook and Google and, for those without digital connectivity via landline phone broadcast on 003531 437 3277. To book your ticket (€65/€60 per person) go to Eventbrite.ie or to book over the phone, call 01 4 123456.



Strong Trade Sees Lamb Prices Up This Week

IFA Sheep chair Adrian Gallagher said lamb prices continue to rise as factories struggle to match supplies, with market demand lifting prices by a further 10c/kg this week. "Supplies of suitably finished lambs are extremely tight on the ground as weekly spring lamb throughput continues to fall. Total lamb throughput is currently back 9% to date in 2024," he said. Sheep meat produced across the EU and UK is also down this year and factories must stand firm and maximise returns from the marketplace. Lambs are making from €7.60/kg to €7.90/kg in general, with up to €8.00/kg paid on weights to 23.5kg. Cull ewes are making from €3.80/kg to €4.20/kg in general. The mart trade has also strengthened for finished and store lambs, ensuring farmers are under no pressure to offload lambs that require further feeding. He said, "Lower volumes here, and reduced imports of lamb from outside the EU to our key export markets, will help underpin the trade for the remainder of the year. Its important factories continue this upward trajectory in prices to maintain confidence in the sector and ensure store lamb buyers remain active in marts."

How many clangers can we expect this time?

Remember the last General Election campaign? How could you have forgotten? Were we not living in fear of another uprising? In January 2020, Leo Varadkar was faced with a vote of no confidence in the Health Minister, Simon Harris. If your memory serves you right, you'll recall that Harris signed the contract for the National Children's Hospital.

Roll up... roll up for the last few sausages and a toasted burger. If there's a takeaway down the street or if the last pub in the village is still open, tell them Cousin Simon is offering the hospitality sector a 2% cut in Vat three days after the Finance Bill was guillotined in the Dail. In effect what Harris has done is to hammer those now paying VAT at 9%. Fine Gael's plan was immediately undercut with Jack Chambers stating it would increase energy prices. Micheál Martin said the rate of 11% would only drive up costs for householders through higher gas and electricity prices. Finance Minister Jack Chambers explained a VAT reduction to 11% had been considered during budget negotiations this year but it was found that rates on gas and electricity bills would increase to 11% as a result. In fact, Harris is increasing the 9% VAT rate by 2% and he's offering credits to try and cover the costs. Simon's not joking because this is FG policy. We are already getting used to Simon Harris rushing around the aisles in the supermarkets with a fixed smile and half scared in case he's asked to justify the 10c a litre increase in milk. But FF is not going to be outdone because they've got

such a promising record. Uncle Micheál wants to hand you a 30% cut in the price of a second hand house. But don't be tempted to go back to the Celtic Tiger and start building half an estate because there will be a property crash like no other. Thank you Fianna Fail. Remember the last General Election campaign? How could you have forgotten? Were we not living in fear of another uprising? In January 2020, Leo Varadkar was facing a vote of confidence in the Health Minister, Simon Harris: remember he was the one that signed the contract for the National Children's Hospital... In an RTE Radio interview on January 12th 2020, Varadkar acknowledged that there is a "deep crisis in our health service" and said that hearing of people who had bad experiences "pains me". Despite this, the Taoiseach said that progress has been made "that never really gets acknowledged" but that "it was never going to be a quick fix". He stated: "We had 12,000 beds in our hospital system, in our back in 2005. A policy decision, an ideological decision was made by Fianna Fáil in government to take 2,000 beds out, to cut 2,000 beds, they did. Then there was a financial crisis, and it's only in the last couple of years that we've had the money

to reverse that policy and we have been reversing it." And when things could not get worse for FG, they suddenly did. A few weeks before the general election, plans were announced to commemorate the RIC as part of the decade of centenaries. It was the most genuine clanger ever to hit Fine Gael and I suspect it damaged their profile. The proposal stirred up old grievances reaching back a century. The Fine Gael minister overseeing the plan, Charlie Flanagan, was cast as a Black and Tan sympathiser. Whatever happened to the RIC commemoration? Charlie is not running again but he is still in the news: saying "Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil must strive to rule together in a majority government. Last thing the country wants is another left-wing tail wagging two dogs." How many clangers can we expect this time? This is the shortest of campaigns with the minimum three weeks to get it done and dusted. And as we are seeing already, campaigns do matter. After the local and EU elections in June, a survey by the Electoral Commission found that half of all voters made up their minds in the last week of the campaign... so listen up because the opinion polls will be crucial. And Donegal as a five-seater and a retiring FG deputy, there will be much attention from the pollsters. As yet it is too early to read the trends because there is a more independently minded voting mindset. The adversarial climate that drove the campaigns up 2011 is gone. Fianna Fail were well and truly hammered in the shadow of the property crash and a new era dawned and Fine Gael has been in office ever since. Good or Bad? You are the judge and by voting, you are part of the democratic process. Believe it or not, it is vital to cast your vote for many reasons. We won the right to have con-

trol of our own destiny and our freedom in very difficult times. We should cherish that through the legitimate systems that govern our electoral processes. We have that privilege at Local and EU Elections, in General Elections and in referendums. Many voters nowadays do not belong to any party. And while many will vote for one of the longstanding groups, their vote is not a given because a new generation of voters mark their ballot papers in what is really a civic manner. They tend to vote for whoever ticks most of their boxes. Already the general election campaign has all the hallmarks of auction politics and we are reminded of 1977 when FF's promises removed domestic rates and car tax. This was the very first turbo charged election campaign and for decades after, the people were left with no arse in their trousers because there was no plan B. And now Simon Harris is Taoiseach, my goodness what a difference an election can make. Harris was the reason for the General Election in 2020 when the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar faced a vote of no confidence in the Minister for Health. Just now the postman has delivered another double payout and the Christmas rush there's another half a dozen to come before Santa comes flying down the chimney. As the campaign for the general election moves up the political agenda this week we already know that some records will be broken before the 34th Dail meets. Back in 2020 the health system was described as a 'basket case'. So was housing and both still fit that template of failure. In politics change happens at a snail's pace: but not when it comes to increasing the number of Deputies in the House. For a start there are 174 deputies and those numbers are set to increase at a rate of two new TD's with every passing year. By 2030 the number of

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Dail Deputies will exceed two hundred. The fact is that general elections and the constituency numbers are dictated by the 1937 Constitution is patently ridiculous. To continue to have between 20,000 and 30,000 people per TD is an outdated regulation that has failed to move with the progress of the country's communications network is unbelievable. In an era going back to that of the oil lamp and the bush telegraph to a modern society of communications - mobile phones, text messaging, social media and in an age of digital freedom our failure to change the electoral mandate as laid out in the Constitution is one of the biggest fault lines in politics. Fear of change: fear of the unknown has led to a systemic failure to put the country on a realistic footing that reflects the changes and the local TD's office is twenty seconds away. While I've not seen all the party policy statements, I'm not sure that any of them are making a call for a referendum to change the Constitution's position to make the kind of changes needed in line for a modern democracy and to reduce the number of TDs because we're now in the kind of territory that makes it impossible for the Electoral Commission to redraw county boundaries in a manner whereby each county boundary will have as little change as possible. The electoral rules laid down in the Constitution are archaic and long past the time to reflect a society that is resident in the 21st. century. Things would have been very different in 1937 but it seems almost unbelievable that De Valera tied down any changes to meet the progress of future generations by a referendum. It is equally unbelievable that we had so many new Dail eras: this is the 25th since 1938. Back then there were 34 constituencies and 138 seats. Can Simon Harris as a new Taoiseach use his much publicised energy, enthusiasm, pragmatism and forward thinking to hold a referendum to make the changes necessary? I doubt that he will! Mention of Harris making headlines, he was the headlines when Leo Varadkar dissolved the Dail in 2020. The Deputy behind the motion was Michael Collins. The Cork SW TD said: there is an unprecedented crisis in the health care system. He said that the number of people consistently on hospital trolleys, lengthy hospital waiting lists. Michael Healy-Rae said the health service is "in a shambles" and Mr Harris should be ashamed of his tenure. While a no-confidence motion in Minister Harris had been mooted since early December this new motion put Taoiseach Leo Varadkar into a tailspin. The Taoiseach counted the numbers... obviously he counted them twice. The general election was not due to the middle of Summer. But with no choice, Varadkar, called a General Election for February 8th. Harris would not return to the Health portfolio.

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James Friel, Kerri Ann Coyle and Martin Duffy on stage.



Danny McLaughlin, Dermot Mills and Tom Egan in the Show.

'Stop it Nurse' lifts the spirits in Ramelton

We all know that things in the health service are a total basket case and staff are in short supply, very short supply. But we only came to realise how chaotic things really are when we saw the Sam Cree comedy 'Stop it Nurse' in Ramelton at the weekend.

by John McAteer

It took hospital life to a whole new level... romance, confusion, football rivalry between Swilly Rovers and the Mariners. There were love letters in the sands of confusion as we saw that life in this surgical ward at the hospital is no bed of roses....

So the unfortunate patients and staff make plans for recovery (with great difficulty). They talked about football, the future, marriage, affairs of the heart and a blocked drain and the wild windy night that was in it.

These patients faced long days in hospital... made longer with visitors, badly made apple tarts, sweets and the vocation of a kind and caring visitor to making life a happy, happy place seemed to have been missed by the characters.

And almost improbably, they are encouraged to dance. And they drink to good health and happiness... and so said all of us as they hoped to get well again, sometime soon and they were all going home on Saturday. Directly from the hospital to a wedding and then a soccer match. What else would you be doing on a busy Saturday in

town?

With a wedding ring being returned to a confused groom-to-be and a more confused future bride, the plot featured the maddest wrestler on earth.

And there was always the caring hospital visitor or Occupational Therapist Miss Cherry sharing her expertise in bringing happiness to the four patients in the men's surgical ward. Catriona McCafferty played this role as only she can and the ward loved her caring attention... some of the time. Making a tea cosy and crafting a basket and singing 'The red, red robin' made the medicine go down for the audience but every time Miss Cherry appeared there were waves of apprehension onstage.

Sam Cree wrote this comedy and in all he crafted twenty of them and a panto. He also worked television and one film. Born in 1928 in Lisburn he died at relatively young age of 52. His memory and his talents are his legacy and many groups continue to use his work, much to the delight of audiences, especially in the northern province where actors tuned into the dialect that made Cree a legend. 'Stop it Nurse' was first performed in 1968 and now in 2024 it is as hilarious as ever. Cree became known for his 'play' on the Belfast dialect that added



Dermot Mills gets to grips with Eoghan Boyce and Danny McLaughlin with Michelle Friel.

to the richness of the story. And in Ramelton the cast were very much on top of their performance as the audience laughed out loud and left the hall delighted with the show. The Ramelton group has many familiar names from the world of pantomime. This show suited them well because they are experienced in the craft of comedy timing... They never missed a beat and they brought the characters alive right from the get-go.

And they held the crowd's attention to the final curtain. They really gave us a new take on life on a hospital ward.. The show packed the Town Hall Theatre in Ramelton for three nights over the weekend and it was standing room only as crowds came from



Eoghan Boyce and Danny McLaughlin getting a visit from a special visitor, Catriona McCafferty.



Danny McLaughlin with Kerri Ann Coyle.

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James Friel and Maggie Durning in a scene from the show.

near and even further away to enjoy a night of great comedy played out by a fantastic team onstage who milked the show for every last laugh... And the crowds loved every minute of the two-hours of mirth and mayhem. You already know that staff are hard to find these days, except in Ramelton where new members of the cast enjoyed the craic as much as the audience did.

The cast included: Sammy Diver (Danny McLaughlin), an ardent Swilly Rovers supporter, Felix Devlin (Eoghan Boyce), a Ramelton Mariners supporter.

Bert Cooper (Martin Duffy) and Harold Smiley (James Friel).

Ward Sister (Michelle Friel), the playful nurse Nurse Freda (Maggie Durning), Phyllis (Louise Duffy), hospital visitor Miss Cherry (Catriona McCafferty).

Wrestler Mad McGurk (Dermott Mills), Bert's wife Martha (Mary Diver), Bert's 'bit on the side', Dolores Maxwell, (Kerriane Coyle). Nurse Singh and soccer commentator (Tom Egan).

The show was directed by Damien Duffy. On the lighting was Christopher and Joe Burney, costumes Gerald McFadden, sound Mick Geever. The production was in aid of local football clubs, Swilly Rovers and Ramelton Mariners.



Mary Diver and Michelle Friel in the show.



The McGinley family from Ballyare organised a sponsored cycle from the Donegal Hospice to Bolton in memory of Gerard's wife Frances. They raised €25,279 which they split between the Donegal Hospice and the Bolton Hospice. Isobel Rodgers from the Donegal Hospice accepted the cheque for €12,639.50 from Paul McGinley while Gerard presented the cheque to Shauna McGinley on behalf of the Bolton Hospice. The presentations were made at a function in Carr's of the Diamond, Ballyare. Pictured are some of the cyclists and the support crew.

Bonagee toast successful underage season

Bonagee United held its annual schoolboys presentation function at The Clanree Hotel on Thursday. With around 400 in attendance, it was a bumper event to mark another successful season, which saw Bonagee United play the club's first competitive game at Old Foundry Park, their new facility at Knockbrack. The Saturday Morning Academy players and coaches were honoured with players from U6-U10 all receiving medals to honour their participation.

