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## General Election - Friday - 2024

So that's the big story for those interested in the date of the general election. After months of waiting for polling day your questions are now answered.

It's game on and the big news is that the election will be on a Friday before Christmas 2024.

The secrecy over the exact date may be down to the need to keep the peo-

ple in the dark and then surprise them...or else it is the government making another balls out of the bleedin' obvious.

There is anticipation that November 29th may be polling day. If not, then what?

Either way it's likely that there will have to be an accelerated timeline for passing the Finance Bill for the gen-

eral election this year. And the Bill could take one or even two weeks, according to Minister for Finance Jack Chambers.

The Finance Bill brings in tax and other measures announced in the budget and it must be passed before the election if they are to take effect.

Minister Chambers told the media

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## Portlean filmmaker captures top award



A young Donegal woman has scored a stunning success in her fledgling filmmaking career after winning a major award at the Kerry International Film Festival.

Kate Haley (above) from Portlean, Kilmacrennan scooped the Best Student Short Film Award for her offering 'A Fairytale Romance'.

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## Creeslough Supermarket planning put 'on hold'

Plans to rebuild the Creeslough Supermarket have been put on hold following an issue being raised with the proposed development by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

A decision on the proposal was expected by Donegal County Council this week but the application lodged in April has now had its status changed to "On Hold" according to the council website. The shop was destroyed in the tragic explosion on October 7th, 2022, where ten people lost their lives and several others were injured.

Vivo Shell Ltd applied on April 18th



last to the local authority to redevelop the site with a new building and forecourt layout.

They sought the demolition of the existing building and construction of a new building that incorporates a Class 1 commercial building with shop, post office, off-licence, store, deli, toilets including accessible toilets, staff welfare facilities and fore-

court.

It also sought the replacement of underground storage tanks and pumps, an external canopy, associated signage and all other associated site development works including a space for a memorial garden.

Further information was sought from planners in June and on October 14th the TII wrote to the Council and outlined concerns they have

with the proposed development claiming it is "at variance with official policy in relation to control of development on/affecting national roads".

They also said that there is "insufficient data submitted with the planning application to demonstrate that the proposed development will not have a detrimental impact on the capacity, safety or op-

erational efficiency of the national road network in the vicinity of the site."

They also stated: "The proposal, if approved, would create an adverse impact on the national road and would, in the Authority's opinion, be at variance with the foregoing national policy in relation to control of frontage development on national roads."

The letter also detailed the revised layout submitted did not "appear to address the issues identified".

They stated: "The RSA Stage 1 and 2 identified four road safety issues with the

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## Pringle calls for urgent reform at LUH

Deputy Thomas Pringle, said the public health service is at breaking point, as he renewed his calls for a greater focus on recruitment and retention at Letterkenny University Hospital, additional ambulances and crews for Donegal, and other measures.

Deputy Pringle said that whoever is in the new government, might actually deal with the health service crisis once and for all instead of lurching from



crisis to crisis and from one disaster to another one.

Addressing the Dáil on Wednesday, he said: "Our public health service is at breaking point and our hospitals are experiencing re-

cord-breaking overcrowding. "Understaffing in the health service is severely impacting the ability of staff to provide safe care and it is putting both patients and staff at risk. Staff

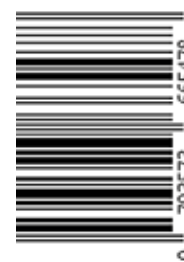
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## Shrek The Musical

Some of the cast of Shrek The Musical will be staged in An Grianan Theatre in December. The production is by the Letterkenny Music and Drama Group.

Photo by Francis Diver



# Portlean filmmaker captures top award

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This accolade follows a successful weekend where Haley's previous short film, *Splash!* earned her the Northern Exposure Bursary, awarded by the Disappear Here Film Festival and the Donegal Film Office.

A Fairytale Romance reimagines the classic mermaid tale, blending fantasy with dark realism to critique traditional romance. The film tells the story of a mermaid whose dream of a fairytale ending takes a tragic turn. With stunning visuals and a provocative narrative, Haley offers a fresh, feminist interpretation of folklore, exploring the dark-

er side of romance and human nature.

Kate, who is currently back living in Donegal having spent two years in the US, was educated at Portlean NS and Loreto CS Milford.

After completing her MFA in Film & TV at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) as a Fulbright Scholar, she returned to Ireland to continue her filmmaking career. Her films often blend fantasy, memory, and



reality, while examining issues such as gender and power.

Speaking about the award, she said "I'm deeply honoured to have 'A Fairytale Romance' recognised at the Kerry International Film Festival.

This film is incredibly personal to me, as it critiques the romantic ideals many women are taught to embrace from a young age. I wanted

narrative and subvert it in a way that speaks to the complexities of womanhood and the exploitation of female bodies."

The short film is currently on its international festival run, with continued success anticipated. For more information about A Fairytale Romance and Kate Haley, visit [www.katehaleyfilm.com](http://www.katehaleyfilm.com)

The Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF) is one of Ireland's leading film festivals, celebrating excellence in filmmaking. It showcases a wide range of Irish and international films, providing a platform for both emerging and established talent.

## Caitriona Coyle shortlisted for CAP Award

Glen Author Caitriona Coyle has been shortlisted for the CAP Award for fiction for her novel "Gracie".

The Carousel Aware Prize for Independently Published Authors (The CAP for Indies as it has become known) is an important initiative celebrating Ireland's top indie talent, founded by Carolann Copland. CAP's patron is the 2024 Booker Prize Winner, Paul Lynch, and it is the only book competition specifically for indie authors in Ireland.

Categories include Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's Senior, Children's Junior and Anthologies. It also provides sponsored opportunities for low-income writers, promoting inclusivity. Caitriona is nominated in the fiction category and there are 5 other nominees.

CAP supports self-published authors by connect-



ing them to bookstores, distributors, and media - while raising awareness for the mental health charity Aware. The CAP Awards ceremony will be held at Chapters, Parnell Street, Dublin, on Friday, 1st November at 6:30 pm.

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"We'll be agreeing a schedule within Government about whether that takes a week or a second week, but it can be accelerated." In the event of a two-week time frame, the earliest the Finance Bill would be cleared is likely to be Thursday November 14th. This would mean the election could go ahead on December 6th... but could it?

For the children of the nation, December 6th is their special night of their year with the Late Late Toy Show beaming out to a million viewers. Nothing can stand in the way of RTE's biggest earner of the year. The declaration of an exit poll is not in Santa's bag of goodies? Okay, this might be make believe for one night only, but it cannot be spoiled by adults wandering around and spoiling the legend in the story.

Not in a million years can I imagine the political editors of the national media racing onto the sets and falling over tonnes of glitter and toys.

Can anyone imagine RTE's David McCullough rocking up to shake Paddy Kilty's hand and him decked out as Santa with baubles on his bicycle, rented from the shed at the Dail.

The element of shock and awe over a general election is gone and never in our history are so many candidates ready to hit the

road, no doubt for some it will signal success. But for the vast majority it will be the road to God Knows Where with deposits only for the bottle banks

You have to wonder after all this time in coalition, why Fianna Fail has allowed Simon Harris to top the poll at every country fair, every sideshow, ceilidh and crossroads over the summer while Micheál Martin failed to build a single sandcastle.

Perhaps he was the one back at base keeping from the security hut over in the Dept. of Finance.

Harris made every photo opportunity into a work of art. How much did that flatter the electorate? Quite a bit because FG was in the doldrums with Varadkar at the helm. Now FG is leading the poll ratings having increased by 7% since Harris was made Taoiseach.

Suddenly Simon is going to build 250,000 new houses in five years: and now Fine Gael is about to promise 300,000 new constructs but who believes that?

Meanwhile, back on Base Station Earth, the nation has barely noticed that an election is imminent. Granny, how many double payments and energy credits before Christmas?

But does FG and FF already have the election in the bag?

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## Planning 'on hold'

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proposed development, and the design has accepted the identified issues and proposed measures with alternative measure proposed for problem 3.4. A revised layout has been submitted, which doesn't appear to address the issues identified in RSA Stage 1 and 2 (Problems 3.5 and 3.6.) A total of 31 submissions have been received objecting to the development.

Among the submissions received was correspondence from bereaved family members, members of the public, those living next to the proposed development location, a member of the Duntally Woods Apartments Owners Management Company and TH.

Here in Donegal twelve runners have been nominated in what promises to be an exciting contest. There has been a big increase in voter strength since February 2020 when the electorate was 125,911. That figure will have increased to around 135,000 and with a 63% turnout the quota may be over 14,000.

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## Court Order saw Letterkenny buildings demolished

Three buildings on Letterkenny's Main Street were demolished at the weekend due to concerns over public safety. Donegal County Council had put notification stickers on the buildings located in the vicinity of the Market Square requesting the owners to contact them for engagement on addressing safety issues that had been raised by engineers.

However, it's understood that there was no response from the four owners. And a follow up attempt for the owners to contact the Council two weeks ago proved unsuccessful again.

Local Cllrs were briefed that a Compulsory Purchase Order had been initiated on the three buildings. They were also informed on a follow-on that the Council obtained a Court Order for the demolition works on Friday.

The Council issued a pub-



lic notification that a part of Letterkenny's Main Street would be closed all day Sunday due to essential safety works. As a result a short stretch of the Main Street from Rosemount Lane to Market Square was closed for a period to undertake necessary works in the interests of public health and safety, the Council said.

The three buildings had been cordoned off since June with pedestrians being advised to cross the road on either side as a section of pavement was closed.

Businesses in the area have generally

welcomed the Council's move to make the area safe in the public interest. A spokesperson for the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Heritage Committee said they hoped the demolished job will be replaced with structures in keeping with what was there before and dated back to the 1860s

The demolition works began at 5am on Sunday, until 7am on Monday. Since the barriers went up in June there has been a push on from Cllrs and the business community for the necessary steps to be taken to carry out permanent works

to make the buildings safe to allow full pavement access again for pedestrians. The inconvenience over the past four months was having a detrimental economic impact on an already struggling businesses on Letterkenny's Main Street.

According to one local Cllr. the next step will be for the Council to get a valuation of the site and then if a sale is completed they would be able to claw back the legal and demolition costs with the remainder of the proceeds being divided out between the four owners.

## Unveiling of Peggy Harkin Plaque

A plaque dedicated to one of Letterkenny's best known maternity nurses, Peggy Harkin, will be unveiled in the town this Sunday. It was postponed last Sunday due to the weather warning.



The popular midwife was a familiar figure cycling around her home town while visiting mothers and delivering babies in the locality from the 1930's to the late sixties.

She lived in Lower Main Street and is, and was, the subject of many stories from residents who remember her visiting their homes.

The plaque has been erected by the Letterkenny Community Heritage Group who are inviting everybody interested to the unveiling at 79 Lower Main Street on Sunday at 3p.m.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Station House Hotel.

the essence, so it's also essential that the places where defibs are located are signposted clearly. Updating where defibrillators are located is a straightforward and cost-effective measure that can make a significant difference in survival situations."

"I believe it is a forward step towards a safer and healthier Donegal and indeed Ireland as a whole and Aontú is calling on all relevant authorities and organisations to act now to publicise and implement this initiative which has the potential to save so many lives," Ms Sweeney concluded.

## Mary T. demands Defibrillator Database

The Aontú General Election Candidate has appealed to the Dept of Health and other organisations to urgently update an all-inclusive register of defibrillator locations across the county.

Calling this a "simple yet crucial step that has the potential to save lives", Mary T. Sweeney said: "There are thousands of defibrillators located throughout Ireland with a significant number across Donegal. Nevertheless, people generally haven't a clue as to where they actually are.

A constantly updated and accurate national register of defibrillators would provide a centralised database that ensures that this equipment can be quickly and easily located for use in emergencies. This would be a logical move in a country where heart disease is one of the leading causes of death."

She stated "Many local communities have done incredible work fundraising to buy these machines and train local people to use them, but in the main the wider public are in the dark as to where they're located. However, many of these life-saving devices are not registered or mapped.



Directors Tina Higgins and Marie McGinley with the stars of Shrek The Musical Ricky Kyle as Shrek and Ella Terry Sweeney at the launch of the musical in An Grianan on Friday night. The show runs from Tuesday the 3rd to Saturday 7th of December nightly with a special Sensory Friendly Show on the Friday afternoon and a Matinee on Saturday. Book now on www.angrianan.com

Time is of the essence in an emergency and in the case of cardiac arrest it is absolutely vital that people can access defibrillators promptly as they are literally lifesaving.

Worryingly, it has been reported that some defibrillators - which have been registered and mapped - are not at that location. Can you even imagine the panic and concern for someone, whose loved one has suffered a cardiac arrest, to arrive expectantly at a designated site only to find there is no defibrillator and no hope of assistance?

And what about people, particularly the elderly, who are not technolo-

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# Orwell's '1984' scary insight into the present

Books from the past can give a scary insight into the present. That hit me when reading George Orwell's '1984'. When I read it first, the year 1984 was 13 or 14 years into the future. Now it is 40 years in the past. '1984' gives a description of a future England under dictatorship. In that imagined society, people are bombarded with propaganda. This is worryingly like the situation today. Russia invaded Ukraine. Thus there is a sporting boycott of Russia. There are all sorts of sanctions on Russia. Russian artists and sportspeople are banned for not condemning Putin. Doing so would, of course, put them in huge danger at home. In Orwell's imagined dictatorship, one of the main slogans was 'War is Peace'. That's the attitude of Western powers to the horrors of Gaza and Lebanon. Israel attacked Gaza. Medical experts estimate up to 10% of the population has died because of the war. The entire population has been collectively punished for the actions of Hamas. We got plenty of atrocity stories after the attacks of October last year. Most have been disproved. We are also told there were 1,100 Israeli Jews killed. However, 373 were members of the armed forces. Approximately 100 of the other dead were either Israeli Arabs or immigrant workers. To be clear, Hamas is nasty and brutal. However, pointing out the Israeli armed forces are as nasty and brutal is dangerous. This month Israel has invaded Lebanon without declaring war. Israeli bombers are pounding the capital, Beirut. But there is a great contrast to the treatment of Russia. Some politicians and media say any criticism of Israel is 'anti-semitism'. Other poli-

*The Irish Government tells us any sanctions against Israel will not work. They mouth sweet words about the Palestinians. Then aircraft carrying weapons for Israel are moved through Shannon, or via Irish airspace. Lying propaganda, though, is not the only similarity. '1984' gives a picture of a society where the powers that be are constantly watching people. We are not quite there yet, but dangerously close.*

ticians claim to be more reasonable. The Irish Government is a particular case. They tell us any sanctions against Israel will not work. They mouth sweet words about the Palestinians. Then aircraft carrying weapons for Israel are moved through Shannon, or via Irish airspace. Lying propaganda, though, is not the only similarity. '1984' gives a picture of a society where the powers that be are constantly watching people. We are not quite there yet, but dangerously close. CCTV is scarily common. Many even have it outside their houses. If you are going into a shop you will probably be filmed. There is filming, too, on many streets in towns. That's not just paranoia. There have been too many cases of CCTV operators spying on people in private for their own pleasure. Then there is the way so much information is now held electronically. Records of all sorts are held that way. For a time in the 1970's I was a civil service clerk. At the back of the office was a big room full of old files. The odd time one had to be found. Doing so could take much time. Sometimes a document couldn't be found because it had been filed in the wrong place. Now all such records are stored on a small hard drive. They can be searched quickly. Someone working remotely miles

away can do so. Then there is spying on our communication. The post was always spied on. That though, was labour intensive. Doing it unseen was near impossible. Now most of our communication is electronic. For example, in Britain, Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) is in Cheltenham. American whistleblower Edward Snowden disclosed this was collecting all telephone and online communications in the United Kingdom. Telecoms companies BT and Cable & Wireless were working with GCHQ. The Guardian newspaper had to destroy hard drives with revelations from Snowden. Otherwise the paper would have been prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act. More, most of us now have smartphones. These can be used to track us. I do not hold to conspiracy theories as to why we should only pay by cash. Since the pandemic I nearly always pay by card. However, I know this means that where I am when I pay can be easily tracked. For a long time, I resisted electronic banking. But just to maintain my account I had to give in. It is not just bank branches that have closed. Whole banks have closed. Electronic banking obviously makes tracking

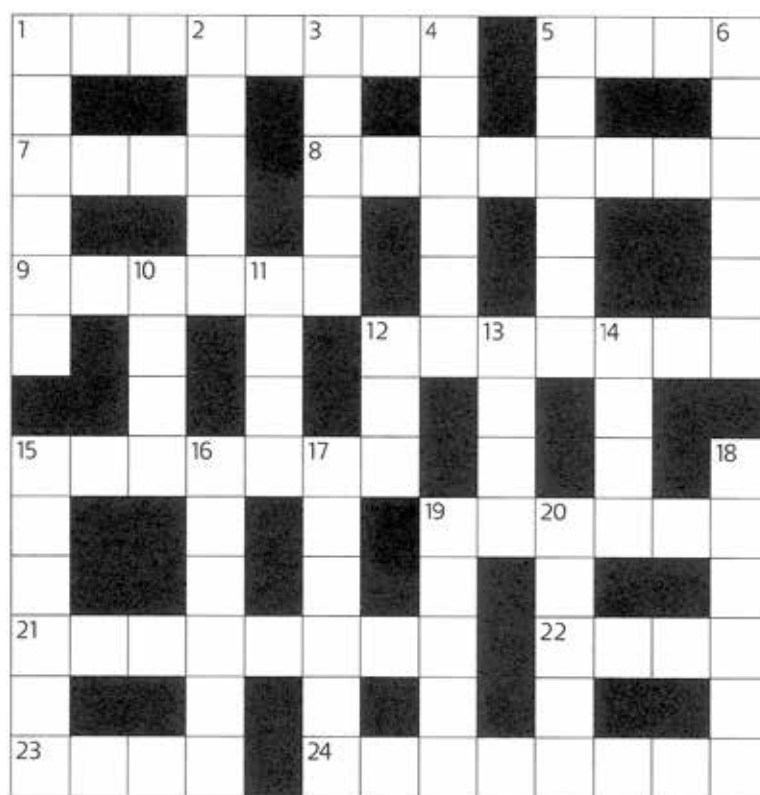
you so much easier. Then there is social media. There is a conspiracy theory of the left that Trump won the 2016 American election because he had Facebook analysed. Those who say that, forget candidate Ted Cruz had hired the same social media wizards to do the same. Only political nerds like myself have heard of him. That's because Cruz's campaign sank without trace. The really worrying part is that millions of Facebook accounts were accessed and analysed. Personal privacy was invaded. But back to Orwell himself. He died from TB six months after '1984' was published. He was very English. That was in both the positive and negative senses. There was, though, an Irish connection. His first wife's father was Laurence O'Shaughnessy from Valentia Island. She died in 1945. She was very able and modest. She was willing to support Orwell from the background. She made him into a writer. There is even a thin connection to



By Anton McCabe

Donegal. Orwell wrote '1984' at the top of the island of Jura off Scotland. That was because he was afraid of nuclear war. Such fear was very reasonable in 1948-9. In 1945 the Americans had dropped two atomic bombs on Japan. Thus Orwell went to the most remote part of a remote island to write. His hope was that he and his son would be safe there. You can see the mountains of Jura from Malin Head. That's only a very minor reason to read '1984'. If you read electronic books, you can now download it for free. And if you prefer the feel of paper, you can always borrow from the Library. You will understand some more of the world we live in. And you will worry.

## Tribune Crossword No. 1087



- Across**  
 1. Scouts rally (8)  
 5. Applaud (4)  
 7. Roman emperor (4)  
 8. Flimsy (8)  
 9. Small (6)  
 12. Mounted soldier (7)  
 15. Small cucumber (7)  
 19. Vicar's rostrum (6)  
 21. Grisly (8)  
 22. Beak (4)  
 23. Rummage (4)  
 24. Chinese dialect (8)
- Down**  
 1. The \_\_\_ Books, Kipling tales (6)  
 2. Sudden surge (5)  
 3. Long hill (5)  
 4. Cream cake (6)  
 5. TV sitcom, The \_\_\_ Waltz (6)  
 6. Like better (6)  
 10. Yarn (4)  
 11. Connection (4)  
 12. Malleable metal (3)  
 13. Hawaiian island (4)  
 14. Pageantry (4)  
 15. Sandy (6)  
 16. Modern (6)  
 17. Notify (6)  
 18. Famous communist (6)  
 19. Clean the feathers (5)  
 20. Zodiac sign (5)

**Solutions to Crossword No. 1086**  
**Across** 6. Carroll Baker, 8. Magneto, 9. Gorge, 10. Ever, 12. STroke, 14. Manly, 15. Basket, 16. Data, 19. Nerve, 21. Nairobi, 22. Contribution. **Down** 1. Progress, 2. Poker, 3. Gloom, 4. Naughty, 5. Deer, 6. Cumberbund, 7. Vegetarian, 11. Fat, 12. Sly, 13. Oratorio, 14. Memento, 17. Snail, 18. Minus, 20. Rood.

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## Letterkenny Memories in the Station House

Letterkenny Memories will be held in the Station House Hotel on this Bank Holiday Monday the 28th of October from 8pm.

The House Band; Thomas and Alex Black; Raymond McDonald; Jim Nickel; Dan McAteer; Michael Carney and Mary Kelly; Malcolm Patton; Patrick Doherty; The Syndicate from

Buncrana and Eddie Gallagher. Admission is only €3 and it includes tea and biscuits and everyone is welcome to come along.

## Digger track pads stolen in Ellistrin

Gardaí are investigating a theft incident that occurred at Ellistrin, Kilmacrennan between 3pm on Monday, October 14th and 6.30pm on Sunday October 20th.

They said a yard was entered and two sets of digger track pads were stolen.

They appeal for the public assistance in helping locate them and also to be aware of such items being offered for sale second hand.

They stated: "One set was 78 x 40cm and the other was 88 x 70cm. Transport such as a van or trailer would likely have been required to remove these items from the yard. We appeal to residents in that area to make contact with us if they observed any suspicious vehicles or activity in that

area between those dates. Should anybody come across similar items for sale on a second hand basis, we ask them to alert Gardaí. Milford Gardaí may be contacted on 9153060 with any information."

## Appeal following windows smashed

Gardaí in Letterkenny are appealing for witnesses to an incident of criminal damage that occurred at a business premises at Lower Main Street, Letterkenny in the early hours of Saturday, October 19th. It occurred sometime between 00.50am and 4am.

They said the front window of the premises was smashed in the attack.

They asked if anybody in the area at the time to get in contact with them on 074-9167100.

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Bookings 074 9155000



Proceeds from the North West Truck Festival being presented to Donegal Down Syndrome from left are Sheila McMenamin, Catriona Browne, Robert Browne, Anna Marie Brogan. Photo by Clive Wasson

## Letterkenny One Act Festival to include two local productions

Letterkenny One Act Drama Festival committee are delighted to have two local drama groups participating in their festival this year. Letterkenny Music and Drama Group perform "Cider Park", a new play written by local playwright Kieran Kelly on the opening night while the Butt Drama Circle take to the stage on the Sunday afternoon with "A Matter of Rights", another original play written by yet another local writer, Conor Malone.

Adjudicator this year is Declan Drohan who will judge all nine plays and the winning productions may go on to qualify for the All Ireland One Act Finals in Naas in December.

Please note that Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7.30pm and the Sunday programme starts at 4.00pm. Tickets can be purchased either at An Grianan Box Office or online at [www.angrianan.com](http://www.angrianan.com). A special couple's package for all three sessions is available from the Box Office for €60.



Above - Mickey McMahon and JC Bonnar in A Matter of Rights which will be performed at the Letterkenny One Act Festival this Sunday.



Right - Kieran Kelly and Andrew Tinney in Cider Park which will be performed at the Letterkenny One Act Festival this Friday night.



### The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny

**Country Sundays**  
Sun. 27th. Oct -

# Claudia Buckley



Doors Open 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11pm €15 Pay at door  
followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.  
Coming :- 3rd Nov. - Michael English; 10th Nov. - Patrick Feeney

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**AN GRIANÁN THEATRE**  
Letterkenny

**Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd November 2024**  
7.30pm Friday & Saturday • 4.00pm on Sunday

<b>Friday 1st</b>	Confined <b>The Moogles Theatre Company</b>	By <b>Megan's Grave</b> By Alice Lynch
	Open <b>Rosemary Drama Group</b>	<b>Elegy for Georgie</b> By Seamus Steele
	Open <b>Letterkenny Music and Drama Group</b>	<b>Cider Park</b> By Kieran Kelly
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	Confined <b>Carraig na bhfear Drama Society</b>	<b>Tom</b> By Noelle Clarke
	Confined <b>Mostrim Players</b>	<b>Storm Seamus</b> By Vanessa Galligan
	Open <b>Theatre 3 Newton Abbey</b>	<b>Perchance to Dream</b> By David McCann
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	Open <b>Butt Drama Circle</b>	<b>A Matter of Rights</b> By Conor Malone
	Confined <b>Erne Drama Group</b>	<b>Waiting for You</b> By Mark O Leary
	Confined <b>Devenish Drama Group</b>	<b>Even Numbers</b> By Tony Domaille
Adjudication and Presentation of Awards		

Plays last from 25 mins to 55 mins max

Adjudicator: DECLAN DROHAN  
Nominating to ADCI All-Ireland Finals

**€18 per night, €15 concession**  
**€40 all three nights. Couples all three nights €60**

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# Ramelton

## Care of the Aged Evening Tea

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

## Coffee Afternoon

St. Paul's Church, Ramelton are holding a Coffee Afternoon on Saturday the 2nd of November in the Robinson's Hall, Church Street. It will run from 12noon to 4pm and in addition to the tea, coffee and treats there will also be a Cake Stall and a Work Stall and everyone is welcome to call in anytime during the afternoon.

## Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12 noon this Saturday 26th October. Stock up on all your food requirements for all Occasions and Halloween Parties by ordering in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability when you get to market on Saturday. The best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and why not pop into our Tearoom for a delicious Cheese Toastie when you have done your shopping. Teas/coffees, scones & sweet treats, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable.

Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member.

## 'Upcycled Christmas Décor'

Due to popular demand, we're pleased to announce that a new 'Upcycled Christmas Décor' 6 week course facilitated by Moira McHugh, Perfectly Thrifted Interiors will commence on 5th November in Rathmullan from 10am-12.30pm. This course is part funded by ETB's Community Education Support programme so Text or Call 086 2804555 or 087 2493753 for more details or to register your interest, as there is limited availability.

## Crafts and Craic

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

October Rosaries

## Ramelton Community Playgroup

**We are seeking a caring and motivated professional to cover maternity leave.**

35 hours per week, Qualifications - Minimum Level 5 in Early Childhood Care and Education.

Send your CV to rameltoncommunityplaygroup@hotmail.com or by post to Ramelton Community Playgroup, Robertson School, Church St. Ramelton, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Rosary will be offered every Tuesday evening at 6.30pm along with Night Prayer of the Church in St. Mary's for the month of October.

## Rosary for Ukraine

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

## Novena of Masses for the Faithful Departed

The annual Novena of Masses for the Faithful Departed will begin on Friday, November 1st and continue until Saturday November 9th.

## Swilly Rovers lotto results

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Saturday were 6,12, 13 and 16. One 3 number winner: Dermot Sweeney. No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot is €1125.

## Pastoral Council events

The local Parish Council has organised a number of events for the spiritual life of the Ramelton Parish. A Service of Light, Prayer and Remembrance for the Faithful Departed will take place on Monday, November 11th at 6.30p.m.

Blessing of the Baby Jesus Figures for Cribs in the homes of the Parish takes place on Saturday the 14th of December at the 6.30p.m. Mass. A service of blessing for babies and Mass for families of 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 like to help out with any of the above, please see the flyer in the entrances to St. Mary's Church.

## St. Mary's Silver Circle Draw

Tickets for the St. Mary's Church Silver Circle Draw are still on sale. Please support this second fundraising draw of the year. The parish is making a big investment this year by upgrading and improving the car park and access to the cemetery. This is a big financial commitment. Parishioners' support is hugely important.

## Church grounds update

Resurfacing and lighting of the St. Mary's Church car park and cemetery access is now complete. Work on the transept gables continues and will be completed over the next few weeks.

St. Mary's Church, Ramelton

## Annual Silver Circle Draw 2024

Proceeds in aid of Church Funds

- 1st Prize: **€500**
- 2nd Prize: **€300**
- 3rd Prize: **€200**
- 4th Prize: **€100**



Thanks to our sponsors: Johnny's Ranch, Sip & Slice, Football Special, McFadden's Shop and Carpet Interiors.

