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## Churchill born nurse retires... at 80

The curtain has finally come down on the remarkable career of Nurse Mary Frances Meachin, originally from Churchill, after a record breaking career in the profession.

by Declan Kerr

Now aged 80, Mary Frances has been a nurse in the UK health service for 62 years in Warrington. And in the final 42 years of her career she worked in the Intensive Care Unit of the local hospital.

She was a member of the Doherty family from The Rock, Church-

ill and along with her best friend Bridget Duddy, they set off from Drumacano on what she describes now as "an adventure".

But, there was pre-planning involved as both had applied to do General Nursing in Warrington. They took the boat to Liverpool and 18 miles later Mary Frances and Bridget were at their accommodation in the Cheshire town. While she has been a regular back to Churchill over the years, the permanent home for Mary Frances has been Warrington.

She said: "Myself and Bridget Duddy left Churchill, both of us setting out on an adventure. We hadn't a clue apart from knowing that we were going to start nurse training in Warrington. We didn't have a lot of money but life was good. We enjoyed dancing and the Irish bands that would come to Manchester which wasn't far from us.

Life is what you make of it and there was nothing much for us at home. I used to go back to Churchill regularly. I am planning to go there next month. My sisters Veronica, Ber-

nadette and Philomena are there as well as my brothers Eamonn, Vincent and Billy."

In an amazing career she spent her final 42 years nursing in intensive care at Warrington Hospital. And even more remarkably she has only retired at the age of 80. In England there is no upper age limit for retiring and even now, Mary Frances was sad to leave her post.

After qualifying as a general nurse Fran as she is better known to her work colleagues decided to do her

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## Milford sewer leaking effluent for 15 years

A faulty sewerage system has been discharging heavily polluted effluent from a housing estate in Milford to Mulroy Bay for the past fifteen years according to local residents of the area.

by John McAteer

Cllr. Liam Blaney has said the delays in getting remedial action done is very frustrating for everyone in the area and he is working with Council officials to-

wards a new system being put in place sooner rather than later.

The effluent is reaching out well beyond the 'holding tank' serving the Grey Rock estate and it is spilling into a fast moving stream before reaching Mulroy Bay close to the former bakery and flour mills. The Grey Rock estate has twenty houses and was constructed over twenty years ago by a private developer. This week, residents told the Tribune they



Effluent pouring out of the holding chamber serving the Grey Rock Estate.

have given up on any of communications ed to the completion of immediate action by with the Council as services on the estate. The vast majority of the authorities and far back as 2010. Their unfinished work has they've revealed details original concerns relat-

not been rectified, they said.

These unfinished works including a footpath: an open drain, kerbing and a leaking sewerage system that is long past being fit for purpose. Cllr. Liam Blaney said that he found it very frustrating trying to find solution to the problem. He said Grey Rock was one of three 'unfinished estates' locally that he's been working for a solution along with Council officials for a number of

years.

He said: "While I'm frustrated with these delays I can fully understand the frustration of the residents of Grey Rock and indeed those living on two similar estates in the electoral area.

The smell of pollution is all around the 'holding tank' and I have every sympathy with the households nearby. This is one of the many unfinished estates around the country and the public purse

: claim

has been left to pick up the costs of restoring faults and damage. I think that is just not good enough that the private developers cannot be pursued for the cost of repairs.

It is not right that the developers can escape paying for the unfinished estates and the faulty sewer systems. But the cost of remedial works falls on local authorities and Irish

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Moses Alcorn receiving the St. Michael's GAA Club Appreciation Award from Liam McElhinney, chairperson and Ann Marie Kelly, secretary at the Club's presentation function in Roses Bar, Creeslough on Saturday night.

## CAB searches in Gweedore!

The Criminal Assets Bureau conducted a search operation in the Milford Garda District on Tuesday and it is reported their main focus of attention was based in the Gweedore area.

Officers from CAB were supported by the Milford District Drug Unit and the Customs Dog Unit.

The CAB search operation was conducted in conjunction with Milford Gardaí and marks a significant development in an investigation targeting individual's involved in the sale and supply of controlled drugs in the Donegal area with direct links to a national Organised Crime

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# Another Council meeting adjourned

Monday's meeting of Donegal County Council was adjourned with no business done after the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jack Murray told members that he was taking the decision as some Cllrs and officials didn't feel safe as a result of 'certain issues' that happened. The Cathaoirleach did not elaborate further on what those issues were at that time - or afterwards. The meeting at the

Aura Leisure Centre in Letterkenny had been scheduled to start at 11 a.m. At 11.30, Cllr. Murray said he was adjourning the meeting for an hour as certain matters had arisen that required discussion with Party whips and members of the executive. Gardaí were called to the Aura on Monday and took statements from some staff members.

However, the meeting did not resume and has been rescheduled for next Wednesday. Since last autumn a number of Council meetings have been adjourned. In February the Council secured a High Court order restraining an elected representative from attending any of its meetings until the end of that month. That period has now elapsed.

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### Almost 15,000 new covid cases

The latest figure available from the HSE shows there was almost 15,000 new covid 19 cases were recorded on Tuesday. The health authority confirmed on March 29th that there were 5,962 PCR-confirmed cases, while 8,587 people registered a positive antigen test through the HSE portal - a total of 14,549 new cases of Covid19. Updated figures show that as of Wednesday, March 30th, there were 1,610 people in hospital and there were 49 people in ICU, which is down by 1 from the previous day.

## Milford sewer leaking effluent for 15 years - claim

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Water is the legacy that has been inherited from twenty years ago. I can assure the Grey Rock community that the Council has made progress and the new sewerage works is now at design stage for the first time. I hope the Council has overcome all the relevant issues because we have problems of this kind everywhere. I am assured that the Council can proceed urgently to replace the faulty system that has not been in working order for years and I will continue to add my voice to ensuring that the foul odour will finally be dealt with. Members of the community in nearby townlands said they've been aware of the foul smell from the sewer system for a number of years. They point to the 'holding tank' that's been oozing sewage into the nearby streams as it runs towards into Mulroy Bay, some 250 metres away. According to the local community the stench from the sewer chamber is totally unacceptable. Photographs reveal the heavily stained location as the cover of the tank is partially raised, either by pressure or incorrect replacement. Mulroy Bay has been building a reputation as a centre for many watersports and leisure activities. It is particularly well-known for family pursuits: canoeing and kayaking, and boating, but especially kayaking where participants are known get into the water in all weathers. Cllr. Blaney said the Council is engaging with

Irish Water in relation to the Grey Rock estate and they are currently examining a number of cost proposals for remedial works required, including a new foul water pump station for the estate to be funded by Irish Water. Liam Blaney made reference to a circular from the Dept. of the environment outlining the process to be followed by Local Authorities and Irish Water in relation to the Taking in Charge of Residential Developments. "This process clarified that any remediation costs associated with water services infrastructure will be addressed by Irish Water and remediation costs for roads, footpaths, public lighting and open space will be addressed by the Local Authority," added the response from County House. The Tribune understands that the Council's environment section has responded to queries raised only last week. The resident who declined to be named said he's been told that the actual ownership of the existing sewerage system isn't entirely clear due to circumstances of a previous time. The resident said that the information provided suggested there was no early solution in funding a replacement system and the position was unclear. Access to area with heaviest pollution is via a gateway on the Grey Rock estate and residents said this route had been used in the past to empty what they believe is a holding tank that is continually overloaded and not fit for purpose.

### Fuel tax relief needed : Donal Mandy

Cllr Donal Kelly is to ask the Council to write to Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan requesting that a commitment be made to implement a tax relief on fuel for the rest of this year as a matter of urgency for all transport companies, haulage companies, and agricultural contractors. Cllr Kelly will raise the matter at next Wednesday's reconvened meeting. "We all know this is a very serious situation for motorists, farmers, businesses, transport companies, builders and agricultural contractors. The rising cost of fuel has a knock-on effect on everything. There have been massive hikes in building material prices for concrete, timber, insulation and steel. Local bus companies who give such a good service to the community are badly impacted. Farmers are being hit with huge fertilisers and feedstuffs price rises as well as for medicines and vet call-outs. It's a really tough time too for agricultural contractors with the hike in fuel costs. The Government needs to give everyone a break here for the rest of the year by introducing a tax relief on fuel," Cllr Kelly said.

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## CAB searches in Gweedore

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Group. The operation involved the search of two locations and yielded details of a number of accounts in financial institutions. The investigation to date has resulted in the seizure of cash totalling €15,530. A further €36,000 in funds was identified in three financial institutions was restrained during the course of this morning's operation. Tuesday's CAB search operation was conducted in conjunction with Milford Gardaí and marks a significant development in an investigation targeting individual's involved in the sale and supply of controlled drugs in the Donegal area with direct links to a national Organised Crime Group.

### Planning Notice

Donegal County Council  
RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE,  
Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal.