Individual awards were presented for each of the underage schoolboys league teams with top goalscorer, players player of the year and player of the year awards handed out.

Chris McNulty acted as the MC while the club coaches and Bonagee United Chairman Niall Callaghan conducted the presentations. A special presentation was made by the club's children's officer, Carlyn Maguire, to honour the contributions of Luke Doherty and Daniel Doherty to the academy.

U16 Bonagee United, Premier Division

Top goalscorer: Ronan Buchanan

Players Player of the Year: Joel Jimmy

Player of the Year: Oisín Feeney

U16 Bonagee Arcade, First Division

Top goalscorer: Louis Dube

Players Player of the Year: Damian Drum

Player of the Year: Cillian Doherty

U14 Bonagee United, Premier Division

Top goalscorer: Cathal Doherty

Players Player of the Year: Charlie Bonner

Player of the Year: Senan Faulkner

U14 Bonagee Arcade, First Division

Top goalscorer: Sveit Khordan



Players Player of the Year: Dylan Doherty

Player of the Year: Tadhg McKenna

U14 First Division

Top goalscorer: Daithí Fox

PPOY: Joshua Bonner

POY: Aidan Heraghty

U12 Premier Division

Top goalscorer: Oisín McGee

Players POY: Max Doherty

POY: Oisín McCole

U12 First Division

Top goalscorer: Emmet McElwee

Players POY: Dylan Tinney

POY: Mark Breslin

U12 Second Division

Top goalscorer: Rueben Mc





The Under 12 Premier Boys team with special guest Aaron McLaughlin and managers.



The Under 6 group with special guest Aaron McLaughlin and managers Paul Friel and Marty McAteer.



Under 14 Division 1 Group with special guest Aaron McLaughlin and managers Paddy Peoples and Eamonn Jackson.

Mulroy Academy Awards Night



Right - Under 14 Premier Boys Award Winners



Under 16 Boys Group with Aaron McLaughlin.



The Under 14 Division 1 Group with special guest Aaron McLaughlin and managers.



Under 12 Division 1 Group with special guest Aaron McLaughlin.



Under 12 Division 2 Group with special guest Aaron McLaughlin and managers.



Under 16 Boys Award winners with Danny Kelly and Fergus McAteer.

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Bhuel, a chairde, sin seachtain eile curtha inár ndiaidh, ag bogadh linn i dtreo an Gheimhridh, ach níl an cuma sin ar an teocht nó an aimsir. Chaith muid Samhradh a bhí fluich agus fuar agus anois, MIRABILE DICTU, geimhradh tirim agus te. Bun ós cionn, codarsnacht, seafóideach, glac do rogha féin ar na himeachtaí atá ag tarlú. Níl an dara suigh sa bhuaile againn ach buail ar aghaidh.



agus bhí ceol Gaelach íontach ón ghrúpa Tailors Troubles. Bhí an Ghaeilge i mbéal an phobail an oíche iomlán agus imeacht rathúil a bhí ann go cinnte. Rud eile, is áit íontach é Wilkins', foirfe don saghas oíche a bhí ann. Seomra mhór breá, le spás go leor do cheoilteoirí, damhsa agus an lucht éisteachta. Chuir sé Teach Leo's i gcumhne dom-achán aois ag baint sult as an chomhlúadar. Oíche bhreá!

Nuair a bhí mé ag teagasc an rang sa scoil agus ag caint le achán duine agus ag éisteacht leo bhí sé soiléir go raibh smaointí de dhíth orthu faoi béilí a bhí gasta, blasta, éasca agus scamhardach. Is múinteoirí iad, agus cosúil le achán duine atá ag obair taobh amuigh den teach tá orthu teacht chun abhaile ó lá tuirsiúil agus toiseacht arís. Mar sin, bhí muid ag caint faoi chomhábhar atá, i mo bhariúil, íontach foirsteánach do bhéilí a leithid - gasta, éasca agus folláin. An rud a bhí muid ag plé ná NÚDAL. Tá mé measartha cinnte go dtuigeann achán duine goidé atá ann maidir le NÚDAL, agus measartha cinnte gur íth an chuid is mó díobh NÚDAL, ach an mbaineann sibh úsáid astu go gnáthiúil sa bhaile? Mar atá a fhios againn, is earra é a úsáidtear go mór mór san Síne agus an tSeapáin, agus, in éineacht leis an RÍS, is príomhbhia é ins na tíortha seo. Tá rogha maith agus leathán ann, ag bráth ar an saghas béile atá a dhéanamh agat. Déanta as rís nó cruithneacht, tig leo a bheith go hiontach tanaí, mar VERMICELLI go dtí iad atá tiubh cosúil le SOBU. Tá

siad, áfach, mar an gcéanna le hullmhú: níl le déanamh ach an méid ceart a chuir sa phota le leacht te-uisce nó stoc nó an-raith, le 4-5 bomaite agus sin a bhfuil de!

Rud atá gasta agus blasta mar bhéile is é ANRAITH SICÍN SCALLTA le NÚDAL: Faigh brollach sicín gan cnámh, gan craiceann agus cuir isteach i lítear uisce fuar agus cuir 2 ciúbanna stoc nó 2 stockpot istigh leis. Tabhair chun bhruith agus suanbhruith go mall réidh le 10-12 bomaite. Tóg amach an sicín agus, le dhá foirc, stiall as a chéile é agus cuir ar áis sa phota, le 50g NÚDAL, 2 scailliúin gearrtha go mín, 2 tbsp arbhair milis (má's mian leat) agus 2 tbsp anlann soighe. Suanbhruith le 10 bomaite agus sin é déanta! Anraith blasta, gasta agus folláin duit taobh istigh 20 bomaite. Ar aghaidh leat!

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The Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show and Dog Trials committee presenting a cheque from their charity auction to Kate, Emma and Christina Gallagher. The charity auction was in memory of committee member Packie Gallagher. The chosen charity was November Ireland. €1285 was raised on the night. The committee would like to thank everyone who sponsored items for the auction and everyone who made it a success.

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Ramelton Mariners host Swilly

There's a local derby in Division 1 on Saturday where the Ramelton Mariners host Swilly Rovers at 1pm in Rathmullan. Both sides are newly promoted to the top flight but have struggled in terms of results. So it's a big chance for both teams to put points on the board. The Swilly first team are in action on Sunday in Ramelton against Kilmacrennan Celtic. While Damien Friel's side did pick up three points at the Flagpole against Rathmullan Celtic last Sunday. They will be up against it here as Kilmac have won their leagues to date. It also be the first time for two former players Mattie McLaughlin and Shane McNamee to go head-to-head with some of their former Swilly colleagues from last season. There will be a big match at the Dry Arch on Sunday where two of the top teams Fanad Utd and Bonagee meet. Arthur Lynch will certainly be looking at taking a draw home from this counter. However, for new Bonagee boss Packie Mailey the focus will firmly be on three points.

Poor run continues for Swilly

Swilly Rovers Res 0-4 St. Catherines Reserves
The visitors went one up after a corner was delivered in and met by Josh Cunningham who headed home. They made it 2-0 from the penalty spot after Cunningham fired the ball into the bottom right of the net. Swilly started to play some good football at periods throughout the 2nd half but couldn't add the finish. It was 3-0 when C. Love cut in from the left and finished from a tight angle. Cunningham rounded off the scoring with his 3rd of the game to make it 4-0 to the visitors.

Swilly Rovers - Ronan Irwin, Ryan Moore Adam Morgan, Kyle Mc Mullan, Odhran Grimes, Shea McFadden, William Buchanan, Evan Ryan, Fionn Robinson, Christopher McLaughlin, Harvey Mullan. Subs: Tony Gallagher for Irwin, Eoghan McDaid for Mc Laughlin

Ramelton Mariners 0-3 Drumbar Utd

The Mariners tough time in Division 1 continued on Saturday as visitors Drumbar proved too strong at the Flagpole in Rathmullan.

Ramelton Mariners Eddie Boyce, Myles Mulgrew, Eoin Roulston, Stephen Bryant Luke Morgan, Aidan Connolly, Luke Friel, Conor Ferguson, Fionn Robinson, Shay Callan-McFadden, Oisín Sweeney. Subs used: Kieran black for Morgan, Ryan Flood for Sweeney, Paul Gallagher for McFadden, Brendan McDaid for Mulgrew

Big Kilmac comeback

Glenea United Res 2-4 Kilmacrennan Celtic Res
Goals from subs Ryan McFadden and two from Ciaran Connaghan helped Kilmac Res to a dramatic late win over Glenea. The away side took the lead on 13 minutes when Stephen McDaid's free-kick was headed home by Thomas Dockery. Glenea continued to press and went close through efforts from Sean Geaney and Christopher Barret. The home side were rewarded on 25 minutes when Tarlach Coll's through ball found Ronan McGee, who saw his initial effort hit the post, but he was on hand to score from the rebound. Glenea kept pressing and took the lead on 35 minutes when Patrick Doohan's corner went all the way to the net. In the 2nd half it was the away side that started brightly but were finding it difficult to create any clear-cut chances from open play but were looking dangerous from corner kicks. Kilmacrennan came close to an equaliser on a couple of occasions but were denied by a combination of good goalkeeping and a clearance off the line. The home side looked to hit on the break and on 86 minutes Michael Mc Hugh broke clear but saw his effort well saved by the away keeper.

On 89 minutes, the home side failed to deal with a free-kick into the box and Ciaran Connaghan was on hand to slip the loose ball home. Kilmacrennan took the lead on 90 minutes when again Glenea failed to deal with a long ball into the box and Ryan McFadden lobbed the ball into the net. Kilmacrennan completed the scoring deep into injury time when Ciaran Connaghan fired home his second goal. Best Glenea were Patrick Doohan and Ronan McGee while Thomas Dockery and Shane McDevitt were best for Kilmacrennan.

Kilmacrennan - Kevin Mallon, Charlie Gorman, Edwin Doherty, Danny Sandilands, Mark Gallagher, Steve McDaid, Tom Dockery, Ethan O'Donnell, Toby Tyler, Danny Hall, Mikey McDonnell. Subs all used: Ciaran Connaghan, Ryan McFadden, Shane McDevitt, Conor Cassidy

Rovers too strong for Erne

Letterkenny Rovers Res 5-1 Erne Wanderers
Letterkenny Rovers clinched a good 5-1 victory over Erne Wanderers in a game that saw plenty of good chances go amiss for both sides. The breakthrough came in the 23rd minute when Letterkenny were awarded a penalty for handball, allowing Jason Doherty to calmly convert from the spot. In the 38th minute, Rovers doubled their lead with a swift counter down the right; Adam Murphy played in Conor O'Donnell, who struck confidently across goal to make it 2-0. As the first half neared its end, Erne faced a setback when they were reduced to ten men after a last-man foul on Doherty. Despite the disadvantage, Erne continued to battle, and their persistence paid off in the second half. In the 64th minute, Erne's Nathan Boyle rattled the left upright with a shot across goal, signalling their intent. Just minutes later,

Philip Patton played a precise pass across the box to McGlone, who placed a well-taken shot into the bottom left corner, bringing the score to 2-1 in the 69th minute. However, Rovers responded almost immediately. In the 70th minute, Doherty turned brilliantly at the edge of the box and fired a powerful shot that, despite O'Brien's effort, found the back of the net to restore a two-goal lead at 3-1. Erne went down to 9 men and Rovers capitalised on their momentum in the 80th minute when Adam Murphy's run and pass set up Noah Mailey who shot from the right, making it 4-1. In the final moments, Murphy added a fifth for Rovers after a well-worked play down the right wing. His powerful shot came off the upright and crossed the line, sealing a dominant 5-1 win.

Finn Travel Saturday Division Three

Two for Charlie McAteer

Fanad Utd Res 4-0 Lagan Harps Res
Young Charlie McAteer netted twice while Johnny McAteer and Dylan McBride also scored as Fanad maintained their 100% start to the Division Three with a 4-0 victory over Lagan Harps Res. After 7 minutes Fanad took the lead. Oisín McHugh advanced from right back and his shot from the edge of the box was parried by the Lagan keeper and Charlie McAteer was on hand to score from close range. Lagan were well in the game and on 15 minutes Jack Duncan did well to force his way into the box but his shot produced a good save from Aodh McBride. On the half hour mark Fanad extended their lead. Darragh O'Doherty crossed from the left and Charlie McAteer controlled the ball before firing home. 2 minutes later Lagan missed a good chance to get a goal back when Drew Dowds shot wide from close range. 5 minutes before the break Alan McAteer rose highest from a free kick but his header produced an outstanding save from Lagan keeper Kai Brown. Ten minutes into the second half Fanad made it 3-0. After some great work down the left from Conor Blaney and Darragh O'Doherty, Blaney's cross fell to Johnny McAteer at the back post who scored at the second attempt. On the hour mark Fanad scored their fourth and final goal. Adam Carr won possession in midfield and his superb pass sent Dylan McBride clear and he scored with a lovely dinked finish. Lagan kept going and with 5 minutes remaining, Jack Mc Connell saw his well struck free kick held by Aodh McBride.