Draw will take place on Sunday 27th October 2024

Permit Granted

Tickets - €5



Danny McLaughlin under pressure from Dermot Mills in the play.

# Stop it Nurse in the Town Hall

"Stop it Nurse" is a hilarious comedy set in a men's surgical ward in a local Hospital, run by a very stern Ward Sister (Michelle Friel), aided by Nurses Ferguson and Sing (Maggie Durning and Tom Egan). This is the Ramelton Players second time to put on this comedy by Sam Cree having previously took to the stage in 2013 to packed houses.

It will run for three nights in the Ramelton Town Hall and tickets are now on sale in Kevin McFadden's Shop on the Mall. Starting on Friday the 8th of November and finishing on Sunday the 10th of November at 8pm sharp each night. The doors will open at 7pm and the audience are encouraged to bring along with Swilly Rovers and Ramelton Mariners hats and scarfs to add the atmosphere.



Danny McLaughlin, Martin Duffy and Eoghan Boyce and James Friel rehearsing an hilarious scene from the play.



Mary Diver and Ward Sister Michelle Friel in rehearsals

All proceeds from the show will go to both clubs.

It tells the story of opposing Ramelton supporters who have an accident on Cup final day - Swilly Rovers fan Sammy Diver (Danny McLaughlin) who is knocked down by Ramelton Mariners supporter Felix Wilson (Eoghan Boyce). Their hospitalisation ends the peaceful stay of the agreeable Bert Cooper (Martin Duffy) and Harold Smiley (James Friel), who has a weird sense of humour. Throw in a distressed

Phyllis Russell (Catriona McCafferty) and her wrestling brother Mad McGuirk (Dermot Mills) together with Bert's wife Martha Cooper (Mary Diver) and Bert's bit on the side, Dolores Maxwell (Kerri Ann Coyle) and the Commentator (Tom Egan). When all these are added to the equation things take an hysterical turn.

This production is not to be missed. Directed by Damien Duffy. The set design is by Tony Boyce while Joe and Chris Birney are on lights with Mick Geever on sound.

**The tickets are priced at €10 each and are available in McFadden's Shop on the Mall.**



Eoghan Boyce and Danny McLaughlin with Catriona McCafferty in rehearsals.



Danny McLaughlin with Michelle Friel rehearsing a scene from the play.

# Dunfanaghy

The late Ronan O'Raghallaigh

The death occurred on Sunday last of Ronan O'Raghallaigh, Newtownforbes, Longford and Dunfanaghy. Ronan died peacefully, surrounded by his family in the care of the staff of Lural Lodge Nursing Home. He was a member of the O'Raghallaigh family from Dunfanaghy and moved away from the area to work in Custom and Excise but he never forgot his native area or county and was an avid supporter of the Donegal Football and Hurling teams and of the Irish language and culture. He was predeceased by his parents Séamus and Caitlín, brother Feargus. Sympathy is extended to his brothers Eirín, Ultán, Féilim and Tomás, sisters Dairine and Siún, brother-in-law Frank, sisters-in-law Anne, Miriam and Brídín, nephews, nieces, cousins, neighbours and friends.



## Halloween in Dunfanaghy

The Dunfanaghy Festivals Committee announced their upcoming Dunfanaghy Halloween Parade on Friday 1st November, a fun family night not to be missed! A torch parade to begin at The Ozanam Centre, leaving at 7pm, Lanterns also available to purchase on the night, with all money raised going

Eating Stilt Walker, Stilt walking Vampire and Fireworks Display Anybody who wishes to set up stalls please feel free to come along.

### Run the Wall for Palestine

Rev'd Niall Johnston from Dunfanaghy is organising a Walk the Israeli Separation Wall, with thousands of participants worldwide, in solidarity with Palestinians. The Dunfanaghy social walk will take place at 1pm on 3rd of November as an act of solidarity, as a call for an end to Palestinian dispossession and to demand an end to Israel's war. Funds raised will be donated to Palestinian Christians the ecumenical charity, Friends of the Holy Land. Rev'd Niall said "I am organising the Walk the Wall event in Dunfanaghy because I travel to the Occupied Territories frequently in support of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group and see how much Palestinians, especially Palestinian Christians, need our support".

### Halloween Fun 5K Run and Walk

DPM Community Employment Project will hold a Halloween Fun 5K Run and Walk on Sunday 27th October beginning at 2pm at the Ozanam Centre. Registration is from 1.30pm and the Registration Fee is €5 with additional donations gratefully accepted. The proceeds raised will go towards helping to meet the ever-increasing overheads required to manage the project i.e. Office Costs PPE Etc. The run will be followed by refreshments and prizegiving in the Ozanam Centre and all support would be very much appreciated.

### Social Walk

On Sunday, 3rd November, there will be a social stroll in support of Palestinian Christians on the green at Dunfanaghy and on Killyhoey beach for the more adventurous; participants are invited to donate at least €5. Gather on the green at 1245 for a 1pm start; Arnolds' Hotel have kindly offered to provide hot drinks and shortbread when walkers return.

### Creeslough Bingo

Creeslough Bingo is back every Sunday evening in The Hub with eyes down at 7.30pm.

### Doe Swimming Club

Please note new Dunfanaghy & Creeslough pick up/drop off points and change of time! Saturday 26th October. Bus 1 leaves Dunfanaghy Car Park at the top of the town at 5:05pm Supervising parents are Peter Druce & Catherine McNulty. Bus 1 & 2 leaves lay-by between Wild Atlantic Camp & Creamery at 5:15pm. Supervising parents for bus 2 are Peter McDaid & Annette Toner shop supervisor Natalie McElhinney. Buses returning to Creeslough drop off outside Branches house & Dunfanaghy car park. Busses return to Creeslough at 8:10pm and Dunfanaghy 8:25pm.

### The Workhouse

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

On Monday 28th of October from 7-9pm the local Heritage Officer is hosting a Halloween Horror Stories night in The Workhouse. €5 per person and

booking is essential. Not suitable for young children.

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

### Winter Craft Fair

The Winter Craft Fair will take place at The Workhouse

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

### Mini Lotto

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

on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 6,8,13,15,17,18. The Match 5 Winner were James Toye, Grogagh who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €3500.

### 50/50

Congratulations to Keelan McGee who won €420 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

### Prayer Meeting

Cenacolo Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday after 7p.m. Mass in the Oratory in Holy Cross Church from 7.30-8p.m.

## HALLOWEEN DUNFANAGHY

**SAT 26TH OCT**  
CHILD FRIENDLY SPOOKY STORIES, AUTUMNAL CRAFTS AND LOTS OF HALLOWEEN FUN WITH BOOK BUDDIES AT THE WORKHOUSE  
FROM 2PM - 4PM. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE WORKHOUSE ON: (074) 913 6540

**SUN 27TH OCT**  
OZNAM CENTRE 5K FAMILY RUN AT 2PM. €5 PER PERSON. REGISTRATION AT 1.30PM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND PRIZES AFTER.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE OZNAM CENTRE ON: (074) 910 0028  
ARNOLDS HOTEL KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY  
FROM 3PM - 5PM. €15 PER CHILD INCLUDES ENTERTAINMENT AND KIDS MEAL. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ARNOLDS HOTEL ON: (074) 913 6208  
ARNOLDS HOTEL ADULTS HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS PARTY.  
9PM - LATE. LIVE MUSIC AND PRIZES.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ARNOLDS HOTEL ON: (074) 913 6208  
SHANDON HOTEL FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY  
FROM 1PM - 6PM, €20 PER CHILD/€40 PER ADULT. INCLUDES DINNER, FACE PAINTING, UP CLOSE MAGIC AND FAMILY DISCO. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SHANDON HOTEL ON: (074) 913 6137

**MON 28TH OCT**  
HALLOWEEN HORROR STORIES AND NIGHTTIME TOUR OF THE WORKHOUSE WITH HERITAGE OFFICER FROM 7PM - 9PM.  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL. €5 PER PERSON. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE WORKHOUSE ON: (074) 913 6540

**THURS 31ST OCT**  
CHILD FRIENDLY SPOOKY STORIES, AND HALLOWEEN SONGS AT THE WORKHOUSE WITH THE FAIRY GODMOTHER FROM 2PM - 3PM. FANCY DRESS IS ENCOURAGED. BOOKING ESSENTIAL. BOOK DIRECTLY WITH ANNA ON: (085) 112 1264

**FRI 1ST NOV**  
HALLOWEEN PARADE MEETING AT 6.30PM AND LEAVING OZNAM CENTRE AT 7PM, FOLLOWED BY FUN IN THE SQUARE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW BY THE DUNFANAGHY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

# Breast Cancer Ball tickets on sale

The much-anticipated Breast Cancer Ball will take place at the renowned Silver Tassie Hotel on Friday 6th December 2024. This event, aimed at raising funds for the North West Breast Cancer Centre, promises an unforgettable evening of community spirit, delicious food, music and lively dancing.



Adding to the excitement of the night, Dr. Sinead Handley will be joining us as our special medical guest relating her own story of Breast Cancer and when the Doctor becomes the patient. She will also share her expertise and insight into the advances in breast cancer research and treatment. This is a unique opportunity to hear from a leading figure in the medical community.

Tickets for the event are now on sale with all proceeds directly supporting the vital services provided by the North West Breast Cancer Centre, helping those affected by breast cancer in the region.

The event will include fine cuisine, entertainment, music and an opportunity to connect with others who are passionate about making a difference in the fight against breast cancer. It's more than just a night

out – it's a chance to give back to a community cause that touches many lives.

The Beefsteak Dancers will provide the music and the ever popular Noel Cunningham in the role of MC. The ticket price is €60. The night will start with a Drinks Reception at 7.15p.m.

There will be an exciting raffle and auction on the night so keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages in the next few weeks for more information.

All tickets can be purchased at The Silver Tassie Hoel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on Telephone No. 074 91 25619. The hotel is once again offering its hugely successful overnight accommodation on a Bed & Breakfast basis for the incredible price of €65 per person (now taking



MACE retailers from Brogans of Dry Arch, Letterkenny, O'Donnells of Crolly and Killmacrennan and Mc Nultys of Stranorlar with BWG Foods, Shauna O'Callaghan and Barry Flynn ready to start the Team MACE Run to 40 for Debra Ireland - The Butterfly Skin Charity! in Letterkenny on Monday. When Emma Fogarty, Debra Patient Ambassador, was born with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) her parents were told she would not live past 1 week. This year she beat all odds and turned 40 years old, which sadly is rare for someone living with EB. To celebrate her 40th birthday, Colin Farrell is taking on Run to 40 by running the Irish Life Dublin Marathon in honour of his dear friend Emma Fogarty on October 27th. To support this cause, participating MACE staff are walking 40,000 steps or running a collective 40km this week from October 21st to 27th! Emma appeared on the Late Late Show on Friday night with Colin Farrell and they raised over €400,000 in an appeal on the show. Donations can be made at [www.idonate.ie/team/mace786](http://www.idonate.ie/team/mace786) Funds raised go directly to Debra who are dedicated to transforming the lives of people living with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), caring for someone with EB, or bereaved by EB, through care, research and advocacy. EB is an incurable and painful genetic skin condition, also known as 'Butterfly Skin', as the skin of people with EB breaks and tears at the slightest touch. Photo Clive Wasson

Bookings)

So why not get a group together and join us for a tremendous

and joy-filled night in the lead up to Christmas. The North West Breast Cancer Ball – Friday 6th December

## Wildlife Rangers WRC case “not well founded”

A Workplace Relations Commission case brought by a former National Parks and Wildlife Service Conservation Ranger against his employer has been deemed “not well founded”.

The case had been ongoing over a six year period due to postponements and ill health and centered around an alleged breach under the Terms of Employment (Information) Act 1994.

Mark Byrne had been employed as a National Parks and Wildlife Service Conservation Ranger by the Dept of Culture Heritage Gaeltacht/ National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The WRC judgment details that on the complainants return from a period of leave on Monday 3rd September 2018, the Complainant was telephoned by his manager, who advised him that from that day on, he would be required to work from home and he received an email confirming the same instruction.

He alleged that in terms of his complaint under the Terms of Employment (Information) Act 1994 that he got no prior notice of this

change to his contract and claimed that changing from working outside to being confined to indoor office duties at home was a complete change to his contractual terms and that he should have been given prior notice before this change took effect.

Under cross examination he confirmed that the date upon which the change was communicated to him in writing (by email) was Monday 3rd September 2018, which was the date that the change to his contractual terms took effect.

Also, he did not deny that his original contract permitted his work location to change to other locations which included working in a home office.

He also accepted that for the last two years of when he worked from home, from 18th February 2020 until he tendered his resignation in March 2022, he was placed on paid administrative leave.

The WRC report adds after six years there were unsuccessful attempts to mediate the case and the final adjudication hearing took place on October 1st, 2024 by which time the

Complainant had not worked for the Respondent for over two and a half years having tendered his resignation. Workplace Relations Commission Adjudication Officer, Emile Daly, stated in her conclusion that the 1994 Act protects employees from having verbal-only contracts and its purpose is to protect employees from a lack of clarity in the terms of their employment.

In his evidence the Complainant accepted that he was informed on the phone on September 1st, 2018 by his manager on the day he returned from leave that from then on, his work would be home/office based. He accepted that on the same day he also received an email from the Respondent confirming this.

She added: “The Complainant’s evidence is that he received a notification (by way of email) in writing on the day that the change to his contract took place, namely 3rd September 2018. Arising from this evidence, I find that there is nothing to support the complaint that a breach under section 5 of the 1994 Act took

place.

“As I have so found, it is unnecessary for me to go on to consider the Respondent’s point of whether the decision to make his work office based was within his original contractual terms. Because even I accept that moving him to work from home was a

change to his contract, no breach would occur if the employee is notified in writing no later than the day that the change took place, which was exactly what the Complainant says happened to him. For the above reason I find this complaint to be not well founded.”

## B&B guests can bank on warm welcome

A former bank in west Donegal is set to get a new lease of life as a café and bed & breakfast.

Conditional planning permission has been granted to Eighter Properties Ltd for the redevelopment of the former Bank Of Ireland on Main Street, Dungloe.

The application allows for the change of use from current use as a bank to a café on the ground floor and change of use to a bed & breakfast at ground, 1st and 2nd floors levels, along with connections to existing services.



Stramore NS  
Scoil an tSrátha Mhóir

### Coffee Morning

Come join us!



Bígí linn don mhaidin caife

Heritage Centre, Gartan,  
November 10th from  
10:30am to 1:30pm

Raising funds for the running  
of Stramore NS



Works continuing on the Ramelton Road and Ballyraine on an Active Travel project that will see the construction of a new cycle lane and upgraded pedestrian footpaths from the old Creamery Roundabout to the Polestar junction



# Gala night in honour of Charlie Collins

Charlie Collins announced recently that he was retiring after almost 40 years at the forefront of local media and a specially-arranged night to honour the Letterkenny man will take place at the Mount Errigal Hotel on Friday, November 15th next.

As well as a gala dinner, there will be a trip down memory lane for all those touched by Charlie's commentaries over the years.

Charlie started his broad-

casting career with Donegal Community radio before establishing himself as a local household name with Highland Radio and then helping to set up the Donegal Sportshub before moving to Donegal Daily.

From All-Ireland Finals to cricket and from Finn Harps to the Donegal International



Rally, Charlie has always been at the end of the microphone to capture those magic moments.

Never a man to say no, Charlie has also assisted so many local clubs and organisations who needed a person behind the microphone to be it a fundraising event or a charity night. His easy way and comfort-

able style hid the fact that Collins always had his homework done before hosting any event.

And as he plans to pull the plug on his glittering career, this is a chance to turn the microphone on Charlie!

Tickets for the event are booking fast and clubs wishing to take tables or individuals seeking tickets are asked to contact the Mount Errigal Hotel directly on 0749122700.

## Pringle calls for urgent reform at LUH

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are expected to work under severe pressure constantly and it's not sustainable or acceptable.

"Something's got to give and unfortunately, it is the public who are left to suffer this government's inaction. I have been raising the fact that LUH needs urgent reform and far greater focus on recruitment for years now," he said, noting that last year saw over 4,000 hospital

cancellations at LUH.

He added: "It is clear that understaffing is a significant issue in Letterkenny and the staffing levels across the public health service need to be addressed immediately. But, as I often say, recruitment is only part of the solution. We need to be focusing on retention as well. "I have seen so many young medical professionals from Donegal leave in search of a better life and a much better

health system to work in and that is to be expected given the immense stress and pressure they are forced to work under in the HSE. It is vitally important that we are doing everything we can to retain all health workers, including migrant doctors, nurses and consultants, who play a vital role in our hospitals. He said: "Severe staff deficits also exist in the National Ambulance Service, and this needs to be addressed urgently."

### Death of Tilly Spratt

The death occurred on Wednesday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Matilda (Tilly) Spratt (nee Sweeney), Garryharry, Letterkenny. Tilly, aged 81 is survived by her husband Lexie, sons, Melvin, Graham (Alison), Jason (Katie) daughters, Yvonne (Brian) Lorraine (Ciaran) Amanda and Orla (Raymond), brothers Tommy, Cloncarney, Trentagh, Bill, Garryharry, Letterkenny. She was predeceased by her parents Johnny and Tilly Sweeney. Tilly's remains are reposing at the family residence in Garryharry. Funeral is from there this Friday afternoon, October 25th at 1.15p.m. going to Conwal Parish Church for Service of Thanksgiving at 2pm. Tilly will be laid to rest afterwards in Gortlee Cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.



### The late Frank Kelly,

The death has taken place of Frank Kelly, late of Roscad, Creeslough.

He passed away peacefully in Falcarragh Community Hospital surrounded by his family on Tuesday following recent illness. Frank was a well-known and respected figure in his community and remembered for his easy going, friendly personality. He worked primarily in the motor trade and for many years as a mechanic in McGinley Motors in Letterkenny.



Outside of work he was a keen golfer and a long standing member of Dunfanaghy Golf Club. As well as a regular competitor he served a number of roles over the years including as Club captain in the early 1990's. He also was part of the Muckish Ramblers Group and enjoyed many social golf tours with them over the years. He also enjoyed cards and played 25 with his friends and neighbours for many years.

Predeceased by his brother Peter and sister Tessie, he is survived by his wife Bridie, sons Michael (Trish), Derrisleigh, Brendan (Grace), Portnablugh, daughters Mary (Shane), Athenry and Christine (Matthew), Drimnaraw, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, extended family, neighbours and many friends.

His remains are in repose at his home with Funeral Mass taking place in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough on Thursday, 24th October at 11a.m. Burial afterwards in Doe Graveyard. Mass can be viewed live on <https://mcn.live/Camera/st-michaels-church>

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### Death of Cabrini McConnelogue

The death took place on Tuesday at the Donegal Hospice of Cabrini McConnelogue, Dromore Lower, Letterkenny. Cabrini was formerly a member of the Kelly family of Port Road. She was a former employee of the Golden Grill and Gallagher's Hotel before setting up a Bed & Breakfast business, the White Gables, with her husband John at Lower Dromore. Cabrini also had strong family ties in Kerrykeel where her aunt Cassie Kelly resided while her uncle Eddie lived in Milford.



Remains are reposing at her late residence.

Cabrini was predeceased by her husband John in May 2021.

She is survived by her sons Mark (Tullygay, Letterkenny) and Paul (New York), daughters-in-law June and Stella, grandchildren Erin, Willow, Luca and Holly, sisters Marie McGlynn (Glencar, Letterkenny), brothers Seamus (Hawthorn Heights) and Leo (Ballyhaise, Cavan), relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her sisters Anne and Greta McElroy.

Funeral will be held in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny at 11am Requiem Mass this Thursday morning. Cabrini will be laid to rest afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

### Funeral of Tommy (Thomas) Friel

The death took place on Thursday at Letterkenny University Hospital, of Tommy (Thomas) Friel, Elmwood Downs and formerly of Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny and London. Tommy emigrated to London as a young man and worked in the engineering sector. He returned home to Letterkenny some 20 years ago. Tommy settled back into the local community and enjoyed social outings including bowling at Arena 7.



Tommy was predeceased by his wife Eileen, his parents Arthur and Mary Friel, his brothers Pat and Charlie Doherty and sister Kay McGlynn. He is survived by his family, brother James and wife Grace, daughter Elaine and husband Colin, son David, grandchildren Corrina and Reece, his many nieces and nephews, close friends, neighbours and extended family. Remains reposed at Tommy's residence on Friday. Funeral was from there on Saturday to St Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Kizito Kalameera C.C. Private cremation took place afterwards in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

### The late Marina Thompson

The death occurred on Saturday of Marina Thompson, Lennon View, Ramelton. Marina was formerly a member of the Alcorn family from Glenalla. Marina passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital surrounded by her family. She is survived by her sons Peter and Raymond, grandchildren, her many relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Bobby.



Reverend Harry Gilmore officiated at the Prayer Service in Letterkenny Funeral Home on Tuesday morning. Marina was laid to rest afterwards in St. Colmcille's Churchyard, Glenalla. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

### Death of Patsy O'Neill

The death took place at his home on Monday of Patsy O'Neill, Convent Road and formerly from Lower Main Street, Letterkenny and Newtowncunningham. Aged 91, Patsy was the former owner of O'Neill's Carpet and Curtain Shop on Letterkenny's Lower Main Street where the Yellow Pepper Restaurant is now located. The family also lived there for many years.



Patsy, an only child, was born in Strabane before the family moved to Newtowncunningham. Both his parents passed away by the time he was 17. During those times Patsy received great support from the Devenney family. He had started work in carpet fitting with the

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**OKTOBERFEST**

Rainey family on Letterkenny's Port Road. That was to be the start of a lifetime in the home decor sector. He was to meet his future wife Grace Conaghan while doing a job at Rathdonnell House. The couple married in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan in 1957 and were married for 65 years when Grace passed away in December 2022. When Rainey's closed their flooring section, Patsy started his own carpet and curtains business at 36 Lower Main Street. It was to be a hugely successful venture. Patsy was highly regarded both professionally and in a personal capacity. In later years he looked after Grace when she had MS. He became a member of the local MS Committee and was involved in a number of fundraising events for the cause. Patsy enjoyed time on breaks in the family caravan. He also played golf and was a keen fisherman down around Hornead. Patsy also built a 14ft boat himself with friends in the early 1980s. Patsy's remains were reposed at the family residence on Convent Road from Monday. Funeral was from there on Wednesday going to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass where Fr Damien Nejad was the chief celebrant. Concelebrants were Fr. John Boyce who Proclaimed the Gospel along with Fr. Pat McHugh and

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Fr. Philip Daly who both officiated at the Final Prayers of Commendation. Readings were Patsy's sons Liam and Keith. Prayers of the Faithful were by family members. Gifts were brought to the altar by Josephine and Dearbhla. Music and hymns were by Declan Nee and family members. After Holy Communion a Reflection was read by Patsy's daughter Brenda.

Interment took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

Patsy is survived by his sons and daughters Isabel and husband Mick Lagan (Rathdonnell), Liam Road from Monday. Funeral was from there on Wednesday going to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass where Fr Damien Nejad was the chief celebrant. Concelebrants were Fr. John Boyce who Proclaimed the Gospel along with Fr. Pat McHugh and

He was predeceased by his wife Grace in December 2022, infant daughter Josephine and his parents Joseph and Isabella. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

# Milford

## Halloween Kids Disco

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

## Playgroup Celebrates 40 years

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

## Sewing Classes

Sewing classes have opened on Main St., Milford, offering both morning and evening sessions.

## Amber Barrett in Tbilisi

Milford woman Amber Barrett is with the Republic of Ireland senior women's squad in Tbilisi for the first leg of their UEFA Euro Qualifier against Georgia on Friday evening (5.0 Irish Time). The Standard Liege striker is joined in the panel by Anna Patton (Aston Villa) whose grandad Donal Coyle is from Falcarragh has seen her called up again along with St. Johnston woman Tyler Toland (Blackburn Rovers captain). Eileen Gleeson's side will then host the same opponents in Tallaght Stadium on next Tuesday evening, October 29. Both games will be broadcast live on RTE2.

Classes are held at Art and Craft Studio "First House," F92C586. For more information and booking, visit the studio.

## Milford United

Milford United Senior were defeated Donegal Town 3-1 in the league on Sunday with Cathal McGettigan scoring a late consolation goal. The reserve team were defeated by Gweedore Celtic on Saturday 3-0. The senior team play Bonagee United FC in the Ulster Junior Cup on this Friday night 25th October at the Dry Arch Pitch, Letterkenny at 7.45pm. Support welcome.

## Presentation Night

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

## Golf Society

The winners of the Hi-da-way Bar Golf Society, Paul McGettigan Memorial Trophy played for at North West Golf Society on Saturday last were 1st Pauric Curley 38pts, 2nd Noel Gillespie 36pts, 3rd Paul McGinley 35pts, 1st Nine PJ Hagan 21pts and 2nd Nine Scott McBride 22pts.

## Social Dancing Milford Hall

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

## Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows: Sunday 3rd November Harvest Service with Bishop David McClay and songs by Gordon Quinn. Sunday 1st December with Billy Wray.

## Mass Times

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford on Thursday 24th Oct. at 10am; Friday 25th Oct. at 10am, Saturday 26th Oct. at 6pm; Sunday 27th Oct. at 11am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Sunday 27th October at 9.30am.

## Confirmations 2025

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

## First Holy Communions 2025

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

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

## Concert

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

## AIM Support Worker

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

Contact Jackie Strain on 086 3818943 for further details.

## Social Dancing Milford Hall

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## October Rosary

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



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Mark Hegarty of Uforea Fitness purchasing a ticket for the C.L.G Na nDúnaibh Helicopter Ball drop draw from Donal Cullen which takes place this weekend - weather permitting.

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Letterkenny's Ciaran Greene North London Shamrocks who won their first London GAA title on Sunday with his wife Leigh whose parents are Marley from Cranford and Carrigart.

## Michelle Murphy appointed to Just Transition Commission

Glenswilly based Michelle Murphy who is a research and policy analyst at Social Justice Ireland, has been appointed to the Government's Just Transition Commission. Originally from Kilkenny, Michelle has been residing in Glenswilly in recent years with her husband Joseph who is a native of the area. Michelle's new role will see her advising and supporting the government to ensure that the move to a climate neutral economy is fair and benefits everyone. She will represent the community and voluntary pillar of society.

Currently her work sees her providing research, policy analysis and strategic engagement on sustainability, rural development and the impact of policy on income distribution and social inclusion.

Michelle has done a lot of work on social policy research on sustainability and just transition, including policy options to deliver on our climate targets through a Just Transition framework, the impact of Brexit on a just transition in rural communities in Ireland, the impact of our climate targets on regional development, and trends in income distribution, poverty and



social inclusion.

Key tasks facing the Government in delivering a just climate transition include the need to maximise employment opportunities, and to support people and communities that may be most negatively affected by the transition away from fossil fuels, and to put engagement and sustainable community development at the heart of its approach.

## Donegal has highest number of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant applications

Donegal County Council has the highest number of applications (934), approvals (614) and grant payments (60) for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

Under the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, a payment of up to €70,000 is available to turn a vacant or derelict house or building into a permanent home or a rental property.

Encouraging eligible local property owners to apply for the grant, Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue said: "This financial assistance will help turn run around properties across all areas of Donegal into homes once again. These vital supports apply whether people are building their new home in the countryside, beside their farm, or in a local town and village here in Donegal."

"I'd like to thank my Cabinet colleague and Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien and the team at Donegal County Council for the successful rollout of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant. I hope that the momentum of the scheme will continue to grow," Minister McConalogue added.

## Planning Notice

Donegal County Council  
Carrigart, Letterkenny

We, Brid Mc Laughlin & Patrick Mc Groddy are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank & domestic garage & attached ancillary accommodation with all associated site development works at Carrigart, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Carrigart. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

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## Sunday 27th October Wedding Showcase 1-5pm

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Thursday 31st October - **Jack Keogh**

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Aidan McGettigan presenting the Paul McGettigan Memorial Trophy to winner Pauric Curley with 38pts in the Hi-da-way Bar Golf Society outing at North West Golf Club on Saturday last, also included is Captain David Bonner.



Shaun Boyce, left who ran 2:47:26 in the Amsterdam Marathon on Sunday and George Grier who ran 2:46:56 both setting personal best times.