We, Liam Mc Laughlin, Margaret Todd and Grainne Kelly, on behalf of Rathmullan District Resource Centre (RDRC) Committee, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Perimeter Fencing to Area of Site known locally as 'Boat Compound' and all associated Site Works @ RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, 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, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission

# Rathmullan News

### Tidy Towns & Clean Coasts

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am...please note the new summer time. New Volunteers and support always welcome, and thanks to those who come out every week.

Many thanks to all who attended the 'Sustainability Fair' last Saturday and thanks also to the Guest speakers for their wonderful presentations, Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer with Donegal County Council; Des Glackin, WIAC Inishowen, and Olivia Jones from Clean Coasts. Stevie Donnolly from Sligo IT, Donegal

mentor for the sustainable energy communities programme for SEAL, was also in attendance. We really appreciate them all taking time out on a beautiful Saturday afternoon to come to Rathmullan. **Don't Mow Let it Grow** Once again, there will be many places in Rath-



Pictured at the "Sustainability Fair" last Saturday in the Rathmullan were from left, John Gallagher, Jimmy Stafford, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Hazel Russell, Cllr. Donal Coyle and John Curran.

mullan this year where the grass won't be cut for some considerable time, as we encourage participation in this wonderful project once again, when we expect small changes to selected grassland sites will give big benefits to the biodiversity they support. By improving our natural environment, we will be making our area a better place to live. Like last year, we should see more native wildflowers emerge, more butterflies & bumblebees, hoverflies & beetles, as well as birds and mammals. **Earth Hour** Sincere thanks to all who switched off the lights last Saturday in honour of Earth Hour. The Earth Hour website reports that as of 2022, over 190 countries and territories participated in this annual Event.

**Rathmullan SVP**  
Rathmullan Saint Vincent de Paul appreciate your continuous support and are always available to help out in a confidential manner. Should you wish to contact us at any time please feel free to do so & note our new contact number on 087 7755510. Vincent's Thrift Shop which accepts books, clothing and household goods is open Wednesdays & Thursdays, 11am to 1.00pm, Saturdays 12 - 3pm and really appreciate your continued support. **Easter Hamper** Please support the ongoing campaign for the Rathmullan Lights Appeal with lines being sold locally @ €2 for wonderful Easter Hampers. **Rathmullan Celtic FC** The monthly 50/50 draw took place last weekend and congratulations to Shaun Begley who won €1,307, while Sam Anderson won the bonus prize €100. Next draw at the end of April with tickets available online or in local retail units or from Club Members. **New Press Correspondent** Anyone wishing to submit articles / news for inclusion in the Rathmullan Notes, with effect from April, please email to polshouse@gmail.com before the deadline of 10pm Monday nights.

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# Census message 2022

Despite all the terrible things going on in the world at the moment such as the coronavirus pandemic, war in Ukraine, hunger, poverty and disease, there is plenty of beauty to behold too. We can turn off our phones and go out into nature. But in 2022 there is an over reliance on technology for everything. I even wrote this message on my laptop before writing it on the form. Many people can't sleep well because they do not switch off from technology and their minds cannot rest. There is a 24 hour news cycle which causes a lot of mental distress. It's important to switch off from it.

I remember life before the Internet and it was a wilder and freer time. Maybe because I was a child running through fields and exploring the countryside in Carrigart until Mum called for supper. Children don't have the freedom they

used to, they are stuck in phones and computers. Globalisation is good and bad. On the plus side we can travel, understand what life is like around the world, meet people from different cultures and broaden our minds. But it's doing away with local cultures. Many small towns and villages in Ireland have been devastated by services increasingly going online.

Don't put too much pass on world politics and leaders. Many of them have large egos, large salaries and want to control. Nobody owns the earth. It's been here for 14 billion years. I wonder what state it is in now.

In 2021 there was a global conference called Cop26 with the aim of getting all countries to agree to reduce carbon emissions. Many homes in Ireland still have open fires. It's so cosy but terrible for the environment. We are trying to move

away from using fossil fuels. It's astonishing that we don't harness all that wind for energy, but there are big plans to do so.

I hope that in 2122 you are using technology wisely but switch off often and noticing what's around you: birds, rainbows, daffodils and each other. Look each other in the eye, hug, learn how to listen without speaking back. Say your prayers, meditate, take any chance you can get to look at the sea, walk or run beside it and swim in it - the ocean is good for the soul.

Stay grounded, connect to nature, read books, notice the sun rise and set (though of course in fact it's doing neither as we are the ones moving, not it). And for God's sake turn off your phones now and again.

*Best wishes for the next 100 years.  
Evelyn Cullen*

# Hundreds set to "Climb Errigal Together"

Hundreds of people from the North West and beyond are set to scale Donegal's highest peak this Saturday, April 2nd, when they take part in the "Climb Errigal Together" event.

All proceeds from the challenge will go to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta. The climb in the heart of the Donegal gaeltacht is one of 150 that has been organised nationally as part of "Climb with Charlie" - an initiative established by former RTE reporter, Charlie Bird, who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease six months ago.

Mr Bird subsequently announced that he was going to climb Croagh Patrick with family and friends to raise funds for the two aforementioned charities. "Climb Errigal Together" was launched in February and the organisers are expecting a large turnout on Saturday.

"There's been quite a bit of planning and prepara-

tion done over the last few weeks and there has been a great buy-in from the community," commented the event's main coordinator, Eamon McGee.

"Everything is in place and the number one priority is to ensure everyone gets up and down safely. We are asking everyone taking part in the climb to register online and to sign on at Ionad Pobal Dhún Lúiche when they arrive in Dunlewey on Saturday. There will be no parking within a kilometre on either side of Errigal car park, and all traffic will be directed into the village where there will be ample parking. Once people have signed on, they will be taken by shuttle bus to the base of the mountain. After they've completed the climb, they'll be taken back to Pobal Dhún Lúiche by shuttle bus as well where they will be able to avail of some light refreshments. Our aim is to keep the flow of people steady in both directions for the

duration of the event," he added.

The first climbers will sign on at 8.30 on Saturday morning and the latest time for signing on will be 3.30 pm. All those who register will be given a goodie bag which will include a bottle of water, fruit, and a bag of sweets.

The distance up and down Errigal is around 4K and all climbers are advised to arrive at basecamp with suitable clothing and proper footwear. They are also asked to heed the guidance of the Gardaí, the Civil Defence, Donegal Mountain Rescue, and those from the clubs and sporting groups who will be deployed at points.

Everyone who takes on the "Climb Errigal Together" challenge will be presented with a medal sponsored by Michael Murphy Sports.

To register for "Climb Errigal Together" or to make a donation, click on <https://climberrigaltogether.com>

## Woman assaulted in attempt car theft

An investigation is underway after a woman was left badly shaken after she was assaulted by a man demanding she hand over her car keys to him.

Letterkenny Gardaí say the attempted robbery occurred on Saturday, March 26th at around 9.15pm at Slieve Sneacht.

They said the female victim had just parked her car at her home when she noticed a group of male youths pass by.

They stated: "She was then approached by one of the youths who demanded that she hand over the car keys. The lady refused to hand over the keys and was subsequently assaulted by the male. She did not require medical treatment but was understandably shaken as a result of the incident. The youth took off on foot. He is described as being in his late teens, of slight build, he wore a top with the hood up, which was possibly grey in colour. He had a very slight dark



Loreto Community School Milford student Orla Corry received her Ulster Post Primary School All Star Award on Friday night in Kelly's of Ballygawley. After a series of trials and challenge games Orla, a member of CLG AN Teamainn was named in the squad along with Ballyshannon student Lucy McGlynn (Aodh Ruadh). As well as the award Orla, from Illistrin, received a new kit and an All Star poster.

## HUGG meeting

A new Suicide Bereavement Support Group HUGG Donegal (Healing Untold Grief Groups) will meet every second Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

There will be Group Facilitators from the community and have a lived experience of suicide. To join visit [www.hugg.ie](http://www.hugg.ie) and complete the 'Join a HUGG Group' form.

They will then call you to answer any questions ahead of your first meeting and give details of the venue and anyone over 18 years of age is welcome.

For further information email [info@hugg.ie](mailto:info@hugg.ie) or visit [www.hugg.ie](http://www.hugg.ie) or telephone 01-513 4048 and leave a message.

## Museum launches Virtual Tour

Donegal County Museum has announced the Virtual Tour of their major exhibition 'From Conflict To Division - Donegal 1919-1925' is now available to view online. This major Decade of Centenaries exhibition by Donegal County Museum focuses on the years 1919-1925 in Donegal. The exhibition topics range from the War of Independence, the Civil War to Partition, the work of the Boundary Commission and the Border, all of which had a significant impact on life in Donegal and the North West.

