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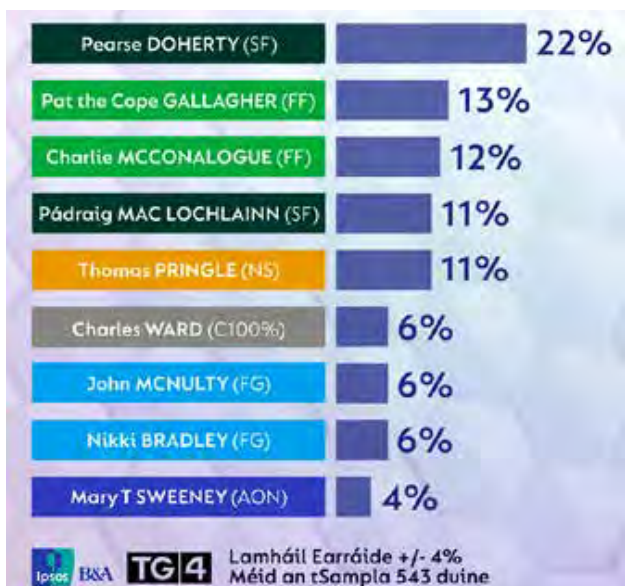
With a week left until polling day, the election has not fired up any real passion or imagination among the public despite high levels of canvassing.

By John McAteer

The Leaders' Debate on Monday night sent many to sleep before it was half way through.

So far there has been a disconnect with the electorate and Donegal is no different despite the reality that a number of key battles are being fought out in the constituency. In a field of 20 candidates, the tally figures will quickly reveal that the hopes of many candidates will not stretch as far as saving their deposits and expenses.

In 2020 the electorate was 125,911 with a valid poll of 62% to give a quota of 12,909. Expect the electorate this time to be around 134,000; however there is growing uncertainty about the turnout on Friday week. Nevertheless, it is estimated the quota will be around 14,000 should the turnout hold at the 62% achieved at the last general election.



Legend has it that it's much easier holding onto an existing seat rather than challenging the local Dail Deputy. There will be changes in Donegal with Joe McHugh gone after 25 years in politics. Fine Gael is facing a battle to hold their seat given their losses in June's local elections. Fianna Fail is bidding to win two seats and Pat the Cope Gallagher is back in the frame and winning votes along the way. Perhaps he was not FF's favoured name going into the convention:

but the Cope rose to the challenge in a battle for fair play and recognition for his life-long work for the party that he's proud to serve for sixty years - in good times and bad.

In election 2020 he was a sliver of 1% behind Charlie McConalogue and he lost out by the narrowest of margins on the final count. McConalogue has been running a widespread campaign, from church gates, to housing estates and wherever six people are gathered from Malin Head

to Fanad Head.

The Cope's campaign in these past two weeks has attracted huge numbers on the canvas trail: it reached a crescendo over the weekend when over a hundred and fifty supporters took to the highways and byways in what has been the biggest push seen in Donegal since the era of Neil Blaney.

Sinn Fein went into this election in Donegal knowing it would take an avalanche to stop them retaining their two seats. They've run a strong campaign and their advertising boards are the most imaginative and daring: the briefest of words driving home their call for change.

Against the negativity of the national media, Sinn Fein is working to minimise their losses in light of those controversies for three weeks running. Yet, not one of those mad headlines had anything to do with the policies they were putting forward.

This election is also key for Donegal's newest party. 100% Redress won four Council seats in June with

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Kinnegar beer strikes Belgian gold

Two of Donegal producer Kinnegar Brewing's well known beers were decorated on Monday at the prestigious Brussels Beer Challenge 2024.

The prestigious annual Brussels Beer Challenge gathers the finest beer experts from around the globe to evaluate and celebrate the world's best brews and this year's event took place in Saint Peter's Abbey, Ghent.

The Donegal founded brewery claimed two medals at the event for two local produced beers.

No stranger to the podium, Black Bucket stepped up to receive a precious gold medal while the ever popular Rustbucket belied its name to take silver.

Launched in 2012, this competition has grown to become one of the most respected beer events on the global stage.

Each year, breweries of all sizes, from small craft producers to renowned international brands, participate, showcasing a vast array of beer styles and brewing traditions.

"It's immensely important to receive third-party recog-



inition for the quality of our beers", explains Kinnegar founder and head brewer Rick LeVert, adding "We are very, very proud of our Kinnegar team who strive daily for excellence and achieve it consistently".

Asked where the beers' unusual names originated, he explains "Rustbucket was named after our Irish Terrier, Rusty, who died in 2013 just as we had the first batch of our new rye beer in a tiny tank at our pilot facility".

He added that after Rusty 'kicked the bucket', an iconic beer was born and since then the names of all beers in the range that feature rye, a fairly unusual ingredient, include the word "bucket" meaning much loved Rusty's memory lives on!



At the Letterkenny Chamber Annual Gala Ball and Business Awards in the Silver Tassie Hotel on Friday are Martin Boyle and Michael Boyle from Boyle Construction, Business Persons of the Year, Claire McDonough, Chamber President and Julian Ball, Hall of Fame Award winner, R. McCullagh Jewellers.

Photo by Clive Wasson



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7,400 votes. However a general election is a different ball game and Charlie Ward will need to build another 1,000 first preferences to stay in contention for the fifth seat.

The TG4 IPSOS B&A poll on Tuesday evening is a clear indication of how Donegal is thinking. 543 participated and the poll taken two weeks away from the election, indicates that FF is in pole position to get two seats Pat the Cope Gallagher is on 13% with Minister Charlie McConalogue on 12%.

SF is on course to retain two seats: Pearse Doherty is the poll topper on 21%. Padraig MacLochlainn on 11% and expected to get big transfers from Doherty. However, the poll indicates they are down 10% in Donegal and their third candidate, Noel Jordan is polling 2%.

Thomas Pringle has seen his vote increase by four points to 11%. FG's two runners, Nikki Bradley and John McNulty have an equal share of 12%. However the FG seat is hugely dependent on a big transfer across numbers of counts. In 2020 they polled 13.8% and it is all to play for.

Charlie Ward of 100 Redress is on 6% and he will be depending on significant transfers on the following counts.

And there are the unknowns: John O'Donnell and Peter Casey polled a total of 5,875 and that was 7.9%. Where will their votes go?

This election is a very different challenge because the electorate's interest looks long and hard at which party ticks enough boxes to merit their vote. The big issues around the country are the ever-increasing cost of living: health and 850,000 waiting to see a consultant and housing is becoming a natural disaster with rental costs in this constituency above €1,400 a month. Scarcity of supply in housing is driving young couples to emigrate and this may well be reflected in voter turnout next week.

The fact that in October, the Government delivered an election winning Budget package of more than €105 billion will play out on November 29th. And almost all of the polls are pointing to a return of Simon Harris and Micheál Martin as the key figures in the new government. This

does not indicate any real rejection of their leadership. But it might also suggest that the parties in opposition may have failed to capture the imagination of the public in delivering an alternative government that might do something that will turn the tide on the crises in housing and health.

After a run of losses in the two recent general elections FG will hope to stop their losing streak. The won 76 seats in 2011 and in the following two elections they've lost 44 Deputies: they are fighting this campaign with 32 sitting Dail members.

Sinn Fein had 45% of the Donegal vote in 2020 and it was one of the constituencies they missed out on a third seat. FF did not have a good election taking 20.4% of the vote. And in the process they lost Pat the Cope's seat and it would seem that hard lessons have been learnt. FG's Joe McHugh had been the Minister for Education: however votes were hard to come by. FG had 13.8% and were well short of a quota. Thomas Pringle lost 700 votes from 2016 but a transfer of 2,798 second preferences saw his vote rise to 8,270 and the third seat.

John O'Donnell polled a credible 6% to give him 4,735 and along with Peter Casey's 1143 this floating vote of 5878 will have quite a significance on Friday week.

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Busy weekend for CLG Na nDunaibh

Following the Downings ladies success on winning the Ulster Junior Final on Saturday on Saturday week the 30th of November the Club will hold their ball drop at 2pm. The ladies play the All Ireland semi final the following day the 1st of December against Kilcock from Co. Kildare at 1pm in Downings.

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Extras Needed in Carrigart

Short Films are looking for extras next Monday the 25th of November for a film they are shooting in Carrigart.

You must be over 18 and contact Grace at minding.shortfilm@gmail.com.

You have to be available all day from 8.30am to 4pm and the payment is €100 for your time.

Irish Embassy London honours Donegal Hospice Calendar

A special reception was hosted by the Irish Embassy in London recently to acknowledge the sponsors of the annual Donegal Hospice Calendar.

The fundraising calendar was founded by Carrigart photographer, Brendan 'Tiny' Vaughan, after his late mother Mary was cared for by the service in 2010 and to date the sale and sponsorship of the calendar has raised over

€200,000 for the hospice.

Speaking to the Tribune this week Berndan said the calendar would not have achieved the success it has in raising valuable funds for the hospice without the strong support of the Donegal Diaspora and sponsors and that he was very grateful to acknowledge them all at the event hosted by Ambassador Martin Fraser.

London-based Brendan was joined by

family, friends and many of those who sponsor the calendar each year for a reception at the embassy on Grosvenor Square in London, as well as Isobel Moore director of Donegal Hospice and patron Fr Shaun Doherty.

Speaking after the event Isobel said it a lovely event to attend and that she addressed the guests giving the background of the hospice and Brendan's involvement as a fundraiser.

She said she initially thought the calendar was a one off but each year it continues and has raised a tremendous amount for the hospice for which they are very grateful. She stated: "It was a lovely evening and it was great to see so many Donegal people and sponsors present at the event. We have to say a big 'Thank you' to Brendan for all he has done and also to his wife Maureen who plays a huge role in the calendar. The money they and the sponsors have helped raise over the years goes directly to the care of the patients".

A statement from the Irish Ambassador stated: "Since 1987, Donegal Hospice has provided exceptional support for people during some of the most challenging times of their lives, steadily expanding their invaluable work each year. The annual calendar fundraiser has been central to this growth. In 2010, Donegal Hospice had the honour of caring for Mrs. Mary Vaughan. Her son, Brendan Vaughan, launched the yearly calendar in her memory and has continued this tradition, raising an astounding €201,600 to date."



Photographed with the 2025 edition of the Donegal Hospice Calendar are: Deirdre Fraser, Isobell Moore, Ambassador Martin Fraser, Brendan and Maureen Vaughan and Fr Shaun Doherty.



Tommy and Nora Gallagher with Fr Shaun Doherty.



Anthony Carr, Stephanie and Michael Cole, Anne and Francie Carr, Conal, Maureen and Brendan Vaughan.



Evelyn Loughrey, Cosmina and Pat Donaghey with Brendan Vaughan.



PAT THE COPE WORKING AND SERVING THE PEOPLE OF DONEGAL SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT ON POLLING DAY

A Chairde,

The forthcoming General Election is an opportunity to address the issues and challenges that face all of us as individuals on a daily basis, the pressures that your family experience and impact on all of us, from the cost of living crises which we see first hand each time we go about are weekly shopping. Be that the lack of access to services in our communities, rental property shortages, difficulties accessing hospitals or health services. It might well include the projects left undelivered across our communities, the schools buildings needing upgrading, the lack of social housing or the infrastructure which requires prioritising within our areas. Likewise, the services that cannot be accessed, critical services for young and old, mental health services and referrals, the waiting lists those services that are vital to all but so difficult to access - it is these issues we need to be focusing on throughout this election campaign.

The GE2024 campaign must not be a vanity project parade on the achievements of past Governments focusing only on past delivery, this election campaign must reflect the future needs and desires of the people of this constituency.

We all accept that more needs to be done to support our families and households struggling with an ever-deepening cost of living crises, a housing crisis and an ever-increasing property rental scarcity across the county constantly driving up rents, small businesses struggling to remain open and tourism under renewed pressures. New House builds are becoming costly to construct, with added complications of access onto our National Roads Network while going through the planning process. Many of the basic taken for granted issues have become a problem that is increasingly impossible to surmount in the past number of years. As a country we urgently require a reset to basic principles of a properly functioning economy - costs need to come down and our skills shortage needs to be addressed. In essence the basic life impacting issues are lost so far in this election debate and I aim to address that imbalance and give focus to the real issues and concerns that I am hearing on the doors throughout my canvass across Donegal.

Rural Ireland is struggling to survive and adapt to a changing Ireland and counties such as Donegal realise that only too well. If I am elected on the 29th November I will represent this constituency to my utmost ability, addressing the issues that impact us all. Using the power of the mandate of an elected TD to bring the debates back to real life issues and the ordinary daily struggles that are impacting us in Donegal.

I seek your support on Polling Day - elect Pat the Cope to provide the voice that has been missing in the debates and policy formation over the past Dáil term. I pledge to connect the reality on the ground with the disconnect of those that are in influence and power - politics is about delivering and solving the issues, it is about listening and responding the needs of the constituency.

I pledge to serve all of the people right throughout this constituency and I am seeking your support from throughout Donegal in this General Election.

Pat the Cope

The issues that I prioritise in this election campaign are as follows:

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| <p>HEALTH SERVICES & FURTHER INVESTMENT IN OUR HOSPITALS & SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH) An evaluation of efficiency, operation and management with a view to sourcing additional services, employing services, increasing staffing numbers and our health care needs. With emphasis on reducing waiting list and time. Community Hospital - Commit to the delivery of a major improvement package to bring all community hospitals to the highest standards of care, also focusing on retaining services to each of the community hospitals. Community hospitals are an integral part of health care in Donegal and I commit to the delivery of a new community hospital in Lifford. Increase the availability of home help hours and support services - home help care is still grossly underfunded for an aging demographic - more needs to be done and must be a priority for the next Government. Increase the respite care supports packages. Provide for additional ambulance cover within our county as a whole. Increase psychological and mental health services availability for all age groups - as a sector it is underfunded for too long and a comprehensive multi annual budget needs to be prioritise by the next Government. | <p>HOUSING AND RENTAL CRISES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the delivery rate of social and affordable housing across the county. Incentivise the return of our construction skills shortages to stimulate further and increased rate of delivery and building. Our skills shortages are impacting on rate of house builds. We have both a rental scarcity and rental cost crises - greater focus needs to be applied to rent rise control policies and more needs to be done to encourage property owners into the rental markets. Ultimately, increased supply of new builds is the best policy to combat rental scarcity, but as present our rental supply market is dysfunctional and requires particular focus by the next Government. Continue the financial supports for derelict houses and upgrading of town and village houses, including making such renovations free of any development levies and charges. Our renewal of the Planning Act legislation needs to delivery for rural communities, planning restrictions on the national secondary road networks needs to be revisited and a practical solution and approach needs to be debated, otherwise the lands along the N55 will be lost. |
| <p>DEFECTIVE CONCRETE BLOCKS SCHEME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The enhanced Defective Concrete Block Scheme will require constant and continuous reassessment by the next Government, the scheme must be monitored in order to deliver to the ever-changing needs of the thousands affected by the defective blocks in their family homes. No family should be adversely financially impacted by defective concrete blocks, if elected I will continue to prioritise the funding of this scheme including further reviews of the scheme. This scheme must deliver to meet the needs of the people who are directly impacted. I support the increase of 10% and I support this being made retrospective for works in progress and home owners who have completed their works to date. | <p>SME, HOSPITALITY SECTOR AND SMALL BUSINESSES STRUGGLING UNDER A CHANGED LANDSCAPE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment Growth - continue to support local and indigenous employment creation, encourage the IDA in better regional employment creation, support Gaeltacht employment through Udaras Na Gaeltachta. Restoration of the lower VAT rate for Hospitality is critical for counties such as Donegal that depend on tourism. Seek supports for struggling Donegal based SME's including supports for Employers contributions. |
| <p>ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise the delivery of the Ballybofey - Stranorlar Bypass, Banagher Link Letterkenny and the Monorunningham - Lifford roads to maximise the benefits of the proposed A5 by providing direct access to the county. Increase the funding available for regional and county road networks within the county. Increase funding for specific road improvements in order to improve regional roads faster than at present. Restore the Baithre Aise programme for local access roads in Gaeltacht areas, increase the funding villages and towns for renewal and improvement programmes. | <p>EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to improve on the funding opportunities for our primary and secondary schools, including increasing the capitation grants, summer works programme. Address road safety issues outside of our schools. Increase the availability of support services for our schools - learning supports, special needs assistants - in particular SNA allocation, expand the DEIS programme. Atlantic Technical University is key to the provision of third level education across the Northwest region - Letterkenny is central to the ATU and needs the full support of the next Government to continue on the successful expansion of the past years. Retain the reduced student contribution for third level students, and further increase the Student Grants thresholds in future budgets. Continue to invest in the childcare sector and early years education ensuring business viability for both private and community providers. |
| <p>THE GAELTACHT AND OUR ISLANDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support our Islands communities with additional ringfencing of funding for their needs and future plans. Provide for better focused development and supports of our Gaeltacht communities and our language, culture and arts communities. | <p>FISHING AND FARMING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fishing and our coastal communities - support the call for a stand-alone Fisheries and Marine Minister with special responsibilities for the revival of our entire fishing sector, including fish processing and aquaculture. Implement a fishing sector revival strategy that includes the examination of the SFPA, BIM, Bard Bia, Marine Institute and Department of Marine, in order to restore confidence and growth to our fishing sector. Ireland needs a pro fishing and pro industry policy to be central to the next Government's approach to this sector and that includes an all of Government approach to support this sector in crises at present. Agriculture - reduce the burden of bureaucracy and red tape, that is over burdening our farming sector. Introduce measures to incentivise a new generation of younger farmers into their family farms. Make the ACRE3 scheme more practical with better focus on the farmer and our rural communities. |

PAT THE COPE COMMITTED TO WORKING FOR ALL REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU RESIDE, MY PLEDGE IS TO BE ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND HERE TO ASSIST AND HELP YOU ALL. I SEEK YOUR NUMBER ONE VOTE ON POLLING DAY - YOUR VOTE WILL COUNT

The judicial murder of Charlie Kerins

Sunday week next, December 1st, marks 80 years since the judicial murder of Charlie Kerins. His execution in Mountjoy Jail is another stain on the history of the Irish state. Twenty-six year old Kerins was subsequently nicknamed 'The Boy from Tralee'. He was one of six IRA members executed in the South during World War Two. In contrast, the Unionist government in the North only executed one.

A hangman brought in from England executed Kerins in Mountjoy Jail. His body was buried in the prison. Four years later he was exhumed and buried in his native Tralee.

Kerins was convicted of the murder of Detective Dennis 'Dinny' O'Brien in September 1942.

The only evidence against Kerins was a fingerprint on a bicycle found abandoned near O'Brien's house. Though the killers were seen, no-one recognised him as one. There was no other forensic evidence. There was evidence Kerins had lost his bicycle a couple of days before the raid.

This was at a time of a ferocious state clampdown on the IRA. They were seen as a threat to Irish neutrality in World War Two. The IRA had launched a bombing campaign in England. It had also tried to make links to Nazi Germany. Few, if any, of the IRA were Fascists. They acted on the dangerous belief that England's enemy must be their friend. Kerins was Chief of Staff of the IRA. He was appointed in October 1942, a month after O'Brien was killed. Chief of Staff wasn't as important as it sounds. The IRA was being broken up by constant arrests. When appointed, Kerins was the seventh Chief of Staff in less than two years. O'Brien was the Jerry McCabe case of his day. He was shot in front

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of his wife. She cradled her dying husband.

O'Brien was more than an effective detective. He was enthusiastic in his work of smashing the IRA. That made him hated in those circles. Less than ten years before the IRA shot him, O'Brien had himself been a member of the IRA. He fought in the War of Independence, then on the Republican side in the Civil War. He stayed in the illegal IRA. In 1933 he was one of the IRA men the new Fianna Fáil government recruited as Guards in a special unit to take on the Fascist Blueshirt movement. Kerins was not IRA Chief of Staff at the time of the killing. He did not take over till the following month. In the circumstances, though, he went on the run. He avoided capture for two years.

Foolishly, he stuck to IRA principles and refused to recognise the Special Criminal Court. Subsequently, he did lodge an appeal. This was blocked by the Fianna Fáil Attorney General. The Government's position was that, as IRA Chief of Staff, he was responsible. That was whether he pulled the trigger or not. Or even whether he was Chief of Staff at the time, or not. This was at a time of draconian censorship. All advertisements protesting at the sentence were banned. The censors forbade all newspaper

reports of protests.

That even extended to the Dáil. On the eve of the execution, the Ceann Comhairle refused debate. Two Kerry TDs, from Labour and Clann na Talmhan, were the first suspended. There was uproar. Then the Dáil was suspended. Twenty TDs refused to leave. So the lights were switched off. One of the protesting TDs was Oliver J Flanagan, then an Independent. In this century his son, Charlie Flanagan, was Fine Gael Minister for Justice. Flanagan stirred controversy by seeking to have British forces who died in the War of Independence commemorated. That was to include Black and Tans.

The execution on flimsy evidence was vengeful. By that time the IRA was no threat. The organisation had collapsed. Kerins' successor as Chief of Staff evaded capture for two years. This was because he only had minimum contact with the organisation. He hid so well that even the IRA did not know he was hiding out in the middle of the Sperrins.

There could also be no concerns about threats to Irish neutrality. Nazi Germany was well on the way to defeat. Russia's Red Army had even captured some parts of Germany. France and Belgium had been liberated.

Kerins was impressive. The Govern-

nor of Mountjoy paid tribute to the way he faced execution: "He was the bravest man I ever saw die by hanging... I admired Charlie Kerins for his courage and his idealism and never more than during the moments before his death when he stood at attention on the scaffold and submitted himself to the hands of his executioners."

As in so many historic injustices, there are at last questions being raised. Kerry Co Council has called for a review of the case. Some of the other executions were equally miscarriages of justice. Maurice O'Neill was shot by firing squad for killing a detective during a raid on a house in Donnycarney. O'Neill couldn't have been the killer. At the time the detective was killed, his gun had jammed. He was captured, tried and executed in three weeks. Evidence is that Detective Mordaunt was a victim of 'friendly fire'. His fellow-detectives were shooting wildly in the darkness. They mistook their colleague for a fleeing IRA man. The second IRA man who had been

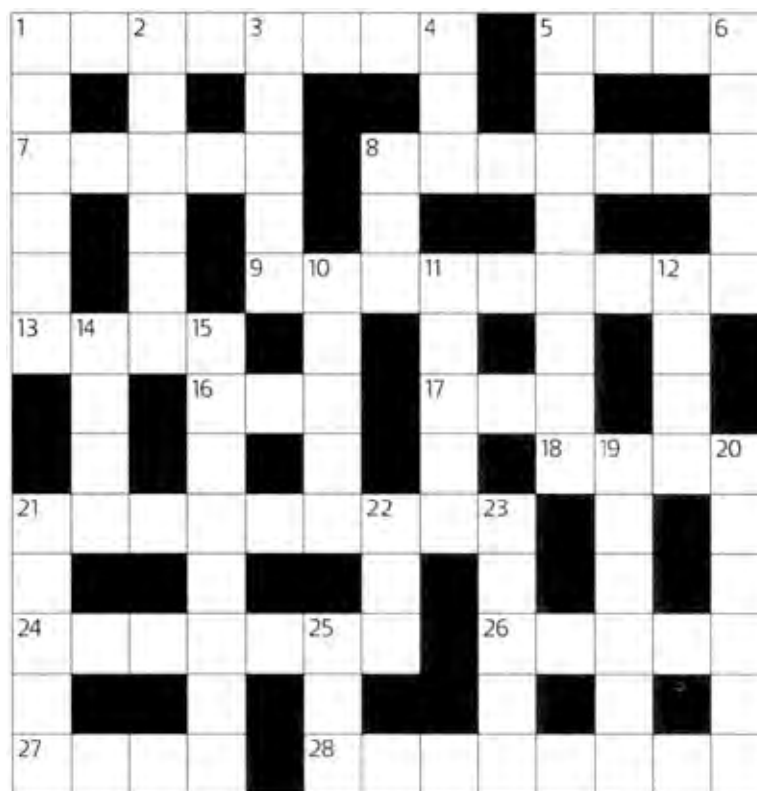


By Anton McCabe

in the house was not captured for another four years. He was tried, and cleared of murder. Richard Goss from Dundalk had fired on Guards and soldiers when resisting arrest. Despite nobody being killed, he was executed. George Plant was charged with killing an alleged informer. His first trial collapsed when the prosecution witnesses gave evidence implicating Plant had been beaten out of them. The Government just transferred the case to the Special Military Court. This declared the evidence admissible. A firing squad executed Plant.