# George and Shaun pb in Amsterdam

Dedicated club members, George Grier and Shaun Boyce put in big lifetime performances in the 49th running of The TCS Amsterdam marathon on Sunday morning. Both had put in a solid block of tough training sessions over the past 12 weeks and thankfully it came to positive fruition in the Dutch Capital which saw both go way under their expectations..... George running a big pb 2:46:56 and Shaun 30 seconds in arrears on a pb of 2:47:26. Both men trained together over the Summer and Autumn months on the hills of Donegal and ran/raced together on the flat of the Dutch roads. Both ran negative splits with George and Shaun going through half way in 1.24.08 (avg 3.59/km) George ran the second half in 1.22.48 (avg 3.55/km), Shaun 1.23.48 for the second half. Last year, George ran his first Marathon in Manchester running a great debut of 2.55.22 while a few months later Shaun ran a pb in Dublin of 2.55.03. Both improved significantly on those performances taking on average 8 minutes off their previous times. Both also recorded the distance about 400mts long on their watches but it's the official distance that counts as there can be variances in watches over long distances.

Ulster and NI cross country Championships. Well done to a hardy bunch of club juveniles and their coaches who travelled to compete in The Bobby Rea Memorial Senior and Ulster and NI even age groups Championships in Belfast on Sunday. All the athletes gave it their best in the blustery conditions and really enjoyed the day of traveling together on the bus and enjoying the camaraderie and fun that such occasions bring. Next Ulster and NI Championship is closer to hand with Finn Valley AC hosting the uneven age groups and Ulster Novice races on Saturday 2nd November.



Members of Milford AC who will be running the Dublin City Marathon this Sunday with Club coach James Gibbons. Seated from left, Michael McBrearty, Anthony Doherty, Jacqui Barrett, Karen McAteer, James Whoriskey and Daniel Cullen. At back are Peter O'Donnell, Brian Doherty, Darren Murray, James Gibbons, Eoin Sheehy, Barry Coyle and Joe Gibbons. Missing are Marty Lynch and John Whoriskey while Steven Devlin to do New York in 2 weeks time.

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# Do Everything Without Complaining

It's official: the countdown to Christmas is on. In the last fortnight I've seen a billboard announcing festive bargains, a baker taking Christmas cake orders, and more than one supermarket shelf devoted to all things tinselly.

For hapless husbands the festive season brings a degree of anxiety as we desperately scour our brains for suitable gifts for the women in our lives. Is it just me or does the head scratching seem to come around quicker every year?

This haplessness was immortalised in one of our country's great festive staples - the Father Ted Christmas special. During this iconic episode, Ted and Dougal present Mrs Doyle with a gift that, on the face of it, was tailor-made for the parochial house's beleaguered housekeeper.

No doubt they were won over by the suave salesman's claim that the "TeaMaster really takes the misery out of making tea", but Mrs Doyle wasn't sold, bluntly commenting that actu-

## Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

ally, she liked the misery. Almost thirty Christmases have been and gone, yet Mrs Doyle's line

continues to act like a mirror on Irish society. We sure do like misery. How else can you explain the hundreds of thousands of listeners who tune into Liveline or the fact that Joe Duffy is RTE's highest paid radio star?

Whether it's the weather, the traffic, or the weekly shop, complaining is part of the fabric of Irish life. That's why I found Philippians chapter 2 so interesting when we looked at it in church last week. In verse 12, God tells us to "work out our salvation" - to take what has been done for us by Jesus and knead it into the nooks and crannies of our lives. Fascinatingly, the very first aspect of the task he highlights is

in verse 14: "Do everything without complaining or arguing".

Christians are to be so transformed by the work of Christ within them that our changed lives should be readily apparent to others. In a world that sees "venting" as a cathartic thing, lives that are free from the blight of complaining should stick out. That is precisely the point God makes in verse 15 as he describes us "shining like stars in the universe".

It's not that we're to walk around in a state of constant bliss, never being ruffled by problems or setbacks. Yet when we appreciate just how much Jesus Christ suffered for us and just how richly he

has blessed us we are able to dispense with the sort of grumbling that is habitual.

This is something I have seen many times as a pastor. I have met many followers of Jesus who, quite frankly, have a great deal to complain about. Whether it is chronic illness, disability, unfair treatment, bereavement, or any number of other hardships, no-one would fault them for letting off some steam. And yet they don't because their whole outlook on suffering has been transformed by what Jesus Christ has done for them.

And so, they shine like stars. And just like stars, their light is most vividly seen in the darkness.

## Rathmullan

### Tidy Towns

Due to popular demand, we're pleased to announce that a new 'Upcycled Christmas Décor' 6 week course facilitated by Moira McHugh, Perfectly Thrifted Interiors will commence on 5th November from 10am - 12.30pm. This course is part funded by ETB's Community Education Support programme so Text or Call 086 2804555 or 087 2493753 for more details or to register your interest, as there is limited availability.

Four new rainwater planters have been just recently completed, funded by Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) and we're grateful to Paul Doherty and Seamus Gavigan for their invaluable assistance with this novel idea. The theory is that the diverted rainwater from the downpipes will filter through the soil to keep the plants healthy, while excess water is drained off and a reservoir is retained at the bottom for dry periods. The planters are currently installed at the St Vincent de Paul Centre, HSE Medical Centre, and RDRC and have been planted initially with seasonal plants, herbs and spring bulbs, with more additions as the seasons progress.

At this time of year, after an entire season of growing vegetables or flowers, its time to give a little boost to the soil. Not only have the plants likely depleted it, but the overall texture and structure will have changed somewhat too, which results in dry crumbly soil, and may not support another growing season. The best way to fix this is to add nutrients, and spent coffee grounds are a great source of fertiliser. As well as recharging the soil, they'll help loosen up the structure, and help absorb moisture now over the winter months into spring. So bring a bucket or container with you when you next go for a walk on Rathmullan beach, and Jennifer or David at the Pier coffee wagons will be happy to supply you with some, free of charge.

If you notice any faulty street lighting in

Rathmullan, then please report to 1800 1501 150.

### October Recycle Month

October is traditionally Recycle month in Donegal and this year is no exception, so please endeavour to avail of the Recycling bins for clothing, cans and bottles at the Car park, or take larger items to any of the Bryson Recycling centres with Milford and Letterkenny being our closest, with clean facilities and very friendly efficient staff. They also take in old Bikes in support of the Rotary Appeal for School Bikes for Africa, with over 5,000 bikes from Ireland sent to assist scholars in the Gambia, where many students regularly walk to school in searing heats. These must be a mountain bike type, in fairly good shape, with sturdy wheels suitable for making roadworthy for onward transport.

Consider the Circular economy and remember the R's, Reuse, Recycle, Repair, Repurpose, Rethink, and don't just dump all into landfill, try repairing clothing or upcycling to create something new, there are many ways we can all help the Circular economy. Clothing & small household items can also be donated to Charity shops or swapped with friends and relations.

### Halloween Weekend

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

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

Ghouls Nite Out Rathmullan Community Festival presents for one night only, Batts Realm, 6.30 - 9pm, Saturday 26th October. Are you brave enough to enter? Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult and book on kellygrainne50@gmail.com or con-

tact 086 3397724. Admission only €5. Sunday 27th October, Rathmullan Community Festival are also calling all the little witches, ghosts and all things spooky for a Halloween Trail around the Walks, @ 2pm. Admission €3.

There will also be a Kids Fancy Dress Disco 4.30 - 6.30pm in the RDRC on Sunday afternoon and all little imps and witches welcome for a bit of festive fun, also just €3..

### Community Courses in RDRC

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

In fact, there will be an ETB part funded course of 'Upcycled Christmas Décor' facilitated by Moira McHugh, Perfectly Thrifted Interiors commencing on 5th November from 10am-12.30 for 6 weeks. Call 0862804555 for more details or to register your interest.

### St Vincent De Paul

Any time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, so contact the Confidential number 087 698 2822. Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, while also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. If you're looking for that special Halloween Costume, then why not make your own? Drop into the shop and select a few great bits & pieces suitable for upcycling, and be creative with fabric paints and glue, easy peasy. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

### Clean Coasts

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

## Donegal businesses recognised with Gold Membership for 2024



Libby Carton from Kinnegar Brewery with their Origin Green Gold Membership.

Bord Bia has recognised 110 Irish food and drink companies for their sustainability performance in 2024 with Origin Green Gold Membership. Gold Membership is awarded to Origin Green verified companies if they make significant improvements in their sustainability target areas. Target areas can include supply chain sourcing, water, emissions, waste reductions, packaging, and social sustainability.

The Gold Members were acknowledged at Bord Bia's annual Origin Green Sustainability Seminar, which was opened by Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food, and the Marine.

A total of 17 Gold Member companies in 2024 came from Cavan, Donegal and Monaghan. Eight companies came from Donegal, while five companies from Cavan and four companies from Monaghan were recognised with Gold Membership.

Deirdre Ryan, Director of Sustainability and Quality Assurance, Origin Green at Bord Bia, who officially announced the 2024 Gold Members, said "To drive continuous change and improvement, each year Origin Green raises the threshold to meet Gold Membership status. The record number of companies awarded Gold Membership this year is reflective of the appetite of the Irish food and drink sector to accelerate their sustainability actions.

Acknowledging the efforts and exemplary performance of these companies ensures that we are rewarding change and inspiring others to take their own steps to better

our environment. I look forward to seeing our 2024 Gold Members continue to champion sustainability in the coming years.

In particular, I would like to congratulate Tirlán, which has been recognised as an Origin Green Gold Member for the fifth consecutive year, highlighting its long-standing commitment to improving sustainability at pace."

This year's 110 Gold Membership companies come from 24 counties across Ireland and represent sectors including dairy, meat, seafood and aquaculture, confectionery, beverages, and horticulture.

Jim O'Toole, CEO of Bord Bia, said "The record level of companies committing to sustainability targets and achieving Gold Membership is incredibly encouraging and a testament to the collective ambition of the sector.

Ireland's food and drink industry is committed to playing its part in tackling the climate and biodiversity challenge we all face. Through its members, the Origin Green programme has achieved positive progress over its 12 years. The latest report by the Environmental Protection Agency shows that the agriculture industry is moving in the right direction, with emissions reducing by 4.6% in 2023. While positive, the industry must accelerate this progress.

Origin Green is committed to working collaboratively with industry and farmers to implement initiatives and measures to grow the sustainability capability of all members, to achieve lasting and meaningful change."

## Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 1st November from 9.30-11.30pm. Music is by Wee Tom, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. Free Draw on the night. All welcome.

### Mevagh Family Resource Centre

Áras Ros Goill, Downings  
Call: 074 9155055 or text 087 9228944  
Email: info@mevaghfrc.com  
Check out our Facebook Page - Mevagh FRC or Website - www.mevaghfrc.com

Mevagh FRC will be closed on Monday 28th October due to the bank holiday. The centre will re open on Tuesday 29th October.

Antenatal Classes - commencing in Mevagh FRC on Thursday 7th November from 2pm to 4pm, for 4 weeks. This will be facilitated by PHN Eileen Duggan. If you would like more information, or to book your place please contact Eileen, Tel: 074 9155430.

### 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@udas.ie Experience an advantage.

### Other Notes:

**Rise Yoga with Fiona** is ongoing at Mevagh FRC. Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am. Contact Fiona directly on 085 1569424 or email risehealthhub@gmail.com

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

**ALONE** provides services to Older People to enable them to stay living at home for longer. Volunteers are needed in Downings and surrounding areas for two services: 'Visitation & Befriending Service' and 'Telephone Support & Befriending Service'. If you would like more info, contact Helena on 086 014 5829.



## Milford Mart Heifers Cow Makers Show and Sale

Photos by Glenalla Photography

**Above left** - Champion Senior Heifer winner owned by Patrick Whoriskey, Shroughan, Falcarragh at the Milford Cowmaker Show and Sale in the Milford Mart on Saturday. Stephen Whoriskey accepted the prize from judge Fergal Gormley with sponsors Enda Mulligan and Michael Scally from PTSB.

**Top right** - John Stewart, Mart Manager presenting €400 each to Pauric Heraghty, Phonsie Harkin and Peter McLaughlin at the Milford Mart Cowmaker Show and Sale on Saturday.

**Pictured right** - Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Peter McLaughlin pictured with Judge Fergal Gormley.

**Left** - Pat McClafferty receiving his rosette from Judge Fergal Gormley for 1st Prize Junior Heifer at the Cowmaker Show and Sale in Milford Mart on Saturday.

**Below left** - Winners of Managers Choice at the Cowmaker Show and Sale in Milford Mart on Saturday were Neville Myles, Willie Monagle and Martin Nelly Boyce standing in for Joe Kerr with Mart Manager John Stewart.

**Below right** - Second Prize junior heifer winner Patrick Friel with Judge Fergal Gormley at the Cowmaker Show and Sale in Milford Mart on Saturday.



# Two gold Ulster medals for Cranford AC

Last Sunday, Cranford Athletic Club delivered an impressive performance



Miah Fletcher U18 Girls



Cranford AC Girls U14 Alanna Curran and Colleen McCloskey.



Cranford AC Boys U10 Connell McCloskey, John Patrick Duffy who came 4th and Gavin Boyce.



Cranford AC U12 Boys team Faolan Caldwell, Oisín Giles, Seamus McCloskey and Charlie Rogers.

at the Ulster Even Ages competition, held at the Billy Neil Playing Fields in Belfast. Battling strong winds and the approaching storm Aisling, the athletes gave their all across various age groups.

In the Under 10 girls' race, Lily Rose Browne, Sadhbh McBride, Alanna Curran, and Gracie Sweeney showcased their talent with solid performances. For the Under 10 boys, John Patrick Duffy led the team with a remarkable 4th place finish, closely followed by Conal McCloskey and Gavin Boyce.

Rose O'Toole represented the Under 12 girls, delivering a strong race, while the Under 12 boys, including Charlie Rogers, Faolan Caldwell, Oisín Giles, and Seamus McCloskey, all ran commendably.

In the Under 14 girls' race, Olivia Curran and Coleen McCloskey performed admirably, finishing well up the field. Oisín McBride stole the spotlight in the Under 14 boys' race, becoming Ulster Champion for the third consecutive year, despite challenging conditions.

Teammates Ben McGee, Roan Ladley, Rory Boyce, and Tar-



Rose O'Toole U12 Girls



Caolan McFadden and Michael Moore with Eamon Giles.



Cranford AC U14 Boys team Tarlach Duggan, Ben McGee, Roan Ladley, Rory Boyce and Oisín McBride.

lach Duggan, running out of their age group, also impressed.

Miah Fletcher represented Cranford in the Under 18 girls' race with a strong finish. In the final race of the day, Under 18 boys' Caolan McFadden dominated from the start, securing the Ulster Champion title, with Michael Moore also

putting in a strong effort finishing in 14th place, Michael was also running out of his age group. The event was a testament to the hard work of the athletes, coaches, and supportive parents. Cranford AC now looks ahead to the Ulster Uneven Ages in Finn Valley on November 2nd.



Cranford AC Girls U10 Team Sadhbh McBride, Alanna Curran, Gracie Sweeney and Lily Rose Browne.

# Jiu Jitsu success in Rome

A number of local competitors took part in the international Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation European No-Gi champions in Rome last weekend. All are members of the Rilion Gracie Ireland Association whose headquarters are based in Letterkenny.



They included (pictured left) Carrigart's Liam McBride, Letterkenny's Brendan Duggan, Convoys TJ McMenamin and Newtowncunningham based Valentin Ciobanu.

The four had been preparing hard for this event, one of the biggest martial arts tournaments in Europe, and are regular competitors.

There was double gold delight for TJ McMenamin. He topped the podium in the Brown belt Master 5 medium heavy weight division and also took gold in the Master 5 open weight class. Valentin Ciobanu took silver in the purple belt Master 3 light-weight division.

Liam McBride won his first two fights, ending his second with a strong footlock but was unfortunately eliminated on his third match.

Brendan Duggan won his first match by a large points margin of 17-0 but he also was knocked out of the bracket in his second match.

Head coach Bran Coyle stated afterwards: "Needless to say they will be back again in the future."



Letterkenny Rugby Club players Conor Kenna and Oisín McGuinness, who were both capped for the Ulster U18s against Munster recently. Conor and Oisín received their jerseys in a special presentation at Kingspan Park on Friday night before Ulster's United Rugby Championship 36-12 win over Ospreys. Another young Letterkenny player Charles Fulton has been selected as prop for the U17 team for a game against Ballymena Academy. Jack Robinson was included on the Ulster U18s squad for the match against Campbell College on Monday.

# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Agus mé ag scríobh seo, a chairde, tá Stoirm 'Ní Chuimhin Liom' ag greadadh na doirse agus fuinneoga mo thí. Is mar seo a n'ímíonn na duilleogaí uilig ó na crainn go ró-ghasta, mar is breá liom cúlhrat úrghlas a bheith ann chomh fada agus a thig leis. Seo aimsir do chasaról agus stobhach! Rinne mé casaról sícín dom féin cúpla lá ó shin agus bhí sé go hiontach ar fad.



cibé rud is mian leat. Anois déan clár le Brúitín, nó taosrán nó grabhrógaí aráin meascaithe le cáis grátaíthe. Cuir san oigheann ar 180C le 30-35 bomaite agus sin é duit. Béile oiriúnach le Micheál D. é féin!!!

Is breá an rud a bheith ag obair leis na séasúra-cha. Tá sé i gcónaí iontach spéisialta nuair a thagann rudaí go dtí a séasúr féin. Seasann rudaí éagsúla amach dom agus mé ag smaointiú ar na hathruithe seo. Mar shampla, ag fánacht go dtí an Deireadh Fómhair go bhfuil na oisrí réidh le hithe (mar a bhí sé) nó, mar is cuimhin liom go maith, ag fánacht na Mangónna Meala ag teacht ón Phacastáin uair anháin sa bhliain go dtí an ollmhargadh Áiseach in aice liom i mBéal Feirste. Bhí siad do-chréidthe ar fad. Níor bhlas mé nó ní bhfuair mé boladh chomh galánta deas ná go bhfuair mé ó na Mangónna spéisialta sin. Mo bhariúil gur thaispeain siad dom chomh sonrach sin chomh maith agus a thig le leagán amháin de rud a bheith i gcomparáid leis an gnáth rud. Cosúil le cré agus ór. Molaim díobh-má tá tú in aice le siopa nó ollmhargadh Áiseach i rith Meithimh ar bith, cuir céist orthu an bhfuil Mangó Meala ón Phacastáin acu! Má tá, déan gar duit féin agus ceannaigh bosca!! Agus rud eile atá ag gabháil a bheith le fáil go moch ná fiafheoil agus géim eile, mar phiasún nó patraisic. Tá dúil mhór agam ina leithead de rud, agus na tionlacáin a thagann leo. Blasanna doimhneacha a labhraíonn faoi oícheanta fada agus an tine lasta. Cuirim fáilte rompu uilig. Ach taobh le taobh leis na béilí blasta tá spás i gcónaí ann fosta do mhíleogaí fosta. Ceann amháin is breá liom is é PANNA COTTA, a chiallaíonn UACHTAR CÓCAIREAILTE san Iodáilais. Curtha le chéile le BRIOSCAÍ BRIOSCARÁN tá sé iontach ag deireadh béile mór.

Thosaigh mé leis an tríonóid draíochtach - cairéad, oinniún agus sillire, iad uilig miongher-rartha agus déanta le chéile le braon ola go dtí go raibh siad deas bog.

Thóg mé amach as an phota iad agus chuir mé ar leataobh iad agus thosaigh mé ar an BÉCHAMEL galánta, mar anlann. Cé go bhfuil ainm saghas ardnósach ar BÉCHAMEL tá sé éasca agus simplí a dhéanamh. Thosaigh mé leis an unsa im agus plúr, leáigh mé an im le 2bomaite agus an plúr isteach ansin. Caithfidh tú an plúr a chócaireáil le 3-4 bom leis an blas a fháil amach aiste. Corraigh an meascán go maith agus cuir 500ml bainne te isteach de réir a chéile, arís ag corraigh go maith.

Feicfidh tú é uilig ag athrú go hANLANN deas mín, agus sin an BÉCHAMEL duit. Ansin cuir na glasraí isteach, an tríonóide draíochtach, agus measaigh go mín fríd go bhfuil achán rud scaipthe go maith fríd a chéile.

Ansin tá tú ábalta píosaí sícín cócaireailte a chuir leis, píseanna reoite, luibheanna úra, beacháin,

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 120 siúcre mín

MODH:  
 Cuir duilleogaí geil-



Chairperson of the Donegal Hospice Isobel Rodgers pictured receiving the proceeds of the coffee morning held at Joe McHugh's office in Letterkenny. Included with Joe are from left Doreen Sheridan Kennedy, Eimer Friel and Paddy Gildea.



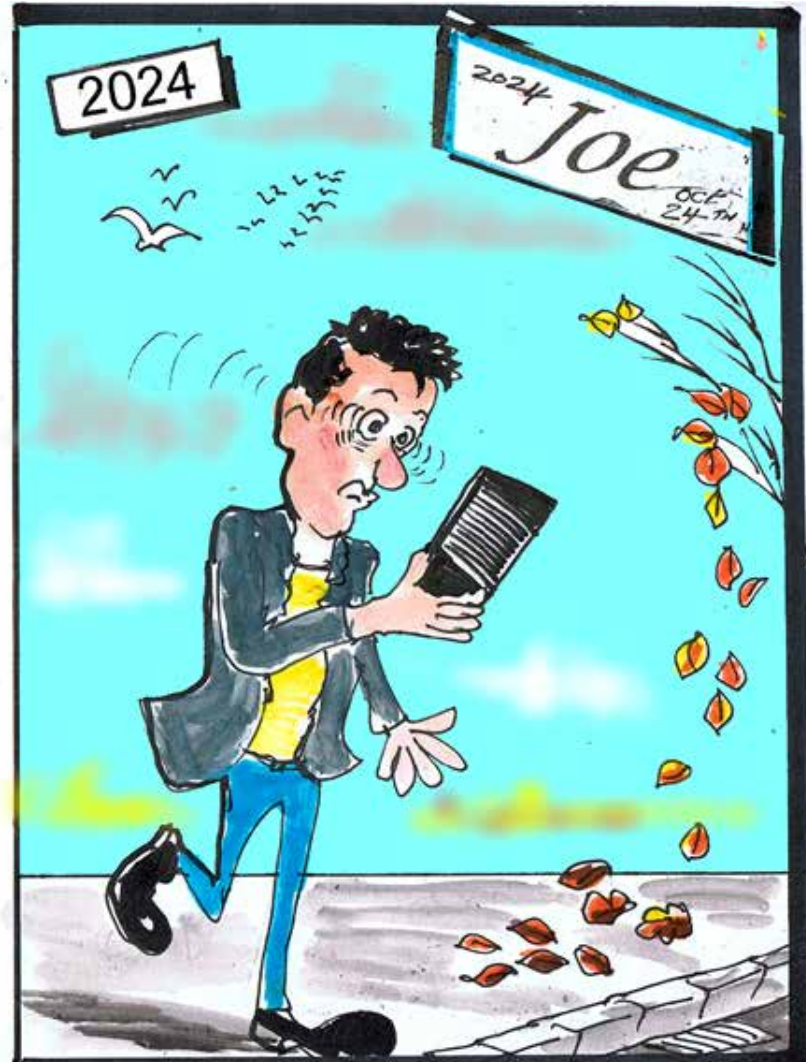
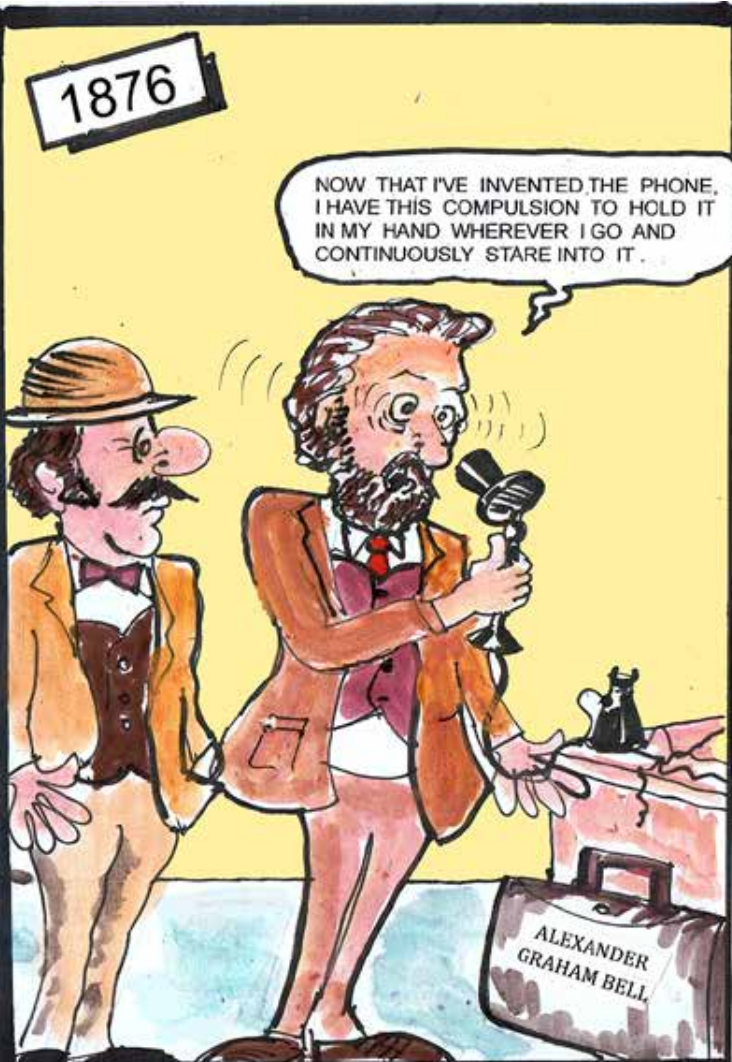
itín in uisce fuar. Cuir an uachtar sa phota leis an siúcre, cuir ar mheántheas, ag corraigh i gcónaí, go leáigheann an siúcre. Tóg an teocht go suanbhruith le bomaite ansin tóg ón teas. Faisc an uisce uilig amach as an geil-itín agus cuir isteach san uachtar, arís ag corraigh go leáigheann sé. Cuir fríd criathar isteach i mbabhla agus cuir an bainne leis. Bealaigh taobh istigh babhlaí beaga agus roinnigh an meascán eatharthu, cuir sa chuisneoir le 4uair nó thar oíche.

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 Cuir oigheann ar 170C. Cuir gach rud i mbabhla agus measaigh go bhfuil cuma grabhrógaí orthu. Faisc go dtagann sé le chéile mar thaos. Ag úsáid crann fuinte, roll amach go bhfuil tiús 1/2cm air. Gearr amach an taos i gcrúthanna a theastaíonn leat, cuir ar thráidire bÁCÁLA línithe agus cuir sa chuisneoir le 20 bom. Ansin cuir san oigheann le 15-20 bom. Tóg amach agus iad fionnuar, cuir amach leis an PANNA COTTA iad.

Ní chuimhin liom. I don't remember  
 Ag greadadh. Battering  
 Cúlhrat úrghlas. Verdant backdrop  
 Tríonóide. Trinity  
 Casaról. Casserole  
 Stobhach. Stew  
 Draíochtach. Magical  
 Ar leataobh. To one side, aside  
 Braon beag. A small drop  
 Ardnósach. High falutin'  
 Leáigh. Melt, dissolve  
 Ag corraigh. Stirring  
 Ag athrú. Changing  
 Go lách. Gently  
 Clár. Lid  
 Taosrán. Pastry  
 Oisre. Oyster  
 Mangó meala. Honey mango  
 Sonrach. Specifically  
 Déan gar duit féin Do yourself a favour  
 Fiafheoil. Venison  
 Géim. Game(wild birds)  
 Blasanna doimhneacha. Deep flavours  
 A chiallaíonn. Which means



A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

# Trees turning russet and yellow - leaves drifting in the wind

I had to bring Himself up to the Bons Secours again last week. He gets his lungs hoovered out a couple of times a year ago to rid him of any lingering cigarette butts and bits of pipe tobacco from when he was a heavy smoker. He quit about twenty years ago, but those fellas always leave their track and he's paying dearly for it now, not to mention the money that went up in smoke when he was at it.

I had about four hours to kill while he was in the hospital and it was a beautiful day so I hopped over to Glasnevin cemetery and visited Mark's father and grandparents. It was a peaceful place for a walk and the residents were very quiet and didn't bother me. I hadn't been to the grave in years so it was nice to catch up with some people from my past.

I hadn't been in good form from the neck up for about a week, and the sleep is a bit messed up with the result that I found myself up at the cairns on Lough Crew for the sunrise earlier that morning. I was hoping that the rising sun would give me a bit of a lift and that I could leave a few of the horrors there in return as a gift to the gods.

