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Kerrykeel fatality named

The man who died in a single vehicle collision near Kerrykeel on Tuesday evening has been named as James Mailley, Carland and formerly Dumbarton, Scotland.

He was aged 65 and ran 'Carlan Foods' supplying home baking and confectionary from his premises at the Fair Green in the village.



Gardai at the scene of the collision near Kerrykeel. Photo NW Newspix.

He was formerly a truck mechanic in Scotland and had come to reside locally, in the townland of Carland.

Gardai said the collision happened at approximately 3.30pm and they are appealing for witnesses to contact them. It is suspected that Mr. Mailley may have pulled

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Milford NS: Minister optimistic



Education Minister Norma Foley inside the school in March 2023.

Minister Charlie McConalogue has confirmed that a senior official from the Dept. of Education will carry out an inspection at Milford National School in the coming three weeks as the urgency of the cramped conditions onsite have reached a breaking point.

The Minister said he believes that the hopes of the community will now become a reality and he feels more confident following assurances from Minister Norma Foley last week.

McConalogue said he'd spoken with the Education Minister last Thursday from the school. The conversation also engaged with the Parents Committee and Fr. Stephen Gorman, Chair of the Board of Management - and there was a high degree of urgency from all concerned in seeking to prioritise a new building.

Minister McConalogue said

it was a positive meeting and with a new site available, he is confident that the project can move forward as a matter of urgency and the Inspector's Report will be key to the new development.

He said: "It is good news that there is a new green field site available. The staff at the school have been doing excellent work in recent years as they coped with overcrowded spaces and it's obvious a new location is a top priority. My key objective now is to move the project forward so that it can be included in the Capital Development Plan to source the necessary funding and I want to assure the community in Milford that I will leave no stone unturned to ensure the new school becomes a reality."

Earlier this year Deputy Padraig MacLochlainn met with

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Former FG Chairperson to run as Independent

A Letterkenny man, Frank O'Donnell who has recently resigned from Fine Gael is to contest the general Election as an Independent candidate.

By Declan Kerr

The Rathmullan native is not short of political experience having previously been actively involved with the Fine Gael Party for over 20 years.

Until recent weeks, he was the Chair of the FG branch in Letterkenny and says he had become disillusioned with the

Party at a national level with their mantra that the Republic of Ireland is the best place to be on earth. "At national level Fine Gael and the Government are telling us everything is going so good. Well that is not the case here in Donegal. I just feel that the Government is not listening to us up here. It's far from good in this county. I was giving out about that for a good while so now I am putting my name out there and will be campaigning on a range of issues that I feel very strongly about.



I have resigned from Fine Gael but it is nothing against the Party locally. 99% of them are still friends of mine. But when you are in a Party you have to tow their line on everything that comes down from Headquarters,"

O'Donnell said.

He acknowledges that it is an enormous undertaking but is preparing the best he can for the election campaign.

"I will have the support of family, friends and former Fine Gael people who are going to work for me. I have family in Inishowen and contacts in the Glenties area that are going to help me. Of course I won't get to every door personally but my literature will be delivered by An Post" he said.

O'Donnell is very well known in the Letterkenny area

through his involvement in a number of community organisations at various times including the Letterkenny Residents Association and the Letterkenny Heritage Group. He was also a member of the Letterkenny & District Schoolboys Football Association and a former manager of the Glencar Celtic team. He worked in Unifi for 12 years and then 31 years as a porter at Letterkenny University where he was a longtime Trade Union Senior Shop Steward.

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Gaoimhe McClafferty, Crocknamurleog, Downings winner of the Mazda 3 car in the Sheephaven Credit Union Car Draw at the weekend. She is pictured with her children Annie and Frank along with Noel and Pat McGinley and Ciaran McHugh of McGinley Motors and John Bosco McBride, Edward McGettigan, Arek Gerwatowski and Irene McGinley from Sheephaven Credit Union.

Photo by Brendan Vaughan.



Complaints being lodged over DCB downgrades

Complaints have been formally lodged with Minister Darragh O'Brien and the Department of Housing regarding recent downgrade decisions on over a 100 family homes seeking redress under the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme. Those houses which had originally been earmarked for full demolition have now been downgraded to partial repair options. Dozens of homeowners, including spokesperson for the Downgraded Homeowners Group, Marti McElhinney, are lodging formal complaints which are primarily directed at the actions of the Housing Agency in relation to their role in the downgrades.

Marti McElhinney said that decisions made based on the IS465 standard are deeply flawed and labelled as 'not fit for purpose' by highly respected professionals which raised serious questions in regard to how affected homeowners were being dealt with by the Housing Agency. O'Brien, who hasn't met with homeowners since the commencement of the revised scheme, is also named on the complaint. Marti McElhinney said that Minister O'Brien has on many occasions

been made aware of the failure of the Housing Agency to adhere to the Ministerial Guidelines but had failed to take action.

"Homeowners are calling for a transparent investigation into the processes that led to the downgrades and homeowners being abandoned and disregarded by the very officials tasked with safeguarding their interests. Homeowners affected by defective concrete blocks are formally voicing their outrage regarding recent downgrade decisions made by the Housing Agency. Over 100 families have been shifted from the original recommendations for full demolition and rebuilds to far less comprehensive and cheaper repair options. Homeowners are demanding a thorough investigation into the downgrading decisions which they firmly consider to be negligent, unethical, and unscientific" McElhinney said.

The complainants say that the Ministerial Guidelines for Designated Local Authorities and the Housing Agency have a statutory basis in the defective concrete legislation, mandate the consideration of pyrrhotite as a deleterious material

in defective homes. The complaint highlights a troubling disregard for Ministerial Guidelines that mandate the assessment of pyrrhotite - a requirement with statutory standing in the defective concrete legislation.

The group of homeowners who have each had a lesser remediation option granted in favour of the original recommendation by a chartered engineer, not employed by the Housing Agency hold that: "Every decision to downgrade the remediation option from full demolition was made on the desktop study of IS 465 and the flawed and now discredited 'freeze thaw theory placing mica as the primary driver of deterioration despite the requirement enshrined in law to take account of pyrrhotite."

McElhinney goes on to stress that despite the Housing Agency's claims to the contrary, pyrrhotite is not being given any weight. "The results of Government GSI commissioned research from various research partners are all in agreement that it is the presence of pyrrhotite in every single concrete element of our homes that is causing them to disintegrate."

Creelough tragedy: families meet Justice Minister

A number of families bereaved in the Creelough explosion travelled to Dublin on Wednesday afternoon to meet with Justice Minister Helen McEntee to seek an independent inquiry into the tragedy.

They are part of the Creelough Family Support Group and were due to meet the Minister at around 2pm.

Donegal's Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue and Environment Minister Eamon Ryan were also scheduled to attend the meeting, a source confirmed.

As the second anniversary of the tragedy took place on October 7th last, a number of bereaved family members wrote to the Justice Minister seeking the inquiry to run alongside the ongoing garda investigation.

They said they were seeking answers in the hope it would prevent a similar tragedy occurring again.

The Creelough Family Support Group, said to represent up to 40 people directly affected by the explosion, also wrote to Minister McEntee since then urging her to launch the inquiry into what happened in the explosion that claimed ten lives at Creelough Supermarket in 2022.

In the new letter to Ms McEntee, the group said their trauma to date has been immeasurable and their questions are valid.

It read: "The impact this has had on the families, friends, schools that all create a community after losing 10 people has had a huge impact not only to the Creelough community but to the people outside of the village and also the county and

country as a whole.

"As a group we all have our own questions that we believe are valid. We are supporting the families in their endeavours to understand the series of events that may have led to the suspected explosion that killed ten people," the letter said.

A spokesperson for the Minister said it is important they get the answers they need in relation to "what was a national tragedy".

They added that it was important that the Garda investigation, the HSA (Health and Safety Authority) investigation and the CRU (Commission for Regulation of Utilities) investigation are also completed.

The meeting had been due to get underway by 2pm on Wednesday afternoon at Government buildings.

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Minister Foley in the Dail and he said this week that he has been pursuing the Sinn Fein demand for a new school in Milford ever since.

Padraig MacLochlainn said: "On visiting Scoil Mhuire in December of last year, I was shocked at the conditions and the overcrowding and it was very obvious to me that a new site and a new building should have happened twenty years ago."

The original school on the current site was built in 1959 and it has undergone many extensions and upgrades. However in recent years these have become 'a sticking plaster' remedy that ignores the inadequate facilities that remain because of the restrictions on a site that has long since out-

grown its purpose as a modern day education facility.

Following his meeting with the Minister in January, Deputy MacLochlainn said she was now acutely aware of the serious overcrowding at the school and serious nature of the traffic hazards on the current site.

He said "It was a very good meeting... It was a positive meeting and I do expect her to urgently address the crisis situation that confronts the pupils and staff and where a new building is long overdue. I assured her that a green field site is available and progress has been made on its rezoning."

During the 2023 summer holiday break, a vol-

untary effort saw an old bunker being converted into a classroom for a small number of desks.

A highly commendable effort by all involved: this serves to highlight the extent of the crisis and the length to which staff are engaged in providing space for their pupils."

Deputy MacLochlainn said that he admired the 'can do attitude' of everyone involved with the school from the parents, the pupils, the Principal, her staff and the Chairperson of the Board of Management.

The national school has around 120 pupils on a site that is long past being capable of serving the community in a manner that meets the Dept of Education's own standards in 2024.

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He also has strong Glenswilly connections through his wife Eileen, formerly a member of the McDaid family. The

couple have four children and four grandchildren. O'Donnell is also well known in his native Rathmullan and Milford where he went to secondary

school. He played for Rathmullan F.C. and Bonagee Utd along with Roger Casements GAA Club and is currently a member of Letterkenny Gaels.

Having left school early O'Donnell returned to education and successfully completed his Leaving Cert through the ETB. In Fine Gael he held the positions of Chairperson of both the Constituency and the local Dr. McGinley/Michael Collins Branch in Letterkenny. He was Director of Elections for FG's Jimmy Kavanagh who recently retained his seat on Donegal County Council. Frank is also a Peace Commissioner.

Now he is preparing to go it alone on the election trail. "The buck stops with me. It is a big task to take on but you know some people say that the Parties' have well oiled election machines. That is not the case a lot of the time."

O'Donnell's manifesto is going to include campaigning for a better local health service, tackling waiting lists and the Emergency Department crisis. He also wants to see a 24-hour mental health service, along with more social housing and

a big focus on giving a fair deal to families affected by the Defective Concrete Blocks scandal.

He will also be backing Donegal farmers whom he says have not been given the recognition they deserve for signing up to the Origin Green Sustainable Food Scheme in huge numbers. A more affordable childcare service is also an issue where he wants to see action taken.

In Letterkenny the bridge across the Swilly to relieve traffic gridlock is a must says O'Donnell adding that whatever obstacles are there must be removed to get on the job. He has already been lobbied on this matter by members of the local business community and the Chamber of Commerce. "I am a very approachable person and anyone who shares my views is welcome to join the campaign team. Community activism has been a big part of my life so I am ready as I can be for the challenge that is ahead of me. I am happy with the support that I have so far. We'll just take it day by day now and whenever the election is called I will be ready," O'Donnell concluded.



Declan Breslin and his daughter Catherine pictured after competing the Irish Life Dublin City Marathon on Sunday. Declan ran 5.28.03 while Catherine was 4.09.11.

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McAuliffes closing in Dunfanaghy

Sunday afternoon next the 3rd of November will mark the end of an era for the town of Dunfanaghy as McAuliffes Craft Shop will close its doors for the final time.

To mark the occasion the family are having a farewell function in the shop on Sunday as they say good bye to the people of Dunfanaghy. Everyone is welcome to come along from 2-6pm and join in the occasion and maybe reminisce about the shop which has been part of the fabric of the communities of Dunfanaghy and Falcarragh for over 100 years.



Carrigart man Seosamh O'Cuilinn at the premiere of new Irish language drama Crá at the amharclann in Gaoth Dobhair last Friday evening. Seosamh joins a cast of talented actors in this gripping story of murder, secrets, and justice in a close-knit Irish village, set against the beautiful backdrop of rural Donegal. It's a six part series and is set to make waves when it airs on 11th November on TG4, on the TG4 Player and TG4.ie. Be sure to tune in to see Seosamh's TV debut.

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into the verge side as he experienced medical trauma.

The Portsalon-Kerrykeel road remained closed overnight to facilitate a technical investigation and traffic was diverted away from the scene. The road reopened on Wednesday afternoon.

The coroner has been notified, and arrangements will now be made for a post-mortem examination.

Gardaí are appealing for any witnesses to this collision to come forward. Road users who may have camera footage (including dash-cam) and were travelling in the area at the time are asked to make this footage available to investigating Gardaí.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Milford Garda Station on 074 915 3060, the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111, or any Garda Station.

Mr. Mailley is survived by his partner, Mary Rose McVey and an extended family circle to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

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Nurse Harkin plaque unveiled

There was a good turnout on Sunday afternoon for the unveiling of a plaque in memory of Nurse Peggy Harkin at Letterkenny's Lower Main Street.

Nurse Harkin was a well known and highly regarded figure in the local community in her work as a District Midwife. Many stories have been told about the many babies that she delivered in the Letterkenny area between the 1930's and 1960's. The Letterkenny Community Heritage Group spearheaded the idea to honour Nurse Harkin and its Chairperson Johnny Joe McCollum spoke with pride about the plaque unveiling on Sunday.

"It was great to honour Nurse Harkin. We've heard so many stories about the many homes in Letterkenny where she delivered babies. In

some houses she was there for the delivery of whole families. We had a nice turnout to unveil the plaque and then went for a cup of tea afterwards in the Station House" Mr McCollum said.

Among the messages posted acknowledging Nurse Harkin's outstanding community work included "A wonderful and dedicated lady. I was born on March 16th and my brother remembers her saying "if I didn't stop crying I wouldn't get any shamrock!" one woman said.

John McManus a native of Lower Main Street now resident in Canada, spoke about himself and other siblings being delivered by Nurse Harkin at No. 75. She lived on Lower Main Street and is still the subject of many stories from residents who remember her visiting their homes.



Members of the Letterkenny Community Heritage Group at the unveiling on Sunday.

Letterkenny Memories

Another great night was enjoyed at the Station House Hotel for the Letterkenny Memories on Bank Holiday Monday. Below are pictured all the entertainers on the night. We look forward to seeing everyone again next month and welcome all new faces.



Malcolm Patton.



Eddie Gallagher.



Standing are Micheal Carey, Pat Campbell, Brian Walsh m/c, John Dooley, Eddie Gallagher, Aiden McLaughlin, Dan McAteer. Front row - Malcolm Patton, Liam Cutcliffe, Raymond McDonald, Eamon Cutcliffe, Jim Nickel.

Lip Sync Battle comes to town!

Join St. Eunan's GAA Club and Letterkenny Music and Drama Group in what promises to be an epic night of entertainment in The Mount Errigal Hotel on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm. Both groups will go head-to-head in a 'Lip Sync Battle', where participants will transform into your favourite acts and strut their stuff to win the votes of the judges and the audience! Among others, representing St. Eunan's we have performances from the likes of Ollie Harvey, Ciara Mc Veigh, Sammy Bogan, Elaina Gallagher, and Brendan Devenney, while Letterkenny Music and Drama Group performers include Martin Anderson, Bridghin Carr, Chris Duddy, Laura Gleeson, and Veronica Haughey. With rumours of performances from Beyonce, Dolly Par-

ton, and Oasis, we can't wait for you to see what we have in store!

Our all-star panel of judges on the night include 2012 All-Ireland winner Rory Kavanagh, Letterkenny Pantomine Society's super-talented Tina Garry, local writer and Letterkenny Music and Drama Group stalwart Kieran Kelly, and our very special guest judge Amanda O'Carroll from 'Mrs. Brown's Boys'. A donation from money raised on the night will be made to the Greg Fitzgerald Recovery Fund. Tickets are available online, from The Mount Errigal Hotel, or from any performer involved. Follow both groups on Facebook and Instagram for more details. This promises to be a night not to be missed!

Dementia Inclusive Communities launch

The Alzheimer Society invites the public to the Donegal Launch of Dementia Inclusive Communities on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm at Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey. There will be a wide community reach on the night and we hope to have a broad range of agencies, businesses and public attending from around the County. All support is greatly appreciated. For further information please email: heather.cassidy@alzheimer.ie ~ For Further Information on Friends of ASI Dementia Inclusive Communities visit: alzheimer.ie

Raphoe Diocesan Society

An Annual Diocesan Mass shall be offered for the Raphoe Diocesan Society and the prayers of the Congregations of the Diocese shall be requested for the same intention on the Sunday following the publication of the quarterly list of members who died during the previous quarter. Four Masses (of Perpetual Foundation) shall be offered in each parish annually- two for the living and two for the deceased Members of the Society.

The names of all those enrolled as Members of the Society will be recorded in their ledger. The funds of the Society are used for the care of Retired Clergy of the Diocese of Raphoe. To enroll a member (deceased or living) to the Society contact your local Priest or by emailing: rds@raphoediocese.ie with the details. Cost per enrolment is €15. The Annual Raphoe Diocesan Society Mass will take place on Monday 18th November at 7 pm in St. Mary's Church, Derrybeg.

PSNI supposed to be a new beginning - It isn't

Police have been spying on journalists and lawyers in the North. They have also been spying on officials in the Police Ombudsman's Office. That has been further exposed in the past couple of weeks. The upheavals in Sinn Féin and the upcoming General Election are attracting much attention.

Thus most have missed the hearings in London of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal. I was able to attend one day, remotely. What I heard opened my eyes. There were further revelations.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) was supposed to be a new and clean beginning. Unfortunately, it isn't. More unfortunately, the PSNI is not alone in being up to dirty tricks. The Tribunal has heard both the London Metropolitan Police (the Met) and Durham Constabulary have also been doing so.

All forces were trying to find out journalists' sources. For journalists, sources are sacred. Sources are people who provide information to expose various sorts of wrongdoing. In the United Kingdom including the North, they have legal protection. That is, they can't legally be exposed. Police obviously know this.

Consultations between lawyers and clients are private. That is the nature of these consultations. The reasons are very obvious. For example, otherwise in a court hearing the other side would know what the strategy is. Equally, also, people often give private details to their lawyer. Maybe they are not quite as confidential as with their doctor. But they are still similar.

There is a pretence that the Good Friday Agreement settled all in the North. All is supposed to be sweetness and light.

That is far from the truth. We have a very wobbly arrangement. It is hold-

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ing together. That's because none of those involved see an alternative.

The PSNI replaced the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary). The RUC was seen as deeply sectarian. In many ways, the PSNI is a 'normal' police force. That is, it is infected with just about every prejudice you can think of. Think of the report in Britain which said the Met was 'institutionally racist'. Close to home, think of the whole Donegal Garda scam.

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The film established that some of the murder gang were agents. They were named. Those named have been in the public domain for some time. However, none have been arrested, let alone charged.

There have, though, been arrests. The two journalists at the centre of making the film were arrested. Trevor Birney and Barry McCaffrey were charged with stealing a document from the Police Ombudsman's Office.

The tactic for this was complex. The two journalists were released. Police then kept them under surveillance. The hope was they would then contact whoever leaked the document to them. This person would then be arrested.

This shows what great effort was put into finding out who leaked a document from the Police Ombudsman's Office. This investigation seems to have been more energetic than the investigation into the Loughinisland murders.

A former senior police officer with Durham Constabulary was brought in to investigate the leak. Darren Ellis was a Senior Investigating Officer. His attitudes prove the PSNI is far from alone in having officers with dodgy attitudes.

Ellis called Birney and McCaffrey "terrorists" and "criminals and thieves." That was for exposing police wrongdoing. He also made disparaging comments about Northern judges.

Ellis made the remarks about the journalists in a phone call to a Labour MP. The MP was so concerned he made a criminal complaint against Ellis. This did not lead to any further measures. It is unclear how far the investigation went.

Some of Ellis' remarks cast doubts on his skills as an investigator. Ellis alleged this Labour MP took money from the National Union of Journalists. Thus there was allegedly an 'improper relationship'.

The MP involved was co-chair of the NUJ cross-party group in the British Parliament. Small sums of money were paid for administration costs for the group.

The most basic investigation would

show the NUJ is strongly non-party political. (As a long-time member, I have to say this can be so strict as to drive me mad).

I must be fair to the PSNI. A senior officer told Ellis some of his emails were "totally inappropriate." In the Tribunal, the barrister for the PSNI said some of Ellis' remarks "inappropriate and intemperate."

Thus we have to be careful with any allegations Ellis has made. He did make one which, if true, is very worrying. Ellis alleged a senior PSNI officer said judges in the North were taking "perverse" decisions because a "disproportionate number" were Catholics. The senior officer is alleged to have said Catholics had difficulties joining the police. Thus many went into the legal profession.

That led to many becoming judges. (Even if true, matters aren't that simple. John Larkin is a Catholic from West Belfast. The Christian Brothers educated him. He was the North's Attorney General. He was appointed because the DUP saw him as very close to them).

A senior police officer was named as



By Anton McCabe

having made this remark. She has strongly denied this. She has said she is consulting her legal advisors.

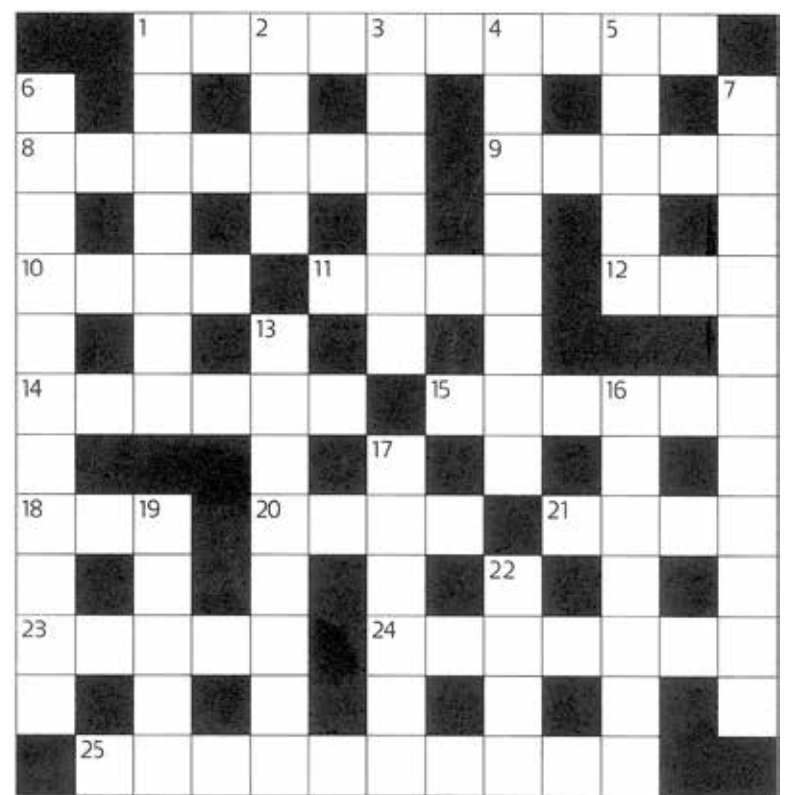
Unfortunately, a senior Northern police officer is believing this is credible. We must wait and see.

The Tribunal itself is to make a ruling before Christmas. That will be interesting. We will know how much further Northern policing will have to go.

On a broader basis, spying on journalists seems to come from a film about some South American dictatorship from the last century. Unfortunately, it is rather part of the reality in a supposedly 'peaceful' and 'democratic' part of Europe. And the spying was done well into this century.

We should all be worried.

Tribune Crossword No. 1088



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1. Capital of Alabama, USA (10)
8. Model of perfection (7)
9. Purvey food (5)
10. Absence (4)
11. Swerve (4)
12. Purge (3)
14. Polish composer (6)
15. Picture of many parts (6)
18. Large beer cask (3)
20. Amphibian (4)
21. Shut forcibly (4)
23. Warren ____, US actor (5)
24. Star of *Death Wish* (7)
25. Creation (10)

Down

1. Casablanca's country (7)
2. Impending (4)
3. Sacred Indian river (6)
4. Almond biscuit (8)
5. Helicopter blade (5)
6. Request form (11)
7. Quandary (11)
13. Aversion (8)
16. Female snooker player, ____ Fisher (7)
17. African country, capital Lusaka (6)
19. Parisian cathedral, ____ Dame (5)
22. Vast Asian desert (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1087

Across 1. Jamboree, 5. Clap, 7. Nero, 8. Delicate, 9. Little, 12. Trooper, 15. Gherkin, 19. Pulpit, 21. Gruesome, 22. Bill, 23. Root, 24. Mandarin. Down 1. Jungle, 2. Boost, 3. Ridge, 4. Eclair, 5. Cuckoo, 6. Prefer, 10. Tale, 11. Link, 12. Tin, 13. Oahu, 14. Pomp, 15. Ginger, 16. Recent, 17. Inform, 18. Stalin, 19. Preen, 20. Libra.