As the General Election approaches, let's remember Irish democracy has been far from perfect.

Tribune Crossword No. 1091



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- Oriental carriage (8)
 - Football club, ___ Vale (4)
 - Dimwit (5)
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 - Upgrading (9)
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 - Racket (3)
 - Popular sport (4)
 - Racing dog (9)
 - Postpone (7)
 - Conifer (4)
 - Coal mine (8)
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- Gnawing animal (6)
 - Revoke (6)
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Solutions to Crossword No. 1090
 Across 6. Intermission, 8. Pillage, 9. Ladle, 10. Sate, 12. Escort, 14. Alias, 15. Incite, 16. Wart, 19. Lager, 21. Payroll, 22. Cancellation. Down 1. Athletic, 2. Freak, 3. Diver, 4. Useless, 5. Sold, 6. Impossible, 7. Pentathlon, 11. Ole, 12. Eau, 13. Oratorio, 14. Attract, 17. Spill, 18. Wyman, 20. Grab.

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100% Redress: Donegal is the forgotten county ■■ MacLochlainn

The last time youse ran three candidates was in 2016 and the plan went right off the rails... SF is back again this time with three candidates in Donegal. What's that story about?

On reflection it might not have been the first question Padraig MacLochlainn expected. But he's not really fazed as he joins us on Thursday afternoon. He actually had quite the laugh at my innocence on that one.

MacLochlainn is SF's Chief Whip and is also party spokesperson for the Marine and Fisheries. He's just been out at Mowi Ireland in Fannad meeting the team and to hear at first hand that they've not got any new licences in 35 years. He bemoans the lack of ambition on fishing and aquaculture pointing to the need to invest and to deliver jobs in marine locations and perhaps most of all to allow more licences.

This is so important in Donegal where farmed salmon has been there for fifty years.

Moving on he states: "There are the national issues, housing, health, the cost of living and worrying levels of young couples leaving the country.

Donegal is affected on all fronts and then we have Mica and the ongoing battle to get a solution that will end the heartbreak and fears for so many families. You have it here in Milford where the overcrowding in the national school is a scandal that should have been addressed twenty years ago," he suggests.

"There are as many as 10,000 houses in Donegal that will need to be demolished and the task is hardly started given the conditions that many families are facing this winter. I recognise there is an increase of 10% in the cap, but at the same time, costs are also rising by a similar figure. So people cannot win in the current circumstances. This is a crisis that will last for two generations..."

We ask: Is Defective Blocks, the biggest issue for Donegal politicians - are you and Charlie breathing more easily now that there is not a 100% Redress candidate from Inishowen in the race?

"The truth is that Sinn Fein has put its trust in 'The People's Document', despite seeking further clarification on doubts that some people with defective blocks would be excluded. We are now fully satisfied with that - there's been a lot of clarification and finally we were satisfied to back the Document 100%.

That is why our Leader, Mary Lou McDonald was happy to visit Inishowen and assure Paddy Diver and Michael Doherty that when we promise 100% Redress we mean 100% and no less. The allegiance of Paddy and Michael are to the impacted homeowners and their work is legendary. SF wants to deliver for those with defective blocks - of course that depends on whether or not we are in government," he states.

"Do you realistically expect to be in government, especially in the light of the hatchet job that was visited on SF rather than on the individuals members involved? Surely the national media set out to crucify you and that is seen in the opinion poll

"There are several parts in your question... let me deal with the first part. Fianna Fail and Fine Gael have had a monopoly of power for over a hundred years and that is why they fear us"

If they could not attack us on our policies, they set out to destroy our character and it's been a very difficult time given that for three weeks, the focus of the national television and newspaper headlines were about our party and not on former members for their behaviour. Absolutely, we do want to be in the new government. Of course the media hammered us on private matters but that is nothing new. No other party in the Dail attracts so much negativity... maybe that's the price for leading the Opposition. We raise issues that are vital and



John McAteer talking to Sinn Féin's Padraig MacLochlainn.

issues that hold a light to the failures of the Government.

As a party we have a very robust child protection policy in place. None of the other parties have produced any evidence of what their policies are.

We are appalled that a number of our members acted in breach of their employment and our regulations and we dealt with that when the occasion arose.

However the entire focus was on Sinn Fein, the party and really, that's what that was all about. This was a deliberate attempt to bury the hard work and research we had put into developing policies that would address the worst of our political deficits and chronic failures going back for generations.

I would hope there is that kind of maturity between now and polling day that will see the electorate support what we are trying to do. Put simply, we are trying to give people a better deal... one that puts people and their needs back into the heart of government."

Devoting every day to the people

Padraig speaks from the heart and he's got a mindset that is very much on the side of those who struggle to make ends meet and he's got a real passion to represent Donegal... preferably in Government.

"Every day I go to work I have an ambition to

do my level best to help people and to improve their lives. I have not changed. My party has not changed and it breaks my heart that any section of the media would want to undermine my party's character because of a small number of members who are no longer in the party. He's also passionate about housing and he's 'appalled' at the record figures for homelessness now 41% higher than when the government came into office in 2020.

"Fianna Fail and Fine Gael have been in office for a hundred years and despite record amounts of money in the Exchequer, they are using it like it was the Celtic Tiger time all over again.

These two parties have been failing this country for a hundred years. That is why Sinn Fein wants to be in government. I can promise you that we can and that we will do much better and make health, housing and people's lives much better. That is all we ask for, a chance to be in Government because FF and FG have failed," he adds.

MacLochlainn was born in Leeds, the only son of Irish parents, Réamonn and Mary MacLochlainn. His father was a Provisional IRA volunteer who spent nine and a half years imprisoned in jails across England. After his release in 1984, he wrote a book about his prison experience called "Inside an English Jail", which was published posthumously in

1987 under the name of Raymond McLaughlin.

MacLochlainn was raised in an Irish Traveller family. He was raised by his mother and grandmother for the duration of his father's imprisonment, and describes them as two strong, loving Traveller women. It gives him a unique perspective on life and that is so evident in how he identifies with the struggles of lowly paid and lobbying on their behalf.

Buncrana is his home and he reveals he lives in a house with defective blocks. With his wife Sinead, they had to look at their future in the house, because it would break their hearts to leave a community that is so important to both of them.

"Do we love this house? Do we love this community? Do we want to stay here and do what we can to cope with defective blocks." The answer to all three questions was yes. And so the decision was made to stay. Everyone

in their location is equally impacted. they've carried out repairs that will give their home an extended period of time, but the mica has not disappeared, far from it."

The madness of the Celtic Tiger

Was it the madness of the Celtic Tiger, the rush to build over 90,000 houses a year and with little or no enforcement that led to the defective blocks crisis, we ask.

He references the Redress demonstration of 20,000 in Dublin in 2021 and the Taoiseach Micheál Martin's response saying there would be a major increase in remediation funding and he mentioned the figure of €3.5 billion as a start. We've not heard from him since and that sums up the government's attitude.

"Martin made that statement to kill the protest.

You only have to look at the 2025 Budget allocation for funding for defective block remediation and there's only €70 million. This current scheme was designed to fail and that's the bottom line.

This is a scheme that has failed Donegal and there is no fairness in the system of Government. And we must remember that homeowners in Dublin affected by pyrite all those years ago were given 100% Redress and no questions asked."

He has strong criticisms of the HSE and a system that has also failed the people. He talks of the situation at LUH that has the 6th highest A&E referrals annually yet it is nowhere close to the top ten for funding.

"That is discrimination and we must stop it."

In earlier times, Padraig was the Donegal spokesperson for the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed (INOUE) from 1997 to 2001. He also served on the INOUE National Executive from 1997 until 2000 as well as representing the organisation on the National Rural Development Forum.

At local level, he was a community director on the Inishowen Partnership Board for 5 years from 1996 to 2001. His work as a community activist and political representative had led him to speak at conferences across Europe on the issues of unemployment, regional neglect and rural poverty.

He was co-opted onto Buncrana Town Council in 2002. He was then elected to Buncrana Town Council in 2004 and 2009. He was also elected to Donegal County Council in 2004 representing the Inishowen local electoral area and was re-elected in 2009. MacLochlainn served as Mayor of Buncrana twice; 2005-2006 and in 2010-2011.

He is the Sinn Féin Dáil spokesperson on Marine and Fishing and was first co-opted to Buncrana Town Council in 2002 and reelected in 2004. In the local elections he was elected in 2004. He was first elected to the Dail in 2011. After losing his seat in 2016, he was elected to the Seanad and regained his Dail seat in 2020.

And his final thought on a darkening Thursday before heading to St. Johnston to knock on the doors is:- "FG and FF have failed Donegal



Mica campaigners Michael Doherty and Paddy Diver with Padraig MacLochlainn and Eoin O'Broinn at the protest outside the Dáil.

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.

Across these pages, I have given 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

KEEP YOUR MINISTER IN DONEGAL



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.

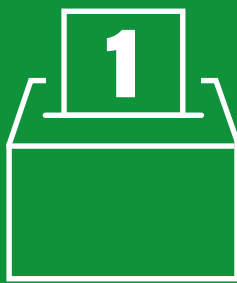


Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue, pictured with Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly and members of Glenswilly GAA Club with he visited Pairc Naomh Columba in April. The club was allocated €129,609 for floodlights for its main pitch at Foxhall through the Sports Capital Fund in September.

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.**

Vótáil 1



GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE

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McConalogue TD

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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 Christmas Time in Donegal recorded 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.

Ballyare Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights at Gerry and Sharon Durning's house at Ballyare will be switched on this year on Saturday the 30th of November at 6pm.

This is a spectacular display and a lot of work has been put into it by Gerry and Sharon, their family and friends and its well worth a trip. It's very easy to get to just put the eircode F92 K2C9 into google.

The charities to benefit this year are the Little Blue Heroes and the Donegal Branch of the Irish Kidney Association and the lights will remain on over the Christmas period into early January.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12 noon this Saturday 23rd 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. Every Saturday the best of local homemade food is available with, wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones,

sweet treats and local homemade crafts.

Why not pop into our Tearoom for a delicious Cheese Toastie when you have done your shopping. Teas/coffees, scones and sweet treats, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing and enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts and credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member.

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 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.

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

Of Irish descent, Bréon Rydell was born and raised in the borderlands of Scotland, and now lives in Donegal. He is an Olivier Award nominated producer, poet and songwriter. Inspired by the music and storytelling traditions of Ireland, Bréon wrote "Christmas Time in Donegal" after reflecting on how moving there has impacted on his life, both personally and artistically.

"I've spent many years working abroad and can honestly say I have never felt so welcome, so creative, and so supported in my work, as I am in Donegal. Working with Billy, Dermot, Seamus, Peadar and Margaret has been an absolute joy and pleasure. We're all very excited and upbeat about the track."

Bréon can think of no better place that epitomises the spirit of Christmas Time in Donegal than The Olde Glen Bar in Glen. Commissioned by Bréon, Humphrey Bangham's painting of The Olde Glen perfectly captures the warmth and magic of Christmas and the heart of the song:

It's hootenanny time, it's Christmas. Sláinte from Donegal!

Bréon hopes that Christmas Time in Donegal will bring families, friends and communities together in harmony to enjoy the festive season. He wishes everyone a very happy, and peaceful, Christmas.



Bréon Rydell photo by Ryan McGovern.



Performed by Bréon Rydell, the track was recorded at The Grooveshack, Billy Robinson's studio in Ramelton, with some of Ireland's finest trad musicians. On accordion is Dermot Byrne with Seamus Devenny on Drums and Percussion, Peadar Coll on Fiddle, Acoustic and Bass Guitar and the Backing Vocals are by Seamus Devenny and Margaret Hannon.

It is available on all the major streaming platforms worldwide, including Spotify and Apple Music. Special thanks to Grammy Award winning record producers, Frank and Christian Berman, for their support and encouragement.

Carers Clinic

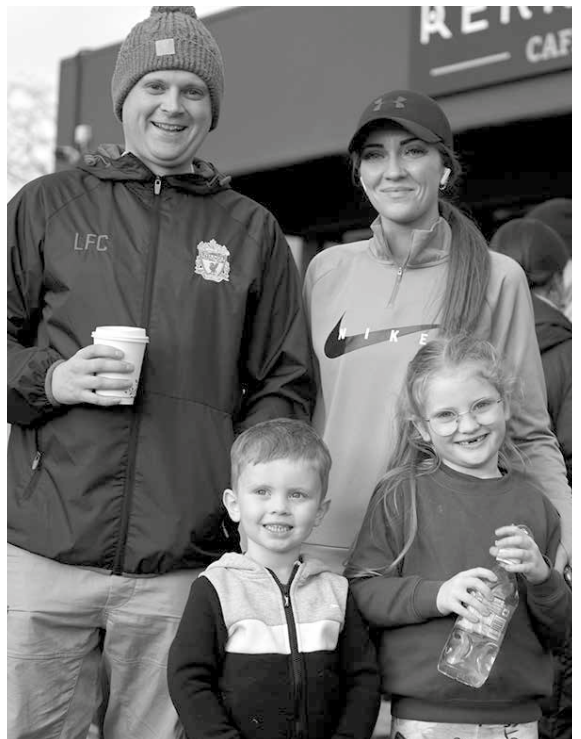
Are you caring for an Older person? A Carers Clinic will be held in the Ramelton Nursing Unit on Wednesday the 27th of November from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

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



Kernans Moorefield congratulate Kiera Kerr who has been a part of our team for over 3 years on her 5K Remembrance Fundraiser Walk & Coffee Morning in aid of Rehabcare Lifford last Saturday. Kiera has been doing her work placement in the Rehabcare Care Unit in Lifford and took it upon herself to raise much needed funds for them. Well done to the deli crew for looking after all the runners/walkers. Pictured are some of those enjoying the walk.



Danu Young Women's Choir

Both Danu Young Women's Choir and Danin (with over 100 members between them) are singing at Christmas Lights Switch On events and they also have their own Christmas concerts. There are two concerts this year, on the 14th and 15th December, at 7:30pm in Ramelton Presbyterian Church.

The Danu Young Womens Choir's Christmas celebration, Then Sings My Soul! We will introduce our audience to new Christmas choral anthems and sing you some of our most beloved pieces. Come to see over 100 girls from all over Donegal join hands and voices in praise of Peace and Love.

This concert is sure to truly warm your heart and ring in the Christmas day to come!

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.

A service of blessing for babies and Mass for families of newborns baptised since 2020 will take place on Saturday, January 25th at 3p.m.

There will be a cup of tea and light refreshments after each event. If you would



Tickets can be bought at www.eventcreate.com/e/danuyoungwomenschoir People can get a taster of what's in store at our concert by joining Danu at the Letterkenny Christmas

Lights Switch On at 6pm on this Sunday the 24th November. Their little sister choir, Danin, will spread a little Christmas cheer as they sing for the Ramelton Christmas Lights switch on at 6pm on December 1st.

like to help out with any of the above, please see the flyer in the entrances to St. Mary's Church.

Rosary for Ukraine

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

Letterkenny Community Hospital on schedule

The new Letterkenny Community Hospital currently under construction along Kilmacrennan Road is on schedule to open in the first quarter of 2026, according to Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue.

"I visited the site of the new 110-bed facility which is being built at a cost of €59 million at the weekend and was hugely impressed with the progress that has been made over the last twelve months," the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine said.

"The sod on this state-of-the-art facility was turned exactly one year ago and having spoken to the contractor at the weekend, I am confident that the new hospital will be completed on time and will be up and running in early 2026. The estimated time for completion is 28 months from the contract award.

"This new nursing unit is a significant development in the provision of healthcare for the older adult population in Letterkenny and Donegal. It will also be of great support to Letterkenny University Hospital and will have the capacity to accommodate a step-down service which is much needed," Minister McConalogue added.

The project was designed by MCA Architects and local contractor, Boyle Construction, was appointed to build the facility following an open tender process.

"This new community hospital reflects the significant investment we have seen in our health service over the last four and a half years. I've worked closely on this project with my party colleague, Cllr Ciaran Brogan, who is a long standing member of the HSE Regional Health Forum West and who was elected as its chair earlier this year," the Donegal Minister said.



Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue, pictured at the site of the Letterkenny Community Hospital currently under construction on Kilmacrennan Road with Michael Boyle of Boyle Construction and Cllr Ciaran Brogan.

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Christmas Fair in Church Hill

Church Hill Community Development Group CLG, with support from DCC, are hosting a Christmas Fair on Sunday, 1st December in Church Hill Village (F92 VK79) from 5pm to 9pm. Food and craft stalls will be in place, from the wide variety of local talent that Church Hill has to offer. There will also be a Christmas Carousel for the children, Christmas Lights switch on, Santa's arrival, and a disco in Wilkins.

The village of Church Hill, like many rural villages in Donegal, has seen many changes over the past thirty years but still manages to maintain its charm over the wandering visitor. With old and historic buildings, including an old Courthouse, Rectory, Church and Georgian Parish House, along with long established public houses, Callaghans, Wilkins and McClafferty's, although some have changed their businesses to meet with the ever changing times.

A Community Park is one of the more recent assets making a visit to this quaint and peaceful place worth a visit. Proposed new walking routes to be spearheaded will be a link between the village and the lakes below.

It may come as a surprise that this wee village may look quiet and retired, but it encapsulates some incredibly talented individuals that make it a very lively place indeed. As well as a host of talented musicians it is home to artists such as Daniel Nelis, awarded as one of Ireland's top portrait painters, Leila Worth with her new hand weave products, tipped in the Irish Times as one of 25 businesses to watch, The Boyle sisters who have created sustainable swimwear, Siobhan Mountgomery and her glass jewels, the list is pretty endless and all this amazing the amount of creative industry within a 5k radius of the village.

Carol O Callaghan, Chair of the Church Hill Community Group, who herself is a very talented artist, said that this year's 'Once Off Christmas Grant' from Donegal County Council, really made us look at the wealth of talent we have in the locality, and we so badly want to showcase it. So we put the word out for our local crafters and young entrepreneurs to get on board and help us put together a Christmas Crafts Fair. With the help of this grant we have rented a Marquee that will show case some of the local talent and coincides with the arrival of Santa and the turning on of the Christmas lights and a kids disco in Wilkins. Our very own Carnival Crew will be providing a Christmas carousel and candy floss hut.

The late Maureen Burns

The death has taken place of Maureen Elizabeth Burns, late of Gortaskeagh, Kilmacrennan.

Maureen, née Rogers. She passed away in the care of the Lake House Nursing Home in Portnablugh on Wednesday, November 13th. She was 79.

Maureen was a former teacher at Portlean National School, who had a great love of music and also taught piano.

She was remembered for her friendly nature, warm smile and being a kind neighbour.

Predeceased by her husband Robin and son-in-law Richard she is survived by her family, Derek (Caroline), Raymond, Lorna (Trevor) and Caroline, grandchildren Aaron (Rachel), Andrew, Emma, Jennifer, Robert, Lauren, Sarah, Samuel and Caleb, great-grandchildren Maisie and Harry, sisters Gretta, Sylvia and Audrey, brother Nathaniel, nieces, nephews, extended family circle, neighbours and many friends.

She lay in repose at her family home with funeral service on Saturday, November 16th in Leiter Presbyterian Church celebrated by Rev. Richard Treghaskis, followed by burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Sympathy is extended to the family circle.



He was also remembered as a dedicated father, husband and granddad who doted over his grandchildren.

Leonard was predeceased by his parents John and Anna Maria, sister's Helena, Veronica, Gertrude, Josephine and Maria and survived by his wife Maria, daughter's Carla (Edd), Lorraine, son's Aidan & Jamie (Joe), grandchildren Reegan, Cillian, Meghan, Carrie and Teddy.

Sadly missed by his brother Peter, (Letterkenny), sister's Angela (Lucan), Anastasia (Dublin), Christine (Dublin), Kathleen (Dublin) and Carmel (Kildare), wider family circle, neighbours and many friends.

He lay in repose at his late residence with funeral from there on Sunday in St. Colmcille's Church, Fintown that was celebrated by Fr. Gerard Cunningham, and concelebrated by Fr. Donnacha O'Baoill and Fr. Brendan Ward burial in the adjoining cemetery. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

The late Robert Haughey

The peaceful death took place on Thursday, November 14th at St. Eunan's Nursing Home, Woodlands, Letterkenny of Robert Haughey, late of Listillion, Letterkenny.

A well-known and popular figure Robert came from a large family and went on to work as a mechanic and later as a driver for Haughey Joinery.

Aside from the love of his family, he was a very well-known and gifted singer with a passion for music.

He initially performed at many events including functions, family gatherings, parties and weddings and also regularly sang at church and mass services.

Despite his memory loss following a stroke in recent years he still retained many of his songs that he enjoyed including the hymn 'To Do You Will'.

Among those to pay tribute were Drumkeen United football club who stated: "Robert was a great friend and neighbour, a gentleman who enjoyed the music and the craic and it was always a pleasure to meet him."

Robert is predeceased by his parents Peter and Katie and his brother Liam (Gutcha) and survived by his family Sandra (Brian), Brendan, Charlene (James), Robbie (Ciara), Veronica and their mother Marion, grandchildren Abbi-Lee, Kendra, Summer, Brody, Kassi, Ava, Azari, Lexi and Tori, sisters Sr. Veronica, Nellie, Noeleen and Cass, brothers Hughie, Packie, Peter, Jimmy, Jonnie, Paul and Kevin, aunts Madge and Eileen, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, many friends and neighbours.

His remains were in repose at his daughter Sandra and husband Brian Diamond's residence at Raymoghey, Manorcunningham with funeral from there on Saturday 16th November at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny and Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr Ciaran Harkin



The late Josephine Canning

The death has occurred of Josephine Canning, née Gallagher, late of Malahide, Dublin and formerly of Downings.

She passed away peacefully in the care of the Bon Secours Hospital, Dublin, surrounded by her family on Friday, November 15th.

A former teacher at Pope John Paul II National School in Malahide, many tributes were paid by her former colleagues, students, friends and neighbours. Josephine, a keen golfer, was remembered for her warmth and kindness and will be missed by many.

One tribute stated: "She was not only a remarkable teacher but also an inspiring role model who touched the lives of countless students and colleagues."

She is survived by her husband Liam, children Seamus, Nora, Mary, Paddy, Nuala and Bairbre, daughter-in-law Rosemary, sons-in-law Paul, Conor, Mick and Shane, her grandchildren Ronan, Hugh, Kevin, Nora, Conall, Paddy and Rory, nieces, nephews, extended family circle, neighbours and many friends.

She was in repose at Staffords Funeral Home in Golf Links Road, Portmarnock on Tuesday with removal on Wednesday morning November 20th, to St Sylvester's Church Malahide for Requiem Mass, which was followed by cremation in Dardistown Crematorium, Old Airport Road Dublin. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.



The late Leonard Timoney

The death has taken place of Leonard Timoney, late of Ballymacool, Letterkenny, formally Meenatawey, Fintown.

He passed away peacefully in the care of the staff of Donegal Hospice on Thursday, November 14th following his recent illness.

Leonard was a well-known and respected figure in his home area and Letterkenny where he lived and worked for many years in the caring profession as a psychiatric nurse in St Conal's Hospital.

He was remembered for his love of Donegal GAA, both club and county, as well as his good humour. He also loved nature and the outdoors and nowhere more than being out and about at his beloved home area of Meenatawey. A skilled handyman he could turn his hand to repair just about anything. These were all remembered in the gifts offered at his Requiem Mass in Fintown.



Sally Stewart Shields, Gortahork

The death has taken place of Sally Stewart Shields, late of Glasgow and formerly of Ballytonoy, Gortahork.

She passed away suddenly in Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow on Friday, November 8th, aged 50.

A former pupil at Cashelnagore National School, she lived in Scotland for many years but remained a regular visitor back home to see her family and many friends. Many of whom paid tribute to her and remembered her as a lovely, fun person.

Also, among those to pay tribute to her was Piersaigh an Ghallbhile CLG in Scotland.