Fanad Utd Res - Aodh McBride, Oisín McHugh, Conor Blaney, Paul Friel, Caolan McElwaine, Alan McAteer, Adam Carr, Darragh O'Doherty, Darragh McElwaine, Charlie McAteer, Daibhid Lynch. Subs used: Johnny McAteer, Dylan McBride, Niall Toland, Ryan Moffitt, Caolan Gibbons. Unused: Keelan Kerr, Ciaran Coyle, Conor McConigley, Shea Cannon, Shane Carr

Milford win big in Carrickboyle

Gweedore Utd Res 1-5 Milford Utd Res
Milford United claimed all three points at Carrickboyle thanks to a brace of goals from Mark Wilson while Daithi McTaggart, Caolan McBride and Conor Meakin also scored. The away side seized the initiative on the 3rd minute when they were awarded a corner and Ciaran Gibbons' delivery picked out the unmarked Conor Meakin who finished from close range. Milford doubled their lead in the 20th minute, despite the best efforts from Shaun Doherty, he was unable to prevent Mark Wilson's shot from six yards out. Milford went in search of further goals and efforts from Adam Horsford, Conor Meakin and Mark Wilson were thwarted by the Gweedore keeper Brian McFadden. The home side tried to get back into the game but were largely restricted to shots from outside the box from Maitiú de Gallai and Francis Gallagher. The visitors almost added to their lead just on the stroke of half time, Caolan McBride's shot from outside the box smacked off the post. Daithi McTaggart's fantastic strike from outside the box made it 0-3 on 51 minutes. Adam Horsford almost added to the away side's tally from a mazy run however Brian McFadden produced a fine save in the 53rd minute. There was no way back for Gweedore when Mark Wilson found the net again in the 55th minute, he finished from a tight angle. Milford continued to look for further goals and this duly came on the 67th minute as Adam Campbell found himself free to finish from a few yards out. Ref: Thomas Ferry

Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

O'Reilly nets Fanad winner

Fanad United 1-0 Keadue Rovers
Fanad United made it three wins from three in the League following a narrow 1-0 victory over Keadue Rovers with ace striker Eddie O'Reilly getting the game's only goal. Keadue were dealt a blow in the 13th minute when full back Pauric Neely received a straight red card for a late tackle on Paddy McGinley. Despite being reduced to 10 men, Keadue were still a threat and created several half chances. Fanad did have a chance to score a second on 25 minutes when Eddie O'Reilly knocked the ball back to Paddy McGinley but he was unable to keep his shot down from 20 yards. The second half overall was a tight affair devoid of many goal scoring chances. It took until the 80th minute for Fanad to make the breakthrough. Daibhid Lynch sent in a superb cross from the right which was headed back by Oisín McMenamin and Eddie O'Reilly knocked the ball home from close range. Keadue continued to probe for the remaining

minutes, forcing several set pieces. However, the Fanad defence well marshalled by Seamie Friel and Patrick Moffitt held out for the narrow win.

Fanad Utd - Mark McConigley, Keelin McElwaine, Dylan McGlone, Seamie Friel, Patrick Moffitt, Carlos O'Reilly, Paddy McGinley, Paddy Carr, Eoin Logue, Eddie O'Reilly, Peter Carr. Subs used: Oisín McMenamin, Daibhid Lynch, Oisín Langan. Unused: Shaun Carr, Oisín McHugh, Darragh O'Doherty, Charlie McAteer, Adam Carr. Referee: Mick Lagan

Victory for nine-men Swilly

Rathmullan Celtic 0-2 Swilly Rovers
Swilly Rovers left the Flagpole Field with all three points thanks to an own goal and a late one from Thomas Mullen despite the Lennonside outfit finishing the game with nine men. Shea Coyle was unfortunate to turn the ball past his own keeper in the first half as Swilly edged ahead.

Rathmullan had the territorial advantage in the second half but didn't work Barry Gallagher in goal enough. Laurence Toland talked himself into a red card just after the hour and in stoppage time David Craig followed for a second booking. Rathmullan came close to levelling when a cross from Jay Curran was turned goalwards but Gallagher in the Swilly goal was agile to turn it over the crossbar. With Rathmullan's netminder Killian Hagan up for corner in stoppage time, Swilly cleared and Thomas Mullen was able to stroke the ball into an unguarded net to seal the derby spoils.

Rathmullan Celtic - Killian Hagan, Matt McNulty, Daire Sheridan, Shea Coyle, Peter Curran, Dara Patton, Kevin Doran, Eoin Sheridan, Jay Curran, B Desmond, Niall Carruthers. Subs used: R. Abdullah, Oluwatobi Akinyimika. Not used: Glen Curran, Imed Rehamnia, Dominick Hull, L Patterson, Bushar Jano. Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher, Darragh McDaid, Michael Kerr, Ciaran Kelly, Damien Friel, Ian Ward, David Craig, Marty McDaid, Conal McGonagle, Laurence Toland, Daniel McAteer. Subs used: Tom Mullen, Tony Gallagher. Not used: Shay McFadden, Odhran Grimes, Jordan McDaid. Referee: Alistair Gourley

Three off as Rovers win

St. Catherine's 1-3 Letterkenny Rovers
The second clash within a week didn't disappoint as an enthusiastic crowd at Emerald Park wanted revenge for the cup defeat just 7 days previous. Rovers were always going to pose a threat from set pieces and this proved pivotal on 11 minutes when the saints centre halves failed to clear from a corner and the experienced McMonagle swung a left boot from the edge of the 6-yard box that ran tamely into the home-sides net and a one goal lead. This seemed to waken up St Catherines who had a period of 15 minutes after conceding the goal of excellent football that paid off when a low shot from Paul O'Hare that was too hot to handle for Mc Ginley in the Rovers' goal as he spilled his save at the feet of Conor Doherty who tucked home nicely to get the teams back on level terms. Once again on 42 minutes the saints looked vulnerable from set pieces and always looked panicked when trying to clear as the ball bounced back off a saints defender after an attempted clearance, Banda had an easy tap in to restore the rovers lead. The second half started at 2-1 to the visitors but a second yellow saw Rovers full back receive a second yellow. This should have given the home team encouragement as it was now 10 against 9 with numerical advantage with St Catherines. This was not the case though as the excellent Joel Bradley Walsh drove into the home box on 60 minutes and swung his left peg at the ball which in turn slid under the replacement saints keeper and a devastating blow for any ambitions of a comeback as the score line now read 1-3 in favour of the visitors. It was a case of valiant attempts and near misses for the last third of the game but the Saints lacked a bit of composure up front while the well-travelled Rovers team took every opportunity to slow and kill the game off. Referee: Vincent Mc Loughlin

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Five goals as Glenea come out on top

Glenea United 3-2 Ballybofey United
Ballybofey United were the visitors to Pairc Joe in perfect conditions for football. The home side had the first chance of the game when a Luke McCarry ball made it to Darren McGeever at the back post however his lob narrowly missed the target. Glenea took the lead in the 20th minute after a well picked forward pass from Conor Coyle found Darren McGeever who pulled it back to Ciaran Coll for a calm first touch finish. After the goal Glenea settled into the game and had two chances in as many minutes, the first was a left footed effort from Luke McCarry that came back off the bar and from that defensive clearance Darren McGeever played a quick cross back in and Ciaran Coll's header went narrowly over the bar. The visitors first chance of the game came from a well struck free kick that looked to be creeping under the bar but Shaun Mc Clafferty got a strong hand to tip it over. Glenea were awarded a penalty just before half time when Calvin Murray was fouled in the box. Calvin stepped up to take it and calmly sent the keeper the wrong way. Just as it looked like that would be the last talking point of the first half, Calvin Murray went on another weaving run and was

Donegal Junior League Results

Saturday 9th November

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Drumbar Utd	3-0	Ramelton Mariners
Glencar Celtic	5-1	Keadue Rovers Res
Kildrum Tigers Res3-0		Arranmore United
Strand Rovers	1-1	Donegal Town Res
Swilly Rovers Res	0-4	St. Catherines Res

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Cappry Rovers Res3-1		Dunlewey Celtic
Drumoghill F.C. Res P-P		Castlefin Celtic Res
Fintown Harps	2-2	Gweedore Celtic Res
Glenea Utd Res	2-4	Kilmacrennan Cel Res
Letterkenny Rvs Res	5-1	Erne Wanderers

Finn Travel Saturday Division Three

Fanad United Res	4-0	Lagan Harps Res
Ballybofey Utd Res	1-0	Cranford Utd Res
Drumkeen Utd Res	1-6	Copany Rovers
Gweedore Utd Res	1-5	Milford Utd Res

Sunday 10th November

Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division

Fanad United	1-0	Keadue Rovers
Kilmacrennan Cel	P	Bonagee United
Rathmullan Celtic	0-2	Swilly Rovers
St. Catherines	1-3	Letterkenny Rovers
Gweedore Celtic	0-5	Kildrum Tigers

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Castlefin Celtic	3-1	Gweedore United
Glenea United	3-2	Ballybofey United
Lagan Harps	4-1	Donegal Town
Lifford Celtic	0-2	Cappry Rovers
Milford United	3-1	Cranford United

Donegal Physiotherapy and Performance Centre Division Two

Dunkineely Celtic	0-4	Convoy Arsenal
Kerrykeel '71 F.C. P-P		Drumoghill F.C.
Letterbarrow Cel	2-1	Drumkeen United
Whitestrand Utd	6-3	Curragh Athletic

again taken down, this time just outside the box. Shane Coll kept his free-kick low and finished well in the bottom corner. Ballybofey were awarded a penalty in the first minute of the second half and converted it to bring the game to life once again. Ballybofey got a second with 15 minutes to go and shortly after were awarded their second penalty which was well saved by Shaun Mc Clafferty. Ballybofey pushed hard for an equaliser but Glenea held on for all three points. Best for Glenea: Calvin Murray and Conor Coyle. Referee: Matthew Hull

Derby win for Milford

Milford United 3-1 Cranford United
Goals from Cathal McGettigan, Conor McHugh and Joey Cullen gave Milford Utd all three points in the local derby clash with Cranford Utd at Moyle View on Sunday in Division 1 of the Donegal Junior Football League. Milford Utd - Caolan McGettigan, Conor McHugh, Jonny Logue, Niall Murray, Shane Black, Killian McBride, Joey Cullen, Corey Lee McConigley Darren McLaughlin, Cathal McGettigan, Kyle Black. Subs Finn Coll for Darren McLaughlin, Mark Wilson for Niall Murray, Conor Coll for Corey Lee McConigley, Shea Gibbons for Kyle Black, Unused: Paul Ryan, Jacob Campbell.

Donegal Physiotherapy and Performance Centre Division Two

Another Sweeney hat-trick

Whitestrand Utd 6-3 Curragh Athletic
Michael Sweeney hit another hat-trick as Whitestrand took on Curragh Athletic at Mc Garvey Park looking to build on their first win of the season the previous weekend. Paddy Walshe, Cormac Shovlin and Paddy Sheridan also netted for Brian Dunleavy's side who were 6-0 up at a stage. Whitestrand started the game strong and took the lead after a 70 -yard pass from Paddy Walshe put Michael Sweeney through and he made no mistake after 6 minutes. They doubled their lead on 21 minutes when another fine pass from Michael Sweeney who turned provider for Paddy Walshe to score. The third goal came from a good back post header from Cormac Shovlin on 35 minutes and Whitestrand rounded off a good first half with a second for Sweeney and the assist from Cormac Dunleavy. Whitestrand went in 4-0 at the break. The second half started in a similar vein to the first and Sweeney completed his hat-trick with a fine finish to mark consecutive hat-tricks. He turned provider on 60 minutes to put Paddy Sheridan through with a nice flick and Sheridan made no mistake. Curragh to their credit kept their head high and got their reward when they got a great goal on the turn from their striker. They got another when they got a penalty and it was converted with the keeper going close and getting a hand on it. The final goal of the game also went to Curragh when they had a free header at the back post from a corner. Best for Whitestrand was Michael Sweeney.

Whitestrand Utd - Declan Brougham, John Heraghty, Cian Sweeney, Emmett Kelly, Cormac Shovelin, Ciaran Sweeney, Paddy Walshe, Conor Heraghty, Michael Sweeney, Cormac Dunleavy, Paddy Sheridan. Subs Ryan Sheridan for John Heraghty 65 mins. Ciaran McElwaine for Paddy Sheridan 65 mins. Ronan Sweeney for Ciaran Sweeney 70 mins, Charlie Crerand for Michael Sweeney 75 mins. Subs not used: Cormac Sweeney, Adam Ward, James Tourish.



Scenes from the coffee afternoon in the Roberston Hall organised by St. Paul's Church, Ramelton recently.

Gymnastic joy for Citadel

38 Citadel Gymnastics members brought home a total of 33 medals from the recent national championship finals. The Oldtown, Letterkenny based club were competing in the Artistic and Tumbling events. Their women's artistic gymnastics team shone, as they took a number of gold and silver medals – in Level 5, Aisling took home the bronze on beam, while Kailee's focus earned her a silver on the same event. Darcey's powerful performance secured her the top spot on vault, taking gold in Level 5. In Level 2, Mary Kate's skill and dedication were rewarded with a silver on vault, rounding out an impressive showing for the women's team.