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Downings house sells for €1.5m



A contemporary family home with unrivalled sea views at Rosapenna Golf Links in Downings which was on the market with an asking price of €1m sold for €1.5m. The house went on the market in July and the sale was completed on the 11th of October.

Savills of Dublin handled the sale. Maslack, a dormer bungalow, comprises of four bedrooms and two reception rooms. Situated at the edge of the Rosapenna Golf Links development with

panoramic sea views.

The overall floor area is 280m²

The gardens at Maslack extend to the coastline of Sheephaven Bay onlooking the Muckish. A rockery at the front of the house trails the perimeter of the house. A patio area at the rear of the property enjoys uninterrupted vistas of the bay. A marble table unit along with a firepit proves ideal for gatherings or hosting. Maslack enjoys direct access to the rugged coastline and rockpools be-

yond the property.

Donegal is rapidly becoming one of Ireland's best golfing destinations, Maslack is surrounded by the Sandy Hill Golf links, the Old Tom Morris Links and St. Patrick's Golf links.



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**Sunday Lunch
1pm - 3.30pm**

Bookings 074 9155000

Caitriona hoping the CAP fits for literary award

Glen author, Caitriona Coyle, who has been shortlisted as a finalist in the prestigious Carousel Aware Prize (CAP) award for independent writers say she is "thrilled" to be flying the flag for Donegal at this Friday's event.

By

Eamonn McFadden

Caitriona has been nominated for her second novel "Gracie".

She spent four years developing and writing this powerful story and it gives her a great sense of gratitude to have her work recognised by the CAP awards whose patron is Booker Prize winner, Paul Lynch.

After attending college in Dublin, she taught English and Religion in a suburban secondary school there for 30 years. Taking early retirement in 2012 gave her the freedom to concentrate on writing and today have completed two novels.

Her novel is described as "A powerful and captivating story of newly-wed young Gracie and her husband, Jim Logue, who struggle to find their footing when they move to a small Irish village. Quickly they become targets of their scheming, neighbours Ann and Nevin, pub owners too, who are vehemently opposed to any competition." Caitriona says it is nice to see her self published work recognised with the other five finalists from across Ireland



in the fiction section of the awards. The winner will be announced at an event in the Chapter book store in Dublin this Friday evening. Speaking to the Tribune she stated: "It has been great to get positive feedback on the book and it is great to get shortlisted. The judge of the event is Lisa Har-

ding and I've just read her novel 'Harvesting' and it was excellent, so she'll know what she is looking for. It is a really beautiful thing that Chapter bookshop are doing in con-

junction with Aware - a fabulous mental health charity who have been going for a long time. CAP are the only organisation who acknowledge indie writers, those who are self-published and those who did not get a traditional publishing deal for their work. I've been attending literary events with publishers and one I went to recently they highlighted that out of the thousands of scripts they receive only about 2 per cent are published. So, you'd be beyond lucky to get published but you never stop trying."

This nomination, coupled with her choice to invest in the book's publishing to retain its quality, has helped "validate" her work, she stated.

She explained: "One of the things is that even to self publish a novel, it takes money and many simply do not have it. Some of the self-published work can look poor-

The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny



**Country Sundays
Sun. 3rd November -**

**Michael
English**



Doors Open 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11pm €15 Pay at door followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.

Coming :- 10th Nov. - Patrick Feeney; 17th Nov. - Derek Ryan

ly produced and sold cheaply for €1.50 or something. I didn't want my book to be like that after four years of work. I wanted this book to be able to take its place beside any book, in any bookstore, and I think I have achieved that with Gracie and the fact that that has been acknowledged by CAP has validated me. Chapters are leading the way because they realise that there are a lot of self-published books out there that are fantastic, every bit as good as published work and in some cases even better."

She added: "It is my story, it is my telling of it and a way to set the record straight and I am delighted that I have done that. It has taken courage."

One review of Gracie states: "Superbly crafted story from start to finish. I highly recommend this page turner that keeps the reader guessing till the very end. Loved the Logue's and how Gracie worked hard despite the many challenges she faced. Touching to read such a relatable story about the realities of life in rural Ireland. Can't wait for Caitriona's next book."

The Carousel Aware Prize for Independently Published Authors (The CAP for Indies) aims to provide a platform to showcase the cream of Irish Self-Published authors, bringing them to the attention of book shops, distributors, and the media in Ireland and abroad, with all money raised going to the charity Aware.



Scoil Cholmille, Drumman held a bake sale to support two local charities, Springboard Donegal and Ruby's Fight for Life. Through generous contributions from students, parents, staff, and community members, the bake sale raised an impressive €940. All proceeds were split

equally between Springboard Donegal and Ruby's Fight for Life, with each charity receiving €470. Leigh collected the funds on behalf of Springboard Donegal, an organisation dedicated to providing support services for families and individuals in need throughout the Donegal re-

gion. Óisín and Lucy presented the donation for Ruby's Fight for Life to Taylor, Daithí, Ellie, and Darragh. The students showed immense pride in their contribution and were commended for their efforts in raising awareness and funds for these causes.

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Ramelton

Coffee Afternoon

St. Paul's Church, Ramelton are holding a Coffee Afternoon on this 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.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ryan McCauley, Lennon Grove, Ramelton who passed away on Friday. Remains are reposing at his parents residence, Deeneys Town, Ballymaleel, Letterkenny.

Funeral will be from there for Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral this Thursday morning the 31st of October at 11am followed by interment in New Leck Cemetery.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12 noon this Saturday 2nd November. Stock up on all your food requirements for all Occasions and Parties by

ordering in advance on 087 9699715 to ensure availability when you get to market on Saturday.

The best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and why not pop into our Tearoom for a delicious Cheese Toastie when you have done your shopping.

Teas/coffees, scones and sweet treats, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing and enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts and credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available.

Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member.

Swilly Rovers lotto numbers

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Lotto on Sunday were 3, 6, 7 and 16. No jackpot winner. No 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €1150.

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.

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 war.

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.

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with Cake Stall and Work Stall!

Mary Bates launches Debut Album

This Saturday night in Carr's of the Diamond, Ballyare a new adventure will begin for Letterkenny native Mary Bates.

Mary launches her very first debut album entitled "Melodies Of Healing" which consist of twelve original songs all written by Mary. This album contain some heartfelt material that is close to Mary and her journey through life... Mary had the help of her partner Malcolm Fisher (who will be releasing a new studio album in the New Year) in selecting the tracks and help her with the melodies.

Mary didn't start singing until last summer so it's been an achievement to get where she is today, through ups and downs but she got



there.

Mary also wants to thank Percy Robinson for producing the album and to Henry Smith in the UK, Sean Kerrigan and Les Thompson for the arrangement of the tracks.

Mary recently got a certificate from the Guinness Archive Awards which she received last month in Dublin.

The Saturday night the music starts at 9.30pm with local entertainers taking part and it is in Carrs of Diamond Bar, Ballyare, Ramelton.. there will be spot prizes and refreshments on the night. Mary is looking forward to your company on a night of music, song and dance.

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

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Hatha Yoga

Mens only Hatha Yoga Class continue in the Town Hall Ramelton every Wednesday. The cost of the four week block is €40. Block booking only and contact Nuala for details on 087 6807850

League title hopes end for Boyce

There was big disappointment for Ramelton's Ronan Boyce on Friday night as Derry City's Premier Division title ambitions ended after losing 1-0 to St. Patrick's Athletic at Richmond Park. But, Boyce does still have the consolation of being in the FAI Senior Cup Final against Drogheda Utd on Sunday week with the chance to win his second medal in the competition in the space of three years.

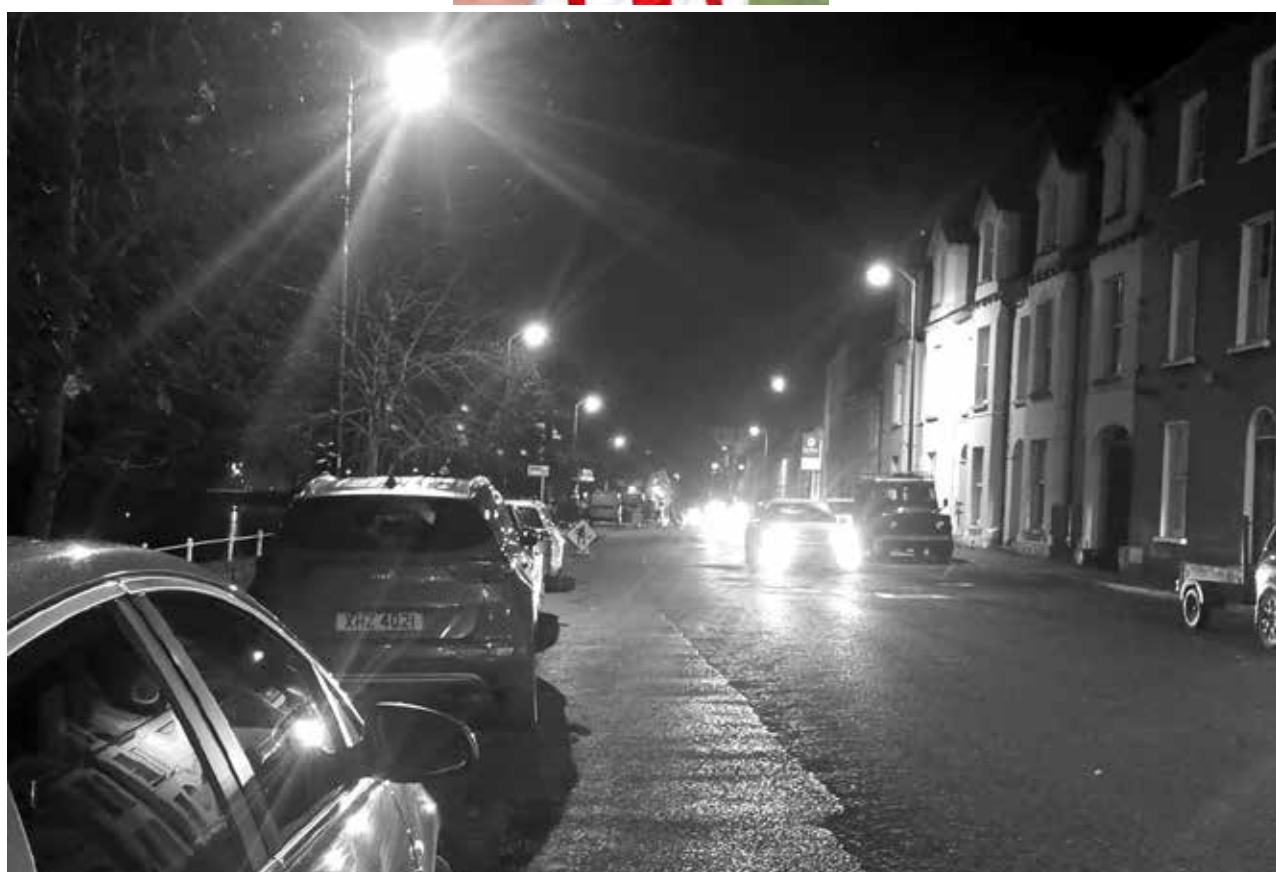
However, Friday night's result meant that with just a round of games remaining Derry cannot not catch either Shelbourne or Shamrock Rovers in the battle for the league title.

Shels defeated Drogheda United 2-1 at Tol-



ka Park and are now two points ahead of Rovers who had a 1-0 win over Drogheda Utd on Sunday. Despite that win on Friday night Stephen Kenny's St. Pat's cannot catch either Shels or the Hoops but they were briefly second in the table until Stephen Bradley's side won in Drogheda.

Damien Duff's final game is away to Derry this Friday night. They are on 60 points, two ahead of Shamrock Rovers. St Pat's are third on 56 and Derry are fourth on 55. Shamrock Rovers final game is against Waterford Utd at the Tallaght Stadium also on Friday night. Both games kick-off at 7.45 and are live on RTE 2 and RTE News Channel.



The new LED Lighting on the Mall Ramelton have brightened up the winter nights with calls that the area up around the Bridgend be upgraded next.

The Ramelton Players present.....
Stop It Nurse!

A Comedy Drama by Sam Cree
in the Town Hall, Ramelton
on Fri. 8th, Sat. 9th & Sun. 10th
November 2024
at 8pm Sharp **Doors open 7pm**
€10 per ticket
In aid of Swilly Rovers FC & Ramelton Mariners FC

Downings sisters getting locals into the spirit of Halloween



For a number of years Downings sisters and guest-house owners, Mary and Bridget Bradley, have been putting on a spooktacular event each Halloween when they would host a special event for visitors and locals alike.

They have decorated the front windows of their well-known Bradley's Cuan Na Long Guest-house on the village's main street with an amazing display of ghosts and ghouls and all things spooky for everyone to enjoy.

She explained that normally they would host it through their guest house where people could make their way through each room with a different theme, but this was impossible during lockdown so they opted to make it something

people could enjoy from outside as they passed the building. They light up their amazing display around 4pm each evening until 9pm to allow all the local residents to see it in their own time.

They looked for one rocking and received five!

This Thursday night, Halloween the girls will dress up themselves and give out treats to all the children who come along and everyone is welcome.

Their parents, Jimmy and Nelly Bradley, both from Downings but who ended up reconnecting with each other across the Atlantic in the United States and went on to marry and have a family of five. Having resided in the New Jersey area for a number of years, they later returned to home shores and settled back in their native Downings and the guest house run by the sisters has been in the family for many years.

Bridget says that while they lived in the US many people would decorate the outside of their houses over the Halloween holiday and this helped inspire them to create their display this year. Each window has a different theme and they wish to thank everyone who leant them items when they put out an appeal on Facebook recently.

Happy 60th Birthday Margaret



from all your family



The pupils of Scoil Choluim, Fanad, recently entertained the local community with a delightful Halloween Show. This is the first of a series of events that will take place in our school this year. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially families with young children.



Sections of the crowd enjoying the Mexican Night in Burger Jacks, Milford Retail Park last Thursday night. A different theme night occurs every Thursday night.



Fine Gael Senator Nikki Bradley out canvassing in Letterkenny on Saturday with supporters and family including Kenneth Bradley, Doreen Sheridan Kennedy, Barry Sweeney, Vincent Bradley and Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh.

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 Breast & Bottle-Feeding Support Group - This group, for Mum's and new babies, and facilitated by the Public Health Nurse runs on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th November from 11am to 12:30pm in Mevagh FRC. Call in for a cuppa and a chat. No booking necessary. Tel: 074 9155055 (FRC) or Tel: 074 9155430 (PHN).

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.

DLDC Employment Supports Clinic - Information on CV building, job searching, cover letters and interview skills. An Outreach Clinic will be held on Thursday 7th November 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Mevagh Family Resource Centre. For more information, contact Deirdre on 0873120139 or email resadmin@dlldc.org

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 Aine 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.

Rathmullan news

Tidy Towns

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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.

It's the time of year to see hedgehogs in and around the

gardens, prior to hibernation for the winter. Feed them some minced meat or cat food, not fish and a little water, no milk. They're harmless little creatures doing a lot of good in the gardens and need our help as the hedgehog species are unfortunately in decline.

Now that the time has changed, gardai are asking us all to be vigilant and wear hi viz clothing when out and about during these darker evenings. Furthermore, if you notice any faulty street lighting in Rathmullan, then please report it to 1800 1501 150. Electric Skyline is the contract for defective public lighting in County Donegal. Many thanks to everyone in the community for their support during these past number of years, as we look forward to receiving the annual Tidy Towns results this coming Friday 1st November.

Halloween Weekend

Rathmullan was indeed a hive of activity for Halloween Weekend, when there was fun and entertainment for all of the family. The Pier Sheds were beautifully decorated for the Halloween Makers Market featuring local handmade arts and crafts, food, and face painting and was very well supported despite the damp weather. Next Market will be the Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday 7th December.



Glenree United girls pictured at Tallaght Stadium on Tuesday night for the Ireland ladies game against Georgia. They won 3-0 and pictured above are Francesca Doherty, Amy Hunter, Ella Grace McGettigan, Leah Boyce and Mia McGettigan. The girls below getting a selfie with Amber Barrett from left, Cora McClafferty, Aimeé Bassett, Niamh Kelly, Alesha Coyle, Amy Hunter, Sophie O'Neill, Leah Boyce.



Ghouls Nite Out by Rathmullan Community Festival had a full schedule and feedback has been amazing with many patrons coming out screaming, and others in tears... all part of the fun! Unfortunately, due to the adverse weather forecast for Sunday afternoon, the Halloween Trail had to be called off, but the Kids Fancy Dress Disco went ahead with a full house of revelers. Huge thanks to the everyone involved for an exciting Community weekend in Raathmullan.

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.

Rathmullan Celtic 50/50

Unfortunately, last Saturday's draw had to be postponed, so still time to get your tickets for the draw for this coming weekend instead, available in all the usual locations and online now. Paypal: <https://paypal.me/RathmullanCelticFC> or Revolut: Enda McElhinney, on 086 401 9256,

Cain Connolly on 086 348 9941 or Mark Curran on 086 873 2749. All ticket purchases will be confirmed either by email or text.

St Vincent De Paul

Any time of year can be difficult and challenging for some people, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, so contact the Confidential number 087 698 2822. Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, while also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices.

If you're looking for Christmas inspiration, then why not drop into the shop and select a few great bits & pieces suitable for upcycling. 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 10.00am, with new volunteers always welcome. The 2 minute Beach Clean Boards are near the Pier Car Park or the beach opposite Patton's Butchers, so please do a litter pick on any beach, any day, any time that suits you. We'd appreciate your help.

Gardaí issue Halloween firework warning

Donegal Gardaí have issued a warning over the illegal use of fireworks and the dangers they pose to people and animals this Halloween.

They highlight there is a range of criminal penalties for anyone convicted of the misuse of fireworks. They stated: "Halloween is almost upon us and we don't want anybody to be injured by fireworks. We urge anyone who is thinking about buying or using fireworks to have a rethink. Many horrific life changing injuries are sustained at Halloween and during the run up to it every year by fireworks. Fireworks are not only dangerous but there are severe criminal penalties for anyone

who is found guilty of the offence of igniting an illegal firework, throwing an ignited firework at a person or property or possession of illegal fireworks for sale or supply. The penalties are fines of up to €10,000 and 5 years imprisonment. They added should anybody come across fireworks for sale, or any type of antisocial or illegal behaviour in the run up to or at Halloween to alert them immediately.

They also advise that children are going trick or treating, are accompanied by adults and to ensure that they have hi-vis armbands, a vest or a torch on/with them to ensure that drivers can see them clearly.

Save Ballyness Bay Group granted judicial review application

Environmental group, Save Ballyness Bay, say they have been granted leave to apply for a judicial review into the awarding of 12 aquaculture licences in the bay that stretches between Falcarragh and Magheraorty. The groups said they were forced to seek the appeal as it was one of the few ways of challenging Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (ALAB) decision in May, 2024, to uphold the granting of 12 of the 14 licences originally granted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the

Marine in November 2019. They stated: "We're happy to announce that we have been granted leave in the High Court to apply for a Judicial Review. Our legal team are now proceeding with the preparations for a hearing, which will take place in due course. We'd like to thank all our supporters for their continuing goodwill, generosity and dedication. We'll keep updating this page with further developments as they happen." ALAB announced on May 22nd, 2024,

its confirmation of the Minister's decision with some minor amendments, in respect of 12 of the licences granted, covering just over 20 hectares of the Bay. In response the Save Ballyness Bay group launched a fundraising drive in September and said they had reached the required amount to seek the appeal within ten days. The action group formed following concerns raised at a public meeting in Falcarragh in August 2019 attended by over 700 people.

Wilkin's Bar & Lounge

Churchill Tel: 074 91 37019

Fri 1st Nov - **Darts Competition** at 8.45pm

Sat. 2nd Nov - Music at 10pm **Country Sound**

Tues 5th Nov - **25 CARD DRIVE WITH CUP**

IN MEMORY OF PAUL SWEENEY at 7.30pm

Available for Functions / Parties, Call 074 91 37019

Fanad to feature on new Moving West series

Among those to feature in the upcoming TG4 series, Moving West, is a couple who moved from Monaghan to live in the Fanad area.

Among the stories highlighted is that of Teresa and Noel Mullaney, who moved from Monaghan to the Fanad Peninsula. Teresa, now a tour guide at Fanad Lighthouse, shares how her love for Donegal, its culture, and community has transformed her life. The couple is fully immersed in the local lifestyle, enjoying Donegal's incredible landscapes and welcoming community.

The Donegal episode takes viewers on a journey through the county, featuring Buncrana, Letterkenny, Fanad Head, and Ardara.

Produced by Dundara Television & Media in collaboration with the Western Development Commission and Donegal County Council,

Once again hosted by well-known presenter Mary Kennedy, the series highlights individuals and families who have relocated to this region to embrace a new way of life. Chief Executive of Donegal County Council, John McLaughlin said "We are delighted to be involved in the Moving West series, which will highlight the richness of life in Donegal. It will offer a wonderful glimpse into our vibrant communities, showcasing not only the stunning scenery but also the incredible stories of individuals who have embraced the opportunities our county has to offer. Through this collaboration, we aim to inspire others to discover the unique lifestyle, career prospects, and warm community spirit that Donegal provides. We take pride in sharing Donegal with our audience and invite both new residents



and visitors to discover the enchanting beauty of Donegal." Mary Kennedy added: "It's always a joy to return to Donegal and hear the incredible stories of people who have found a new life in this magical part of Ireland. Donegal's wild beauty and strong sense of community make it a truly unique place, and I'm thrilled to share these stories with our audience." The fourth episode of Season 3 will focus on Donegal and is set to air on Tuesday, November 5th, at 7:30 pm on TG4.

Carrs of the Diamond Ballyare

Tel. 074 91 52388

Friday 1st November

Quiz Night

in aid of Donegal Mental Health Patients Comfort Fund (St. Conal's Campus)

Saturday 2nd November

Mary Bates Debut CD Launch Nite



at 9.30m Everyone Welcome

Sunday 3rd November

Presentation Night for the McGinley Cycle in aid of Donegal and Bolton Hospices

Death of Ryan McCauley

The death occurred on Friday of Ryan McCauley, Lennon Grove, Ramelton. He was a native of Letterkenny but had resided in Ramelton with his family in recent years.



Ryan was a popular member of the Milford Athletic Club who paid their respects. "It was with sadness that the members learned of the sudden passing of club and committee member, Ryan McCauley. He joined the Couch to 5km group in 2018 and ran the Dublin Marathon in 2019 in 4.53.39 but perhaps what he considered his best achievement was completing the 59km MAD Adventure Race in 2019. He then became involved more in the administration side of the Club. He was always encouraging of others and willing to help out in any way he could." He was also involved with the Donegal Pet Rescue for a number of years.

Ryan was predeceased by grandparents Edward and Patsy McCauley, Charlie and Mary Joe O'Donnell, aunts Mary Ellen Whoriskey and Ann McGarrigle, mother-in-law Bridget Peoples and sister-in-law Theresa Peoples.

Ryan is survived by his wife Nicola, daughters Makellia, Brianne and Teigan, sons Dualtach and Donnacha, parents Brian and Bernadette, sisters Martina and her husband Jonnie, brother Daniel and partner Nathalya, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and the extended Peoples and McCauley families.

Remains are reposing at his parents residence, Deeneys Town, Ballymallell, Letterkenny. Funeral will be from there for Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral this Thursday the 31st of October at 11am followed by interment in New Leck Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Davy Hegarty

The death took place on Saturday at Alt-nagelvin Hospital of Davy Hegarty, Camus Park, Strabane and formerly of Newmills, Letterkenny. Davy is survived by his partner Jaqueline and siblings Nate, Cyril, Tommy, Samuel, Jeanette, Anna, Lena. He was



predeceased by brothers George, Willie and Roy and sister Carol.

Remains reposed at Quigley's Funeral Home on Monday evening. Service took place in the Funeral Home on Tuesday with interment afterwards in Strabane Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Molly Evans

The funeral took place on Monday of Molly Evans (née McCarron), Fycorrenagh, Letterkenny and formerly Money-more, Newtown-cunningham.