It was a kind of a day for the dead, but at least they don't cause you as much grief as the living. After I chatted to the ghosts and the myriad squirrels in Glasnevin I sailed on to Leopardstown where I had arranged to meet an old friend for a late lunch. When we lived near Clane in Co Kildare Aidan and his family were our neighbours. Shortly after we moved to Donegal his parents separated and the family moved to Dublin where we kept in touch for several years before drifting apart.

I hadn't met Aidan for about thirty years, although we've been talking on the phone every couple months for a couple of years. I enjoyed the drive across Dublin, apart from the blinding sunlight which under different circumstances would have been very welcome. The city looked well in its autumn glory and I really noticed the trees turning russet and yellow and the piles of leaves

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It was lovely to meet Aidan again and we had a very nice lunch and chat before I crossed back over to Glasnevin to scrape Himself off the operating table. It was a pleasant drive back in the dusk, with one of the first of the beautiful sunsets that are a trademark of October and November.

I was in Rathmullan a fortnight ago to have a look at the work on the sewerage system and to meet with the fella from Cash & Carry Kitchens. I was very disappointed to hear that the ESB had been out that morning to make the connection, only to find that the duct wasn't yet in the trench for them. That has put everything back another two or three weeks which is annoying at this stage because so much work depends on the electricity from now on.

It's the only time on the build that any of the lads have let me down, so maybe I can't whinge too much... but I was pretty annoyed and disappointed. It kind of paled into insignificance the next day when I got the message at breakfast that my dear friend Jim's beloved wife had passed away a few hours earlier after a long battle with dementia. He cared for her with absolute love and compassion throughout her long illness; he did her proud to the end. May they both rest now and be in peace.

We had another herd test last week, having had a couple of reactors on the previous test. The vet who was doing the test must have powdered his brain or something that morning because he never stopped chatter-

ing and talking gobbledygook. I couldn't make head or tail out of his blathering and I certainly wasn't in any form for listening to him, but fair play to him he got on with the job reasonably efficiently. Himself lost the plot in the end and simply walked away in annoyance.

I had left his dinner in the oven that morning to slow cook so he was at the trough when I got in, with just enough time to have a rapid wash, change and out the door to go to my counsellor. Lucy listens to me and helps me to keep some little glimmer of hope alive when the bad times come round; I don't know where I'd be, or if I'd be, without her.

Three days later, when the TB test was read there were nine reactors in the herd. Hopefully when they're culled the next test will be clear. He can't buy in cattle while the herd is restricted so he'll miss out on a bit of value when fellas are reducing numbers before the winter. The joys of farming!

Last weekend was my busy one, when I had three extra shifts in work both days. I didn't mind it this time because it occupies the mind and there was nothing else I had any interest in doing anyway.

The Crosserlough GAA club, which both my clients are members of had qualified for the county final a fortnight earlier and the excitement was up to ninety in both households. I was booked to do a full afternoon's care with one of them on Sunday while his wife went to the final in Brehni Park. We had a grand time of it, the two of us, dozing



**Kate Carton**

on the sofa like two bookends. It was peaceful and warm looking out as storm Ashley swept through the country. Crosserlough duly won in fine style and I'm sure the celebrations will be legendary for days.

When the next carer came to relieve me I headed for Cavan to go to the Daniel O'Donnell concert in the cathedral. It was being run in aid of the cathedral maintenance fund and the local Vincent de Paul. It was lovely to see Jacinta again and have a good natter while we waited for the great man himself to appear.

The drawback of the cathedral (apart from the bum numbing hard pews) is that unless you're in the centre aisle there's bound to be a pillar in your sightline. We found ourselves watching almost all the proceedings on the screens in the side aisle... in black and white. Daniel only sang hymns and churchy songs, in line with his rather staunch catholic beliefs and the whole thing was just a bit boring. He did sing some of the great old hymns like How Great Thou Art, but they were terribly slow and drawn out. We would both have been happy to leave at the interval but we were in company so that wasn't a runner.

I was tired and not in good form and was glad when it ended at 9.30 and I could escape. I'm glad to have had a "Daniel" experience, but one was half a one too many. Each to their own. I have work in the morning and another session with Lucy tomorrow afternoon to try and find some hope in my currently fucked up head, so I'm going to bed and hopefully to sleep. Maybe the sun will rise on a brighter day tomorrow.

## Ray News

### Prayers

The Ray Community Group along with the Ray and surrounding communities join with the Buchanan families in praying for the return of our dear friend Paul Buchanan who has been missing at sea for over 2 weeks.

### Contacting Ray Community Centre

If you would like to book any of the facilities at Ray Community Centre or Astro Pitch please TEXT Syria on 087 2877900 and she will respond to your enquiry on her next working day.

### Halloween Camp

The rescheduled August summer camp will take place from Monday 28th to Thursday 31st October from 10am to 2pm at Ray Community Centre. A small number of places have become available, if interested cost is €25.

### Couch to 5K

A new couch to 5k for beginners is starting on Tuesday 5th November at 7pm around the walking track. Continues on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7pm and Sunday mornings at 9.30am. Cost is €50 for adults and €20 for children accompanied

by an adult.

### 'Upcycled Christmas Décor'

Due to popular demand, we're pleased to announce that a new 'Upcycled Christmas Décor' 6 week course facilitated by Moira McHugh, Perfectly Thrifted Interiors will commence on 5th November in Rathmullan from 10am - 12.30pm.

This course is part funded by ETB's Community Education Support programme so Text or Call 086 2804555 or 087 2493753 for more details or to register your interest, as there is limited availability.

### Take Your Pick

Congratulations to Ann Alcorn, Fiona Boyle and Teresa Gordon who all won €20 in the Take Your Pick this week. Jackpot next Sunday 27th October is €500.

### Parent and Toddler Group

Ray Parent and Toddler Group continues on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 11.45am. It would be great to see new families attend.

### Early Morning Bootcamp

This popular class continues on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6.15 to 7am. Membership for 4 weeks is €70 and payable on klubfunder or €8 per session.



Mulroy Hoops basketball teams started their season in style with a series of strong performances in Sligo, where the U14 boys, U14 girls, and U12 boys all secured victories against the Atlantic Eagles. The U14 boys, coached by Conal McFadden and Laura Kerr, set the tone with a commanding 35-14 win. Their solid defense and quick transitions allowed them to control the game, with contributions from every player. Next, the U14 girls, coached by Victoria Mercado and Sharon Kennedy won 26-8. Wrapping up a successful day, the U12 boys, coached by Daragh Kelly and Eoghan Walsh, earned a 29-18 win. The young team showed excellent discipline and determination, pulling away in a closely contested game. With teams off to a winning start, Mulroy Hoops are eager to carry this early momentum forward as the season progresses.



# Humphreys joins the exodus from Fine Gael

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The big certainty about Christmas this year is there will be two turkeys, both oven ready. One served hot and the other will be a thanksgiving to be reheated or eaten cold. A general election campaign is underway and really, the public is reacting in the most underwhelming manner. Obviously, they've had the same cold turkey since 2011 and at this stage, less is more. Even before the starting pistol is rattled on the general election, the electorate is resigned that for the coming five years, the same kind of government will take up office in Leinster House and the same problems will remain because there is a lack of conviction, a lack of purpose and that institutional sense of being too long in power pervasive, persistent and overwhelming. The nation is quickly reaching the point where the Government is the real problem and there are few obvious choices in sight. Look no further than the total shambles that is the contracts row and the completion of the National Children's Hospital. They've even made quite the balls out of clearing the air on the date of the election, it would seem the Cabinet does not know if this government will be

still be alive in the New Year. That is the consequence of indecisiveness, people cannot be arsed hanging around hoping they'll catch a day when they're available to vote. I mean the Christmas shopping in Croatia can't wait forever. At the weekend the Taoiseach said he wants this government to end well, because this government works well. Really Simon! Has nobody told him that the €500,000 suburban three-bed is now the house at the centre of the property price surge. Perhaps the situation is fast heading for the exits as we return to the bad old days and the spendthrift times of the Celtic Tiger! Remember when Bertie Ahern said the boom is getting boomer? This current situation is utter madness because it is not affordable and we are facing a collapse in the market. And that has to happen because the Government's housing strategy is flawed and they've presided over the debacle that is the construction of housing. The latest CSO stats are saying that the prices in August were running 10.4% up on last year, with a broadly consistent picture across urban and rural Ireland. Having weathered the sharp increase in interest rates from summer 2022 to the

middle of last year with a mere slowdown, prices are now rising rapidly again. Remarkably, the latest pickup in price growth started around the turn of the year, months before the first European Central Bank interest rate cut and has gathered pace ever since. There is a seriously flawed set of policies in Government, be it in housing, health, infrastructure, water services and health and the lack of real progress stands out as the government's legacy... FG has been in power for close to fourteen years and the country has most of the same old scars and deficits. The country is up to its elbows in issues, problems, waiting to see a consultant... a hospital bed or even a house. The scourge of substance abuse, binges of drink and a huge lack of respect for fellow beings is quite shocking. Society has regressed: look no further than any waiting room in the country where so many are glued to their phones and are forever surfing the same half dozen useless porn sites and texting their friends in what is a pure zombie-like fashion. What are the government's plans in dealing with this regression because this has all the hallmarks of a serious mental health crisis? Budget 2025 was as equally flawed as the previous ones. Too much money to throw around but in a totally reckless manner. It is long past the point where the absurdity of firing energy credits at everyone and anyone with a postal address has outlived its purpose. This budget has flatlined because the Finance Minister, Jack Chambers was the same old, same old dose as his predecessors with the typical strategy of handing money to rich and poor alike in the most shameful manner. But it could and should have

been different. The country is flooded with the largesse of corporation taxes and that should have been the key for Jack Chambers to make a really big statement on Budget Day that might go a long way to eliminate poverty. It is well past the time for clear ideas to reduce poverty. A targeted response should have been given to the lowest cohort on social welfare and pensioners with a €25 a week increase to lift them out of a meagre way of life. And in future years, those low incomes could so easily have been indexed linked to ensure the recipients would escape the poverty trap that is all too prevalent in the country. That was a huge failure and a negative deficit of thinking by the Finance Minister... but he lacked the social conscience to take that tentative step that might have made the record surplus of Budget 2025 an occasion to remember... But why should Jack Chambers be different to his predecessors? Because he's young, new and allegedly has a conscience of social inclusion. But where was that on October 1st? In reality a general election is badly needed. The main indicators are suggesting no real change in the make-up of the next Dail. However, that will happen whenever the electorate has voted. It is their decision and if they are happy with the current lacklustre achievements of the Irish parliament, then so be it. Simon Harris is new to the job: yet his delivery on improvements is weak apart from promise heaped on promise. Micheál Martin is tagging along and apart from a preference to have the general election before the middle of February when the mandate is officially over. November 29th is the preferred date of the Green Party leader, Roderic O'Gorman but then again it could stretch out

to December 6th: But is that not the Late Late Toy Show... oops? That is definitely out unless the election is on the following day. After all, the Government has a very definite eye on the Toy Show because it is the biggest cash cow of the entire year. And the show is going to be milked dry this year because in their wisdom RTE has decided to have 32 children from each county in Ireland to participate in the first Late Late Toy Show County Parade. At least it's not about being the best singer or the best dancer - it's about having county pride in buckets. Thankfully, RTE has made no mention of another pantomime. And into the bargain all the party buffs have stolen the best lines... but its simply going to the same reheated scripts dressed up in more promises for Christmas. And before the election could be called there was one hell of a shock at the weekend when FG's deputy leader, Heather Humphreys called time on her political career. She will be missed, not only for her honest approach but in her huge interest in rural Ireland where she's delivered in spade fulls. She has made the shock decision not to run in the upcoming general election despite having contested the leadership six months ago!

In a statement Ms Humphreys said that after 21 years as a public representative she has decided not to seek re-election. "Politicians are human too; we give all we can for as long as we can but time catches up on us all. As I get older, my health and energy levels are not what they were and I know going forward that I would not be able to give the job the time and commitment it deserves," the Social Protection Minister said. Ms Humphreys has served in various cabinet positions since 2014, including as Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation, as Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. Her decision to stand down means 18 of the 35 Fine Gael TDs elected in 2020 will not be contesting the election. This poses a big headache for Simon Harris because the majority of his deputies have no national political experience. And there are some weeks to go before the close of nominations and who knows what other shocks are in store. The fact that a leading party has more than half of its deputies not seeking to contest their seats may have unintended consequences for FG because they are unlikely to be able to hold all the vacancies. It is really asking questions about the life of a TD but for some inexplicable reason the rush out the door seems oddly at variance with the vantage point in the opinion polls. Heather Humphreys was actively seeking to lead the party only six months ago so why the sudden decision to pack it in now?

## Comment

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# Tribune's 'Circle of Friends'

When the Tirconail Tribune front page goes to print on a Wednesday editor John McAteer usually heads over to Ramelton for his regular afternoon walk with Glasach, the 13 months old Golden Retriever. When he comes back to the Milford office, the routine is to make tea for three.

By Declan Kerr



John McAteer with nephew Ciaran McAteer and his wife Karen.

Issue 1,445 of the paper departed from the normal script... that if any issue is normal in the true sense of publication!

The kettle was already boiling, there was more than one tea pot in the kitchen and Francis appeared to tell him to go on upstairs, - 'There's a few people up there to see you.'

John was not bothered about his 80th birthday - obviously he knew nothing of a surprise party that had been in the planning to mark the special milestone in his life.

When he walked into the hallway on Wednesday evening, there was Highland Radio's Caroline Orr and Greg Hughes with wee Hudson in his arms. It was then that the penny dropped.

"When I went upstairs I was so delighted to

see all those faces - The Tribune's Trusted Circle of Friends, our most valued and reliable contacts to whom we regularly turn to as we seek clarity on issues that need to be put into the public domain.

A lot of effort was put into organising the party and the office was completely transformed in the space of the hour that I was away."

Local businesses have played a huge part in the success of the paper, some of them like Hugo and John Whoriskey and Noel McGinley have had loyal advertisers since the early days and their support is deeply appreciated.

Among the guests were Fr John Joe Duffy, Cllrs Michael McCafferty, Ciaran Brogan, Paucic McGarvey, Liam Blaney, general election candidates Pat the Cope Gallagher of Fianna Fail and John McNulty of Fine Gael; Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy, Eimer Friel from Fine Gael. Also there was Moses Alcorn, the paper's Western correspondent: former Cllrs. Brendan Byrne, Ian McGarvey and Noel McGinley. And the media group included, Michelle Nic Phadain, Brian McDaid, Declan Doherty: Caroline Orr, Greg Hughes and Hudson, and Donegal Daily's Stephen Maguire. Also there were close friends Sonny and Michael Scott from Rathmullan

John worked for 21 years on the staff at St. Conal's Hospital before opening the business in Milford. The business was first established on Milford's Main Street on April 1st 1987. The Tribune was founded in February 1991.

"It was the best experience of my life at St. Conal's. I loved the challenge of working with the residents and the whole process of rehabilitation to the community. It stood me in good stead for a career in journalism.

The paper is inbuilt into the heart and soul of the community. Take the recent story on the Kerrykeel Mass times. Few others would ever give a voice to such concerns... but the Tribune does. That is a very important issue locally because it impacts seriously on an ageing population and they were given no reason for change. This was the community that not many years ago was tasked with raising €750,000 for repairs to their beloved Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Since publication of the story more information is coming in to remind the public about the finality of it all and that is how the church seems to work.

The community was told there is going to be a review of the Mass times at Easter but the advice from our sources is.... do not hold your breath."

There have been so many stories affecting communities that the Tribune editor has highlighted over the years going back to the anti-MMDS protests in the 1990s that saw one of its most prominent campaigners



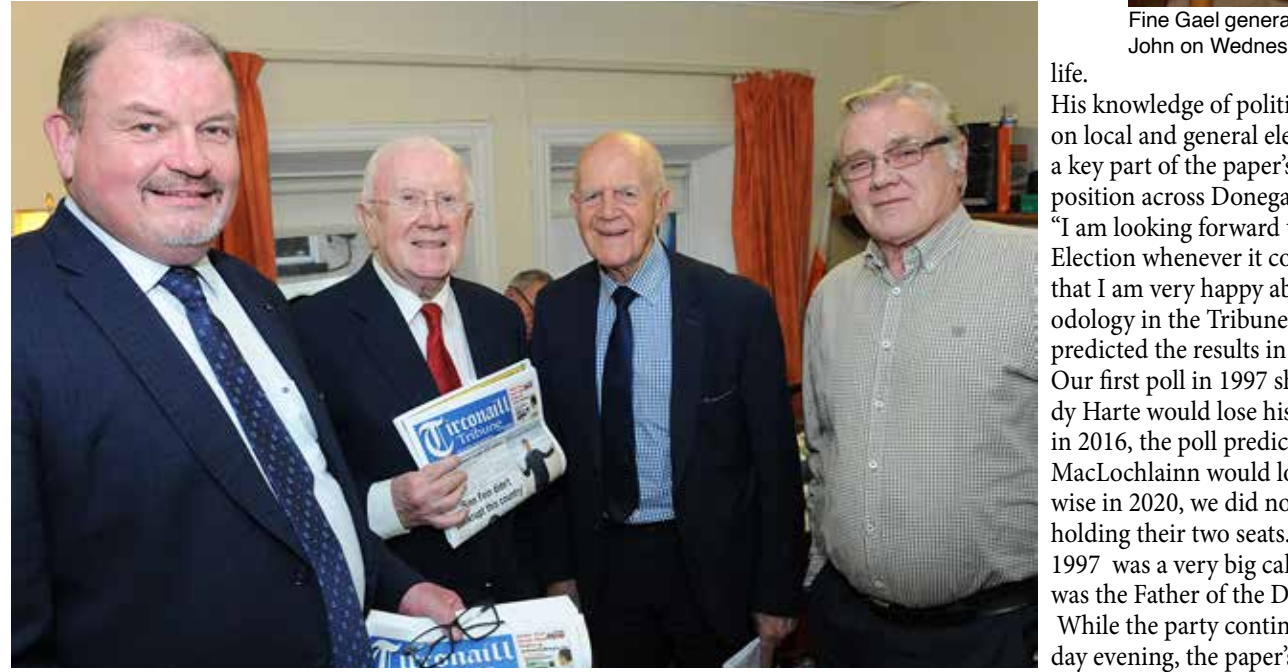
John McAteer cutting the cake made by Carmel Cakes in Ramelton with Michael McClafferty, Fr. John Joe Duffy and Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy.



Pat the Cope Gallagher, Eimer Friel, Michelle Nic Phadain and John McAteer.



Cllr. Paucic McGarvey, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Ian McGarvey and Cllr. Liam Blaney.



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Noel McGinley and Sonny Scott.



In the news... Declan Doherty, Brian McDaid, Stephen Maguire and Caroline Orr.



Cllr. Michael McClafferty, John McAteer, Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy and Pat the Cope Gallagher.

Thomas Gildea elected to Dail Eireann. Other high profile community campaigns the Tribune covered extensively included the mobile phone masts, the water charges and the protest campaign and the demand to close refuse dumps. And more recently the paper had a front row seat in the battle to retain the mobile cardiology unit at LUH: Seemingly it was on its way out the door to Sligo. John also reflects on other social issues like Covid and rural depopulation. "People are still struggling to cope with the Covid fallout, the cost of living and the decline in rural communities. It is a huge and growing issue with more and more small primary schools facing closure because official Ireland wants families to live in urban locations... this is the creeping centralisation that has challenged thousands of families over the years who want to build a home on the family farm. The Council's new Development Plan will make it near impossible to build rural houses on the N56 from the Mountain Top to Killybegs." John has been writing stories for close to sixty years but this past week he has, for once, been the subject of a trip down memory lane on his own



Fine Gael general election candidate John on Wednesday.

life. His knowledge of politics on local and general election a key part of the paper's position across Donegal. "I am looking forward to the Election whenever it comes. I am very happy about cardiology in the Tribune predicted the results in our first poll in 1997. Stephen Harte would lose his seat in 2016, the poll predicted MacLochlainn would lose his seat in 2020, we did not hold their two seats. 1997 was a very big campaign for the Father of the Dail. While the party continued on that evening, the paper's

# Friends' honours Editor



by Carmel Cakes in Ramelton to celebrate his 80th birthday with from left, Brendan Byrne, Cllr. and Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy.



Moses Alcorn with Cllr. Paucir McGarvey.



Agnes Diver with John Whoriskey, Noel Gillespie and Hugo Whoriskey.



John with Noel McGinley and Pat the Cope Gallagher.

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Fine Gael general election candidate John McNulty called in to meet Glasach and John on Wednesday.

life. His knowledge of politics and analysis on local and general elections has been a key part of the paper's prominent position across Donegal. "I am looking forward to the General Election whenever it comes. One thing that I am very happy about is our methodology in the Tribune polls that have predicted the results in Donegal. Our first poll in 1997 showed that Paddy Harte would lose his seat and again in 2016, the poll predicted that Padraig MacLochlainn would lose his seat. Likewise in 2020, we did not see Fianna Fail holding their two seats. That first poll in 1997 was a very big call... Paddy Harte was the Father of the Dail." While the party continued on Wednesday evening, the paper's trusted press

continued to roll out the news, Jerry Carlin and Dhahi Rayes took charge and many of the guests were able to get a copy of the Tribune as it rolled off the collator. John is definitely not contemplating retirement. "I am as happy at work today as I was 60 years ago. If I ever lose that sense of the challenge and the community needs that arise - then that's the week I will retire. Finally I would just like to thank all those who have paid tributes to me since last Wednesday. More than 2,000 wellwishers were in contact on WhatsApp, on email, text and personal calls: that is greatly appreciated and my thanks go to all whom I've come to know down all those years?"

## Caroline Orr, Senior Producer at Highland Radio

Everyone at Highland Radio would like to wish a happy 80th birthday to John McAteer, Editor Tirconaill Tribune. One of the country's finest Editors and political analysts". PS: "The last thing I want to hear from you is any mention of retirement..."

## Fr. John Joe, Creeslough

"I was delighted to be present in the office on Wednesday where the Editor of the only paper in Ireland written and printed in-house made an entrance with Glasach into the office filled with friends. It was left to Glasach to come around and welcome everyone before the bubbly Retriever took her own seat beside the man who brings us the news of local events, the highlighting of community and human issues: The expert analysis, commentator, excellent journalist and Editor who was left without a lot of words for the first few moments. My very best wishes to a good friend who gives so much of his time to so many people including myself. Thank you John for all your kindness and friendship. Looking forward to seeing you continue at the helm for many more years as your sharp intellect continues to assess, analyse and comment upon the matters of importance to Donegal and its people."

## Stephen Maguire - Donegal Daily

"There was always the chance that Tirconaill Tribune editor John McAteer might have turned on his heels and walked back out the door. He could well have mumbled something about 'never liking surprises' as he stomped back down the stairs. That very scenario was discussed in advance by those who organised a surprise 80th birthday for the Fanad man at the Tribune offices in Milford yesterday. The smell of freshly-baked scones and cakes wafting down the stairs of the Tribune offices courtesy of Agnes Diver might have given the game away. But the surprise held strong as John strolled in clutching two cups of tea and a look of shock that he was the one making the news today. Inside the first floor offices was a host of faces waiting to greet and congratulate a man who looks about as far from 80 years as any octogenarian could. Some took the opportunity to pay tribute to John and thank him personally for all he had done for them and for the local community. The latest edition of the Tribune comes rolling off the press. How himself, Francis Diver and the staff of the Tribune had given a voice to so many who otherwise would not have had a voice in the local community. Others spoke of being able to pick up the phone at any time of the day or night and 'run something by John' or 'ask him for a bit of advice.' The man himself sat in a chair, quieter than normal and not used to hearing plaudits thrown his way. In front of him sat a black and white birthday cake which was more than apt considering the colour grey does not exist in John McAteer's world where everything is simply black or white. John himself thanked everyone for their kind words but bemoaned the fact that Ireland is not the community-driven country it once was. Birthday cards were opened, more tea was poured while all the time the sound of the printing press rolled on out the back churning out the latest edition under the watchful eye of printer Jerry Carlin. Like the newspaper that he and Francis first created more than three decades ago, John shows no signs of easing up. There will come a day but until then we should celebrate a unique chapter of Donegal life."

## Brian McDaid, Photographer, Donegal News

"Great to join in the celebration this evening as John McAteer marked his 80th Birthday in a surprise party at the Tirconaill Tribune office. Thanks too for a tour of the printing press as we got to see this week's paper roll of the press."

## Fine Gael came out in numbers...

"Happy Birthday to my good friend John McAteer and happiness to you on your special birthday. Such a leader in our community, always a voice for the issues on the ground, always an ear for the disadvantaged and groups in society who don't have a voice... From Illistrin to Corravaddy, from Tops of the Town to politics, Highland Radio and the cups of soup. Thank you for your great support to our communities over the years. Honoured to be present at your celebrations in the home of the Tirconaill Tribune." - Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy.



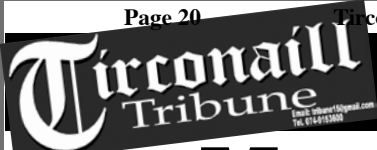
t the Cope Gallagher.



Michael and Sonny Scott, Rathmullan.



Greg Hughes and wee Hudson with Caroline Orr from Highland with journalist Eamonn McFadden.



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## Meeting told: I'll screw Bertie

As the fallout from the sacking of Dr. James McDaid in the Cabinet reshuffle continues to reverberate around the north west a strongly worded letter of protest has been rattled off to Bertie Ahern from close friends in the constituency. In a hastily arranged and highly secretive meeting on last Thursday night a select group of McDaid supporters met in Letterkenny to consider what action, if any was available to them and indeed to contemplate what the future held in store for the party following his sacking.

One irate member of the organisation who seemed somewhat carried away with the shock of the sacking summed up the mood of the evening. Her plaintiff call ran parallel to current political thinking in Donegal NE: 'When I lay my hands on Bertie - I'll screw him.'

It was the sort of pro-active sentiment not usually associated in the confines of normal party room politics.

Startled supporters said the irony of these remarks was not lost since all of those present had held Ahern close to their chests since he became the FF leader ten years ago.

No comment has been forthcoming as to whether the Taoiseach is looking at this remark as a threat or a promise and it's not clear if this is the official party line in the constituency at the moment. A number of options were up for debate but a suggestion that a protest picket be placed at the Mount Errigal Hotel on Friday afternoon for the visit of the Taoiseach was rejected after some brief discussion.

'We would be shamed, what with that Westlife crowd there as well,' muttered one lonesome voice.

When things finally settled down to a more rational level of debate it was agreed to write a letter of protest to Ahern expressing disgust and consternation at the turning tide of events. The

mood of the evening was described as one of emotion mixed with anger; however a number of important contributions were made about the positive impact and the amount of funding that McDaid had delivered across the county. Sources close enough (allegedly) to FF told the Tribune the FF leader came in for the kind of criticism not heard at a party gathering in Donegal since the sacking of Neil Blaney in the Arms Crisis of May 1970.

We understand the language was both rich and colourful. However it was not all one-way traffic. Bertie, the missus and daughter were in Donegal for a wedding on Friday and he seemed completely non-plussed at the row going on behind the scenes. He trotted out the usual garbage about the difficulty of leaving McDaid out of the equation: the great and loyal party man he is; but he gave no indication whatever as to why this constituency was shafted in such a rotten fashion.

The under current of anger over the dismissal of Jim McDaid has not yet settled down and it is expected the constituency Dail Ceanntair will meet shortly to consider the position. However on the surface it would seem there are very few options left to debate at this stage.

One prominent figure in the party said that it was now too late to discuss the situation since the decision was made and would not be changed.

'Where were all our elected members when they needed to be in Dublin to lobby the Taoiseach before McDaid was demoted,' asked our source? Dr. McDaid was engaged in a stand up row with An Taoiseach at the parliamentary party meeting on Tuesday.

During the meeting he had sought to question Ahern if FF would go in with Sinn Féin after the next election.

## Cathal closes book on 37 years teaching



Cathal Greene greeting students on his final day at Mulroy College, Milford.

On this Thursday evening, after seventeen years as Principal, Cathal Greene will turn the key on the office door at Mulroy College, Milford for the final time. He's decided to take a well deserved early retirement.

When Cathal succeeded the late Jim McCallum at the old Vocational School in 1987 a campaign was already underway for a major upgrade of the five classroom building that was catering for 300 pupils. With the help of

parents, teachers, Board of Management, Donegal VEC and local politicians that dream became a reality five years ago when the brand new Mulroy College opened its doors for the first time.

And as he closes the book on a 37 year teaching career Cathal reflects back on a lifetime of service to education from the day he stepped into his first job at Ballyshannon VS. A native of Ardsbeg, Gortahork and after completing his leaving certificate in 1964 Cathal headed for UCG to pursue an Arts Degree. There was no CAO or points system at that time and he recalls standing in a queue to register for his chosen faculty which was the only way of getting on the course.