The Museum's Decade of Centenaries programme recognises that the period from 1912 to 1923 is perhaps one of the most important in Irish history. The events that occurred during this decade transformed the island of Ireland and have had a lasting impact on Irish politics and society, right up to the present day. The Virtual Tour is available to view for free [www.virtuartem.com/dococo/index.htm](http://www.virtuartem.com/dococo/index.htm)

To discover more about Donegal's Decade of Centenaries commemorations see

[www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/decadeofcentenaries/](http://www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/decadeofcentenaries/)

For more information contact Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny. T 9124613

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## FG Seanad Leader apologises to Doherty

Deputy Pearse Doherty, has received a public apology from the Leader of the Seanad in relation to comments made on social media on the funeral of the late Bobby Storey.

Fine Gael Senator Regina Doherty alleged in a message posted on Twitter that Deputy Doherty had encouraged others to break the law by attending the funeral of the well-known republican figure from Belfast who died in June 2020.

Last week the Fine Gael Senator posted a message on Twitter saying she retracted the accusation she made against the Donegal TD last month and apologised saying she regretted the upset caused.

It read: "An Apology: On February 1st, I published a tweet concerning Pearse Doherty TD in which I made an allegation that he encouraged others to break the law by attending the funeral of the late Bobby Storey. I retract the tweet unreservedly and the allegation I made about Mr. Doherty. I genuinely regret the upset I have caused him"

## Letterkenny in Ulster rugby final

Letterkenny Rugby Club secured their place in the Gordon West Cup final after a narrow 10-9 win over Virginia on Saturday with Daniel Faulkner getting the crucial try score. Monaghan will be their opponents in the decider at Ravenhill next month after they overcame Cavan 34-5.

coloured moustache and was approximately 5 ft 5' or 5 ft 6' tall. We appeal to anybody who was in the area and who believes that they may have seen this male or the group of youths to contact Gardaí in Letterkenny on 9167100."

# All change in 50 years for Stormont

The old Stormont Parliament is now 50 years gone. The British government abolished it at the end of March 1972.

That Northern Ireland Parliament existed for just under 51 years. For all that time there was single-party rule, or mis-ruld, by the Unionist Party. Constituencies were gerrymandered to keep Nationalist representation at a minimum. The first past the post system was implemented, to further keep dissenting voices silent – or at a minimum.

Over half a century, Nationalists only passed one piece of legislation. That regarded wildlife. In equal measure, that shows how Unionists excluded opposition, and how poor that opposition was.

The nature of the building shows how the Unionist rulers saw themselves. Parliament buildings at Stormont were completed in 1932. That was the low point of the Great Depression. Thousands in Belfast were starving, many more living in absolute poverty.

'Stormont' became the name meaning the Parliament. The building sits towards the summit of a hill on the eastern outskirts of Belfast. There is a spectacular view over the City, and into parts of the surrounding countryside. There is a drive a mile long leading up the hill from the main road. In London, the Houses of Parliament are far less impressive. They don't stand out from a jumble of buildings in the City Centre.

For all that the building was impressive, those who filled it were much less so. The first five Prime Ministers were all 'Big House Unionists', being wealthy landowners. Four were Church of Ireland. The only quirk was JM Andrews. While a wealthy landowner, Andrews was a member of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church. Many feel that contributed to his being ousted after only three years in the early 1940s.

Post-World War Two Prime Minister Lord Brookeborough used disappear for long holidays. While a by-word for sectarianism, he was not as hostile to the Republic as his reputation. He is widely believed to have engaged in large-scale cattle-smuggling across the Border. Despite Presbyterians being the North's largest denominations, it was only in 1971 that there finally was a Presbyterian Prime Minister, Brian Faulkner.

*The North's first Prime Minister, Sir James Craig, had a Catholic gardener at Stormont sacked. This was because of pressure from elements of the Orange Order. It was despite the man having a good army record and a reference from the (then) Prince of Wales.*

According to itself, Stormont symbolised a Protestant Parliament for a Protestant People. In fact it was only for some Protestants. Working-class and small farmer Protestants got either very little or nothing at all.

Stormont did oversee systematic discrimination at all levels. At local government level, gerrymandering and discrimination were endemic. Nationalists only had a majority on 11 of 73 local authorities. The most notorious gerrymander was in Derry City. Sixty percent of the population was Catholic. However, that population was concentrated into one of three wards. Thus, the Corporation was Unionist.

The system meant there was discrimination at all levels. Across all local authorities, about 40% of manual workers were Catholic. Only 11.8% of senior staff were. The Stormont Government established the Cameron Commission to investigate the initial violence of 1968-9. One of the Commission's findings was: "In Dungannon Urban District none of the Council's administrative, clerical and technical employees was a Catholic." The North's first Prime Minister, Sir James Craig, had a Catholic gardener at Stormont sacked. This was because of pressure from elements of the Orange Order. It was despite the man having a good army record and a reference from the (then) Prince of Wales.

Housing was particularly controversial. In the years between World War Two and the 'Troubles', Fermanagh had a slight Catholic majority. In that quarter century, local authorities allocated 568 houses to Catholics, and 1,021 to Protestants. A Unionist Mayor of Portadown is reputed to have said that only one Catholic family had a Council house in the town "and that is one too bloody many."

Overall, the Unionist government's role in housebuilding was appalling. Few council houses were built between the establishment of the Northern State and the 1950s. Conditions across working-class Protestant Belfast were as appalling as anything in the City's Catholic

areas. In 1970, a survey found 30% of all houses lacked hot water, a fixed bath and an indoor toilet. Unfortunately, that misery was fairly evenly shared. The largest group lacking those facilities were Catholics. However, members of the Church of Ireland and then Presbyterians followed closely behind.

There was discrimination, too, in private employment. Given low wages and poor working conditions, that conferred little privilege on working-class Protestants. The now-closed Harland and Wolff Shipyard is often held up as an example of Protestant working-class privilege. The death rate from asbestosis is 16 times greater among former 'Yard' workers than among the general population. Such a death rate is hardly an advantage.

Of course, that whole society has changed. Two generations have grown up since Stormont was abolished. Since, the political scene has changed. All of the old political parties disappeared.

The name of the Ulster Unionist Party lives on. However, it is a different party. Fifty years ago it would have been unthinkable for former army private Doug Beattie, from a terraced house in Portadown, to be leader.

The Nationalist Party dominated Catholic areas outside of Belfast for 50 years. It disappeared like snow off a ditch. The Northern Ireland Labour Party was the Official Opposition, and won 100,000 votes in 1970. It imploded.

Ian 'Papa Doc' Paisley was coming to prominence at the

end of the Stormont Parliament. His Protestant Unionist Party was part of an eccentric fringe. His DUP is now the North's main party.

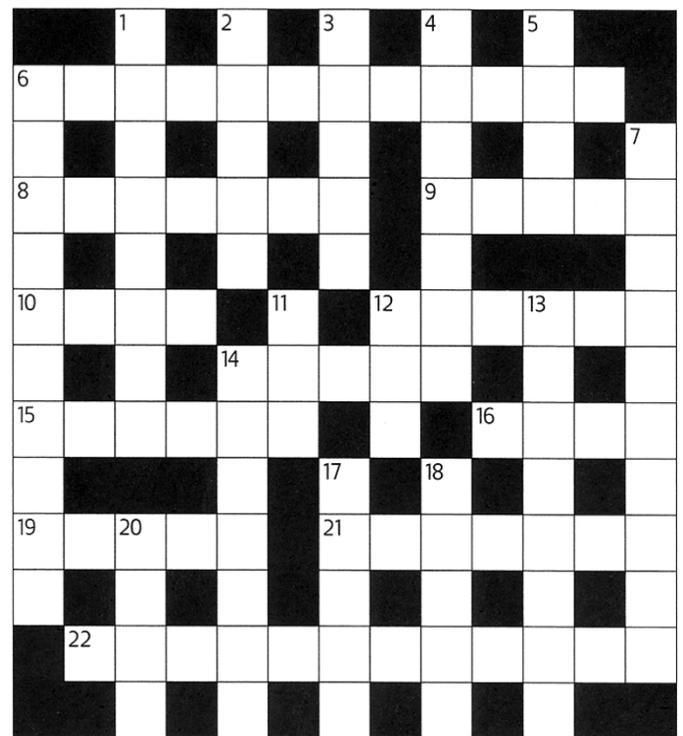
At that time, of course, even the most 'liberal' Unionists would have been horrified at sharing power with the most mild of Nationalists. Sharing power with the IRA's political descendants would have been unimaginable. Not only did the 'extremist' 'Papa Doc' do so. He built a close personal relationship with former IRA leader Martin McGuinness. Meanwhile, the DUP has done a deal to elect a Sinn Féin speaker.

Of course, in 50 years demographics have changed. The old Stormont fell because it became unviable. But the greatest condemnation of that government is that nobody wants its return.