Predeceased by her father Paddy she is survived by her son Thomas and Katie, her daughter Emmy and Tony, her mother Kathleen, her sister Eileen and Frankie, sister Moya and Kevin, her niece Kitty, nephews Anton, Frankie óg, and Ha, wider family circle and many friends. Her remains were in repose at her mother Kathleen's residence in Lower Ballytonoy on Saturday and Sunday last. Her funeral was from there on Monday for requiem Mass in Christ the King, Gortahork with burial taking place afterwards in the adjacent cemetery. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.



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Technical assessment of site for new Milford school carried out

A technical assessment of the proposed site that will accommodate a new build for Scoil Mhuire National School in Milford was carried out on Wednesday week by Department of Education officials - a significant step in the process of securing a new school.

Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue said "I spoke to the Minister for Education, Norma Foley, on October 25th about the assessment and she indicated that it would take place within three weeks, and I thank her and her team for completing the inspection on Wednesday of the proposed site that was gifted to the school in February. I will continue to liaise with the Dept



of Education to make sure that Scoil Mhuire is included on the Large-Scale Capital Programme so that we can get the project up and running. Once the school gets on the Large-Scale Capital Programme, it can move to the planning and design stages.

I have met with the staff, the Board of Management and the Parents' Association a number of times and Minister Foley has visited the school as well as meeting with school management earlier this year. The current school, which was built in 1952, has 220 pupils and 33 staff and the cramped conditions that staff and pupils endure have been highlighted in recent weeks.

The completion of the technical assessment is an important step forward and I am committed to doing all I can to make sure that Scoil Mhuire sees the delivery of a new build on a new site," concluded the Minister.

Gold at Community Games for Manus

Manus O'Donnell from Milford has won the National Volunteer Award for Community Games. He said he was over the moon and never expected to get this Award. He also thanked the Committee for their help over the years.

Manus O'Donnell joined Milford Community Games when his children started taking part in 2008. That continued on to 2013 when Manus became Chairman of the County Committee, where he remains for the past 11 years. The County Committee are delighted for Manus, and Ca-

th Hagan congratulated him on his well deserved success.

He said "Manus is always there to help and nothing is ever a problem, and when you see Manus still giving so much of his time to Community Games after all these years. We're very lucky to have Manus on board and we very proud of him."

Finally Mr. Hagan wanted to congratulate Manus on his National Award from all the Committee at Donegal Community Games. The awards presentation will take place in Mullingar at the end of the month.



Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the Blaney family, Rosnaskill, Fanad on the death of their mother, Mary Rose Blaney (née Beagin). Funeral Mass will take place in Massmount, Fanad on Friday 22nd November at 11am, followed by interment in the adjoining graveyard.

Sympathy is extended to the nephews, nieces and cousins of the late Liz McDonagh, née Alcorn, Kilmacrennan Road, whose funeral took place in St Thomas More Church, Coventry on Monday 18th November.

Sympathy is extended to Brian McBride, Kilmacrennan Road, Milford and extended family on the death of his sister Gretta Taylor, Lincoln, England and formerly of Kilmacrennan Road on Tues-

day 19th November.

Milford United

The reserve team defeated Cranford FC 2-1 on Saturday with goals from Ciaran Blaney and Adam Hosford. On Saturday 23rd November they will play away to Bonagee FC at Dry Arch Park, Letterkenny 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.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Bar Golf Society Presidents Day was held at Portsalon Golf Club on Saturday and the winner of Presidents Prize was Adam Bolton with 44 points. Full list of winners 1st Adam

Bolton (20) 44pts; 2nd Brian Forrest (20) 38pts; 3rd David Bonner (6) 35pts; 1st Nine Eamonn McCafferty 19pts; 2nd Nine Michael O'Hara 18pts; Longest Drive: Eamonn McCafferty, Nearest to the Pin Paul McGinley. At the pre-station in the Hi-da-way Bar on Saturday the Golfer of the Year awards were presented and the winner was Scott McBride 222pts and 2nd David Bonner 221pts. The incoming Captain for 2025 is Peter O'Donnell details about the next outing and annual general meeting contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149.

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 refresh-

ments. €5 entry. Everyone welcome.

Carers Clinic

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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

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.

Men's Health and Wellness

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7pm to 9pm at the Gallowglass Community Centre for an informative and engaging Men's Health event. Guest Speakers: Aidan Cunningham, Pharmacist at 7:30pm, Bill Vaughan, Mental Health Ireland at 8pm. Additional Highlights include Representatives from the Road Safety Authority, Connecting for Life-Ireland's national strategy to reduce suicide and we also have a Reflexology stand with sample treatments and much more. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and take steps towards better health and well-being. For bookings contact Emma Lou at emmalou@mdrc.ie or call 074 9153736. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest information and updates

Mass Times

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 21st November at 10am, Friday 22nd November at 10am. Saturday 23rd November at 6pm; Sunday 24th November at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Sunday 24th November at 9.30am.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Kill, Dunfanaghy

I, Brian McClure am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with connection to public sewer and all associated site development works at Kill, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Kill. 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 Kill, Dunfanaghy

I, Michael McClure am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with connection to public sewer and all associated site development works at Kill, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Kill. 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 Coun-

ty Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours.

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Donegal County Council Barnes Lower, Termon

I, Steven James O'Donnell, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with a proposed waste water treatment system, and all other associated site development works, at Barnes Lower, Termon, County Donegal in the townland of Barnes 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, 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 Stranacorkragh Td., Derrybeg,

I, Kathy Sheehy, am applying to Donegal County Council for Permission for Retention for the following development to my dwelling house, (1) Bedroom Extension built to the gable-side, (2) Kitchen Extension built to the rear, (3) Bay window built to the front elevation, (4) location of the existing septic tank serving the dwelling house and (5) all associated site development works, at this site at Stranacorkragh, Derrybeg, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Stranacorkragh. The 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, and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Killyclug, Letterkenny

We, Superior Passive Construction Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to amend the approved planning granted under 23/50109. The development consists of: Change the house design of all the remaining houses to be built, apart from house no's. 29 and 30 as per the plans submitted for planning reference 23/50109. Amend approved house no's. 8-11 from four semi-detached houses to three detached houses. All site development works at Killyclug, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of

Killyclug. 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

Ardnagappery, Derrybeg, Letterkenny

We, Fiona Roarty & Dan Connaghan are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage at Ardnagappery, Derrybeg, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ardnagappery. 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.



Pictured are members of the Donegal Fire Service who were the recipients of Long Service Awards at a function held in Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on Thursday. Front row Manus O'Donnell, Milford (30 years), Liam Ward, Community Development & Planning Services with Donegal County Council, Joseph McTaggart, Chief Fire Officer Donegal Fire Service, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Leas Cathaoirleach, Donegal County Council. Back row Kieran Drummond, S.O. Ballyshannon (30 years), Declan Williams, Milford (30 years), Noel Gillespie S.S.O., Milford (20 years), Eugene McCafferty S.O., Milford (30 years).

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Aidan Cannon wishing Charlie Collins well on his retirement at "A Night for Charlie" in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Friday organised by Donegal Daily.

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Letterkenny Chamber Business Awards 2024

The Letterkenny Chamber Business Awards 2024, hosted at The Silver Tassie Hotel, brought together a full house of businesses and community leaders from across Donegal in a celebration of enterprise, growth, and resilience. This year's awards, held in partnership with EirGrid, honoured the business achievements across 14 award categories, showcasing the vibrant diversity of businesses both large and small across the county. Claire McDonagh, said "Everyone shortlisted for the awards has shown their commitment to their business. This event celebrates the many achievements of our amazing business community in Letterkenny and the wider county. It is always fas-

cinating to hear their stories and the passion that makes each business shine." Reflecting on EirGrid's partnership with the awards, Sinead Dooley, said: "We are delighted to once again support the Letterkenny Chamber Business Awards. Throughout our work, we see first-hand the innovation and passion of local businesses across the country." In addition to the 14 award categories, two special awards celebrated exceptional contributions within Donegal's business community: Business Person of the Year was awarded to Michael and Martin Boyle of Boyle Construction. Since its founding by brothers Donal and Eugene

in the 1980s, this family-run construction firm has emerged as one of the region's most progressive companies. Today, led by Donal's sons, Michael and Martin, Boyle Construction is recognized for its commitment to quality and sustainable growth. Last week, they were honoured with the Contractor of the Year Award at the Irish Construction Industry Awards, affirming their dedication to excellence and innovation in construction. Hall of Fame 2024 was awarded to Julian Ball of R. McCullagh Jewellers, a historic establishment on Letterkenny's Main Street dating back to 1869. Julian, a master watchmaker, led the jeweller through decades of growth and adaptation, ensuring it remains a staple of the community. His legacy and contributions to Letterkenny's business landscape were celebrated with this prestigious award as he recently retired, passing the reins to his sons, Gareth and Joshua.

Award Winners & Highly Commended
 Best Disability Inclusion Initiative
 Winner: O'Hehir's Foodcourt @ ATU
 Highly commended: Finn Harps FC
Donegal Horizons CLG
Excellence in Innovation
 Winner: DS Environmental
 Highly Commended: Zinkworks Donegal Bees
ShopLK Retailer of the Year Award
 Winner: Watson Hire



Excellence in Innovation winners DS Environmental are Chris Lynch, Chamber VP, Paul Hannigan, CoLab Sponsor, Rachel Kearney, Denis Sheridan and Pauric Gallagher, DS Environmental. Photo Clive Wasson



Best Disability Inclusion Initiative winners O'Heirs Forecourt, ATU with from left Seamus Gibson, Paul Phelan, Optum Sponsor and Gillian Cullen.



Excellence in Customer Service winners Maple Group sponsored by FM Services Group - Annette Houston presenting Brian Murphy, Maple and Jimmy Stafford.



Workplace of the Year Winner Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) sponsored by EirGrid are Sinead Dooley, EirGrid, Andrea McBride, Head of Global Delivery Centre TCS and Chris Lynch, Chamber VP. Photo Clive Wasson



Young Business Person of the Year, Sourced by Sab sponsored by Tata Consultancy Services TCS Chris Lynch, TCS, Sadhbh Medlar, Sourced by Sab and Jimmy Stafford, Chamber VP. Photo Clive Wasson

- Highly Commended: Amelia's Irish Design & Gifts Restex Bedding & Furniture
- Excellence in Marketing**
 Winner: Greenes Shoes
 Highly Commended: Andrea Devins Opticians Pat's Pizza
- Best New Business**
 Winner: Sliabh Liag Camping
 Highly Commended: Fitness LK Bloem Coffee
- Business Excellence Award**
 Winner: Donegal Bees
 Highly Commended: DS Environmental Highland Radio
- Excellence in Customer Service Award**
 Winner: Maple Group
 Highly Commended: La Maison Century Complex
- Gnó le Gaeilge /Business Through Irish**
 Winner: ERNACT
 Highly Commended: No.9 Market Square Pinehill Studios
- Excellence in Tourism**
 Winner: Triona
 Highly Commended: Sliabh Liag Camping Sonny McSwines
- Employee of the Year**
 Winner: Keith Stevenson
- Sustainable Superstar**
 Winner: Donegal Airport
 Highly Commended: SSE Renewables & Future Energy Ireland Optum
- Workplace of the Year**
 Winner: TCS
 Highly Commended: PGIM FinTrU
- Outstanding Small Business**
 Winner: Creative Landscaping Works
 Highly Commended: Maggies Tavern Boyd HR
- Young Business Person of the Year**
 Winner: Sadhbha Medlar, Sourced by Sab
 Highly Commended: Megan Ruddy, Petals Boutique Ryan O'Donnell, KO Fitness
- Business Person of the Year Award**
 The award went to Martin & Michael Boyle, Boyle Construction
- Hall of Fame**
 The 2024 Hall of Fame recipient was Julian Ball of R.McCullagh Jewellers



Watson Hire - Shop LK Retailer of the Year Award Winners, Watson Hire sponsored by Dillion's Hotel - Jake Ferry, Robert McElhinney, Dillion's Hotel, Jimmy Stafford, Chamber VP, John Watson and Eoin Watson. Photo Clive Wasson



Excellence in Marketing Award Winner, Greene Shoes sponsored by PGIM - Charlene Kennedy, PGIM and Clair McDonough, Chamber President presenting the award to the Greenes Shoes team. Photo Clive Wasson

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Saturday launch for Creeslough View

The 24th edition of the Creeslough View will be launched this Saturday evening the 23rd of November in the Creeslough Day Centre after Mass.

This years book is 160 pages full of many of the events that took place in the area over the past year.

Published by Gerald and Marie Duffy and Declan Breslin they say "The View has become more than just a magazine - it's a testament to the strength of our community spirit, and it's you, our readers, who make it all possible. Thank you for your loyalty, support and continued enthusiasm. A special word of thanks must go to all those who have contributed to this edition, from writers and photographers to local historians, artists, and interviewees. Each story and photograph adds a piece to the mosaic of life in Creeslough, reflecting who we are and the pride we have in our heritage. You are the backbone of this magazine, and we are grateful for your dedication and creativity in bringing our town's rich stories to life."

"To all of you, whether you're reading from the heart of Creeslough or from across the world, we send a warm hello. It's always heartening to hear from readers who live abroad and to know that this magazine serves as a connection to home. Your letters, emails, and messages remind us just how far the spirit of Creeslough reaches, and it's our privilege to play a role in that connection. To those who are reading this edition from a distance, please know that Creeslough holds a place for you, and we're delighted to be able to share a little piece of it with you through these pages."

"For those who might not know, The Creeslough View now has a website at www.creesloughview.com, where you can keep up with community news, updates, and featured stories throughout the year. This online presence has allowed us to stay more connected with readers all year round, and we encourage you to visit. If you have ideas for future editions, topics you'd like to see covered, or suggestions for the website, please reach out to Marie Duffy at creesloughview@gmail.com. Your feedback helps us to continue evolving and keeps us grounded in the needs and interests of our readers.

Thank you once again for being part of The Creeslough View family. Here's to another year of celebrating our community and the people who make it so special!"

There are many interviews starting Francie Carr well known in the building industry in England plus a feature on Brendan "Tiny" Vaughan and his fundraising endeavours leading to him receiving an award in the Irish Embassy in London on Wednesday the 13th of November. This was for his work on his annual calendar with all proceeds going to the Donegal Hospice.

Danny McLaughlin is also remembered as a man of loyalty, love and legacy. There is also a profile of Bridget Whoriskey and later known as Sister Mary Angela on her time in the religious life and by coincidence there is also a feature on a farm building at her has been restored by Michael and Hugh Canning. Charlie McFadden who was born in Swillybrin talks about his life and his current life in Australia.

Mickey Doherty is featured from his beginning in Derryreel to the UK.

Eamonn McFadden visits the refurbished Cino's Cafe at Ards Friary and talks to Brother Laurence and Project Manager of the New Spring for Ards, Brian McGarvey on their exciting plans for the future.

Eamon also attended the opening of the Creeslough Community Hub, the launch of the €13m Village Plan and the visit of Moya Brennan in February for the announcement of the Donegal Person of the Year.

The Muckish Development Committee have installed a new set of fixed binoculars near Muckish giving views of the mountains and right out over the Atlantic and the islands including Tory and Inishbofin and this is proving a great attraction at the moment.

There are many photo spreads from the New Year's Day Swim at Marblehill, to the 10th anniversary celebrations of the Wild Atlantic Camp, the St. Patrick's Day parade, Threshing the Corn, Sheephaven Credit Union Quiz, the Patrick McIntyre Walk, "I'm the One for You" produced by the Muckish Drama Circle, Ballymore Garden Fete, Creeslough students visit Áras an Uachtaráin, the Dáil and Croke Park, the Creeslough Fair Day, Glassan NS Tractor Run and the John Nelis Memorial Cup.

The Confirmation and First Communion classes in the area are also featured and the unveiling of a Memorial Stone to the late Seamus Harkin.

Sport is also heavily featured with the St. Michael's ladies, gents and underage featured, the North West Coastal Challenge Adventure Race run by the Club is also included as well as Dunfanaghy Youths boys and girls celebrating their successful season.

The juniors from Dunfanaghy Golf Club are also featured as are the Brennan sisters who are making great strides in the equestrian world.



A Journey Through Time: The Life and Legacy of Francie Carr

Francie and Ann Carr.

For many in Creeslough, Francie Carr is a household name—known as much for his hard work as for his deep-rooted sense of community and family. Born into a family of eight, Francie was the fourth eldest, growing up alongside siblings Mary, Paddy, Sally, Bill, Eddie, Danny, and Gráinne. His mother, Agnes McFadden, came from Cashel, and his father, Hughie, hailed from Donnacree.

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Great production from the Muckish Drama Circle

By Moses Alcorn

The curtain came down on Saturday 27th of April after three sold out performances in Missinass Hall by the Muckish Drama Circle of the Jimmy Keary Play 'I'm the One For You'.

This was the Group's first show since 2019 and the crowds flocked to the Old School to enjoy the goings on at the O'Malley Farmhouse with all the performances ending with standing ovations. On Saturday the cast were delighted to be joined by the author Jimmy Keary who travelled from in Rathdown in Co. Westmeath for the show. Jimmy was inspired to write the play after having a talk with a friend of his who employed a cleaner to come to his house once a week - however his friend cleaned the house himself before the cleaner came!

The three-act play is set in the farmhouse of Gerry O'Malley played by John McClafferty who is a widower and farmer living alone and the play begins with Dornie Sinnott (Maggie Rodden) a widow, walking between two men. You would carry a log between two men. You would carry the log on the chair after a heavy night of playing cards and the odd can of beer or three after she comes to clean the house. Dornie fancies Gerry and has high hopes that wedding...

Putting the 'Cap' back in cappuccino: Ards looks to future

by Eamonn McF

With coffee culture booming around Ireland, one of the most authentic brews may well come from the newly refurbished and extended cafe at Ards Friary. Why so? Because the highly popular cappuccino, the Italian style coffee with a dollop of foam, is the home of the Stewarts!

Ards Friary will celebrate its 2030th anniversary in 2030. Originally the site of the home of the Stewarts!

Remembering Danny McLaughlin: A Man of Loyalty, Love, and Legacy

Danny McLaughlin, Kevin Ward, Seamus Sweeney, Connie Molloy.

When asked where they are from, and they reply 'Creelough', many an eyebrow is raised in surprise as Creelough isn't exactly renowned for equestrianism, yet despite having a huge disadvantage of having to travel their ponies anywhere from 2-6 hours each way just to get to a competition, and not having access to the large training facilities that their fellow competitors take for granted, Eabha & Tara Brennan continue to make it onto the podiums in the Equestrian circuits.

For those not familiar with the sport, there are several different equestrian associations/organisations, each with their own affiliation - not unlike the way Gaelic Football & soccer have their own rules and associations.

Under the Show Jumping Ireland (SJI) umbrella, which is more geared towards professional riders and horse producers, the year got off to a good start at the SJI Ulster Region Awards in February when both girls received awards for their wins at Ulster & Eabha & Tara received a furl award for the Leading Ulster R the All-Irelands.

The girls have had continued success...

Creelough Equestrians to the fore

Tara and Eabha Brennan at the SJI Awards Night 2024.

When asked where they are from, and they reply 'Creelough', many an eyebrow is raised in surprise as Creelough isn't exactly renowned for equestrianism, yet despite having a huge disadvantage of having to travel their ponies anywhere from 2-6 hours each way just to get to a competition, and not having access to the large training facilities that their fellow competitors take for granted, Eabha & Tara Brennan continue to make it onto the podiums in the Equestrian circuits.

For those not familiar with the sport, there are several different equestrian associations/organisations, each with their own affiliation - not unlike the way Gaelic Football & soccer have their own rules and associations.

Under the Show Jumping Ireland (SJI) umbrella, which is more geared towards professional riders and horse producers, the year got off to a good start at the SJI Ulster Region Awards in February when both girls received awards for their wins at Ulster & Eabha & Tara received a furl award for the Leading Ulster R the All-Irelands.

The girls have had continued success...

North West Coastal Challenge Adventure Race

Around the turn of the year the St Michael's GAA club minor board committee teased out the possibility of hosting an adventure race in 2024. It was an idea that had been floating around for a while so it was decided to see if something concrete could be put in place. With the club being situated in the heart of an area blessed with an abundance of natural beauty and energy it seemed a natural fit to try to create a positive event within it. The aims for creating the event were:

- To encourage people of all levels of fitness to increase their participation in physical activity by giving them a goal to train towards.
- To create an event that all members of the club and community not taking part in the race could get behind to promote a genuine sense of community spirit.
- To showcase the local area in a positive light to people less familiar with our corner of the world.
- To raise some funds for the development of all youth players within the club.

The first task was to come up with a potential route for the race. Adventure races are usually multi-sport events so it was important to have a mix of disciplines.

Plotting a route with plenty of scenery also to the fore in discussions. It was decided. It was vital that the challenge was enough to give a sense of satisfaction at completion but not too difficult as to put people off. Once the route was decided it was then had to be sought for event bodies before things got too complicated. Thankfully everything got sorted and the 5th of October was the calendar as race day!



It's that time of year – Letterkenny Christmas Annual is out next week!

The 43rd edition of the Letterkenny & District Christmas Annual will be in the shops by the beginning of next week. Currently going through the finishing touches at the printers, the team behind the annual hope to have the popular 200 page book out by next week so that it meets the closing dates for posting to friends and relatives all over the world.

“Townies everywhere, from Boston to Clydebank and Sydney to London, love to have their copies in time for Christmas,” explains editor Kieran Kelly, “so we like to have it out by the end of November each year so that there is still time for the Christmas posting dates.”

This year, once again the Annual is full to the brim of interesting articles, short stories, poems and old photos of Letterkenny that will bring a warm smile to many faces this Christmas sea-



son.

“In total, we have contributions from over forty different writers, local historians and poets that maintain the high standards of Annuals past, which provide the reader with a rich tapestry of Letterkenny life both in the past and indeed in the present,” says Kieran. “On top of that, we have over 300 photos of the town and of popular characters over the years that were so kindly donated by so many people; as always it really is a Community effort putting this all together.”

As well as articles on various aspects of local history, the 2024 Annual provides the usual mix of interesting sports articles, reviews of the year past, Christmas stories and poems, as well as humorous memories and anecdotes of growing up in the town. It also has the traditional Townies Teasers Crossword and a Christmas Quiz to keep you entertained as you tuck into the box of Quality Street!

“The Annual is an important tradition for the town of Letterkenny; it's part of our fabric, our DNA, if you like. As the town grows and changes around us, there's something comforting in the Annual coming out – that we still have it around. For example, we all know that this year saw the demolition of the old Funland/Music Centre building, as well as the old ESB offices and the former Ulster Bank is under major renovations. This year was also the last of the Letterkenny Reunions. But yet, we still have the Annual! There's definitely a comfort in that – that some things haven't changed.”

First published in 1982 as a fundraiser for the development of the new Community Centre, the annual continued to grow in popularity each year, being edited by Jim Lynch (RIP) for many years.

“It's a fantastic treasure trove of information over the years,” continues Kieran. “Like many other Townies, I am privileged to have the

entire collection in my library, and I often dip into them to rediscover old stories and photographs that have been forever preserved in the Annuals. Likewise, in the future, I hope people will enjoy dipping into the 2024 edition to rediscover the photos and articles we have in this year. It really is a treasure chest of the social history of our town over the last forty years and something that, as always, everyone can enjoy.”

The 2024 Christmas Annual will be available in local shops from the beginning of next week.



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Friday Night A la Carte
5.30pm - 8.30pm

Sunday Lunch
1pm - 3.30pm

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

Ramelton Presbyterian Church (F92 AW77)

Come see Christmas trees decorated by schools, organisations, and businesses in the community and get in the festive spirit!

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

Everyone welcome!