The men's artistic gymnastics team also brought home a haul of medals as they racked up rostrum finishes across the weekend's events. Eli led the charge in Level 2 with a brilliant first-place performance on the pommel horse. The Boys General 2 team, consisting of Eli, PJ, James B., and Cillian, placed third overall in the team category, adding to the club's medal tally. In Club 2, James M. had a standout performance, capturing gold on both the floor and rings, as well as a silver on the parallel bars. In General 3, Sean's strong vaulting skills earned



him third place, while he took first on rings. Callum demonstrated consistency across multiple events, earning silver on vault and first place on both the parallel bars and high bar. Meanwhile the jump-start tumbling gymnasts recorded another raft of podium and top-5 finishes. Aoibhe Mc took gold in Grade 1, while Aoibh Ni finished fifth. In Grade 2, Mary Kate and PJ also made the podium, placing third and first, respectively. Kaelum earned a well-deserved second place, demonstrating the club's depth of talent. For Grade 3, Cora and Kaitlyn both placed, finishing third and

second, respectively, in a challenging field of competitors. Also, the intro tumbling team put on a stellar performance, with Jack leading the group to victory by placing first in his division. Sean and April followed close behind, each earning second place, while Cobhlaith secured third. Their combined efforts earned the team an impressive first-place team award, showing teamwork at its finest.



Jump'n'Jacks Ulster medals joy



There was plenty of good news for the Letterkenny Community Centre based Jump'n'Jacks Club team members Meg, Emily, Kobe, Sarah and Chloe who won 10 medals at the Special Olympics 2024 Ulster Qualifier in Artistic Gymnastics competition in Salto Gymnastics Centre, Lisburn at the weekend. Congratulations to our brilliant athletes for putting in the hard work in their routines. Meg Carr Letterkenny silver vault and gold on floor. Emily Reid Donegal Town gold on floor and vault. Sarah Bradley Killygordon gold on floor and vault. Chloe Tourish Letterkenny gold on floor and vault. Kobe Barrett Letterkenny gold on floor and vault

Rosapenna Golf Club

Gents Section - Sunday 3rd November - Cat A (<12) - Seamus Connor (1) with 38pts BOT; Cat B (13-18) - Garvin Toye (16) with 38pts BOT; Cat C (19+) - Michael Treanor (23) with 35pts; Gross - Pete McBride Jnr (5) with 31 gross pts. Two's - Micheal Bradley, Conor McMenamin, Raymond Doody. Ladies Section - Sunday 3rd November - Winner Terri Martin (32) 39 pts; Second Marjorie Morrison (43) 37pts

Golfer of the Year 2024

The G.o.Y finale has been rescheduled for this coming Sunday the 10th of November. See the BRS App for all tee times etc.

Winter Event Series 2024

Saturday 2nd - Sandy Hills Links 1st - Team Faughan with 98pts bot; 2nd - Team Lennox 2 with 98pts bot; 3rd - Team Walsh with 98pts; 4th - Team Gallagher with 97pts; 5th - Team Concrete News with 96pts bot; 6th - Team Moreland with 96pts; 7th - Team Lennox 1 with 95pts bot
Saturday 2nd - Old Tom Morris Links - 1st - Team O.McGettigan with 102pts; 2nd - Team Coughlan with 100pts; 3rd - Team Daly with 99pts bot; 4th - Team Maher with 99pts; 5th - Team Wills with 98pts bot; 6th - Team G.McGettigan with 98pts; 7th - Team North West with 97pts.
Sunday 3rd - Sandy Hills Links - 1st - Team Gallagher with 108pts; 2nd - Team Carton with 101pts; 3rd - Team Henry with 98pts; 4th - Team Spartans with 97pts; 5th - Team Campbell with 95pts bot; 6th - Team Vernon with 95pts bot; 7th - Team A McGettigan with

95pts. All entries for Saturday the 9th & 16th are via the Winter Event Series page on www.rosapenna.ie. A small number of spaces remain for both the 9th & 16th.
Upcoming Fixtures -
November - Saturday 16th - Winter Event Series; Sunday 17th - Christmas Hamper; Saturday 23rd - Winter Event Series; Sunday 24th - Christmas Hamper; Saturday 30th - Winter Event Series
December - Sunday 1st - Club Competition; Wednesday 4th - St Vincent De Paul Annual Charity Golf Day; Friday 6th - Ladies & Gents Annual General Meeting; Saturday 7th - Club Over 50's vs Under 50's; Sunday 8th - Club Competition; Saturday 14th - Winter Event Series; Sunday 15th - Club Competition; Sunday 22nd - Club Competition; Sunday 29th - Club Competition

Portsalon

Christmas Hamper

The annual Christmas Hamper for Ladies & Gents will take place on the weekend of November 30th & December 1st. Full details to follow.

Club Results

Wednesday 30th October - 1st Charlie McCahill (21) 41pts; 2nd Fergus Friel (23) 40pts; Gross: Chris Duffy (1) 33 gross pts; 3rd Paul Gallagher (11) 39pts.
Saturday 9th November - 1st John McGettigan (15) 40pts; 2nd John Shields (14) 38pts; Gross: Diarmuid Logue (7) 30 gross pts; 3rd Ian McGeever (15) 36pts.
Sunday 10th Nov - 1st John Overend (32) 43 pts BOT; 2nd Paddy McGroarty (9) 43pts; Gross: Patsy Lafferty (4) 33 gross pts; 3rd Gary McBride (20) 40 pts.

Portsalon Ladies

The notice for entry into the Christmas Hamper Competition is in the locker room, a draw will be made for the Hamper Competition to be held on the 30th Novem-

ber. It's always a great day, dinner and presentation of outstanding prizes as well as the Hampers. The lovely part of this competition is there's always something for everyone!

The Pink Raffle Draw took place on Sunday past. All funds raised are being donated to Breast Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. Winners are as follows: Winner - Marty Cullen; 2nd Anne Condon; 3rd K. McKeague; 4th Roseanne Logue

October Monthly Re-entry Competition - Winner Mary Barrett; Runner-Up Deirdre Hensley.

Sunday Members Competition 10th November - Winner - Dana Clinton 37pts; Runner-Up - Claire McGonagle 35pts.



Suzanne Gallagher, Lady Captain of Rosapenna, presenting a cheque for €1,050 to the Breast Centre Northwest at Letterkenny University Hospital. Suzanne would like to personally thank all the ladies & men who played and contributed on the day, the men's committee for their generous donation, the Rosapenna Golf Resort for sponsoring the course in August and to McBride Fishing for their prize sponsorship.



More martial arts medals for Foley

Gerard Foley enjoyed more martial arts success at the weekend with Silver and Bronze medals in Kata and Kumite in an Open Shield tournament at Jobstown in Dublin. Dublin native Gerard, is a member of John Wilkie's Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club based at the Community Centre on the Pearse Road.



King of the Ring title for Tennyson

There was success for young Falcarragh based boxer David Tennyson at the recent King of the Ring tournament in Sweden. Tennyson, a member of the Derryveagh Boxing Club took gold in the Junior 63kgs Light Welterweight division in Borås, Sweden. In the Under-17 age grade it was a split decision that saw Tennyson defeat Ukrainian Tariz Korzino who also won gold at the recent Halloween Belfast Box Cup.

Dundalk winner for Luke McAteer

Rathmullan jockey Luke McAteer rode the David Marnane-trained Tomarlo in the six-furlong nursery at Dundalk on Wednesday. Owned by MRC International, the popular market leader beat Vanilla Baby by one-and-a-quarter-lengths. Another Rathmullan jockey Oisín Orr recorded two wins at last Wednesday's race meeting on the 15/8 favourite Silent Move for trainer Richard Fahey and then aboard the 5/1 shot John L Sullivan for trainer Lucinda Russell.

Browne-McMonagle nominated for Horse Racing Award

Letterkenny jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle's fine season has been recognised with a nomination in the 'Flat' category for the upcoming Horse Racing Ireland Awards. There are 38 nominations in total, across seven categories which will be presented in Dublin early next month. Browne McMonagle faces stiff competition in the Flat Award category where he will be up against Aidan O'Brien and Colin Keane.



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Tá an Ghradam seo urraithe ag an Roinn Ealaíonn Oidhreacht Gaeltacht agus Oilean. Bhain Carraig Airt an tríú áit agus bonn cré-umha sa chonntaí indiadh Bun Cranncha le 382 marc agus Leitir Ceanainn le 381, agus an chéad áit i gcatagóir B sa chonntaí do bhailtí beaga.

Glenree book launch

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

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

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

The launch will take place on Saturday week, the 23rd of November in the Carrigart Hotel at 3p.m.



This year the children at Cashelshanaghan National School took part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. A parent at the school, Vanessa Borland collected 24 filled shoeboxes on Wednesday ready for donation. We were delighted to take part in supporting this worthy cause, it got us all thinking about the gift of giving and a sense of Christmas spirit. Thank you to all the children and parents for their great efforts. The children are pictured with their shoeboxes and their Principal Julie Carr and teacher Janet Russell.



Children from Drumfad National School contributing to the Shoe Box Appeal 2024.



Children from Kerrykeel National School with the shoe boxes they donated to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Fanad

Vaccines

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

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Rosnakill Community Hub

Walk in Yoga classes with Brigette from 'YOGA Kindly' every Monday at 10.30am. Brigette can be contacted for more information on 087 065 3333. Family Friendly 5k will be on Saturday 14th De-

ember in conjunction with Donegal Sports Partnership to celebrate the effort and success of Men on the Move. All welcome to take part or cheer on.

Teach Solais Fhánada

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

Book Fair

A Book Fair will be held on Friday 15th Nov from 3pm - 8pm in the Reformed Presbyterian Church at the Milford Retail Park. Come along browse and buy, second hand books available too for a donation, and grab a cup of tea/coffee and a bun! Look forward to seeing you.

Lets Talk

There will be a Irish Conversation Circle from 1to 2pm on Friday the 22nd of November in the Lighthouse Tavern. It is organised by Comhar Fhanada and Gleann Bhairn and everyone is welcome. For more information call 083 1960918.

Carers Clinic

Are you caring for an Older person? A Carers Clinic will be held in the Ramelton Nursing Unit on Wednesday the 27th of November from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

There will be individual appointments available and it is an excellent opportunity to find out about entitlements, training and education programmes, benefits, assistive technology and other supports available.

A Mini Health check will also be available. Contact Diane Donnelly, the Carer's Development Officer/Dementia officer on 087 2770103 or email her at diane.donnelly@hse.ie

Christmas Craft Fair

The Fanad Active Group are holding their Christmas Craft Fair in Community Centre Trialough, Fanad on Sunday 8th December from 2-5pm. If anyone would like to book a table you can do so by contacting 0863526758. There will be lots of home baking, sea glass and pebble pictures, crafts, cards and frames, wooden crafts, Christmas gifts, shamrock tumblers and much more. Tea and coffee and hot chocolate will be available along with crepes and lots of goodies.

Kerrykeel Cards

25 Cards in aid of Kerrykeel '71 FC resumes in the Village Inn, Kerrykeel on Monday night 4th November at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Badminton

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

Men's Shed in Glenvar

The committee of Coiste Forbartha Ghleann are considering the possibility of setting up a Men's Shed in Glenvar. Anyone interested in taking part please contact Joe 085 205 4890.

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The players of Mulroy Academy had a great day on Cup Final Sunday as 39,000 spectators cheered the Derry & Drogheda teams into the pitch at the Aviva Stadium. The boys were centre stage as flag bearers for the final (above) when the players took to the field. The Club were selected for the on-field event as part of the Club Mark Rewards Scheme having recently achieved the FAI Club Mark Two Star award, one of only 7 clubs nationally to achieve the accreditation. Well done to the players, managers and mentors on the day, James Gallagher, Danny McLaughlin, Eamonn Jackson and Peter Cullen.



Downings Wellness Café - continues on Wednesday 20th November from 10:30am to 12:00pm in The Galley, Downings. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

Breast & Bottle-Feeding Support Group - This group, for Mum's and new babies, and facilitated by the Public Health Nurse runs on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th November from 11am to 12:30pm in Mevagh FRC. Call in for a cuppa and a chat. No booking necessary. Tel: 074 9155055 (FRC) or Tel: 074 9155430 (PHN).

Community Compost Café - Join us for this workshop on Tuesday 19th November at 2pm. Led by Erin Gonseth from Erin's Green Gardens, you will learn essential composting skills and discover the art of composting. To register contact Pauline at Centre.

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

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

Other Notes:

CLG NA nDúnaibh's 'Pop up Shop', selling Minor Board gear, will be open on Sunday, 17th November from 12 noon until 2:00pm (at the back of the GAA Centre). Ideal Christmas gifts. Cash /card payment accepted.

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

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

Men's - Fit for life Exercise & Physical Activity Programme for men, starts Thursday 14th November for 5 Weeks - €50. Contact Fiona directly on 085 1569424 or email risehealthhub@gmail.com Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am. Contact Fiona directly on 085 1569424 or email risehealthhub@gmail.com

O'Connell on Team of the Week

Na Dunaibh's Aoibhinn O'Connell was named on a recent Gaelic Life Team of the Week in recognition of her outstanding performance against Eoghan Rua, Coleraine in the home Ulster Junior Football Championship semi-final a fortnight ago. Unfortunately, midfielder O'Connell will miss this Saturday's Ulster Final after sustaining an ACL season ending injury in the dying minutes of the semi-final. The decider against Cumann Pheadair Naofa from Warrenpoint, Co. Down takes place at the Kildress GAA grounds in Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone and has a 1.30pm throw-in. Making the Team of the Week is no mean achievement because O'Connell as a Junior player was competing against Intermediate and Senior club footballers.