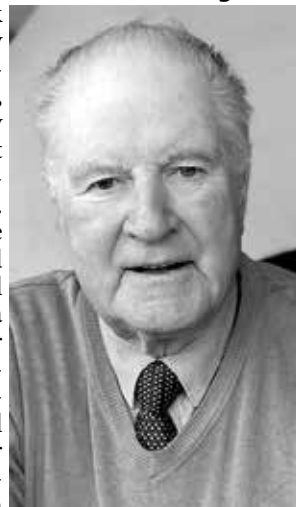


Molly passed away at St. Eunan's Nursing Home, Woodlands on Friday. She was predeceased by her husband Brian just seven months ago in March. She was also predeceased by her brothers Danny, Jim and Neily. Molly is survived by her nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and neighbours.

Remains reposed at The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny, on Sunday. Funeral was from there on Monday going to All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham for Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr. Philip Kemmy. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining graveyard. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Jim Kelly

The funeral took place on Tuesday of Jim Kelly, Rathmullan. Aged 81, Jim passed away on Saturday at Letterkenny University Hospital. He was a native of West Cork and came to Donegal in his role as a potato inspector with the Department of Agriculture. A well known member of the local community he was a very active member of Otway Golf Club for many years. Removal was from The Eternal Light, Chapel of Rest, Letterkenny on Sunday to the family residence at Ballyboe.



Funeral was from there on Tuesday to St Joseph's Church for Requiem Mass where the celebrant was Fr. Stephen Gorman. Jim was laid to rest afterwards in Rathmullan Cemetery.

He was predeceased by his wife Sophia, his brother John, and sisters Dymrna and Sr. Ignatius Kelly.

John is survived by his family Anne, Patrick, Maurice, Séamus, Kathleen; eleven grandchildren; brothers Joe, Frank and Donal, his sisters Mary, Noreen and Margaret, friends, neighbours and wider family circle. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Pauline Grant

The funeral took place on Sunday of Pauline Grant, Glenwood Park, Letterkenny.



Pauline passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Thursday. Remains reposed at the family residence from Friday. Fr. Anthony Hartnett officiated at the Requiem Mass on Sunday in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Pauline was laid to rest afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

Pauline is survived by her husband Neil, daughters Chantelle, Nadine (Dominic), Son Dylan, brothers Matt, grandchildren, Aoihbheann, and Clodagh, sister in law Victoria, Eddie (Gina), Michael (Sharon), Martin (Suzie) and Elizabeth and wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



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Murphy linked with Donegal comeback

There has been strong speculation in recent weeks about a possible return of Michael Murphy to the Donegal senior football squad. Jim McGuinness is in the midst of building his squad for the commencement of the official training sessions at the beginning of December and that is a date that comes quickly. Murphy who captained Donegal to their second All-Ireland senior success in 2012 has been away from County football for two years. Around Letterkenny and Glenswilly the rumour mill has been busy suggesting that the All-Star forward now 35 could be on his way back for the 2025 season. Kilcar's Eoin McHugh has also been strongly linked with a return to the Donegal senior squad as McGuinness holds trials in an attempt to freshen things up and hopefully strengthen his squad ahead of the 2025 season and the bid to bring the Sam Maguire Cup back to the County for only the third time in history. Naomh Conaill's Finbarr Roarty is expected to be included after having to leave the panel last January after it emerged that he wasn't eligible to be involved because he was under 18.

It appears that there won't be a McKenna Cup so it will be the National League that will give the Glenties native his first taste of competitive action in his second season in charge. It's going to be a step up as Donegal will be playing Division 1 football and there will also be one eye on the championship with the defending champions drawn against Derry with the preliminary round match set for MacCumhaill Park in May. McGuinness enjoyed a super first season in his second term in charge of the Donegal senior footballers. They won the Division 2 league title and the Ulster Senior Football Championship before only bowing out at the All-Ireland semi-final stage.

Milford

Death

Sympathy is extended to Tommy McConnell, Garrygort, Milford and family on the death of his brother Jim McConnell, Kinsalebeg, Waterford / Youghal, Cork and formerly from Milford on Sunday 27th October. His Funeral Service will take place on Friday 1st November at 1pm in St Pauls Church, Ardmore, Waterford with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery

Milford United Presentation Night

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

Milford United
Milford United Senior team were defeated by Bonagee United FC by 4 goals to 2 in the Ulster Junior Cup on this Friday last with goals coming from Kyle Black and Cathal McGettigan.

This Sunday 3rd November the Senior team return to league action with a trip to Ballybofey United for a 1.00pm kick off.

The reserve team are away to Drumkeen FC on Saturday 1st November at 1pm.

50/50 Winner

Congratulations to Brigid Wilhare, Drim, Cranford who was the lucky winner of the Milford United 50/50 Draw Jackpot of €1000 on Sunday night last in the Hi-da-way Bar. The next draw will be the Christmas Monster 50/50 Draw with a guaranteed Jackpot of €3000 which will take place on Sunday 29th December.

Milford Yoga

6 week Yoga beginners courses starting in Milford Yoga Studio on Tuesday 5th November, 11am -12pm and Thursday 7th November 6pm-7pm.

Mixed ability drop in classes Tuesdays and Saturday mornings starting back on 5th November. Contract Diane: 0863745972

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Bar Golf Society Presidents Day will take place on Saturday 16th November at Portsalon Golf Club. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087

7704149 for further details.

Social Dancing Milford Hall

Social dancing continues in the Milford Hall on Thursday nights from 8pm to 10pm with a good mix of Two Hand, Ceili and Line Dancing. Light refreshments. €5 entry. 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 31st October at 7pm; Friday 1st November at 7pm, Saturday 2nd November at 6pm; Sunday 3rd November at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Friday 1st November 9.30am, Saturday 2nd November 9.30am, Sunday 3rd November 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.

Activities at the Gallowglass Centre

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

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

For bookings and more information, contact Emma Lou at emma-lou@mdrc.ie or call 074 9153736. Follow on Facebook and Instagram for the latest information and updates.

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.

Sewing Classes

Sewing classes have opened on Main St., Milford, offering both morning and evening sessions. Classes are held at Art and Craft Studio "First House," F92C586. For more information and booking, visit the studio.

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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 this 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.

Employment support

DLDC Employment Support can help long term unemployed to get back into full time employment, identify training opportunities, prepare CV and fill out application forms and much more. So if you wish to avail of our service:

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Schools can benefit from solar panels - Bradley

The extension of the Solar for Schools Programme to all schools in Donegal will support schools to reduce their energy costs and carbon footprint, a Fine Gael General Election candidate has said.

The first phase of the programme was launched late last year benefitting more than 1,100 schools and will now be extended to all schools nationwide.

Senator Nikki Bradley said: "I am delighted to hear that our schools in Donegal will now benefit from funding to install solar panels on their rooftops. Schools in Donegal are facing high costs at the moment, and this will be a welcome way to reduce their energy costs.

"The amount a school will save will depend on a variety of factors but will typically be in the region of €1,375.

"The panels will be connected to the electricity grid, allowing schools to



export their electricity. This will mean more homes and businesses in Donegal will benefit from renewable energy.

"Across the country, this extension is set to benefit 4,000 schools with a total saving of €5.5m.

"This will also be a great chance for students in Donegal to

see climate action first-hand, with the visibility of the panels encouraging discussion and further environmentally friendly practices.

"Alongside the panels, monitoring software is being provided to further encourage discussion of how much energy is generated each day, equipping staff and students with a deep understanding of the energy generated.

Donegal schools can apply once applications open on Monday 11th November, and will be contacted directly by the Department with details.

"I look forward to seeing solar panels across the rooftops of schools across Donegal in the coming months and years," Bradley concluded.

Yoga in Kerrykeel, Glenvar, St. Conal's and Ray

Gentle yoga in Kerrykeel Old Schoolhouse, Thursdays 10-11 am €40 for 4 or €12 drop-in.

Chair yoga in Glenvar Community Centre starts on Thursday 7th November for 4 weeks, €40 (sign up only)

Chair and Mat yoga The Vestry, St Conal's Letterkenny, starts Friday 8th November for 6 weeks, €60 (sign-up only)

Ray Community Centre, Saturdays 10-11am 9th, 23rd, 30th, November, 7th and 14th December. (note none on 16th Nov) €45

Call 086 8367776 for more details or to book.

Gavin McAteer scores for Nottingham Forest



Gavin McAteer, centre with Oisinn Cooney and Finn Harps Manager Darren Murphy in Nottingham.

Gavin McAteer scored in his debut for the Nottingham Forest U20's on Tuesday evening against Hull City at the Nigel Doughty Academy Centre at Nottingham Forest Training Centre. Gavin who is 16 years of age played for the first hour scoring the 2nd goal with his right

foot in their 4-1 victory.

Gavin along with Finn Harps team mate Oisinn Cooney, formerly of Clonmany Shamrocks who are on a 10 day trial with the Premiership Club played as trialist in the game with both performing very well on the night. Gavin

was joined at the match by his father Martin and Finn Harps senior Team manager Darren Murphy also made the trip to Nottingham. Gavin is a former player at Milford United Underage and is the son of Martin and Roisin McAteer, Urbalshinny Milford.



Gavin McAteer with the European Cup won by Nottingham Forest in 1979.

Trevor Francis scored the only goal of the match, as Forest defeated Malmö FF of Sweden 1-0.

Milford Playgroup: 40 years at heart of community



For the last 40 years Milford Community Playgroup has been providing a vital service to families in Milford and its surrounds.

by Eamonn McFadden

Hundreds of local children of all backgrounds and abilities have passed through the school that has been based in a number of locations around the town since it was founded in 1984.

They host their anniversary event this Saturday, November 2nd, where they will host a special event to mark four decades of service to the community with a family fun day at their current location on the Moyle Road. There will be a display of nostalgic photos and the group also encourages anyone with pictures of their time there to bring them along too. There will also be refreshments

and face painting and other activities from 2pm to 5pm and all are welcome. The group hopes that the near future will see a permanent home secured for the playschool with their own dedicated property to help the next generation off to a positive start in life.

It was a huge voluntary effort to get it all up and running and today Jackie Strain and Michelle Green manage the group now working alongside a dedicated staff.

Jackie says it was all very different in the early 1980's when they launched the group. Roll on 40 years and she says not only are they hoping to see many faces of those who passed through the school in that time and some of the earlier students now have children of their own attending the same playschool.

She explained: "We began when a group of parents



Children from the Milford Community Playgroup down through the years.



got together in 1984 when there was no child care provision in Milford. We started looking for a premises but there was nowhere suitable available so we went to the local parish hall. We used it for a long time and it was very reasonable being only £2.50 at the time and the parents used to come in on a rota basis where they're would be two parents volunteering and the day they were on the rota they didn't have to pay for it. We had no furniture or things like that at the start and we used the equipment belonging to the hall but they weren't that suitable, so Sean Strain made tables and chairs out of recycled material for the playschool so we used them for a long time. Then the committee was made up of parents and there wasn't that much paperwork or looking after books, not like today."

After a number of years they were on the lookout for a new, more suitable venue.

"We were on the lookout for a new place as while the hall was fine it got very cold in winter time. They tried to put a heating system in for us but it ended up costing a lot to run. So we applied and got permission from the local doctor surgery to put the playschool upstairs in the surgery. We got a grant for that from the health board and started working on it and built it up.

We had to move into two prefabs up at the old Tech because it would take about a year for the work at the medical centre to be complete. We spent just over a year there before we moved. We spent around eleven years in the health centre but we did not have any outdoor play area and with all the new regulations that came in we had to look for somewhere more feasible and space for an outdoor play area. McCausland's Insurance building then became available at that stage so we went to speak to them

and the health board and got it sorted. Once that was all done we moved over there and that is where we still are at the moment."

Local parents were at the heart of getting the service going.

She added: "There were a lot of local people involved in the playschool over the years. The parents were very much involved in the early days as well and we had to do a lot of fundraising at the time to keep the place going. Over the last 40 years we had an awful lot of kids, many of whom are parents now themselves who are bringing their kids to our playschool again - so it has come full circle in many ways. Many of them here now are children of the kids that were here when we first started so it is a new generation now."

The service has gone from strength to strength and is now working at full capacity. Jackie said: "We are a very busy playschool of 25 kids and we are fully booked out for next year and we have a waiting list. Most of the work we have done is community based but in the last couple of years a Government ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education Schemes) scheme came in and that helps pay for the rent and wages. Other than that we still have to fundraise to keep going on a daily basis."

As well as the current staff, the centre has also been a great opportunity for students of the local schools in Milford and Letterkenny to get work experience, and many scheme workers have also contributed to its success.

Looking to the future she says a forever home for the playschool with suitable space and facilities to allow the next generation to thrive.

"We are still hoping to get a place of our own, be it a piece of land or if someone out there would be nice to us that would be great too," she added.



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# Leckview lights up on special night

Saturday night was special for Letterkenny Rovers as the new floodlights were officially turned on at Leckview Park followed by a friendly fixture in memory of the late Liam Blake one of the club's finest ever players who gave a life-line of loyalty to the Cathedral town team. Minister Heather Humphries and Liam Blake's wife Patsy cut the tape as the lights lit up Leckview Park and the start of what the club hopes will be many memorable football nights.

Letterkenny Rovers have acknowledged financial backing received from the funders. €80,000 came

from the Department. The cost of the floodlights in total was €100,000. Diarmaid Doherty was MC and among the speakers were Rovers Chairperson Eamonn McConigley, the Mayor of the Letterkenny Municipal District Cllr Gerry McMonagle, Mickey Blake who spoke on behalf of the family and Minister Humphries. Also present were Deputy Joe McHugh along with Cllrs Jimmy Kavanagh, Donal 'Mandy' Kelly, Donal Coyle and Ciaran Brogan and election candidates John McNulty and Nikki Bradley.

Letterkenny Rovers have a long history in junior football going back to 1962 when the club was formed. A number of their players have gone on

to feature in the League of Ireland with Finn Harps and other senior clubs. There have been Summer Cup successes along with back-to-back Donegal Junior League titles in the early 1980s and a couple of Ulster Senior League triumphs in 2005 and 2009. Rovers also reached the FAI Intermediate Cup Final in 2016.

Having been promoted to the Premier Division this year Letterkenny are one of the favourites to take the title with manager Stephen McConnell having strengthened his squad significantly with addition of B.J. Banda, Keith Cowan and Joel Bradley-Walsh. But, Saturday night was an occasion to remember club stalwarts that have passed away including Dessie Kelly one of the founding members and a big figure with the Rovers for six decades. Dessie passed away in June and others remembered by MC Diarmaid Doherty included Liam Blake and Patsy Collins.

Dick Duffy, John 'Gorey' Curran, Victor Fisher Stanley White, Charlie 'Bovril' Collins and Eunan 'Busty' Blake also figured prominently at Leckview Park in earlier years. Saturday night's match was in



The Blake family politicians Heather Humphries, Deputy Joe McNugh, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Donal Coyle and Gerry McMonagle, General Election candidates John McNulty and Nikki Bradley and Ciaran Martin from the Council.



Mickey Blake address the crowd.



Eamonn McConigley and Deputy Joe McHugh

memory of Liam Blake who was an outstanding attacking player who enjoyed national success with Swilly Rovers in 1962, scoring one of the goals in Swilly Rovers historic 3-1 FAI Junior Cup Final win over Cork side Castleview at Dalymount Park. When he hung up the boots Liam Blake gave a lot back to Letterkenny Rovers in team management and looking after Leckview Park. He was also Honorary President of his hometown club. Liam passed away in July 2022.

The current Letterkenny Rovers Committee have been doing a lot of good work with the development of the astro-turf ground adjacent to the main pitch. The Club who has a thriving underage setup also have use of the main pitch at the Aura Sports Complex. Former manager Eamonn McConigley is the Chairperson and the committee also includes longtime Secretary



Diarmaid Doherty and Hughie Sweeney.

Eric White, Treasurer Brian McCormick, Honorary President Victor Fisher, Honorary Vice President Gerry Meehan, Assistant Secretary Michael Duffy, Assistant Treasurer Shane McMorrow, PRO Donagh McMorrow, Assistant PRO Eddie McGrath, Director of Football Anthony Gorman, Head of Women's Football Brid McGinty and Youth Development and Coaching Co-Ordinator Gerry McGroarty.

Diarmaid Doherty, Danny McConnell, Hughie Sweeney and Stephen Doherty are others who have played key roles with Letterkenny Rovers down the years. The match on Saturday was a friendly fixture between a Blake Family Selection and Letterkenny Rovers coaches. Afterwards they retired to Blakes Bar on Main Street for refreshments.



Liam O'Donnell, Joe McLaughlin, Mickey Lynch, Darren McElwaine



Nicky Gormley and Stephen McConnell



Danny McConnell Cllr Donal Coyle Stevie Coll





Tony and Bronagh Blake with sons Cian and Davin.



James and Mary Green, Charlie and Elma Collins, Ed Margey and Davey Cowan



Above - John Blake, Paschal Blake and Hugo Blake



Right - James Blake, Ricky and Mary Blake and Joan Cowan



Left - Teresa and Martin Orr.

**Report & Photos by Declan Kerr**



Left - Ricky Blake, Don Sheridan, Martin Blake



Right - Kyle Maloney, Shane Blake, sons Aaron, and Luca.

Below left - Cathal Flood, Robbie Sweeney

Below right - Blake Family Selection





# Primary Schools Cross Country Athletics finals in Milford



U13 top ten at the Schools Cross Country finals in Milford last Wednesday.



U11 top ten at the Schools Cross Country finals in Milford last Wednesday.



U9 top ten at the Schools Cross Country finals in Milford last Wednesday.



U9 top ten at the Schools Cross Country finals after receiving medals from Brian Boyce and Martin Kerr.



U13 top ten at the Schools Cross Country finals after receiving medals from Brian Boyce and Martin Kerr.



U13 top ten at the Schools Cross Country finals in Milford last Wednesday.



Leaders in the U13 race head out on their final lap.



The start of the Girls U9 at the School Cross Country County finals in Milford at Wednesday.



# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Is cuimhin liom go maith nuair a bhí mé cuid mhór níos óige ná mar atá mé anois. Chuaigh mé go BOSTON, Mass, ar feadh bliain ag seinm ceoil, ag teagasc Gaeilge agus ag obair i mBialann darbh ainm THE BEEF and ALEHOUSE i gceartlár na cathrach sa cheantar TREMONT.



Ba cheantar na hEaláine é, agus an cuid is mó de na hAmharclainne sa chathair le fáil ann. De réir a chéile fuair mé amach go raibh postanna deónacha le fáil ins na hAmharclainne- ní bhfuair mé airgead ar bith ach, agus níos fearr domsa, fuair tú ticéidí saor in aisce do achán seo a bhí ag gabháil ar aghaidh! Ní raibh ort a dhéanamh ach léine bán agus brístí dubha a chaitheamh, freastál go luath ag an ionad, pleán suíochán a fháil agus na daoine a thabhairt go dtí a suíocháin.

Agus b'shin é! Bhí gach saghas rud le feiceáil ann, na hainmneacha is mó san áireamh. Chonaic mé na háisteoirí is fearr sa tír, agus na dramaí is fearr. Chonaic mé MARY TYLER MOORE agus HOWARD KEEL ag déanamh All My Sons, scríofa ag Arthur Miller. Chonaic mé BOB DYLAN agus THE GRATEFUL DEAD le chéile, Joanie Mitchell, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Simple Minds, ar aghaidh agus ar aghaidh... Bhí mé ar neamh!!!

Labhair mé le WILLY NELSON oíche amháin agus é ag fánacht ar ghabháil amach ar an ardán! D'aithin sé mo bhlas Éireannach láithreach agus d'inis sé dom go raibh Éire ina chroí aige! Cuimhnithe maith, gan amhras. Mar a dúirt mé níos luaithe, bhí mé ag obair i mbialann fosta, The Beef and Ale, mar a bhí air, áit iontach ar

fad. Fuair mé léirmheas spéisialta ar an gnáth-shaol Meiricanach, agus cad é mar a bhí na daoine. Bhain mé an-sult as an eispéreas uilig. Fuair mé amach an Cód Rúnda a bhí sa bhialann, ó thaobh cuir síos ar chustaméirí.

Mar shampla, cé acu a bhí flaithiúil agus cé acu sprionlaithe. Fuair mé amach go raibh ciall ar leith leis an uimhir 86! Cluinfeá sa chistin go raibh mias éigean '86'.

'86 the Cheese Gratin!' mar shampla. Chiall sé sin nach raibh Cheese Gratin ar bith fagtha, agus é seo a inis do na custaméirí. Fuair mé amach fosta gur thainig an cód seo ó siopa Uachtair Reoite mór le rá darbh ainm HOWARD JOHNSON'S nó HOJO'S. Bhí 85 blasanna uachtair reoite ar an biachlár. Mar sin nuair nach raibh rud éigean ar fáil sa bhialann bhí sé 86! Sin an rún díobh.

Mo bhariúil ar Mheiricea? Bhí sé mar an gcéanna agus thar a bheith diofrúil ó Éireann ag an am céanna. Bhí daoine cairdiúil ach chonaic mé ciníochas, agus chonaic mé an ciníochas seo ó Ghaeil- Meiriceánaigh. Tá súil mór agam go bhfuil rudaí níos fearr na laethanta seo. Ag an am céanna bhain mé sult as a bheith ag obair leis na gnáth dhaoine sa bhialann.

Bhí siad cinéalta agus flaithiúil agus rinne mé cairde maith. Bhí orm mo bhlas Éireannach a athrú ó am go ham, rud a bhí greannmhar, mar bhí amanna ann nuair nar thuig siad focal ar bith ag teacht amach asam! Mar shampla, uimhir a 2 i mblas Bhéal Feirste! Ní raibh seans ar bith acu, na créatúir! Agus nuair a bhí mé ag canadh agus ag seinm ceoil thiocfadh le seo a bheith go hiontach greannmhar ar fad!

Is cuimhin liom nuair a thainig duine chugam ag iarraidh 'The Bunch of Thyme'. Ní raibh a fhios ag an duine bocht an tidéal ceart air, agus dúirt sé liom: Do you know the song about the girl who fell in love with a sailor and he wasted a whole bunch of her time? Chan mé dó é.

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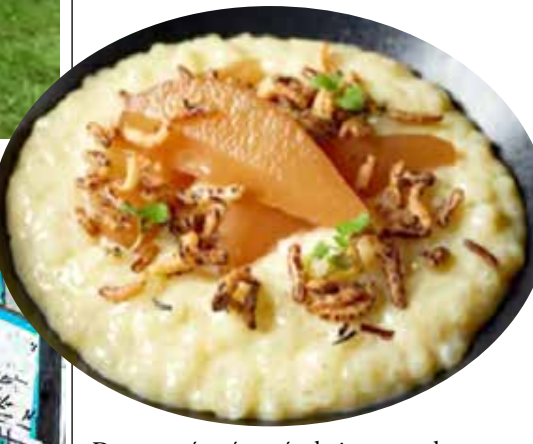
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# When the Nazis Came to Town

The decent people of Coeur d'Alene didn't cower in the face of right-wing extremism. They fought back. Jeff Bezos and Mitch McConnell take note

I ARRANGED to meet two of America's foremost Nazi slayers at 3pm at the reception of the Best Western Plus in Coeur d'Alene and arrived almost an hour late which drove me insane because the way I see it other than being a Nazi the worst thing a person can be in this world is late.

What made matters worse was that I was late for two people - two first-round ballots, cast-iron, 24-carat Civil Rights Hall of Fame heroes - who should not under any circumstances have been left to twiddle their thumbs in the lobby of a mid-price commuter hotel. Tony Stewart and Norm Gissel are long-time stalwarts of an outfit called the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations and in that capacity had a remarkable story to tell about their community and how it rid itself of the Aryan Nations, a virulently racist, Hitler-loving organisation that promulgated the twin evils of white supremacy and anti-semitism while also embracing violence as a tool of political debate. This may or may not, and I will leave you to work it out, have some resonance with what is currently going on in these great United States of Did You See That F\*cking Rally in New York Last Night?

But before Tony and Norm told me their story I had a story of my own to tell. "I am soooooo sorry," I began. "No excuses but ..."

It took me nine brain-numbing hours to find my way to Coeur d'Alene, up through the desert of northern Nevada, the unloveliest and most boring of the American deserts, which is quite a claim to fame in a landmass that includes California's Central Valley, along the narrow, snaking roads of Oregon and Washington State and back into Oregon, where insane truck drivers out-number sane truck drivers a thousand-to-one. Fortunately, I survived these 20-ton madmen to finally reach civilisation, also known as Spokane. From there, it was a short hop over the state border into Coeur d'Alene, a town with a jaw-dropping lakeside setting and a toxic relationship with Google Maps. I'm not exaggerating (okay, I am a little) but I took 14 wrong turns, at least nine of them down a one-way street into oncoming traffic, before I spotted the promised land of the Best Western Plus signage on the other side of the I-90.