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Robert Mizzell

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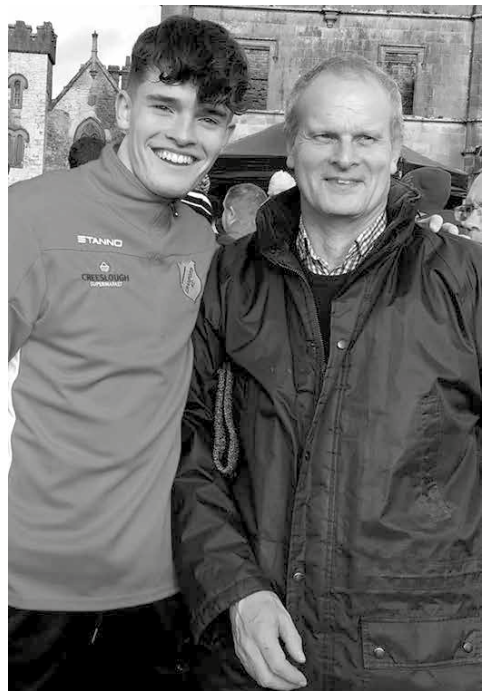
My Key Priorities:

- **Enhancing rural sustainable communities** : My focus will be on strengthening Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism, and Connectivity, sectors which are crucial for sustaining rural living and fostering vibrant, resilient communities.
- **Supporting Small and Medium Businesses**: As a self-employed business, I understand the challenges and opportunities local entrepreneurs face, and I am committed to enhancing the viability of small and medium businesses to boost Donegal's economy.
- **Community Empowerment**: I will prioritise putting people and community first, in our towns, villages and Gaeltacht communities, and working together for success.
- **Promoting Sports & Wellbeing**: I believe in the power of sports to build strong, connected communities, and I will advocate for increased funding and resources for our local clubs and organisations across Donegal.

I'm asking for your support to bring dedicated leadership to Donegal.
John McNulty, Your Fine Gael Candidate for Donegal

VOTE 2

Sen. Nikki BRADLEY



Michael Moore with his Dad James.
Cranford AC News



Oisín and Ann McBride.



Charlie Rogers who finished 14th U12 boys at the National Championship with his parents, Nanna and siblings.

All Ireland Even Ages Cross Country

Despite a wet start to the day and a challenging course, 6 of our talented young athletes made the short journey to the All Ireland Even Ages competition, joined by a bus full of supportive parents and coaches. This event was hosted by Enniskillen running club in Castle Irvine Demesne.
First to compete was Charley Rogers, who put in a fantastic effort to finish in 14th place.
Oisín McBride also ran an impressive race. While a stitch kept him out of the

medal pack, he still finished strongly. Well done, Oisín - looking forward to seeing you compete again soon.
Our only girl of the day, Mia Fletcher, delivered a strong performance in the Under 18 race, finishing well up the field. Keep up the excellent work, Mia!
We had two athletes in the Under 18 boys race. Michael Moore ran brilliantly, finishing high up the field and contributing to the Donegal team's 3rd-place finish. Caolán McFadden had an outstanding race, coming home in 2nd place. Al-

though he narrowly missed his goal of qualifying for the Under 20 European Championships in Turkey, Caolán was a vital scorer for the winning Ulster team and 3rd-place Donegal team.
Our final competitor, Oisín Kelly, represented us in the senior men's race. He delivered a strong run, finishing in 23rd place against tough competition.
A big thank you to the coaches for their dedication and to all the parents who came along to cheer on our athletes. We look forward to the Uneven All Ireland Championships in Waterford in two weeks.



Caolán McFadden who won silver at the National Championships U18 with family Nazara, Danny and Terri.



Sadhbh McBride, Karen Neely and Amelia Lily McGee supporting all the athletes attending Nationals Championships.



Oisín Kelly and Eamon Giles at the National Championship.



Mia Fletcher with her Mum Tara.

Letterkenny AC News

Congratulations to L.A.C.'s Ann-Marie McGlynn, National Cross Country Champion 2024. Ann-Marie becomes the first athlete to win the National Senior Cross Country title and marathon title in the same year.
Ann Marie McGlynn was in imperious form to take the National Cross Country Championship Senior title held at the picturesque Castle Irvine Estate, Co. Fermanagh winning the race by a considerable distance.

Our women's team consisting of Shauna McGeehan, Claire McGuigan, Ann Marie McGlynn, Nakita Burke and Noeleen Scanlon under the stewardship of Teresa McDaid took silver in the Senior team event while Ann Marie, Nakita and Noeleen participated in the County team event which took home bronze.

L.A.C. athlete Claire McGuigan, with a superb performance took silver at the Master's International Cross Country.
Dale Corbett and Mark McShane also put in strong performances in a challenging field.
Congratulations from the Club to all our athletes on their tremendous efforts and outstanding results.
L.A.C.'s annual 5k Turkey Trot will take place on Sunday 8th December at 10:30a.m. from Diver's Hyundai Garage. For online event registration visit <https://eventmaster.ie/event/yQPwUP0SVy>

L.A.C. members were delighted to present the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association with a cheque for €8,447. A number of L.A.C. members ran the Dublin City Marathon to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease Ireland dedicating their run to the memory of their friend and club mate the late Aidan McGlynn.

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.

Milford AC News

Anthony Doherty who had an excellent run in the Masters 0/55 International cross country championships in Belfast on Saturday. Anthony got a late call up on the Tuesday before the race as a previously selected athlete had to withdraw. Anthony was an able replacement as he finished 3rd member of the team and 14th overall in the 0/55 men's category. Anthony ran 29.39 for the 8km distance, averaging 3.41/km. Nationals in Enniskillen

Milford AC had two juvenile athletes go to post - Ella Coyle and Cormac Anderson in their under 14 races. Both ran very well and enjoyed the great experience of competing with the best in the Country. Thanks to the parents and coaches, Joe and Laura who travelled.

Business Awards

Congratulations to Club member, Denis Sheridan and his team from DS Environmental, Kilmacrennan, who won Best Innovative Company at The Letterkenny Chamber Business Awards in Letterkenny on Friday.



Milford AC's Anthony Doherty who represented Ireland on Saturday.



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Donegal County Council

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RECRUITMENT COMPETITIONS

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

- **Apprentice Fitter Mechanic**

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

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday 9 December 2024.**

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

No late applications will be accepted.

Donegal County Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

Glenree 50th anniversary book launch

Glenree Sports Club: 50 Years, traces the origins of the club within the community, its foundation half a century ago in the McBride family home. It includes a wide range of articles, personal tributes, and acknowledgments, including heartfelt pieces dedicated to the Coyle and McGettigan families, Glenree.

It will be launched this Saturday the 23rd of November at 3pm in the Carrigart Hotel.

A major feature of the book is a couple of articles on Jimmy McGrory and an article on Brian McLaughlin also of Glasgow Celtic fame. In addition to covering soccer and athletics, the book also explores

Sheephaven Bay Rugby Football Club, including a remarkable game that featured Irish internationals and British & Irish Lions players.

Guest writers contribute richly to the book, among them Frank Galligan, Columba Boyce, Sean O'Rourke, Danny McDaid, Patsy McGonagle, Teresa McDaid, Amber Barrett, Dessie Kelly, RIP, Roisin Coyle and John Cronin, President of Athletics Ireland.

The book weaves personal stories with the history of the club, including excerpts from player interviews. These interviews highlight players' reflections on their experiences, the influence of mentors, life lessons learned, and how playing impacted their lives.

Other features include an article on Rosapenna Golf Club by Peter Smyth, a piece on Doe Castle by Janet McIver, the Paddy Marley story, tips for older players on exercise, and advice on the suitability of sports for adolescents.

And there's even more to discover!

The Book will be Launched this Saturday 23rd November at 3pm in the Carrigart Hotel. Book available for purchase from 2pm. Everyone Welcome. Price: €20. Cash or Revolut only. All profits will be donated to Glenree Academy and refreshments courtesy of Carrigart Hotel.

Carrigart Christmas Craft Fair

Scoil Eoin Baiste in Carrigart are organising a Christmas Craft Fair in the

view and purchase the large range of Parochial Hall this Sunday the 24th of November. There are also free refreshments and do-run to 4pm and you are invited to come along and



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GLENREE 50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK LAUNCH

Carrigart Hotel
3 pm Saturday 23 November

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

Come celebrate with us and be part of this special occasion!

Santa Dash at the Boardwalk

Scoil Cholmcille Duibhlinn Riabhach are organising a Santa Dash and family fun walk on Sunday the 24th of November at the Boardwalk at Carrigart. It will be at 3pm and all runners are welcome. There is a prize for the best festive attire/costume and the cost is €10 for adults and €5 for children.



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MARY T. Sweeney

A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

I'd never been to an IKEA shop before

It has been a long, tiring, difficult fortnight, with some good times. The overall feeling is one of numbness, but I suppose that's the desired effect of the medication. There's still the feeling of being an observer of my own life; constantly functioning a beat behind everyone else... a bit like when the sound and vision are not properly aligned on the telly.

The worst of this spell of depression has passed for now, leaving a drained exhaustion behind it. The thousands of fractured shards of my spirit are in a pile on the ground and the long process of re-assembling them into a better, stronger version of me will begin when it begins. It will take a long time to recover from this episode, but with a bit of luck and help I'll get there eventually. I'll be like a gorgeous Kintsugi bowl then. You can Google that!

I had a very good weekend around the 8th, when I brought my first horsebox full of belongings up to Rathmullan to the shipping container I bought. A lot of my life has been in storage since I sold the last house in 2018, so it was good to renew my acquaintance with some of my things. I had got a bill that morning from the quarries for all the stone and gravel for finishing around the house. I hate owing money so when I arrived in Letterkenny I swapped vehicles with Rachel at the brewery and headed to the bank for a load a lolly. As luck would have it, their money man was on his way into Letterkenny so we completed the transaction very swiftly.

Afterwards I carried on to Tesco to get lettuce for Margaret ("don't bring Iceberg"), before heading on to Rathmullan where Rachel thankfully gave me a hand to unload the trailer and close the very stiff doors of the container. I had a good chat with the cats before leaving the yard to have dinner with my parents. Mark called over for a while when he finished work at 9pm and it was good to see him again.

The documentary film "Housewife of the Year" which Margaret and I took part in was being shown in the Belfast Film Theatre on Saturday 9th as part of the Belfast film festival. We had

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decided to attend and both Libby and Rachel (my little sisters) were coming with us to make a real "girly" outing of it. We pulled out at eleven, with Rachel in the driving seat of Ed's very comfy car. It must have been a strange feeling for Garrett seeing every other member of his immediate family setting sail into the blue distant yonder in what is basically just a tin shell on wheels.

It's nice to be a backseat passenger sometimes, and to have absolutely no responsibility for the journey. I slept and dozed for a good bit of the journey because my nights are still not great and I'm constantly tired. It's pleasant to drift in and out of the conversation going on around you, without taking any part in it. Our first stop was IKEA for me to get curtains for the house. Dublin didn't stock a lot of what I needed and Belfast doesn't deliver to Donegal, so the only option was to go there and collect them. I was very lucky that they actually had some stuff I wanted which was listed on line as being "out of stock".

I got everything I needed very quickly with Margaret's help. I had never been to an IKEA shop before and I found it very claustrophobic being in that endless tunnel of "stuff", with no way out except to go through it. I'd want to be in the whole of my health for that sort of an assault on the senses, but I can see why people who enjoy shopping would be in raptures about it. I'm a dyed in the wool minimalist and IKEA is most definitely for maximalists. We were staying in a family room in the Greg-

ory Hotel on Eglantine Avenue. It was basic but warm and comfortable and we enjoyed our one night stay. Breakfast was in the ever brilliant Harlem Cafe on Bedford St. I love Harlem; it's an eclectic, comfortable, interesting place with excellent food and service. After a top class breakfast we had a tour of a couple of our maternal grandmother's old homes in the city of her birth, before heading back to Rathmullan for tea and chat. I wasn't in any rush to return to Cavan so I took my leisurely time and didn't hit the road till after 5pm for a pleasant night run back to base. I had another session on Tuesday with Lucy, my head fixer, to keep me on the road to redemption. Only for her! Then on Wednesday I brought Grace, my last commercial horse, over to Granard to Mickey and Finola Kelly for a refresher course before she goes out for the winter to mature. Himself sold 16 big, finished cattle to the factory in Moyvalley and was very happy with the outcome, (what's seldom is wonderful!). The calves are all weaned and out on fresh grass till January and the cows are cleaning off rented ground until it's stripped in early December.

On Thursday I brought Himself into Specsavers for a long overdue NCT of the eyes and ears. Having dumped him outside the clinic, I went across the road and bought a drop of milk and a packet of bickies and went up the street to have a cuppa and a natter with Fergal in the furniture shop. He's the most agreeable, easygoing fella you could hope to meet and



Kate Carton

it's good to have him to drop into when I'm in Cavan. People have been so kind and supportive during my bad spell.

I had a long, busy weekend in work, with a lot of extra hours and today was one of my difficult days from the neck up; so rushing to complete this before my deadline. As soon as I finish work in the morning I'm heading straight for Rathmullan to deliver a van load of tack for sale at the Equine Car Boot Sale in Greenacres Stud and Equestrian Centre next Sunday 24th. So if any of you are in the market for a clearance sale of saddles, rugs, breaking harness, show bridles, etc., get yourselves to Greenacres on Sunday. There's no point in me keeping all the tools of the trade when I'm getting out of horses and every shilling is welcome at the moment as I approach the end of my house build.

I got a belated and very welcome boost last week when the Mother & Baby Home redress scheme upheld my claim, at long, long last. I am one of a tiny percentage of people whose records had gone totally missing. There was a long and detailed investigation into my time in the home for unmarried (unwanted) mothers and babies, involving solicitors, ancient archived records and searches for long dead and retired employees of various agencies. I'm relieved that it all came right in the end, when I needed it most. It will enable me to pay any outstanding monies owed on the house and finish several chapters in life this year. New year, new beginning. Onwards and sideways! As Dolly Parton said "if you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one."

Aontu achieve 50% gender selection



Mary T. Sweeney with Aontu leader Peadar Tobin.

Aontu's Mary T. Sweeney has praised her party's diligence in achieving a 50% gender balance of candidates in the forthcoming General Election.

Contesting all 43 of the Republic's constituencies, Aontu, along with Greens, has the highest quota of female nominations on the ballot papers.

Describing the numbers as phenomenal Ms Sweeney claimed: "Aontu is at the forefront of promoting equality for women in Irish political life. While other parties talk about gender rights, Aontu follow through with action. Also, unlike our political opponents Aontu is the only party willing to define what a woman truly is and a party

women naturally gravitate to."

In 2012 the Oireachtas adopted a law obliging political parties to select at least 30% women candidates and 30% men candidates to contest general elections. The threshold increased to 40% in 2023. If the quota is not met, political parties will lose 50% of the State funding they receive on an annual basis to run their operations. The quota system is designed to develop a selection process which will encourage women to come forward for election.

Ms Sweeney said: "There has been criticism from some corners surrounding this system of selection. However, our candidates were selected because of their ability and merit, not by a mandatory quota or

a carrot or stick approach. Seemingly, the bigger parties struggled to fill the 40% quota, rushing at the last minute to appoint a plethora of female candidates before the nomination deadline, solely selected as sweepers for votes rather than to win seats. And curiously, so-called women's rights organisations such as the National Council of Women of Ireland seem to be slow to offer any praise for Aontu's ground-breaking achievement."

According to The Women for Election group figures, Ireland was 104th in the world in terms of the number of women in national parliaments, with only 37 women members of the Dáil out of 160. The total number of TDs due to be elected has increased to 174.

"A record number of women candidates are registered to stand with 247 women out of 685 candidates running for seats across the country. This is a 53% increase on the last election in 2020. It's hugely positive to see this step forward today," said Mary T. Sweeney, "although for Aontu gender quotas have never been a relevance and always a case of the best person for the job."

"McKeever - Let's Take Back Local Power in Donegal"

Independent candidate Gerry McKeever is calling on Donegal residents to support a new vision for local democracy. McKeever, who is running to represent Donegal in Dáil Éireann, has placed the restoration of local urban councils at a key element of his campaign, arguing that the 2014 decision to abolish them has had a detrimental impact on the region's towns and communities. In 2014, the Dáil voted to dissolve the country's urban councils, a move McKeever believes has stripped towns in Donegal, and across Ireland, of essential representation and oversight. These councils, which had significant spending powers, played a vital role in ensuring the well-being of communities by keeping a local eye on the issues that mattered most. As councillors lived and worked among the people they served, they provided an invaluable duty of care that, McKeever argues, is sorely missing today. "This wasn't just an administrative change," McKeever said. "It was an attack on local democracy. Urban councils gave people a voice, a direct line to the decisions being made in the Dáil. And since they were abolished, our communities have suffered, our towns are not being given the attention and resources they deserve. The erosion of local democracy is part of a bigger problem we're seeing in our society: the weakening of our rights and freedoms and the growing centralisation of power." He is adamant that the absence of these councils has contributed to a decline in local law and order, with communities left disconnected from their elected representatives. While he acknowledges that many factors have contributed to this situation, the removal of local governance structures is, he believes, one of the most significant.



FF, FG campaign promises don't match up to government record - Pringle

Deputy Thomas Pringle, said he is seeing at the doors people's frustration with the empty promises of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael candidates.

He said: "I am hearing real frustration at the doors from people who are seeing campaign promises from Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael candidates that don't match up to their government record these past years.

"It sometimes sounds like government party candidates have just landed in Ireland and suddenly have manifestos with solutions to all the problems that their own government decisions have caused. It's no wonder people are frustrated. Where have these solutions been since 2020? "I saw the Taoiseach, Simon Harris, has committed to scrapping the means test for the Carer's Allowance. Where was he two weeks ago when a motion to do just that came before the Dáil? And that wasn't the first time the issue had come before the Dáil during this past term.

"It's the same with defective blocks. Affected homeowners have been telling Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael for years what needs to be done to provide proper 100% redress. The People's Document that campaigners presented earlier this year sets out the steps that need to be taken for a proper 100% redress scheme and steps to ensure this is not allowed to happen again. The redress scheme is still not fit for purpose, yet voters are expected to believe that Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael are now going to do what they haven't done while in government.

"It's understandable how the public can feel exhausted by empty campaign promises from Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael candidates, when those promises do not match their government record. "However, we are not all the same. I have consistently supported scrapping the means test for the Carer's Allowance. I have fully supported The People's Document since its launch."

Echoes of Celtic Tiger when the ECB shouted stop

Meanwhile there is a general election campaign going on for the hearts and minds of the electorate... and we have to trust in the Taoiseach Simon Harris to deliver a better Ireland: but one that we can afford.

We've been down this road before where the failure of government gambles ended in disaster. The lessons of past failures are very recent and it will be the utmost disaster if they are ignored in the gold rush to win votes.

This weekend is the last full one in the general election race to the final post on polling day... that's Friday week. And that is just as well given the reality that Simon Harris could easily bankrupt Ireland before a ballot paper is counted.

This has got to be the worst recklessness with the public purse that we ever witnessed. At the FF manifesto launch, Micheál Martin promised to spend another €60 billion over the coming five years. Optimistic perhaps. However Fianna Fail also made promises ahead of their official launch. A bit rash maybe. However all that pales into insignificance in comparison with the swashbuckling promises being made by the Taoiseach.

This is a campaign made for spending the Apple tax windfall of €14 billion and then multiplying that by an avalanche of promises that can only spell disaster for every citizen of the State.

Back in the mid-sixties our political system favoured strokes and Fianna Fail swept into power on the basis of a massive plan of tax cuts.

This was a new breed of campaigning and their director of elections, Seamus Brennan went to America to learn how the Democratic Party handled politics. And FF broke new ground by launching a pop record...it sounds laughable

even now.

Entitled 'Let's make it your kind of Country' failed to be played on 'Top of the Pops'. Thankfully it saved the nation's blushes.

Jack Lynch swept to power and his main players were George Colley, Charles Haughey, Martin O'Donohue and Jim Gibbons.

The Budget took everyone by surprise, especially their own grassroots.

Domestic rates were abolished. Car tax was abolished: But what was going to replace all that revenue? FF had a cunning plan and all was revealed later.

Admittedly, domestic rates were a very crude mechanism for taxing property values, but they at least existed, and provided the basis for the funding of local Council provided services. 47 years on we are still paying the price, economically and politically.

The big round hole in the apple tart would be filled by cutting funding to local authorities. That was as crazy as it got, until now. A wide range of other taxes, from personal to transport, rates were cut and bases were abolished.

Fianna Fail swept into power. Their successful appeal to the population set the template for Irish political life ever since.

While economically disastrous the 1977 programme was politically triumphant, for FF

and Jack Lynch. But his time was running out.

In this country we believe our own myth that we are a highly taxed nation. In comparison with countries in the northern tier of Europe, the Irish state takes a small percentage of the national wealth, individuals pay a small percentage of earnings, and today, the Exchequer relies heavily on corporation tax from rich multi-national companies.

It seems particularly contradictory in cutting local property taxes and then demanding increased local services. It is so very Irish! And we still do it. Nobody likes paying taxes. But we have a political system which is absolutely incapable of telling the people that if they want the services they consistently demand, someone has to foot these costs to provide.

There is no magic money tree... I just might be mistaken, but Simon Harris may have one in his back garden. Perhaps it's his imagination intoxicated with the excitement of being in charge of running the country.

For generations, well, back to the Budget of 1977 when Fianna Fail broke the bank, literally, to win the general election, Irish Governments were good at pulling strokes in general election campaigns. And while they may not have been all that proactive at many important financial things, Fianna Fail ruled the roost in those years of election campaigns. Dev, Lemass, Haughey. Bertie, maybe that's enough.

Stroke politics was the order of the day and maybe Fine Gael never got a look in up to 2011 when the madness of the Celtic Tiger inflicted carnage on the taxpayers. The debt mountain brought in the European Central Bank and there was the humiliation of the loss of financial sovereignty. These kinds of things don't happen if the government of the day keeps the Ship of State from running aground. And that is where Ireland ended up

in the General Election of 2011.

The legacy of stroke politics had finally been exposed and hard lessons were learnt... that's until the autumn of 2024 and Simon's spending money like he's got a licence to print it.

Surely, there must be wise counsel in FG to remind him that it is unwise to promise mountains when the country has a national debt of €179 billion. It is entirely possible that the Taoiseach will promise as much again in the coming ten days in his race to win this election, but our political system no longer wants political strokes.

However, the 'Sunday Times Opinions' poll has Fine Gael leading in the campaign.

They are on 23% with Independents and others on 21%: Fianna Fail has 20%: Sinn Fein's on 18%. All others are well below 10%. The Green Party is on 4%. This leaves the outgoing government five percentage points from 2020's general election.

This was when 81 seats was an overall majority: they combined to have 84 seats, excluding the Ceann Comhairle.

For these past four and a half years, they worked in harmony: nothing that might excite their colleagues. However, the crisis in our hospitals and housing worsened despite more and more money being allocated to them.

The problem is not always about money. But if you continue to give cash injections to failed systems, the probability is that more money is not the solution. This has been a government that has lacked courage, innovation and creative thinking to develop new models to serve a fast growing population.

At times it seemed the system was overly reactive to developing crises rather than using the experience of previous ones to develop more beds, to ensure that waiting times in A&E were halved and that no Donegal

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people should be forced out of bed at 3.00am to get see a consultant in Dublin or Galway. Can you just imagine the protests that would become commonplace, if Dublin and Galway people were forced to leave home at 3.00am?

We have a huge need for new hospitals, housing, more schools, colleges and almost every other people centered department in this country. FG has been in power since 2011 and despite the Covid crisis which they handled well, the country has now moved out of sight of the pandemic. One of the main issues with government services is that it takes forever to deliver projects and that's after they are confirmed. There is much truth in the oft-stated remark: 'if only this was being done by a private firm.' And that holds true in health where more and more families are opting for private health insurance. For many it is their only option. The country in its delivery of public services is in an urgent need of a major reset. However, no government has the ability or the ambition to bring about change. And whenever change does come, it is often overtaken by demand.

Our population is growing at over 100,000 year on year: we have the money but not the foresight to tackle these crises in our midst.

Meanwhile as Simon Harris rushes to grab the news headline of the morning we can expect more extravagant promises. In fact, this is the last thing we want because there are no defined guidelines, no strategies to confront the reality of a broken system.

New departments in the public service are about the last thing we need because it is only heaping more weight on an overweight system of a public service that is a huge part of the problem.

It seems we need a total root and branch review of the entire system of public services by an independent group of analysts. Is public administration as practiced in Ireland out of date, lacking in professional motivation and innovation? Is it out of touch with the crises in the HSE, in A&Es nationally and are staff leaving because they want to move elsewhere for their skills to be fully utilised? Have government ministers given away too much control to the permanent government? Is the system doing the same things over and over again with the same results? Are government services meeting the needs of the population? And, is there value for money being delivered? Meanwhile there is a general election campaign going on for the hearts and minds of the electorate... and we have to trust in the Taoiseach Simon Harris to deliver a better Ireland: but one that we can afford.