Rathmullan link to Irish U18 squad

There is a strong Rathmullan link to the Republic of Ireland U18 squad that will play in three international friendlies in Croatia next week. Head Coach Colin O'Brien has included Joe Sheridan (pictured right) whose father Declan is from Rathmullan.

His grandfather Patsy who passed away late last year was one of Rathmullan's finest ever footballers. Joe Sheridan resides in Belfast and has been playing his Club football with Cliftonville. He's played mostly in central midfield and he has been impressing for his Club right the way up



through their academy. Joe's Dad Declan and uncle Eamonn both played for Finn Harps. Eamonn recently took on the post of managing Donegal Junior League Oscar Traynor Cup team.

First up for the young Irish team is Japan on Wednesday, followed by hosts Croatia on Saturday before Ireland close out the international window with a game against Portugal. The friendlies will form preparation for the 2025/26 UEFA Under-19 Qualifiers next autumn.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Creeve Glebe, Letterkenny

We, Paul & Dearbhail Lafferty are applying to Donegal County Council for permission for a change of house design to that previously approved under Planning Ref. No. 1551383 and extended under Planning Ref. No. 2051181 at Creeve Glebe, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Creeve Glebe. 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 Carnamuggagh Upper, Letterkenny.

We, Cillanoir Developments Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for revisions to previously approved planning ref.no. 22/51830 & 23/51254. The revisions now sought are as follows:- (1) Change of house type on site nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 18 & 19, (2) All associated site works including minor revisions to layout of Phase 1 and connection to existing foul and storm sewers at Lios an Chnoic, Carnamuggagh Upper, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Carnamuggagh Upper. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority 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 Glenoory, Downings, Co. Donegal, F92 F662

We, David and Helene Woodhouse, intend to apply for permission for development at Glenoory, Downings, Co. Donegal, F92 F662 including construction of new extensions and alterations to the existing dwelling, new septic tank and percolation area, and all ancillary site works. This application includes a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) that is available for inspection or purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy of same. The application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, Donegal County Council, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Donegal during its public opening office 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 Keeldrum Lower, Gortahork,

We, William & Shirley Meehan are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the following: 1. Demolition and replacement of extension to the rear of our existing house with a new extension with a pitched roof. 2. External alterations to our existing house including new windows to the Eastern façade, a new door to the North Façade and new velux windows to the roof. 3. Attic conversion to provide a new bedroom, wc & storage. 4. A new domestic garage located to the Western side of our existing dwelling house and all associated site development works at Keeldrum Lower, Gortahork, Co. Donegal in the Townland of Keeldrum 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

at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal. Submissions or Observations in relation to this development may be made to the Planning Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Planning Authority.

Donegal County Council

I, Martin Coll am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to demolish part of existing outhouse, refurbish and construct extension to existing vacant dwelling and upgrade existing septic tank system including all associated site development works at Portnablagh, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal in the townland of Parkmore. 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 Ardrumman Td, Ramelton

I, Terence Callaghan am applying to Donegal County Council for Permission for significant refurbishments, alterations, and extension to existing abandoned building and installation of waste water treatment system with percolation area on this site at Ardrumman Td, Ramelton, County Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

We John and Alison McCollum are applying to Donegal County Council for Permission for retention of relocation of existing garage from that granted under planning Ref. No. 01/7041 and subsequent permission for change of use from garage to granny flat and connection to ancillary services at Drumbern, Milford, County Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

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Donegal County Council Creeve Glebe Td, Letterkenny

I, Raymond Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for Permission to erect dwelling house with waste water treatment system and percolation area on this site at Creeve Glebe Td, Letterkenny, County Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy

We, Kieran McGinley and Helen McGinley are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Corcreggan. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to 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.

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Donegal County Council Ballintemple View, Ballintemple, Falcarragh

I, Sean Mc Gee am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to complete site works at Ballintemple View, Ballintemple, Falcarragh, the following works are proposed; 1) Resurfacing of entire length of access road from the regional road to the road end, 2.) install roadside gullies along the road, 3.) All other associated site development works at Ballintemple View, Ballintemple, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Ballintemple. 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 during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the 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 submission 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.

In Memoriam



McBride
Liza
Gortnaluchóg,
Downings
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear grandmother and great grandmother who died on 16th November 2015.

*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

Love from your grandchildren Louise and Patrick and great-grandchildren Michaela, Patrick, Lilly-Mae, Rosey and Maggie xx



McBride
Margaret (Shuss)
Parkhead House,
Gortnalough,
Downings,
2nd Anniversary

*Of all the special gifts in life however great or small
To have you as our Mammy and Nanny was the greatest gift of all.
May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear
We love and miss you always and wish that you were still here.*

Missed and Loved everyday by your daughter Louise, son Patrick and his partner Mary and grandchildren Michaela, Patrick, Lilly-Mae, Rosey and Maggie xxxx

*Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you no one will ever know
Remembering you is easy Margaret we do it every day
But missing you is the heartache that never goes away.*

Much loved and deeply missed by Mum and Dad.

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

Loved and sadly missed by your sisters, brothers and families.

*Tenderly we treasure the past,
with memories that will always last.*

Always remembered by John, Lorraine and Catherine
Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed and always remembered by Antony, Bernie, Shannon, Michael, Anthony and Aine

Margaret's 2nd Anniversary Mass will be held on Friday 22nd November at 10am in St. John the Baptist Chapel, Carrigart.



Harvey
John
Mount Marian,
Milford
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of John who died on 15th November 2019.

*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.*

Love from Tina, Jack and Louise.

*Time passes by memories stay
You are loved and remembered every day.*

Love from Anthony, Jennifer and family.

Donegal County Council Ballykeeran, Kilmacrennan

I, Patrick McClafferty am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a replacement dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Ballykeeran, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Ballykeeran. 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 during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the 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 submission 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.

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McGee
Mary
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of our dearest friend Mary who died on November 23rd 2023.

*Memories are precious they do not fade away
We think of you often not just today.*

Always remembered by your sister Tess, nieces Lisa and Helen, family and friends in Donegal, Kiltieven, England and USA.

Mary's First Anniversary Mass in St Finian's Church, Falcarragh on Saturday 23rd November at 12.00 noon.



Robinson
Charlie
Gortalaban,
Letterkenny
1st Anniversary

In memory of a much loved husband, father and grandfather who died on 21st November 2023

*Time cannot heal the heartache or stop a silent tear
It won't take away the memories of one we loved so dear.*

Missing you always, your loving wife Mary and children Boyd, Catherine, Philip, Emma, Anne, Stephen and Sylvia and your sixteen grandchildren.

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



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074 91 53600

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In Memoriam



Butler

Joan
Newline Road,
Letterkenny
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and aunt who died on the 15th November 2019.

Lonely is the home without you, life to us is not the same All the world would be like Heaven if you were back again. The happy hours we once enjoyed how sweet their memory still But death has left a vacant place this world can never fill.

Dearly loved and sadly missed by your daughter Jacqueline, son-in-law Martin, grandchildren Oisín, Caoimhe, Bronagh, and Lara, great granddaughter Fiádh, niece, Thora and Martin, Jackie, Lisa, Edwin, Lucia, Michael, John, Elsie, Edwina, Bobby, Veronique, Dwane and Jim.

Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Sunday 24th November at 11.00am.



Toner

James
Drumdeevin,
Termon
13th November 2021
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a beloved husband, father and grandfather.

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 remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife Mary, and family Seán, Colm, Angela and Helen, daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, Termon on Saturday 16th November at 6.30pm.



Dorrian

Declan
Coolback, Fanad
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of Declan who died on 19th November 2018.

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today While thinking of the many things we did not get to say.

I know how much you love me as much as I love you And each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too.

But when I walked through Heaven's gates I felt so much at home

When God looked down and smiled at me from His golden throne.

He said This is Eternity and all I've promised you Today for life on earth is past but here it starts anew.

So when tomorrow starts without me do not think we're apart

For every time you think of me I'm right here, in your heart.

Always loved and remembered by your mother Nancy and all the family.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Wednesday 20th November in St Mary's Church, Fanavoly at 10.00am.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council
Glencar Irish,
Letterkenny

I, Margaret O'Reilly am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling including all associated site works at 'Denore', Glencar Irish, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the Townland of Glencar Irish. 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



Dorrian

Seamus
The Ross,
Rosnackill
4th Anniversary

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

Although you sleep in Heaven now you're not that far away

My heart is full of memories and you're with me everyday.

You lived your life with meaning and with a smile upon your face

A world that was full of happiness is now an empty place

People say that only time will heal a broken heart But just like me and you Dad it has been torn apart

I know you are at peace now and in a place where you are free

Meet me at the Pearly Gates when Heaven call for me.

Loved always and sadly missed by P.J., Nicola, Shane, Bryan, Kyle and Annabelle x



McBride

(Shuss)
Liza
Gortnalough,
Downings
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who sadly passed away on 16th November 2015.

We think about you always, we talk about you still You have never been forgotten and you never will

We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain

To walk and guide us through our lives Until we meet again.

Always remembered and sadly missed every day by your loving daughter Susan and family.

receipt by the Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council
No.5 Lower Main
Street, Letterkenny

I, Raul Kumar am applying to Donegal Co. Council for planning permission for the following: (A) Change of use of ground floor Retail Unit to Take-Away and (B) Associated signage with Take-Away and all associated works at No.5 Lower Main



Murray

Jonathon
Mount Marian,
Milford
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of our dearly beloved son and brother Jonathan whose 1st anniversary is on 12th November.

Little did we know that morning the sorrow that day would bring When a heart of gold stopped beating and we could not do a thing.

Two helping hands at rest, a voice we love is gone

We miss you for so many things, around every corner memories cling

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept to love and cherish and never forge

What it means to lose you God alone knows

Remembered always and sadly missed by Mum and Dad, sisters Aisling, Hollie and Megan, brother-in-law Eddie xx

Anniversary Mass in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 16th November at 6pm.



O'Donnell

Kathleen
Keenaghan,
Kilmacrennan
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister and aunt who died on the 26th November 2020.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for her

Peacefully sleeping resting at last The world's weary troubles and trials are past

In silence she suffered In patience she bore 'til God called her home to suffer no more.

Always loved and sadly missed by your brother and sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, Scotland and Ireland.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 17th November in Ards Friary at 4.30pm.

I, Matthew McLaughlin am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at

Perks

Ramelton and Malvern England



Molly
21st Anniversary
15th November 2003



Bob
38th Anniversary
26th June 1986

In sad and loving memory of Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Perks (nee Duggan, Ramelton) and her husband Robert (Bob) Perks.

Time passes memories stay quietly remembered everyday No longer in our lives to share but in our hearts you are always there.

Always remembered and sadly missed by Thora, Martin, Jackie, Lisa, Edwin, Lucia, Michael, Bobby, Veronique, Dwane, John, Elsie, Edwina, Jim, Jackie, Martin, Oisín, Caoimhe, Bronagh, Lara, Fiádh.



Wilson

Annette
Clooncarney,
Trentagh
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother Annette who died on 21st November 2020.

You left us oh so suddenly, we could only weep and cry But the hardest part of all was we never said goodbye

We cannot bring the old days back when we were all together But fond and loving thoughts of you remain with us forever

The happy hours we once enjoyed how sweet their memory still

But death has left a vacant place this world can never fill.

Always loved and deeply missed by husband Joe and family Joseph, Christopher, Oliver, daughter-in-law Amy and Kellie, grandchildren Margaret Ann and Áine, sisters Margaret Berta and Bernie.

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Donegal County Council
Aughnish, Ramelton

I, Matthew McLaughlin am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Aughnish, Ramelton, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Aughnish. The development will consist of the construction of a single storey dwelling with integrated domestic garage to be accessed via existing laneway, to include sewage treatment system and all associated site development works. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the planning application. The planning application

Acknowledgement

Dunleavy

Cathal
Meentaugh, Glenvar,
Kerrykeel
Died 19th October
2024



Cathal's father Charlie; mother Ann, sisters; Marie, Donna, Laura, Sharon, Megan and Raychel; brothers; Kevin and Eoghan, son Caolan and daughter Caitlyn and the entire family circle wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss.

Thanks to the Gardaí and Ambulance service for their quick response. A Special thanks to Fr. Martin Collum for his spiritual comfort and prayers while offering up Cathal's last rites. Thank you to Patrick Sweeney for his care and compassion in transporting Cathal to hospital. Our appreciation also to Tommy Mc Ginty for his services and the use of his Funeral Home for family.

Thank you to Fr. Stephen Gorman for the heartfelt funeral Mass and rosary in the house, also thanks to Fr. Lorcan Sharkey for his support and guidance and to the scristan, Liam Murphy. Thank you to Cilla Black for her lovely musical contribution to the funeral Mass. Thanks to our grave digger; Corney Martin, with the help of friends for preparing the grave so beautifully for Cathal.

Thank you to Dessie McGettigan for supplying soup and sandwiches after the funeral and to the amazing community for setting up the Hall, supplying refreshments and catering to everyone, it was a great comfort to us.

To everyone who sent Mass cards, messages and phone calls of sympathy and to everyone who attended Cathal's reposal, Funeral and burial, it means so much to us. Thanks to Dunleavy Funeral Directors for their strength and professionalism at this difficult time.