Getting a teaching start was not all that difficult in the late 1960s and it was his friend and fellow UCG graduate Michael Cannon from Ballymichael in Fanad who told him that Donegal VEC had advertised posts. And so it was off to the VEC offices in Letterkenny to fill in a couple of application forms on the window ledge. His first teaching job in 1967 was in Ballyshannon VS for 12 years. It was during his 12 year stint in Ballyshannon that Cathal says his teaching life took a major leap forward. He succeeded Annie O'Friel as Vice-Principal in Milford and was elevated to the top job in 1987. It was a job that he really wanted but there were really challenging time ahead as the five classroom school built in 1957 needed a major upgrade with 300 pupils attending the facility on the Kerrykeel Road. Initially there was talk of an amalgamation with the Loreto Convent School which fell through and all the while the student numbers were rising with 482 enrolled for the 1994 academic year. By now the sights were firmly set on a brand new vocational school after the Minister for Education, Niamh

Breathnach had dispatched Pat Keating a senior official from her Department to identify the educational needs and preferences of the Milford catchment area. The outcome of the deliberations was two new schools.

The new £3.5 million school building took two years to complete and it opened its doors for the first time in October 1999 with the official ceremony being performed in June of the following year.

It was a great day for everybody concerned. The changeover was a huge process with the movement of equipment and files along with getting all the new systems up and running." And one didn't have to go far for a name for the new educational establishment with Mulroy College being the popular choice. At present the school has an enrollment of 450 pupils and 33 teachers: double the number that were employed in 1979 when Cathal Greene first came to Milford.

With 37 years completed in the profession Cathal feels it is time to call it a day and let someone new in with fresh ideas and a drive to bring the school forward. "I have enjoyed working with people and have made a lot of friends down the years. I like to see people doing well and coming back to tell us that the school had helped them achieve some of their goals in life. There are plenty of parents who were pupils when I started here who are now sending their own kids to Mulroy. And there are a sprinkling of former students who have gone on to get teaching posts at the school including Liam McDevitt, Declan Doherty and Andrew McFadden. For Cathal the hardest times were the tragedies which occurred involving pupils from the college. "We had more than our fair share of tragedies involving students that affected the whole community."



Cathal Greene pictured with the teaching staff at Mulroy College on his final day at the school.



Groups pictured enjoying the Holy Cross Church Harvest Celebrations in the Market Hall, Duffagh on Saturday night

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# Salmon sanctions under threat

The new EU measures put in place to protect Ireland's salmon farming industry are under threat with processors in Finland forcing their government to lobby the Council of Ministers to have the anti-dumping measures removed. The Council of Ministers will meet in the next month to debate the complaints and if Finland is successful in overturning the anti-dumping measures it could have disastrous consequences for the entire industry. It would pave the way for Norway to flood the European market with below cost salmon. Finland does not produce any fish itself and buys the bulk of its salmon from Norway. They have been heavily dependent on cheap salmon and they've accused the EU of undermining their industry with these new anti-dumping measures. After processing the product is then sold into EU markets in France and Germany. The new EU measures have hit this element of the industry heavily and Norway itself has refused to accept the new regime where salmon imports from non EU countries were curtailed. The new regulations imposed a surcharge of 18% on production over-quota. Norway has already rejected these sanctions.

As Ireland and Scotland await the deliberations within the Council of Ministers fears are now being openly expressed that they face an uphill battle to retain the protective status that prevents their fish prices being undermined by Norway and Chile.

It is only a couple of months since the industry was given a vital lifeline in their battle against cheap imports. The EU Commission agreed to put in place sanctions on surplus fish to allow price stabilisation both here and in Scotland where Norwegian produced salmon were being dumped at below cost. For many years Norway has been accused of supporting their fish farms with 'hidden State subsidies'.

Then in the summer of 2001 Norway reneged on an agreement with the EU and began dumping salmon into the market. In those three years the Norwegian industry lost millions of pounds but they continued to develop and expand. There have been angry claims they were being strongly subsidised by their government. At the same time the EU countries investing in fish farming felt the pinch as many plants were forced to close.



Paddy Harte, Oaklee Housing Trust presenting the key of the new housing scheme at Kilmacrennan to the first tenants to occupy their houses, Cathy Smith and her son Brian on Friday last.

## Government sacks Lennon

The former Garda Superintendent at Letterkenny, Kevin Lennon has been dismissed from the force by the government. His position was considered by the Cabinet at its weekly meeting on Tuesday and the news was announced on Wednesday after Lennon was first informed. Supt. Lennon along with Garda Noel McMahon had been accused by the Morris Tribunal of orchestrating explosives finds in Donegal up to the time of the IRA ceasefire in 1994. The Tribunal in its interim report was highly critical of seventeen officers in the Donegal Division. Garda McMahon resigned from the force last July.

## Donegal marginalised in health changes: McHugh

Senator Joe McHugh has criticised the locating of the Western Region Health Service HQ in Galway saying that it will further marginalise the people of Donegal. "The North Western Health Board, abolished under the Government's reform plan, had its headquarters in Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim which was a reasonable geographic location for the area. Placing the new Health Service HQ, which will represent areas from Malin Head to Thurles, in Galway is bound to make people in the north of the country fear that they are being marginalised. In the words of my constituency colleague Donegal County Councillor Bernard McGuinness, a former Chair

of the North Western Health Board, it is time to get serious about developing an all-Ireland health strategy and to start considering the natural cross-border hinterland. Far from improving patient services, constituents living anywhere north of Co Mayo are going to feel very disenfranchised by this move. Fears about health service provision in the North West are well-founded. Take for example, the new maternity unit in Letterkenny General Hospital. Four delivery suites are being used as office space because funding for staff for the new unit was not approved until the Minister announced 2 weeks ago that he would open up the unit but only on a phased basis.

## New Housing for Kilmacrennan

Chairman of Oaklee Housing Trust, Paddy Harte was delighted to perform the key handover to Ms Cathy Smith and son, Brian, at Oaklee's showcase development, Abbey Village, located at Kilmacrennan on Friday. The Smith family have become the very first tenants of Oaklee Housing Trust and received a warm welcome to their home by members of the Board. Oaklee Housing Trust have undertaken to assist with the provision of social housing in areas of need and were delighted when Pat the Cope Gallagher joined them at a previous event to announce the Government's funding for the development, just some 21 short months ago. Credit has to be attributed to Belem Construction who have delivered a superb development ahead of schedule.

The 'village' is made up of family housing, single apartments, sheltered housing for the elderly and 3 group homes managed by the North Western Health Board. All types of accommodation are of a high level specification and quality of finish and are set in an enviable location on the banks of River Leannan.

## Town Council in loop over traffic system

Letterkenny Town Council has voted to scrap part of the one-way system on the Loop Road despite receiving a report recommending its retention. The review of the operation of the system was debated on Monday where seven councillors voted for the introduction of a two way system on the Pearse Road from JJ Reid's back to Larkin's Lane. Concerns were raised about safety for pedestrians and claims by traders that their revenue that dropped significantly since the introduction of the systems two years ago. During the meeting Ciaran Brogan alleged that there was a fabricated letter in the file supporting the retention of the one-way-system. Pat Gillespie the Roads Manager refuted Brogan's claim. Mayor Dessie Larkin was the only dissenting voice who had asked for time to allow the Council's engineering section to introduce measures to address the problems that had been highlighted. Members were told that funding was in place to put in pedestrian crossings, put down footpaths and relocate an entry to a shopping area.

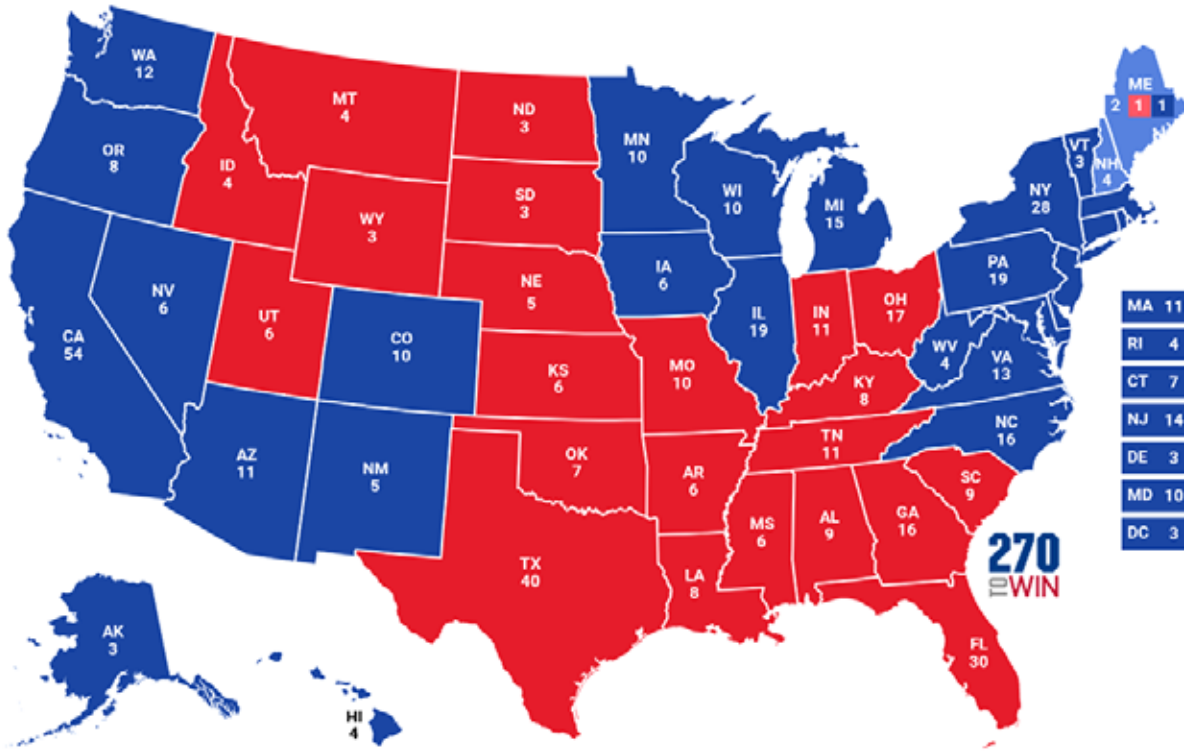
delays to traffic flow in all cases. The report's main recommendation states that the: "The investigations that has already been carried out conclude that any proposal to change the existing one-way scheme to two-way would result in a considerable increase in delay to traffic and could discourage vehicles from using this part of the town. Therefore, it is recommended that the current one way system be retained at this time. Cllr. Damien Blake said he was disappointed with the report because there was no reference to safety. He expressed concern for pedestrians trying to cross at the cinema and at Larkin's Lane. Ciaran Brogan pointed out that a decision was taken at the July meeting to revisit the two way system because of the problems that had been experienced by traders and the number of accidents that had occurred. Brogan also criticised the general lack of pedestrian crossings adding that it was hard to avoid an accident on the Loop Road. Cllr. Brogan asked that the Council's Road Design team come up with a plan to introduce a two-way-system. Cllr. Jimmy Harte said business people on the route had to be listened while Cllr. Neil Clarke said there was problems with traffic control in the entire town. Cllr. Jean Crossan said she wouldn't like to be crossing the Loop Road at any time adding that business had been hit by the current system and she called for the introduction of the two-way-system for a trial period. Agreeing with Cllr. Crossan's point about trade Cllr. Gerry McMonagle said that those concerns had to be taken on board since much of the Council's revenue comes from this source while Cllr. Jim Lynch pointed to evidence of accidents on the Loop Road and suggested that improved signs might be simple solution to the problems.



Above - At the Dunfanaghy table for Saturday night's Donegal County Boxing Board awards ceremony were seated Claire Grier, Brid Gallagher, Noreen Durning, Grace Anne McDermott and Dominick McFadden. At back from left - Gary McBride, Michael Gallagher, Patrick Durning, Michael McDermott, John Joe Trearty, Packie Trearty and Charles Roarty. Below - Members of the Carrigart Boxing Club at the awards ceremony.



# The State of the Race The View from the Front Line



How it finishes up. Lawrence's latest prediction, which should not - repeat, not - be taken to the bank

I'M DONE with the polls. There are too many of them, they all talk over each other and they never agree about anything. If I wanted that kind of stress back in my life, I'd sign up again to coach Little League baseball. I don't just say this to have a go at the kids, even though some of them were cheeky little shits with zero athletic talent. I was thinking more about the parents who were under the mistaken impression the whole enterprise was about them and not the little cherubs out on the field.

The polls are exactly like those parents.

"Why doesn't my son Quinnipiac get more playing time?"  
"Because I've got Siena, Activate, YouGov and Morning Consult on the squad and they all need some playing time, too. Besides, all of this polling is just machine pitch. It's not like it's the real thing."

"YouGov? Seriously? Have you seen the cross-tabs on that kid? He couldn't stop a grounder to shortstop if Pennsylvania's 19 Electoral College votes depended on it."

At least in Little League there were only 20 games a season. At this stage in the election cycle, with just two weeks to go, there are at least 20 polls a day, each of them carrying the potential to upset my sunny disposition. This is why I have decided to get them out of my life and replace them with a more reliably accurate indicator of what is going on out there in election-time America. My own eyes.

My eyes are currently telling me Kamala Harris is going to win this election comfortably. I know most of the polls disagree, insisting that while she might win it will be uncomfortably close. Some even say she's going to lose. The betting markets think so, too. But let me tell you something about the polls and the betting markets. They haven't been where my eyes have been, out here in the heartland, driving through swing states and towns where this election will be decided, making a sharp u-turn on a suburban street when they catch a fleeting glimpse of a temporary sign on the lawn that reads Republican Party HQ.

I made one of those u-turns when I spotted the Clark County Republican Party HQ in Ohio, an adobe-style building that was once a Mexican restaurant. The car park was emp-

ty, like it usually was when I made impromptu visits to the GOP in places as geographically distant as Tucson, Arizona and Omaha, Nebraska.

At least there was someone home this time, a couple of elderly gentlemen sitting at a table in the middle of a room littered with yard signs. Card-board Donald Trump was in the corner, thumbs up, flanked by the Stars and Stripes. Tom and Al didn't look too happy to have company, especially when I told them I was a writer.

"How are things going?"  
"What?" Al said.

Tom grimaced. 'Al doesn't hear too well,' he said. "That's why I'm here to help him out."

Judging by the absence of customers, things weren't going too well. After about ten minutes a silver-haired woman came in looking for a yard sign supporting a local proposition.

"What?" Al said.  
Tom got out of his seat to take care of business. "Sorry about Al," he said. "He doesn't hear too well." He found her the yard sign she was looking for and resumed a conversation with me. I asked him about the crazy things

Trump had been saying out on the campaign trail.

"To be perfectly honest, Trump wasn't my first choice," he said. All of a sudden Al's hearing aids kicked in.

"This interview is OVER," he said.

Tom looked pained, like he'd stood on a nail. I'm a battle-hardened reporter with long experience of not being liked but even I was pretty startled.

"Do you mind if I take a couple of photographs?"  
"OUT"

I looked it up when I got back to the car. Clark County is part of Ohio's 10th congressional district. It's a fairly safe GOP seat in what should be a safe state for Trump. But the US Senate race is a toss-up, the kind of contest where every vote in Clark County is going to be precious, where organisation and disciplined campaigning will be key. I'm not an expert in these matters but it strikes me an angry deaf guy with a walking stick and a nice guy who doesn't much care for Trump might not be the crack team required in this moment of high electoral

# Goodbye Donald? An American Odyssey

by Lawrence Donegan



stakes.  
THE SAME thought occurred to me when I rocked up to Allen County HQ in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a couple of hours north. Typically, it was closed when I got there, though a pleasant young guy was waiting outside. Caleb Wakeman had just landed a job with the GOP in the next-door county. He was delivering a box of leaflets. We got chatting for a while - turned out he wasn't much of a fan of Trump either - until a woman called Sue Richards appeared at the door and welcomed us in. She had been inside all along but had forgotten to open up at the designated time. This didn't matter. There are bible shops in Gomorrah with more foot traffic than the Allen County Republican Party office.  
The three of us talked about the election. I asked how the local "Get out the vote" operation was going. Sue shrugged and got all nostalgic. "Things are different these days. It's not like it was back in 2012 and 2016, before the pandemic. We don't really go out and knock on doors anymore. We don't have enough people around."  
I could bore you for hours with stories like this. In Livonia, Michigan, I tracked down the local GOP headquarters from the phone book but when I got there the doors were padlocked. "They closed down about nine months ago," said a woman called Keisha who worked in the dentist's office next door. In Omaha, Nebraska, where the vital 2nd Congressional District Electoral College vote could decide the election, the local GOP office was closed. "The people in the party now are mostly MAGA. They hate their local congressman Don Bacon because he said something mean about Trump. They want him to lose so they're not doing any campaigning."  
Meanwhile, it was standing room only at the local Democratic party office. The difference was even more striking in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I visited both parties' offices in the space of an hour. The GOP was closed for the day. The

only evidence of activity I could see through the glass doors was a clipboard lying on a table. Across town, the Democrats' office was buzzing with volunteers coming and going. Eight - eight! - full-time staffers were working on whatever these kinds of people do.

I dug around on Google on this subject just in case my eyes have been deceiving me but apparently they're not. 'Republicans are starting to raise alarms about Trump's ground game', ran the headline on this piece in Politico this week. Honestly, these people don't know the half of it.

If Lara Trump, the co-chair of the Republican National Committee, was reading this (as I'm sure she is) she would say I'm whistling to keep my spirits up, that the GOP has "farmed out" its ground game operation in places like Arizona to conservative groups like Turning Point Action, a student-orientated outfit which as far as I can tell functions better as a dating forum than an election machine. In Phoenix, I watched a couple of 22-year-old guys - Area Captains, to give them their official designation - try to corral a roomful of elderly cranks who had only shown up for the free pizza into something called 'Trump Force 47'. I honestly felt sorry for those two kids and, believe me, it takes a lot of effort to feel sorry for a young Nazi.

So, sorry Lara, I'm not buying it. To misquote my dear departed mother, I wouldn't send Turning Point Action to the shops for a loaf of bread, never mind ask them to win me a swing state in a Presidential election.

It could be that none of the above matters, that the enthusiasm for Trump has been under-estimated as it was in 2016 and that his supporters will come out in such numbers that organisation - or lack thereof - will have counted for nothing. More staggeringly, my lying eyes will have failed me again. I note today that the Harris campaign passed the \$1 billion in campaign contributions raised. If she loses and you were one of the people who chipped in a few bucks her help out be sure to ask for your money back. You can use it to buy a one-way ticket to Canada, anywhere to escape the reach of Turning Point Action, or as it will be known once Lara starts farming out the functions of government under the new regime - the FBI.



Behold the crack Republican ground game operation, from Arizona to Michigan to Indiana and Ohio

# Doherty's late penalty winner

Letterkenny Rovers 1-0 Dunree Utd  
An 87th minute Jason Doherty penalty was all that separated winners Letterkenny Rovers and visitors Dunree F.C. at Leckview Park on Saturday in the Ulster Shield. It looked like the match was going to extra-time when Rovers were awarded the spot-kick. A minute's silence was observed before the game in memory of Joe McGroarty whose sons Jonny, Mickie, Gerry and Marty all played with Rovers. On a pleasant afternoon for football it was an evenly contested match until the 28th minute when Rovers created a chance for Jordan Nugent that was well saved by the Dunree keeper Adam Harrigan. Seven minutes before the break Rovers Adam Murphy had another strike which was again stopped by the keeper. As the first half was coming to an end Dunree tested the Letterkenny Rovers defence but the shot flashed wide. In the second half Rovers were on the front foot creating two chances in the first five minutes. One hit the crossbar and the other was stopped by the

Dunree netminder. On the hour mark Nugent lobbed the keeper but the Letterkenny attacker's effort went wide. Rovers full-back Nathan Bonner had a great chance in the 70th minute but the keeper made a great save again. Dunree didn't test the Letterkenny Rovers' keeper Josh Wade until the last 10 minutes where the keeper made a great stop. With three minutes of normal time remaining the deadlock was broken when Rovers were awarded a penalty that was scored by Jason Doherty.  
Letterkenny Rovers - Josh Wade, Nathan Bonner, Gareth Temple, James Gallagher, Noah Mailey, Henry O'Dia, Artem Tymosch, Kealan Dunleavy, Jason Doherty, Adam Murphy, Jordan Nugent. Subs: Odhran Kelly, Brandon Ndlovo, Jack Duff, Victor Mabalf, Brendan McGilligan, Davin Blake.  
Dunree Utd - Adam Harrigan, Adam Worsley, Eoin Codmbe, Philip Doherty, Eamon Fullerton, Sean McColgan, Liam Baldrick, Adam Barrett, Jamie Brosnan, Aaron Harkin, Cian Moran.



Kealan Dunleavy in action for Letterkenny Rovers during Saturday's Ulster Shield tie against Dunree at Leckview Park.

## Donegal Junior Football League

# Ulster Cup ties for Donegal teams

There's a big programme of Ulster Junior Cup ties this weekend and it starts this Friday night at Dry Arch Park where Bonagee Utd take on Milford Utd (kick-off 7.45). The hosts will be favourites to advance from this tie. On Saturday Glenea Utd face a trip to Co. Monaghan to play Glaslough. And travelling in the opposite direction on Sunday will be Monaghan Town who will go head to head with Letterkenny Rovers at Leckview Park. There should be a good contest at Letterkenny Community Centre on Sunday where Kilmacrennan Celtic host Keadue Rovers. Fanad Utd are on the road for an Ulster Cup clash with Redcastle F.C. Struggling Swilly Rovers take on Kildrum Tigers in Ramelton

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One  
**Oldtown bag points**  
Drumbar F.C. 0-2 Oldtown Celtic  
A narrow defeat but nothing short of a spirited performance against formidable opposition in Oldtown Celtic, who are aiming for four Division One League titles in a row. Having been promoted to the top tier of Saturday football last season, the opposition has gone up a level this year for our lads. However, for such a young team, they have adapted incredibly well so far, and today was no different. Oldtown were restricted to few chances over the course of the game but finished clinically from long-range strikes in either half. For Drumbar, there were strong performances from back to front with high levels of effort and quality on display throughout the team.  
Old Orchard Saturday Division Two  
**Shiels shoots Kilmac winner**  
Dunlewey Cel 1-2 Kilmacrennan Cel Res  
Kilmacrennan started the stronger of the two sides and broke the deadlock when Toby Taylor broke into the box to tap home the first goal of the day on 11 minutes. Dunlewey tried to get back into the game with Eamonn Collum causing havoc for the Kilmacrennan backline. The game was evenly matched for a period and Eamonn Collum broke through the Kilmacrennan defence to finish well from a tight angle on 33 minutes. The game was evenly matched right up toward the end of the first half but Kilmacrennan capitalised on a loose ball when Terence Shiels caught the keeper off his line and finished well from 30 yards out, right on the stroke of half time. 2-1 to the visitors at the break. The second half was a tight affair with both sides pushing for the next goal but there were no real chances of note. Kilmacrennan held their lead for the remainder of the game and made sure the three points were headed back with them.  
Kilmac Res - Kevin Mallon, Eoin Browne, Kevin Kelly, Matthew Nee, Danny Sandilands, Ethan O'Donnell, Terence Shiels, Jijo Abhishek, Shane McDevitt, Toby Taylor, Steve McDaid. Subs used: Jake Burrows, Mark Gallagher, Charlie Gorman, Mikey McDonnell. Ref Mick Lagan  
Finn Travel Saturday Division Three  
**Cranford lose in Drumkeen**  
Drumkeen Utd Res 3-2 Cranford Utd Res  
The visitors struck first when Shane Coll put them ahead after 19 minutes. Drumkeen got back on level terms almost immediately when Emmett O'Boyle set up Michael Guthrie who finished well for the equaliser. The hosts got their head in front about 10 minutes later when Michael Guthrie struck again, this time he was assisted by Sean Collum. Both teams tried hard for the rest of the first half but there were to be no more goals and so Drumkeen

went in a goal ahead at the break. The second half began as the first half ended as Cranford tried hard to get back on level terms. Drumkeen probably thought they had wrapped up the points when the Colum Brothers combined as Owen set up Sean for their third goal. Cranford however had other ideas and wasn't giving up that easy. But with the clock running down and Drumkeen having a few half chances themselves it looked like they had weathered the storm and done enough to win the game. As we entered injury time Drumkeen gave away a free kick in the middle of the park. The free kick was hoisted in on top of the Drumkeen goal and hit the crossbar and rebounded out to Andrew Cairns who fired it home. Drumkeen had to withstand a Cranford onslaught for the last few minutes. The home team defended well and were able to keep their goal intact and were glad to hear the final whistle from referee Matthew Hull.  
**Dylan's Fanad double**  
Fanad Utd Res 4-0 Copany Rovers  
Fanad United made it four wins from four with a 4-0 win over Copany Rovers with goals coming from Dylan McGlone with two and one each for Niall Toland and Seamie Friel. Played in near ideal conditions it was Fanad who took the early initiative and opened the scoring after 5 minutes. Dylan McGlone went on a good run down the left and when his ball to the back post was controlled by Shea Cannon, his pull back was met by Niall Toland who scored from close range. On 15 minutes Fanad were awarded a penalty after a handball in the box, Darragh O'Doherty stepped up but Copany keeper Oisín Bryson produced an excellent save to deny him. Fanad continued to push and were rewarded with a second goal in the 35th minute. Oisín McHugh and Niall Toland did well on the right and Toland's cross was met by Dylan McGlone who fired home. Just three minutes later Fanad scored their third. Darragh O'Doherty sent a dangerous free into the box and Dylan McGlone pounced to get his second of the match. Copany came more into the game in the second half and ten minutes in they missed a golden chance to get a goal back. David Harron did well to pressure the Fanad defence and when the ball broke to him he fired wide with the goal at his mercy. Ten minutes later Graham Harron saw his powerful drive from 25 yards drift just wide of the Fanad post. However, it was Fanad who got the only goal of the second half with ten minutes remaining. When Fanad were awarded a free on the right, Darragh O'Doherty floated the ball to the back post where Seamie Friel rose highest to power a header home. The final chance of the game came with 5 minutes remaining. After some great work from Shane Carr, he set up Charlie McAteer whose shot went just over the bar.  
Fanad Utd - Darran Nash, Oisín McHugh, Conor Blaney, Paul Friel, Seamie Friel, Alan McAteer, Paddy Carr, Darragh O'Doherty, Dylan McGlone, Niall Toland, Shea Cannon. Subs used: Charlie McAteer, Johnny McAteer, Dylan McBride, Ciaran Coyle, Shane Carr, Unused: Caolan Gibbons, Conor McConigley, Oisín Sweeney, Darragh McElwaine. Referee: Dessie McLaughlin  
Ulster Junior Shield  
**Milford make Shield exit**  
Gweedore Cel Res 3-0 Milford Utd Res  
It was an Ulster Shield exit for the Milford Utd Reserves at An Screaban. The visitors found Gweedore Celtic Reserves too strong on the day.  
Milford Utd Res - Decky Jordan Fallon McBride,

Shane McFadden, Ciaran Gibbons, Alec McCoingley, Darragh Kelly Cullen, Caolan McBride, Shay Gibbons, Adam Hosford, Conor Meakin and Darren McAteer. Subs: Sean Baxter, George McNulty, Ultan Blaney, Ryan McElhinney and Caolan Carr.  
Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division  
**Winning run continues for Kilmac**  
Kilmacrennan Celtic 2-0 Kildrum Tigers  
Kilmac's perfect start to the season continued on a day of very difficult conditions at Letterkenny Community Centre. Gerard McGranaghan's side are top of the Premier Division table with Paul Bradley and Shane McNamee getting the second half goals on Sunday. The game was evenly matched for first half and Kilmacrennan should have taken lead when Shane McNamee was straight through after beating the offside but his shot was just wide of Michael Lynch's goal. Scoreless at the break, Kilmacrennan with aid of a strong wind in the second half took the lead on 70 minutes when a short corner on the right was coolly dispatched from outside the box by Paul Bradley. On 80 minutes Shane McNamee was put through by Matty McLaughlin and with a delightful first touch he coolly chipped the Kildrum keeper from 18 yards. Lynch pulled off two great saves from Chris Dillon and McNamee. Best for Kilmacrennan Liam McBride and Shane McNamee. Michael Lynch and Shane McGinty were best for Kildrum.  
Kilmacrennan Celtic - Liam McBride, Alan Boal, John Sandilands, James Doherty, Caolan Kelly, Sam Harvey, Mattie McLaughlin, Shane McNamee, Chris Dillon, Paul Bradley, Stephen Black. Sub used: Conor Black for Harvey. Not used: Caolan Curran, Gerard McGranaghan, Glenn McNulty, Danny Hall, Rory McGrenra.