By Anton McCabe

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  - 3. Ward off (5)
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  - 7. Vets tin-men [anag] (10)
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# Liam Cassidy launches new book

Kilmacrennan native Liam Cassidy has launched his new book based on his vast experience as a business consultant who successfully turned around the fortunes of struggling factories across three continents since the late 1980's.

by Declan Kerr

"Make Your Factory Great & Keep it That Way" is available now through all big online stores including Amazon. Known in the industry as the 'factory fixer' Liam is telling a totally different story here to his previous book published last year on his nightmare memories of being in a classroom with a sadistic National School teacher.

'Memories from a Village School & Other Tales' gave a graphic insight into the experiences of some pupils at the hands of a violent Principal teacher in the 1960s. The idea of writing a book about his business experiences across the globe surfaced seriously a decade ago but after putting considerable work into the publication he wasn't happy with it and decided to park it for a while. Then two years ago when Covid came along suddenly there was time to look at other things and so Liam put pen to paper again on his successful methods that transformed factories facing closure over three decades.

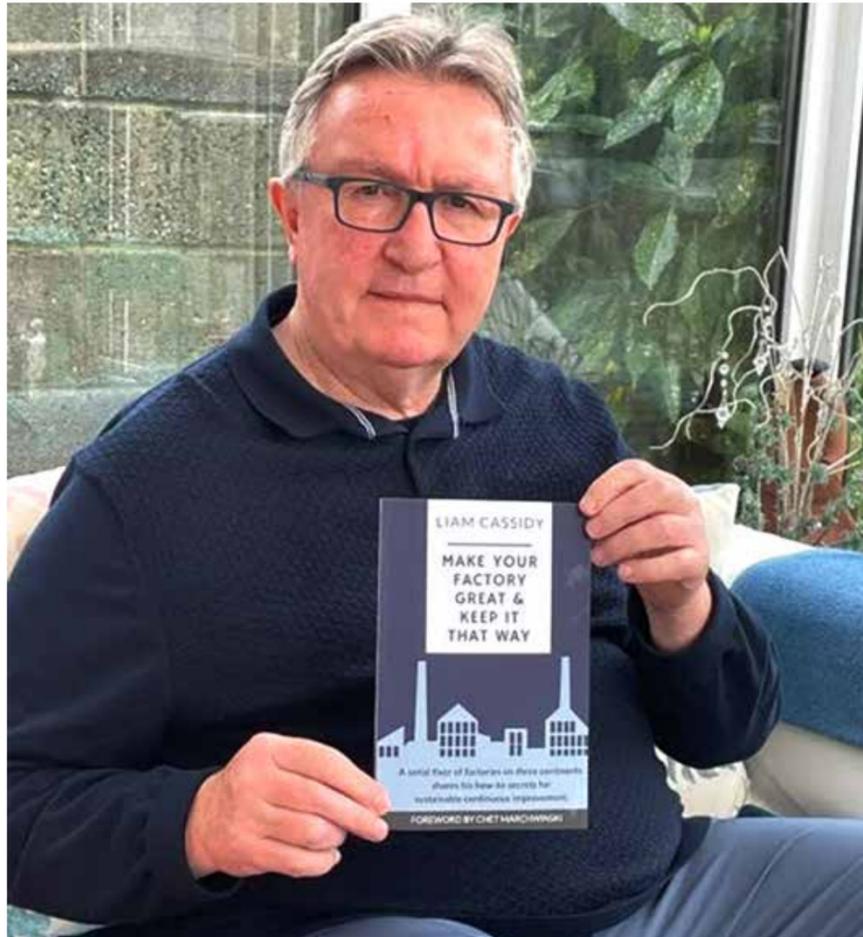
"The main motivation is to help factories facing possible closure. I wanted to share my experiences of going in and finding solutions to problems that in most cases saw the factories survive and then thrive. We all know of factories closing from Milford, Letterkenny, across Ireland to England, United States and China. It's all about getting the practices right and doing the right thing. If there are companies out there who are struggling or just need help to do things better then we are available to offer solutions.

We engage with every part of the operation from the owners, management and the employees on the ground. It's about making them aware of what is needed and getting their buy-in. There may not be the same number of staff when problems are fixed but you will have a business that is lean and operating to its best potential" Cassidy said.

In the late 1990s when Gillette announced that it was cutting a tenth of its global workforce of 43,000, Liam Cassidy was tasked with overseeing the winding down of one of its companies toothbrush maker Oral-B Laboratories in Iowa, USA. It was producing one million toothbrushes a day but was still struggling against competition from factories in China and Mexico. Cassidy's skills in changing work practices not only saved the Iowa factory but within two years it was the most productive Gillette manufacturing operation across the globe. It earned him the title of the 'factory fixer'. Hard decisions had to be made but it saved the factory. That included cutting the workforce by more than 250, introducing a two-year pay freeze, stability was brought to a previously unreliable supply chain and work practices were made more efficient embodying Cassidy's key principle of having a lean, productive operation.

## No place for weak managers

He underlines the importance of manufacturing firms surviving not alone for the factories themselves but for the wider community. Jobs in the factory have a knock-on effect outside providing work for among others suppliers and the retail sector. Among the aspects of a business that Cassidy pays special attention to in his forensic analysis of the health of a factory is the state of its management layers. "An important thing when you go in is to look at management. You can't carry people at management level who are not contributing or doing the work. Workers on the ground know who they are so they have to go because otherwise it undermines the whole purpose of the project."



Liam Cassidy with his new book.

Efficient supply chains are crucial to the smooth operations of manufacturing enterprises and that is something that Cassidy pays very special attention to when examining issues that need to be addressed urgently in underperforming factories. "It's all about keeping solutions simple. Common sense is not so common nowadays. Times people look for complicated answers that aren't necessary. They can be expensive and often don't achieve the objective. It's partly down to people not using their heads anymore and depending on gadgets to get the solutions. There's too much data nowadays and trusting it can be an issue."

Liam had his own company, Dublin based LCL Consult firm for over a decade before selling it in 2020. It focused on lean transformation at manufacturing companies. He continues to work and is available to come in and offer advice and solutions to companies in the manufacturing industry primarily. Altix Consulting, a Cincinnati-area manufacturing consulting firm, has acquired LCL Consult.

Altix's acquisition of Cassidy's LCL Consulting gives the firm a physical presence in Ireland and allows it to provide lean implementation services to clients globally. LCL is the global leader in transforming traditional factories into lean benchmark sites across the automotive, aerospace, technology, and consumer packaged goods industries. LCL helped manufacturing companies transform underperforming operations, supply chains, and suppliers with the popular lean methodology. Liam Cassidy's firm has worked with clients across Europe, the US, and Asia.

Cassidy has more than 40 years of experience in manufacturing and supply chains. Prior to founding LCL in 2009, he was a general manager at Procter & Gamble, a factory manager at Gillette, and a materials manager at General Motors. LCL previously had an affiliation agreement with Altix. Liam Cassidy was born in Inishowen before the family moved to reside in Cottin just outside the village of Kilmacrennan. Liam loved the close knit rural community despite his horrible experience at the local national school. The

memories of the great characters and things they would get up to are still so special to a man who left the area nearly 50 years ago.

Despite leaving school early due to the actions of a violent headmaster Liam's working career has been hugely successful. He spent three years in the Defence Forces before heading to London. Quickly from the shop floor he moved into management with General Motors, followed by Braun and Oral-B before setting up his own consultancy business LCL. Married to Anne a native of Wexford the couple have three daughters Lisa an Environmental Scientist; Aoife is a Psychotherapist in the Social Care sector and Clare is an Assistant Psychologist.

The foreword to Liam Cassidy's new book was penned by Chet Marchwinski a former communications director at the Lean Enterprise Institute a nonprofit organisation based in Boston, Massachusetts, with a mission to make things better by advancing lean thinking and practice. "When I was communications director at the Lean Enterprise Institute, one of my most important - and enjoyable - responsibilities was to find companies and managers who were doing something new or notable, implementing lean management principles. That's how I met Liam Cassidy, author of this book.

"I had written many case studies of lean applications in metal-bashing industries, which is not surprising given lean's Toyota roots. But I heard that Liam had used lean principles and tools to save a highly automated toothbrush factory that included a pull system triggered by a packaging line. I had to get out to Iowa to see this. Liam was the new manager of the largest toothbrush manufacturing plant in the world, located in Iowa City. He was sent there to close it. Production would go to cheaper factories in China or Mexico.

## Lean thinker and practitioner

"But Liam was a veteran lean thinker and practitioner who had turned around factories in the UK and his native Ireland. He knew that the competitive power of rapidly and diligently applying lean principles with the participation of

local management and employees could save almost any factory, including this one. It had some advantages. Product quality was good. A dedicated workforce met deadlines and got products out the door reliably. Plus, the factory was smack in the middle of the company's biggest market, North America, giving it a supply chain advantage over China and Mexico.

But there were serious hurdles to making a leap to lean management. Based on visits to the shop floor, Cassidy estimated that at any time at least 30% of the equipment was down awaiting raw materials, maintenance, or work orders. The supply chain from suppliers through the factory was unstable. There was no regular training for employees, except when new equipment arrived. There was some automation in the molding department, but the level of manual processes was high, higher than at factories in Asia and Mexico, where labor costs were much cheaper.