We will be eternally grateful to our kind neighbours, Friends and the whole community who brought food and helped to cater in the house and helped with traffic control.

To our wonderful outstanding family and extended family, we whole heartedly appreciate your support, Kindness and shoulders to lean on, as we all navigate through this tragic loss.

We hope this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation and gratitude to all concerned.

Month's Mind Mass for Cathal will be celebrated at St. Mary's Star Of The Sea Church, Glenvar on Saturday 16th November at 6.00pm.

May his gentle soul Rest in Peace.

McCauley

Ryan
Lennon Grove,
Ramelton and
formerly Letterkenny



The family of the late Ryan McCauley would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for their support and to all who travelled long distances at this sad time. Our thanks to all our extended family, neighbours, colleagues and many friends for their kindness.

We really appreciate all that was done for us by many people, prior to and during the wake and funeral, especially the emergency services, clergy, undertakers and the mortuary staff at LUH. We also sincerely thank everyone who participated in the funeral Mass, including those who formed Guards of Honour.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deep gratitude.

Ryan's Month Mind Mass will be held on Friday, 22nd November at 7pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.

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. The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will also be available for inspection or purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy of same at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

Dunfanaghy Youths FC Presentation Function

Dunfanaghy Youths held a very successful Presentation Function in the Ozanam Community Centre in Dunfanaghy on Sunday the 3rd of November last to celebrate another successful season for the Callum Friel Park Side. This year there were 230 members registered with the club and everyone was welcomed to the occasion by Club Chairman Danny Ferry who acted as MC for the event. The Special Guests were Irish internationals Shaun Patton and Hughie Sweeney and Shane Barr and Trevor Scanlon from the FAI who the club mark certificate from the FAI. Presentations were made to all the Club teams and the individual award winners and the awards were followed by refreshments.



Dunfanaghy Players who represented the club at trials for Representative Teams at Finn Harps, and Foyle Cup Teams



Trevor Scanlon from the FAI presenting club members with their Club Mark Certificate that was awarded to the Club recently.



Dunfanaghy Youths Under 14 Boys at the presentation function.



Danny Ferry and Liam Langan pictured with Special Guest Hughie Sweeney.



Players who represented Dunfanaghy Youths at Academy's and Cups pictured with Special Guests Shaun Patton and Hughie Sweeney.



Myles Byrne who won the attitude of the year award with the Under 12 Sharks.



Emily Black with the top goalscorer award with the Under 12 Girls.



Dunfanaghy Youths Under 8 and 10 Girls Team pictured with Shaun Patton and Hughie Sweeney.



James Hartigan with the joint player of the year award with the Under 12 Sharks with Shaun Patton.



Sophie Barber and Aisling Alcorn with the joint attitude of the year award with the Under 12 Girls.



The Dunfanaghy Youths Under 6 Team and Managers Pictured with Shaun Patten and Hughie Sweeney.



Riley Sweeney who won the top goalscorer award with the Under 12 Sharks with Hughie Sweeney



Ollie Ferry who won the Top Goalscorer And the Player Of The Year Award with the Under 16s.



Dunfanaghy Youths Under 14 Girls Team pictured at the Presentation Function.

Dunfanaghy

Holy Trinity Church Anniversary Booklet

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dunfanaghy are launching their 150 years Anniversary Booklet and will take place in the Parish Hall on this Friday the 15th November at 6.45pm. The booklet will be available to buy at €10 with the proceeds shared between the Church and The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. It's a history of the Church and the Dunfanaghy area spanning from 1874 until 2024. All welcome.

Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns

The next Litter Picking Event will take place on Sunday 17th November 12:30 - 2pm. Meeting at the DTT shed behind the Market Square and return there for refreshments, provided by Muck and Muffins, at the end of the litter pick. Please come along and join in - everyone welcome.

The committee have been working closely with the 'Life on Machair' project who have organised an event on Friday 22nd November 5 - 7 pm at the Holy Trinity Church Hall. There will be a display of art work based on the wildlife of the Machair produced by local children and art groups. Refreshments will be available. A flyer for the event will be on the DTT Facebook page.

The public toilets behind the Market House are currently operated via Tidy Towns. This

means that Donegal County Council transfer funds to DTT so that a member of the local community can be paid to clean the toilets. As from the beginning of January 2025 the person currently carrying out this task, will no longer be doing so. An item will shortly appear in the newspaper outlining this situation more clearly but if in the meantime you know of anyone who might be prepared to open, close and clean the toilets, particularly during the busy summer months please contact Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns.

Christmas Lights Switch on

The Christmas Lights Switch on will take place on Friday the 29th November from 5-7pm in the Market Square. There will be Carol Singing, Hot Food, Hot Drinks and Craft Stalls and of course a special visit from Santa Himself so why not come along and for a good evening's entertainment to get the Festive Season underway.

Christmas Craft Fair

The annual Christmas Craft Fair takes place in the Ozanam Community Centre on Sunday 1st December from 10.30am-5pm. Large selection of Stall holders (Crafts, baking etc). All proceeds will go to The Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People, Bow Street, Dublin. Please come along and support this great cause.

Academy of Dance

The Laura Aisling Academy of Irish Dance is coming to

Dunfanaghy beginning on this Saturday 16th November at 10am in The Outback at Patsy Dans. To register contact Laura on 0879811960.

Senior Citizens Party

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

Toy and Clothing Sale

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50/50

Congratulations to Ceri McNulty who won €320 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Prayer Meeting

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

Ballymore Christmas Sale

The annual Christmas Sale will be held in the Ballymore Parish Centre on Friday the 6th December. There will be the usual stalls, Christmas Treats, Bottle Stall and teas and treats. Santa is arriving at Ballymore Parish Centre on Friday 6th Dec during the annual Christmas Sale at 7pm. Bring your child and take your own photo also receive a goody bag, €3 per child. Everyone is welcome.

Medical Officer Maeve McCarron and the Medals were presented by Eamon Harkin and Lorcan Roarty.

After a busy few weeks of training, planning and organising thanks to all our supporters and sponsors for their contributions:- Ramsey's Bar, Rose's Bar, Molly's Bar, Patsy Dan's Bar, Moore's Shop, Lafferty's Shop, Centra Dunfanaghy, Charles Roarty Construction, Muckish Sand & Gravel, Brian Dolan, Homeland and Timeless Beauty. They would also like to thank the Dublin Boxers and coaches everyone for taking part.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
in the
Ozanam Community Centre Dunfanaghy
on **Sunday 1st December 2024**
All Proceeds will go to The Capuchin Day Centre For Homeless People, Bow Street, Dublin.

Large Selection of Stall Holders
Doors Open 10.30am - 5.00pm
Lots of great Christmas Gift Ideas

25 Card Drive
In aid of Dunfanaghy Youths FC

In: Ballymore Parish Hall
On: Friday 22nd November
At: 7.00pm

Tickets €40
Half of the Pot in prizes
Tel. Michael on 086 8603277

Dunfanaghy Boxing Club staged a very successful annual Tournament

There was a large crowd at the tournament which saw the Dunfanaghy Boxing Club Members taking on a Dublin select and it was an exciting nights boxing with the fights well matched by Coaches Eddie Harkin, Joe Harkin and Gary McBride. Other Donegal Clubs which took included Dungloe and Twin Towns.

Before the boxing began both sets of boxers and coaches were introduced to the crowd by MC Peter O'Donnell. The results were Dunfanaghy ABC names first: Tiernan McGinley beat

Tiernan McGill from Dungloe, Conor McFadden lost to Kyle Collins, Dublin, Harry McBride beat Shay Glackin Dungloe, Carys McFadden beat Tia O'Gorman, Dublin, Cathal Russell lost to Jessy Dam Dublin, Odhran McCarron beat Ryan Kinsella Dublin, Róisín Hegarty beat Kayleigh Ledwidge Dublin, Eddie McBride beat Corey McGrane from Dublin in the last fight before the interval.

Mick McGinley lost to Dale Byrne Dublin, Mathew Ferry beat Darren O'Connor Dublin, Shaun Doohan beat

Senan Kennedy Dublin, Sean Kelly beat Alex McAleer Ballyshannon, Luke Kelly lost to Rahman Abdunasser Dublin and Conor Durning lost to Aziz Abdunasser Dublin.

The Referees and Timekeepers were Sadie and Eamon Duffy, Paddy Jennings, Tommy McCarron, Charlie O'Donnell and David Tennyson. The MC was Peter O'Donnell.



Peter O'Donnell and David Sayers at the Boxing.



Pictured are supporters and officials at the Dunfanaghy Boxing Club Tournament on Saturday Night.



Dunfanaghy Boxing Club Team which took on a Dublin Select last Saturday evening with their Coaches Eddie Harkin, Joe Harkin and Eddie McBride

Cloughaneely

Death of Annie Cannon

The death took place at Letterkenny University Hospital on Sunday 10th November of Annie Cannon, Meencarrick, Gortahork. Annie was predeceased by her husband Manus, parents Madge and John, brothers Neddie, Denis, Paddy, Philip and Johnny. Her funeral took place on Wednesday in Christ the King Church, Gortahork with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to her daughters May, Bridie and Anna, sons-in-law Danny, Alex and James, grandchildren Roy, Alexander, Martin, Lisa, Sinead and Kieran, great grandchildren Kaithlin, Grace, Aidan, Mila, Emily and Anna, nieces, nephews and a circle of family and friends.



Death of Grace McHugh

The death took place in Glasgow recently of Grace McHugh, formerly Derryreel, Falcarragh. She was predeceased by her parents Anna May and Frank and sister Mary Campbell. Sympathy is extended to her partner Roger Jamieson, nephew Colin Campbell and the Boyle Family, Falcarragh. Her funeral Mass took place on Wednesday, 6th November in St

Finian's Church with burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Junior Band Lotto last week and the numbers were 1-2-12-16-19-20. Match 4 winner Máire McBride, Ballyness who won €100. This weeks Jackpot will be €8700.

Coiste Glan agus Glas

The Committee are delighted to have got an overall mark of 322 in this year's Tidy Towns Competition - a gain of 14. Thanks to our loyal volunteers, our hard working committee, our great CE team, our sponsors, Donegal County Council and to the general public. Go raibh míle maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht.

Cloughaneely Food Bank

Christmas Fair in Aras Begley Hall, Falcarragh. Saturday 14th December from 11am-4pm Visit from Santa at 3pm.

Knock Night Vigil

Knock Night vigil, bus leaving Falcarragh at 4pm Sat evening the 7th Dec. Pick up also Dunfanaghy, Creeslough and Letterkenny. To book Call Noirin 087 2447152.

Pobail Le Cheile

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

Fóilúntas Bainisteora in Ionad Mhachaire Rabhartaigh Bainisteoir (Post Lánaimeartha)

Is comhlacht pobalbhunaithe é Togra Fiontar & Cultúr Uladh Cuideachta faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta, a fhorbraíonn cúrsaí sóisialta, cultúrtha, teanga, oideachais agus eacnamaíochta i gceantar Mhachaire Rabhartaigh. Faoi láthair tá an comhlacht ag earcú Bainisteoir. Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoin phost seol ríomhphost chuig: tografiontar@gmail.com Tá an post seo á mhaoiniú ag 'Pobal' trí an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobal

Iarrtais le CV agus litir chumhdaigh roimh 5:00in Dé hAoine 22ú Samhain chuig:

An Cathaoirleach, Togra Fiontar & Cultúr Uladh Ctr, Ionad a' Phobail, Machaire Rabhartaigh, Gort a' Choiceir, Leitir Ceanainn, Co. Dhún na nGall, F92 YF90

nó trí r-phost chuig: tografiontar@gmail.com

Beidh na hagallaimh ar siúl i rith na seachtaine dar tús an 1ú Nollaig

Creeslough

Sensory Santa

Sensory Santa - Meet and Greet in the Hub on December 7th and December 14th from 12p.m. until 3p.m. There will be a 15 minute slot per child. Experience a magical Holiday Event designed for children with sensory sensitivities. Pre-booking essential contact 087 2923102.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary Annual Retreat will be in Ards Friary on next Sunday 17th November from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. Cost €30 including 3 course meal. All welcome. Contact Charlie on 087 6889535 for further details. Toy and Clothing Sale

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Novena of Masses

A Novena of Masses for the Holy

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

Annual Pilgrimage

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

Sunday Evening Mass

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

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 1,4,5,6,16, 17. There was no match 5 winner. The match 4 winner was Enda Boyce Kildarragh who bought his ticket online and won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €3650.

Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce at the following link: up until 6pm on any Sunday.

Doe Amateur Swimming Club

Sat 16th November: Bus 1 leaves Dunfanaghy Car park at the top of the town at 5:05pm & 5:10 Doe grave



PCC Falcarragh 5th Year girls who received a Level 6 Certificate in 21st Century STEM Skills in ATU Sligo.