We've been down this road before where the failure of government gambles ended in disaster. The lessons of past failures are very recent and it will be the utmost disaster if they are ignored in the gold rush to win votes.

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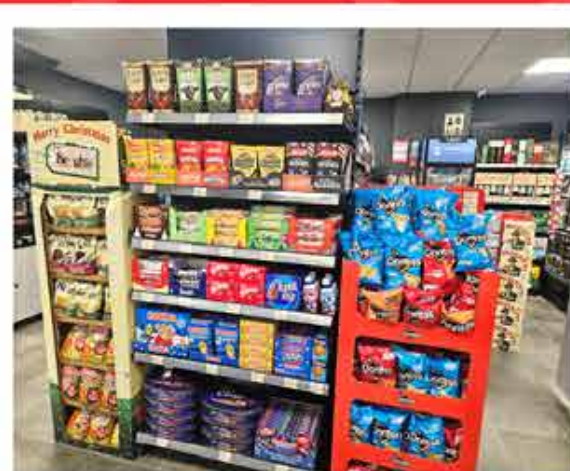
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Players from Milford United receiving Special Appreciation Awards for representing the club at County Level or Finn Harps during the past year.

Milford Utd Presentations

Milford United FC Annual Underage Presentation night took place in the Milford Hall with special guests Finn Harps players and former underage players

at the club James and Gavin McAteer.



Paul Nash who representing Ireland as a Junior International a few years ago presenting Special Guest James McAteer with his Irish Cap following his recent inclusion in the Ireland U19 Schools Team for the Centenary Cup in Wales.

Milford Under 16 Team members Flynn Nash, Player of the Year and Ryan Doherty, Top goalscorer and Players Player of the Year.



Milford Girls U16 team pictured at the Presentatin Night with managers Benny McGinley and Ciaran Blaney.



U12 Girls Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Top Goal Scorer – Tessa Grier; Most Improved Player Award – Deava Diver; Joint Players of the Year – Lucy McNulty and Michaela McElhinney.



Milford United U8 and U10 girls pictured with Coach Sinead Hagan.



U14 Girls Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Top Goal Scorer – Kara McAteer, Most Improved Player Award – Orla Murray, Joint Players of the Year – Megan McGinley and Aoife Kilpatrick.



Milford Girls U14 team pictured at the Presentatin Night with managers Benny McGinley and Ciaran Blaney.



U16 Girls Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Players Player of the Year & Top Goal Scorer - Erin Nelis; Most Improved Player – Emma Vaughan



Milford United U12 Girls team with managers Ciaran Murray and John Shields.



Milford U8 boys pictured with coach Tony McGettigan.



U12 Boys Premier team Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Most Improved Player Award – Odhran McGlynn, Top Goal Scorer – Saul Sweeney; Team mate of the Season – Thomas McLarnon; Joint Players of the Year – Saul Sweeney and Megan McGinley.



U16 Boys All County team Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Player of the Year Conor McLaughlin, Top Goal Scorer George McNulty; Players Player of the Year Daithi McTaggart.



U12 Boys team pictured with managers Ciaran Burke and Henry Downey.



U12 Boys team Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Top Goalscorers -Jason Buchanan, Most Improved Player – Darragh Doherty and Player of the Year – Davin Downey.



Under 10 players pictured with coaches Mark Farren and Noel Kilpatrick.



U14 2nd Division team Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Top Goal Scorer – Joshua McHugh, Most Improved Player Award – Gray Osborne and Player of the Year – Chloe Murray.



U-14 team members pictured at the presentation night.



U14 2nd Division team Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Player of the Year – Diarmuid Farren, Top Goal Scorer – Jack Terry Sweeney, Players Player of the Year – Jack McGlynn.



Under 9 players pictured with coaches James Harrison, Peter Peoples and Hugo Hagan.



U10 team Award winners with Special Guests James and Gavin McAteer, Players Player of the Year – Pauric Orr, Top Most Improved Player Award – Oscar Kelly, Goal Scorer – Tom Edwards

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Tá faire na fáilte romhaibh ar áis, a chairde Ghaeil, agus muid ag díriú isteach ar an Nollaig, agus go dtí an Lá is giorra sa bhliain, tabh istigh neart seachtainí eile, grianstad an Gheimhridh. Tá soilse na Nollag ag gabháil suas de réir a chéile, ag iarraidh an dorchadas a sheachaint. Tá na tinnte lasta agus an sorn amhmaid cothaithe go flaithiúil. Tá sé éasca smaointiú faoi na daoine a bhí ann fadó ag ullmhú achán rud do shéasúr an dorchadas. Tá mé ag coimhead súil amach ar gach crann cuilinn a fheicim le feiceáil cad é mar atá na sméara ag déanamh i mbliana.



Is breá liom cuilinn sa teach. Agus glas domhan agus na sméara chomh briomhar dearg, is comhartha foirfe é don séasúr atá ann. Tá cairde de mo chuid ag caint faoi Ciste na Nollag a ullmhú, agus ag plé an eachtra eadar ullmhú chogaidh agus cód a bhfaighfeá i gCumann Rúnda, ag cogarnach faoi mhéideanna seo agus siúd, agus, an rud is tábhachtaí, cá huair go díreach an uisce beatha a chuir leis na comhábhair eile. Is cuid den draíocht é sin fosta. Chuala mé na comhráite díreach céanna agus mé ag fás suas, na mná uilig ag caint faoi Ciste na Nollag.

Bhí daoine ann agus cáil agus clú orthu ar fud na

paróiste mar gheall ar a gcistí. Bhí daoine ann a rinne trí nó ceathair de na beithigh lán torthaí sin. Ach da mbeadh rud é go bhfuair tú do chiste ó na Mná Rialtaí, bhí tú ar muin na muice! Dia ár Sabháil! Is breá liom fosta smaointiú faoi goidé atá mé ag gabháil a cheannacht do mo pháistí.

Ní páistí anois iad, faraor, ach tá an mothúchán céanna ann, i mo bhariúil, ag smaointiú orthu as féin agus le chéile. Mar a deirtear, is cuma faoin aois atá orthu..... Thiocfadh linn a rá, áfach, go bhfuil traidisiún amháin atá imithe. Is é sin Cartaí na Nollag a sheoladh agus a fháil. Is cuimhin liom go maith muidne uilig suite thart timpeall an tábla sa chistin ag gabháil fríd an liosta, na daoine céanna gach bliain, agus, corruiar, an díospóireacht conspóideach cad a dhéanamh faoin duine a leithead nar sheol carta dúinn anuraidh nó an bhliain roimhe sin fosta? An leor é sin i ndiaidh dó nó trí bhliain gan carta ón duine sin? Agus an céist tábhachtach: Cad a dhéanfadh an Leanbh Íosa? Bhí an vóta réitigh i gcónaí ag Mamá!

Tá mé ag bagairt CÓISIR na NOLLAG a shocrú sa teach le uimhir chairde, agus ag smaointiú an mbéidh béile ann nó méaróga bia no CANAPÉS ann? Is deacair a shocrú ar an rud is fearr. Ag deireadh an lae is é an rud is fusa atá mé ag smaointiú air; miasanna atá mé ábalta a ullmhú roimhe agus éasca a chuir ar an tábla. Cá mhéad daoine, bia fuar nó te?

Tá cuid mhór a chuir san áireamh. Tá mé ag smaointiú fosta nach mbíonn mórán daoine ag caint faoin bia a bhfuair siad ag CÓISIR! Leanfaidh

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Donegal Junior Football League

Kilmacrennan travel to Monaghan

In the Ulster Cup this Sunday Fanad United travel to take on Letterkenny Rovers while Kilmacrennan Celtic have a slightly longer journey to play Monaghan Town. Glenea United have a home tie against Inishown's Aileach.

In the Saturday league Bonagee host Milford while Drumoghill Res take on Letterkenny Rovers and Ramelton Mariners make the journey to take on Keadue.

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

First win for Mariners

Ramelton Mariners 5-2 Swilly Rovers Reserves
The Mariners got their first win of the season against Swilly Rovers in Rathmullan. Early goals from Shay Callan McFadden in the first half had the mariners off to a good start before conceding twice either side of a Fionn Robinson goal. Evan Hewitt added two more to put a well contested game to bed at 5-2.

Ramelton Mariners: Eddie Boyce, Ryan Flood, Stephen Bryant, Eoin Roulston, Conor Ferguson, Conor Gillespie, Luke Friel, Brandon Wilkie, Fionn Robinson, Shay Callan McFadden and Evan Hewitt subs used Paul Gallagher for Shay Callan McFadden, Aidan Connolly for Conor Gillespie, Oisín Sweeney for Evan Hewitt.

Swilly Rovers Res: Ronan Irwin; Adam Morgan; Tony Gallagher; Kyle Mc Mullan; Odhran Grimes; Shea Mc Fadden; David Lockard; Thomas Mullan; Harvey Mullan; Christopher Mc Laughlin; Ryan Moore. Subs Jordan Mc Daid for Irwin; Fionn Robinson for Morgan; Eoghan McDaid for Grimes; Clive Callan

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Draw for Kilmacrennan

Kilmacrennan Cel Res 1-1 Fintown Harps
The Letterkenny Community Centre was the venue for this keenly fought encounter with table toppers Kilmacrennan looking to continue their recent good run but they were made to work hard for their point against a well organised and resilient Fintown team. The home team started brightly with winger Danny Hall testing keeper Jordan O'Donnell early on and Steve Mc Daid firing over from close range in the opening 15 minutes. However, it was the visitors who scored first when a long free kick caught the Kilmacrennan defence flat-footed and veteran Aaron Thompson nipped in to knock the ball over the keeper for the opening goal. Kilmacrennan went close on a couple of occasions before the break but it was the Fintown men that held the lead at half time. After the break the home team began the brighter, forcing the Harps to defend deep with Terence Shields, Shane Mc Devitt, Ryan Mc Fadden and Mikey Mc Donnell all going close. With only two minutes of time to play the home team finally found the equaliser, a brilliant turn and cross from Shields found full back Owen Browne at the back post and he headed to the net for a deserved goal. Indeed, there was almost a winner for the home team minutes later when Mc Fadden found himself free in the box but shot wide with just the keeper to beat. A good honest encounter with Eddie Doherty, Owen Browne and Steve Mc Daid working hard for the home team while Fintown were best served by their midfield duo of the two Keelans, McGill and McMonagle.

Kilmacrennan Reserves: Kevin Mallon; Owen Browne, Edwin Doherty, Danny Sandilands, Mark Gallagher, Steve McDaid, Shane McDevitt, Terence Shiels, Toby Tyler, Danny Hall, Mikey McDonnell. Subs used Ryan McFadden, Charlie Gorman, Jake Burrows, Mark Patterson, Gerard McGrenaghan. Unused: Ethan O'Donnell, Noah Priatah, Conor McFadden, Ruben Grimes.

Finn Travel Saturday Division Three

Milford win derby

Milford Utd Res 2-1 Cranford Utd Res
A well fought contest in Moyle View Park where the local derby between Milford and Cranford took place. The game was an even contest with both keepers being tested in the early stages of the first half. Milford Utd broke the deadlock 30 minutes when a weak shot from Conor McHugh found the feet of Connor Meakin who laid it on for Ciaran Blaney to tuck away. Cranford came back 10 minutes later through their number 10 who beat the offside trap and slotted into the bottom corner. The second-half followed a similar pattern to the first. With 20 minutes left the visiting keeper dropped a shot from Conor McHugh and Adam Hosford was most alert to finish it off. Milford defended well and dug deep to hold on to get the result in a well-deserved win. Man of the match and as Adam Hosford.

Milford Res: Declan Jordan, Fallon McBride, Ciaran

Gibbons, Adam Campbell, Shane McFadden, Darragh Kelly Cullen, Adam Hosford, Conor McHugh, Ciaran Blaney, Aidan McGettigan, Conor Meakin. Subs Kieran Sheridan, Ultan Blaney, Dagn O'Connell, George McNulty.

Ulster Junior Shield

Oldtown win in Fanad

Fanad United Reserves 0-3 Oldtown Celtic
Oldtown Celtic made their second trip to Fanad this season and went away with a 3-0 victory in this Ulster Junior Shield match. The opening stages were cagey with not much in the way of clear chances. This however changed in the 15th minute when Oldtown opened the scoring. Following a corner the ball fell to Ger Patton who's shot produced a fine save from Fanad keeper Aodh Mc Bride. From the resulting corner a Fanad player was adjudged to have committed a foul and a penalty was awarded, Kevin Mc Grath stepped up to slot the ball home. Fanad were still in the game and just before half time Charlie Mc Ateer sent a free kick from 25 yards just over the bar. Oldtown were on top in the second half and doubled their lead just before the hour mark. When they were awarded a free 25 yards out, Anthony Brown fired into the bottom corner. Fanad kept going and following a good move, Charlie McAteer shot over from the edge of the box. With 20 minutes remaining, Ciaran Gibson saw his well hit shot go just over the Fanad crossbar. In the last minute Oldtown got their third goal when Kevin Mc Grath found space in the box and slotted the ball home.

Fanad Utd Res: Aodh McBride, Oisín McHugh, Shane Carr, Paul Friel, Caolan McElwaine, Alan McAteer, Adam Carr, Darragh O'Doherty, Charlie McAteer, Darragh McElwaine, Niall Toland. Subs used: Johnny McAteer, Caolan Gibbons, Shea Cannon, Ryan Moffitt, Oisín Sweeney

Big win for Letterkenny

Letterkenny Rovers Res 7-1 Ballybofey Utd Res
Letterkenny Rovers put on a dominant display at home to comfortably defeat Ballybofey United and advance in the Ulster Shield. The Rovers' relentless attack was on full display, while Ballybofey struggled to match their intensity and quality. The match started with Letterkenny Rovers pressing high and creating chances early. In the 13th minute, Gareth Temple fed Jordan Nugent on the left, whose powerful drive forced a save from Ballybofey goalkeeper Daniel Callaghan. Moments later, Jason Doherty struck the upright with a long-range effort. The breakthrough came in the 16th minute when Adam Murphy dribbled skilfully into the box and slotted a composed finish into the bottom left corner. Rovers continued to dominate, and their persistence paid off in the 28th minute when Conor O'Donnell cut in from the right and scored from a tight angle. Five minutes later, Jordan Nugent extended the lead with a well-taken strike inside the box, sending Rovers into halftime with a commanding 3-0 advantage. The second half began as the first ended, with Letterkenny Rovers on the front foot. In the 50th minute, Jason Doherty's superb run down the left set up Conor O'Donnell for his second goal, a thunderous finish to make it 4-0. Five minutes later, O'Donnell turned provider, setting up Gareth Temple for an easy tap-in after a neat passage of play. Ballybofey United found a glimmer of hope in the 69th minute when Caolan Marley delivered an excellent cross for Cain Thompson to head home, bringing the score to 5-1. However, Letterkenny quickly extinguished any momentum, dominating possession and creating chances. In the 80th minute, a corner from Conor O'Donnell caused confusion in the Ballybofey box, with James Barlow Gallagher's effort directed across goal and tapped in by Keelan Dunleavy to restore the four-goal margin. The scoring was rounded off in the 85th minute when Conor O'Donnell struck from 20 yards out to seal his hat-trick and a comfortable 7-1 victory.

Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

Rovers win

Letterkenny Rovers 3-2 Rathmullan Celtic
Letterkenny Rovers edged a thrilling contest under the new lights at Leckview Park, overcoming a determined Rathmullan Celtic side 3-2 in a tightly fought clash. The match got off to a lively start with Caolan McConnell almost giving Rovers the lead in the opening minute, his low drive skimming narrowly wide. Rathmullan responded in the 7th minute with Kevin Doran firing just wide after creating space on the left. Rathmullan struck first in the 12th minute when Ridha Abdullah found the net after Shane O'Gara saved two prior attempts, giving the visitors a perfect start. Rovers reacted swiftly, levelling just two minutes later when Pad-

raic Gilsean's pinpoint cross from the right found Luke Parke who converted with ease. Rovers applied consistent pressure, with Parke and Nathan Plumb both forcing saves from Rathmullan keeper Killian Hagan, while Achul Eldad came close for the visitors with a strike from distance. The first half ended evenly though Rovers edged the balance of play. The second half began with Rovers in control. Despite early efforts from Mc Connell and Plumb, it was Rathmullan who regained the lead in the 57th minute. A dangerous free kick led to Achul Eldad's clinical finish, putting the visitors 2-1 up. Determined to turn the tide, Rovers ramped up the pressure. Their persistence paid off in the 66th minute when Joel Bradley Walsh's curling cross was met by Mc Connell, who slotted it home to make it 2-2. Just three minutes later, Rovers completed the comeback. Joel Gorman's perfectly weighted cross found Padraic Gilsean, whose header gave the hosts a 3-2 lead. Rathmullan remained dangerous on the counter with Jay Curran coming close on multiple occasions. Curran's chip in the 74th minute was headed back across goal but cleared off the line by a resolute Rovers' defence. Rovers nearly added a fourth late on when a Joel Gorman free kick forced a save, with Gareth Doherty's follow-up also denied by Hagan. Despite Rathmullan's late push, Rovers held firm to claim the victory.

Bonagee beat Fanad

Bonagee United 1-0 Fanad United
Jamie Harris struck the only goal of the game as Bonagee United defeated defending Donegal League champions Fanad United. Harris pounced after 16 minutes to secure a super three points for Packie Mailey's team. Arthur Lynch's Fanad had started brightly with Bonagee goalkeeper Andrew Nicholls having to intervene early on. Nicholls had to save from Eoin Logue and Edward O'Reilly, while Patrick Carr nodded not far wide. Against the run of play, Bonagee opened the scoring when Harris steered home after Aidan Mc Laughlin flicked on a Shay Maloney cross. Maloney rifled wide moments later with Bonagee energised. Before half-time, Ricky Guntrip and Maloney both had chances but couldn't find a second way past Mark Mc Conigley, the Fanad goalkeeper. Seamus Friel and O'Reilly went close as Fanad sought a means of getting back into the game. Mc Conigley earned his corn again with good saves from David Boakye and Harris. Late in the afternoon, Harris shot wide, but Bonagee held on for the victory.
Fanad United: Mark McConigley, Keelin McElwaine, Dylan McGlone, Seamie Friel, Patrick Moffitt, Carlos O'Reilly, Daibhid Lynch, Paddy Carr, Peter Carr, Eoin Logue, Eddie O'Reilly. Subs used: Oisín McMenamin, Oisín Langan, Darragh O'Doherty, Shaun Carr, Charlie McAteer. Unused: Conor Blaney, Adam Carr.

Big Kilmac win

Swilly Rovers 1-6 Kilmacrennan Celtic
Swilly Rovers will rue three gilt edged chances at the start of the game. They went ahead on 12 minutes when Ian Ward converted in style following a Mickey Kerr cross. Kilmacrennan equalised on 44 minutes from a Matthew Mc Laughlin penalty. Two superb chipped efforts by Chris Dillon had Kilmacrennan in control with further goals from Shane McNamee and Stephen Black completing the scoring. Swilly tired in the second half after an excellent first half in which the chances missed came back to haunt them. There was a great crowd in attendance willing on the home team which was surely appreciated by the Swilly Rovers' players.
Kilmacrennan Celtic: Mark Gallagher, James Doherty, John Sandilands, Kieran Gorman, Caolan, Kelly, Sam Harvey, Mattie McLaughlin, Shane McNamee, Chris Dillon, Conor Black, Stephen Black. Subs used: Mark Patterson, Caolan Curran, Danny Sandilands, Shane McDevitt, Gerard McGranaghan. Not used. Alan Boal.
Swilly Rovers: Barry Gallagher, Darragh McDaid, Michael Kerr, Ciaran Kelly, Tony Gallagher, Jordan McDaid, Marty McDaid, Conal Mc Gonagle, Brad Patterson, Ian Ward and Tom Mullen .Subs Used Shay Durning and Shay McFadden
Temple Domestic Appliances Division One
Milford lose in Gweedore
Gweedore United 5-2 Milford United
It was Gweedore United that drew first blood, Ethan Harkin almost put them ahead, when his headed effort was cleared off the line on seven minutes. However, the ball fell to his team mate Darren Ferry, who found the net from just outside the penalty box. The visitors went in search of an equaliser and enjoyed a good spell. On twenty-four minutes Caolan Carr's effort from outside the box

Fixtures

Saturday 23rd November

Glencar Inn Saturday D1 12 noon

Glencar Celtic vs Oldtown Celtic

Finn Travel Saturday D3

Ballybofey United vs Gweedore United

Bonagee United vs Milford United

Old Orchard Saturday D2 1pm

Cappry Rovers vs Gweedore Celtic

Drumoghill Res vs Letterkenny Rovers

Glenea Utd Res vs Erne Wanderers

Glencar Inn Saturday D1

Ramelton Mariners vs Keadue Rovers

Strand Rovers vs Arranmore United

Sunday 24th November

Donegal Physiotherapy Division Two

Drumkeen United vs Convoy Arsenal

Dunkineely Celtic vs Raphoe Town

TDA Appliance D1

Gweedore United vs Cranford FC

Donegal Physiotherapy Division Two

Whitestrund United vs Deele Harps

Ulster Cup 1.30pm

Carndonagh FC vs Kildrum Tigers

Cockhill Celtic vs Gweedore Celtic

Culdaff FC vs Bonagee United

Glenea United vs Aileach FC

Letterkenny Rovers vs Fanad United

Monaghan Town vs Kilmacrennan Celtic

St Catherines FC vs Lagan Harps

Results

Saturday 16th November

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Ramelton Mariners 5-2 Swilly Rovers Res

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Dunlewey Celtic 2-3 Glenea Utd Res

Kilmacrennan Cel Res 1-1 Fintown Harps AFC

Finn Travel Saturday Division Three

Milford Utd Res 2-1 Cranford Utd Res

Ulster Junior Shield

Donegal Town Res 3-2 Carrowmena F.C.

Fanad United Res 0-3 Oldtown Celtic

Glencar Celtic 2-1 Cockhill Celtic Res

Gweedore Cel Res 4-2 Erne Wanderers

Kildrum Tigers Res 2-1 Rasheny F.C. Res

Letterkenny Rvs Res 7-1 Ballybofey Utd Res

Convoy Arsenal 2-1 Cockhill Cel Youths

Sunday 17th November

Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division

Keadue Rovers 0-1 Kildrum Tigers

St. Catherines 2-1 Gweedore Celtic

Letterkenny Rovers 3-2 Rathmullan Celtic

Bonagee United 1-0 Fanad United

Swilly Rovers 1-6 Kilmacrennan Cel

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Donegal Town 3-0 Cappry Rovers

Ballybofey United 1-1 Lagan Harps

Castlefin Celtic 9-0 Lifford Celtic

Cranford United 2-3 Glenea United

Gweedore United 5-2 Milford United

Donegal Physiotherapy and Performance Centre Division Two

Drumkeen United 3-0 Dunkineely Celtic

Raphoe Town 0-2 Curragh Athletic

Ulster Junior Shield

Deele Harps 4-2 Redcastle F.C.

cannonned off the post. Persistence from Milford United paid off on 27 minutes, and a great cross by Niall Murray picked out Corey Lee McConigley, he headed across the box for Joey Cullen to score the equaliser.

The Gweedore men responded quickly and a fantastic strike from Brian McFadden from outside the box found the bottom of the Milford net on the 29th minute. Both teams went in search of further goals, it was the visitors who looked more likely to equalise. Niall Murray produced another excellent cross on 40th minute to pick out Joey Cullen, and his headed effort was cleared off the line from Ethan Harkin. The equaliser should have arrived in the 43rd minute when Corey Lee Mc Conigley's headed effort came off the post. At 2-1 the game was delicately poised at halftime. Gweedore extended their lead in the 53rd minute as an excellent passage of play from Steven Mc Fadden. On the 79th minute, the home side secured all three points. Steven McFadden sublimely picked out the unmarked Niall Friel and he finished with some aplomb. Things went bad to worse for the visitors on 83 minutes when the Gweedore men were awarded a penalty after Lorcan Friel's challenge on Ciaran Mc Fadden. Ethan Harkin stepped up to convert from the spot. The Milford men reduced the deficit on the 85th minute after Cian Gallagher saved from Mark Wilson and Corey Lee McConigley scored from the rebound. Milford Utd: Caolan McGettigan, Adam Campbell, Lorcan Friel, Jacob Campbell, Caolan Carr, Corey Lee McConigley, Killian McBride, Joey Cullen, Darren McLaughlin, Mark Wilson and Niall Murray. Subs Ciaran Blaney and Shane McFadden.