Cassidy began the transformation by meeting with the entire workforce to explain the dire competitive situation. He met privately to win over the union head by explaining what he would do and to share information about the closure plan. He didn't promise people that the corporate decision to shutter the factory would be changed. He explained that it had a shot at survival if everyone supported and participated in the lean transformation.

He promised to keep them informed through every step of the change. Next, he trained teams of employees, managers, and staff in lean principles and tools. And that's how the Oral-B Iowa plant was saved and transformed over a two-year period. Liam has used those core principles to save 10 plants in high-cost and low-cost countries on three continents during a career of 40 plus years.

Chet Marchwinski says that although Liam writes about his method for successfully initiating and sustaining change, this isn't a technical book. "There are plenty of excellent ones on the details of lean management concepts and tools. This reads more like a business memoir with practical and motivating reflections from a successful business leader and lifelong learner. Liam gives you a proven lean pathway for successful turnarounds but he includes insights for dealing with a myriad other business challenges that you face, such as improving toxic work cultures, managing change,

surviving mergers, rousing dispirited workforces, and dealing with today's downpour of data. Liam pays as much attention to the social side of implementing change as he does to the technical side. He shares many valuable insights about how to communicate, inspire, and involve managers and employees. He has a way of connecting transformations with people's instinct for survival and their desire for meaningful work that you can adopt. But he doesn't mince words about how to deal with truculent union officials or managers who stand in the way of change needed for the common good of saving a threatened factory.

A natural storyteller, Liam weaves in humorous or poignant anecdotes about some of the personalities and places he encountered in Europe, Asia, and the U.S. Make Your Factory Great & Keep It That Way is an informative, entertaining, and succinct book, perfect for reading on the plane ride to a factory you've been assigned to save.

Liam of Partner Lean Transformations is still associated with Altix who also offer European companies support if they want to become established in the USA. "We can offer them across the board expert advice, and intermediate office accommodation until they are established. Our HQ is in Mason, Ohio, just outside Cincinnati. It's a huge industrial zone." Altix Consulting Inc. has an office in Dublin and can be contacted via [www.altixconsulting.com](http://www.altixconsulting.com) or [liam.cassidy@altix-consulting.com](mailto:liam.cassidy@altix-consulting.com)

## Man attacked by gang in Letterkenny park

Gardaí have launched an investigation after a serious assault took place in Letterkenny Town Park when a male walker was attacked by a group of up to seven people.

The man was knocked to the ground and set upon by the group at around 8.50pm last Thursday, March 24th.

Gardaí in Letterkenny are appealing for witness-

es to an assault that happened at the entrance to the Town Park.

They stated: "A man was assaulted by a group of male youths (6-7 approx.) at that location. The man was punched to the ground and then also received a number of punches when he was on the ground.

If anybody witnessed the incident or believes contact Gardaí in Letterkenny on 9167100."



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# Ramelton Coffee Morning for Rocco

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of Rocco's Road to Recovery in the Quayside Bistro and Wine Bar, Ramelton on the first Tuesday in April, the 5th all day from 10am.

This is part of the monthly Coffee Mornings run by the Bistro and the March one raised €654 for the Ramelton Care of the Aged Committee.

### Ramelton Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall this Saturday from 10.30am until 12.00noon. Order your goods for collection during market hours. 0879699715. Loyalty cards are available at checkout and make sure to get your card stamped after every payment. Our Tearoom is open for teas/coffee, scones and sweet treats. See you all Saturday.

### Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and relatives of the late Mary McAteer, White Harte Bar Rathmullan who sadly passed away on

Monday. Mary was well known and respected in Ramelton especially through her involvement in soccer.

### Swilly lotto draw

The numbers drawn in Friday's Swilly Rovers lotto were 9, 12, 13 and 24. No jackpot or 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €4,575. Thank you for your continued support.

### Learn to Jive

Jiving Classes with Paul continue every Monday in the Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford. Starting at 8pm for an hour and a half Paul will teach you how to Jive, Waltz, Quick Step, Foxtrot and of course Line Dancing.

Beginners are welcome as well as all levels of dancing and there are no partners needed.

### Table Quiz in Ballyare

There will be a Table Quiz every Wednesday night in Carr's of the Diamond in Ballyare for Lent. The quiz began on Ash Wednesday at

9.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun and win a prize if your lucky.

### Ramelton Bowling Club

Ramelton Bowling Club competitions are ongoing at the Makemie Hall on Tuesday nights from 8pm. All welcome to join up and we will keep going until April playing for the Hunter and John Murray Memorial Cups.

### SVP Conference

The Ramelton St. Vincent de Paul are always here to help and Conference members can be contacted via their dedicated phone number 087 143 6640.

All queries will be dealt with in a strictly confidential manner.

The Ramelton SVP very much appreciates the community's continued support.

### Care of the Aged help

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that all the seniors in our community are keeping safe and well. If there is anything or if you know of anyone that might need help contact Chris 9151799 or Patricia 0861618687.

### Charity Shop

The Second Encounter Charity Shop has reopened and will have the following opening hours - closed Monday, Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 11am-4pm. The management would appreciate if everyone visiting the shop would adhere to the Covid 19 guidelines to keep our staff and customers safe.

# IHFA Bursary Award for Catherine Grier

Congratulations to Catherine Grier on winning the IHFA Student Bursary 2021 at Gurteen Agricultural College graduation ceremony on Friday. Catherine is the first female to win the award which started in 2018.

And amazingly there is a link between the Grier family and Gurteen going back 50 years as her grandad Ivan and Richard Hamilton were both students at the Tipperary college in the 1970's. Richard went to be a lecturer at Gurteen and was one of the presentation party when Catherine received her award at the graduation on Friday.

Catherine, the daughter of Monica and Alastair Grier, Augnish, Ramelton is currently in the second year of a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Agriculture at Lyit year.

She is very well known in soccer circles as a former member of Swilly Rovers F.C. and has played with the Donegal Women's League.

Catherine has also represented the Republic of Ireland at international deaf football tournaments. As a toddler she was diagnosed with a significant hearing impairment.

Last April Catherine had a life changing experience following successful hearing implant surgery. She had been using hearing aids since she was five years of age managing very well all through school until the latter stages of her secondary education at Mulroy College, Milford. That's when her actual hearing began to deteriorate further and led to the family looking at the possibility of her getting a hearing implant.

The emergence of Covid-19 made life much more difficult as her expert lip reading skills were effectively made redundant as apart from her family almost everyone else was wearing face masks to stop the spread of the infection.

The option of going for the cochlear implant was



Catherine is pictured with Richard Hamilton Lecturer, PJ Kelly IHFA President and Charlie Gallagher IHFA Chief Executive

there for Catherine but there was only a 50/50 chance that it would be a success.

But with her hearing having deteriorated so much she simply felt she had nothing to lose by going for the procedure. The cochlear implant sends an electrical message through a wire called an electrode directly to the auditory nerve, bypassing the damaged or absent hair cells. This

means that, provided that the auditory nerve is still working, profoundly deaf people can hear sound.

The cochlear implant consists of two parts, a surgically implanted internal part and an externally worn part called a processor. Catherine has the implant in the right ear and the hearing aid in the left.



The first three men home in the Drumman NS 5k on Sunday were Danny McLaughlin (whose prize was collected by Nancy McNamee), Frank McTaggart 2nd and Joe Hegarty 3rd with Laura Peoples.



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The first three ladies home in the Drumman NS 5k on Sunday were Aine Whoriskey 1st, Nancy McNamee 2nd and Annette Sheehy 3rd with Laura Peoples who presented the prizes.



Underage prizewinners in the Drumman NS 5k on Sunday were Ruairi Farren, Zach Ferry, Aoife Kilpatrick and Lucy Peoples with Laura Peoples.

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# Frank's mission to provide fertiliser alternative

A west-Downal businessman says he is working on setting up a meeting with the Agriculture Minister to highlight the benefits of an alternative to traditional fertiliser he has been importing from France.

Frank Sweeney who runs Foreland Electrical in Magheraroarty is also an avid gardener for many years and recently became an agent for the range of "Sobac" organic soil products he began using in his own garden a number of years ago with great results.

Based in Aveyron, Sobac say they develop environmentally friendly fertilisation techniques based on fast and natural production of humus, which is essential for growth. These agronomic solutions were developed in the 1980s by Marcel Mézy, a local farmer in Aveyron. They claim this boosts the naturally fertilising resources of the soil and reduces, or even eliminates, the need for chemical inputs, while maintaining the same yields.

Frank says he became a convert to the benefits of the material that contains live bacteria for his own use and since then he has seen many other benefits from it. He says this can be an alternative for Irish farmers who face spiraling fertiliser costs and he would like to see it subsidised to help promote the material that has a wide range of applications.