You know how your eyes glazed over halfway through that last paragraph? That's exactly how Tony and Norm reacted, too.

Being late and a boring storyteller is not the way to get the best out of interview subjects, even I know that, so I set my brain to 'ingratiate' and gave it my best shot.

"But my God, Coeur d'Alene is the most beautiful place I've ever seen. No wonder Richard Butler decided to move here." Norm looked like he had indigestion. Tony checked his watch.

"Shall we go through and get a seat in a cafe?"

SERIOUSLY, though, there's no joking around when it comes to Richard Butler and the Aryan Nations. The guy was an evil bastard and his organisation was a shit stain on America. It still is, albeit these days it's hard to work out where one violent white supremacist outfit ends and another begins. It's not even clear the Aryan Nations still exists, although its Christofascist ideology is woven through every thread of an insidious national patchwork. For instance, the Hit-



Richard Butler, American Nazi.

ler admiration 'thing' is to be found in all kinds of unexpected places, like midtown Manhattan.

Butler was born in Denver in the early 1920s. He made his way to fascism early, through subliminally anti-communist comic books and overtly racist parents. "In the newsreels of the day, I was thrilled to see the movies of the marching Germans," he recalled a half-century later. "In those days, all we knew was that Hitler hated communists, and so did my folks - as we did as teenagers."

We needn't waste time on Butler's descent into madness and evil, I promise you, although if you really insist try this for size - the guy sincerely believed that Jews were descended from a marriage between Eve and the devil. Honestly, I spent a grand total of 10 minutes reading about this nitwit and feel like I've contracted incurable scurvy. One marginally interesting thing about him was he invented a repair system for tubeless tyres and made a fortune, more than enough to retire and buy a 20-acre plot of land in a place called Hyden, just north of Coeur d'Alene.

Butler, his family and a coterie of disciples built a church on the property and a print shop producing anti-semitic - and at this point I would like to assert my First Amendment right to not use the word literature - garbage, which they distributed across the country. They called themselves the Aryan Nations. Occasionally, this motley crew would venture into town to hand out pamphlets and show off their ridiculous faux Nazi uniforms. There's a famous photograph of one of these visits in which Richard Butler is sitting on a garden chair placed on the bed of a white truck, flanked by four numpties (it's a Scottish word, look it up). Nuremberg, it was not.

Norm was around town at the time. I asked him what the locals felt when they saw this parade of unconscionables. "Not a lot, obviously, but no one paid much attention to them. This part of the world has always attracted cranks, you know, unusual people with unusual lifestyles. You ignored them and just hoped they'd go away."

The Aryan Nations did not go away. The commune grew bigger and bolder until one night in late December 1980 they drove into town and daubed a Jewish-owned restaurant with the Star of David and the German word Jude. "That's when we really knew we had a problem, that it wasn't just a bunch of cranks on the hillside and we had to do something about it," Tony Stewart recalled.

A few months later the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations was formed and a near two-decade battle en-

sued between Civil Rights activists like Stewart and Gissel and the American Nazis. Famously, a local sheriff and Task Force member called Larry Broadbent discovered the existence of an Aryan Nations off-shoot called The Order, which had been responsible for multiple serious crimes in California, including bank robbery, counterfeiting money, and plotting to poison the public water supply. Working on Broadbent's information, the FBI broke up The Order and eventually got to its leader Robert Matthews, an associate of Richard Butler, killing him in a shoot-out in neighboring Washington.

Gissel, a lawyer by profession, helped track down and prosecute the Aryan Nations members who bombed the home of a local Catholic priest and fellow Civil Rights activist Bill Wassmuth and three government buildings in the town. "The only problem with that was they had organised the bombings outside of Richard Butler's presence and without his knowledge, so far as anyone knew, which meant we couldn't get him," Gissel said, sounding more than a little p-ed off at missing out on getting the main man before he could cause even more carnage. Tony Stewart chipped in with a beautifully understated description of that moment in time. "There was no love lost between us and the Nazis."

"That's right," said Norm. "We all knew they wanted to kill us, that they would gladly have opened the door and thrown in a canister of Zyklon B gas and closed the door behind us."

"Correct," said Tony. "One time in the middle of the night I got a message on my phone. It was just the sound of someone firing off a machine gun. A few days later there was a verbal message - someone telling me they were coming to kill me, that they were going to cut my head off and mail it to the Anti-Defamation League in New York."

Norm had rocks thrown through the windows of his home, causing him to move the family out for a couple of weeks. "At the time, the Nazis thought they were in the political ascendancy and getting stronger but that's not how we saw things. We just saw our role as doing everything we could to diminish their political and cultural significance in our town. Because that's all you can legally do when it comes to people you vehemently disagree with."

Listening to Tony and Norm playing 'Nazi threats ping-pong' I honestly wanted to hug the pair of them, both now in their 70s, both brave and strong and true to everything good that America stands for. Not to get too preachy or, perish the thought, judgemental but if Tony Stew-

## Goodbye Donald? An American Odyssey by Lawrence Donegan



art and not Mitch McConnell had been GOP senate leader in January 2021 Donald Trump's fat arse would have been impeached right out of the White House. If Norm Gissel and not Jeff Bezos had been the owner of the Washington Post this past weekend you can bet your life the paper would have endorsed a candidate for this Presidential election and it wouldn't have been Donald Trump or either cheek of his fat arse. It is somewhat ironic ... check ... entirely predictable that the so-called titans of American public life with the most power and money have cowered in the face of right-wing extremism, while 'ordinary folks' like Tony Stewart and Norm Gissel refused to step back and have always done the right thing on behalf of the community to which they belong. It's what strong and decent leaders do.

By the way, when I said I wasn't going to be too preachy, I lied. It's all the rage these days, apparently.

THE Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations got Butler in the end, although it took them until 1998. Two of his henchmen/thugs attacked local woman Victoria Keenan and her son Jason after their car back-fired near the Aryan Nations compound. Victoria phoned a lawyer called - you guessed - Norm Gissel. And Norm Gissel - you're damn right he did - got to work. "They chased the Keenans' car for two miles and shot at them five times, with one bullet passing right between the driver and the passenger seats. They eventually put a bullet through a tire and forced them off the road," he said.

A team of lawyers was assembled by the Task Force and the Keenans sued Butler, the Aryan Nations and the attackers for civil damages. In September 2000 a jury awarded Victoria and Jason \$6.3 million in damages.

Butler and co didn't have that amount of money so the Keenans' lawyers took great pleasure in cleaning them out for everything they had, including the land where Aryan Nations had been based for more than 25 years. Mother and son were now the reluctant owners of a Nazi compound although fortunately not for long. "A good friend of ours who was extremely rich came in and bought the land from the Keenans, who at least got some of their money. We then hired a company to destroy everything that had been built inside the compound, flatten the whole lot to the ground and we called it a Peace park," Tony Stewart said.

Coeur d'Alene was finally rid of

Richard Butler, even if his toxic ideology persists in some measure. There have been a few incidents in recent years, most of them involving outsiders who are under the mistaken impression that Coeur d'Alene holds a special place in the mythology of American nazism when in fact the town holds a special place in the reality of the great American Civil Rights movement.

"Look at the Klan, which goes back to the 1860s. The fact is people like Butler and the stuff they talk about has been a persistent part of American history for decades," Norm Gissel said. "It goes up and down and up again through the years but the truth is it never fully goes away. We just have to stay vigilant"

Actually, now that you mention it, Norm.

THERE is no plaque on Rimrock Road to mark a great American civil rights victory but there is a real live 21st century American Nazi. I went looking for the site of Richard Butler's former compound - it was once here on this street and I wanted a photograph of whatever was there now - and found a fellow traveller of his instead. That's the thing about this country nowadays. It's full of terrible surprises.

Will - which is not his real name - was burning garden waste on a Sunday morning in northern Idaho. He was sitting on his John Deere, admiring the bonfire he had lit. I was a long way from nowhere and had a question so I pulled off the road and gave him a wave.

I'd heard of the 3%-ers but meeting one out in the wild was somewhat disconcerting and not a little scary, a bit like finding an alligator in the bathtub.

"So you'll be voting for Trump?" Will didn't look impressed. "I suppose," he said. "But it won't matter either way."

"What do you mean?" "No matter who wins it's gonna end up in the same place."

Uh-oh "If Trump wins then Antifa and Black Lives Matter and all the other communists will take to the streets, in which case we are ready and waiting to take care of business. If she wins, then it's obvious they will have cheated and we will have to go out on the streets to win back the country. We're ready for it."

Ready? "We were out on night ops last night," he said.

That was it for me, thank you very much. I bid Will a fond farewell.



# Dying embers of current Dail: happy days or what!

## Comment

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*Since the Dáil was last dissolved in 2020, homelessness has increased by 41%. And new stats from the ERSI show that the total number of homes being built in Ireland in 2024 is below the same time period in 2023. The figures fly in the face of Housing Minister Darragh O'Brien's claims to build 40,000 homes in 2024. His claims are at odds with all of the facts and independent analysis... but does Darragh have some new data up his sleeve?*

As the clock ticks towards election 2024, the preferred polling day is Friday November 29th. A week out from the dissolution of the Dail, all that stands in the way is the passing of the Finance Bill that gives legal remit to the implementing of the €105 billion Budget 2025. Given the flow of the opinion polls it is a safe bet that Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, the two civil war parties will not be parted from that legacy. Now that SF has been hit with a real political hammer blow, it remains to be seen how many seats they can win in these circumstances. Fate is a very strange thing given that both the big parties had their origins in Sinn Fein, with pro or anti-treaty leanings. By the remotest of strange consequences, the Sinn Fein election vote is being decided by personal issues, some of the stuff of the Red Top news rags has become the diet of the national media and it has been never ending. Obviously, there was a huge issue around two SF press officers writing a character reference for a former press officer for Northern Ireland. Derry man, Michael McMonagle has pleaded guilty to a series of offences which included attempting to incite children to engage in sexual activity.

He will face sentencing on November 8th The TD who allegedly slept in the same bed as a woman with a pillow between them is a new kind of soap opera with a whiff of mystery thrown in as if to denigrate the SF's work as the main opposition party. Can you ever imagine either FF or FG being in the headlines on such heavyweight political matters? Why or how this personal story should be seen as newsworthy for two full weeks is truly unbelievable since it is so boringly pedestrian and is a weak attempt to link this non-event to SF's work in parliament or indeed their main social messaging that is there for all to read about. Against the weight of the national press, we held our collective breath waiting for the next installment. But we reside in the happy valley of suspended animation that no other party ever was guilty of any discretions as far is known. No politician was ever up every tree in north Dublin... unsurprisingly, nothing was found and the Tribunal into planning regulations has been lost in the mists of time, despite costing years in time and millions of Euros. Sinn Fein has not been all that adept at fighting back against the might of the two civil war parties.

However, Deputy Padraig MacLochlainn's commentary was a reminder of life in the Wild West of Irish politics as the Celtic Tiger came to visit every town and many construction sites: MacLochlainn's views are worthy of notice again. He said the debate in the Dail on child protection was turned into a political football by FF and FG. He said that SF had handled these issues according to the letter of the law. "We take responsibility for any mistakes that have been made. But, let's be clear. We will not take any lectures from the FF leader Michael Martin for obvious reasons. Sinn Fein did not bankrupt this country during the Celtic Tiger. Fianna Fail did that and they continue to be in denial of the facts. FF was responsible and they drove this country into bankruptcy forcing hundreds of thousands of our young people to leave Ireland. Michael Martin and his party are still in denial of the shambles." He says where personal issues were concerned, nobody could ever anticipate senior party officials writing character references for someone who was suspected of child sex offences. MacLochlainn said the accusations against Sinn Fein ended up on the floor of the Dail with the inevitable Government attack strategy as a general election looms. He said that his party confronted all of the issues raised, not only within their own internal structures but also in referring Deputy Brian Stanley's allegations to the Gardai. He said "Since the foundation of this State until 2017, there have been over ninety Tribunals of Enquiry and Investigation. Those tribunals ran for years - in the case of the Flood-Moriarty Tribunal into planning irregularities, it ran from 1997 to 2013 and what did it deliver? The State has paid over half

a billion euros on tribunals of inquiry, commissions of investigations and other inquiries, according to figures compiled by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform close to two years ago. The total cost for the seven tribunals, 12 commissions of investigation, one commission to inquire and three reports established over the past 25 years amounts to €517 million. Both Fianna Fail and Fine Gael were part of that remit and in case they've forgotten about planning irregularities and phone mast licences and beef tribunals I am reminding them Sinn Fein will not take any lectures from either of them." And now as the Dail is facing the dying embers of its time running the country, much has not changed. The health crisis: the housing crisis: the homelessness scandal: the Children's Hospital delays as costs multiply and global warming. And here in Donegal, the Mica controversy continues to rage with a new political party battling to win a seat in the Dail. The country is truly wealthy and there will be many debates in election studios about the best way to use this money: to provide a platform for the less well off to have a decent way of life. The election manifestos are being made ready and each one of the three parties in Government will talk up their successes, but no mention of their failures. Look no further than the weekend stats for those living in emergency accommodation. These will likely be the last figures released before a general election and they make grim reading... The number of people living in emergency accommodation reached a record of 14,760 in September, according to the latest figures from the Department of Housing. The figures include 10,199

adults and 4,561 children. These numbers mark a 1.9% increase on the previous month, where a total of 14,486 people were homeless. Dublin Simon Community CEO Catherine Kenny said the "lack of an integrated response by the Government is one of, if not the, key issue with today's record numbers". "Since the Dáil was last dissolved in 2020, homelessness has increased by 41%." Ms Kenny said the homelessness issue needs to be the "highest priority in national and local Government" in order to determine a solution. Wayne Stanley, executive director of the Simon Communities of Ireland said: "It is often noted, but worth restating, that behind these figures are men, women and children who are suffering the trauma of homelessness - many for far too long. This is because of the failure of our housing system and successive governments in addressing it effectively." Figures from the ERSI show that the total number of homes being built in Ireland in 2024 is below the same time period in 2023. The figures of 21,634 homes flies in the face of Housing Minister Darragh O'Brien's claims to build 40,000 homes in 2024. His claims are at odds with all of the facts and independent analysis... but does Darragh have some new data up his sleeve? According to the CSO, housing completions in the first nine months of the year are down on the same period last year; despite this, the Housing Minister continues to insist that 40,000 homes will be delivered this year." And as the country awaits polling day, we face into the general election, the Minister is asking voters to ignore forecasts from the ESRI and the Central Bank, which both say housing delivery will not exceed 33,000 homes, and data from the CSO, which confirms falling housing output." The reality is that this government has no hope of delivering 40,000 homes by the end of the year and their housing plan is a failure. Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael are almost on equal support just weeks out from the general election, the latest Business Post RED C opinion poll suggests Fianna Fáil is up three percentage points to 21% while Fine Gael drops a point to stand on 22%. Sinn Féin is also down one point to 17% while support for Independents is unchanged at 15%. The Social Democrats are on 5% support which is a drop of one point in the last month while Labour is unchanged on 4%. The Greens are down one point to 3% while it is a similar story for Aontú which is on 3% support as are People Before Profit-Solidarity. Independent Ireland is up one point to 5% while Others are on 2% support. Is there a possibility that FG and FF may be able to form a two-party government?

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# John McNulty on the long road for FG seat

It's been a very long time since Michael Óg McFadden from the Gaeltacht village of Kilcar was elected to the Dail. Born in 1885, he became a TD in June 1927 for Cumann na nGaedheal. He'd been a merchant, an auctioneer and a man of the people. He was returned to the Oireachtas in periods between 1927 and 1954.

by John McAteer

John McNulty is also a proud Kilcar man steeped in the history of the Fine Gael Party and he's got many of the characteristics of Micheal Óg but can he retain the seat given that Donegal is a big county and there are only five seats? Will Kilcar be home to a new Fine Gael Dail Deputy after an absence of more than seventy years?

"My ambition is to be a TD to serve all of the people of Donegal and to do my best for them in addressing the many concerns that are out there," he adds. "Despite our remoteness and the many deficits that have to be tackled, Donegal is a great place to live and to work and I never wanted to be anywhere else. We have a quality of life and with that comes the need to keep more of our young people at home. They are the future, be that in the workplace, in the private sector, farming, fishing or in providing the essential services.

I've been involved in the GAA all my life and I see sport as vital - now more than ever because it provides discipline, team spirit and being proud of your own community.

I recognise that there are many challenges and many battles to give us a better deal... It is my hope that if elected as a Dail Deputy, I can become a part of ensuring we get a fair deal for Donegal," he states.

## Strong public recognition

McNulty has that important electorate recognition factor because he's well known right across the county's forty GAA clubs. He is from Kilcar, a Gaeltacht village in South-West Donegal. John's passion for football and the GAA has given him the privilege of managing various teams across South-West. He's been a club manager with Kilcar, Aodh Rua and St. Naul's and is current manager of the Donegal County Ladies Football Team. This experience in sports management has strengthened his ability to lead, foster commitment and inspire others. Whether on the pitch or in the community, John believes in supporting those around him and working together to achieve success.

As a self-employed business owner with premises in Stranorlar and Carrick, John understands that thriving local businesses are the backbone of a strong rural economy. He is dedicated to supporting small and medium businesses, creating an environment where local enterprises can flourish and ensure jobs are retained and created locally. John reflects on the campaign and it is going to be competitive and challenging. However he brings a high degree of dynamic thinking and honesty to his endeavours. He's been in business in the retail sector for the best part of 25 years in Carrick and Stranorlar. Running his own enterprise has given him an insight and experience of making decisions and being responsible for paying the staff wages and making the kind of decisions that ensures there is cash flow at the end of the year.

## Getting students into trades and skills

The struggle facing small business concerns is very familiar territory for John and he believes his experience will be a valued asset for the constituency should he be successful on election day.

Not surprisingly, John has definite views about the future of rural Ireland and he points to the need to get students interested in trades



Fine Gael General Election candidate John McNulty pictured with Tribune Editor John McAteer.

and skill. But there is so much red tape around having apprentices onsite for their training.

"This country has a huge level of bureaucracy and that must be changed to simplify and reduce the measures that are standing in the way and it is simply putting young people off getting involved in many careers. In earlier times places like Kilcar, Carrick and Glencolmille had huge levels of jobs in tweed and carpet making. Much of that has now disappeared and we must strive to develop other job creation enterprises to retain more young people at parish level.

"At the same time there is a huge shortage of skilled workers, joiners, the construction trade, electricians, plumbers and fitters. Despite the shortage of skilled workers, the regulations in the system are a hindrance and until this issue is resolved, there will not be any progress."

He says: "Farming, fishing, housing, health and the infrastructure are critical for the future of Donegal. Newly elected Cllr Manus Boyle has led a deputation to meet our four MEP's in Dublin.

We all know the problems, the delays in remediation of mica infected homes is case in point. My own position is trying to find solutions to the problems that have been there for many years. I look at the whole idea and value of solar panels, yet their promotion is not being developed as a vital earner on the farms with acres of roof spaces available with energy to the grid being lost. We are well behind in that respect and there needs to be a greater input in helping applicants who are keen on solar energy. Homeowners in many instances see the long-term value of the panels but the installation costs and inputs are not affordable to many homes.

How we cope with problems is crucial and there are many gaps.

I'm very conscious of the urgency of the very real issues in private enterprises and in my own sector in retail that things must be improved for the tens of thousands of small enterprises who are struggling to keep the flag flying on their premises."

John is already a well known figure in the world of the GAA with experience in managing at club level and has a sense of its role in every parish.

He welcomes the Government allocation of €12.2 million for Donegal clubs in the recent Sports Capital grants. Clubhouse upgrades, pitch developments and new equipment are on the way for 89 clubs and sports centres in the county. More than €9.2 million has been allocated to 78 groups and organisations under Local Allocations. Almost €3 million was distributed to 9 Regional Projects.

John is a straight talker with his own ideas, ideals and he's not slow in making them known and as the general election is on the horizon he says FG is not taking anything for granted and they have a tough battle ahead in Donegal.

We know that he's been renewing long-time FG acquaintances out along either side of Mulroy Bay, Churchill, Letterkenny and Glenswilly and Ramelton - there's been a very positive response to him seeking election.

## Stopping the brain-drain in healthcare

He has had a strong response in recent months to his proposal that those professionals trained in Ireland especially in the areas of nursing, medical, teaching and other vital disciplines should have in their contract, an obligation to work in Ireland for periods of up to three years

after graduation.

He hopes that his own party, Fine Gael will take this issue on board and take appropriate action to solve the obvious lack of staff in many of Ireland's most important areas of health, education and vital services.

"This is a big issue and the people see the solutions because we are training some of the best health professionals in the world... only for them to emigrate, leaving us to depend on poorer countries to fill the ever-increasing number of vacancies for change and to confront a number of the key issues affecting our services. The new government has to tackle this exit of so many skilled people and that cannot happen unless there is an incentive there either financially or in making these professions more attractive and it is not something that can be imposed either.

I also feel strongly that when projects are approved, it takes years to see the work completed. Look at the delays at St. Eunan's College in Letterkenny where the delays in having a new college have taken years. No project should be left waiting so long for progress. It is one of the big issues and the new government must make the new college a top priority for the new Minister for Education," he states.

John McNulty has been on the campaign trail since his selection at the FG convention on August 27th and he has a steely determination to succeed in the general election because this is his first time running for the Dail.

He's been very busy on the campaign trail and has been covering all of the county in recent months. It is not an easy task out on the road searching for votes while managing a busy retail enterprise. However, he loves politics and it gives him momentum and interest to get out on the highways and byways to meet the voters of this constituency.

"I already know many people from my life in the GAA and the club is the heartbeat of the parish: it is vital for rural Ireland.

Keeping the new generation of young people at home, be it from learning a trade, farming, fishing or in community activity: these have got to be key to our future success," he adds.

## Simon Harris: he's sincere and honest

He's met the Taoiseach, Simon Harris several times and believes he has brought a whole new sense of urgency to the long-term issues that continue to make the headlines.

"Value for money must be assured across the public services and that is one of the issues the Taoiseach is seeking to resolve as a matter of public concern," he adds.

John McNulty is joined in the election campaign by Nikki Bradley from Milford on the FG ticket. Joe McHugh has held the Fine Gael seat here since 2007... but now he's chosen a different career path. The FG first preference vote in February 2020 was 13.8%. There is likely to be a major increase on the electoral registers for the constituency giving a quota of over 14,000.

The campaign has already begun and the battle for the hearts, the minds and the votes is obvious with canvassing moving up a gear. Fine Gael is taking nothing for granted but their expectations are positive...

Can they retain that seat? It is a difficult call and already there are candidates in numbers putting their names forward hoping for victory. Election day comes slowly, more slowly for the candidates and we will have a better indication by November 7th.



John McNulty meeting Fine Gael Taoiseach Simon Harris and Deputy Leader Heather Humphries.





Ramelton Care of the Aged hosted an evening tea in the Ramelton Community Centre on Friday. The tea was followed by a game of bingo.





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# FF suits query grass roots in Donegal

A major audit of the county's Fianna Fail branches is now under way and numbers of personnel in both constituencies have already been contacted this week. As straight answers are sought from the grass roots it has emerged there is one big problem. The party officials are now asking questions from some who've never been in the organisation and have no intention of doing so.

And the responses to the questions are both precious and highly colourful.

In fact one source who spoke to the Tribune last night said he was astounded to hear questions being raised by FF party headquarters about his role in an organisation to which he'd never held membership nor had ever attended a single meeting.

'I've never been a member or supporter of FF in my whole life and I'm astounded they'd contact me to see how my cumann is performing,' confessed one shocked recipient of a series of telephone questions in recent days.

Over the weekend rumours also ran wild that at least two

prominent figureheads in the organisation had been sacked from their positions in Donegal NE. However this was totally speculative, mischievous and equally untrue. Nobody has been sacked.... just yet.

One of the parties named is on a business trip to Baghdad and he confirmed to us that he's not had any word from head office and he did not expect any dramatic news that might shock him. This new audit is part of an ongoing internal investigation being carried out to determine where rebuilding is needed ahead of the next general election.

Party Headquarters is contacting one member at random from each cumann to determine their levels of work and input in the community.