Thank you Charlie for the best days of our lives in Donegal

Over 300 hundred people gathered in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Friday night for "A Night for Charlie" to honour Charlie Collins who has been the voice of sport for almost 40 years.

Charlie Collins had a natural flair and a matching flow of narrative to paint a picture when he was commenting on a match. Having been involved with Letterkenny Rovers long before local radio, he built up a depth of knowledge and it stood him really well in his future career.

His retirement, well earned and well deserved will be missed by sports followers across Donegal and much further afield.

He also had a keen interest and knowledge of politics and his input for 'Donegal Daily' on election days is well remembered. Charlie had a huge interest in his work, in the people in sport and for those listening far from home on the big Ulster Finals and All Ireland Days. He had that unique connection with the exiles to bring them all back home, regardless of where they were.

A psychiatric nurse by training, Charlie worked in St. Conals for many years, joining DCR on a part time basis before joining Highland Radio. As Managing Director, he led them in their most successful period as Ireland's most listened to radio station.

He then set up the Donegal Sports Hub with Chris McNulty and joined Donegal Daily in later years before announcing his retirement this summer.

Great credit must go to Stephen Maguire and the staff from Donegal

Daily who organised Friday night and they were delighted with the success of it, with almost every group that Charlie worked with well represented.

A massive amount of work went into the evening with many personalities recording video tributes including Declan Bonner, Daniel O'Donnell, Eric White, Michael Murphy, Paul McGinley.

Declan Bonner said Charlie will be sadly missed in the sports circle in the County. Daniel thanked Charlie for all he has done and helped so many throughout his career. Eric White said his contribution to sport in Donegal and the North West will never be matched and joked that there's a job coming up soon on Match of the Day if he was interested! Michael Murphy said that Charlie was never afraid to ask the tough questions but didn't always get answers.

Paul McGinley said that his father and himself enjoyed the times they spent with Charlie in Donegal.

Some of those interviewed on the night by Seán Perry included Brian McEniff, Anthony Gorman, Patsy McGonagle, Rory Kennedy, former FF Minister Mary Coughlan, Paschal Blake, John Haran, Minister Charlie McConalogue, Fr. Shaun Doherty and Stephen Collins.

Brian McEniff said that he had a friendship with Charlie long before the 1992 win, in fact he reminded me tonight that in 1972 I didn't pick him for the County Minor team!

Anthony Gorman said that Charlie was a great player and as a young player on the Letterkenny Rovers team himself and Ed Margey also



Charlie Collins and his wife Alma with his extended family at "A Night for Charlie" organised by Donegal Daily in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Friday night.

protected the younger players on the team, telling others that if they wanted to get to them they had to go through him first!

"Charlie was always a great man to go to for advice and I went to him often before moving to other Clubs. When thinking of going to Linfield, Charlie was very encouraging and supportive but wanted me to be careful."

Patsy McGonagle recalled starting with Charlie on DCR in 1986. "He gave athletics great coverage on radio. It was vital we got our share of coverage. In the pre-mobile phone days, we had to get into a phone box to ring in the reports and that proved a challenge at times!"

On a similar line, Rory Kennedy remembered Charlie having to go into a Butcher's Shop in Inishowen to get results back to Highland.

Mary Coughlan said it was vital for all organisations to get access to every parish and home in Donegal and radio was perfect for that. On the sporting side said "there is only so much we can say at a particular time and we have to keep our cards close. I also knew Charlie when he was involved in politics and he didn't give me as hard a time as some of his other colleagues did!"

Paschal Blake recalled working with Charlie in St. Conals and his empathy when dealing with the mentally ill. "We were very sorry in the Hospital to see Charlie move on, but he moved on to better things."

John Haran said Charlie was a pioneer in providing coverage of local games on radio and he has enjoyed working with him on their podcasts.

On behalf of the family Stephen Collins said they have many great memories of their dad

from starting out on DCR to the present day and we are so lucky to call Charlie Collins our Dad.

Charlie McConalogue described Charlie as the Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh of Donegal and he has brought us on the journey of life in both sport and politics.

Fr. Shaun Doherty said that he was only 20 and their journey began in DCR with Bobby McDaid and the gang. Charlie was the man who headed Highland Radio through the heights of its success as Ireland's most listened to station. "Charlie will be the first man to defend you and was always there for me. I have so many happy memories of the shows we did in New York, London and all over Donegal".

Brendan Bradas O'Donnell produced an excellent video showing Charlie with Stephen Maguire, Chris McNulty and Martin McHugh. Tributes were paid by boxer Jason Quigley, Peter Campbell, Terry McLaughlin, Ryan Ferry, Damien Ó Dónaill and Oisín Kelly.

Martin McHugh described Charlie as the best commentator he has ever worked with. He made every game interesting.

Oisín Kelly said he was 16 years old when Charlie took him under his wings. He was a transition



Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue with Charlie Collins.



Charlie Collins with former colleagues from St. Conal's Hospital.



Charlie Collins with Bernie Kelly and members of the Kelly family.



Charlie Collins with General Election candidates Pat the Cope Gallagher and John McNulty.



Rachael McLaughlin of Donegal Daily making a presentation to Alma Collins.



Former St. Conal's colleagues of Charlie, Annette and Paschal Blake.



Charlie Collins with colleagues from Donegal Daily who organised "A Night for Charlie" in the Mount Errigal Hotel.



Charlie Collins with Seamus Devine, Ivan Furey, Ena Barrett, Syliva Furey and Robert O'Connor from Relay for Life committee.



Charlie Collins with members of St. Eunan's GAA Club at the Tribute Night.



Charlie with Rally men, Donal Barrett, Rory Kennedy and James Cullen.

student from St. Eunan's College and he showed him the ropes and how radio worked. "I have some fantastic memories from GAA and rallying which I will never forget".

During the VT, Stephen Maguire asked Charlie about his happiest and saddest moments in his career. He said the happiest was definitely the 1992 Donegal GAA All Ireland win in Croke Park against Dublin.

His saddest moment was the tragic death of Donal 'Mandy' Kelly in the Donegal Car Rally. "I knew Manus so well, growing up beside his mother in the Burma."

Charlie said it was both an emotional and nervous night for himself. "I'm getting out and I am at peace with it. It's time to go, I need to go and I have reached that time. If you're not committed 100% to this media stuff, you have to get out. For the last 30 years I got an opportunity to work at my hobby."

Chatting with Chris McNulty recently, he was telling him that he started in DCR in 1986 and Chris said 'that was the year I was born' - so he knew then he was making the correct decision in retiring.

I came out of a sporting house, my late father Charlie 'Bovril' was one of the most talented sports people in the country. At 19 he made his debut for the Donegal GAA team then played soccer for Derry City and was also a champion boxer.

As a reporter you have a big responsibility to the people you're dealing with, you have to show respect but you can't dodge the tough questions. Do it in a respectful way and don't try to score points.

Shane Wallace has a saying that 'no' is an acceptable answer if someone does not want to be interviewed at a particular time

and I agree with that. You have to remember that the vast majority of the people we deal with are amateurs." Charlie said he is now officially retired although he will join Donegal Daily for their General Election count coverage. "This is where you see real emotion with people losing their livelihoods. I have one job in January to compere a retirement function but I am retiring."

"When Stephen mentioned the night, my reaction was who would want to come and cared enough to wish me well in retirement. I am completely overawed by the crowd and I wish to thank you all for coming, the messages and gifts."

Rachael McLaughlin presented Alma Collins with a bouquet of flowers before Charlie and Alma cut the cake to round off the evening before Charlie got a chance to mingle and chat to the large crowd.



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan with guests at his table.



Charlie Collins with some of the Highland Radio gang, past and present at the Tribute Night.

LGFA Ulster Junior final

Ulster title for Na Dúnaibh ladies

Na Dúnaibh 1-7 Warrenpoint 1-06

Shannon McGroddy was the hero for Downings as she hit the only score of extra time but more importantly the winning score as Na nDunaibh overcame Warrenpoint 1-7 to 1-6 in the LGFA Ulster Junior final.

They have made history by becoming the first Donegal team to win the cup in a very close Ulster final against Warrenpoint of Co Down in Kildress, Co. Tyrone on Saturday. Dungloe and Naomh Muire have gone close in recent years.

It took extra-time to decide the issue with just one point scored in the two periods added on and Shannon McGroddy, not for the first time, was the Na Dúnaibh hero, hitting what proved to be the winner early in the first period.

Great credit must go to the management team of Barney

Curran and Dominic McGroddy along with Tanya Roberts-Browne, Emer McGeever and Charles Coyle.

It's been a memorable season to date after the Donegal Final triumph over Naomh Pdraig Uisce Chaoin at the end of September by 6-12 to 0-9.

After the Donegal final success it was on four 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.

Then a three weeks 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 Colrain's Eoghan Rua 2-6 to 1-8.

Overall it was a gritty performance from the Na Dúnaibh team and apart from McGroddy, the Treartys, Chloe Hay, Caoimhe McLaughlin and Lauren McBride were to the fore. Denise Doherty also proved her worth once more, even though tightly marked, she came up with the vital goal early in the second half.

Na Dúnaibh started without their ace midfielder Aoibhinn O'Connell but they had Lauren McBride back in action for this Ulster final.

Na Dúnaibh Ladies got off to the perfect start with four points in as many minutes starting on four minutes. Shannon McGroddy got the scoreboard ticking before Lauren McBride added two quick

frees and Denise Doherty left them 0-4 to 0-0 ahead before the eighth minute.

Lucy Elmore eventually got Warrenpoint on the board on 11 minutes but McBride kept the Na Dúnaibh board ticking with two further frees with Katie Howlett splitting those points with Warrenpoint's second.

Two late points from Anna Craven for Warrenpoint left just two between the sides at the break, Na Dúnaibh 0-6, Warrenpoint 0-4.

The Donegal champions couldn't have had a better start to the second half when Denise Doherty found the net.

But the scores for Na Dúnaibh dried up after that and this allowed Warrenpoint to get back in the contest. A yellow card picked up by Meabh Doherty didn't help. Enya Quinn pulled back a point for Warrenpoint on 48 minutes and two minutes later the Down champions were back within a point when Caoimhe Shannon found the Na Dúnaibh net.

Then three minutes from the end of normal time Emma Russell tied up the game at 1-6 each.

Extra-time saw scores just as scarce but Na Dúnaibh again got their noses in front with a point from full-forward Shannon McGroddy and that proved to be the only score of the first half of the extra-time.

Na Dúnaibh scorers: Denise Doherty 1-1; Lauren McBride 0-4,4f; Shannon McGroddy 0-2.

Warrenpoint scorers: Caoimhe

Shannon 1-0; Anna Craven 0-2; Lucy Elmore, Katie Howlett, Enya Quinn (f) Emma Russell 0-1 each.

Na Dúnaibh: Charlie Shevlin; Jessica Roberts, Chloe Hay, Maggie Doherty; Aine O'Connell, Emer Trearty, Michelle Wilkin; Julie Trearty, Caoimhe McLaughlin; Amy McLaughlin, Mary T Boyce, Sinead McBride; Denise Doherty, Shannon McGroddy, Lauren McBride. Subs: Meabh McConnell for MT Boyce (ht); Danni Shevlin for D Doherty (53); Eobha Pasoma for A McLaughlin (60+16)

Warrenpoint: Cara Bradley; Anna O'Neill, Roisin Kelly, Laura Tay-



Downings' Sinead McBride becomes the first Donegal lady to raise the Ulster Junior Cup on Saturday.



Emma Russell from Warrenpoint is tackled by Sinead McBride on Saturday.



Mary T. Boyce closes down Warrenpoints Anna Craven



Goalscorer Denise Doherty gets away from Anna O'Neill.



Shannon McGroddy pulls clear off Muirin Sneddon.



lor; Muirin Sneddon, Emma Russell, Lillie McClorey; Anna Craven, Katie Howlett; Silin Murphy, Enya Quinn, Caoimhe Quinn; Caoimhe Shannon, Kate Mansfield, Lucy Elmore.



Shannon McGroddy receives the player of the match on Saturday.

A Bronx tale

Rich grew up in the Bronx. He would go to synagogue every weekend and study the Hebrew scriptures during the week; he was diligent about his Jewish faith. That all changed one night when his father suffered a heart attack, the synagogue's doors were locked, and a sudden crisis of confidence crashed against him like a tsunami. He decided he was finished with God, and that was that.

Rich's story has many twists and turns, but the most significant moment came twelve years after he banged on those synagogue doors. He had long

since turned to atheism and had become a rising star in the world of psychoanalysis.

However, that all changed as a Christian acquaintance asked a simple question: "Do you mind if I read something?" It was a moment that would transform Rich's life.

As the man began, some of the phrases got well and truly under Rich's skin. There was the reference to "a man of sorrows" who was "pierced for our transgressions" and "crushed for our iniquities". As far as Rich was concerned, this was sheer propaganda - written by some

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

Christian after Jesus' death in order to put a holy spin onto

his demise. Other phrases, clearly referring to what Rich regarded as the "resurrection myth", were like a red rag to a bull. Why can't these people just accept that the guy they worship is dead?

Eventually the reading reached a conclusion with these words, "He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors". Rich was not amused. As a highly qualified scientist, he was certain that the idea of a resurrection was nothing but superstitious bunkum. As a man of Jewish heritage, he was outraged at the cultural insensitivity shown by reading

Christian writings about Jesus to someone of his descent. "So, what do you think?" Rich told him exactly what he thought in no uncertain terms! But everything changed as the man handed him the book and, in Rich's own words, it was like he'd been cut to pieces by a sword. The key word was right at the top of the page: ISAIAH.

Rich had got one thing right: the reading was indeed about Jesus Christ. But he'd got one thing very wrong: this wasn't "Christian propaganda"; it was a passage from the same Old Testament Scriptures that he had grown up reading in the Bronx.

What was more astounding? That a revered Jewish prophet was clearly predicting the Christian Saviour? Or that a book that can be reliably dated to 700BC spoke of events that were still centuries away with such stunning clarity? Rich was stunned and went on to commit his life to the Jesus he had once dismissed. I was remembering his story of a life transformed as we prepare to read that very passage (Isaiah 53) on Sunday morning. We'll be going through it, a verse at a time, for the next few months. You'd be very welcome to join with us. Perhaps your life will be changed too.

Rathmullan

Christmas Maker's Market

The Rathmullan Christmas Maker's Market on Saturday 7th December at 12-4pm in the Pier Sheds, Rathmullan. Lots of local art and crafts and gifts for Christmas. We also have the Santa Express pulling in at 1pm to meet the kids with free gifts and facepainting and then at 3pm Carol Singing with special guests Santa & Mrs Clause. All free and all welcome!

The second thing is that An Stad Cafe in Rathmullan will be hosting a four week French experience every Thursday from 11am until 1pm starting this Thursday 21st November - come join for some french conversation, coffee and a delicious french pastry by Decourt Desserts. Just come along, no need to register in advance - €10 entrance fee.

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 12 midday... note the later time. Children and families particularly welcome, with refreshments served afterwards.

Congratulations to Rathmullan Coastal Care group who have been shortlisted for an Clean Coasts Ocean Hero

2024 Award, in fact in two categories, 'Equality Diversion and Inclusion' and 'Campaigner of the Year Award'. Best wishes for the Awards Ceremony which will take place Wednesday 27th November in the Gibson Hotel.

Have you noticed the Orange Re-Turn bin at the Car Park? A circular economy initiative. By reusing and recycling more we can prevent waste going to landfill. We'd appreciate your support if you Return plastic bottles plus caps, featuring the return logo, as well as aluminum and steel cans, also with the return logo. Everything must be returned empty and undamaged. We will then regularly empty the bin and all funds received from this initiative will subsequently be used to support our various planting areas around the town.

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. The fundraising Coffee morning will take place in the St Vincent de Paul Centre on Saturday 30th November,

from 11am. Donations of cakes, sandwiches etc and raffle prizes would be gratefully accepted by the Committee either before hand or on that morning.

Boozy Bingo

A great nights fun was held in the Beachcomer Bar last Friday night with the Boozy Bingo, a first for Rathmullan, and possibly not the last time either. The Festival committee are really appreciative of the support and huge thanks to Beachcomer Bar, Magic Bean, Pier Coffee Co and McGettigans Butchers for sponsoring prizes.

Classes in RDRC

Due to unforeseen circumstances the introduction to Restorative Yoga with Anne Marie will not now start until January with date yet to be confirmed.

Crochet & knitting classes will also be starting on Monday nights in January so anyone interested please ring Grainne 086 3397724 to book your place.

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 stocking 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, new volunteers always welcome. 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 This is a timely reminder of how our local actions can lead to significant global impact, so join us in making a difference, we'd appreciate your help.

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Independent General Election candidate Frank O'Donnell who is a Rathmullan native and a long time Letterkenny resident pictured above with his wife Eileen (nee McDaid from Glenswilly) and two of their family (below) Shane Ned and Conrad handing in his nomination papers at the Letterkenny Courthouse.



unteers required in Downings and surrounding areas for two services: 'Visitation & Befriending Service' and 'Telephone Support & Befriending Service'. If you would like more info. Contact Helena on 086 014 5829.

Mevagh

Rural Social Scheme

We are currently seeking a Caretaker on the Rural Social Scheme for Carraigart Development Committee. To be eligible to participate on the Rural Social Scheme you must meet the criteria as laid down by the Department on Social Protection. If you are interested, please contact Caitlin Uí Laífeartaigh for further information 0877465428

Senior Alert Scheme - Mevagh FRC continue to assist individuals who require a personal monitored alarm. This alarm is for people aged 65+, of limited means. It enables older people to live securely and independently in their homes. The

installation and equipment are free and if you connect to a landline, the monitoring is free for the first year. Charges apply to alarms set up via sim card. This initiative is part-funded by Pobal. Please call in, or contact the centre for more information.

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

Other Notes:

Postnatal Pilates - Mevagh Family Resource Cen-

tre starts Wednesday 13th November at 10am for 5 weeks. €50. Call Danielle on 0851622310 to secure your place.

Pilates - 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.

Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC.

Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am. Contact Fiona directly on 085 1569424 or email risehealthhub@gmail.com

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

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Community Facilities will be included in Defective Concrete Review - McNulty

Community facilities damaged by defective concrete will be included in his party's review of the scheme, Fine Gael general election candidate John McNulty has said.

Taoiseach Simon Harris has vowed a rapid review of the current scheme if returned to power on November 29th.

Mr McNulty has already vowed to campaign for downgraded homeowners, insisting all homes affected should be demolished.

He also wants one of the two Ministers of State in the Dept of Housing to be a dedicated Minister for Defective Homes.

"Community facilities like GAA clubs and playgroups will be included in the review agreed by Simon Harris. People who come together for the good of their communities, to provide facilities for young and old, cannot be left behind by the defective concrete crisis. When the Taoiseach visited Donegal he met amazing people who have built up facilities - and through no fault of their own - have seen those facilities crumble. If I am a voice in a Fine Gael-led Government; if I

am elected to represent the people of Donegal in that Government, I will advocate to have affected facilities replaced. I believe playgroup buildings or community centres or GAA halls can be fixed through existing funding platforms like the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, established by Fine Gael, or through Sports Capital funding. So they don't necessarily need to be included in the homes remediation scheme. We have to look at all avenues for funding and use schemes already delivering for Donegal communities and sports clubs. It's just common sense."

Mr McNulty added: "The volunteers who give so much to our communities cannot be left behind. They deserve our sincere gratitude for everything they do.

"That's why Donegal needs a Fine Gael TD to fight for effective change inside Government for people in Donegal. I have built up a great relationship with Simon Harris over the past few months. We have met one-on-one on several occasions. He's a man who listens and a man who cares about the Irish people.



An Taoiseach Simon Harris calling for a number one vote for John McNulty of Fine Gael in the General Election.

"If he is returned as Taoiseach I know I have an ally who will listen to the concerns I raise on behalf of the people of Donegal. I asked him to review the Defective Concrete Scheme and he did

that. A vote for me - John McNulty - will be a vote to have Donegal heard in Dublin. Change only happens inside Government - not outside shouting from the sidelines," he concluded.

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The 10 Irish Dancers from Fanad who travelled to the Irish Open in Galway last weekend were Fodhla Friel, Lucy May Gallagher, Lucy Boyce, Orla Clinton, Aoife Talbot, Sinead Walsh, Ellie Peoples, Clodagh Friel, Robyn McFadden and Aisling McFadden. Teachers are Samantha, Victoria and Jennifer Gallagher. Thank you to Comhar Fhánada agus Ghleann Bhairr and Fanvoulty Hall for their support throughout the year.

Whoriskeys: 19th year for Christmas Lights

Mary and Michael Whoriskey, their family and friends are already well into their 19th year of Christmas Lights for charitable causes and that hard work has been hugely successful. The lights on Shankey Hill are legendary and they

continue to brighten up the darkest nights of the year attracting visitors from far and near. So far, a sum of €114,000 has been raised for many worthwhile causes. This year, Cancer Care West, Donegal is the cho-



Ollie Whoriskey busy among the Santa's.

€1,950 and €1,960 for Champions at Milford Mart



Pauric and Patrick Heraghty Fanad winning the Reserve Champion Junior Calf at the Milford Mart on Saturday which sold for €1,960.

sen charity and they are involved in great projects to ensure that nobody is alone on their cancer journey. This is one of the most worthwhile causes and they are highly deserving of all the support we can donate.

Their support centre is located at Station House, Pearse Road Letterkenny and it is there to support you in whatever way possible in your experience of

cancer. Ollie, the main man, is the grandson of Mary and Michael and he plays a big part in the Christmas lights display and what it is all about. Santa will join him on Saturday week, November 30th and switch on the lights at 7.30pm and the public is invited to come along. There will be carol singing from 7pm and fair weather is expected to add to the festivities.

Whoriskeys Lights Show stretches out across the darkest of nights and it's a beacon that's already raised €114,000. This is a very special achievement for one family in remote Donegal and our congratulations must go to all those involved in keeping this amazing charity going through very difficult times. This is really a labour of love that

keeps growing, that keeps raising money and every festive season is different for those in charge with new designs and extra loads of work. The site at Gortcally on Shankey Mountain is one of Ireland's most windswept mountainsides. There are new designs this year, adding to the mystique of all.

All the donations made into the collection box at the site goes directly to charity. To donate to the cause visit- www.idonate.ie/fundra.../WhoriskeysChristmasLights12 And as the preparations continue ahead of the switch-on, more 'Santas' are wanted to embellish this truly amazing scene on the top of Shankey. Donations will also be appreciated to help pay the bill for running the big diesel generator.



Michael and Shay Gibbons, Kerrykeel winning Champion Junior Calf at Milford Mart with from left Enda Mulligan, Paul Scally, Daniel O'Connor, Judge Shay and Michael Gibbons. It later sold at the sale for €1,950. Photos by Glenalla Photography.



Seamus McGrory, Fanad United wishing Charlie Collins well on his retirement at "A Night for Charlie" in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Friday organised by Donegal Daily.

Fanad

The late Mary Rose Blaney
The death has taken place of Mary Rose Blaney, née Beagin, late of Rossnakill, Fanad and formerly Aghabog in Monaghan. She passed away peacefully at her residence on Wednesday. Many tributes were paid to her by friends and neighbours and she was remembered as a "real lady".



Predeceased by her son Anthony she is survived by her husband Lawrence, daughter Anne, sons Hugh, Lawrence, Paul, Michael, Brendan and Fergal. Also sadly

missed by daughters in law, sister Elizabeth (Navan), grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her remains will repose at her late residence from 6pm on Wednesday, with family time please from 10pm to 11am. Rosary each night at 8pm. Funeral mass is in Massmount, Fanad on Friday, November 22nd, at 11am followed by interment in the adjoining graveyard. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

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 Bhairr and everyone is welcome. For more information call 083 1960918.