He explained: "This stuff is an organic matter with live bacteria. It goes into the soil and activates the micro organisms and regenerates the humus. Humus is what all plants grow on. It is ideal for anything that grows here. I did my research over the last three years as I wanted to see what organic products were out there as I'm really into gardening. I search and came across a company in France made contact and got a guy from Tipperary to come up and check a field that was full of rushes and you'll not see any rushes in there now. It puts the oxygen into the soil and it never leaves the soil then. A farmer can be putting other fertilisers on his soil today and after his first cut he'll do it again. With this it is just once a year."

He said the matter should be explored further by the Department of Agriculture. He added: "I've been trying to set up a meeting with Minister Charlie McConalogue but I've had no luck yet but we will get a meeting I'm sure. If they are trying to get farmers to go organic now, we have this stuff. I think the first thing to do is to subsidise it to help get the farmers to change."

He said its use is widespread in France and he would like to see more Irish farmers and gardeners as he sees it as "the only alternative" to traditional fertilisers.

Fertiliser prices continue to spike around the world following Russia's invasion of Ukraine with some reports indicating it has risen by over 40% in the last year.



Aoife Cannon with her father Charlie celebrating after successfully completing the recent New York City Half Marathon. Aoife a native of the Mountain Top, is currently residing in New York.

# Sponsorship boost for Caolan Irwin

Caolan Irwin and leading Irish Motorcycle Insurance provider Principal Insurance, have announced the continuation of their successful partnership as the Kilmacrennan graduates to the British Supersport Championship for 2022.

He will continue with his 2021 team, R&R Racing, as he tackles a full season in the British Superbike Championship feeder class, with increased backing from Principal Insurance Ireland. They are proud to be a major supporter of Irish Motorcycle Racing, through their backing of Caolan. The 2022 season will see Principal taking increased representation on Caolan's bike, leathers and helmet as he tackles the competitive British Championship on a brand new R&R Racing Yamaha R6. Having joined the team in 2021 Irwin is looking forward to working with them once again as both team and rider tackle a debut season in Supersport.

As part of his partnership with Principal, Caolan's progress through the season will be documented in his Principal Insurance video diary, which will go out on his and the sponsors' social media channels, before, during and after his race events.

Speaking at the announcement Caolan said "It's great to finally be able to formally announce my plans for 2022 and even better to be setting out on the new season with continued support from Aly and all of the staff at Principal. I'm looking forward



Caolan Irwin with Aly Dixon of Principal Insurance at the announcement of their 2022 partnership

to what will be a big step up for me and the team in 2022, with a lot of new challenges, and I can't wait to bring my supporters all of the news through my video diaries. Continuing with R&R is a big boost for me as it will be the first time I've been with the same team two seasons in a row. We'll be running brand new Supersport machinery."

Principal Insurance Ireland CEO Aly Dixon said, "We've been behind Caolan for a few seasons now and delighted to see him progressing into Supersport. He always does a great job for us and really represents us well both on and off track and he is really deserving of support."

His campaign gets underway with the first official BSB test this coming weekend, ahead of the season opener at Silverstone on April 16th. His progress can be followed [www.cirwin.ie](http://www.cirwin.ie).



Myra Floyd, Breaghy, Ramelton with five lambs delivered from one ewe born last week.

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# Donegal's equestrians out in force

by Rachel Carton

The superb stretch of weather that Donegal has enjoyed recently has been a great tonic for man and beast, with winter coats being shed from both and a lifting of spirits evident as a pick of grass starts to appear.

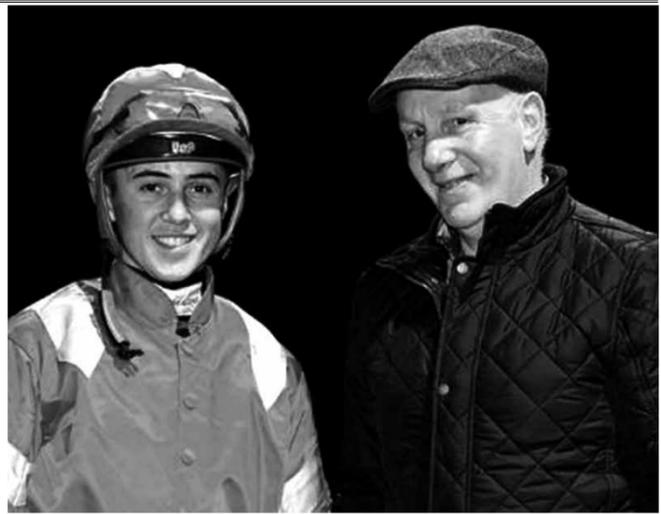
The Donegal Harriers headed to support their representative, Sean Cavana

aboard his good mount Merlin, at the Kildare Performance Hunter Show in Punchestown. The show is designed to showcase the quality hunters that Ireland is world-renowned for producing, with the challenging course involving all types of obstacle likely to be met on the hunting field. Goresbridge Horse

Sales company in Co. Kilkenny used to use the adage that if you bought an Irish horse you got a fifth leg free, referring to the innate ability our traditional horses have for coping with unexpected challenges as they cross country.

The instinctive ability to get out of trouble is a most valuable trait not only on the hunting field but also in the sport of eventing, where courses become more technical all the time. From double banks, bullfinches and post and rail fencing to the inevitable white tape electric fencing, dry stone walls and five bar gates, Sean and Merlin gave it their all and did the Donegal Harriers proud.

Local trainer Charlie Moore teamed up with fellow Letterkenny man Dylan Browne McMonagle to score a decisive win at Dundalk on Wednesday evening. The handsome grey Coviglia was produced with a sustained run on the home straight to give the Letterkenny duo a well-deserved win. Saturday saw the start of the flat racing turf season, with the action kicking off at the Curragh, followed up by Naas on Sunday. Oisín Orr started the season with a very impressive win aboard the Noel Meade trained Lafayette in the listed Plusvital Devoy Stakes at Naas. The five-year-old



Dylan Browne-McMonagle with Lurgybrack trainer Charlie Moore



A smiling Luke McAteer with trainer Paul Flynn and winning horse Scott Lang.

triumphed in the Irish Lincolnshire on debut last season and struck again on his first run of the 2022 campaign. With Meade declaring that Oisín will ride a few for him in the coming season, Donegal racing fans will hopefully have double reason to cheer on the trainer's runners over the summer. Luke McAteer hit the crossbar a couple of times at Naas but wasn't to be denied at Navan on Tuesday as he pushed the Paul Flynn trained Scott Lang to a cosy win in the mile and five handicap.

Farther afield Rathdonnell man Martin Harley was in the winners enclosure aboard the Alan King trained Raymond Tusk in Doncaster, having trounced his rivals to win by an undisputed four lengths.

Riders of a more leisurely character were out in force in Dunfanaghy on Sunday as a charity rideout had been organised in conjunction with the North West 10k. Over fifty riders turned out to raise valuable funds for the chosen charities and were blessed with a stunningly beautiful day to enjoy the fantastic scenery in the area. Organiser Alison Porter had arranged an ideal route that kept riders of all levels safe and happy as well as providing quite a spectacle for unsuspecting motorists who passed by as the cavalcade set off. The gathering proved a huge success and provided riders of the county with an opportunity to catch up with one another as well as raising a considerable sum for charity.

## LAC juveniles news



Last Saturday at the Aura was a like a sea of black and amber with over 60 kids ranging from u10-12's competing in the winter Track and Field event. Outstanding results from everyone with notable performances from the LAC u12 Boys who took the top three podium spots in the relay race.

The older kids competed in Finn Valley on Sunday and continued with the winning streak. Notable performances over the two days from Adam McAuley who won bronze in the U12 boys High Jump.

U12 Boys Oisín Cuskelly taking Gold in 60m and his teammate Kayden Steritt taking silver. Reuben O'Domhnaill winning gold along with Adam McAuley silver in the U12 Boys 400 Race Clodagh Naughton who won joint gold in the U10 Girls High Jump.

James Davison who won silver in the U12 Javelin and Zac O'Carroll who took bronze.

Aidan Hegarethy won silver in the U12 Boys Long Jump and also part of the winning Relay Team Lucy Sweeney won medals in the U12 Hurdles.

U12 Boys Relay Team took top three podium spots and Conor O'Keefe who won gold in the U10 Boys Walk. Elvis Okoh 1st in the u18 60m. Emma Price 1st in the u18 60m and 2nd u18 long jump.

Fern Duffy 1st in the u16 60m and Erin Friel 3rd in the u16 60m. Leah O'Gara 1st in the u14 600m walk.

Maeve Doherty 2nd in u14 60m. Anya Duffy 2nd u14 60m hurdles. Girls u14 4x200m relay bronze Boys u14 4x200m silver and Girls u16 4x200m gold Medal.