Swilly second best  
Letterkenny Rovers 5-1 Swilly Rovers  
Letterkenny Rovers earned a commanding 5-1 victory over Swilly Rovers under blustery conditions at Leckview Park. The home side applied early pressure, and just 2 minutes in, Joel Bradley Walsh's free-kick forced a great save from Swilly keeper Barry Gallagher. From the resulting corner, Walsh's initial header was saved, but BJ Banda was on hand to ensure it found the back of the net for an early 1-0 lead. Rovers kept pressing, with Dean McCarry coming close, but Swilly threatened on the break, particularly through Thomas Mullen, who nearly equalised in the 11th minute. However, the Letterkenny defence, bolstered by Adrian Delap's crucial block, held firm. Letterkenny doubled their lead just before halftime when Banda laid off a pass for Nathan Plumb who calmly slotted home. Despite playing against strong winds in the first half, Rovers took a 2-0 advantage into the break. Swilly Rovers started the second half brightly, and in the 54th minute, they pulled one back through Lawrence Toland after a well-worked free-kick. The visitors grew in confidence, but Rovers quickly regained control of the match. In the 73rd minute, substitute Lee McMonagle assisted Christopher Flanagan for a crucial third goal, and just five minutes later, McMonagle himself got on the scoresheet after pouncing on a rebound from a Bradley-Walsh free-kick. Rovers sealed the win in the 80th minute when Joel Gorman met Bradley-Walsh's cross and headed in to make it 5-1.  
Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher, Ronan Docherty, Michael Kerr, Ciaran Kelly, Damien Friel, Jordan McDaid, Daniel McAteer, Ian Ward, Laurence Toland, David Craig, Tom Mullen. Subs used: Cal-

## Fixtures

Saturday 19th October 1p.m.

**Glencar Inn Saturday Division One**  
Drumbar v Oldtown Cel  
Kildrum Tigers Res v St. Catherines Rese  
Donegal Town Res v Keadue Rovers Res

**Old Orchard Saturday Division Two**  
Dunlewey Celtic v Kilmacrennan Cel Res  
Fintown Harps v Castletin Celtic Res

**Finn Travel Saturday Division Three**  
Drumkeen Utd Res v Cranford Utd Res  
Fanad Utd Res v Copany Rovers

**Ulster Junior Shield**  
Erne Wanderers v Glengad F.C.  
Glencar Celtic v Moville Celtic  
Gweedore Cel Res v Milford Utd Res  
Lagan Harps v Gweedore United  
Letterkenny Rvs Res v Dunree Utd

**Sunday 20th October**

**Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division**  
Kilmacrennan Cel v Kildrum Tigers  
Letterkenny Rovers v Swilly Rovers  
St. Catherines v Bonagee United  
Rathmullan Celtic v Keadue Rovers

**Temple Domestic Appliances Division One**  
Milford United v Donegal Town  
Castletin Celtic v Ballybofey United  
Glenea United v Cappry Rovers  
Lifford Celtic v Lagan Harps

**Donegal Physiotherapy and Performance Centre Division Two**  
Kerrykeel '71 F.C. v Curragh Athletic  
Letterbarrow Cel v Drumoghil F.C.

**Ulster Junior Shield**  
Cranford United v Dunree United  
Raphoe Town v Carndonagh F.C.

## Results

Saturday 19th October

**Glencar Inn Saturday Division One**  
Drumbar F.C. 0-2 Oldtown Celtic  
Kildrum Tigers Res 3-2 St. Catherines Res  
Donegal Town Res 3-1 Keadue Rovers Res

**Old Orchard Saturday Division Two**  
Dunlewey Celtic 1-2 Kilmacrennan Cel Re  
Fintown Harps 5-1 Castletin Cel Res

**Finn Travel Saturday Division Three**  
Drumkeen Utd Res 3-2 Cranford Utd Res  
Fanad Utd Res 4-0 Copany Rovers

**Ulster Junior Shield**  
Erne Wanderers 3-0 Glengad F.C.  
Glencar Celtic 2-0 Moville Celtic  
Gweedore Cel Res 3-0 Milford Utd Res  
Lagan Harps 5-7 Gweedore United  
Letterkenny Rvs Res 1-0 Dunree Utd

**Sunday 20th October**

**Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division**  
Kilmacrennan Cel 2-0 Kildrum Tigers  
Letterkenny Rovers 5-1 Swilly Rovers  
St. Catherines 2-2 Bonagee United  
Rathmullan Celtic 0-6 Keadue Rovers

**Temple Domestic Appliances Division One**  
Milford United 0-3 Donegal Town  
Castletin Celtic 3-2 Ballybofey United  
Glenea United P-P Cappry Rovers  
Lifford Celtic 1-9 Lagan Harps

**Donegal Physiotherapy Division Two**  
Kerrykeel '71 F.C. 8-0 Curragh Athletic  
Letterbarrow Cel 3-4 Drumoghil F.C.

**Ulster Junior Shield**  
Cranford United 2-0 Dunree United  
Raphoe Town 2-4 Carndonagh F.C.

vagh O'Donnell, Eden Bradley, Oran Grimes.  
Referee: Gerard Devine  
**Parke gets Bonagee equaliser**  
St. Catherine's 2-2 Bonagee Utd  
On what can only be described as an atrocious day for football, it's hats off to both teams for serving up an exciting and competitive 90 minutes. Playing with the strong wind was not really an advantage and this proved to be so as Bonagee took the lead on 15 minutes through excellent one touch football across the Saints' 18-yard line and a super low hard drive by Shay Maloney broke the deadlock. A brave young saints team didn't drop the heads and on 25 minutes Alex McGinley latched on to a low defense splitting pass from Ryan Cunningham and bravely slid the ball under the advancing Bonagee keeper for the equaliser. Gareth Harkin was orchestrating chance after chance for Bonagee but Odhran McGuinness was having none of it at centre half and kept the scores level until half time.  
Jamie Hoans' always looked dangerous up front for the visitors and drew some excellent saves from the Saints' keeper but possibly against the run of play the home side took the lead on 60 minutes. Superb hold up play by Paul O'Hare down the right flank saw him slide a low ball across the Bonagee 18-yard line which was then subsequently met by the sweet left foot of Ryan Cunningham for a 2-1 advantage to the Saints. The Bonagee equaliser came from a corner where Jack Parke found himself unmarked for an easy finish with his head on 76 minutes. Conditions deteriorated even further for the last 15 minutes and there was a sigh of relief around Emerald Park when Paddy Martin blew for full time on 95 minutes.

# Errigal College Letterkenny Prom

Photos by Clive Wasson



Emily Baker and Dylan McGlynn at the Prom.



Harry Jones and Chloe Boyle at the Prom.



Odhran Kelly and Oliwia Mattwiej at the Prom



Niamh Molloy and Saaphara McCarron



Promise Adsayna and Sam Gorman.



Icaro Elmieda, Lorenza Santoro, Anna Luchuk and Christian Kunene.



Ella Boyle, Yeva Fefelova and Lisa Orlovskia at the Prom.



Mwitwa, Matty, and Maeshya Ndyamba and Michael Keenan at the Prom.



Leaving cert students at the Errigal College Prom in the Silver Tassie on Thursday last. Photo Clive Wasson



Errigal College staff at the College Prom in the Silver Tassie on Thursday last. Photo Clive Wasson



# Donegal League Reports

## Seasiders well beaten

**Rathmullan Celtic 0-6 Keadue Rovers**  
Keadue Rovers secured a commanding 6-0 victory over Rathmullan as the strengthening storm made conditions utterly miserable for the football purist. The Gulls had the wind in their sails in the first half, while Rathmullan pressed and did their best to respond in the second half but the damage had all been done. From the outset, Keadue Rovers established their intent, with Aidan Brennan opening the scoring in the 29th minute.

A low finish that slipped under the outstretched hand of Rathmullan's goalkeeper, it was a simple but effective statement. Just three minutes later, he struck again, this time with a deftly placed shot that showcased his composure in front of goal. It was an early double that set the tone for the rout. By the 35th minute, Keadue was cruising. Martin Ferry launched an absolute missile from 35 yards out, finding the top corner with a laser-like strike.

As Rathmullan struggled to respond, Keadue's Pauric Neely joined the scoring party in the 39th minute, capitalising on a defensive lapse to slot home. And just before the break Maurice McGee added a wind-assisted goal. Keadue continued to apply pressure, and in the 80th minute, Mark Forker finished off the scoring with a powerful low shot from 20 yards, sealing Rathmullan's fate.

Yet, amid the avalanche of goals, one player emerged with his reputation intact - Dominic Hull, the Rathmullan goalkeeper. Time and again, he demonstrated remarkable reflexes, thwarting several attempts that could have escalated the scoreline even further. His performance, though overshadowed by the final result, was worthy of praise.

Keadue Rovers showcased a ruthless efficiency that will have opponents in the division wary. For Rathmullan, the challenge now lies in regrouping and finding a way to rebuild after a tough afternoon at the office.

**Rathmullan Celtic** - Dominick Hull, L Patterson, Daire Sheridan, Eoin Sheridan, Peter Curran, Dara Patton, Ridha Abdullah, Touhami Mohamed, Mark McAteer, Kevin Doran, Niall Caruthers. Subs: Rehannia Imed, Gerard McAteer, Sophia Andrii, Akinyamia Oluwatobi, Glenn Curran, Matt McNulty, Jano Bashar.

## Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

### Donegal show title credentials

**Milford Utd 1-3 Donegal Town**  
An impressive Donegal Town outfit bagged all three points at Moyle View. Noel Gillespie's side played with the strong breeze at their backs and down the pitch but failed to score. The wind picked up even further in the second half. The visitors took advantage with Ben Sweeney putting them ahead on 65 minutes. Ronan McHugh then netted twice on 75 and 80 minutes to make sure of the victory. Cathal McGettigan did pull a goal back on 84 minutes but it was too late and not enough time to mount a comeback even for a share of the spoils.

**Milford Utd** - Caolan McGettigan, Conor McHugh, Shane Black, Lorcan Friel, Killian McBride, Darren McLaughlin, Cathal McGettigan, Kyle Black, Joey Cullen, Corey-Lee McConigley. Subs used: Jonny Logue for Killian McBride 51 mins, Caolan McBride for Darren McLaughlin 60 mins, Fallon McBride for Shane Black 64 minutes, Paul Ryan for Coreylee McConigley 79 mins. Not used: Jacob Campbell.

### Lifford get a lashing

**Lifford Celtic 1-9 Lagan Harps**  
In a game reversed to Orchard Park and played in horrendous conditions Lifford began against the gale force wind and found themselves 3-0 down with 20 minutes gone before grabbing a goal from Justin Mc Bride from the penalty spot. Lagan added another wind assisted strike before the break. The second half was similar with Lifford trying to gain the advantage with the wind but it was Lagan who grabbed another five goals without reply. Lifford lost goalkeeper Karl Friel to a facial injury during the second half to compound their misery.

Division Two

### Walsh's men go on scoring spree

**Kerrykeel '71 F.C. 8-0 Curragh Athletic**  
At Rabs Park the '71 put in a powerful performance and moved top of the division. The goals scorers were Mark Friel and Shaun Kerr who



The Letterkenny Rovers team who advanced to the the next round of the Ulster Shield following the victory over Glenree on Saturday.

both netted two each while there was one apiece for James Kerr, Patsy Friel and Kevin Loughrey as well as an own goal. Playing against the breeze in the first half they dealt the best with the conditions with Kevin Loughrey putting them ahead from the spot on 5 minutes. It was two on ten minutes when Shaun Kerr headed home a cross from brother James. James then got the third on 20 minutes with a brilliant finish from the edge of the box. Patsy Friel got a well-deserved fourth and his first of the season on the stroke of half time after great play from Bernard McGettigan. Curragh to their credit never stopped working and Shaun Friel made a good save at the start of the second half to keep his clean sheet intact. Captain Mark Friel got his first on 60 minutes again with another great ball from James Kerr and it was James again on 65 minutes, again from outside the box with a fantastic strike. An OG on 75 minutes from Curragh made it 7 before Sparky rounded off the scoring in the 89 minute. Kerrykeel 71 - Shaun Friel, Jamie McAteer, Shane

Friel, Shaun Kerr, Paddy Heraghty, Brandon McClafferty, Bernard McGettigan, Kevin Loughrey, Patsy Friel, Mark Friel, James Kerr. Subs: Calum McAteer, Jonny Friel and Michael McDevitt for Shane Friel, Jamie McAteer and Paddy Heraghty (all 55 mins), Dean Friel and Ronan McAteer for James Kerr and Patsy Friel (both 70 mins). Referee: Leo Devenney.

### Ulster Junior Shield

#### Cup win for Cranford

**Cranford Utd 2-0 Dunree Utd**  
Cranford came out on top in rough conditions in Cranford Park. Cranford dominated throughout but Dunree sat in and defended well. The home side's dominant play was rewarded after 30 minutes when Shane Coll's perfect header from the edge of the box flew into the bottom corner. Dunree played with the wind in the second half but everything they threw at Cranford, the defence dealt with. Kyle McFadden secured the game with 15 to go with a great turn and finish

# Finn Harps and Football Special team up to launch T-Shirt

Two of the county's most iconic brands, Finn Harps and McDaid's Football Special, both of which are "World Famous in Donegal", have come together to produce a unique collection of limited edition t-shirts.

The fan merchandise, which is the result of a collaboration with ATU Second Year Fashion Students based in Donegal is sure to be a hit with Donegal people home and abroad.

Finn Harps, who are celebrating their 70th anniversary this year, and McDaid's beloved Football Special have been part of the fabric of Donegal life for generations.

Clare McCahill, Head of Design at Finn Harps welcomed the opportunity to work with up-and-coming new talent "It was hugely enjoyable to work with McDaid's and ATU on such a fun project. The Football Special name invokes such a warm resonance with the people of Donegal and anyone who has visited the county, so this initiative is a wonderful way to share our mutual love for football and community."

She paid tribute to the ATU fashion students "We loved working with Sharon and her brilliantly creative students. We chose Elizabeth's design as our template however the students all brought

so many great concepts to the table that we could have developed any of the proposals. The standard of work was exceptional and professionally presented. We look forward to working together again in the future."

According to Seamus McDaid of McDaid's Football Special, the project was a perfect fit for their brand "At Football Special we do everything with the aim of bringing families, friends and communities together in simple moments of unguarded joy. The collaboration project between ourselves, Finn Harps and ATU demonstrates our ethos perfectly! It was a joy to work with the ATU students and the guys over at Finn Harps to create a new and unique Donegal design."

Sharon Maxwell, ATU Donegal Lecturer, emphasised the importance of real-world design experience "We actively encourage our fashion students to work with real-life design briefs, to understand their client's needs, and use their talents and skills to respond with innovative and fresh design solutions. It was an exciting challenge for all involved."

The t-shirts, which were printed on cotton garments by Hairy Baby, are available in Royal Blue, Dark Navy and Emerald Green. The design fea-



Ramelton's Tony McNamee and Harps players modelling the new t-shirts. The tees can be ordered on [finnharps.ie/shop](http://finnharps.ie/shop) for worldwide shipping. The limited edition collection is also available from the club shop at Finn Park on Wednesdays and Fridays 5-7pm.

# The Universal Language We Should All Learn

In a world that thrives on communication. Sign language often remains overlooked. A hidden gem of connection. This language, rich in expression and meaning, has the power to bridge gaps that spoken words cannot. It's more than a tool for the deaf or the hard of hearing. It's a universal language that can connect us all on a deeper level.

By Mary Bates

Imagine a future where sign language is not just an elective but a fundamental part of education. In schools and colleges, where young minds shaped, teaching sign language could foster a culture of inclusion and empathy from an early age. When children learn to sign, they learn to see the world from different perspectives, to value diversity, and to connect with others in a profoundly human way. Making sign language compulsory in educa-

tional institutions would equip future generations to inter act with the deaf community. Breaking down barriers and fostering a society that values every voice, spoken or signed. This initiative would also nurture critical thinking and cognitive skills, as learning sign language enhances memory, focus, spatial awareness.

As our world becomes increasingly interconnected, the ability to communicate across different languages and cultures is invaluable. Sign language offers a unique form of communication that transcends linguistic barriers, making it an essential skill in our global society.

By integrating sign language into our educational systems, we're not just teaching a language, we're fostering a more inclusive compassionate, and connected world. In years to come, those young people will carry forward a legacy of understanding, proving that the language of the hands is indeed the language of the heart.

# Ballot Box revolution needed

It is unconscionable that a majority of elected TDs and appointed Senators would drive Ireland into the dark ages, with legislation on 'hate speech', unrestricted abortion, the active destruction of childhood by genderism, and now the ultimate, depraved low, of proposals sanctioning the killing of the elderly and those who may have lost the will to live.

by Dr. Joe Kelly, Falcarragh

In the pursuit of wealth, progressiveness and compliance, Ireland has an Oireachtas that has lost all moral and ethical compass, and all sense of decency. We cannot ignore the breakneck speed at which this Coalition Government, and leaders, are seeking to silence, and bully the voter by pushing through antagonistic and repressive legislation, in advance of the upcoming General Election.

Representatives, Party leaders, and the Government, do not listen to the voters, do not debate, do not vote, and most importantly ignore, dismantle and set aside Ireland's (the people's) Constitution, at every turn and opportunity. We have an Oireachtas

that has members so rotten, dumb, and speechless, that they acquiesce to every anti-family, anti-child, anti-free speech, anti-human, and anti-Irish policy, that they can dig up.

The intent is to drive into law an agenda that will eradicate everything that makes us Irish. Good men and women are to be silenced when they don't buy into the unquestioned narrative of the agenda being pushed in the mainstream media by the Government. In the dying weeks of this Government, Fianna Fáil is championing the killing of the elderly, the Greens' Roderic O'Gorman is targeting the innocence of children with gender ideology, whilst Fine Gael's Helen McEntee has signed a death warrant criminalising the Freedom of Speech.

We have the opportunity of a ballot box revolution in a few weeks' time. TDs and Government will seek our vote to govern. It is impossible to separate the kind of Government we get from the mark we make on our ballot paper. If we want accountability it is no longer about who we are voting for but what we are voting for.



Kathleen Shields and Catherine Connor presenting staff of St Gabriel's Ward, Temple Street, Dublin the proceeds of the recent charity events held in appreciation of the care they gave Leah Connors, Carrigart who fell and fractured her skull last year.

A tractor run, bike run and tractor pulling was held in Cranford for A&E Letterkenny and St Gabriel's Ward, Temple Street. The fundraiser was to show our appreciation for the care that our

daughter Leah received from both hospitals after she fell and fractured her skull the previous year. Each received €3755. We would like to thank the organisers. Tractor Run - John and Kathleen



Pictured above are Leah Connor, Kathleen Shields, Catherine Connor and Paula Hegarty presenting a cheque to Staff at the A& E Letterkenny University Hospital

Shields; the Tractor Pulling - Kenneth and Paula Hegarty; Bike Run - Diarmuid Faughnan, Andrew Speer and Alistair McElwaine. We would also like to thank Logues of Cranford

for supplying the venue and food for the event, everyone who donated and sponsored prizes and helped out on the day and everyone who supported the fundraiser. It was very much appreciated.



Marrietta Herraghty, Trustee, Maretta McLaughlin, Trustee, Niamh Friel, Loreto Community School, Patrick Gallagher, Loreto Community School and Andrew Speer, Trustee Missing is Fr. Charlie Byrne Trustee.



Marrietta Herraghty, Trustee, Maretta McLaughlin, Trustee, Paddy McGeever, Mulroy College, Tiernán McFadden, Mulroy College and Andrew Speer, Trustee. Missing is Fr. Charlie Byrne, Trustee

## The McCarty Family Memorial Scholarship 2023

The presentation of the McCarty Family Memorial Scholarship is always a happy occasion, celebrating the dedication and hard work of students from the parish of Mevagh. This year was no exception with the presentation taking place recently in the Rosapenna Golf Pavilion, Downings. Congratulations to this year's successful students:- Niamh Friel and Patrick Gal-

agher from Loreto Community School, Tiernán McFadden and Paddy McGeever from Mulroy College.

In 1970, Barbara and Bud McCarty, both Americans from New York City, purchased the schoolhouse in Glen and were year-round residents until they passed away, Barbara in 1980 and Bud in 1984. Both are buried in the graveyard

of St. John the Baptist Church in Carrigart. They loved their years in Glen and are still fondly remembered by many in the area. Following Bud's love of golf, and prior to moving to Glen, he had organized a group of American golfers called "The American-Irish Duffers Society", known as "The Duffers". For nearly 20 years, the group travelled annually

to Ireland and Scotland to play golf. Upon Bud's passing, The Duffers established a Scholarship in 1985 to honour Barbara and Bud's memory. Each year two prizes are awarded to the students who have achieved the best Leaving Certificate results from Mulroy College and Loreto Community School. To qualify for the scholarship the students must reside in Mevagh Parish and intend to continue their higher education. Today, the Scholarship is given by

the seven McCarty children. Barbara McCarty Bluestone, one of the McCarty's daughters, (and until his death in 2019 her husband, Rob Bluestone), Chip, John, Matthew, Mark, Michael and Eileen McCarty Magill who resides in The Schoolhouse in Glen with her husband David Magill. The Scholarship is administered by local Trustees Fr. Charlie Byrne, Marrietta Herraghty of Downings, Maretta McLaughlin of Glen and Andrew Speer of Carrigart.



The McCarty Family Memorial Scholarship winners with their parents.

**DÉ HAIDINE**  
**25Ú DEIREADH FÓMHAIR**  
**AG 8:30I.N**

**FRI 25TH @ 8:30PM**  
**LIGHTHOUSE TAVERN**

**CIORCAL**  
**COMHRÁ, CEOL**  
**AGUS CRAIC!**

**FÁILTE ROIMH**  
**CHEOLTÓIRÍ UILIG**  
**ALL SINGERS &**  
**MUSICIANS WELCOME**  
**BÍGÍ LINN!**

# Fanad

## Death of Cathal Dunleavy

The death occurred at his residence on Saturday of Cathal Dunleavy, Meentaugh, Glenvar, Kerrykeel.

Cathal was predeceased by his grandparents, granny Kathleen, cousin Calum and friend Liam. Cathal is survived by his father Charlie and mother Ann and his siblings Marie, Donna, Kevin, Laura, Sharon, Megan, Rachel and Eoghan. He will be sadly missed by his father, his mother, siblings, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, grandad Anton, aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives, neighbours, and friends.

Remains reposed at his residence from Monday night. Fr. Stephen Gorman P.P. Milford officiated at the Requiem Mass that took place in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Glenvar on Wednesday morning. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

## Funeral of Orla Browne

The funeral took place on Monday of Orla Browne, Old Bawn, Tallaght, Dublin. Orla was the daughter of Margaret Browne (nee Friel) formerly of Ballymichael, Fanad. Orla passed away on Thursday surrounded by her family in Tallaght Hospital. Remains reposed at her home on Saturday and Sun-



day. Funeral took place on Monday with the Requiem Mass in St Martin de Porres Church, Aylesbury. Burial took place afterwards in Bohernabreena Cemetery. Orla was predeceased by her father Joseph. She is survived by her mother Margaret, sister Geraldine and brother Joseph; sister-in-law Liz, Geraldine's partner Chris, nephew Ciaran and his partner Kayla, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, friends, especially Elizabeth and Hughie and neighbours. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

## Donegal Hospice Coffee Morning Thanks

Bridget and Jimmy McAteer, Ballynacrick would like to thank everyone who supported their recent coffee morning in aid of the Donegal Hospice. The total amount raised this year was €2,500.

**Cioral comhrá, Ceol agus Craic** Lighthouse tavern 8:30i.n Dé hAoine 25ú Deireadh Fómhair. Join use for music and Craic. Friday 25th October 8:30pm. Bigí linn!

## 'Upcycled Christmas Décor'

Due to popular demand, we're pleased to announce that a new 'Upcycled Christmas Décor' 6 week course facilitated by Moira McHugh, Perfectly

Thrifty Interiors will commence on 5th November in Rathmullan from 10am - 12.30pm. This course is part funded by ETB's Community Education Support programme so Text or Call 086 2804555 or 087 2493753 for more details or to register your interest, as there is

limited availability.

## Classes in Glenvar

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

Dance Class for beginners and advanced, beginning Wednesday 23rd October. 6 week course. Jiving, Line Dancing, Waltzing and Quick Step. 8pm to 9.30pm. No partner needed. Cards begin again Thursday 31st October at 7pm

Chair Yoga beginning Thursday 7th November 5 week course. 12 noon to 1pm. For further information contact Teresa 086 3342346.

## Christmas Craft Fair

The Fanad Active Group are holding their Christmas Craft Fair in Community Centre Tri-although, 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.

## Badminton

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

## Crochet and Needlework

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

## Concert

The annual Variety Concert in conjunction with the Whoriskey Christmas Lights at the home of Michael and Mary Whoriskey will take place in the Pres-

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## Tractor weights stolen in Kerrykeel

Gardaí are investigating a recent report in relation to the theft of a number of tractor front weights that were stolen in the Kerrykeel area.

The items are described as four Renault tractor front weights (6 to 38kg each) and six Massey Tractor weights (46kg each) taken from a yard in the area of Gortcally, Kerrykeel between August 20th and October 21st.

Gardaí stated: "We appeal to anybody who may be able to assist with relevant information to make contact with Gardai in Milford on 9153060. Should anybody come across similar items for sale on a second hand basis, we ask them to make contact with Gardai immediately."

They added: "In light of the last couple of incidents, we ask anybody involved in construction or farming to conduct a review of the security measures that they have in place. Ensure that tools/machinery of a high value are locked away and that there is adequate lighting in place. The use of cameras should be considered also. We also ask members of the public to always contact Gardai immediately if they observe any type of suspicious activity or vehicles in their area. Sergeant Fergus McGroary who is the Divisional Crime Prevention Officer is available to advise in relation to security measures should anybody wish to speak with him. He may be contacted in Letterkenny Garda Station on 9167100."

Council will provide skips over the weekend 1st to the 3rd November at Tri-although Community Centre and Portsalon car park. Bags, litter pickers and gloves will be available from these sites 10-11.00am Saturday 2nd November.

## 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.

## Bingo

Bingo continues in the Community Centre every Monday night at 8pm. There's the usual prizes plus spot prizes on the night and doors open at 7.30pm.

Whoriskey Christmas Lights Kerrykeel

## Annual Variety Concert

Fannet Presbyterian Church Hall Kerrykeel  
on Thursday 31st October at 8.15 pm.

A great line up of Artists will perform on the night.  
Admission by Donation at Door.

Chosen Charity for 2024 is Cancer Care West Donegal.  
Your support would be greatly appreciated.



A surfer at the White Shore, Fanad on Tuesday.

## Ranganna Ceoil le Comhaltas Craobh Fhánada

COSTAS: €5  
TEAGHLAIGH: €10

**Gach Luan (Every Monday) 5-6 I.N**

HALLA FÁN AN BHUALTAIGH (Fanavotty Hall)

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Facebook: Comhaltas Craobh Fhánada

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Jumping clay le TJ Teddies

Aois: 5-8 & 9-12  
Costas: €5

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last year and proved very popular with both young and old.

## Portsalon Swim

Once again this October the National Breast Cancer Institute are asking swimmers nationwide to take a dip in aid of Breast Cancer Research. This year again Portsalon will host their annual swim at the Pier Beach at 11am on Bank Holiday Monday 28th October. If you would like to swim, dip, splash or just paddle then you can register to join the Pink Portsalon Plungers Swim Team at www.swiminpink.ie and join us in Turning Portsalon Pink to raise awareness for breast cancer research.

Over the last three years this national event has raised over €100,000. So if running through a Pink Dash to dip in the lovely sea, followed by some apple tart and drinking tae (probably in the rain) is your thing then come along to Portsalon at 11.00am on the 28th and join in the fun and craic.

## Kids' Fancy Dress Halloween Disco

On Thursday 31st October, 6.30-7.30pm, in the Old School Community Centre, Kerrykeel.

DJ, lights and refreshments. For children of national school age. Admission €3 (with family concessions). Make it a stop on Halloween night - spook-tacular fun!