Chiroprapist

The Chiroprapist will attend Fanad Day Centre on Tuesday 26th November and Wednesday 4th December. For appointment contact Mary on 087 9701159 or ring the Day Centre on 07491 59631.

Knockalla Coast Road Film

Coiste Forbartha Ghleann Bhairr will be showing Arthur Lynch's film about the construction of the Knockalla Coast Road on Saturday 23rd November at 7pm in the Old School in Glenvar. All welcome to see this interesting documentary about the construction and the many local people involved. Arthur will be there to talk about the film and answer

questions.

Whoriskey Christmas Lights

Michael and Mary Whoriskey will light up their Christmas Lights Display at their home in Kerrykeel on Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm. Carol Singing at 7:00pm, with Blessing of the Crib at 7:25pm. Ollie and Santa Claus will switch on display at 7:30pm. Santa Claus will then meet and greet the children in Santa's Grotto with goody bags for all. Eircode F92F9W4 Contact 086 8545797.

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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Rossnakill 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 December in conjunction with Donegal Sports Partnership to

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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.

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

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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.

Fanad SVP
The Fanad St. Vincent de Paul Society can be contacted on 0877003732. The Society is a voluntary organisation available to help anyone in Fanad who may be experiencing long-term or short-term difficulties. The Society is forever grateful to all those who donate to our collections. All monies collected in Fanad are spent in Fanad.

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.



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

100% Redress Party launches Manifesto

On Saturday, the 100% Redress Party launched its manifesto at a fundraising dance at the Station House Hotel in Letterkenny. The event was organised to support local election candidate Charles Ward. The evening was filled with energy and enthusiasm as attendees gathered to show their support for the grassroots movement championing justice for victims of defective concrete in Donegal. Charles Ward took to the stage to express his gratitude for the hard work of his dedicated team and to outline the party's vision for a brighter future for Donegal. "We are not a government-funded party; we are a handmade, born-and-bred party. The only decisions that come out of this party are for Donegal. We care about what happens in Dublin only when they finally see sense and give everyone 100% redress." The event also featured an inspiring opening speech from Tomas Sean Devine, Chair of the 100% Redress Party said "We are a party with no means, and every penny counts. I urge you all to

vote Charles Ward No. 1 - this is how we begin to create change." Charles Ward's speech highlighted the core principles of the party's manifesto, which is structured around eight key pillars, one of which is aimed solely at securing 100% redress for homeowners impacted by defective concrete. He stressed the importance of taking control of their own future and said, "With growth comes our manifesto. It is developed from people like us, ordinary people who are fed up with politics. We're taking back control of our lives, and I will send a clear message to Dublin: I will be a voice for Donegal." The organically growing party which began around a kitchen table with now four elected councillors, continues to gain momentum, with Charles Ward expressing his determination to represent Donegal's interests in the Dáil. "We are sending a message to Dublin - we are the voice of Donegal, and I will make us heard when I take my seat in the Dáil." Cllr. Denis McGee said "I am convinced that



Charles Ward the 100% Redress Candidate at his manifesto launch with Cllrs. Denis McGee, Tomas Sean Devine, Joy Baird and Alli Farren. Charles is the absolute salt of the earth. The care he gives to people, both professionally and personally, is second to none. I hope someone like Charles Ward would look after me when I get to be elderly." The party's manifesto, which lays out the vision for Donegal's future, will be available for public review in the weeks ahead.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

I, Stephen Gallagher am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct a new dwelling house, domestic garage and install a septic tank at Rathmullan, Co. Donegal in the townland of Elly. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

Donegal County Council

I, Breda Mc Geever on behalf of Mevagh Sports Ground am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct an all-weather pitch including perimeter fencing, flood lighting, car parking and associated site works at Carrigart, Co. Donegal in the townland of Umlagh. 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

"Further Environmental Information (Natura Impact Statement)". Applicant: Cathal Mc Gettigan & Jessica Roberts. Location: Tirhomin, Milford, Co. Donegal. Reference number: 24/60916. Significant further information including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)) in relation to the application have been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase 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 further information including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)) may be made in writing on payment of fee of €20.00 not later than 5 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority.

Donegal County Council

Drumbrn Td, Milford

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 to include extension to south and east elevations and connection to ancillary services at Drumbrn, 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.

Donegal County Council

Drumanaught, Letterkenny

I, Robert Clarke am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for construction of a new dwelling house with an on-site sewage treatment system at Drumanaught, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council

Creeve Glebe, Letterkenny

We, Helen & Amy Johnston are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for demolition of existing dwelling house & construction of a new dwelling house & connection to existing services & retention planning permission for existing domestic garage at Creeve Glebe, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council

Skreen Upper, Termon

We, Peter and Gina Gallagher, intend to apply for Planning Permission for development at Skreen Upper, Termon, Co. Donegal in the townland of Skreen Upper. The development will consist of planning permission for the retention of sunroom extension to front of dwelling house. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, such sub-

missions 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

Carraleena, Rathmullan

I, Brid Siewer intend to apply for planning permission for development at this site at Carraleena, Rathmullan, County Donegal in the townland of Carraleena. The development will consist of the following: 1. partially demolish and refurbish existing derelict dwelling house. 2. To erect an Orangery extension to the building including all other associated site development works. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal, during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application.

Donegal County Council

Corranagh, Letterkenny

I, Ciara Gildea am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage at Corranagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Corranagh. 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

2 Tully Mountain, Ballyarr, Ramelton

We, Hugh Devlin and Evelyn Devlin, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the temporary placement of mobile home on site to be removed upon completion of our new dwelling house including all other associated site development works at 2 Tully Mountain, Ballyarr, Ramelton, County Donegal, in the townland of Tully Mountain. 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

Magheraroarty, Gortahork

I, John O'Brien, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for alterations and extension to my existing dwelling house, to include demolition of existing attached domestic shed and all other associated site development works at Magheraroarty, Gortahork, County Donegal, in the townland of Magheraroarty. 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 Planning Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Drumabodan, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny

I, Patrick McDaid am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to convert existing garage into a self-contained flat auxiliary to my existing dwelling house including all other site development works at Drumabodan, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumabodan. 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

Drumnahoagh, Letterkenny

I, Paul Gilmartin intend to apply to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain commercial storage units and sales yard with signage, including all other associated site development works at Drumnahoagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumnahoagh. 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

In Memoriam



Boyce
Charles
Ramelton
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of Charles who died on the 23rd of November 2021.

*Nature's first green
is gold, her hardest
hue to hold
Her early leaf's
a flower; but only
so an hour
Then leaf subsides
to leaf, so Eden
sank to grief
So dawn goes down
to day, nothing
gold can stay.*

Sadly missed by all his family.

Prayers will be offered at weekend Masses in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton.



Coggins
Ann
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of my beautiful wife Ann Coggins (nee McGarvey) late of High Barnet, London and formerly of Ards, Creeslough, Co Donegal who so sadly passed away on 24th November 2022.

*A devoted wife and wonderful mother to our sons John Paul and Patrick
A loving nature, a heart of gold, the very best this world could hold
Never selfish always kind, these are the memories you left behind
A silent thought, a quiet prayer for A special person in God's care.*

Always loved and remembered by her husband Paul, her loving sons John Paul and Patrick, her mother Mary Grace McGarvey, brothers Fr Pat, Martin, Neilus and Noel, sisters Margaret, Geraldine, Pauline and Grace, sisters-in-law Mary T, Maria and Emma, brothers-in-law Pat, Dennis, Hugh, Fergus and Micheal, aunts Margaret, Agnes and Teresa, father-in-law Paul, mother-in-law Noreen Coggins, brothers-in-law Noel, Donal, Johnny and Eugene, sister-in-law Teresa and a wide circle of family and friends.

Ann's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at The Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory The Great, 82 Union Street, High Barnet, Herts, EN5 4HZ at 6pm on Sunday 24 November. May our beautiful Ann Rest in eternal Peace.

Donegal County Council

Killylastin, Letterkenny

We, Property Hold Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain 2 no. foundation bases and permission for erection of the 2 no. additional dwelling houses within a previously approved Housing Estate. The development will consist of the connection to all approved services and all associated site development works at Ardan Rua, Killylastin, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Killylastin. 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,



Friel
Dan
Kilmore, Churchill
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on the 3rd of December 2023.

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

Dearly loved and sadly missed by your loving wife Dymyna, sons, Francie, Daniel, Brendan and Thomas, and grandchildren Cuán, Aobhí, Savannah and Jamie.

Anniversary Mass in St Columba's Church, Glendowan on Saturday 30th November at 8pm.



Reilly
(Heraghty)
Kay
Glasgow & Fanad
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of Kay, born to eternal life on 25th November 2016.

*She was a beloved
daughter and sister,
devoted wife and
mother in life
let us not forget
her in death
So young to die
so precious to lose
it was God's will
We could not choose
Sweet is your memory,
fresh is your name
Close in our hearts
you will always
remain
Will those who think
of Kay today, a little
prayer to Jesus say.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by the Heraghtys, La Combres, Reillys and extended family and friends.

Lifford during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such 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.



McBride
Carmel
Clontallagh,
Downings
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on the 25th November 2023.

*Our hearts still ache
in sadness our silent
tears still flow
For what it meant to
lose you, no one will
ever know
A silent thought
a secret tear
keeps your memory
ever near
Death leaves
a heartache no
one can heal
Love leaves
a memory no
one can steal
Though absent you
are very near, still
loved, still missed
and very dear.*

Loved and missed every day by your daughter Bernie, Antony, Shannon, Michael, Anthony and Áine xxx

*Your memory is our
keepsake with which
we'll never part
God has you in His
keeping we have you
in our hearts*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your son Kieran.

*We think of you in
silence, we often
speak your name
But all we have are
memories and your
picture in a frame
Your rest place we
visit and put flowers
there with care
But no one knows
the heartache as we
turn and leave you
there.*

Loved always and sadly missed by your son Paul, Anita, Damien, Lauren and Ryan.

*Our family chain is
broken, nothing
seems the same
But as God calls us
one by one, the link
shall join again.*

Always remembered by your son Darren and granddaughter Muireann.

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

Always loved and sadly missed by your son Gary, Ciara, Lola and Abbie.

Carmel's 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Monday 25th November at 10am in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.

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In Memoriam



**Delap
Roy**
31st Anniversary

Cherished memories of a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather Roy who passed away on 23rd November 1993.

*May the winds of love blow gently and whisper for you to hear
That we still love and miss you as time unfolds another year.*

Loved and missed always by your wife Carol and your family at home and away.

Also remembering brother and uncle Andy whose anniversary is at this time.

Gone but not forgotten.



**Donnelly
George**
Newtownfore, Ramelton
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on 27th November 2016.

*November is here with deep regret, it brings back the day we will never forget
Our lives go on without you but nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache when someone speaks your name
Sad are the hearts that loved you, silent the tears that fall
But living life without you is the hardest part of all.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Margaret, sons, daughters, grandchildren and extended family.

Prayers will be offered at Masses on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November in St. Mary's Church Ramelton.

minor relocation of dwelling previously approved under planning ref. no. 93/303. (2) Alterations; extensions to existing dwelling. (3) Re-location of existing shed and all associated site works at Corranagh, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Corranagh. 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
Tirkillin, Termon**

We, Charles & Megan Gallagher intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Tirkillin,



**Coggins
Ann**
2nd Anniversary

*Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.*

Sadly missed, always loved, Mum, Fr. Pat and all the extended McGarvey family.

*Thoughts of you are precious, they never fade away
We think of you always not just today*

*No matter how life changes, no matter what we do
A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.*

Love your sister Grace, Michéal and family.

*As each day dawns, we think of you
As each night falls, we pray for you
And throughout our lives, no matter where, in our hearts you are always there.*

Love, your sister Geraldine, Hugh and family.



**O'Donnell
Kathleen**
Keenaghan, Kilmacrennan
4th Anniversary

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

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

Loved and sadly missed by Susan, Anthony, Sarah and Laura xxxxx

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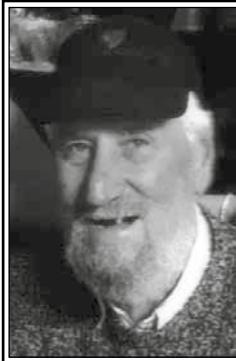


**McHugh
Michael**
Aughnish, Ramelton
32nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who died on 21st November 1992.

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

Always remembered by family and grandchildren, Ramelton.



**Roulston
Rodney**
Milford
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of my best friend Rodney Roulston who died on 23rd November 2023.

*I don't need a special day to bring you to my mind
The days I don't think of you my friend are very hard to find
Each morning when I wake I know that you are gone
And no one knows the heartache as I try to carry on
My heart still aches with sadness and my secret tears will always flow
what it meant to lose my friend no one will ever know
When your beautiful heart of gold stopped beating
Mine just broke in two knowing that here on earth
There will never be another best friend as honest and loyal as you.*

Sadly missed by your best friend Marie.

Termon, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Tirkillin. Development Description: The development will consist of the partial demolition of existing dwelling and attached store, demolition of detached shed. Construction of a part two storey, part single storey extension to the side of existing dwelling. Construction of single storey detached domestic garage / store and retaining wall. To include decommissioning of existing septic tank and installation of replacement sewage treatment system with all associated site development works.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning 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.



**McHugh
Doreen**
35th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on 20th November 1989.

*Time passes life goes on but from our hearts you are never gone
Whatever else we fail to do we will always remember you.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by husband Michael, daughters Edel and Colette, son Michael and their families.



**McFadden
Kathleen**
Gortmacall, Milford
13th Anniversary

In loving memory of Kathleen who died on 21st November 2011.

*We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again
So rest in peace dear loved one and thanks for all you've done
We pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won
Will those who think of her today, A little prayer to Jesus say.*

Sadly missed by her husband Charlie, daughters Mairead and Catherine, son Kieran and all her grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass in St. Peter Church, Milford on Saturday 23rd November at 6.00pm.



**Stewart
Andy**
26th Anniversary

In loving memory of a husband, father and grandfather Andy died 21st November 1998.

*A place in our hearts is yours alone
A place of love no one can own
For deep in our hearts your memory is kept
To love, cherish and never forget.*

Ever remembered by your loving wife Maria and family Ballycallon, Croaghross, and Downpatrick

Carr

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather Joseph who died 22nd November 1994.

*One year comes, another goes
But the gates of memory never close*

Always loved and sadly missed by your loving daughter Maria, son Joe, grandchildren, great grandchildren and the family circle

Delap

Also remembered a dear brother-in-law and Uncle Roy Delap who died 23rd November 1993.

*Time slips by life goes on
But in our thoughts you are never gone*

Maria and family.

Thompson

In loving memory of a dear uncle Albert who died 1st November 2005.

*A little tribute small and tender
Just to say we still remember*

By your niece Maria and family.

**Donegal County Council
Creevary Upper, Rathmullan**

We, Jack and Clodagh Collins are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Creevary Upper, Rathmullan, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Creevary Upper. The development will consist of a change of house and garage design with modifications to existing approved sewage system previously permitted under planning reference no. 23/50658. The house design consists of part single storey, part storey and a half with

Acknowledgement

**Fahey
Susanna**
Ballure, Fanad



The family of the late Susanna Fahey, Ballure, Fanad would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sympathised with them at the time of Susanna's death.

We want to offer our thanks to all who called to the house during the wake and attended the funeral and to those who sent messages of sympathy and Mass cards. We are extremely grateful to our very kind neighbours and friends who helped in so many ways during the wake and for their continued support.

Sincere thanks to those who provided parking and helped with direction of traffic during the wake. Thank you to Ian McCollum and Shiels Bus Hire for use of their buses during the wake. Thank you to Naoinra Fhanada for arranging the guard of honour, it really meant so much to us.

Thank you to Fr. Briody for the beautiful funeral Mass and for all his kind support during Mammy/Susanna's illness. Thank you to the Brothers of Ards Capuchin Friary for all their support throughout and for the special blessings in hospital which meant a lot to our Mammy/Susanna.

Thank you to all who performed in the beautiful Choir on the funeral day and to the grave diggers who gave up so much of their time preparing the grave.

Thank you to Eamon Scott Funeral Directors for the caring compassion in the way he carried out the funeral arrangements.

Sincere thanks to Patricia Shiels for providing the soup and sandwiches after the funeral.

Thank you to the kind and caring staff at LUH and especially the Donegal Hospice who made Mammy/Susanna's last few weeks with us and all her family so special.

Thank you to all the staff at Tamney Health Centre who helped and cared for Susanna during her illness.

As it would not be possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation.

Susanna's Month Mind Mass will be held on Sunday 24th November at 11am in St. Mary's Fanavoly, Fanad.

a single storey detached domestic garage, to include all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

**Donegal County Council
Kilcreen, Ramelton**

I, David Moore am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following:- Completion of Dwelling House, Domestic Garage, Waste Water Treatment System and all Associates Site Works previously approved under Planning Ref.No. 12/50624 and extended under Planning Ref.No. 18/50013, Also construction of Extensions and Alterations to dwelling at Kilcreen, Ramelton, Co Donegal in the townland of Kilcreen. 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.

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Planning Notices

**Donegal County Council
Corranagh, Letterkenny**

We, Gerard & Iris O'Donnell are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following:-
- (1) Retention of

Dunfanaghy News

The late Ann Harkin

The death occurred last week of Ann Harkin, Ballymore, Dunfanaghy. She was predeceased by her husband Jim a number of years ago. Ann was the eldest of seven and was born in Clydebank, where she went on to work in Singer's factory. Ann met her husband, Jim in Glasgow, and got married there before returning to Ballymore to live. She worked in the Mushroom Factory and in the Shandon Hotel and in the Day Centre and in later became a volunteer in Cara House in Letterkenny helping senior citizens and young people. Ann enjoyed going to Ards Friary, having a cup of tea and a chat, Aoife was a great gift to Ann and she helped through her illness. In the conclusion at the Funeral Mass Fr. John Joe quoted from a poem of Helen Steiner Rice called "God's Stairway" Fr. John Joe Duffy celebrated her Funeral Mass in St. Michael's Church Creeslough on Friday. Concelebrating were Fr Seamus Murphy and Brother Philip. The burial took place afterwards in Doe Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to her sons, James and Kevin, sisters Mamie, Fay, Teresa, Rose and Veronica and brother John, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Death of George Sterritt

There was widespread regret on hearing of the death following an illness in Letterkenny University Hospital of George Sterritt, Rinclevan. George was a highly respected member of the local community who played football and was a member of the local Bowls Club. He had farming interests and was the former Postman as well as working on the local Community Employment Scheme. He was also an avid follower of the Donegal GAA team and St. Michael's GAA Club and always attended their matches at The Bridge.



Sympathy is extended to his wife Shirley, daughter Rebecca (Brian), son Leslie (Sinead), his brothers and sisters: Florence, Robert (Audrey), Leslie, John (Marina), Samuel (Bridget), Marbeth Duffy

(Jackie); his grandchildren Hanna, Freddie and Kilian, to his uncle Samuel Alcorn nieces, nephews and wider family circle. Predeceased by his parents and sister-in-law Georgena. His remains reposed at his residence in Rinclevan for waking.

His Funeral Service was held in the Presbyterian Church, Dunfanaghy on Wednesday afternoon followed by burial in Ballymore Graveyard.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Naomh Mícheál will take place at the Bridge on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm. Any adult member who wishes to obtain nomination and motion papers can request them from the club Rúnaí by Text 0833882606 or email at: secretary.st.michaels.donegal@gaa.ie

Annual Sale Thanks

Thanks to everyone who supported the November Sale. Thank you also to Rev David Skuce and Dorothy Moore for the launch of the 150th Anniversary booklet. The winners of the raffle were: 1st - €100 Fuel Voucher - Jacqueline Alcorn; 2nd - Microwave - Greta Alcorn; 3rd - Voucher-Linda Hanlon. The winners of the Hampers were Bertha Campbell, Eileen Moore, Mary Duggan, Catherine Alcorn and Callum Ferry.

Creeslough View Launch

The latest edition of the Creeslough View will be launched on Saturday 23rd of November at 8pm in the Day Centre in Creeslough. Refreshments will be served. We'd love to see as many people as possible there to mark the occasion. Copies will be on sale.

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.

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.

Senior Citizens Party

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

The Workhouse

A fun Christmas baking class with Wild Fuschia at 11am on 7th December. Please contact The Workhouse on 074 913 6540. Booking essential.

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



Pictured are groups enjoying the recent Winter Craft Fair at The Workhouse in Dunfanaghy
Photos by Moses Alcorn.



25 Card Drive
In aid of Dunfanaghy Youths FC

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

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



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 Glenties Electoral Area Councillor
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Holy Church Dunfanaghy launch 150th Anniversary Booklet

The launch of the Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dunfanaghy 150 years Anniversary Booklet took place at the Annual Sale in the Parish Hall on the Hornhead Road on Friday. The Booklet which spans the period from 1874 until 2024 was launched by the Rev. David Skuce who paid tribute to the Rev. Pritchard who had the original idea of producing a booklet to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the church and who in these pre internet days produced a comprehensive history of Holy Trinity Church and also the wider Dunfanaghy area. This year on the 150th Anniversary

it was decided to publish the original book with a supplement covering the last 50 years and the job for putting this together fell to Dorothy Moore who by undertaking the painstaking work of going through Church Records and interviewing people has put together the history of the last 50 years of the Church and also the local areas and its various groups and clubs. She also said that looking at the ads in the original books would bring back memories for many people as some of those businesses have since closed. Rev. Skuce thanked Dorothy Moore for all her work and he

also thanked the pupils from the Senior Room of Holy Trinity School who drew pictures relating to the Church which have been printed on tea towels which are now available to purchase for €8. Dorothy Moore, thanked everyone who had given of their time to help with the project, all the advertisers and everyone else who helped her in any way to get the book together. The booklet will be available to buy on the evening at €10 per copy with the proceeds shared between the Church and The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.



DUNFANAGHY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
 NOVEMBER 29TH 5-7PM
 DUNFANAGHY SQUARE
 JOIN US TO TURN ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WITH CAROL SINGING, FOOD, HOT DRINKS, CRAFT STALLS AND A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA HIMSELF



John Stewart and Canon John Merrick who were pictured in the original booklet in 1974 pictured with Dorothy Moore at the launch.



Pictured are groups who attended the Book launch in Holy Trinity Parish Church,



Dorothy Moore and Rev. Skuce with the Book



Dunfanaghy Beach Wheelchair Project

Local quilters created the Machair Quilt, A quilt which represents the birds and flowers of a local endangered habitat. This they generously donated for raffle to raise funds for the Dunfanaghy Beach Wheelchair Project. This vital initiative is focused on improving accessibility to Kilahoe Beach for individuals with mobility challenges.

The Wheelchair Project is supported by the Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre and Tidy Towns, and it also aims to raise awareness of the Life on Machair project. The quilt has been on display at Arnold's Hotel this year, where it has attracted significant interest. The Project would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Aidan, Ashling, and the entire hotel staff for their invaluable support in hosting the quilt and assisting with fundraising efforts.

On Saturday, November 9th, the quilt was raffled at Dunfanaghy Golf Club and the winner was Eugene McGee, a member of the golf club and a regular around town. The Project appreciates the enthusiastic participation of Dunfanaghy Golf Club and its members for this fundraiser, with special thanks Elish Walsh, the Lady Captain, who selected



Group pictured with The Quilt recently in Arnolds Hotel to support the Dunfanaghy Beach Wheelchair Project and Life on the Machair awareness.

the Dunfanaghy Beach Project as her charity for her term in Office. Looking ahead, the Life on Machair project, in collaboration with Tidy

Towns, the Family Resource Centre, and various creative groups in Dunfanaghy, will host a community event on Friday, November 22nd, from

5 to 7 pm at Trinity Hall. This event will promote awareness of local habitats, the beach accessibility project and celebrate community

engagement with the Life on Machair project. Everyone is invited to join in this community event.

Cloughaneely

The late Sally Stewart Shields

The sudden death has taken place in Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow of Sally Stewart Shields of Glasgow and formerly of Baltoney, Gortahork.

Born in Baltoney, Sally emigrated to Glasgow. In his Homily at her Funeral Mass in The Church of Christ The King in Gortahork on Monday Fr. O'Baoill expressed sympathy to Sally's family and he also said that she was a very hard working and kind person who was very good to her neighbours especially during Covid when she helped them get their daily essentials.