This new move stems from their big rebranding session down in west Cork in early September and a series of relevant questions are being posed by the officials. Members are being asked to give answers to the levels of activity in their branches and to give a resume of the main issues affecting their local communities.

"How do you think Fianna Fail is doing in your area," was one of the interesting questions posed. "I couldn't give a shite because youse sacked Jimmy McDaid" was the curt reply as the interview moved on to more settled back waters.

"How often does your cumann meet," was yet another sticky one. "I can't really remember, but it was in the last century," was the forthright reply. The silence at the other end of the phone was deafening: or so we're told.

When told that the demotion of Dr. James McDaid and the employment question were the foremost topics of interest the official appeared somewhat nonchalant and disinterested, according to one member who was contacted by the party suits on Wednesday in the Letterkenney area. And it would appear their lists are somewhat confused over the number of active branches in certain areas of the Donegal NE constituency.

As the fallout from the demotion of Dr. McDaid refuses to go away party sources who attended a meeting in Letterkenney to convey their disgust and



Milford men Aidan Cannon and Shaun McBride are currently finalising their preparations for the Dublin City Marathon on Bank Holiday Monday, October 25. Both are undertaking the daunting challenge for two very worthwhile charities. Aidan is running in aid of Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin while Shaun's 26 miles is in support of The Donegal Downs Syndrome Foundation. Both have sponsorship cards out and all financial assistance will be warmly welcomed for two very worthy causes.

# Fanad CPO: no go at Council

Is Donegal County Beach, Fanad?"

The Council dragging its heels on the motion to have a CPO put on a beach in Fanad?

This issue was much in the minds of the Milford Cllrs. on Monday when the administration in Lifford produced their latest report on the issue.

It is now mid October and this issue was first on the agenda at the adjourned meeting on Sept. 6th when the Council voiced the opinion that no discussion should ensue since the situation is now sub-judice.

Later in the month it transpired this point of view was not a legal opinion, merely that of an official.

So legal opinion was then sought after a demand from Liam Blaney and so that stuff was produced this week.

The actual motion read: "That Donegal County Council provides a Compulsory Purchase Order to open the right of way to Drumnacraig

The Council response said: 'If the Council are exercising statutory powers provided same are done lawfully and in accordance with the statute the Councils Solicitor has advised that this would not offend against the sub-judice rule. However they go on to highlight that the Council should be very wary of embarking on a statutory process to provide a public right of way therein while the current legal proceedings are still pending.

Furthermore the Council's legal advisor states that it would be wise to wait determination of the proceedings one way or another. This could happen by such proceedings being heard, settled or withdrawn. Regardless of the outcome, the Council would then be making a decision in the context of the legal rights (as the currently stand) between the parties to the proceedings having been determined. If the Council were to proceed in advance of such determination and if the statutory process lead to the compulsory creation of the right of way the landowner could claim that this was done at the behest of the other parties and in an effort to avoid the court proceedings.

If the outcome of the Court case was to establish that a public right of way was already in existence the question of the Council exercising statutory powers would no longer arise. In conclusion it is difficult for the Council to consider the motion at present as any discussion on the position at Drumnacraig cannot be separated from the issues in the present proceedings save perhaps statements by way of objective analysis on the need for public access to this beach." I feel a bit confused too: so I'll lie down in a darkened room for a couple of hours to try and calm down.

Liam Blaney said that all the landowner had to do now was nothing. In effect he said this ruling suggested that if no further action was taken by the owner then the matter could not be discussed in the Council and his motion was completely sterilised.

He did not accept that ruling and he asked for the matter to be put on the agenda for a further meeting.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey went further and said there is no way that foreign landowner can be allowed to come in here and dictate to us what is our inherited rights. He went on to refer to landlordism in Donegal and how three Fanad men rowed across the Mulroy on April 2nd. in 1878 to end that sort of tyranny in this country.

# Garda investigate Fanad robbery

Garda investigations are continuing into a robbery at a premises in Fanad around one o'clock on Monday afternoon during which a sum of money was stolen.

Garda say that a group of four or five non-nationals were involved and they are now seeking information on this group.

The Gardai at Milford say that attempts of a similar nature were also reported from a number of other business premises in the Milford District in the past week. Any help or assistance in tracking this group would be appreciated and you are asked to call the Gardai at Milford on 07491-53114.



Robert Patterson and Mary Whoriskey making a presentation to Hughie and Maura McClafferty at a farewell function in the Beach Hotel, Downings on Friday night. Hughie has sold his supermarket McClafferty's of Milford to Shaun and Andrea McBride, Cranford. Also included are staff members Sue Doherty, Karen McGrory, Cathy Whoriskey, Bred Boyce, Marie McFadden, Nellie Orr, May Logue and Michael Bonner.



Lloyd Cole and Comotions played their first reunion concert in Vicar Street Dublin on Sunday night and former Tribune journalist and bass player Lawrence Donegan is pictured on stage. Pictured after the show with Lloyd and Lawrence are some of the Donegal folk at the concert. Included are Jacqueline Sharkey, Jerry Carlin, Noel Gillespie and Francis Diver from the Tribune with Donegal Daily's Stephen Maguire, People's Press journalist Robert Love and Paul Smith, Milford.





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# Controversy continues over Loop Road

As the fallout from the recent decision by Letterkenny Town Council to change part of the Pearse Road to a two-system continues a local business man, Mark Doherty of Century Cinemas has described the move as staggering.

And the scrapping of the one-way-system is to be aired again on Monday night where Mayor Dessie Larkin has a motion down calling for a period of public consultation before any changes are introduced. Meanwhile Cllr. Victor Fisher has come out strongly against the two-way while Cllr. Jim Lynch has admitted to having second thoughts about voting in favour of the one-way. Mark Doherty the managing director of Century Cinemas on the Paddy Harte Road said he was stunned and flabbergasted that the Town Council would go back to a system that had brought gridlock to the Pearse Road. Mr Doherty said the decision would have serious repercussions for business in the area.

"The Pearse Road is going to turn into a car park, business is going to suffer and its going to be total gridlock. People will refuse to come into town because of this. The decision beggars belief when you consider the increased competition that Letterkenny is facing from the North. Because of this added traffic problem people are going to vote with their feet. There has been something like 7,000 job losses in this county over the past number of years and really I'm staggered by the Councilors decision here which is only going to make the situation worse" he commented. Mr Doherty agreed that there were a number of matters that had to be resolved on the current one-way-system but pointed out that the report contained measures to improve entry to Atlantic Homecare, upgrade junctions and provide footpaths. "We had gridlock two years ago and we're heading back to that situation again if two-way traffic is allowed back. I'm calling on the Councilors to have a second look at the decision and be brave enough to change

their minds. I would ask them to have a look at the situation down in Wicklow where the Councilors held their hands up and opted to rescind an earlier rezoning decision," Mr Doherty concluded.

Meanwhile Cllr. Jim Lynch who voted in favour of the two-way system has admitted to having second thoughts after receiving 100% negative feedback from the general public. Lynch said in hindsight he had probably supported the change out of pure frustration over inaction of the Council on completing the works on the one-way system. "I haven't heard one positive comment about the two-way from the public. Personally I was disappointed that the new system, which has been in operation for two years, was left in a very poor state and had it been completed my decision would have been different. By voting in favour I thought it might have pushed the Council to present definite plans to finish the works on the one-way" he said.

## Demand to extend ferry service

The Council has been urged to extend the season for the Swilly car ferry service from its initial seventeen week period for 2005 as a result of the figures presented to this week's meeting on the pilot season that ended on September 30th. Cllr. Liam Blaney has now proposed the season should run from Easter to Halloween.

Gary Martin who presented the report on the ferry service between Bunrana to Rathmullan reported that it had carried ten thousand more passengers than

estimated and as a consequence revenue was also up. The numbers including all vehicles projected by the Council was 15,575 with an income €170,660 as of September 20th. The actual figures were 24,675 with an income of €215,965.

Gary Martin said in monetary levels the income was substantially greater than envisaged and he recommended that should a service run next year the optimum period should remain the same. It is unclear if a new contract will have to tender since only one submission

was received for 2004. The Council had originally agreed at its 2004 budget meeting in early January to invest a sum of €100,000 in the project. Then a further sum of €47,667 was agreed to cover any revenue deficit. This figure was based on a calculation of the traffic levels the service might attract.

Liam Blaney supported by a number of other Cllrs. wanted the service period for 2005 extended and the matter will come up again before any final decision is made.



The Milford ladies soccer team winners of this years Glencar Inn Cup pictured with Dessie Kelly. Donegal League



Pictured following the Donegal VEC Count last Saturday are seated elected representatives from left Francis McDaid, Abbey VS, Bernie Mulhern, Abbey VS, Ann Marie Luby, Carrick VSol and Joe O'Donnell, Stranorlar VSI. Back row are Ann O'Donnell, Mulroy College, Sean O'Longain, CEO Donegal VEC, John James McDermott, Frankie Quinn, Deputy Returning Officer, Claire Boyle, Deputy Returning Officer and Helen McIntyre.



Kevin McFeely presenting a framed picture to Stephen and Anne Shevlin taken at the post-match function in the Glencar Inn following the inaugural Stephen Shevlin Memorial Cup final which took place during the Fun Week in August. Also included at back are family members Paul, Mickey and Anne-Marie Patton



Fr. Francis McAteer, Rathmullan blessing the new statue of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) at St. Joseph's Church. The statue was donated by John McLaughlin from Malin.

## Donegal vintage car club AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Donegal Vintage and Classic Car Club was held in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey last week. The following officers were elected. Chairman, Eunan Kelly, Convoy; Vice-Chairman, Hugh McClean, Letterkenny; Secretary, Brian McGivern, Killygordon; Assistant Secretary, Donal McGettigan, Bundoran; Treasurer, Leo O'Connor, Ramelton; Assistant Treasurer, Patrick McCallion, Letterkenny; P.R.O., Fergus Cleary, Convoy; Committee, Harry McPetrie, Letterkenny; Ronnie O'Brien, Kilmacrennan, Sammy Russell, Letterkenny, Michael Doherty, Frosses, Noel Curran, Donegal Town; Pius Doherty, Lifford, Colm McLaughlin, Derry; Don Stevenson, Letterkenny; Eddie Ferry, Ramelton; Sean O'Rourke, Leitrim; Joe McGee, Newtowncunningham; Benny McGrory, Donegal P.O.; Chris Hewett, Glenvar; Michael Crampsie, Letterkenny. Club meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. No meetings in January and where there is a Bank Holiday the second Monday is used.

## Gortlee site: Only Cllrs can make decision - Harte

Cllr Jimmy Harte has called on the members of Letterkenny Town Council to state their views on the proposed Development on land that has been zoned for educational purposes in Ashlawn Gortlee area. Cllr Harte is aware that the VEC is keen to see this land kept for educational purposes and it could mean that a primary and secondary school could be accommodated in the field. Cllr Harte does not agree with the planners who have claimed that a material contravention of the town plan is not required to allow development of 41 houses in the land. "My legal advise is the same as my initial analysis of the situation that : This site is zoned "educational" under the Development Plan, even though marked as "educational opportunity" under the Development Plan are not zoned equivalent to "opportunity sites" under the Development Plan. Instead such sites have a specific zoning policy attached to them, namely for "educational purposes".

It is my view that The Town Councilors alone can determine whether a breach of the Development Plan can be permitted in this instance." concluded Cllr Harte.

The matter will again be raised at the Town Council meeting next Monday 18th and Cllr Harte expects that a vote on the matter will be taken and it is vital for the educational future of the area.



# Ballyare 10k raises €12,800



Sharon Friel Durning and Eugene Mulgrew from the Ballyare 10k committee presenting a cheque for €6,400 to Maureen Jordan, Martin and Tommy Pyper from the Donegal Downs Syndrome Association.



Sharon Friel Durning and Martin Friel from the Ballyare 10k committee presenting a cheque for €6,400 to Clement Harvey, Tracy and Ronald McKnight from the MS Ireland Donegal Branch.

On Friday night the Committee of the Ballyare 10k presented two cheques for €12,800, the proceeds of this years event. €6,400 was presented to the Donegal Down Syndrome Association and €6,400 to MS Ireland, Donegal Branch. Moya Carr on behalf of Ballyare 10k committee welcomed everyone to the presentation in Carr's of the Diamond. "This year has seen the 31st staging of the Ballyare 10k an event founded by local athlete, Pat Hegarty who is still a very active member on our committee and he still holds the record for fastest time on the 10k course. In fact, the Hegarty family have been very involved in the Ballyare 10k down the

years. Pat's sister Frances who sadly passed away in 2022 was an active committee member for many years and his brother Sean who sadly died in July this year was always a great supporter of the event. Both are greatly missed in this community. Since our launch here in June our small committee of 12 have worked very hard to raise much needed funds. From attending weekly meetings to knocking on doors selling tickets or horses, approaching businesses for sponsorship, persuading people to participate in events which could be tagging out for a football match or dressing up as their favourite legend and belting out the tunes as we had here on Friday. Planning and running the events and providing refreshments was all part of our activi-

ties over the last 5 months. I cannot commend the committee highly enough for their hard work and commitment despite obstacles faced by some of them in their own lives during this time. To make all this possible we had the support of the two benefiting charities and of course the support of our local community who weigh in behind us year on year, supporting events, buying tickets, helping with registrations, with teas and refreshments and providing stewards and Marshalls ensuring the safe and successful running of events. For this we are very thankful. The success of fundraising also depends on support from sponsors. Year on Year we approach many of the same sponsors and they never let us

down. Your continued support is much appreciated. I also wish to thank Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly and Cllr. Ciaran Brogan for their financial contributions. I know its risky to single out individuals as I'm sure to leave some out but there are a few here worthy of mention. PJ Burke runs a quiz and car treasure hunt which contributes greatly to our fundraising and of course is called in regularly to assist with other events which he does willingly and is very generous with his time. This year Gerard McGettigan, Matthew Holian and Anthony Friel assisted greatly with our tractor run as did Gary Doherty who provides great support annually. Anthony Friel pulled out



Members of the Ballyare 10k committee pictured at the cheque presentation on Friday night in Carr's of the Diamond, Ballyare.

all the stops to ensure the smooth running of the Sheep Dog trials ably assisted by Paul Rodgers, James Pat McDaid and many others from the local community who helped prepare the course. You know who you are and thank you. Neil Martin from Finn Valley AC has been a great supporter of our event providing commentary at the finish line and presenting the prizes. Thanks to Bernie Hegarty and Olive McGinley who have assisted now for many years with registrations and with serving teas and refreshments and indeed to Tracey McKnight for her generous help with registrations and refreshments. Thanks to Philip Durning and Chuck McTaggart and to Clement Clarke for providing music at our entertainment events. Thanks to our local media for coverage of our events. You could be forgiven for thinking that we the committee are heroes but that is not the case. The heroes are those involved with these charities who struggle daily in their fight for additional resources for basic entitlements which are not provided by the state. We are just privileged to be able to help in any small way we can." she concluded. Martin Pyper on behalf of the Donegal Down Syndrome Association said it was so humbling to be surrounded by so many great people. "Thank you so much from the bottom of our heart. The people who will benefit will be our own children and the funds raised will help make them flourish." Clement Harvey from MS Ireland Donegal Branch said he has been coming to the Diamond for over 30 years. "It's one of those pubs you come into if your on your own it has an atmosphere. A lot of people on our committee has MS which means they are normally fine during the day but when it comes to trying to go out in the evening they cant as they don't have the energy." He said the funds will go towards the summer outing weekend in Bundoran as well as the Christmas Dinner on the 1st of December and thanked the committee for their generosity.

## French students on Mulroy Bay

24 French students visited Mulroy Bay last week to see how the numerous aquaculture species were produced in Ireland. They came from an agricultural college in Fontaines, which is in the centre of France and therefore they had never seen

aquaculture production in operation and wanted to visit Mulroy Bay ever though they were based in Kells, Co. Meath. After lunch in the Carrigart Hotel kindly sponsored by BIM and hearing all the statistics about Irish aquaculture produc-

tion from Joanne Gaffney, head of Aquaculture in BIM perfectly translated into French by Alison Roux Little from Carrigart they headed out in the Bay where they saw, mussels, oysters, scallops, seaweed and salmon production on board



Above - Jerry Gallagher, Joanne Gaffney, head of Aquaculture in BIM and translator Alison Roux Little from Carrigart. Left - The group with Johnny Wilhare of Mulroy Mussels.



Johnny Wilhare's new boat specially designed for mussel production. Martin Coll was also on hand to lift mussel lines and show how he does things. The aquaculture operators in Mulroy Bay are to the fore when it comes to cutting edge operations and also in accommodating visits like this one which also opens doors for Irish companies and students to go abroad and learn from other countries. It is also important for tourism and many of these students who are aged in their early 20s said that they would be back in Ireland again due to the hospitality shown and the beautiful countryside.



# Assisted Dying?

Euthanasia, or 'assisted dying', is back in the headlines. Last week in the Dáil TDs voted on a report which recommended removing end of life protections for those deemed terminally ill, and deemed to be within the last 6 months of life. In such cases people would be given lethal drugs with which they could end their life. Although not yet a matter of law, sadly the report was passed. (Two of Donegal's five TDs voted against it - Deputies McHugh and McConalogue—thank you.) It is an emotive subject. Who can't but have the greatest compassion? Anyone who has watched a loved one suffer wants to do all they can to limit or even end that suffering.

My own mother passed away after a long battle with MS and, at the end, a growing tumour. Death isn't kind, nor good. But I am firmly convinced that there is a better way to face death than euthanasia. Sometimes a person's life and suffering is unnecessarily prolonged in an attempt to extend life no matter what. But that doesn't mean that the alternative is to take proactive steps to hasten an end. There is a middle ground - that of proper palliative care. The introduction of assisted dying, often well-intentioned, is fundamentally flawed, and has numerous detrimental consequences for society. A right to die also carries with it an obligation for doctors

## Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

or nurses to enable it. This places an unwarranted and unethical pressure on them. People talk about autonomy - but that is a two-way street. Sadly, experience has proved in different countries that a right to die slips

easily into an obligation to die - to cease to be a burden or a drain on a family's or society's resources. This in turn creates a climate of fear among the elderly and the sick - the very thing that they don't need. And like everything it becomes monetised, and insurance packages, instead of offering long term care, will offer better rates for exiting 'gracefully'. Euthanasia fundamentally damages the complex structure of society. We exist in community - 'no man is an island'. We care for one another - the healthy are meant to care for the weak. Rather than communicating the idea that the sick are a burden, we should be communicating that care, no matter how long it is needed, is our privilege to give. Journalist Giles Fraser wrote "My existence

is fundamentally bound up with yours. Of course, I will clean you up. Of course, I will hold your hand in the long hours of the night. Shut up about being a burden. I love you. This is what it means to love you. Surely, there is something extraordinarily beautiful about all of this." Dying with dignity can be accomplished without euthanasia. Dignity is not only something we feel in ourselves, it is something others confer on us by how they treat us with love, gentleness and respect - as thousands of hospice carers do daily. Those who cared for my mum conferred an enormous dignity on her. She died with dignity because dignity was given to her by those who cared for her. That's what a compassionate society does. God would safeguard us

from these consequences by not giving us this responsibility. The Bible also teaches that death is not the end. God has set eternity in our hearts; Heaven and Hell are the destinies of all mankind. 'Assisted dying' encourages people to think more about the leaving and less about the arriving. I spend my time often dealing with those suffering and have found that, even in the worst of suffering, Jesus Christ grants purpose and hope. When we know Jesus as our Saviour, no suffering is pointless. Knowing him gives purpose to it, strength for it, help in it, and hope after it. *Mark Loughbridge is one of the ministers in Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or jmarkloughbridge@gmail.com.*

# Death vote on elderly from Dail

By Dr. Joe Kelly, Falcarragh

It is abhorrent and a crime against humanity, that Irelands elected TDs and appointed Senators have driven Ireland to be an international death camp by voting to accept the ultimate depraved low of sanctioning the killing of the elderly.



The Oireachtas is an international disgrace and has lost all moral and ethical compass and all sense of decency. Not only did 56 TDs vote yes to death, but the missing 30 TDs signed the death warrants. We are aware of the historical significance of 30 pieces of silver. So too has 30 missing TDs condemned to death the silver

haired. Party leaders and the Government had no electoral mandate to introduce either Hate Speech Legislation or the killing of vulnerable elderly by Euthanasia. There is no 'International Best Practice' in the killing of the elderly.

People are now faced with the ultimate decision to enforce change and elect TDs who will reverse this repulsive agenda and protect the Constitution which specifically recognises and protects the right to life (Article 40.3) meaning the right to have nature take its course and to die a natural death.

# Dr Samuel Beckton talk

In November 1934, 7,368 Protestants in east Donegal signed a Unionist petition to the British and Northern Irish governments requesting to transfer their region to Northern Ireland. This was a reaction to policies made in the Irish Free State by Fianna Fáil during the 1930s that resulted in the Economic War. News of this event spread to numerous newspapers across the British and Irish Isles, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia (modern day Zimbabwe) through Irish diasporas across the British empire. This was an exceptional event of southern Unionism in post-partition Ireland, displaying an element of defiance in their development of living in the Irish Free State.

The work analyses the roots of the petition and those who organised the document. What were the terms of the petition? What did the petition manage to achieve and fail to resolve? How did it lead to a Derry-Donagall Milk War, which lasted three years? Dr Samuel Beckton, a historian from Belfast will be doing a talk in the Manorcunningham Community Resource Centre on 17th November at 2pm, concerning the 90th anniversary of the East Donegal Border petition. This is linked to his recently published book which he will be launching at the event as well. The East Donegal Border Petition and the Derry-Donagall Milk War, 1934-8 on Sunday the 17th November at 2pm. and

tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite. The event will also be during the centenary of the Irish Boundary Commission of 1924-25, making the research more relevant.

## Coffee Morning in Gartan

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

# Manorcunningham Kurling Club wins Jean Wilson Memorial Trophy



Manorcunningham Kurling Club has claimed the inaugural Jean Wilson Memorial Trophy. This victory not only highlights the club's dedication but also serves as a meaningful tribute to the late Jean Wilson, a beloved figure who played a key role in establishing kurling in Donegal. Introduced last year in memory of Jean Wilson, who passed away in 2021, the trophy honours Jean's legacy as the founder of the Raphoe Kurling Club and her profound impact on kurling throughout Donegal. Her passion for the sport and her warm, caring nature touched the lives of many, making this award a fitting tribute to her contributions. Lorna Wilson, Jean's daughter, along with her granddaughters Jessica and Sarah, presented the trophy to Manorcunningham Kurling Club Captain Virginia

McLoone and the delighted club members. Reflecting on her mother's love for kurling, Lorna said, "There really is a lifestyle attached to kurling. Jean got so much out of it—from new friendships to an active social life. She gained a new buzz for life that she didn't have before." For club members like Evelyn Kee, kurling has been equally transformative. Evelyn, who lost her husband, shared how joining the club has helped her through difficult times. "My good friend Mary Tinney asked me to come along, and when I did, everyone made me feel so welcome. They don't even know how much they helped me. I didn't want to do anything, didn't want to leave the house, but they really brought me out of my shell and helped me through it. Now, I'm never in the house and love getting out and mixing with people. It's opened up a whole new life for me," she said.

As Donegal Sports Partnership prepares to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Donegal Kurling League in the New Year, Manorcunningham Kurling Club's win underscores the strength and vibrancy of the kurling community. With over 150 participants across eight teams, kurling has become one of the largest active seniors programmes in the county. Jean Wilson's legacy lives on through this vibrant league, and Manor Kurling Club's achievement serves as a lasting reminder of the sport's power to bring people together in friendship, sport, and community spirit. Karen Guthrie, Community Sports Development Officer with Donegal Sports Partnership, encourages anyone interested in joining a kurling club to reach out to her at karen@activedonegal.com or call 074 911 6736.



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### RECRUITMENT COMPETITION

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

- Assistant Staff Officer

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

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday, 18 November 2024.**

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Pupils at Brownknowe National School all dressed up for Trick or Treat for sick children in Crumlin Hospital on Friday.