## Annual Fanad Clean Up

Please join in this community effort, the annual Fanad Clean Up in the first weekend in November. Donegal County



Retired Principals Noel Ferry and Susan Kenny with current school head Geraldine Mullen cutting the cake on Friday to mark the 170th Anniversary of Loreto Letterkenny providing secondary education in the local community. Above also are a few of the school girls serving refreshments on the day.

## Planning Notices

### Donegal County Council Creeslough,

Roarty Associates Limited, are applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain childrens indoor entertainmet area structure including all associated site works, within and associated with existing commercial tourism development development at Creeslough, Co. Donegal in the townland of Creeslough. 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 Creeslough

Roarty Associates Limited, are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to construct a new carparking area with 6 number EV charging points and including all associated site works, within commercial tourism development development at Creeslough, Co. Donegal in the townland of Creeslough. 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 Ranny Td, Kerrykeel

We Laurah Stewart and Ronan McAtteer are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect dwelling house with waste water treatment system and percolation area on this site at Ranny Td, Kerrykeel, 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, 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 Killyclug, Letterkenny

We, Christopher McG Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following: (1) construction of 24no. dwellings and 14no. duplex units consisting of 14no. ground floor apartments and 14no.

dwellings above (total number of residential units = 52) in lieu of previous approved development granted under planning ref.no. 05/7202 (2) All associated site development works to include carparking, landscaped amenity areas, surfaced play areas and seating areas. (3) Connection to existing public services including access to site from existing service road and new proposed entrance at An Clarách, Killyclug, Letterkenny, Co 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 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 Drumbrick, Kilmacrenan Letterkenny M.D.,

I Garvan Friel am, applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for construction of extension to side of Existing Derelict Dwelling House and connection to existing sewage Treatment Plant at and all associated site works @ Drumbrick, Kilmacrenan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the pe-

riod of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

### Donegal County Council Keeldrum Lower, Gortahork

I, Lee O'Brien am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and all other site development works at Keeldrum Lower, Gortahork, County Donegal in the townland of Keeldrum Lower. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy

We, Kieran McGinley and Helen McGinley are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of

### Donegal County Council Glebe, Letterkenny

I, Damien McGlynn am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with integrated domestic garage and septic tank system including all other associated site development works at Glebe, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Glebe. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council Chapel Road, Brinalack, Derrybeg

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

## In Memoriam



### Buchanan Anna High Cairn, Ramelton 5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on 26th October 2019.

*Precious memories  
keep you near  
As time unfolds  
another year  
Out of our lives you  
may have gone  
But in our hearts  
you still live on.*

Always loved and remembered by Margaret, James, David, Joe, Violet and families.



### Bradley William 52 Dr McGinley Villas, Letterkenny 1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on 23rd October 2023.

*Gone from our lives,  
forever in our hearts*

Always loved and remembered by your wife Margaret and family.

**Anniversary Mass  
will be celebrated  
on Thursday 24th  
October in St. Eunan's  
Cathedral at  
7.00pm.**

Corcreggan. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

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### McBride Sarah Ann Larganreagh, Downings 19th Anniversary

In loving memory of Sarah Ann who died on the 14th October 2005.

*Your memory we  
keep one by one  
Things you've  
said and songs  
you have sung  
They bring a smile,  
sometimes a tear  
But always wish  
that you were here.  
Your life was love  
and labour  
Your love for your  
family true  
You did your best  
for all of us  
We will always  
remember you.*

Your loving sons,  
daughters and families.



### McGee Mary Altaherin, Downings 17th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear friend Mary who died on 29th October 2007.

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

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

*We hold you close  
within our hearts  
and there you  
shall remain  
Loved and  
remembered  
every day  
You were the best  
Rest in Peace.*

Loved and sadly missed by Suzanne and Patrick Breslin.

Donegal in the townland of Brinalack. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered

by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

## Acknowledgement

### O'Toole (nee McGinley) Kathleen Copper's Road, Drumbern, Milford and Ballymichael, Fanad



The family of the late Kathleen O'Toole wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you who have sympathised with us on the passing of our dear mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, and friend.

We are so appreciative to all who attended the wake and the funeral Mass, for the cards, phone calls, messages of condolences and charitable donations to the Donegal Hospice.

A Special Word of Thanks to; Lucy and the Donegal Hospice Team for their exceptional care and support you provided Kathleen and kindness shown towards the family; to Dr Lukasz Milewski, and his Oncology team at LUH; to the Palliative Care Nurses and Public Health Nurses who attended Kathleen at home; to Dr Walsh and the staff at Milford Health Centre; and to the staff at Healthwise Pharmacy in Milford for their kindness and respect shown at all times.

To our friends and neighbours who made tea and brought food to the house; to the local GAA members who helped with parking; to Fr. Stephen Gorman for celebrating the funeral Mass; to our cousin Nora McGinley and the Milford Parish Choir for the music; to the gravediggers preparing Kathleen's final resting place, and finally, to McElwee Funeral Directors for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements.

For those who helped in anyway, your contribution made our loss more bearable. As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude.

**Month Mind Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Friday 1st November at 9.30am.**

### Kelly Anney, Rathmullan



### Mary 23rd Anniversary

*Your shadows walk beside us,  
forever at our side  
Always there to guide us, ever since you died  
When the morning breaks  
and as the day departs  
For you have left a special gift  
of footprints in our hearts.*

Treasured memories of our dear parents, grandparents and great grandparents.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin on Sunday 27th October at 11am.**



### Jimmie 60th Anniversary



### Strain Seamus Forquar, Milford 2nd Anniversary

Always remembered and sadly missed by your family and friends.

**Anniversary Mass  
in St. Peter's  
Church, Milford  
on Sunday the 27th  
October at 11am.**



### McHugh Bridget Ballyare, Ramelton 8th Anniversary



Always remembered by Michael and Marjorie, Ballyare, Ramelton.

### In Memoriam



#### Coyle

**Sarah**  
Ballyheerin, Fanad  
11th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and Granny who died on 31st October 2013.

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

Always loved and sadly missed by Elaine, Pat, Peter, Suzanne, Margaret, Mary, partners and all the grandchildren xxxx.

**Anniversary Mass to be held in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Saturday 26th October at 7pm.**



#### Doherty

**James**  
Devlinmore, Carrigart  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of our Dad and Grandad who died on the 24th October 2023

*Without farewell you fell asleep, and left fond memories for us to keep.*

*Treasure him Lord in your garden of rest, for while on earth he was one of the best.*

*Your life was full of friendly deeds, always thoughtful of others' needs. Cheerful, generous, unselfish and kind, what a lovely memory to leave behind.*

*A wonderful Father gone to rest, for all of us he did his best.*

*His love was great, his heart was kind, a better Father no one could find.*

Sadly missed by your sons, Eamonn and Pat; Susan and grandchildren, Mia, Max, Casey and Courtney.

**Anniversary Mass shall be held in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6.00pm on Saturday the 26th of October.**

**Tel. 074 91 53600**



#### Doherty

**Mary Ellen**  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on the 27th October 2018

*Mother of Mercy Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve To thee do we send up our sighs Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us*

*And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary, Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen*

*Remembering The beauty of a memory is that it's always there Like a penny in your pocket you can take it anywhere*

*And when your heart is heavy and your eyes are filled with tears You can focus on a memory and travel through the years*

*Your heart can visit happy times When laughter filled the air And the presence of your loved one will lessen your despair*

*So, as you travel on in life, take comfort as you go In a lifetime of "sweet memories" Of one who loved you so!*

Remembered by your family and friends

**Anniversary Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel, on Sunday 27th October at 9.30am.**

### Memoriam

#### Cards



Contact  
Tirconail Tribune  
074 91 53600

### Gallagher

Cloughbane, Downings

**Edward** 25th October **Ellen** 26th October

*The years have slipped by and lonely life goes on But in my heart you are never gone Deep in my heart your memory is kept Of a mother and father I will never forget In Heaven you rest in God's own time we will meet again*

Always remembered by your loving daughter Mary.

**Yearly anniversary Mass at Holy Hill Basilica, Holy Hill, Wisconsin, USA.**

#### Friel

**Danny (White Tam) Gortnatra, Kerrykeel 1st Anniversary**



In loving memory of a dear father, grandfather, partner, brother, son and friend who died on the 28th of October 2023.

*A silent tear Each night we shed a silent tear, As we speak to you in prayer, To let you know we love you, And just how much we care. We take a million tear-drops, And wrap them up in love, Then ask the wind to carry them To you in Heaven above.*

Sadly missed every day by your daughter Sinead.

#### Home in Heaven

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones, Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect you and beauty In this Everlasting Light.*

*All the pain and grief are over, Every restless yearning past; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Dear one, do not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still; Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*When your work is completed, He will gently call you home; Oh! the rapture of that meeting! Oh, the joy to see you come.*

Sadly missed by your daughter Ciara, Noel, Amy, Ryan and Ruairi. X

#### Lonely is the home

*Lonely is the home without you, Life to us is not the same, All the world would be like Heaven If we could have you back again.*

*May the God of love and mercy Care for our loved one who is gone And bless with consolation Those left to carry on.*

Sadly missed and loved by your daughter Kellie, Max, Jack and Charlie. X

#### We Hold You Close

*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.*

Sadly missed by all your grandchildren. X

**Anniversary Mass is on Saturday the 26th of October in St. Columba's Church, Massmount at 7pm.**

### Planning Notice

Donegal County Council  
Roshin, Dunfanaghy

We, Kate & Charlie Winter intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission at Roshin, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Roshin. The development will consist of: \*The construction of a part single storey, part storey and a half dwelling. \*The construction of a single storey detached domestic garage. \* Installation of proposed sewage treatment system and all associated site development works. \* The relocation of proposed sewage treatment system previously granted under planning reference number 11/30264. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of



#### Friel

**Sheila**  
The Lagg, Milford  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on 16th October 2023.

*Deep are the memories precious they stay No passing of time can take them away.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your family.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, Fanavoltly on Sunday 27th October at 11am.**



#### McBrearty

**Bridget**  
Termon  
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on the 29th October 2014.

*Those special memories of you will always bring a smile If only we could have you back for just a little while Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do You always meant so very much and always will do too The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain But you're forever in our hearts until we meet again.*

Loved and missed by your husband Frank, daughters, sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandson.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, Termon on Saturday 26th October at 6.30pm.**



#### McGrenra

**Essie**  
Trentagh,  
Letterkenny  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and sister who died on 24th October 2018.

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

Always remembered by your husband, Patrick, your family, your sisters and brothers at home and abroad.

**6th Anniversary Mass at St. Columba's Church Termon on Saturday 2nd November at 6.30pm.**



#### O'Donnell

**Mary**  
Fawans, Termon  
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister-in-law and aunt who passed away on 28th October 2016.

*May the road rise up to meet you May the wind be always at your back May the sun shine warm upon your face The rains fall soft upon your fields until we meet again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by The Cullen family Termon.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Columba's Church Termon at 6:30pm on Saturday 26th October.**

Email:  
tribune15@gmail.com

### Acknowledgement

#### McGettigan

**PJ**  
Fawns, Termon and formerly of Gleneraugh Carrigart

The family of the late PJ McGettigan Fawns, Termon, would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who sympathised with us on our recent sad and untimely bereavement.

We want to offer our sincere thanks to all who called to the house during the wake, provided food and attended the funeral, especially those who travelled from Cork, Carlow, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Clonmany and Inishowen. To those who sent Mass cards and sympathy cards, we have read and appreciate each and every one – thank you.

We are extremely grateful to our kind neighbours and friends who helped in so many ways during the wake and for their continued valued support.

Thank you to An Garda Síochana and the emergency services who attended the accident, for their professional and caring manner and support.

Sincere thanks to Carrigart Boxing Club for arranging a Guard of Honour for PJ who held the Club close to his heart. It means so much to us.

We would like to acknowledge CLG Urris for their support throughout this difficult time and to the other GAA Clubs in Inishowen who sent floral tributes, Mass cards and messages of condolences - thank you.

Thank you to Fr Chambers for the beautiful funeral Mass and to our musician Maura Martin for the lovely music. We wish to thank Fr. Dinny McGettigan for his attendance at the funeral Mass and to the grave diggers for preparing the grave.

Thank you to Seamus Gallagher Funeral Directors for the care, compassion and professionalism in the way he carried out the funeral arrangements. Thanks to the staff of Deele college who came to the wake and funeral and to those who sent messages of condolence. Thank you to the principal of Errigal college who sent his condolence.

Sincere thanks to The Carrigart Hotel for providing the lovely meal after PJ's funeral.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. Solas Mhic Dé ar a h-anam an.



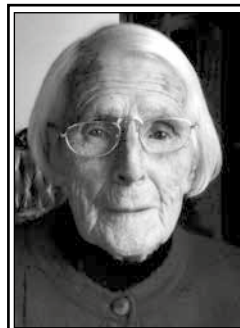
#### McFadden

**John**  
Ballyconnelly,  
Ray, Rathmullan  
6th Anniversary

In memory of John whose Anniversary occurs on 25th October.

*A silent thought a quiet prayer For a special person, in God's care.*

Sadly missed by his son, Martin, daughter-in-law Antoinette and grandchildren, Connor and Alannah.



#### Doherty

**/ Boyce**  
Sarah  
The Pans,  
Cranford  
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother Sarah who died on 22nd October 2017

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Always remembered by all your family.

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# Creeslough

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Colette and Maggie on the opening of their new shop "Del Dolls" on Main Street, Creeslough. Whether you are looking for the perfect gift or a little treat for yourself you'll find it in Del Dolls - clothing, costumes, cards, balloons, jewellery and much more.

## Halloween Disco

Scoil Mhuire Parents Association along with Creeslough Community Association are having a Halloween Disco on Friday October 25th in the Creeslough Community Links Hub from 6-8p.m. Prize for Best Dressed Child, Best Dressed Parent and many more.

## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 6,8,13,15,17,18. The match 5 winner was James Toye, Grogagh who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €3500.

## Doe Swimming Club

Please note new Dunfanaghy & Creeslough pick up/ drop off points and change of time!

Sat 26th October. Bus 1 leaves Dunfanaghy Car park at the top of the town at 5:05pm Supervising parents are Peter Druce & Catherine McNulty. Bus 1 & 2 leaves lay-by between Wild Atlantic camp & Creamery at

5:15pm. Supervising parents for bus 2 are Peter McDaid & Annette Toner. Shop supervisor Natalie McElhinney.

Buses returning to Creeslough drop off outside Branches house & Dunfanaghy car park.

Lay-by must be kept clear to allow buses to pull in safely Busses return to Creeslough at approximately 8:10pm and Dunfanaghy 8:25pm thank you for your cooperation.

## Christmas Day Dinner

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

## Coffee Morning

The Creeslough Walking Group will hold a Coffee Morning in the Hub on Sunday October 27th from 10a.m. until 1p.m. Funds raised will go towards the Christmas lights.

## Creeslough Bingo

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

## Ards Retreats

Engaging with the Earth Community Retreat on Friday 8th November to Sunday 10th November. Joy Of Samhain Retreat on Friday 8th November to Sunday 10th November. Facilitated by Deirdre Ni

Chinneide, Fr Philip Baxter and John Keane. Cost €280. For enquiries and bookings contact Ards T: 00353 74 913 8909. E: info@ardsfriary.ie.

## Jiving Classes

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

## Conversational Irish

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

## Beginners Yoga

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

## Reading of the Bible

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

## Creeslough View

Creeslough View are currently looking for photos, articles and stories for this year's Creeslough

View. Even if you have ideas for stories, we want to hear from you. Please send them to creesloughview@gmail.com.

## Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. No partner needed. Beginners are very welcome.

## 50/50

Congratulations to Keelan McGee who won €420 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## 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.



Davie Logue and Robert Wasson of the Ards Mens Shed with Paul McGinley at the opening of the McGinley Driving Range at Dunfanaghy Golf Club. The McGinley Foundation recently made a generous donation to the Ards Mens Shed that was set up shortly before the Creeslough tragedy.

## New Heritage Trail launched on local landmark

A new interactive online heritage trail covering landmark sites in the Creeslough and Dunfanaghy areas has been unveiled.

This innovative project sees a number of locations where both visitors and locals can scan a QR code that will bring them to detail a number of well known heritage sites and places of interest.

Once they have 'clicked' on the chosen location they will be brought directly to a webpage giving the history and other details including directions.

The project was established by the Creeslough View organisation, a volunteer-run annual publication and website that has been serving the community and diaspora for over 20 years.

The annual magazine comes out each November and in recent

years they also created a new website to showcase local history, community events and photo archives.

This latest heritage project is based at three popular visitor locations including the Wild Atlantic Camp in Creeslough, the Muckish Railway Walk, and in Dunfanaghy village.

The new posters showcase 14 local landmarks including Ards Friary, the Muckish walk and Millwheels, as well as Dunfanaghy's Workhouse and Market Square, among others.

The initiative was supported with funding from Donegal County Council.

The Creeslough View's Gerald Duffy said they are hopeful that people can use this simple but effective technology to learn more

about the area and delve into the rich history of the locality.

He stated: "This is something that we hope people use to learn about the Creeslough and Dunfanaghy areas and it is really easy to use. You just scan the QR codes with the camera on your smart phone and it opens a link to the Creeslough View website where you will find the history and details of that landmark, as well as much more local information. We must thank Donegal County Council for their support and Anthony McGlynn of McGlynn Graphics."

He added: "There is a lot to show about the area and this is a great way to share that. The site has a host of history and material from pictures, stories and local history video as well and it can be



Members of the the Creeslough View at the launch of th new interactive online heritage trail covering landmark sites in the Creeslough and Dunfanaghy areas.



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Liam Kelly pictured above with his parents Liam and Ann Marie and brother Kieran following victory in the London Senior Championship Final on Sunday last and below Liam and St Michael's Clubman Peter Witherow who managed North London Shamrocks to the London Senior Championship with the Cup.

accessed from anywhere in the world at any time". For more see www.creesloughview.com



## Cloughaneely

### The late Nellie McElhinney

There was great sadness in the community last week on hearing of the death in the Lakehouse Nursing Home, Portnablagh, of Nellie McElhinney, Church Road, Falcarragh. Nellie was 101 years old. She was predeceased by her husband Stephen.

Sympathy is extended to her sons Martin, John and Stephen, daughters-in-law Bridin, Josette and Jackie, grandchildren Helena, Cathy, Declan, Kim, Kristie and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a circle of family and friends.

Her Funeral on Friday followed Requiem Mass in St Finian's Church where the Celebrant was Fr. Sean O'Galchoir. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

The late Charlie McFadden

The death has taken place at his home of Charlie McFadden in Ardsbeg in Gortahork. Charlie was predeceased by his son Michael, daughter Bella, parents Bella and Michéal, sisters Breid and Moira, brother John.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Anna, daughters Teresa and partner Shane, Isobel, son Seamus, daughter in law Grainne, granddaughters Sally, Anna and Sandra, brothers Eddie, Paddy, William, Michael

and Danny, sister Anna, in-laws, nieces and nephews and a circle of family and friends.

Requiem Mass on Saturday in Christ the King Church, Gortahork was celebrated by Fr Sean O'Galchoir, the Celebrants were Fr. Martin Doohan, Fr. Brian O'Fearraigh and Fr. Donnachadh O'Baoill with burial taking place afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

### The late Mary Ellen Greene

The death has taken place of Mary Ellen Greene (nee Gallagher) of Ardsbeg, Gortahork and formerly of Cloughglass, Burtonport surrounded by her family. Predeceased by her parents Cecily and Manus John, her brothers Josie, Andy, Owen and sister in law Rita. Survived by her son Bernard and daughter in law Jackie, grandsons Ryan, Noah and Finn, her brothers John and Manus / Breid, nieces, nephews and a circle of family and friends.

Her Funeral took place on Monday at Requiem Mass in Christ the King Church, Gortahork was celebrated by Fr. Donnachadh O'Baoill with burial taking place afterwards in Belcruit Cemetery.

### The late Susan Whoriskey

There was sadness on hearing of the death which occurred in Letterkenny University Hospital of Susan Whoriskey,

Baltoney, Gortahork. Susan was predeceased by her daughter Maryann, her parents Grace and Dominic, her brothers Hudie, Dónal and Paddy.

Sympathy is extended to her husband Neilly, daughter Kathleen and husband Seamus, sons Dominic and his wife Sharon, Donald and wife Portia and Micheal and partner Anne, son-in-law Stephen, grandchildren David, Matthew, Adam, Stephaine and Niamh, brothers Dominic and Joe, in-laws, nieces, nephew and a wide circle of family and friends.

Her funeral took place last Thursday at Requiem Mass in Christ the King Church, Gortahork celebrated by Fr. Donnachadh O'Baoill with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

### The late Mary Mansfield

The death has occurred of Mary Mansfield (née Doogan) Palmerstown, Dublin and Ballyness, Falcarragh in the Hermitage Clinic. She was predeceased by her husband Bernard (Ben) and by her siblings Annie, Una, Joe and Manus. Sympathy is extended to her family Michael, Marie, Eilish, Aine and Ben Junior, grandchildren Conor (Lindsey), Keane (Elizabeth), Gavin, Darcy, Eoin, Neil, Harry, Zach, Emily, Mariamna and Killian. Great-grandchildren Cecily and Amelia. Mary will

be sadly missed by her loving sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, daughter-in-law Corla, sons-in-law Shane, Eugene and Robert, brothers Séamus and Neil, sister and best friend Sheila, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and wonderful neighbours.

### Cloughaneely Band AGM

Cruinniú Cinn Bliana Bhuíon Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola Dé Sathairn, an 12ú Deireadh Fómhair, agus toghadh na hoifigeigh seo a leanas do 2024/25: Cathaoirleach: Laura Barrett Rúnai: Fiona Roarty Cisteoir: Annjo Carr Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí: Bridin O'Halloran Leas-Chathaoirleach: Pdraig Carr Leas-Rúnai: Áine Quigg Leas-Chisteoir: Annette McPaul Leas-Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí: Sheila Gallagher Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh: Rosie Diver Comhordaitheoirí Éide: Catherine Gallagher & Aoibhinn McGarvey Guimid gach rath ar an mbuón, ar an gcoiste agus ar na múinteoirí don bhliain gnóthach atá romhainn, agus iad ag ullmhú dá dturas speisialta go Nua-Eabhrac do Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

### Save Ballyness Bay

A quiz was held in aid of Save Ballyness Bay on Friday night and thanks to The Strand Road Bar & Kitchen for their help and generosity. It was



Thomas McClafferty, McClafferty's EUROSPAR Gortahork, pictured receiving their Food Safety and Quality Award from Peter Dwan, EUROSPAR Sales Director, at the recent EUROSPAR Supermarkets Retailer Forum held in Lawlor's Hotel, Naas Co. Kildare.

October the 25th getting underway at 10.30pm. The music is by Killing Time and Friends and everyone is welcome.

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

### Junior Band

Lotto Results and there was no jackpot winner. Numbers 3-9-11-12-13-15. Match 4 winner Kathleen Dolan. This week's jackpot will be €8550.

### November Novena for the Holy Souls

The annual Novena will run from Saturday 2nd – Sunday 10th November. Masses for the Novena will be at 7pm daily and on Sunday morning at 11am. Envelopes and lists for your deceased that you wish to have included in the Novena, are available in the Church porches and can be returned to the letterbox beside the Sacristy Door in the Church.

If you wish to have someone included in the Novena, please drop their names into the letterbox before the Mass on Saturday. The envelopes will then be placed on the altar for the duration of the Novena.

### RI-Oga Dance Academy

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

### Thursday Café

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

### An Introduction to Mindfulness

The world can be a seriously stressful place. Take a load off by coming along to our Introduction to mindfulness course. Led by Julie Voss, this FREE 5 week course is perfect for those seeking practical steps to self-care. Starting in Ionad Garrdh Cholmcille on Tuesday 12th November from 11am-12.30pm you will learn what mindfulness is, how to practice it and how mindfulness can help us flourish. No need to book, just come along. Postcode for Ionad Garrdh Cholmcille is F92 W2H7. Funded by DLDC. For more information contact Pobail Le Chéile 086 455 7519.



The Children who received their Confirmation in Holy Trinity Church Dunfanaghy in the 150th Anniversary of the Church on Sunday last pictured with The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe Rt Rev Andrew James Forster, Rev. David Skuce and Churchwardens Alan McElhinney and Mark Alcorn.

## Letterkenny Ladies Golf

Results from the Mourne Antiques / Amelia's Irish Design and Gifts at Letterkenny Golf Club on 24th September - Winner Katrina Rainey (33) 41pts; 2nds Mary OBrien (52) 39pts; 3rd Marian OSullivan (12) 38pts; 4th Pauline Curley (26) 36pts; Front 9 Roberta McDowell (38) 21pts; Back 9 Anne Flannery (28) 20pts

Results Foys & Co 29th September - Winner Breege

McDonagh (46) 37pts; Runner up Mary OBrien (51) 31pts; Front 9 Sandra McMonagle (16) 20pts ; Back 9 Marian Keating (25) 16pts

### Up Coming Competitions

Hamper No. 1 takes place on Sunday 27th October and front 9 and back 9 turkey competitions continue in all categories. Thank you to the two Marians for setting up the competitions.

### Team News

The Maire O'Donnell team from Letterkenny Golf Club fought hard against Gweedore Golf Club in the Maire O'Donnell

final on Sunday 20th October. Letterkenny showed great fighting spirit but unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be for the Letterkenny Ladies this year. Thank you to Team Captains Triona Daly and Anne Mc Grath for their dedication and support and a huge thanks is extended to the supporters who came out to support the team both days

### Portsalon Ladies

**Sunday Members Competition**  
Lady Captain Noreen McConigley won the September monthly re-enter competition



Lady Captain Noreen McConigley winner of September Monthly Competition. with Deirdre Hensey was runner-up.

### Ladies Winter Links

The timesheet will shortly open for the Winter Links starting on Oct 31st. Book on BRS or call the club (074) 915 9459.

### Breast Cancer Research Fundraiser

A wee reminder that all entry fees from the October re-enter competitions plus the Pink Raffle will be donated at the end of October. Tickets for the draw may be purchased in the shop.

### Other news

Congratulations to the ladies from Gweedore Golf Club who won the 2024 Maire O'Donnell Trophy. There is currently 6" placing on the fairways.



Winners of Foy and Company, pictured with Lady Captain Anne Flannery at Letterkenny Golf Club.



Winners of Mourne Antiques and Amelia's Irish Design and Gift pictured with Lady Captain, Anne Flannery at Letterkenny Golf Club.

## Victory for charities and sporting organisations - Doherty

Pearse Doherty has welcomed the passage of the Gambling Bill, adding that the final bill represented a victory for Donegal charities and sporting bodies as Sinn Féin pressure forced the government to u-turn on wording that would have prevented sports clubs and charitable organisations raising necessary funds.

He said "Sinn Féin supported the passage of the bill in its final form, having importantly forced government to amend its position on charitable and sporting fundraising. "The original wording would have been disastrous for Donegal sports clubs and charities as it conflated fundraising with gambling, which would have cost such organisations thousands of euros in necessary fundraising. Despite government's attempts to criticise our amendments aimed at addressing the concerns of sporting bodies and the

charity sector, our perseverance in insisting that they be addressed have been vindicated in the final wording of the bill.

"It is a victory for those organisations and their perseverance, however the reality is that we shouldn't have had to drag government to that position. It's now crucial that this bill is accompanied by funding for addiction services and awareness campaigns and supports that these are free of industry influence. "Sinn Féin support a regulated trade and acknowledge its importance to prevent the involvement of organised crime and grey market operators. Now that the legislation required for the new Gambling Regulatory Authority has passed, it's time for the Authority to get on with its work. It's also time for a redoubling of efforts to combat gambling addiction."