She was predeceased by her father Paddy. Sympathy is extended to her son Thomas and Katie, daughter Emmy and Tony, mother Kathleen, sister Eileen and Frankie, sister Moya and Kevin, niece Kitty, nephews Anton, Frankie óg, and Hal and a circle of family and friends.

Her remains reposed at her mother Kathleen's residence in Lower Baltoney and Funeral took place from there on Monday for Requiem Mass in Christ the King Church, Gortahork which was celebrated by Fr. Donnchadh O'Baoill. The Concelebrant was Fr. Sean O'Galchoir. Burial took place afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

The late Annie Cannon

The death occurred recently of Annie Cannon, Meencarrick, Gortahork surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her husband Manus, parents Madge and John, brothers Neddie, Denis, Paddy, Philip and Johnny.

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.

Funeral took place on Wednesday the 13th following Requiem Mass in Christ the King Church celebrated by Fr. Donnchadh O'Baoill. The Concelebrant was Fr. Herrity. Burial took place in the adjacent cemetery.

Junior Band

Lotto Results and there was no jackpot winner.

Creeslough

The late Maureen Kelly

The death occurred of Maureen Kelly, Creesloughbeg, nee McLaughlin. Maureen was aged 93 and predeceased by her husband Willie. Sympathy is extended to her children Mary (Terry), Kevin (Maeve), Liam (Ann Marie) and Carol (David), daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren Ciaran, Micheal, Ronan, Laim, Sarah, Aoife, Jonathon, Daniel, Andrew, Aoibhinn, and Cillian, sister Pam and brother Malachy, nieces, nephews and to the entire family circle.

Her Funeral Mass in St. Michael's Church was celebrated by Fr. John Joe Duffy and the concelebrants were Fr. Martin Doohan and Fr. Seamus Murphy. Maureen was laid to rest in Doe cemetery.

Dunfanaghy Youths AGM

The Dunfanaghy Youths will hold their annual general meeting this Thursday evening November 21st in the Ozanam Centre at 8p.m.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who donated, baked, contributed and came along to the support the recent Creeslough Community Childcare Toy Sale. We were able to pass along lots of good quality toys and clothing to other families in the area at affordable prices making Christmas easier for all. Thank you to St Michaels GAA for facilitating a very successful community event.

Winners of the Hampers were - 1 Grace Duffy; 2 Amanda Gamble; 3 Kelsey Gallagher; Cupcakes: Mevagh Rose McGinley; Lego guess - Noah Stewart.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Naomh Micheál will take place at the Bridge on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm.

Any adult member who wishes to obtain nomination and motion papers can request them from the club Rúnaí by Text 0833882606 or email at: secretary.st.michaels.donegal@gaa.ie

Book Launch

The Glenree 50th Anniversary Book Launch will be held in Carrigart Hotel on Saturday November 23rd at p.m. It was John F. Friel Creeslough, and Myles Gallagher, Carrigart who discussed the possibility of recording the history of Glenree Sports Club. A Big Undertaking but well worthwhile. Refreshments provided.

Creeslough View Launch

The latest edition of the Creeslough View will be launched on Saturday 23rd of November at 8pm in the Day Centre in Creeslough. Refreshments will be served. We'd love to see as many people as possible there to mark the occasion. Hard to believe that this is the 24th edition of the book! Copies will be on sale.

Sensory Santa

Sensory Santa - Meet and Greet in the



Pictured are the group who attended Pat The Cope's Election meeting in the Ostan Loch Altan in Gortahork last week.

Numbers 1-2-5-7-13-17. 1 match winner was Rose Curran, Keeldrum, Gortahork who won €100. This weeks Jackpot will be €8750

Cloughaneely Food Bank

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

Sr Susan Evangelist

A Mass to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Sr Susan Evangelist and to give thanks for her ministry in the Diocese, especially to the Cursillo movement, will be held in St Mary's Church Stranorlar on the 24th of November at 4pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Sr Susan has requested no gifts but her books will be on sale and all proceeds will go towards Cursillo.

Gleena United 50/50 Draw

Gleena United held it's latest 50/50 draw last Friday and the winner was Maureen Boyle, Creeslough with a jackpot of €205. The next draw will take place on Friday 22nd November at 7pm.

Knock Night Vigil

Knock Night vigil, bus leaving Falcarragh at 4pm Saturday evening the 7th December. Pick up also

Dunfanaghy, Creeslough and Letterkenny. To book Call Noirin 087 2447152.

Artspace

Tá deireadh curtha le Taispeántas an tSamhraidh. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuiochas a ghabháil leis na healaíontóirí - Francis McKenna, Ann Walsh, Máiréad Harkin McGee, Ian Fleming, Ian Gordon, Fran Boyle agus Teresa Jordan as a bheith páirteach. Tá áthas orainn a rá go bhfuil na 5 ealaíontóirí do Thaispeántas an Gheimhridh roghnaithe. - Zoe Dubief, Bernie Anderson, Frances Russell, Brian O'Neil agus Brendan Sweeney. Beidh an seoladh ar siúl ar an 29 Samhain 2024, ó 7-9in ag @ArtSpace-Pobail le Chéile, An Fál Carrach. Bíg linn ar an oíche, buail leis na h-ealaíontóirí, agus bain sult as a gcuide oibre. Beidh ceol ann le ceoltóirí áitiúla, chomh maith le fíon agus cáis! Fáilte romhaibh uilig isteach!

Decorations Sale

The proceeds from the sale of Christmas decorations recently in Siopa Pobal raised €250 towards Scoil Fhionáin Sensory Garden. Many thanks to our shop volunteer Mary McClafferty for organising this fundraiser.

Social Handball

Social Handball for Adults. Come for a game or to watch and chat. Ionad Magheroarty, 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: This position is with the Falcarragh Tidy Towns. 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

RI-Oga Dance Academy

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

Thursday Café

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

Dunfanaghy Dippers

The Dunfanaghy Dippers who swim / dip every day of the year at Port na Blagh Pier at 11am.

Dr. Lochlann McGill, a founder member said that in the initial years there were only two or three swimmers. But, year by year more people have joined in and their numbers are swelled during summer and at weekends by Northern Ireland members. It's fun and free - no rules and we all look after one another.

One of the advantages of cold water swimming is that beta-

endorphins, the "feel good" molecules, are released from the brain. When one enters cold water, white blood cells - which counter infection, go up and inflammation is reduced. The latter is why people with arthritis and aches and pains go into cold water. Trace elements and microorganisms found in sea water also fight infection.

Don't forget that it's also great exercise, it burns up fat and improves the fitness levels and metabolism. It's well known that connecting with nature helps our mental health and the craic is always mighty. Communication with others is so important for humans. Remember - it's fun and free!



Dunfanaghy Dippers pictured during a recent dip at Port na Blagh Pier.



Students from Scoil Mhuire, Creeslough visiting the Meenadreen Wind Farm.

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.

Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall

every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. No partner needed. Dance teacher is Celine.

50/50

Congratulations to Oisín Hughes who won €320 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last

Ards Friary Shop

Opening Times: Monday - Saturday 12 noon until 5p.m. Sundays: 12 noon until 7p.m. Closed during evening Mass from 5.30-6.15p.m.

GAA Club News

Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 29/10/24

21-25-27-32. Numbers drawn at Bingo in Mulroy Woods Hotel. Congratulations to Eddie McKeever who won the lotto prize of €3,300 last week.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 23rd November: Maple, Milford - U14 Girls.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Under 21 Men

Our Under 21's won their quarter final on Sunday on a scoreline of 2-12 to 2-07, with excellent performances throughout the field. Dylan McGarry came up trumps with 2 well taken goals early in the first half which gave the lads a great platform to go on and win the game. The semi-final is fixed for this Friday (22nd) at 8pm in Convoy Centre of Excellence against Cloch Cheann Fhaola. All Support welcome. Tickets must be pre purchased on <https://embed.futureticketing.ie/c/donegal-gaa/> Card payment facilities will be available at the venue but supporters are advised to pre purchase tickets.

U14 Boys

Our U14s won the All County Division 2 final in the Centre of Excellence in Convoy, beating Ardara on a 2-04 to 1-04 scoreline. This was an excellent team performance.

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 are welcome.

Underage Presentation Evening

There was a great turnout of players and parents at our annual Minor Board Presentation Evening which took place in Ray Community Centre on Saturday last.

Congratulations to the various award winners:

Minor Boys Team:

Player of the Season - Sean Black

Most Improved Player - Jacob Campbell

Minor Girls Team:

Player of the Season - Aoife Kilpatrick

Most Improved Player - Chloe Shields

U16 Girls Team:

Player of the Season - Ruth Folan

Most Improved Player - Siofra Mc Hugh

U16 Boys Team:

Player of the Season - Caolan Carr

Most Improved Player - Aidan Kilpatrick

U14 Boys Blue Team:

Player of the Season - Connor Patton

Most Improved Player - Charlie Mc Bride

U14 Boys Red Team:

Joint Player of the Season - Kai Creran Corcoran and Matthew Sweeney

Most Improved Player - Cian Anderson

U14 Girls Team:

Player of the Season - Mairead Shields

Most Improved Player - Niamh Buchanan

U13 Girls Team:

Player of the Season - Aoife Kilpatrick

Most Improved Player - Lucia Cannon

U12 Boys Blue Team:

Player of the Season - Saul Hegarty

Most Improved Player - Shay Sweeney Dunleavy

U12 Boys Navy Team:

Player of the Season - Ruairi Greer

Most Improved Player - Eoghan Kelly

AGM

Our AGM will take place on Sunday 24th November at 5pm in the Clubhouse. 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.

Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Lotto

The numbers drawn were 5,7,14,17,19,22. We had 14 match 4s. Congratulations to Owenie & Kathleen Coyle who wins €100. The jackpot is now €5,750.

Craobh Faoi 21 B Dhún na nGall

Cluiche Ceathrú Ceannais CCF: 1-6 Málainn: 1-4

Sraith Faoi 13 an Chontae

Cluiche Ceannais Ór

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 0-4 An Clochán Liath: 1-3

Scór na nÓg

Congratulations to our Instrumental Group of Éabha Nic Fhionnghaile, Oisín McLaurin, Lucia Ní Mhíocháin, Conor Ó Gallachóir and Thia Ní Fhearraigh who are through now to the Ulster Final of Scór na nÓg after a great performance at the semi final in Dunloy.

AGM

The Club Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday the 15th of December at 5pm in Ionad Naomh Fionán, Falcarragh

Beidh Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana de CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola ar siúl ar an Domhnach an 15ú Nollaig ag 5 i.n in Ionad Naomh Fionán, An Fál Carrach. Nomination and Motion Papers, which allows each member to nominate persons for a role within the Club, must be returned by 5pm on Monday the 2nd of December. They can be returned either in e-mail form to secretary, cloughaneely.donegal@gaa.ie or a hard copy to Martin Duggan at Shane McGee's hardware in Ballina, Falcarragh during normal opening hours. Please note that Nomination and Motion papers received after this time will not be accepted.

St. Michael's

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place at the Bridge on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm. Any adult member who wishes to obtain nomination and motion papers can request them from the club Rúnaí by Text 0833882606 or email at: secretary.st.michaels.donegal@gaa.ie

Completed nomination and motion papers must be returned to the Rúnaí in person before Tuesday 10th December. Please ensure that before anyone is nominated for a position, they are willing to accept the nomination.

Best Wishes

We wish Thomas O'Donnell and all members of our community the very best of luck and safe travels as they embark on their UN Peacekeeping mission with the Irish Army in Lebanon.

Thomas is a dedicated member of our Men's Senior Reserve team and has also given his time as a referee for our youth games. While we're incredibly proud of his service in Lebanon, we look forward to welcoming him and his teammates back home to our community.

Good Luck

Wishing every success to our Senior Ladies player, Bridget Gallagher, on her new venture, Donegal Pelvic Physio! We're so proud of Bridget's

dedication both on and off the field, and we know she'll bring the same passion and expertise to this new service, helping others live healthier and stronger live

Bingo

The Hub/St Michael's collaborative Bingo continues in the Hub on this Sunday at 7.30pm. The Snowball is €500 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.

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 3,8,9,11,12,16. The Match 5 Winners were Winifrid McIntyre, Derryherriff, Emma Corcoran, Dunfanaghy and Ann Sweeney, Derrysleigh who won €35 each. Emma and Ann bought their tickets online. This week's Jackpot will be €3700.

Gaelic4mothers and Others

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

Parish League

Parish League continues this Sunday at 2pm, this is the second last day of this years League.

Winners of the Hampers were - 1 Grace Duffy; 2 Amanda Gamble; 3 Kelsey Gallagher; Cupcakes: Mevagh Rose McGinley; Lego guess - Noah Stewart.

St Eunan's

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.

Hurling Academy

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

Gaeil Fhánada

Lotto Results 17/11/2024

Numbers: 4, 13, 14, 17, 22. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Fiona Shiels. This week's Jackpot: €2,500.

AGM

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

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Ádh mór ar fhoireann Tráth na gCeist Ghaeil Fhánada a ghlacfaidh páirt i mbabhta ceannais Uladh oíche Dé hAoine in Ard Mhacha.

Well done Mark

Well done to Mark Dorrian and his team of umpires who officiated at the Ulster GAA Junior Club Football Semi-final on Saturday in Healy Park, Omagh between Drumhowan (Monaghan) and Craighbane (Derry).

Scór na nÓg

Ghlac Ghaeil Fhánada páirt i mBabhta Ceannais Scór na nÓg an Chondae le gairid in Inbhear.

Bhí ceol, canadh, damhsa agus drámaíocht den chéad scóth le feiceáil agus le cloisteáil ar an lá agus tá ard-mholadh tuille ag na h-iomaitheoirí go léir a bhí ar an stáitse.

Gaeil Fhánada were represented in the following three competitions: Rince Foirne, Amhránaíocht Aonair and Bailéad Ghrúpa. First up were our Rince Foirne group of Ellie Nic A Phobail, Clodagh Ní Fhríl, Órla Nic Giolla Fhionntáin, Sinéad Breathnach, Fódhla Ní Fhrighil, Aoife Ní Thalbóid, Lucy Ní Bhuagh and Lucy May Ní Ghall-

chóir, and they danced The Three Tunes. Gemma Nic Congail was next up in the Amhránaíocht Aonair competition with a lovely rendition of 'Tá mo Chleamhnas Déanta'. Marie Ní Fhríl, Róisín Breathnach, Caragh Ní Ghiobúin, Gemma Nic Congail and Sorcha Nic A' Phobail made up the Bailéad Ghrúpa and they sang 'Tar liom a chailín liom' and 'Black Velvet Band'. Bhí sibh uilig go h-iontach ar fad agus tá gach duine sa chlub an-bhródúil asaibh.

Although none of the Gaeil Fhánada acts progressed to the next round of the competition, they were fantastic and represented the club brilliantly.

Míle buíochas to everyone for taking part and many thanks to the parents for taking the girls to the practices and also to the competition itself. Also a big 'Go raibh maith agaibh' to the Gaeil Fhánada mentors who worked hard in recent weeks to prepare the acts for the competition.

Naomh Columba prevail in U14 semi final Commiserations to our U14 boys who were defeated in their county semi final on Sunday at the hands of Naomh Columba.

It was a very well contested game, with Naomh Columba only a point ahead after 45 minutes, but a strong closing quarter by the Glen outfit saw them run out as victors at the end of proceedings. That contest rounds up what's been a very good season for this side, who were very competitive throughout the year, picking up silverware along the way in the form of a Northern Regional Board title in the summer.

U13 Girls

Hard luck to our u13 Girls who were defeated by Bun an Phobail side in the u13 Platinum Semi-final, played at Páirc Uí Shíadhail recently. It was a very tight affair in the first half, but things turned in Moville's favour after the break and they never looked in any doubt after that.

The visitors were first out of the blocks, scoring two early points to settle themselves into the game. Fanad had a few chances in the subsequent minutes, including a shot on goal, but it was saved by the Moville 'keeper. Moville added a third point in the twelfth minute and this gave the hosts the kick they needed, and they soon upped the ante. This was Gaeil Fhánada's best period of the game, where they raised the white flag six times in the space of seven minutes to put themselves three ahead. Bun an Phobail weren't finished however and pointed twice more before the half time whistle sounded, to leave it a one point game at the break.

From the minute the ball was thrown in for the second half, it was mostly Moville. Gaeil Fhánada struggled to get hands on the ball and the visitors duly punished, playing some impressive football and kept the scoreboard ticking over in the process. The hosts were working hard but found it hard to break Moville's momentum.

The Gaels, although chasing the game and facing a deficit, never gave up and drove forward with intent several times as the game neared its conclusion. They did secure a goal with twenty three minutes on the clock and were unlucky not to tag on another few scores during this period, but ultimately it was to be Moville's day and they were deserving winners on the day.

Although it wasn't to be for Gaeil Fhánada this year, the girls deserve huge credit for their performance on Saturday and indeed all season. They have been fantastic since the very first training session and there is no doubt that the future is looking bright for this group of girls. Beidh siad ar ais arís an bhliain seo chugainn.

Thanks to the girls themselves for their efforts and to their parents for taking them to all the trainings and matches all year.

As always, a big thanks to everyone who helped out all year. To those who help to set up the pitch, who umpired and who provided and served tea and refreshments after all the games - míle buíochas daoibh uilig. Lastly, a huge go raibh maith agaibh to the management team and coaches for their commitment all season.

Club Planning Workshop

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.



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Letterkenny Memories

The next night of the Letterkenny Memories will be held on Tuesday the 26th of November in the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny from 8pm. There will be lots of artists to enjoy and the admission is only €3 with tea and biscuits served.

Kavanagh demands disabled parking action

Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh has requested the Council to revisit the survey of disabled parking bays in Letterkenny previously carried out, update it and put a plan in place to deal with all the issues highlighted. He raised the matter during a Municipal District meeting.

The report of the audit of disabled parking bays was published by the Letterkenny Roads Office in February 2020. It looked at the 67 disabled parking bays which included on street parking and disabled parking bays in Council car parks. At the time the council put the cost of implementing the measures identified at €31,043 and proposed that should a suitable budget be identified in 2020 the measures in

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the report be implemented. Cllr Kavanagh said the main measure identified in the report was that the bays mainly did not have blue surfacing which was the case in 44 of the 67 bays examined. Blue surfacing is not obligatory but is recommended in the traffic signs manual which states that "the bays may have blue surfacing and the provision of dropped kerbs should be considered to enhance accessibility." Of the €31k cost identified in the report €19k involved blue surfacing, dropped kerbs and signage. Cllr Kavanagh said the blue surfacing is obviously a help in identifying the disabled parking bays but it is not as important as the dropped kerbing "So we should in my opinion prioritise the dropped kerbing because in many instances it is making disabled bays unusable for disabled drivers."



Highland Radio's Lee Gooch and the daughter and grandchildren of the late Victor Gibson presenting Gayatri Koshy from the Irish Heart Foundation with a cheque for €5,000, the proceeds of the recent Victor Gibson Memorial Tractor run held at Glenveagh. The organising committee at Glenveagh wish to acknowledge the generosity and support of all who contributed and helped with this event.



The Ulster Girls Youth U14 Cup in rugby has been renamed in memory of former Letterkenny RFC player, Leona Harper, who lost her life in 2022 in the Creeslough disaster from left are Hugh Harper, Anthony Harper, Ulster Rugby's Chair of the Women and Girls Committee, Paula Stewart, Jamie Harper and Donna Harper. Photo Clive Wasson

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Portsalon

Christmas Hamper

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

Ropes in play

Members will note that the ropes are now in place to protect the surroundings of the green during the winter months when growth is at its poorest. All members are kindly asked to observe that trollies and buggies are not permitted inside the ropes. Please adhere by following the designated path around the greens and onwards to the next tees.

Results

Wednesday November 13th - Winner: Finbarr McNamee (13) - 42 pts; Runner-up: Shane McNamee (21) - 40 pts BOT; Gross: David McCormick (2) - 34 gross pts; Third: Brian Carney (25) - 40 pts.

Saturday November 16th - Winner: Shaun Campbell (17) - 41 pts; Runner-up: Paddy Merritt (15) - 40 pts; Gross: Sean Forbes (5) - 31 gross pts; Third: Martin McFadden (22) - 39 pts.

Sunday November 17th - Winner: Paul Gallagher (10) - 41 pts BOT; Runner-up: Barry Keeney (21) - 41 pts; Gross: David Bonner (6) - 34 gross pts; Third: James Duffy (18) - 38 pts.

Portsalon Ladies

A wonderful amount of €1000 was raised by the Ladies Branch over the month of October for Breast Cancer Research. Lady Captain Noreen would like to thank all those who participated in the Play in Pink Open, bought tickets for the Pink Raffle, contributed to the October Monthly re-entries or donated in any way.

Christmas Hamper and Dinner

The final date for entry to the Christmas Hamper competition is Sunday 25th. Please have your names, and entry fee of €15 paid by this date. All details are in the locker room. The Hamper will be played on Saturday 30th November. Lady Beginners will play for their Hamper on Friday 29th November. The presentation and dinner for everyone will follow on Saturday 30th.

Ladies Winter Links

The booking system will open for the Ladies on Thursday 21st at 6pm to be played on Thursday 28th November.

Deepest Condolences

Lady Captain Noreen and the ladies branch wish to extend their sympathy to Alison Kilgore, following the recent passing of her mother, Elizabeth Whiteside in Derry. May her gentle soul rest peacefully.

Cloughaneely

October Golf1000 Draw took place on Monday evening in the clubhouse with Diarmuid Coyle taking the top prize of €500. The €100 winners were Kevin Barrett, Gerry Coffey, Eoin Doohan, Fergal Kilfeather & Seamus Farnen. Thank you to everyone that entered and supported the draw. The November draw will take place in early December 2024. A special thanks to Joe McGarvey, Vincent Collum, Roisin McGee and Bridie Doherty for all their good work with the Golf1000 Draw.

This Saturday and Sunday will be an Open Singles Stableford. The Enda McMonagle Memorial Charity Scramble takes place on Saturday 30th November. This is open to Ladies and



Diarmuid Coyle Golf1000 Draw winner at Cloughaneely Golf Club with Brian Dolan from the Club Committee.

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Letterkenny Ladies

AGM

The Letterkenny Ladies Club annual general meeting will take place on Thursday 28th November at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Party

The Ladies Christmas Party will be on 7th December and all Hamper prizes and Turkey prizes will be presented on the night. Everyone welcome.

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LAC marathon runners raise €8,447 in memory of Aidan McGlynn

Letterkenny AC members who completed the 2024 Dublin Marathon in memory of the late Aidan McGlynn have raised €8,447 for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA).

The group presented a cheque to Aidan's parents, Peter and Bernadette, and wife, Kathy, who accepted it on behalf of IMNDA at a handover event in Sister Sara's in Letterkenny.

Aidan was a proud and loyal member of Letterkenny AC and completed the Dublin Marathon

in 2019. He was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease last year and passed away on September 5th aged 50.

Following his passing, Aidan's club mates taking part in the 2024 Dublin Marathon selected the IMNDA as the benefitting charity.

LAC members have now raised a total of €20,796 for IMNDA through their participation in the Dublin Marathon. In 2022, they raised €3,245, while last year €9,104 was collected through the

GoFundMe process.

The runners who ran the 2024 Dublin Marathon were Ann-Marie McGlynn, Caitriona Jennings, Diane Bustard, Mary Gallagher, Michael Harkin, Robert Kavanagh, Clive Monohan, Barry Mackey, Conor McDaid, Mark O'Donnell, Mark Nee, Chris McMenamin, Eamonn McEldowney, Enda McLaughlin, Gary Kearns, Craig Ross and Derek Campbell.

Thanks all who contributed to the fundraiser.

Harps lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 14th November. The numbers drawn were 1, 17, 19, 22. The next draw takes place on Thursday 21st November and the jackpot is €5,000.

There were two match 3 winners this week winning €100 each Patsy & Michael Patton, Ballybofey and Deborah Fields, Derry,



The parents of the late Aidan McGlynn, Peter and Bernadette, and Aidan's wife, Kathy, accepting the cheque for €8,447 from Letterkenny AC marathon runners which they accepted on behalf of the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.



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