### Notable Naas win for Oisín Orr

Rathmullan jockey Oisín Orr landed a most notable early season success when partnering the Noel Meade-trained Lafayette to success in the Listed Plusvital Devoy Stakes on the second day of the new Flat season at Naas on Sunday, in the familiar colours of owner Patricia Hunt, the 11/2 chance got the better of the front-running 5/4 favourite Licence by half a length and the winning trainer, who received a kick from another runner in the parade ring before the race said, "It's sore but I'm alright. I was very lucky because I was kicked on the softest spot and it missed the bone. It just shows you what can happen. We're delighted to win. We had the choice of the Lincoln but I felt that there could be something in it that was a stakes horse and it could be difficult for us off 102 to win it. He's been working the house down at home. He's moving great this year so we'll progress on in stakes races and see how we get on. Oisín is going to ride a good few for me this year when Colin is not available."

### Planning Notices

**Donegal County Council  
Further Information  
Cashelnagor, Gortahork**

I, Chris Doogan have submitted significant further information in relation to Planning Application Ref No: 21/51138 to Donegal County Council for development at Cashelnagor, Gortahork, County Donegal for permission for the erection of a dwelling house, detached domestic garage, septic tank system and all other associated site development works at Cashelnagor, Gortahork, County Donegal. The significant further information 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 at the offices of the Planning Authority 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) and revised plans may be made in writing to the authority on payment of fee of €20.00, not later than 2 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority.

**Donegal County Council  
Calhame, Letterkenny**

I, Frank McDermott am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and all other associated site development works at Calhame, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Calhame. 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  
Ballymore Lower, Dunfanaghy**

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

**Donegal County Council  
Garrowcarry, Letterkenny**

We, Karen Callaghan and Jason Callaghan are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage and all other associated site development works at Garrowcarry, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Garrowcarry. 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  
Amalfi Court, Lisnennan, Letterkenny**

We, PRND Ltd are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to remove an existing subfloor base & erect 3 No. new dwelling houses with connection to public sewer and all other associated ancillary site development works at Amalfi Court, Lisnennan, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Lisnennan. 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  
Ballymacool, Letterkenny**

St. Eunan's GAA Club are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to; 1. Provide new floodlighting and ballstops to an existing playing field; 2. Construct a new playing field (145m x 90m) with floodlighting, goalposts and ballstops; 3. Construct a new walking track; 4. All other associated site development works at Ballymacool, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ballymacool. 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.

# Death of Mary McAteer widely mourned

The death occurred on Monday night of Mary McAteer, one of Rathmullan's best known citizens. Aged 92 Mary's death is mourned right across the local community where she was a very prominent figure.

She was born on the 24th of October 1929 to Frank and Mary Kathleen McMenamin who resided on Rathmullan's Main Street. Frank, a tailor, was a native of Creeve close to the village and Mary Kathleen was formerly a member of the Deeney family from Inishkill also near Rathmullan. The couple reared a family of six including Una, Fr. Willie, Kathleen, Brid, Ann and Sr Patricia (Cork).

After leaving National School at 14 she went to live with her aunt Mrs McCafferty in Kilmacrennan for four years. On December 30th, 1948 she took the boat to England after being accepted into a General Nursing training course in Manchester. After graduating, Mary returned to a staff nurse post at the Old Waterside Hospital Derry in 1953. Then it was back to the hospital in Letterkenny for a period before the marriage ban brought closure to her career in the caring profession. She had married Gerard McAteer who had taken ownership of the White Harte Bar in Rathmullan.

As Mary said. "I left nursing to become a barmaid!"

It was a change of career that she embraced, pulling the pints, enjoying the craic with customers and trying to make a living to rear her own children. As well as the pub, Mary ran a boarding house in the summer months. And she also did catering, providing meals for the men coming into Rathmullan on the IAWS, coal, potato and herring boats. There was also the occasional ocean liner that would dock and Mary was always ready to look after the passengers with meals or drinks in the White Harte.

Mary was passionate about football and her beloved Rathmullan Celtic. Her brother Fr. Willie was a top class player and her four sons all played for the club. Mary became a committee member at Rathmullan F.C. and that led to an invitation from Fr. Michael Sweeney to become involved with the Donegal Junior League where she was



to serve as a very diligent Treasurer for over 20 years. She was also a League Registrar and the Milford Area representative for a long period. Mary was the first woman to be an executive of the league committee.

Mary was a lifelong supporter of Liverpool Football Club and after that 30-year drought she was one happy woman when Jurgen Kloff delivered the Premiership title two years ago.

In October 2019 Mary celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends with a Mass in St. Joseph's Church followed by a party in the Resource Centre. And it was then back to the White Harte where Mary had been such a welcoming host herself for five decades.

Like everyone else there were the sad times with the deaths of her daughter Geraldine, son Frank and her husband Gerard who passed away in the millennium year 2,000. The next 11 years were extremely challenging for Mary as she underwent four cancer operations. Remarkably she came out the other side. Pre-Covid she had a busy social life with bingo twice a week and card playing took up another two nights at least in the winter time

going to games in Otway, Glenvar and Gortahork courtesy of her two good driver friends Jimmy Joe Morrison and John Kelly.

Despite being in the pub business Mary never took alcohol and was a long time pioneer. As a volunteer support staff member she made the annual Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, only missing one trip in 44 years due to cancer treatment. Mary was also up to date with the modern gadgets - on the laptop every day to check the bingo and lotto numbers.

## Rathmullan Celtic pay tribute

In a Facebook post Rathmullan Football Club paid their special tribute to Mary McAteer. "It was perhaps fitting that a pall of fog sat over Rathmullan on Tuesday morning as we awoke to the news that Mary McAteer of the White Harte had gone to her eternal rest peacefully late on Monday night.

Mary's passing leaves Rathmullan under a cloud of sadness, with a void that just cannot be filled. We at Rathmullan Celtic are deeply saddened by her passing and will be forever grateful for all the things that Mary did for our club over many, many years.

The White Harte requires no introduction to anyone that knows Rathmullan. Long before the facilities we have now, the big building on the corner was everything to this club - dressing rooms, meeting room, social hub - it served all purposes and on a Sunday for our games the clatter of studs on the footpath would take players up to the old pitch for battle.

Aside from looking after administration, she drove buses to games, washed kits, provided tea and sandwiches and even ran the team herself in the early 1980s. She quite literally was a one-woman club for a time."

Her talents were spotted further afield and by the start of the 1990s she was persuaded by Fr Michael Sweeney into becoming Treasurer of the Donegal League - a role she held with tremendous distinction for two decades, side-by-side with her trusted assistant, the late Denis Martin.

She was a trailblazer in what was largely a man's world at the time.

In 2007, Mary was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement award by Rathmullan Celtic. In May 2017 she also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Donegal League - a richly deserved accolade as Nigel Ferry declared her the 'First Lady of the Donegal League' on the evening. It was an honour she was so clearly proud to be given.

Away from football, Mary led a busy life raising her family with her late husband Gerry and playing an active role in so many facets of community life in Rathmullan. She loved her bingo and was an avid card player, fit to mix it with anyone. No doubt one of her great friends in football, John Joe, will have a seat at a game of 25 reserved for her now.

## St. Joseph's NS tribute

On behalf of the staff and pupils at St. Joseph's NS, Principal Alma Kavanagh also conveyed sympathy to the McAteer family. "Mary supported every event as a proud past pupil of St Joseph's over the years and always had many great words of wisdom to spread onto the children and loved to see and hear their wee stories. We will miss Mary so much. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis."

Mary passed away on Monday night at her home, the White Harte, Rathmullan.

She was predeceased by her husband Gerard, son Frank, daughter Geraldine and her sister Una.

Mary is survived by daughters and sons Mary (Dublin), Declan (Castleblaney), Anne (Derry), Patricia (Rathmullan), Liam (Derry), Ethna (Dublin) and the twins Kevin (Belfast) and Kay (Washington, USA), her brother Archdeacon Willie McMenamin, Raphoe; sisters Kathleen, Brid, Anne and Sr. Patricia, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, 20 grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Requiem Mass takes place in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan at 1.00pm on this Thursday afternoon followed by interment in the adjacent cemetery. The Requiem Mass can be viewed on St. Joseph's Church webcam [www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-joesphs-church-rathmullan](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-joesphs-church-rathmullan). Deepest condolences are extended to Mary's family and friends.

## The late Mirrian McFadden

The death took place on Thursday of Mirrian McFadden, Devlinreagh, Carrigart.

Aged 85 Mirrian was formerly a member of the Boyce family from Tullagh. She was very much part of the local community and was actively involved in farming with her late husband Andy for many years. Mirrian was one of the first women in the parish to drive a tractor.

The remains of the late Mrs. McFadden reposed at the family residence in Devlinreagh from Saturday morning.

Funeral was from there on Sunday afternoon to the Church of St John the Baptist, Carrigart. Fr. Charlie Byrne officiated at the Requiem Mass. Mirrian was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining graveyard where Fr. Byrne said the graveside prayers.