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# FAI Women's Senior Cup Final Dunfanaghy link to Shels FAI Cup triumph

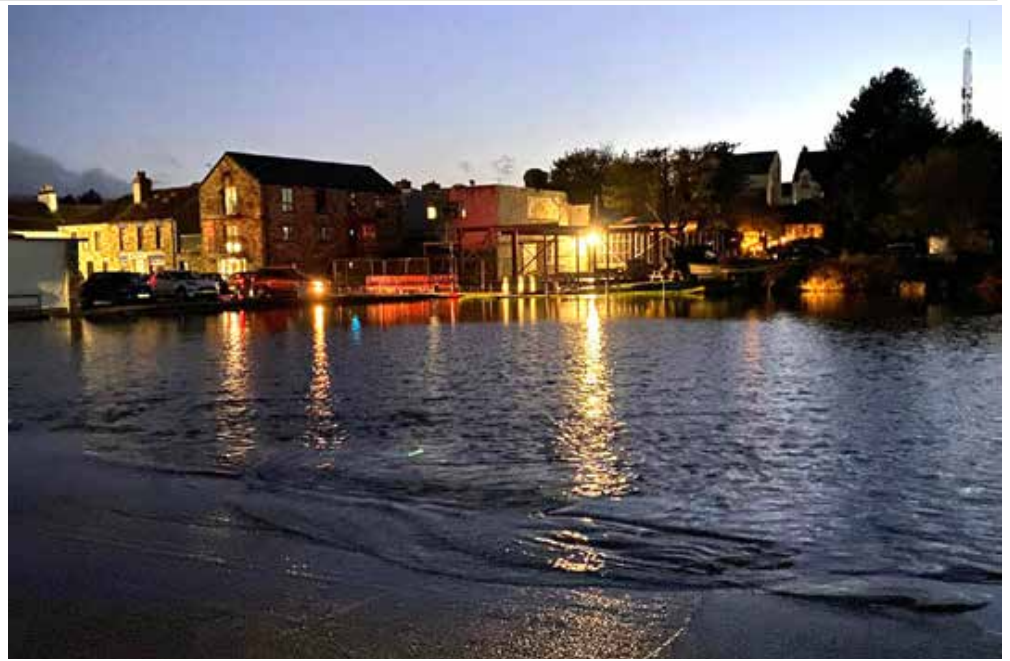
Eoin Wearan, the manager of the Shelbourne women's side who won the FAI Senior Cup Final on Sunday has strong family ties in Dunfanaghy. Eoin, a former West Ham Utd academy player, is the son of Jennifer Moore whose family have the garage in Dunfanaghy. Jennifer resides in Dublin and is a

retired radiologist. Eoin was born in Dublin and his football talent saw him moving to London to join West Ham.

On Sunday at the Tallaght Stadium, the 32-year-old guided Shelbourne to a big 6-1 win over Women's Premier Division champions Athlone Town to secure the FAI Senior Cup trophy. There was another Donegal link to the success with Greencastle's Roma McLaughlin in the starting 11 and played 84 minutes.

Wearan took over as Shels senior manager in November 2023. He holds a UEFA A coaching license. As a player, Eoin joined West Ham United at 16 and spent 5 years at the Premier League outfit, playing youth and reserve team football and working with managers such as Gianfranco Zola and Sam Allardyce. During this period he played international football for Ireland at U17, U18 and U19 level. He returned to the League of Ireland in 2014, making 87 appearances for Bohemians, Sligo Rovers and Limerick FC before a spell with Glenavon in the Northern Ireland Football League.

Following his retirement from playing, Eoin moved to the US to coach in the Evolution SC Academy in Texas before joining the Liverpool FC International Academy in Illinois as Head Coach. His final year in the US, before his return to Ireland this summer, was spent as Head Coach of the Chicago City Soccer Club's USLW side. During his time in charge of the Shels U17 women's side, he guided the team to a league and cup double.



Scenes from the Flooding at The Square in Dunfanaghy last weekend following the combination of Supermoon, High Tides and Storm Ashley..



Paul McGinley speaking at the Opening of the New Driving Range at Dunfanaghy Golf Club with family members, aunt Kathleen and niece Cathy Ward. Also included is Lady Captain Eilish Walsh, President Nigel Doherty and Captain Shaun Quinn.



Members of the McColgan Family at the Opening of the new Driving Bays at Dunfanaghy Golf Club.



Dunfanaghy Golf Club Junior members with Paul McGinley at the Official Opening of the Driving Range Bays on Sunday morning.



## New Driving Bay's Officially Opened at Dunfanaghy Golf Club

Former Ryder Cup Captain and Sky Sports Golf Correspondent Paul McGinley, officially opened the new Driving Range Bays at Dunfanaghy Golf Club on Sunday morning.

**Pictured left** Daithi Gormley, Paul McGinley and Mary Lafferty at the official opening of the driving bays.

**Pictured right** at the Opening of the Driving Bays at Dunfanaghy Golf Club are Robyn McConnell, Siobhan Bagues, Paula McCallion and Mary Lafferty



Captain Shaun Quinn Fr. Martin Doohan and President Nigel Doherty



Colm Donaghy, Jim Walsh and Mary Lafferty on Sunday morning.



Colin Higgs, Davy Logue, Fergus Mullen and Martin McBride at official opening of the Driving Range Bays on Sunday morning.



# GAA Club News

## Glenwilly

The Club AGM will take place on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm sharp in the Clubhouse.

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

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS IS FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

### Minor Board

Our U12 and U11 boys travelled to Glenfin on Saturday morning to take part in the Gareth Martin Memorial Tournament. The U11 team were the winners of the shield competition with Jack Dowds selected as player of the tournament for the U11s and Odhran Cullen for the U12s. It was a very enjoyable morning for all involved and we liked to extend our thanks to Glenfin for inviting the teams over!

### Ladies Board

After the success of our Easter party, the Senior Ladies have decided to host a Spooktacular Halloween Disco on Tuesday the 29th of October in the GAA Hall from 6.30pm to 8.30pm! It promises to be an evening full of games, treats and dancing as we will have DJ Paddy Kelly there to provide the music. There will be prizes on the night for the best Halloween costumes so get your thinking caps on and get creative! Entry fee is €5 per child and all money raised will go towards our club.

### Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

Beidh tráthnóna Gaelach agus Pop-Up Gaeltacht againn i Wilkins ó 7pm Dé Sathairn 9 Samhain le ceol ó Tailor's Troubles. Bigé linn! See you at the Pop-Up Gaeltacht in Wilkins on Saturday 9th November at 7pm with music from the brilliant Tailor's Troubles. If you'd like to do the intensive Irish course that same day in the clubhouse call 0861984147

The Ciorcal Comhrá continues every Tuesday in the clubhouse at 8pm.

### Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start! Over €2000 in prizes guaranteed every week. 50/50 draw occurs every Wednesday night during the Bingo in the Glenswilly GAA Hall. Well done to last weeks winners Angela and Maura at the bingo who won €235.

### Halloween Bingo Special

There will be a Halloween Special Bingo on Wednesday the 30th of October. 3 chances to win €500 on the night. €500 house on Game 9, Game 10 and on the Jackpot Sheet. All other houses €100 and all lines €40.

## St. Michael's

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Peter Witherow who managed North London Shamrocks to the London Senior Championship. Also lining out at full back was former St. Michael's player Liam Kelly.

### Bingo

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

### Pitch Closure 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 Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were 6,8,13,15,17,18. The Match 5 Winner was James Toye, Grogagh who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €3500.

### Gaelic Mothers and Others

If you're looking to get involved in this vibrant community, new members are always welcome. They train every Wednesday at 8pm and Saturday at 9am at the Bridge, and everyone's welcome.

### This Week's Fixtures:

Friday, 25th October:

U13 Girls: Away vs Downings @ 5pm

Saturday, 26th October:

U12 Boys: NRB Division 1 League Final

St. Michael's vs MacCumhaill's @ 12:35pm

Venue: Centre of Excellence, Convoy

U12 LGFA: All-County Blitz

Games start @ 3:45pm

U21 Men: Home vs Milford @ 4pm

Sunday, 27th October:

U23 Ladies: Away vs St Eunan's @ 10:30pm

## Gael Fhanada

Lotto Results 20/10/2024

Numbers: 4, 10, 12, 22, 24. No jackpot winner.

€100 Winner: Patrick Heraghty Jr. This week's Jackpot: €2,300.

### October Double Hop!

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

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Sathairn, 26ú Deireadh Fómhair

Cailíní Faoi 13

Gaeil Fhánada v Baile na nGallóglach @ 11:00

Dé Domhnaigh, 27ú Deireadh Fómhair

Peil na mBan - Faoi 23

Gaeil Fhánada v Aodh Rua Cúil na gCuirridín @ 10:30

### Club Planning Workshop

We want YOU to help shape the future of our club. Join us on Friday, 8th November at 8pm in the Rosnakill Community Hub for a Club Planning Workshop, where your ideas and input will help us create a vision for the future. Focus Groups will be formed to brainstorm, discuss, and plan the next steps.

Why attend? - Be part of our club's future planning; Share your insights and ideas; Show Your Support - Even if you can't commit to a larger role; Strengthen our GAA community

### Scór na nÓg semi final

All our participants put on great performances on Friday in the semi final round of Scór na nÓg in Glenfin.

Gaeil Fhánada had competitors in five of the competitions. Representing the club in the Rince Foirne / Dancing section were Ellie Nic A Phobail, Clodagh Ní Fhríl, Órla Nic Giolla Fhionntáin, Síneadh Breathnach, Fódhla Ní Fh-righil, Aoife Ní Thalbóid, Lucy Ní Bhuaigh, and Lucy May Ní Ghallchóir as they danced 'The 3 Tunes'.

Ollie Mac a tSaoir, Ronan Mac Liam, Grace Ní Bheaglaoich, Clíodhna Nic Roibín took part in Tráth na gCeist / Quiz while Gemma Nic Congail performed 'Tá Mo Chleamhnas Déanta' in the Amhránaíocht Aonair / Solo Singing competition.

The Bailéad Ghrúpa / Ballad Group, Gemma Nic Congail, Marie Ní Fhríl, Róisín Breathnach and Caragh Ní Ghiobúin performed 'Tar liom a chailín liom' and 'Black Velvet Band' while Gemma Nic Congail, Marie Ní Fhríl, Caragh Ní Ghiobúin, Ellie Nic A Phobail and Clodagh Ní Fhríl competed in the Ceol Uirlise / Instrumental Music competition, performing 'Buachaill Ón Éirne' and a March.

Three of our Acts, our Dancers, our Ballad Group, and Solo Singer, Gemma qualified for the Final which will be held on November 9th in Inver.

### U23 Ladies

Commiserations to our U23 ladies side who faced off against St. Eunan's on Sunday at Páirc Uí Shíadhail. The visiting St. Eunan's side were comfortable winners on the day.

Olivia Friel, Meabh Duffy, Meabh McAteer, Ella McBride, Ciara McElwaine, Alisha Gallagher, Emma Friel, Aoife Gibbons (0:04), Eimear Sweeney (0:01), Jessica Coll, Clare Friel, Rachael Friel, Eibhlín Shiels (0:01), Emma McGrenaghan (0:01). Tori Gallagher, Caitlin Heraghty.

### Victory for u13 Girls

Well done to the u13 Girls who defeated Naomh Muire in the u13 league competition. The next game, a home tie against neighbours Baile na nGallóglach this Saturday.

### Congratulations Conor & Oran

Congratulations to former Gaeil Fhánada players Conor McGonigle and Oran Blaney as they won the London Senior Championship on Sunday with the North London Shamrocks in Ruislip, defeating St. Keirnan's 1:11 to 1:08.

### Go Games Referee Course

Begin your refereeing journey. There will be an Go Games Referees course on Friday, 25th October, from 7 to 9pm in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey. This is for anyone over 15 years if age.

## Baile na nGallóglach

Lotto: 15/10/24

3-11-14-19 - Numbers drawn at Bingo in Mulroy Woods Hotel No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner, Eamon McGoldrick, Bingo.

### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 26th October, Maple Milford - U16 Boys.

### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

#### Under 21 Men

Our U21s got their campaign started on Sunday last with a home defeat at the hands of Burt on a scoreline of 0-12 to 1-06 - their next game is

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## London Senior Football Championship Final

# North London Shamrocks make history

A North London Shamrocks side backboned by Donegal players made their own little piece of UK GAA history on Sunday by winning the London Senior Football Championship for the first time after overcoming St Kiernans 1-11 to 1-8.

Former St. Michael's and Donegal player Peter Witherow was the manager while ex-St. Eunan's man Ciaran Greene was on the backroom team along with Michael Boyle who kept goals for Termon and Donegal senior sides for a number of years.

Ten Donegal men started in Ruislip for the Shamrocks including Conor McGonigle (Fanad Gaels), Nathan McElwaine (Termon), captain Michael Miller (St. Eunan's) and Liam Kelly (St. Michael's). The other six were Sean McMonagle (St. Nauls), Michael Carroll (Gweedore), Ultan Boyle; Daniel Clarke (Naomh Colmcille), Joe McGill (Convoy) and Ciaran Diver (Moyville). Among the used subs were Johnny Sweeney (Ardara), Paddy Dolan (Convoy) and Oran Hilley (Naomh Colmcille).

The Donegal contingent also contributed 0-8 of the 1-11. Carroll, McGill and Diver registered two points each. McMonagle and Clarke were the other Donegal score contributors. In adverse weather conditions St Kiernans the three-time London

champions got the first two scores of the final at Ruislip. The north London side opened their account in the eighth minute courtesy of St. Nauls man Sean McMonagle.

It was 0-3 each after 15 minutes with Michael Carroll and Joe McGill on target for Shamrocks before Ruairi Rafferty got a goal to put Witheow's side in front for the first time in the decider. Carroll, Rafferty and Ciaran Diver had their team comfortably in front at a stage but then they conceded a soft goal. Still, the North London Shamrocks led 1-6 to 1-4 at the break.

With the breeze at their backs Kiernans got the first score of the second-half but Shamrocks responded well with scores from McGill, Clarke and Rafferty. There were a couple of black cards for either side and two red cards brandished to St. Kiernans



Fanad man Conor McGonigle a member of the North London Shamrocks side that won the London Senior Football Championship title on Sunday. Conor pictured with his parents Colm and Margaret Rose.

players. Shamrocks managed to always keep a couple of points in front and in the end won by three. Moyville man Diver landed their last point deep into injury-time to spark scenes of celebration at the final whistle. North London Shamrocks - Graham Brody; Nathan McElwaine, Liam Kelly, Eoin Flanagan; Sean McMonagle (0-1), Conor McGonigle, Adam Dunne; Michael Carroll (0-2), Ultan Boyle; Daniel Clarke (0-1,1f), Joe McGill (0-2), Michael Miller (Captain); Ruairi Rafferty (1-2), Conor McKelvey, Ciaran Diver (0-2). Subs: Oran Hilley for Sean McMonagle (30+6'), Thomas Lenihan (0-1) for Ultan Boyle (h-t), Johnny Sweeney for Michael Miller (46), Paddy Dolan for Conor McGonigle (59).

## Termon Ladies tie re-fixed for Sunday

The Termon Ladies will be hoping that their Ulster Senior Football Club Championship first round tie against Tyrone's St. Macartans will go ahead next Sunday at the Burn Road (throw-in 2.00). That's after their match was called off just 30 minutes before it was due to start last Sunday in Termon. The match referee ruled that stormy weather conditions were too challenging for the match to go ahead. There was frustration in both camps not about the postponement of the match but that the decision could not have been taken much earlier in the morning that would have saved the Tyrone champions both the journey and the expense.

Calling off the match was not something that Termon could do themselves and so with the weather warnings well flagged from earlier in the week the suggestion was that the Ladies Ulster GAA should have stepped in with an earlier inspection to officially make the postponement call.

## Termon men to play Derrylaughan

Caolan McDaid and his backroom team now know their opponents will be Tyrone champions Derrylaughan in the first round of the Ulster Intermediate Club Championship. That game will take place on Saturday week at Healy Park in Omagh with a 5.00 throw-in. That will be followed by the first round tie of St. Eunan's against either Trillick or Errigal Ciaran in the Ulster Senior Football Club Championship which starts at 7.15. On Saturday evening at Healy Park Derrylaughan had a two-point win over Moy in the Tyrone Intermediate final with the final score being 1-10 to 0-11.

Meanwhile, Termon footballer Jamie Grant was named recently on Gaelic Life's Team of the Week following his fine Man of the Match performance in the Intermediate Final against Naomh Columba at the O'Donnell Park.

## Eunan's wait on Tyrone champions

St. Eunan's won't know the identity of their Ulster Club Championship first round opponents until at least Friday night after the Errigal Ciaran/Trillick Tyrone County Final was postponed at the weekend due to the adverse weather conditions. The decider which had originally been fixed for last Sunday will now go ahead at Healy Park on Friday night. However, should it end in a draw then a replay will be required to decide the outcome as the regulations in Tyrone currently don't have an extra-time/penalties option.

## Inter-pros title for O'Baoill and Thompson

Donegal players Daire O Baoill and Ciaran Thompson were members of the Ulster team that won the Interprovincial Series final against Connacht on Saturday night at Croke Park 2-1 on penalties after the sides had been tied 2-23 to 4-15 at full-time. The Football Review Committee's proposed rule changes were trialled over the four Inter-Pros matches at GAA Headquarters on Friday and Saturday nights.

# GAA Club News

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away to St Mícheál's on Saturday (26th) at 4pm.

### U14 Boys

Our U14s are at home to Carn-donagh on Sunday (27th) at 11am in the All County League Division 2 quarter-final.

### CÓMHGHAIRDEAS

Congratulations to Shaun Shields, past player, who was part of the management team for North London Shamrocks who won the London Senior Championship last weekend.

### O Reilly's Club Shop

The Club Shop at O Reillys is open with some great new Milford GAA designs on offer. [www.oreillysofficial.com](http://www.oreillysofficial.com)

### Naomh Adhamhnáin

#### Scór na nÓg

Comhghairdeachas le Katie Coyle agus Matthew Devenney a bhain a gcuid babhtai leathcèanais i Scór na nÓg i mBeart Dé Sathairn. Ba í Katie an buaiteoir san amhránaíocht aonair le léiriú iontach ar an sean-amhrán grá, Dónal Óg. Matthew recited Caoch O'Leary and gave a tremendous performance which was appreciated by all in attendance. Katie and Matthew will now represent the club in the county finals of Scór na nÓg in Inver on the 9th of November. Ádh mór orthú agus go néirigh go geal leo.

#### Lip Sync Battle

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

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

#### Hurling

Our U21 Hurlers are in County

final action on Friday night in the rearranged fixture in Convoy when they play Burt. We wish them the best of luck.

Friday, October 25th U21 Hurling Championship Final - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Burt 8pm Donegal GAA Centre

### Senior Men Ulster Football Championship

Naomh Adhamhnáin await the winners of the Tyrone County final due to be played on Friday October 25th between Trillick and Errigal Ciaran in Healy Park.

Naomh Adhamhnáin will play the Tyrone champions on Saturday November 2nd at 7.15pm in Healy Park in Omagh. We really hope you can come out again and support us in numbers as we begin the Ulster Club championship.

### Under 21 Championship

Our Under 21s started their campaign in a wet and windy O'Donnell Park last Sunday and ended up on the wrong side of a 1 point margin to Termon.

### U21 Result:

Sunday, October 20th Under 21 A -Round 1

Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-7 : 2-5 CLG An Tearmain

### Minor Board

#### U16 Results:

Saturday, October 19th at O'Donnell Park.

NRB U16 Division 1 Semi-final - Naomh Adhamhnáin 3-5 : 1-10 Gleann tSuili

### U14 Upcoming Fixtures:

Sunday, October 27th All county division 1 Quarter finals in Donegal Town

Four Masters v Naomh Adhamhnáin at 11am

### Club Lotto

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



## Cars and Coffee event in Carrigart



We would like to thank everyone who supported our Cars and Coffee event in Carrigart in aid of Donegal Down Syndrome Association. With your help we raised an amazing €4562.43. Thanks to everyone who sponsored prizes for the raffles and congratulations to the winners. Photos by Noreen Gibbons.





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# Treaty make it a losing end for Harps

**Finn Harps 1-2 Treaty Utd**  
Despite taking a 34th minute lead courtesy of Conor Tourish, Finn Harps ended up losing the final match of their First Division league campaign on Friday night in Ballybofey to Treaty Utd. They did finish a couple of places better than last season but were six points away from being in the play-offs. It is being described by sections of the club as an improvement on last season as more young players are getting experience of senior football. Last year with a full-time manager and squad the club's aim was for promotion straight back to the Premier Division. In 2024 the goal was to be in the play-offs. Neither objective was achieved. Now it's back to the drawing board in a very weak financial state. There will be no break for the Board as they attempt to find new revenue streams including the €25 subscription on an annual basis that Harps hope to sell to 3,000 people

to take in €75,000 each year. On top of that there is the ongoing stadium saga. Positives include the emergence of academy players Oisín Cooney, Gavin McAteer, Kevin Jordan, Max Johnston, Aaron McLaughlin and Sean Patton who has returned to the club on loan from Derry City. But on Friday it was Treaty who ended their season with victory. They still finished below Harps in the table. In dreadful weather conditions Tommy Barrett's men came from behind to bag the three points to finish seventh in the table and a place below their hosts. Tourish was a big threat when he got forward and shot wide as early as the seventh minute. Young Treaty keeper Dike then denied Gavin Gilmore and also got to Max Johnston's rebound effort. Harps were on the front foot with Gavin McAteer curling a free kick narrowly over. Dike did well again in the 28th minute to push away a Success Edogun attempt out

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Success Edogun in action for Harps against Treaty.

for a corner. Tourish saw a header come back off the upright and somehow from the rebound Max Johnston with an open goal scuffed his shot before the Treaty defence managed to clear the ball getting on the end of Kevin Jordan's cross to steer the ball past the keeper in the 34th minute. Substitute Thomas Considine forced a super save from Oisín Cooney early in the second half before former Milford Utd under-age player Gavin

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McAteer came close to doubling the Finn Harps lead on 55 minutes into the second period Considine's introduction was a game changer for Treaty and he made it 1-1 in the 68th minute with an unstoppable shot into the top corner. The Limerick outfit got what proved to be the winner in the 78th minute with Considine's cross seeing Mark Byrne nip in front of Cooney to flick the ball home. Edogun came close to a quick equaliser but again young keeper Dike proved equal to the task. Edogun, an ex-Treaty player had a late penalty call dismissed by referee Declan Toland. Finn Harps - Oisín Cooney, Noe Baba, David Cawley (Matthew Mackinson 88), Success Edogun, Gavin Gilmore (Sean Patton 68), Max Johnston (Luke O'Brien 63), Kevin Jordan (Bruce Strachan 63), Gavin McAteer, Tony McNamee, Conor Tourish, Jamie Watson. Not used: Corey Sheridan (Gk), Max Hutchinson, Dylan McAteer, Adam McDaid. Referee: Declan Toland.

## Rosapenna Golf News

**Gents Section - Sunday 20th October**  
1st Michael Kelly (10) 29 nett pts  
2nd Pete Gallagher (7) 28 nett pts

**Ladies Section - Saturday 19th October**  
Winner Marjorie Morrison (44) 39 pts  
Second Ann Currie (17) 35 pts  
Cat A Bernie Ladley (25) 33 pts  
Cat B Margaret Mc Ginley (35) 33 pts  
Front nine Carmel Barry (12) 17 pts  
Back nine Sheila Breen (12) 17 pts

**Course Update**  
From Friday the 25th of October placing six inches not near the hole on fairways only will come into effect on both the Old Tom Morris Links & the Sandy Hills Links.  
Animal Damage MLR F-10 in effect from Thursday 19th September until further notice. Areas of damage in the general area caused by birds, badgers and the like are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b. But relief is not allowed if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

**Members Tee Times via BRS App**  
Any member that needs assistance with their BRS App are asked to call into the Golf Shop where a member of staff will be happy to help with any App sign in issues etc. Every member has access to the tee sheet via the BRS App. Sunday competition tee times for Gents will open the Thursday before, the opening date and time is always displayed at the top of the competition timesheet in

the App. If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet, this includes all golf over 9 holes. All tee times are bookable via the BRS App.

**Upcoming Fixtures - October**  
Saturday 26th - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 27th - Winter Event Series & Club Competition  
Monday 28th - Donegal GAA Golf Day on St Patrick's Links

**November**  
Saturday 2nd - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 3rd - Winter Event Series & Club Competition  
Saturday 9th - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 10th - Club Competition  
Saturday 16th - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 17th - Club Competition  
Saturday 23rd - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 24th - Club Competition  
Saturday 30th - Winter Event Series

**December**  
Sunday 1st - Club Competition  
Friday 6th - Ladies & Gents Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 7th - Club Over 50's vs Under 50's  
Sunday 8th - Club Competition  
Saturday 14th - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 15th - Club Competition  
Sunday 22nd - Club Competition  
Sunday 29th - Club Competition  
All entries for the Winter Event Series are via the

website form only.

**Cloughaneely Golf Club**  
This weekend on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October is an 18 Hole Open Singles Stableford kindly sponsored by iMotors. Thank you for the support www.imotors.ie  
On Bank Holiday Monday, we have an 18 Hole Team Scramble draw at 10am kindly sponsored by James McColgan North West Labels. In the Minor League Final first leg, Ballybofey & Stranorlar GC won 4 matches and Cloughaneely won one match away last weekend. Manus McClafferty & Shaun McGarvey secured the winning match well done lads. Return leg next week at home. Thank you to Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club for a very sporting match and for all their kind hospitality after the golf. We look forward to the return a difficult task ahead against a very strong Ballybofey & Stranorlar team.  
Our practice area and putting green is now open. Thank you to Greens Convenor Oweny McFadden, Head Greenkeeper Phil McGeady, John Murphy, Chris McCallion and all the team for their help on this area. It is great for Club Members to be able to use this area to improve their golf and enjoy the facilities.  
Tá an galfchúrsa ar cheann de na háiseanna is lárnaí agus is tábhachtaí sa phobal seo, tá sé ag croílár phobal na Gaeilge sa cheantar agus tugann muid dóchas, comhlúadar agus tacaíocht do sciar mór den phobal.

**Harps lotto**  
There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 17th October. The numbers drawn were 9, 11, 13, 29. The next draw takes place on Thursday 24th October and the jackpot is €4,600.  
There were three match 3 winners this week winning €70 :- Susan Cowley, Roseville Heights, Killybegs; Cathal Doherty, Monellan, Killygordon and Brenda Hegarty, Admiran Park, Stranorlar.

**Luke McAteer wins at the Curragh**  
Rathmullan man Luke McAteer was a winner on Thursday at the Curragh on East Hampton for trainer David Marnane. Meanwhile, on the UK, another Rathmullan man Oisín Orr was in the winners enclosure at Catterick on Saturday aboard Vintage Clarets for his yard trainer Richard Fahey  
Letterkenny man Dylan Browne McMonagle's fine form continued as he and Joseph O'Brien shared two more winners at the Curragh on Thursday. O'Brien and McMonagle also won the 12-furlong maiden with the three-year-old Bard Of Avon.



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Mon - Sat 8am to 10pm  
Sunday 9am to 10pm

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN



ONLY  
**€5**  
QUALITY STREET  
Tub 600g €8.33 per kg  
CADBURY  
Heroes/Roses Tub 550g  
€9.09 per kg



FROM  
**€8.99**  
INISHELLA  
Round Roast Beef Joint Pre Pack  
1kg **€8.99** / 1.3kg **€10.99**  
€8.99/€8.45 per kg

**1 PIZZA + 1 CHIPS + 1 ICE CREAM ONLY €6**

Goodfella's Deep Pan Pizza Selected Range Various Weights | Aunt Bessie's Homestyle Chips 800g | HB Vanilla/Raspberry Ice Cream 568ml See in store for details

ONLY  
**€10**  
+ €2.70 DEPOSIT  
COCA-COLA  
Regular/Diet/Zero Cans  
18 Pack 18x330ml  
€1.68 per Lt

**€10**  
CUSHELLE  
Original Longer Roll  
Toilet Tissue  
16 Rolls 63c per Roll

ANY 3 FOR **€5**

ONLY  
**€3.99**  
TAYTO  
Cheese & Onion/Assorted  
15 Pack 15x25g  
€10.64 per kg

**CHEAPEST IN IRELAND!**

<p><b>€20.71</b> GIN-MAX. 3 PER PERSON</p>	<p><b>€22.09</b> MAX. 3 PER PERSON</p>	<p><b>€14.20</b> + €1.20 DEPOSIT</p>	<p><b>€13.26</b> + €1.20 DEPOSIT</p>	<p><b>€14.68</b></p>	<p><b>€12</b> MAX. 3 PER PERSON</p>
<p><b>€22.39</b> + €2.25 DEPOSIT</p>	<p><b>€23.43</b> + €2.25 DEPOSIT</p>	<p><b>€14.38</b></p>	<p><b>€7.99</b> EACH</p>		

Gordon's\*/Smirnoff €20.71 per 70cl | Bushmills Irish Whiskey Original Gift Tube €22.09 per 70cl\* | Bulmers 8x500ml €3.55 per lt | Guinness 8x500ml €3.32 per lt | Miller 12x330ml €3.71 per lt | Madri 12x330ml €3.63 per lt | Budweiser 15x440ml €3.39 per lt | Bulmers 15x440ml €3.55 per lt | Malibu\* €12 per 70cl | Dada/Yellow Tail Selected Wines Range €7.99 per 75cl \*Maximum 3 per customer

Offers available until 31/10/2024, in participating stores while stocks last. Images for illustration purposes only. Customer quotas may apply.