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Eileen McBride, Kilmacloo, Creeslough  
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Mairiad Doherty, Upper Dundoan, Downings  
Sharon Doochan, Feymore, Creeslough  
John O'Connor, Gortnabrade, Carrigart  
Neil Toye, Grogagh, Creeslough  
RC Church Carrigart  
Eileen & Paul Harkin, Kill, Carrigart  
Grainne Boyle, Ellistrin, Letterkenny  
Michael McClafferty, Swillybrin, Creeslough  
Rose Kearney, Ards, Creeslough  
Kathleen Durning, Massinass, Creeslough

**€500**  
Sean Monaghan, Carnagore, Carrigart  
Patrick Shiels, Cranford  
Louise Brogan, Carrigart  
Patrick McGeever, Gortnabrade, Carrigart  
Angela Gallagher, Creevy, Carrigart  
Charlee McClafferty, Rosapenna, Downings  
Phyllis McNulty, Kilmackloo, Creeslough  
Ellen Druce, Cashel, Creeslough  
Andrew Moore, Hornhead, Dunfanaghy  
Niamh Tess Gallagher, Umlagh, Carrigart

**€100**  
Anthony Hunter,, Ards, Creeslough  
Simon Moore, Kill, Dunfanaghy  
Siobhan Hewitson, Chapel Road, Dunfanaghy  
Denise Ferry, Hornhead, Dunfanaghy  
Ivor Gallagher, Cratlagh, Milford  
Kevin McFadden, Main Street, Dunfanaghy  
Marie Sweeney, Tullagh, Carrigart  
Reba Fisher, Umlagh, Carrigart  
Maeve Coyle, Maghermagorgan, Carrigart  
Charlotte Gallagher, Purt, Dunfanaghy  
Damien Coyle, Mulroy Park, Carrigart  
Ciara Doochan Glack Creeslough

Sheephaven Credit Union held their car draw in the Carrigart Hotel on Bank Holiday Sunday night and pictured are groups enjoying the nights entertainment. Photos by Brendan Vaughan.





# Kilmac Reserves host Cappry

Local football action kicks-off this Friday night at the Letterkenny Centre where there is an Old Orchard Inn Division 2 league games between Kilmacrennan Celtic and Cappry Rovers (8.15pm). John Sandilands side have made a very good start to the campaign and will be aiming to make it four wins in a row and maximum points. Cappry has just one victory and two losses so far. Kilmac are currently second in the table.

On Saturday in the FAI Junior Cup at 12 noon there is another potential giant killing act on the cards for Fintown Harps AFC who host Fanad United at Páirc Acla. The Saturday League Fintown have already knocked out another Premier Division team Swilly Rovers but this time it is likely to be a defeat for them as Fanad are really going well at the moment. In the Brian McCormick Premier Division on Saturday evening Bonagee United will be expected to get the better of Rathmullan Celtic at Dry Arch Park (7.00). In the FAI Junior Cup on Sunday, Kilmacrennan Celtic face a really tough away tie against reigning national champions Cockhill Celtic (1.30). Gerard McGranaghan's side only had a narrow 2-1 home win over Milford Utd in the last round earlier in the month so they will be very much underdogs at Charlie O'Donnell Park. Also on Sunday in the FAI Junior Cup, Letterkenny Rovers are in Killybegs to take on St. Catherine's where the visitors will certainly fancy their chances of advancing to the next round. Both of these matches start at 1:30 with extra-time on standby to decide the outcomes if necessary.

## Ulster Junior Cup

### Bonagee's big start crucial Milford United 2-4 Bonagee United

In a game switched to Dry Arch Park from Milford, Bonagee came out on top on Friday night under the lights with the visitors two goals coming from penalties converted by Kyle Black and Cathal McGettigan. Bonagee certainly started the game on the front foot and took the lead in the 13th minute. Shay Maloney dispossessed a Milford defender and released Jamie Harris whose effort from 20 yards went in off the underside of the crossbar to give Bonagee the lead. It was 2-0 nine minutes later. A ball into the area was knocked into the path of Dan O'Donnell by Aidan McLaughlin and O'Donnell made no mistake, curling an effort beyond Caolan McGettigan from the edge of the box. In the 32nd minute, Milford halved the deficit, when Kyle Black scored a penalty following a handball in the area by a Bonagee defender.

Bonagee regained their two-goal advantage five minutes before half time. A long-range effort by Gareth Harkin rattled the base of the post and the inrushing Maloney was on hand to make it 3-1. Ten minutes into the second period, Milford made it 3-2. Kyle Black was adjudged to have been fouled by the Bonagee keeper in the area, and Cathal McGettigan made no mistake from 12 yards. Bonagee got the fourth and final goal of the contest when Jack Parke raced forward and shot from the edge of the box to the far corner to put Bonagee into the next round of this competition.

Milford Utd - Caolan McGettigan, Conor

McHugh, Lorcan Friel, Jacob Campbell, Shane Black, Killian McBride, Joey Cullen, Corey Lee McConigley Darren McLaughlin, Cathal McGettigan, Kyle Black. Subs Shea Gibbons, Niall Murray and Conor Coll for Jacob Campbell, Corey Lee McConigley and Darren McLaughlin at Half time. Unused Paul Ryan and Daithi McTaggart. Ref Mick Lagan.

## Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

### Dwyer's late penalty winner Glencar Celtic 4-3 Ramelton Mariners

Hat-trick hero Darren Hunter was on fire as he helped Glencar Celtic to a great comeback from 2-0 down to win 4-3 with Jack Dwyer scoring the winning penalty with nearly the last kick of the game. Ramelton Mariners were somewhat unlucky in what was an exciting game of football for the neutral fans with two penalties and seven goals. Fionn Robinson, Shaun Bryant and Eoin Roulston were the Mariners marksmen

Ramelton Mariners - Paul Gallagher, Eoin Roulston, Stephen Bryant, Kieran Black, Conor Ferguson, Jonah Serrina, Brandon Wilkie, Aidan Connolly, Luke Friel, Fionn Robinson, Evan Hewitt. Subs used: Shay Callan McFadden for Hewitt, Brendan McDaid for Wilkie, Myles Mulgrew for Roulston, Shaun Bryant for Friel.

## Ulster Junior Cup

### Martin nets four times

#### Lagan Harps 6-0 Ballybofey United

Some clinical finishing from Kyle Martin saw Lagan through to the next round. He opened the scoring on two minutes when a through ball from Iarlaith Duffy put him through. He made it 2-0 on seventeen minutes with a sublime chip from the right side of the box. Daithí McMahon went close with a free for Ballybofey, before they were awarded a penalty on thirty-five minutes. However, Mark Margey saved Daithí McMahon's penalty, as well as the follow up. Lagan took advantage when they were awarded a penalty for handball minutes later, Kyle Martin scoring it with a cool effort. Ballybofey pressed hard at the start of the second half but Lagan scored again on fifty-two minutes, Kyle Martin again scoring with a good finish from the edge of the area. Lagan got two late goals when Jordan Gallagher converted a Matthew Doran cross before Matthew was sent clear to score the sixth. The Lagan defence led by Rory Mc Crossan was solid throughout. Referee: Michael Connolly.

### Dillon delivers for Kilmac

#### Kilmacrennan Celtic 1-0 Keadue Rovers

Kilmacrennan are through to next round Ulster Cup after good win at Letterkenny Community Centre. A game of very few chances was decided by a Chris Dillon goal on 40 minutes. A super pass from Mattie McLaughlin was excellently controlled by Dillon and his first shot was brilliantly saved by keeper Patrick McGarvey but Dillon coolly tucked away the rebound. Keadue pressed hard in the second half but could not find a way past a stubborn Kilmacrennan defence controlled by Kieran Gorman. Best for Kilmacrennan: Chris Dil-

lon and Kieran Gorman.

Kilmacrennan Celtic - Liam McBride, James Doherty, Caolan Kelly, Stephen Black, Kieran Gorman, John Sandilands, Mattie McLaughlin, Shane McNamee, Chris Dillon, Conor Black, Paul Bradley. Subs used: Caolan Curran, Shane McDewitt. Not used: Sam Harvey, Owen Browne, Rory McGrenra, Gerard McGranaghan, Niall O'Regan (Gk).

Referee: Mick Lagan

### Banda bangs home hat-trick

#### Letterkenny Rovers 8-0 Monaghan Town

Letterkenny Rovers cruised to an 8-0 victory over Monaghan Town, displaying attacking prowess and defensive stability throughout. Keith Cowan opened the scoring in the 12th minute, followed by a goal from BJ Banda in the 19th minute. Banda completed his hat-trick with goals in the 42nd and 48th minutes, while Dean McCarry added a fifth just after the break. Dylan Woods and Caolan McConnell joined the scoresheet in the 58th and 69th minutes. Rory Gallagher rounded off the scoring in the 89th minute, securing a decisive win for Rovers as they advanced in the competition.

### Fanad hit five in Redcastle

#### Redcastle F.C. 1-5 Fanad United

Fanad Utd advanced to the next round of the Ulster Junior Cup after a comfortable away win over Redcastle. Arthur Lynch's side goals came from Peter Carr, Paddy McGinley with two, Eoin Logue and Oisín McMenamin.

Carr, McGinley and Logue had the visitors 3-0 up at half time. Redcastle got a goal back from the spot before McGinley got his second with a fine finish and substitute McMenamin got the fifth 10 minutes from time.

Fanad Utd - Mark McConigley, Keelin McElwaine, Seamie Friel, James Gallagher, Patrick Moffitt, Carlos O'Reilly, Paddy McGinley, Daibhid Lynch, Peter Carr, Eddie O'Reilly, Eoin Logue. Subs used: Oisín Langan, Shaun Carr, Paddy Carr, Oisín McMenamin, Conor Blaney. Not used: Dylan McGlone, Charlie McAteer, Conor Blaney, Oisín McHugh, Darragh O'Doherty, Darran Nash.

### Six-goal defeat for Swilly

#### Swilly Rovers 0-6 Kildrum Tigers

A comfortable win for the Tigers at a rain-swept Swilly Park. Soft goals were conceded, but in fairness, Kildrum were the sharper team on the day. Kealan Gillen got the opener at 15 minutes following a William Lynch clearance. It was two on 30 minutes when the excellent Johnny Robb set up Brian Breslin who finished well. Jimmy McKinney, with a deflected effort, made it three, and Breslin, with a close-range finish, made it four just before the break. Tiarnan Brown and Johnny Robb, with well-finished efforts, sealed the victory near the end. Swilly had a couple of Tom Mullen half chances near the end, but it was a disappointing day for the home team. Kildrum march on to the next round.

Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher, Darragh McDaid, Ciaran Kelly, Damian Friel, Michael Kerr, Conal McGonigle, Tyler Durning, Tony Gallagher, Laurence Toland, Thomas Mullen, David Craig. Subs:

## Donegal Junior League Results

### Friday 25th October

#### Ulster Junior Cup

Milford United 2-4 Bonagee United

### Saturday 26th October

#### Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Glencar Celtic 4-3 Ramelton Mariners

#### Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Erne Wanderers 1-0 Fintown Harps

#### Ulster Junior Cup

Glaslough 2-4 Glenea United

### Sunday 27th October

#### Ulster Junior Cup

Lagan Harps 0-6 Ballybofey United

Clonmany Shamrocks 3-0 Donegal Town

Culdaff F.C. 3-1 Gweedore United

Greencastle F.C. 1-3 St. Catherines

Kilmacrennan Cel 1-0 Keadue Rovers

Letterkenny Rvs 8-0 Monaghan Town

Lifford Celtic 0-5 Gweedore Celtic

Redcastle F.C. 1-5 Fanad United

Swilly Rovers 0-6 Kildrum Tigers

## Fixtures

### Friday 1st November

#### Old Orchard Saturday D2

Kilmacrennan Cel v Cappry Rovers

### Sunday 2nd November

#### FAI Junior Cup 12 noon

Fintown Harps v Fanad United

#### Glencar Inn Saturday D1 1pm

Arranmore United v Glencar Celtic

#### Old Orchard Saturday D2 1pm

Castlefin Celtic v Letterkenny Rovers

#### Finn Travel Saturday D3 1pm

Copany Rovers v Bonagee United

Cranford FC Res v Gweedore United

#### Old Orchard Saturday D2 1pm

Dunlewey Celtic v Drumoghill Res

Gweedore Celtic v Glenea Utd Res

#### Glencar Inn Saturday D1 1pm

Keadue Rovers v Strand Rovers

#### Finn Travel Saturday D3 1pm

Lagan Harps v Ballybofey Utd

Milford United v Drumkeen United

#### Glencar Inn Saturday D1 1pm

Oldtown Celtic v Swilly Rovers

Ramelton Mariners v Kildrum Tigers

St Catherines Res v Drumbar FC

#### Brian McCormick Premier 7pm

Bonagee United v Rathmullan Celtic

### Sunday 3rd November

#### TDA Appliance D1 1pm

Ballybofey United v Milford United

Cappry Rovers v Lagan Harps

Gweedore Utd v Lifford Celtic

Donegal Town v Glenea United

Cranford FC v Castlefin Celtic

#### Donegal Physiotherapy Division Two 1pm

Convoy Arsenal v Letterbarrow Celtic

Curragh Athletic v Deele Harps

Drumkeen Utd v Whitestrand Utd

Drumoghill v Dunkineely Celtic

Raphoe Town v Kerrykeel 71

#### FAI Junior Cup 1.30pm

Cockhill Celtic v Kilmacrennan Cel

St Catherines FC v Letterkenny Rovers

Brad Patterson and Marty McDaid for Gallagher and Friel, Jordan McDaid for Durning, Odhran Grimes for Toland. Not used: Kyle McMullen

# Sports Bursary Awards

Donegal County Council was proud to pay tribute to a wide array of talented sportspeople at our biennial Sports Star Awards which

took place in the Council Chamber, County House, Lifford on 25th October 2024. Donegal County Council has been hosting the

Sports Bursary Awards for over twenty years with the aim of promoting and recognising athletes across the County for their contribution to sport.



Pictured at the Sports Bursary Awards held in the County House Lifford are front row (L-R) Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Eoin Rooney, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council. Anna Hennessey, John G. McLaughlin Chief Executive Donegal County Council, Amy Timoney, Back row Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community & Enterprise Division, Erin Friel, Anna Russell, Nikata Burke, Emma Bonnar, Dean Leeper, Allison Higgins, Sean McGinley, Oisín Toye, Riona Doherty and Liam Ward Director of Service, Donegal County Council. Photo by Gerard McHugh Photography

It is open to all sports recognised by Sport Ireland and overseen by a national governing body and is awarded under three categories Senior Olympic / World Class / International, Developmental and Veteran with recipients from a wide range of sports from athletics to surfing, badminton to shot-put; and boxing to cycling receiving awards. In presenting the awards, Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council acknowledged "Not only the contribution that elite sports people make to our County, but the important contribution that sport at any level can make to individuals and communities. Also, the coaches, families, and friends who have stood by our athletes, your unwavering support has been invaluable - the support networks that you provide help make their success possible, your unwavering dedication is the bedrock upon which our community is built". Chief Executive John G McLaughlin congratulated the awardees and commented on "the importance of Sport in promoting social inclusion, active citizenship and pride in our communities regardless of age, gender or ability" and he congratulated "all the awardees and encouraged everyone to continue to champion the spirit of sport and community". A total of 60 applicants received a Donegal County Council Sports Bursary Award.





# Portsalon Swim in Pink raises €1,025

Thanks to all the swimmers and supporters who once again helped to make a great success of the Turning Portsalon Pink Fundraiser. Over fifty swimmers braved the elements and helped ensure a great morning of fun, whilst raising money for Breast Cancer Re-

search. Due to the generosity of swimmers and supporters this event has grown massively in Portsalon as it has countrywide over the last few years, ensuring ground-breaking research initiatives that aim to improve early detection, develop more effective treat-

ments and ultimately contribute to finding a cure for breast cancer can continue. We raised €1025 in Portsalon. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.



Children from Kerrykeel National School all dressed up for their Halloween Walk last Friday.





# Fanad

**Funeral of Susanna Fahey**  
The funeral took place on Saturday of Susanna Fahey (née Dorrian), Ballure. Aged 64, Susanna was a native of Ballylar. She was one of a family of 15. Susanna was a very active member of the local community. She was a founding member of the Naíonra creche Traialloch. Susanna also worked in the Lighthouse Tavern where her personality endeared her to the many visitors and members of the local community who went there.



Susanna passed away on Wednesday of last week at the Donegal Hospice.

She was predeceased by her parents Willie and Jiley and her sisters Caitlin, Rose and Eileen.

Susanna is survived by her husband Allan; family Jacqueline (Gerard), Paul (Jess), Gavin (Claire), Amanda and Jenna, seven grandchildren, siblings, neighbours and many friends

Removal took place from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest on Thursday to her late residence. Fr Anthony Briody was the main celebrant at the Requiem Mass in St Mary's Church, Fanavolty on Saturday with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

**Death of Ailish Coyle-Benaicha**

The death has taken place in London of Ailish Coyle Benaicha, formerly from Glenvar. Deeply missed by her loving family, friends and neighbours in London, Glasgow and Donegal. Funeral will take place in London with burial in Herongate Wood Cemetery, Brentwood, Essex this Friday 1st November.

A Mass was offered for Ailish in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Glenvar on Saturday evening. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

**Kids' Fancy Dress Halloween Disco**

On this 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 - spooktacular fun!!!

**Kerrykeel Yoga**

Gentle yoga in Kerrykeel Old Schoolhouse, Thursdays 10-11 am €40 for 4 or €12 drop-in.

Chair yoga in Glenvar Community Centre starts on Thursday 7th November for 4 weeks, €40 (sign up only)

Chair and Mat yoga The Vestry, St Conal's Letterkenny, starts Friday 8th November for 6 weeks, €60 (sign-up only) Ray Community Centre, Saturdays 10-11am 9th, 23rd, 30th, November, 7th and 14th December. (note none on 16th Nov) €45. Call 086 8367776 for more details or to book.

**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 Presbyterian Church Hall, Kerrykeel on this 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.

**Annual Fanad Clean Up**

Please join in this community effort, the annual Fanad Clean Up in the first weekend in November. Donegal County Council will provide skips over the weekend 1st to the 3rd November at Trialough Community Centre and

Portsalon car park. Bags, litter pickers and gloves will be available from these sites 10-11.00am Saturday 2nd November.

**'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 avail-



Mulroy Hoops basketball player John McLoughlin recently represented the North West in the Tom Collins U15 BIPPS Tournament in Limerick. This event gave John a chance to showcase his skills and hard work on a national level.

ability.

**Classes in Glenvar**

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

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

Cards begin again this 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 Trialough, Fanad on Sunday 8th December from 2-5pm. If anyone would like to book a table you can do so by contacting 0863526758.

**Badminton**

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

**Men's Shed in Glenvar**

The committee of Coiste Forbartha Ghleann are considering the possibility of setting up a Men's Shed in Glenvar. Anyone interested in

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## Fanad Lighthouse features in new tourism campaign

There are 65 lighthouses operated by Irish Lights dotted around Ireland in coastal locations. As their function in lighting our coasts is automated, many are now being regenerated as heritage buildings with a tourism focus - some are visitor attractions, while others offer unique places to stay on a self-catering basis. In 2023, our lighthouses welcomed around 384,000 visitors, with over 50% of visitors to larger sites coming from overseas.



Tourism Ireland has partnered with Great Lighthouses of Ireland (the tourism partnership led by Irish Lights) to capture compelling content featuring beautiful lighthouses in scenic locations around Ireland - including Fanad Head Lighthouse. A series of new short videos and photos of seven different lighthouses has been created and will be shared by Tourism Ireland with its 6+ million followers on social media. Content will also be used in Tourism Ireland's international PR and publicity activity.

The featured lighthouses also include Ballycotton (Cork), Blackhead (Antrim), Blacksod (Mayo), Loop Head (Clare), Rathlin West (Antrim) and Valentia Island (Kerry).

The short videos highlight some of the unique characteristics and charm of the lighthouses. They showcase the great experiences and activities to be enjoyed in and around each lighthouse. For example, near Fanad Head Lighthouse, visitors can discover its heritage at the Fanad Lighthouse Experience and enjoy a visit to the Lighthouse Tavern.

Alice Mansergh, Chief Executive of Tourism Ireland, said: "We're delighted to partner with

Great Lighthouses of Ireland to create this fantastic new content for future promotions. These iconic buildings are being sustained for the future through tourism. Lighthouses provide an opportunity for overseas visitors to explore our maritime heritage, witness breathtaking sunsets, capture memorable photographs and immerse themselves in the vibrant activities of surrounding regions. The videos showcase seven distinct areas around Ireland, where prominent lighthouses serve as beacons for exciting activities, culinary experiences and unique lodging options."

Bobby Kerr, Chairperson of Great Lighthouses of Ireland, said: "This content and vid-

eo series is a fantastic investment by Tourism Ireland in the Great Lighthouses of Ireland initiative. It brings the beauty of our iconic lighthouse experiences to life and showcases the incredible experiences in the surrounding areas. These stunning visuals will introduce Ireland's lighthouses to a global audience, inviting more visitors to experience their unique charm and history. We're excited to share this new content at the Great Lighthouses of Ireland Gathering in Valentia, where over 60 lighthouse and maritime tourism leaders are gathering to discuss the future of lighthouse tourism and how we can further develop our unique destination."



# Big weekend for Termon GAA

All roads lead to north of the Border for the Termon GAA Club this weekend. First up the Termon Men will be in Healy Park, Omagh on Saturday evening for their Ulster Intermediate Championship quarter-final against Tyrone side Derryaughlin (throw-in 5pm). Then on Sunday the Termon Senior Ladies are away to Lurgan of Cavan (2pm) in a provincial semi final.

Caolan McDaid's side will have to be in top form to have

a chance of overcoming Derryaughlin who defeated the Moy in the Tyrone Intermediate County Final a fortnight ago. It's a step up for Termon who are a fine footballing side but this is likely to be a more physical affair as the opposition try to stifle the attacking threat that the visitors possess. Derryaughlin will certainly be keeping close ties on Termon forwards Daire McDaid, Enda McCormick and Jack Alcorn who had a good County Final

outing against Naomh Columba.

At the back keeper Emmett Maguire and captain Ricky Gallagher will have to keep the defence disciplined against Derryaughlin. It will be a big match for Ryan McFadden and Bobby McGettigan in the middle of the park. No doubt there will be detailed tactical plans drawn up by both management teams. While Healy Park is not Derryaughlin's home ground it is a pitch that they are much

more familiar with than Termon and that gives them an advantage. So Caolan McDaid and his management team will instill in their starting 15 the need to keep it tight in the early stages and see where that takes them as the quarter-final progresses.

The second part of the Termon double header takes place on Sunday when the Senior Ladies travel to take on Lurgan of Cavan (2pm) in a provincial semi final. There has been a big transition in the Termon senior ladies squad over the past few years with the likes of Geraldine McLaughlin, Roisin McCafferty and Roisin Friel remaining from the 2014 All-Ireland winning team.

Joint managers and cousins Adrian and Kevin McGettigan have introduced a lot of excellent young footballers some of whom have played underage county football. There are also Evelyn McGinley, Megan Ryan, Jodie McFadden and Ciara McGarvey who have been involved with the Donegal senior panel.

On Sunday at the Burn Road the Termon Ladies defeated St. McCartan's of Tyrone in their refixed Ulster Senior Ladies Championship Quarter Final on a final score of 1-11 to 0-5. Evelyn McGinley's first half-goal was a crucial score with the hosts leading by 10 points at half time. Geraldine McLaughlin

was the top scorer with eight points.

Termon - Orla Corry; Aibhe McDaid, Niamh Friel, Chelsea Gorman; Niamh Bonner, Evelyn McGinley 1-0, Shannon McLaughlin; Emer Friel 0-1, Megan Ryan; Jodie McFadden 0-1, Roisin Friel, Anna Gallagher; Ciara McGarvey 0-1, Geraldine McLaughlin 0-8 (2fs), Roisin McCafferty. Subs: Jenny McGettigan for R Friel, Lauren Gallagher for A Gallagher.



Termon Senior Ladies team who defeated St. McCartan's, Tyrone in the Ulster Senior Championship Quarter Final last weekend and will this weekend travel to Cavan on Sunday to face Lurgan of Cavan at 2pm in a provincial semi final.

## Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final

### Eunan's take on Errigal Ciaran

St. Eunan's will go head to head with Errigal Ciaran on Saturday night in an Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final at Healy Park (7.15).

Barry Meehan's men will certainly not be underestimating the challenge that is ahead of them after Errigal Ciaran defeated the defending

champions Trillick in the Tyrone Senior Football Championship Final at Healy Park on Friday night on a final score of 0-12 to 1-8.

The sides were level with 15 minutes remaining but it was Errigal Ciaran who just edged it with Ruairi Canavan getting the crucial score. Canavan finished with a personal tally of 0-6

(3f) while his brother Darragh O'Donnell, no relation, Conor Jnr who was Man of the Match in the Donegal County Final will need to reproduce some of that form in order for Eunan's to advance to the Ulster semi-final.