Social Handball

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

CE Positions Available

CE positions available with Falcarragh Community Organisation. Applicants must be over 21 and signing on Social welfare for at least one year. Administrator: General office duties to include computer skills and general Office skills, filing etc. Training will be provided for this position. Environmental Worker: The participant will be required to clean the streets, litter control, grass cutting, brushing footpaths, weeding etc. Apply To: Kevin Barrett, Falcarragh Community Organisation, Ballina Falcarragh. Email: falcarraghce@gmail.com

Christmas Craft Fair

Ionad Cois Locha are having a Christmas Craft Fair on November 16th from 11am-4pm. OFace Painting, Music and Treats available on the day.

yard Supervising parents are Anthony Langan & Mairead Langan, Bus 1 & 2 leaves Chapel car park at 5:15pm. Supervising parents for bus 2 are Joe Alcorn & Pauline McGinley shop supervisor Kate McQuade.

Ballymore

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Christmas Day Dinner

The Hub will open on Christmas Day providing a festive dinner for those that may be on their own or unable to travel to

Hall of Fame award for Tom



A special highlight of the annual Community Recognition Awards in the Finn Valley Centre in Stranorlar on Friday was the induction of Tom Feeney into the DLDC Hall of Fame 2024. Tom was a founding member of Pobail Le Chéile in 1999 and served on the Board of Directors until his retirement earlier this year. His vision led to the establishment of the Falcarragh Park Run, which now averages 60-80 participants weekly. Tom also co-founded the Cloughaneely Men's Shed in 2016, contributing significantly to community projects and enhancing the town of Falcarragh. Known for his commitment to making a difference, Tom has been instrumental in supporting the integration of new community members through various initiatives. Tom is pictured receiving his award from Padraic Fingelton and Noel Cunningham.

be with their families. If you, or someone you know, would like to join please contact the Hub.

Creeslough Bingo

Creeslough Bingo is on every Sunday in The Hub with eyes down at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. The Jackpot on the Snowball Sheet this week is €450 on 45nos or less.

Jiving Classes

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

0862331174. Fun and easy to learn. No need to bring a partner. €10 per person per class.

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

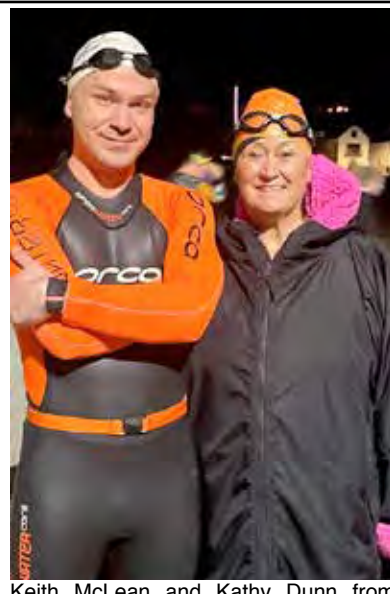
Tel. 0872923102 / info@creesloughcommunity.com.

Reading of the Bible

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

50/50

Congratulations to Ceri McNulty who won €320 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.



Keith McLean and Kathy Dunn from Revive Dunfanaghy



Swimmers who took part in the Night Swim at Portnablagh.

Gartan Open Water Swimmers Night Swim at Portnablagh

The Gartan Open Water Swimmers organised a Portnablagh night swim recently and both water and air temperature about 12c. Great crowd of swimmers and the snorkelers lighting up the sea underneath them. The Gartan Open Water Swimmers would like to say thanks to Darragh Paddy and Matthew for kayak support. Thanks to Louise for doing the registration. €725 raised going to RNLI lifeboats Donegal and Sheephaven Subaqua Search and recovery unit. That's a wrap for 2024 and the

proceeds (€1120 each) from the Portnablagh 1K Crab Crawl swim series and the recent night swim presented to Derek Little RNLI lifeboats Downings fundraising branch and John Joe Rolland Sheephaven Sub Aqua search and recovery unit.

This would not be possible without the continued support of Kathy Dunne, Revive, Dunfanaghy who sponsors the coffee vouchers. Thanks as well to Mark, Matthew and everyone else who helps out every week on kayak safety cover.



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GAA Club News

Naomh Adhamhnáin

Lip Sync Battle

We had a full house at the Mount Errigal Hotel last Friday night as Naomh Adhamhnáin and Letterkenny Music and Drama Group battled it out at the LIP Sync battle. Huge thanks to the Mount Errigal Hotel for being great hosts as ever, our generous sponsors and all our participants who put in so much hard work leading up to and on the night itself. Thanks to everyone who attended on the night and helped create a great atmosphere.

Scór na nÓg

Comhghairdeachas le Katie Coyle agus Matthew Devenney a bhain boinn contae ag babhtai ceannais Scór na nÓg in Inbhear tráthnóna Dé Satharn.

Katie successfully defended her county title with a tremendous rendition of the ancient love song, Dónal Óg. Matthew recited Caoch O'Leary, a heart rendering poem about a blind piper which was written almost 200 years ago by John Keegan (1809 - 1849). Matthew gave his best performance to date which was appreciated by everyone in the large attendance at this well appointed venue in Inver Community Centre. It is important to acknowledge the local GAA club in Inver parish, Naomh Naille who did a tremendous job of hosting this year's county finals of Scór na nÓg.

Katie and Matthew will now represent the club and the county in the Ulster semi finals which take place in Dunloy, Co. Antrim this Saturday at 4.00pm where they will be up against the county champions from Antrim, Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Derry. Daoine óga cumasacha iad Katie agus Matthew agus tá muid iontach bródúil astu. Adh mór orthú agus go níreigh go geal leo.

Club Dinner Dance

The club will hold a dinner dance on Saturday December 28th in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Tickets are available now online.

Club Lotto

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

Under 21 Championship

Our Under 21s played Buncrana in O'Donnell Park last Sunday. Final score Naomh Adhamhnáin 0-11 Bun Cranncha 2-12

Baile na nGalloglach

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 16th November: Maple, Milford - Joe McNulty and Anne Marie Hannigan

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Under 21 Men

Our Under 21's face N Padraig away in Muff on Sunday next (17th) at 2pm in the U21B quarter final. All Support Welcome.

U14 Boys

Our U14s play Ardara this Sunday (17th) at 3pm in the All County League final. Venue TBC.

Nursery Training

Training for our U-6 Nursery group takes place every Saturday morning at 10am in the Ray Community Centre. This is for all boys & girls born in 2019 & 2020. All welcome.

Underage Presentation Evening

Our annual Minor Board Presentation Evening takes place in Ray Community Centre on Saturday (16th) at 6pm (sharp). All players and parents/guardians are most welcome.

AGM

Our AGM will take place on Sunday 24th November at 5pm in the Clubhouse. Any nominations and motions are to be with the Club Secretary at secretary.milford.donegal@gaa.ie by 6pm on Friday 15th November.

All Club members are invited to attend as this is a great opportunity for you to have an input into the running of the Club.

St. Michael's

Bingo

The Hub/St Michael's collaborative Bingo continues in the Hub on this Sunday at 7.30pm. The Snowball is €450 on 45 nos or less on the Single Sheet.

Pitch Closure Notice

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

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Well Done

Well done to Michael Hartigan and Aaron McGinley, who played for the Northern Donegal Academy U14s in Cavan on Saturday.

Gaelic Mothers and Others

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

Parish League

Parish League continues this Sunday at 2pm.

Under 8's

The under 8 recently played Downings at The Bridge.

Gaeil Fhanada

Lotto Results 10/11/2024

Numbers: 2, 5, 7, 17, 25. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Breid McConigley. This week's Jackpot: €2,450.

November Double Hop!

1 ticket, 2 chances to win €500. We are selling 165 x €10 tickets online. If your ticket wins the first €500, it then goes back into the drum for the second €500 draw. Buy tickets: <https://shorturl.at/taCaG>

AGM

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM, hearing your ideas, and hopefully inviting new members to the committee.

U14's face into weekend semi final

Our U14 boys side make the journey to Gleann Choilm Cille for their county semi final against Naomh Columba on Sunday.

The lads have been busy preparing for the clash, and would like to thank Paddy Carr who took Saturday's training session, imparting plenty of wisdom along the way.

Planning Workshop

We had a great club and community response to our club planning workshop on Friday evening at the Rosnakill Community Hub. Thanks to everyone who attended. It was a very positive evening with lots of great ideas for the club going forward. Thanks to the Rosnakill Community Hub and to Catriona Sweeney for all their help, and Club Development Officer, Miriam Carr, who has led the project so far.

If you missed the meeting on November 8th, you can still have your say and help shape the future of Fanad Gaels. We've created an online feedback form for anyone who couldn't attend the meeting. This is your chance to share your ideas on key areas of development for the club.

Ladies Ulster Junior Club Championship Football Final

Downings Ladies in first Ulster Final

The biggest game in the history of the Na Dunaibh Ladies Club comes this Saturday when they take on Cumann Pheadair Naofa in the Ulster Junior Club Football Championship Final. The decider against the Warrenpoint, County Down champions takes place at the Kildress GAA Club in Tyrone (1.30pm). Na Dunaibh booked their place in the final after a narrow 2-6 to 1-8 home victory over Eoghan Rua (Coleraine) a fortnight ago. Barney Curran and Dominic McGroddy are on the management team along with Tanya Roberts-Browne, Emer McGeever and Charles Coyle. Downings will have to plan without Aoibhinn O'Connell who suffered a season ending ACL injury in the closing minutes of the semi-final win. The midfielder who has been involved with the Donegal senior panel had put in a big shift against the Coleraine outfit. But, injuries are part and parcel of sport and the management team have to devise a plan that can hopefully get the team a decent chance of taking the title. Skipper Michelle Wilkin will be driving her players to focus on the big prize of taking the trophy back to the Parish of Mevagh.

Keeper Charlie Shevlin, Jessica Roberts and full-back Chloe Hay will need to be on their toes and disciplined with a good start very important in Saturday's decider. Julie Treaty will be in the middle of the park but who will be her partner with O'Donnell sidelined. Downings do have decent scoring potential in McLaughlin's Amy and Caoimhe along with the experienced Shannon McGroddy, Mary T Boyce, Lauren McBride and the goal machine. Tanya Roberts-Browne, a member of the management team, says the biggest achievement for this team is the progression over the last seven years. "So many girls are involved from day one and it really stands to them how they have driven the team on for the younger girls coming through. A lot of hard work went on over the last number of years and credit to all management that was involved, this isn't something that happened overnight for these girls and to be playing an Ulster final now has just brought a whole buzz to the club and the community."

It's been a memorable season to date after the Donegal Final triumph over Naomh Padraig Uisce Chaoain at the end of September on a final score of 6-12 to 0-9. Downings scorers: Shannon McGroddy 2-3; Denise Doherty 2-2; Lauren McBride 1-2; Caoimhe McLaughlin 1-0; Sinead McBride and Julie Treaty 0-2 each; Aoibhinn O'Connell 0-1 each.

After the Donegal final success it was on three weeks ago to another piece of history playing in an Ladies Ulster Junior Football Championship match for the first time. It resulted in a 5-04 to 2-10 win over Butlersbridge. It was an away fixture but the visitors dug in and while the Cavan side led at the interval there were just two in it



Joint manager Barney Curran



Lauren McBride.

after Denise Doherty and Amy McLaughlin netted goals for the Mevagh ladies. It was 1-05 to 2-02 going into the second half and then came two goals from County player Shannon McGroddy put Na Dunaibh comfortably in front. Denise Doherty's second goal was a big score for the visitors who ended up with a three-point winning margin.

Na Dunaibh scorers: Shannon McGroddy, 2-2, Amy McLaughlin 1-0, Sinead McBride 0-1, Denise Doherty 2-0, Lauren McBride 0-1. Then a fortnight ago it was that big semi-final in front of a large home support. There was a sense of sheer joy and relief after getting over the winning line against Coleraine's Eoghan Rua. It was very close all the way through the semi-final with just a point separating the two sides when Monaghan referee Anthony Marron blew the final whistle after nine minutes of injury time. Denise Doherty's two goals, one in each half, were key scores for Downings.

Aoibhinn O'Connell's the home side's best player on the day, opened her team's account in the seventh minute. Gradually the Na Dunaibh players settled with a couple of decent passages of play and were in

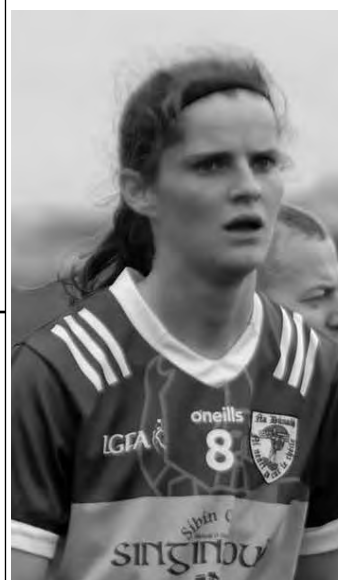
front for the first time in the semi-final by 0-4 to 0-3 with three minutes of the first half remaining. Then two minutes into injury time the hosts got the big boost of a goal courtesy of Deirdre Doherty to give her side a 1-4 to 0-4 advantage going into the second half.

A goal had been threatening from Eoghan Rua and it came on 44 minutes who took a 1-6 to 1-4 lead at a stage. But, Na Dunaibh showed resilience to stay in the contest and Player of the Match O'Connell kicked over a fine free into the wind to lift the morale. Doherty was then in the right place to finish off her second goal on 51 minutes.