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## Planning Notices

### Donegal County Council

#### 8 College Park, Glencar Irish, Letterkenny

I, Peter Craig intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at 8 College Park, Glencar Irish, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Glencar Irish. The development will consist of the construction of a single storey games room extension to the rear northwestern side of the Existing Dwelling, to include all site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Further Environmental Information (Natura Impact Statement)

#### Ballyconnell, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal

We, Fiona Doherty & Shaun McFadden have submitted significant further information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) to Donegal County Council for Planning application Ref No:24/60489 which was made for (1) Demolition of existing stone sheds to the side of the Dwelling, (2) Construction of a new two storey extension to the rear of the property and raising ridge height of existing dwelling, (3) Alterations to the fenestration of the existing dwelling, (4) Construction of a domestic garage, (5) Installation of a new waste water treatment system with all other associated site development works at Ballyconnell, Falcarragh in the townland of Ballyconnell. The significant further information including information in relation to the effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) in relation to the application has been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during its Public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to further information including information in relation to the effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be made in writing to the authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, not later than 5 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Authority.

### Donegal County Council

#### Bunnaton, Glenvar

I, Roisin Crerand am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank including all other site development works at Bunnaton, Glenvar, County Donegal in the townland of Glenvar. 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

#### Carrickbrack, Convo

I, Patrick Hughes, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with a proposed waste water treatment system, and all other associated site development works, at Carrickbrack, Convo, Co. Donegal in the townland of Carrickbrack. 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

#### Carraleena, Rathmullan

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

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### Donegal County Council

#### Ramelton Road, Letterkenny

We, M & B Kelly are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the following development: 1. Construction of a new building to provide 32 no. student apartments. 2. Ancillary and associated accommodation to the student apartments including a day room, servery, laundry room, I.T. room & plant room. 3. Provision of a new foul sewer connection to the existing public sewer. 4. Provision of a new storm water connection to the existing public sewer. 5. Provision for a new water connection from the existing public water main. 6. Provision of a disabled onsite parking space. 7. Provision of Bicycle parking & Bin storage. 8. All associated site development works at Ramelton Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the Townland of Letterkenny. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its Public Opening Hours at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal. Submissions or Observations in relation to this development may be made to the Planning Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Planning Authority.

### Donegal County Council

#### Killult, Falcarragh

I, Megan Boyce am applying to Donegal County Council to erect an extension to the side of existing dwelling house with all associated site development works at Killult, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Killult. 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.

### Iarratas chuig Comhairle

#### Contae Dhún na nGall

#### Leitir Ceanainn, Leitir Ceanainn

#### Uirbeach, Leitir Ceanainn M.D.

Tá mise Dela Kerr ag iarraidh iarratas a chuir isteach chuig Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, chun Athchóiriú, Leathnú agus Chun Teach Cónaithe Tréigthe atá ann cheana féin, a Thiontú isteach i gCeithre Árasán agus ceangal leis an bPríomhshéarach Poiblí @ 17 Eastát Rosemount, Leitir Ceanainn, Leitir Ceanainn M.D., Co Dhún na nGall. Is féidir an t-iarratas pleanála a iniúchadh nó a cheannach ar tháille, nach bhfuil níos mó ná an costas réasúnta chun cóip a dhéanamh ag oifig an údarás phleanála, Teach Contae, Leifear, le linn na huaircanta oscailte poiblí. Is féidir le haighneacht nó breathnóireacht maidir leis an iarratas a dhéanamh trí scríobh chuig an údarás pleanála, faoi focaíocht ar an táille ordaithe de, €20.00, laistigh de 5 seachtaine ag tosú ar an dáta a chuirtear ar an admháil ag údarás an iarratas, agus beidh aighneacht nó breathnaithe den sórt sin, curtha san áireamh ag an údarás pleanála chun cinneadh a dhéanamh. B'fhéidir tabharfaidh an t-údarás pleanála cead chun é seo a dhéanamh, leis no gan na coinníollacha, nó féadfaidh leo díúltú cead a thabhairt.

### Donegal County Council

#### Rathdonnell, Trentagh

I, Collette McGettigan intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank including all other associated site development works at Rathdonnell, Trentagh, County Donegal, in the townland of Rathdonnell. 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

#### Bellina, Falcarragh

We, Pauline O'Connor & Chris Smyth are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for alterations & extension to existing dwelling house at Bellina, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

### Donegal County Council

#### Bomany, Letterkenny

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

## In Memoriam



### O'Rourke Vincent John Dunmore, Carrigart

In sad and loving memory of our dearly beloved son Vincent John, whose 14th Anniversary is on 3rd November.

*Perhaps, if we could see the splendour of the land to which you were called from us, we'd understand.*

*Perhaps, if we could hear the welcome you received From old familiar voices, all so dear, we would not grieve.*

*Perhaps, if we could know the reason why you went We'd smile and wipe away the tears that flow We'd wait, content.*

*Treasured thoughts of times together Hold memories which will last forever Forever in our hearts, we miss and love you.*

Mum and Dad.

## Prayer for Publication

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail).** Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me that herein You are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Make request). There are none that can withstand Your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (three times). Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted. **ET**

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**In Memoriam**

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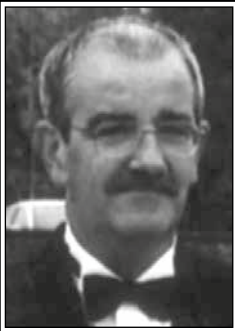
**Doherty**  
Bohurl,  
Letterkenny  
Charlie & Mary

In loving memory of Charlie and Mary whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Always in our thoughts and prayers Breda, Maria, nieces, nephews and extended family.

*May they rest in Peace.*

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 3rd November in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton at 11.00am.**



**Goudie**  
John  
Kilmacrennan  
Road, Milford  
10th Anniversary

*Your shadow walks 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.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Lillian, daughter Martina, grandson Markus and son-in-law Stewart.

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**Duffy**  
Annie  
42nd Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear mother Annie Duffy Our Lady of Lourdes pray for her. Divine mercy Jesus grant her soul eternal rest. R.I.P.

*A mother's love is something that no one can explain It's made of deep devotion of sacrifice and pain It's endless and undying enduring come what may For nothing can destroy it or take that love away A mother's love is all these things It's the greatest treasure known For the kindest mother in this world was the one I called my own A mother's love is special a gift beyond compare You only know it's meaning when she's no longer there So Jesus take this message to my Mother up above And tell her how I miss her and give her all my love.*

Remembered for ever from your loving daughter Nancy, Anthony and family and extended families.



**Sheridan**  
Patsy  
The Brae,  
Rathmullan  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grand father who died on 10th November 2023

*We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.*

Always remembered by his wife Claire and family and friends.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Saturday 9th November at 7.00pm.**

**Toye**  
Mary  
Rathmullan  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of Mary Toye whose 4th Anniversary occurs at this time.

*God called your name so softly that only you could hear No-one heard the footsteps of angels drawing near The golden gates stood open God saw you needed rest His garden must be beautiful He only takes the best Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved, still missed, still very dear*

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by her brother Patrick, sister in law Marie, Conor, Andrea and extended family and friends.

**The Anniversary Mass will take place at 9am on Sunday 3rd November in St Joseph's Church, Rathmullan and can be viewed online via the church webcam on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-joesphs-church-rathmullan>**



**Harold**  
Bridget  
Killymasney,  
Glenswilly  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on 31st October 2023.

*Our lives go on without you but nothing is the same We have to hide our heartache when someone speaks your name. Sad are the hearts that love you, silent are the tears that fall Living here without you is the hardest part of all. You did so many things for us, your heart was kind and true And when we needed someone we could always count on you The special years will not return when we were all together But with the love in our hearts you walk with us forever.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your daughters Marie, Anne, Collette, sons Martin and Colm, sons-in-law Paddy and Jerry, daughters-in-law Annemarie and Sheila

*Of all the special gifts in life however great or small, to have you as our Granny was the greatest gift of all May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear "We love and miss you and wish that you were here" Deep in our hearts, your life is kept, to love and cherish and not forget No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays are always there A silent thought a secret tear keeps your memory ever near in our hearts forever.*

Love from grand daughters Amanda, Nicole, Aoife, Tanya, Ciara and Charlene.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly on Friday 1st November at 7.30pm.**

**Acknowledgement**

**McCahill**  
Church Street, Dublin / Firhouse, Dublin

The family of the late Hugh McCahill would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for their support and all who travelled long distances at this sad time. Thanks for all the Mass and sympathy cards.

It is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accepted this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions

**Hugh Month's Mind Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Sunday 3rd November at 9.30pm.**

**Murphy / nee McGettigan,**  
Templetown,  
Carlingford, Co Louth / Kilmacrennan

The family of the late Yvonne Murphy nee McGettigan wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported and sympathised with us on our sad loss. Our thanks to all our extended families, relations, neighbours and many friends for their kindness, help and support to Yvonne over these past four years in which she bravely fought against her illness. Our enormous gratitude to everyone who prayed for Yvonne, these prayers gave Yvonne great comfort. We really appreciate the kindness shown to us and the help we received from so many people prior to and during the wake and funeral. We cannot thank you enough for everything you did for us. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

**Yvonne's Months Mind Mass will be held on Friday 8th November at 7.00pm in St. Columba's Chapel, Kilmacrennan.**

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**Junior Presentation night at Letterkenny Golf Club**

Junior's presentation night was held for Presidents, Captains and Scramble Sundays for Junior Golf at Letterkenny. President Ed Margey, Captain Paul Carr assisted by Junior Captains Lewis Mulligan and Cassie Lambe presented the prizes. Also in attendance were Junior Convenor Seamus Patton and junior committee members Elaine, Gavin and Mary.

On what has been a busy but successful year prizes were awarded for the various 5, 7, 9, 18 hole competitions throughout the year. Juniors present ranged from 7yrs to 18yrs, boys / girls, proud parents and a bite to eat served up by Noreen plus staff at Hunters.

Also presented was the 'Leonard Roarty' Boys Matchplay Cup sponsored by Farren, Roarty Accountants and Ciaran Haran attended to present the 'Kieran O Gorman Solicitors' Golfer of the Year Cup, both these won by Kayden McKenna.

52 Junior Golf LK members are signed up for the Winter Lessons programme under the tuition of PGA Pro Seamus McMonagle as the club continues to make great strides in junior golf development.

Big thanks is expressed to the many sponsors associated to Junior Golf LK with special mention to main sponsors 'Kernans'.

2025 is eagerly awaited and to the fore was the enjoyment, fun associated to Junior Golf at Letterkenny and at the end of the day that's what it's all about - Well done to all at Junior Golf Letterkenny and thanks again to all the junior committee for all their hard work throughout the year!



Pictured above and below are Junior winners at recent Prizegiving evening at Letterkenny Golf Club with President Ed Margey, Captain Paul Carr, Junior Captains Lewis Mulligan and Cassie Lambe and Junior Convenor Seamus Patton.



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Tá mise, Eoin Ó Broin, thar ceann CLG Na nDúnaibh, ag cur isteach ar iarratas pleanála chuig Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall le forbairt a dhéanamh ag Leagain Riach, na Dúnaibh. Beidh an fhorbairt comhdhéanta de 6 thuilsoilse 18m ar airde in áit na dtuilsoilse 15m ar airde, a ceadaíodh roimhe seo faoi thagairt phleanála 20/51578. Tá stair ag baint leis an iarratas seo mar go ndearnadh tuilsoilse a cheadú don pháirc seo ag Leagain Riach, na Dúnaibh, cheana fhéin faoin iarratas pleanála 06/50340. Thig an t-iarratas pleanála seo a scrúdú nó a cheannacht ar tháille réasúnta nach mbeidh níos mó ná an costas a bhaineann le cóip a dhéanamh de ag oifig an Údarás Pleanála, Teach Comhairle Contae, Leifear, le linn na n-uaireanta oscailte poiblí. Thig aighneacht nó barúil, maidir leis an iarratas seo, a dhéanamh chuig an Údarás Pleanála i scríbhinn, ach an táille

t-iarratas.

Déanfaidh an tÚdarás Pleanála na haighneachtaí agus na barúlacha a chur san áireamh le linn dóibh a bheith ag déanamh cinneadh ar an iarratas. D'fhéadfadh an tÚdarás Pleanála cead a thabhairt faoi réir coinníollacha nó gan choinníollacha, sin nó cead a dhiúltú.

de €20, mar atá leagtha síos, a bheith íoctha laistigh de thréimhse 5 seachtaine, ag tosú ar an dáta a fuair an tÚdarás Pleanála an



# Creeslough

## The late Frank Kelly



The death took place of Frank Kelly, Roscad, Creeslough in Falcarragh Community Hospital. Frank was a well known member of the community which was evident in the many people who visited the wake and attended the funeral Mass in St. Michael's Church celebrated by Fr John Joe Duffy and concelebrating were Fr Martin Dohan and Fr Seamus Murphy. Symbols remembering Frank's

life and work were presented at the altar – amongst them a pack of cards and a golf ball signifying Frank's love for golf, car keys, a spanner, jumper, garden shears, rosary beads. He was a member of Dunfanaghy Golf Club and was Captain in the early 90s and a member of Muckish Ramblers. A Guard of Honour from the Club showing their respects outside the Church. James and Andrew did the readings.

Fr. John Joe in his Eulogy talked of the devotion Frank had to St. Clare Crockett who died in an earthquake in 2016 helping others. Frank looked after so many people with their cars and he enabled many people with their journey. The greatest journey of all is the journey of life. Frank was the son of Mick and Hannah Kelly and enjoyed going out on the Co-op van with his father meeting people. He started his working life as a Barman in Sweeneys Bar (now McNulty's), went on to Friel's Garage and then went to Letterkenny with Noel McGinley where he remained to his retirement. He enjoyed playing cards every Tuesday night. Football was also very important to him. Today Frank is returning to Doe where he and Bridie married at the Altar fifty six years ago.

Matthew read a lovely Reflection "Grieve not for me". Fr Doohan led the final Prayers. The soloist was Bridie

Sweeney. Frank was laid to rest in Doe cemetery. Frank was predeceased by his brother Peter and sister Tessie.

Sympathy is extended to his wife, Bridie, sons Michael (Trish), Derrisicleigh, Brendan (Grace), Portnablagh, daughters Mary (Shane), Athenry and Christine (Mathew), Drimmaraw, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters, in-laws, extended family, friends and neighbours.

### The late Margaret Rodgers

The death has taken place of Margaret Rodgers, 16 Birchill, Creeslough and formerly of Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim. Her remains left her home in Birchill on Wednesday October 30th travelling to Antrim and Newtownabbey Crematorium for a ceremony. Sympathy is extended to her family Michelle, Karan, David, Emma and Sarah, grandchildren Sean, Rebecca, Samuel, Molly, Rachel, Elizabeth, Sophie, Noah, Willow and Edith, partner Hughie, brother Philip and extended family and friends.



### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Bernadette McFadden and family, Ards on the death of her sister Susanna Fahey, Ballure, Fanad. Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty on Saturday and Susanna was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

### Presentation Day

The Dunfanaghy Youths Football Club Presentation Day for 2024 Season will take place on Sunday November 3rd in the Ozanam Centre at 3p.m. All welcome.

### Sunday Evening Mass

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

### Doe Amateur Swimming Club

Please note that there is no swimming on this Saturday 2nd November.

### 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.

### 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. For enquiries and bookings contact Ards T: 00353 74 913 8909. E: info@ardsfriary.ie.

### Jiving Classes

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

### Conversational Irish

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

### 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.



Scenes from the Coffee Morning organised by the Creeslough Walking Group in aid of the Christmas Lights in the Hub in Creeslough on Sunday Morning last.



## Cloughaneely

### 50/50 Winner

Congratulations Mary McGarvey, Lower Brinalack who won the Falcarragh 50/50 draw last week of €1038.

### Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the Junior Band Draw last week and the numbers drawn were 1-3-4-8-13-16. Winners drawn were Laura Diver and Annmarie McFadden who won €50 each.

The Cloughaneely Junior Band will hold their annual general meeting on Tuesday 5th of November at 8pm in the Sean Scoil Gortahork.

### Pobail Le Chéile-

#### Bainsteoir Tionscadáil

Pobail le Chéile is seeking to appoint a full time Manager. The purpose of the position will be to support and manage a wide programme of socially inclusive community development initiatives. Iarratais chuig recruitmentplec@gmail.com roimh Dé hAoine 8ú Samhain ag 5 i.n.

#### 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 Gardh 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.



Dutch native Rein pictured with one of his cats on his door step now living in Cloughaneely area.



## DPM Halloween 5K Run and Walk

DPM Community Employment held their Halloween 5K Run and Walk on Sunday. There was a good turnout despite the weather and the organisers thank everyone who supported the event or gave donations. Results - 1st Michael Gallagher 19:08; 1st Youth Conor McFadden 19:10; 2nd Sean McVeigh 21:32; 3rd Cormac Coughlan 21:41; 1st Female Teresa McGarvey 36:43; 1st Senior Tommy McGinley 26:25.



No need to book, just come along. Postcode is F92 W2H7. For more information contact Pobail Le Chéile 086 455 7519.

### Social Handball

Social Handball for Adults. Come for a game or to watch and chat. Ionad Magheraarty, Wednesdays, 6-7pm. Contact John on 087 125 5600.

### Raphoe Diocesan Society

In November of each year an Annual Mass for the deceased Members of the Society will be offered in a different parish. The Annual Raphoe Diocesan Society Mass will take place on Monday 18th November 2024 at 7pm in Teach Pobail Mhuire, Doirí Beaga. Four Masses (of Perpetual Foundation) shall be offered in each parish each year - two for the living and two for the deceased Members of the Society. To enrol a member deceased or living to the Society contact your local Priest or by emailing rds@raphoediocese.ie with the details. Cost per enrolment is €15.

### Cloughaneely Senior Band

Tionóladh Cruinniú Cinn Bliana Bhuion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola Dé Sathairn, an 12ú Deireadh Fómhair, agus toghadh na hoifigigh seo a leanas do 2024/25: Cathaoirleach: Laura Barrett; Rúnaí: Fiona Roarty, Cisteoir: Anjo Carr, Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí: Bridin O'Halloran, Leas-Chathaoirleach: Padraig Carr, Leas-Rúnaí: Aine Quigg, Leas-Chisteoir: Annette McPaul, Leas-Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí: Sheila Gallagher; Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh: Rosie Diver; Comhordaitheoirí Éide:

Catherine Gallagher & Aoihbhinn McGarvey, Múinteoir; Ceoil: Con McFadden, Múinteoir Druille: Teresa Lynch.

We extend our best wishes to the band, committee, and teachers for the busy year ahead, especially as they prepare for their exciting trip to New York for St. Patrick's Day!

### Thanks

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

### November Novena for the Holy Souls

The annual Novena will run from Saturday 2nd - Sunday 10th November. Masses for the Novena will be at 7pm daily and on Sunday at 11am.

### RI-Oga Dance

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

# Brisbane - A release valve for our troubles

By James Woods

Brisbane is a well-known place name to the thousands who have made it their destination whether in seeking work, visiting relatives or in earlier times a destination for convicts. There was a convict colony situated between

Brisbane to the north and the city of the Gold Coast to the south which was named 'Logan' after Patrick Logan a Scotsman.

He was the son of a wealthy Berwickshire farmer who joined a regiment of the British army who went on to fight against the French in Quebec and in Ireland where he married a woman from Sligo.

He was ordered to go to Australia where he was put in charge of a penal colony in Moreton Bay occupied by those who would have been classed as the miscreants of society at the time by the British ruling classes.

Those who resented the colonisers rule in Ireland would have found themselves aboard a convict ship bound for Australia, to end up doing Patrick Logan's bidding overseen by soldiers. Conditions were unforgiving and punishments were handed out with relish, mostly by flogging. However, the bold Patrick met his fate at the hands of Aborigines who suffered at the hands and expansion of foreigners to their lands.

Brisbane, Logan and the Gold coast are now destinations for the thousands of Irish who no longer see themselves being able to get a job that would qualify them for a bank loan which would take a lifetime and a half to pay back, or to be able to save to build or buy a home.

Building a house is now costed at €400,000. Very few of those who emigrate with their skills and university achievements would have to think twice about returning home to learn that Fine Gael and Fianna Fail were still occupying the Dail seats and bleating about how the Exchequer was billions in surplus.

Now that is a joke when you think of the Children's Hospital overspend, bike sheds, mobile phone pouches, lack of housing. This is government wastefulness at a time when most people are struggling to rear their families, put food on the table and wave goodbye to family members as they board a plane for America or Australia.

It is the perfect release valve that Simon Harris or Michael Martin could wish for.



Fionn Woods from Gort a' Choice posing with his seventy-ton track machine while working on a site planned for massive shopping and housing in Logan. The site has Irish workers from every county and parish in Ireland.



U12 boys The St. Michaels U12 team defeated McCumhalls in the Northern Regional Board Division 1 Final on Saturday 26th October at the Centre of Excellence in Convooy. The boys put on a great performance against strong opposition. Well done to all the players and coaches on a great victory to end their season. The amount of support for the boys throughout the year and in Convooy on Saturday was great to see and much appreciated. The team on Saturday was Nathan James Duffy, Rory Boyce, Alfie Roarty, Michael McHugh, Seve Roarty, Oisín Neill, James Hartigan, Adam Murray, Caolan Sweeney, Matthew McFadden, Anthony Wilkinson, Oisín Sweeney, Cian Langan, Luke Gallagher, Anthony Dawson, Mark McFadden, Dinnie Sheridan, Hugh McNulty, Myles Byrne, Micheal Sweeney, Oliver McFadden, Conor Langan, Niall Monaghan, John McHugh, Conan Kelly, Riley Sweeney, Ryan Moore, Frankie Byrne & Conor Sweeney.



Pictured are prize winners at the Halloween 5k Run on Sunday afternoon in Dunfanaghy.



Pictured are the group who took part in the DMP Halloween 5k Run and Walk in Dunfanaghy on Sunday last.



# Dunfanaghy

## Night Swim

Gartan Open Water Swimmers Night swim at Portnablugh this Friday evening November 1st. Registration from 6.45. (Donations in aid of RNLI Lifeboats Donegal and Sheephaven Subaqua Search and recovery unit) Swim starts at 7.30pm. Please bring a tow float and a small light in a ziplock bag for the swim. Hot dog BBQ with veggie options afterwards on the beach. Don't forget the warm clothes although we hope to have a good firepit going for the BBQ. Weather is looking reasonably good, big tide, light wind and a small chance of rain. High pressure. See you on the beach.

## Holy Trinity Bowling Club

The James Hayes Scramble was played recently at Holy Trinity Bowling Club in the Parish Hall. The winner was Fred McKinley with the Runner Up Phyllis Lyttle. Congratulations to Kevin Carolan who qualified in the National Singles in Gortahork last week.

## Property Grant

Vacant and Derelict Properties Grant Information sessions will

be held at the following venues: Ionad Pobail Machaire Rabhartaigh: 1-4pm Tuesday 5th November. An tSean Bheairic: 2-5pm Thursday 21st November. During these events, a background of the scheme will be given along with a run through of the complete application process including the required supporting information required for a valid application.

## Patrick McIntyre Memorial Walk

The family of Patrick McIntyre Annual Walk handed over €1700 to Deirdre Treaty from the Donegal Hospice recently. Thank all who took part in the walk give donations or helped with the tea. Thanks also to Muckish Sand and Gravel for the use of their office and toilets.

## 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, with all money raised going to Dunfanaghy Town festival development. Lanterns will also be available for sale in the local



The Children who received their Confirmation in St. John's Church in Ballymore on Sunday morning last pictured with the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe Rt Rev Andrew James Forster and Revd David Skuce.



Pictured is Liam Gallagher who lined out for Connaught in the recent trial games in Croke Park he also got in on the scoring palming home a fourth goal for Connaught also pictured is his father Ted Gallagher former St Michaels players Liam is a regular Tirconail Gaels player London.

businesses. Joined by lots of fun attractions Samba Band, Fire 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

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 12.45 for a 1pm start; Arnolds' Hotel have kindly offered to provide hot drinks and shortbread when walkers return.

## Arrive'n'Jive



Carys McFadden and Shaun Doohan who were both defeated by All-Ireland Champions on the wrong side of a split 2:1 decision at the Belfast Halloween Box Cup last weekend.



Dunfanaghy Boxer Eddie McBride who won gold at the at Belfast Halloween Box Cup at ter 3 exceptional contest pictured with Coaches Eddie and Joe Harkin.