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

Na Dunaibh - Charlie Shevlin; Jessica Roberts, Chloe Hay, Maggie Doherty; Emer Treaty, Nadine Gallacher, Michelle Wilkin; Julie Treaty, Aoibhinn O'Connell 0-2 (1f); Amy McLaughlin, Mary T Boyce 0-1, Caoimhe McLaughlin 0-1; Denise Doherty 2-0, Shannon McGroddy 0-1, Lauren McBride 0-1.

Subs: Aine O'Connell for Gallacher 42 mins, Danni Shevlin for Boyce 60 mins, Meabh O'Connell for A McLaughlin 63 mins. Subs not used: Mary Bridget McGeever, Sinead McBride, Aoimhe Pasoma, Emer Treaty, Caoimhe Coyle, Aoife McMullan, Keira Cairns, Eve Kelly, Katie McGroddy, Kaycie Gallagher, Cliodhna O'Con-



Midfielder Julie Treaty



Aoibhinn O'Connell who will miss Saturday's final due to injury



Denise Doherty who has scored six goals in the last three games

Kavanagh to manage Watty Graham's

St. Eunan's man Rory Kavanagh has been appointed as manager of Watty Graham's Glen Maghera. Kavanagh has big boots to fill taking over from Malachy O'Rourke who guided the Derry side to their first ever All-Ireland senior club title last year. In 2022 Glen also reached the All-Ireland Club Final. Kavanagh had managed St. Eunan's for three seasons before stepping down in 2023. In his first year in charge he guided Eunan's to the County senior title causing a bit of an upset against pre-match favourites Naomh Conaill. A Deputy Principal at Scoil Cholmille in Letterkenny, Kavanagh will be assisted in Maghera by David O'Herlihy who was with him during his Eunan's reign.

FAI Junior Cup Draw

Roscommon cup tie for Fanad

Fanad United will be on the road in the FAI Junior Cup after being drawn away to St John's Athletic in Roscommon with the fixture likely to be played on Sunday the 1st of December. Despite not having home advantage Arthur Lynch's side will certainly not be fazed by the task ahead in the fourth round tie. Letterkenny Rovers have been luckier with their FAI Junior Cup fixture

at Leckview Park against Tipperary's Peake Villa. Tipp teams are notoriously tough to get a result against as Stephen McConnell's men know from last season.

Reigning FAI Junior Cup champions Cockhill Celtic have been drawn away to a Tipperary side Rearcross FC in round 4. Aileach have home advantage against Dublin side Blackforge FC.

National League Division 1 fixtures

First NFL home game against the Dubs

Jim McGuinness, Michael Murphy and company will take on Dublin in their first home competitive game of the National Football League Division 1 season on Saturday February 1st. Before that they will open the campaign away to Kerry the previous weekend. Newly promoted Donegal will officially return to training on Saturday, December 1st and after that McGuinness will be hoping to have a full squad available for what will be a tough season in the top flight along with the championship opener against Derry in Ballybofey coming down the tracks in May.

A lot of work has been done since the heartbreak of the All-Ireland semi-final defeat to Galway in the middle of July to be ready for pre-season training with lots of players in on trial. Donegal will be hoping to have the likes of Brendan McCole and Jason McGee ready to go after missing the club championship season while Eoghan Ban Gal-

agher was only fit to return in the last game for Killybegs. The other home games for McGuinness's outfit are against Armagh, Derry and Tyrone. One of those will be at the O'Donnell Park in Letterkenny. The other away games are against Galway and Mayo.

Training holiday

The Donegal senior football squad will be heading on a warm weather training holiday early next month. Similar to last year Jim McGuinness will have his players together for around a week for training and planning ahead of the 2025 season. It proved a very worthwhile exercise for 2023 and should do so again as followers hope that the Donegal team can embark on a similar successful run next year. The news was confirmed at the County Committee meeting in Convoy. The cost of the trip will be covered by the Golf Classic at the Rosapenna Resort that raised well over €100,000.

Fanad Utd to host reunion night



One of the early Fanad Utd teams at a club presentation event with Brendan Bradley of Finn Harps.

54 years after the club was formed Fanad Utd are to host a special reunion event on Sunday, 29th December in the Silver Tassie Hotel. Fanad Utd have been the most successful junior club ever in the County.

In the 1970s they enjoyed a three-in-a-row of First Division titles. From the Intermediate USL was formed in 1986, Fanad Utd won 14 league titles and numerous domestic cups. The club also had very successful ladies sides over the years. The FAI Youth Cup title triumph in 1979 was a massive achievement for a small rural club. Also on the national stage there were the memorable runs in both the FAI and League Cups. But, topping all that was winning the Intermediate Cup twice in 1988 and 1995. And fast forward to the present and the current team is bidding for a three-in-a-row of Donegal Junior League Premier Division titles. Unbelievably if they can do

that it (2022-2025) it would be done 50 years after the first three-in-row (1972-1975).

Fanad Utd Chairperson Martin McGonigle says work is underway to organise a celebration of the history. Tickets will go on sale shortly. One name is synonymous with the Traigh-a-Loch Club and that is Fr Michael Sweeney one of the founding members and the manager for over two decades. There are many others who made significant contributions in many ways from the committees, to the sponsors, fundraisers, gatemen and kitmen.

While the men hogged the sporting highlights, the Ladies also enjoyed successes over the years. Indeed, a bit like their male counterparts the ladies had a dominant spell over six years after the Donegal League was formed in 1994. Under James Stephen McBride, Fanad landed the league title three times in 1994, 96 and 98. There was another success under Michael McGrory in 2,000 and it was to be a double with the League Cup title.

It will also be an occasion to remember those who have passed away.

Many Fanad players went to play in the League of Ireland with Finn Harps and other senior clubs. Two of them, Charlie McGeever and Ollie Horgan have managed Harps. For many years Fanad had tried to win the Buncrana Cup finally managing to do so in 1984 when the late James O'Doherty was the manager.

The managers over the years have included Fr. Sweeney, James O'Doherty, Eamonn McConigley, Ollie Horgan, Michael Deeney and currently in charge is Arthur Lynch.

Fanad Utd had planned to celebrate a football milestone in 2020. It was 50 years since the Club was formed and a function had been scheduled but with Covid that had to be shelved. It has taken a few years after the pandemic ended for things to return to normality. The function should be a great social occasion and chance for former teammates to meet up again to share memories of the rich sporting history of Fanad Utd.



A Fanad Utd Ladies side after winning a league title in 1994 with manager James Stephen McBride.

Fanad canvass interest in ladies side

Fanad United is exploring the possibility of reviving interest in reforming a senior ladies soccer team. Historically, women's soccer has been a vital part of the club, and they are now looking to bring it back with the Donegal League gauging interest for a potential trial league this winter.

The Club said: "Whether you're interested in playing, coaching, or helping out behind the scenes, this is a fantastic opportunity to bring women's soccer back to Fanad United. If you're: A player looking to join the team; A coach or manager with a passion for guiding and developing talent; A volunteer who wants to support the team's success on and off the field."

Drop a message to the Fanad Utd Facebook Page or contact the club directly if you're interested.



The Glenree United Girls attended the Irish senior ladies game versus Georgia recently at the Tallaght Stadium in Dublin. This was a 2nd leg semi final European qualifier which they won 3-0 (9-0) agg. The 40 girls and 11 adults were brought to the game in the safe hands of Boyles Busses, Creeslough and thanks to Conor Boyle and our driver for the day Charlie Doherty.

This trip was fully sponsored in part by our Club and two local businesses.

Thanks to Rosie Boyce at The Carrigart Hotel and to Shaun Boyce Centra Carrigart (pictured left) who was our main sponsor for the trip. He also provided drinks and treats for the girls on their journey. Thank you for your continued support.

Thanks also to the parents and coaches who gave up their time to help chaperone the girls to the game. This would not have been possible without your help. Up Glenree!

Local surfer attends Olympic centenary event

Creeslough's Bea Greenberg was part of the delegation from the Irish Surfing Association that attended an event last weekend celebrating 100 years of Team Ireland's Olympic participation.

Bea is the former Irish Longboard champion and junior champion and represented Team Ireland twice at the world championships.

She was joined at the event by her Irish team mates Ruby Knox, Tom Breen and Gearoid McDaid and ISA officials and mixed with members of the Irish Olympic team including the medal winners from the Paris Games.

Bea said the event was "surreal". She stated: "What a surreal experience to be surrounded by 100 years of Irish Olympians. Thank you to the Irish Surfing Association for this experience. And to Team Ireland Olympic, what a night to remember. A real pinch me moment."

In 1922, the Irish Olympic Council was established and recognised by the International Olympic Committee, with the first team competing at the Paris Olympic Games in 1924. In the one hundred years between Paris

1924 and Paris 2024, over one thousand athletes have competed for Ireland, and as a nation, we have won 45 medals.

The Paris 2024 Medallists won the PTSB Inspiring a Nation Award 2024 including Kellie Harrington (boxing gold), Rhys McClenaghan (gymnastics gold), Daniel Wiffen (swimming gold and bronze), Paul O'Donovan (rowing gold), Fintan McCarthy (rowing gold), Philip Doyle (rowing bronze), Mona McSharry (swimming bronze). Daire Lynch (rowing bronze) was also awarded, but unable to attend the evening.

Two-time Olympic Champion and Olympic silver medallist, Paul O'Donovan was the winner of the Deloitte Lifetime Achievement Award being the only Irish athlete who has won a medal at three consecutive Olympic Games and has been unbeaten at the World Championships since 2016.

Two-time Olympic Champion Kellie Harrington won the Flogas Community Ambassador Award Olympic silver medallist, Sonia O'Sullivan was the winner of the Allianz Olympic Legacy Award.



Creeslough's Bea Greenberg, second from right, with members of the Irish surf team and two time Olympic boxing champion Kellie Harrington.

Rosapenna Golf News

Golfer of the Year 2024

The G.o.Y finale took place on Sunday the 10th of November. Congratulations to Michael Kelly on winning the 2024 Golfer of the Year competition. Not only did he finish top of the table in the season long events he won Sunday's G.o.Y finale competition with a score of 70 nett bot.

Gents Section - Sunday 10th November

Even split categories (pilot)

Cat A (<11) - Micheal Bradley Snr (2) with 34pts BOT

Cat B (12-16) - Gerry Driver (15) with 36pts BOT

Cat C (17>) - Patrick Doherty (21) with 40pts Gross - Kieran Sweeney (5) with 27 gross pts

Two's - Micheal Bradley Snr x2, Charlie McBride x2, Gerard McCormick & Brian Garrity

From Sunday 10th the Golf Club will be piloting an even split category price structure, where the results will be split as evenly as possible based on handicap. e.g. if we have 30 out

playing we will attempt to split the results into 3 categories, each with 10 players. It means you will not know what category you are in until the results are returned and tabulated.

Your category could change week to week depending on the handicap of the players playing.

Ladies Section - Sunday 3rd November

Winner - Susanne Gallagher (22) 39pts

Second - Vanessa Cunningham (43) 35pts

Seamus Mallon Matchplay 2024

Well done to Stephen Loughrey who has won the 2024 Seamus Mallon Singles Matchplay played from the Senior tees defeating Brendan Moore in the final.

Winter Event Series 2024

Saturday 9th - Sandy Hills Links

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3rd Team Quigley - 98pts bot

4th Team Crawford - 98pts bot

5th Team Martin - 98pts

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Wed 20th Nov - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

Sat 23rd Nov - **Weanling Sale Mixed** 11am
Booking in Thurs 21st Nov from 8 - 8.30pm.

Wed 27th Nov - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am
Booking in Tues 26th Nov from 8 - 8.30pm.

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7th Team Mullen - 97pts
Saturday 9th - Old Tom Morris Links
1st Team Gallagher 98pts
2nd Team McGettigan 96pts
3rd Team Joe Bob 93pts bot
4th Team Sweeney 93pts bot
5th Team Gibbons 93pts
6th Team Owens 92pts
7th Team Sumner 91pts
All entries for Saturday the 16th are via the Winter Event Series page on www.rosapenna.ie.

Course Update - November

Placing six inches not near the hole on fairways only is now in effect on both the Old Tom Morris Links & the Sandy Hills Links. Animal Damage MLR F-10 is in effect until further notice. Areas of damage in the general area caused by birds, badgers and the like are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b. But relief is not allowed if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

Members Tee Times via BRS App

Any member that needs assistance with their BRS App are asked to call into the Golf Shop where a member of staff will be happy to help with any App sign in issues etc. Every member has access to the tee sheet via the BRS App. Sunday competition tee times for Gents will open the Thursday before, the opening date and time is always displayed at the top of the competition timesheet in the App. If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet, this includes all golf over 9 holes. All tee times are bookable via the BRS App.

Upcoming Fixtures - November

Saturday 16th - Winter Event Series
Sunday 17th - Christmas Hamper
Saturday 23rd - Winter Event Series
Sunday 24th - Christmas Hamper
Saturday 30th - Winter Event Series
All entries for the Winter Event Series are via the website form only.
Phone/shop or advance entries are not accepted.

Cloughaneely

Congratulations to the Minor League Team on win-

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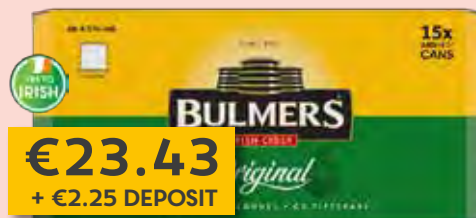
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