## Boxing success for McBride and Tennyson

There was success for two local boxers Dunfanaghy ABC's Eddie McBride and Derryveagh BC's David Tennyson at the County Antrim Halloween Box Cup on Bank Holiday Monday. A total of seven boxers from the County won their finals. McBride has been in good form recently claiming a juvenile Ulster 9 County title the previous week in the Cookstown Community Centre. On Monday he won the Junior Cadet

57 kgs Final after getting the better of Odhran McComb (Immaculata). The Dunfanaghy fighter had chalked up two wins previously to get to the final. Derryveagh ABC's David Tennyson was also a winner but there no actual contest for him in the Senior Cadet 63kgs Final due a walkover after his opponent Nedas Smataukas was forced to withdraw. Like, McBride, Tennyson had won two bouts to get to the decider.

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

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## 50/50

Congratulations to Aoibhe Gallagher

who won €3400 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## Prayer Meeting

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

## The Workhouse

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from 10am until 5pm featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground and the team welcome everyone over the coming months.

## Dunfanaghy Youths Presentation

Dunfanaghy Youths will be hosting their annual Presentation Day for all girls and boys teams on Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm in the Ozanam Centre, Dunfanaghy. As well as all the players, it is hoped that family members and friends can be there to celebrate the 2024 season.



## David Thompsons 90th Birthday Celerations

Ballymore Bowling Club members hosted a celebration for David Thompson on his 90th Birthday last week and is pictured left with his cake and above with his sister Margaret McKinley.



David Thompson pictured with members of Ballymore Bowling Club at his 90th Birthday celebrations.



## GAA Club News

### Gaeil Fhánada

#### Lotto Results 27/10/2024

Numbers: 3, 13, 14, 16, 20. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Gary McClintock. This week's Jackpot: €2,350.

#### Club Planning Workshop

We want you to help shape the future of our club.

Join us on Friday, 8th November at 8pm for a Club Planning Workshop in the Rosnaskill Community Hub, 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 for Gaeil Fhánada.

#### 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 Let's build the future of Fanad Gaels together

#### Cluichí na Seachtaine

##### Dé Sathairn, 2ú Samhain

Craobh Faoi 21

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Columba @ 2pm

##### Dé Domhnaigh, 3ú Samhain

Peil na mBan - Faoi 23

Gaeil Fhánada v Gleann Fhinne @ 10:30

Cailíní Faoi 13

Gaeil Fhánada v Gleann tSúilí @ 4:00

#### Ladies U23 League

Commiserations to our U23 ladies side who lost out at the hands of Red Hughs in their final group game yesterday at Páirc Uí Shíadhail. The competition now moves towards the knockout stages. Details of our next game is expected to be against Glenfin.

Eiméar Sweeney, Ella McBride, Méabh Duffy, Olivia Friel, Emma Friel, Meabh McAteer, Ciara McElwaine, Iseult Ní Mhathúna (1:02), Alisha Gallagher (0:01), Rachael Friel, Clare Friel (0:02), Jessica Coll, Eibhlin Shiels (0:02), Emma McGrenaghan (0:01).

#### Victory against Milford for u13 Girls

Gaeil Fhánada 2:07 Baile na nGallóglach 0:08

The u13 Girls were in action last Saturday against Milford at Páirc Uí Shíadhail in what was their final group game in Region 3 of the u13 league competition.

Conditions were difficult from start to finish and credit goes to both teams for a good display throughout, especially given the tricky weather and wet conditions underfoot.

Gaeil Fhánada were first out of the blocks with a point but it wasn't long before the visitors had levelled proceedings. The Gaels added two more points but were answered once more by Baile na nGallóglach also splitting the posts. The home side raised the white flag once more and quickly followed this up with a goal on eighteen minutes. It was looking like the Gaels were getting into their stride nicely but the visitors had other ideas, tagging on three unanswered points in the lead up to the break. Gaeil Fhánada 1:04 Baile na nGallóglach 0:05

The weather worsened after the break and this only made the playing conditions all the more challenging for both sets of players. It took until the ten minute mark before Gaeil Fhánada opened the scoring for the second half with a well finished goal and Milford duly responded with their sixth point of the match less than a minute later. The sides exchanged points midway through the half before

Fanad raised the white flag twice in as many minutes on 20 and 21 minutes played, which put a bit of daylight between the sides as the game was nearing its conclusion. Milford, still creating chances and looking very dangerous, had the last say of the half, splitting the posts with 23 minutes played. Both teams battled hard in the final minutes, working the ball up and down the field, but the scoreline remained the same and it was Gaeil Fhánada that claimed the victory on the day.

From a Gaeil Fhánada perspective, it's been a really positive campaign to date. The girls are currently unbeaten and have topped their group, now qualifying for a home quarter final draw in the Platinum competition. They are pencilled in to take on Gleann tSúilí next weekend at Páirc Uí Shíadhail.

#### G4MO Blitz in Glenties

Well done to our Gaelic for Mothers and Others side who travelled to Glenties on Saturday for a Blitz. They faced off against Naomh Conaill, Killybegs and Naomh Columba on the day.

That rounds off the 2024 season for the Gaelic for Mothers and Others side. Thanks to everyone who participated during the year, at both the training sessions and blitzes, and thanks especially to Michelle Doherty for her work with the side.

#### Moltóireacht ar Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha

Bhí lúchair orainn fáilte a chur roimh Chaitriona ó Ghlór na nGael ar na mallabhb. Bhí cruinniú dearfach ag Oifigeach Gaeilge an chlub, Mairéad Ní Fhrighil le Caitriona agus cúrsaí agus imeachtaí Gaeilge sa chlub a phlé acu.

Bhain Gaeil Fhánada Bonn Cré-Umha cúpla bliain ó shin, agus chuir muid iarratas isteach ar Bhonn Airgid i mbliana. Beidh na torthaí againn i gceann seachtaine nó dhó. Buiochas le gach duine a chuidigh linn agus lenár n-imeachtaí i rith na bliana.

**Comhghairdeas Rachel & Peter**  
We would like to extend our congratulations to our former committee member and player, Rachel McAteer and Peter McGee on their marriage over the weekend.

#### Ádh mór Declan & Georgia

We extend our best wishes to Declan Coyle and Georgia Kerr as they embark on their travels to Australia this week.

Declan has done trojan work for the club through the years, as a fundraiser, committee member and more recently as a coach and reserve team manager, and will certainly be missed around Páirc Uí Shíadhail in the year ahead.

#### Well done Lauren

Well done to Lauren Carr who has been nominated for Player of the Year in the Donegal Ladies Intermediate Championship. The winner will be announced at the Donegal LGFA Awards Night on the 29th of November.

### St. Michael's

#### Sympathy

Condolences to the Kelly family, Roscad on the death of Frank, the father of former players Micheal and Brendan Kelly and father-in-law of our current Assistant Secretary Patricia Kelly.

#### Well Done

Well done to Liam Gallagher who lined out for Connaught in the recent trial games in Croke Park. He also got in on the scoring palming home a fourth goal for Connaught. Liam is the son of Ted Gallagher from Murroe former St Michaels player. Liam is a regular Tirconaill

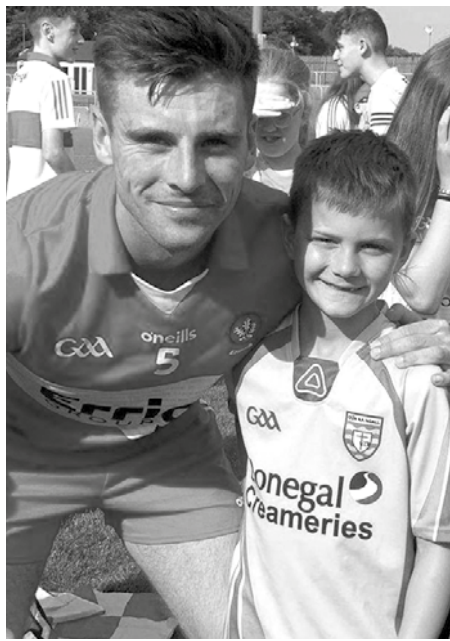
## Five Derry GAA medals for Dohertys'

It's been an amazing October for a Derry family with strong local links in Glen, Carrigart. In the space of a fortnight Aoife, Conor, Erin, Óisín and Mark Doherty all won Senior GAA County medals.

Aoife and Erin were on the first Ballymagan team to ever win the County Senior Football Final on Sunday 12th October, defeating Steelstown in the final at Owenbeg. Then on Sunday Conor, Óisín and Mark were on the Newbridge side that overcame reigning champions Glen in the Derry Senior Final at Celtic Park.

The Glen who won the All-Ireland Club Championship last year were managed by Malachy O'Rourke who will now take charge of the Tyrone senior footballers for the 2025 season.

Aoife, Conor, Erin, Óisín and Mark are sons and daughters of Neil and Sinead Doherty. Neil who is a native of Der-



Manor of the Match Conor Doherty with his cousin Bobby Roberts from Downings.

risligh, Glen, Carrigart played GAA for Termon in his youth. Other family links in the area are Neil's sister Frances Roberts in Downings and Tricia Kelly in Creeslough. So the Dohertys' cousins Andrew and Eoghan Kelly were members of the St. Michael's side that reached the Donegal Senior Football Championship semi-finals this year.

The Roberts family is well known in sporting circles in Downings with Eric having featured for the Senior GAA team while Tanya is heavily involved in the club.

The three brothers all played big parts in the triumph with Conor being named as man of the match in the final on Sunday. Óisín finished the competition as joint top scorer (0-33) alongside Derry forward Shane McGuigan (2-27), despite being just 17 years of age and having not played a senior game before May. He also bagged 0-4 in the final. Mark set up the winning point and scored 0-1 in the final himself



The Dohertys (L-R) Aoife, Conor, Erin, Óisín and Mark enjoying the celebrations on Sunday evening in Magherafelt.

Gaels player in London.

#### 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

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#### Gaelic4mothers 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.

#### Under 12 Champions

The St. Michaels U12 team who defeated McCumhails in the Northern Division 1 Final on Saturday in Convoy. The boys put on a great performance against strong opposition. Well done to all the players and coaches on a great victory to end their season. The amount of support for the boys throughout the year and in Convoy on Saturday was great to see and much appreciated. The team was Nathan James Duffy, Rory Boyce, Alfie Roarty,

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#### Congratulations

Congratulations to all the U12 girls who took part in Saturday's blitz in Convoy. Special thanks to Alannah McGinley for her refereeing and to all the parents who helped out.

With only the Parish League and one final U13 game left, this blitz marks the end of the U12 season.

#### Fixtures

##### Saturday 2nd November

U8s home v Downings at 10.30am.

### Naomh Adhamhnáin

#### Senior Men Ulster Football Championship

Naomh Adhamhnáin will play Errigal Ciaran 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. Tickets are for sale online, there will be no ticket sales at the venue on the evening.

Lip Sync Battle - Friday, November 8th.

We have just over one week to go until our Lip Sync Battle when Naomh Adhamhnáin and Letterkenny Music and Drama Group will be battling it out 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.

#### Minor Board

##### U16 Results:

Well done to our U16 boys team who won the NRB Division 1 league on Monday.

Final score : Maccumhails 2-4 : 2-9 Naomh Adhamhnáin

##### U14 Upcoming Fixtures:

Thursday, October 31st All county division 1 Quarter finals in Donegal Town Four Masters v Naomh Adhamhnáin at 4pm.

#### Club Lotto

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

#### Sunday Morning Skills Academy

The Sunday Morning Skills Football Academy is finished now for the season. Thank you to all the players, parents and coaches for your commitment throughout the season. Keep practicing at home.

#### Hurling Academy

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



# Na Dunaibh Ladies in Ulster semi-final

There's another big game on Saturday for the Downings Ladies side as they take on Colraige side Eoghan Rua who had a 2-7 to 0-11 victory over Beragh Red Knights from Tyrone at the weekend. It's an Ulster Junior Football semi-final with Na Dunaibh having home advantage on Saturday with a 2.00 throw-in. Barney Curran and Dominic McGroddy are on the management team along with Tanya Roberts-Browne, Emer McGeever and Charles Coyle.

Tanya Roberts-Browne says there is a very strong spirit in the squad and a belief that they can make it into an Ulster Final. The benefit of playing on their home pitch is a big plus after a very difficult game in Cavan last Saturday on very heavy ground. Eoghan Rua Ladies team have been in existence for four years having come from a strong camogie background.

On Saturday Downings made another piece of history by booking their place in the semi-final of the Ladies Ulster Junior Football Championship with a 5-04 to 2-10



win over Butlersbridge. It was an away fixture but the visitors dug in and while the Cavan side led at the interval there were just two in it after Denise Doherty and Amy McLaughlin netted goals for the Mevagh ladies. It was 1-05 to 2-02 going into the second half and then came two goals from County player Shannon McGroddy put Na Dunaibh com-

fortably in front. Denise Doherty's second goal was a big score for the visitors who ended up with a three-point winning margin.

Na Dunaibh scorers: Shannon McGroddy, 2-2, Amy McLaughlin 1-0, Sinead McBride 0-1, Denise Doherty 2-0, Lauren McBride 0-1.

Na Dunaibh - Charlie Shevlin, Jessica Roberts,

Chloe Hay, Maggie Doherty, Meabh O'Connell, Nadine Gallagher, Michelle Wilkin, Julie Treaty, Aoibhinn O'Connell, Amy McLaughlin, Caoimhe McLoughlin, Sinead McBride, Denise Doherty, Shannon McGroddy, Lauren McBride. Subs: Emer Treaty for M. O'Connell, Danni Shevlin for D. Doherty, Aine O'Connell for N. Gallagher

## Esther Jean gets help from Mister David Bowie on Water Safety Campaign

Esther Jean (O'Kane) Cullen, a Donegal lifeguard trainer and swim teacher tutor hit the road to visit 10 secondary schools over the past 2 months raising water safety awareness and giving advice on job opportunities for transition year students.

Esther Jean is based in Magherabeg Leisure Centre, Downings and has worked with children and adults in swimming and lifesaving for over a decade.

There is a huge shortage of lifeguards and swim teachers in Donegal and Ireland. Partnered with the crucial need for water safety and simple life-saving awareness.

Esther Jean gave informative and engaging talks on water safety and career prospects to educate

the students on cold water shock, self rescue and emergency procedures should they ever find themselves in the water by accident.

She also explained that children's swim lessons and water safety knowledge can not only save lives but lead children on to a very rewarding and profitable career as a swim teacher or lifeguard.

Many of her students who would have started their swim lessons as a child with Esther Jean now have trained to become swim teachers and lifeguards going on to secure employment in the leisure industry.

Children can begin lifeguard training from age 12+ with the RLSS National Lifesaving Academy and young adults from 16 years old can complete



Esther Jean O'Kane and her Therapy dog Mister David Bowie with boys at Mulroy College, Milford.



Esther Jean and Mister David Bowie with pupils at Loreto Letterkenny.



Esther Jean and Mister David Bowie with pupils at Mulroy College, Milford.

a 5 day RLSS Lifeguard NPLQ/NBLQ or level 2 STA Swim Teacher course and look for employment once qualified.

Esther Jean says "As a youngster myself I was a keen swimmer but never knew these courses and options were open to me at age 16 so I ended up working in take aways, restaurants and bars which for any young person is a good start but can have a knock on effect on their day to day life with late hours etc."

Due to the shortage of beach lifeguards some beaches were closed for a day or so this summer in Donegal. The rate of pay for a junior lifeguard is €15.55 p/h and €17.56 p/h for a senior lifeguard. Beach lifeguarding is a physically demanding job with huge benefits for physical and mental health. Working with a wonderful and dedicated team to keep our beaches safe. Becoming a swim teacher or lifeguard is incredibly beneficial especially when building confidence through teaching new skills, public speaking and leadership roles that come naturally with the occupation. Swimming lesson hours usually suit students lifestyles with mostly weekend or evening shifts.

In every swimming



Esther Jean with her Therapy dog Mister David Bowie in Loreto Letterkenny.

pool around Ireland and the UK swim lesson waiting lists are endless, children and adults will always need to learn how to swim. Not to mention children and adults with additional needs who are barely catered for at the moment due to the shortage of swim teachers. Esther Jean hopes to visit 10 more secondary schools in the New Year to encourage more young people into the industry and help ensure absolutely everyone stays safe in the water.

Some of the schools may even be in for an extra treat as Esther Jean usually brings her Therapy dog Mister David Bowie to help any students that may need a fluffy cuddle during the talks.

For further information on how to become a lifeguard or swim teacher search @donegallifeguards on Instagram or Donegal Lifeguard and Swim teacher training on Facebook.





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## McNamee agrees new Harps deal

Tony McNamee has signed a new contract extending his stay with Finn Harps to the end of the 2026 season. The Ramelton man's current deal was up at the end of 2025. Also remaining at Finn Park are English man Max Hutchinson and former Sligo Rovers man David Cawley. All three are experienced midfield players. Captain Tony McNamee came back to Harps from Bonagee United during the 2023 season when Dave Rodgers was in charge.



He played on it and has been magnificent this season, it has been magnificent how he has looked after the squad, the relationship he has with myself and the relationship he has with the rest of the staff and the players. So I am absolutely delighted that Tony has agreed a new two-year deal" Midfielder Max

Hutchinson, has also agreed a new two-year deal. Signing from Larne FC during the 2023 season he played 17 times scoring twice in the FAI Cup and assisting three goals in all competitions. During 2024, Hutchinson played 20 times for Harps. Starting 14 and coming off the bench six times.

Midfielder David Cawley, has committed to a one year extension keeping him at Finn Harps through to the end of the 2025 campaign. Mayo native, Cawley arrived from Sligo Rovers during January 2024 bringing a wealth of experience of domestic and UEFA European football. The 33-year-old achieved 28 appearances for Harps during the 2024 season scoring twice.

McNamee played 14 times to end that campaign. Darren Murphy made him Club Captain in February 2024, playing 36 times in all competitions and netting 7 goals. He was named Dublin Supporters Club Player of the Year and was included in a First Division 'Team of the Week' a couple of times.

Harps' boss Darren Murphy said "Tony has been brilliant since he has come back, he's the Club Captain, he's a great ambassador. He is held in such high esteem by everyone around the club. He leads by exam-

### Super 4 Lotto Result

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 24th October.

The numbers drawn were 3, 7, 14, 23. The next draw takes place on Thursday 31st October and the jackpot is €4,700.

There were seven match 3 winners

this week winning €30.

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| Kate Beattie,    | Castlefinn.  |
| Evelyn Breen,    | Stranorlar.  |
| Cathy Doyle,     | Creelough.   |
| Oisín Doherty,   | Ballybofey.  |
| Padi Jo Harper,  | Kilmacrenan. |
| Brendan McNulty, | Ballybofey.  |
| Sinead Lawne,    | Ballybofey.  |

### Paris winner for Dylan

There was another international success for Dylan Browne-McMonagle on Saturday as he was a winner aboard 3/5 favourite Tennessee Stud at Saint-Cloud in Paris for trainer Joseph O'Brien. Oisín Orr was also abroad on Sunday in Rome where he had two rides for French trainer Christopher Head but it was to prove a disappointing afternoon for the Rathmullan jockey.

Speaking after the race, O'Brien had big praise for Browne McMonagle and his Tennessee Stud. "Dylan gave him a fantastic ride. He said he was really struggling on that ground and

never felt comfortable at any stage. I think it's quite heavy there. It's testament to his attitude he was able to fight and fight and still win at the line. He's very big and I expect him to be better as a three-year-old. He'll have a break and will be trained now with the Derby at Epsom being his target. He could run in one or two trial races." Browne McMonagle also had a third place finish on 10/1 Apples and Bananas in Paris.

Meanwhile, Browne-McMonagle had a treble in Galway on Monday for O'Brien on Tribal, Source Code and Dollerina.

### Jack Browne bound for World MMA's

Young Jack Browne, who has strong family ties in Rathmullan and Milford is set to compete on the global stage next week. Jack will be jetting off this weekend to Tashkent, Uzbekistan to represent Ireland at the World MMA Cage Fighting. In the lead-up he has been receiving sponsorship from local businesses including his uncle Barry in Milford. And it will

all be needed for flights and accommodation. Jack will be in Uzbekistan from next Tuesday till Saturday. At the end of March Browne made history by taking bronze at the first-ever MMA Youth continental tournament in Belgrade, Serbia. The final results saw Ireland ranked second with Browne's medal having come in the Youth A Lightweight division.

### Eunan's hurlers lose U21 decider

There was disappointment for the St. Eunan's hurlers on Friday night who lost out to Burt in the Donegal U21 hurling final in Convoy. The Letterkenny side lost by three points on a final score of Burt 0-18 St. Eunan's 2-9. At half-time the two sides were tied at 0-9 to 1-6. Eunan's did lead for a short time in the second half but Burt finished strongly to complete a fine club double after their senior side also won their Donegal final earlier this month.

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### Gribbens' back in US basketball

Former Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club members and siblings Killian and Emma Gribben are back in basketball action in the USA.

Both are on scholarships with Emma commencing her Freshman Year with the Dominican University in New York.

Killian has been in the US for a few years and is currently at Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut. Both Gribbens have represented Ireland at underage level.

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### Rosapenna Golf News

**Gents Section - Sunday 27th Oct**  
Cat A (<12) - Pete McBride (Jnr) (5) with 37pts  
Cat B (13-18) - Brendan McGee (16) with 35pts BOT  
Cat C (19>) - Patrick Doherty (21) with 35pts  
Two's - Shane Doherty  
**Ladies Section - Sunday 27th Oct**  
Winner Bernie Wilson (30)  
Second Catherine McCrea (47)

**Golfer of the Year Finale 2024**  
The G.o.Y finale will take place Sunday November 3rd. Well done to the 16 qualifiers. The final table is linked below. David Ladley, Gents competition secretary, will reach out to each of the individual qualifiers to determine their availability to play.

Tee times will be from 8:10-8:40am on the day and will be based on your final placing in the table with the lowest finisher teeing off in the first group and leading points scorer going out in the final group. Good luck to all on Sunday the 3rd.  
**Course Update**  
Placing six inches not near the hole on fairways only is now in effect on both the Old Tom Morris Links & the Sandy Hills Links.

Animal Damage MLR F-10 is in effect until further notice. Areas of damage in the general area caused by birds, badgers and the like are

treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b. But relief is not allowed if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

**Upcoming Fixtures - November**  
Saturday 2nd - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 3rd - Winter Event Series, Club Competition & G.o.Y Finale 2024  
Saturday 9th - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 10th - Club Competition  
Saturday 16th - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 17th - Christmas Hamper  
Saturday 23rd - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 24th - Christmas Hamper  
Saturday 30th - Winter Event Series  
**December**  
Sunday 1st - Club Competition  
Wednesday 4th - St Vincent De Paul Annual Charity Golf Day  
Friday 6th - Ladies & Gents Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 7th - Club Over 50's vs Under 50's  
Sunday 8th - Club Competition  
Saturday 14th - Winter Event Series  
Sunday 15th - Club Competition  
Sunday 22nd - Club Competition  
Sunday 29th - Club Competition

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Wed 6th Nov - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

Sat 9th Nov - **Weanling Sale BULLS ONLY** 11am  
Booking in Thurs 7th Nov from 8 - 8.30pm.

Wed 13th Nov - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am  
Booking in Tues 12th Nov from 8 - 8.30pm.

Sat 16th Nov - **Weanling Junior Calf Day MIXED** 11am  
Booking in Thurs 14th Nov from 8 - 8.30pm.

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

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

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

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### Rugby news

### Letterkenny Firsts win in Cavan



Jamie O'Carroll who made his debut for Letterkenny Rugby Club's Firsts in the away win over Cavan on Saturday

The Letterkenny Firsts XV carved out a really good win away in Cavan on Saturday. A second-half try from Ultan McGuinness proved to be the crucial score in the Ulster Championship contest and gave the visitors a narrow 17-16 win. Despite first half tries from Chris McCann and Jordan Mealiff the Glebe outfit were behind at the break. But, then McGuinness went over for that crucial third try. The game was played in challenging conditions but with a few lineup adjustments, Letterkenny came out on top. A huge effort from everyone on the field, showing grit and determination.

It was a special day for young Jamie O'Carroll, who made his senior debut for the Firsts XV and made a significant contribution to the success. Meanwhile, the Letterkenny Development Team took on a well-prepared Donegal Town RFC. Despite their best efforts, they came up short this time, but they're ready to bounce back and regroup for their next challenge which is a Cup tie against Lurgan this Saturday, 2nd November. The Firsts are now in action this weekend but will be back on Saturday week, 9th November for an away game against Ards RFC.



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