She was predeceased by her husband Andy; sister Philomena and by brothers James and Michael. Mirrian is survived by her daughters Brid



(Milford), Kathleen, Majella (Devlinreagh), Mary Teresa (USA) and Patricia (Devlinreagh); grandchildren, great grandchildren; brothers Joseph and Shaun; sisters Kathleen, Rita, Veronica, Dolores and Geraldine. Deepest sympathies are extended to Mirrian's family and friends.

## Death of Teresa Cuskelly

The death took place on Tuesday at the Donegal Hospice of Teresa Cuskelly (née O Reilly), Thorndale, and formerly of Lower Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny.

Teresa was predeceased by her mother and father Tess and Harry and sister Freda. She is survived by her husband Christopher, daughter Ann and husband Brian, daughter Josephine and partner David, son Christopher and wife Olivia, son Martin and wife Caroline, sister Rosemary (Greystones), brothers Paucic and Gerard (Letterkenny), grandchildren, relatives and friends.

The remains of the late Mrs Cuskelly are reposing at the family residence in Thorndale. Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on this Thursday morning at 11am, followed by burial in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

## Childminder Wanted

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Sunday morning going to the Church of St John the Baptist for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining graveyard.

## Funeral of Elma Freeman

The funeral took place on Monday in Sligo Town of Elma Freeman, formerly a member of the Houston family of Main Street, Letterkenny. Elma who resided at the Cartron Estate passed away on Friday at the North West Hospice. The Houston family owned a well known shop on the corner of Church Lane for many years.

She was predeceased by her husband Basil. Elma is survived by her sons Basil, Raymond, and Paul; daughter Celia; grandchildren Jake, Keelan, Alisha, Caitlin, Luke, Zach, Aaron, Annabelle, Eoin, Shaun and Charlie; great grandchild Esmé; son-in-law Colm, daughters-in-law; Michelle and Tanya; brothers Jim and John; sister; Olive; brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Elma's remains reposed at her home in the Cartron Estate. Removal was from there on Monday morning to Saint Joseph's Church, Ballytivinan, for Mass of Christian Burial. Interment took place afterwards in Sligo Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.



## Churchill born nurse retires... at 80

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midwifery training. After that she also qualified as a psychiatric nurse to give herself more career options. Mary Frances returned to Warrington Hospital in 1980, after her stints training and staffing in hospitals in Manchester and London.

She also took some time out to look after her daughters, Vanessa, and Hayley when they were babies. The last 42 years have been spent in the Intensive Care Unit. On public health advice because of her age she did take time out during the lockdown periods of the pandemic. However, that was something Mary Frances hated doing. She wanted to be on the Unit supporting her colleagues.

She loved nursing and saw it as a vocation and that explains why had a career spanning 62 years in the health service. Her colleagues were always taken with her caring and compassionate bedside manner with patients and their families. Mary Frances also had a very special relationship with colleagues and she enjoyed their company while showing a genuine interest in them. When she looks back now on it all there is a great sense of pride of being part of the nursing service for such an extraordinary length of time.

There is no age limit in nursing in England so Mary Frances continued to work because that's what she enjoyed doing. "I thoroughly enjoyed my time in nursing and I wasn't looking forward



Mary Frances on her retirement with colleagues in Warrington Hospital.

to retiring. But I have two daughters in Birmingham who I can now visit more. Vanessa studied law and she is a judge there. Hayley is a teacher and also works as a press officer. I also have a granddaughter Madeline who is at university in Nottingham. I also have lots of friends and I plan to do some voluntary work at the Coroner's Office supporting people who are going through difficult times."

Her lifelong friend Bridget Duddy sadly passed away in July 2020. "Bridget came back to live in Ballybofey with her husband Danny. She was great fun, a lovely singer and a great friend," she adds.

Mary Frances has no regrets whatsoever about her career choice and especially about spending such a long time in the intensive care unit. "It was a great place to work. There was always something different happening every couple of hours." She has no hesitation whatsoever in promoting it as an excellent career choice. "I would say to anyone interested that nursing is a great career. I felt that I was learning new things every day. Nursing is very rewarding and the job satisfaction is really good. I would highly recommend a career in nursing."

Mary Frances could have retired many years ago but her enthusiasm and passion for the healthcare service meant that was never going to happen. Her story would certainly inspire a much younger generation to think about nursing as a career.

## Death of John Caldwell

The death occurred on Thursday at the Donegal Hospice of John Caldwell, Upper Carrick, Carrigart. Aged 75, John was well a known member of the local community where he had farming interests and was also a skilled stonemason.

John is survived by his wife Marie; son Anthony and daughter Sarah; brother Willie; sisters Mary, Peggy, Kathleen and Sally; grandchildren, in-laws, relatives and friends to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

John's remains reposed at the family home in Upper Carrick. Funeral was from there on

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# Milford

## Wedding

St Peter's Church, Milford was the setting on Friday 25th March for the wedding between Ciara McGettigan and Adrian Toland, Tirhomin, Milford. Ciara is the daughter of Frank and Bridget McGettigan, The Quay, Milford and Adrian is the son of Laurence and Carol Toland, Ramelton. Maid of Honour was Andrea McGettigan, sister of the bride and Bridesmaids were Eimear and Aideen McGettigan, cousins of the Bride. Bestman was Gareth Alexander, friend of the groom, groomsmen were Laurence Toland, brother of the groom and Barry Mooney, friend of the groom. Flowergirls were Hannah McGettigan, niece of the bride and Roisin Toland, niece of the groom. The ceremony was officiated by Fr. Stephen Gorman and the reception was held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny.

## Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Jacqueline Sharkey and family, Coopers Crest, Milford on the death of her father Michael Sharkey, Shroughan, Falcarragh on Sunday. His funeral Mass took place in Church of Christ the King, Gortahork on Wednesday afternoon.

Sympathy is extended to Bridget and Frank McGettigan and family, The Quay Milford on the death of Bridget's mother Mirrian McFadden, Devlinreagh on Thursday. Her funeral Mass took place on Sunday afternoon in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Francie McAteer and family, Mount Marian, Milford on the death of his sister-in-law, Mary McAteer, Whiteharte, Rathmullan. Her funeral Mass will take place on Thursday afternoon in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan.

## Honour for Eilish and Martin

Two parishioners Eilish Toye, Kilmacrennan Road and Martin O'Donnell, Forquar will be awarded Benemerenti Medals from Pope Francis for their outstanding service to the Church, this Friday at 7pm Mass. Bishop Alan will represent Pope Francis and present the medals.

For many years, Eilish and Martin have served the parish with distinction for many years and are well deserving of the award. Previous recipients from the parish were Nora Flynn and Tommy Reynolds. During the Mass, Bishop Alan will lead a Prayer of Dedication for St. Peter's Church to mark its 60th anniversary which occurred last May but had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

After the Mass light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall followed by music afterwards and everyone is invited to come along to both the Mass and social.

**Digger damaged in Golan**  
Milford Gardaí are investigating a criminal damage incident that occurred at Golan where a digger was targeted by vandals. The incident occurred sometime between Wednesday, March 23rd at 7pm and Thursday March 24th at 7am. A Komatsu digger had been in use that day and was parked overnight at the location where it was then damaged. They stated: "The windows of the digger were smashed in with a rock. Anybody with information that might assist with the investigation is asked to contact Gardaí in Milford on 9153060."

**Golan Pad Walk**  
The 22nd Annual Golan Pad Walk will take place on Good Friday 15th April at the earlier time of 5pm, leaving from the Square, Milford. The walk has been cancelled for the last two years due to Covid and it is hoped a good crowd will turn out for this year's event. Money this year will be by donations on the day at the start line with all proceeds in aid of Milford Tidy Towns and the Ukraine Appeal Fund.

**Regional Employment Outreach**  
The Regional Employment Service 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: The Outreach Officer will be in attendance in Milford & District Resource Centre, next Wednesday the 6th April from 2-4pm. No appointment necessary. Further enquiries to Mary on 087 9926681. This Service is supported by DLDC and is free and totally confidential.

**Social Dancing in Milford**  
Social Dancing continues in the Milford Hall, Kilmacrennan Road, Milford on Thursday nights from 8pm. **Learn to Jive**  
Jiving Classes with Paul began on Monday night last in the Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford and he was delighted with the large number in attendance. Starting at 8pm for an hour and a half Paul will teach you how to Jive, Waltz, Quick Step, Foxtrot and of course Line Dancing. Beginners are welcome as well as all levels of dancing and there are no partners needed.

**50/50 Draw**  
The next Milford United 50/50 draw will take place on Saturday 9th April with a minimum jackpot of €1000 to be won. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. The ticket office will be open at the old AIB on Main Street, Milford on Saturday 9th April from 10.00am - 6.00pm. Your support is greatly appreciated. Tickets can



Winners of Milford GAA Club Tráth na gCeist in the Travellers Inn were Joey Barrett, Aisling McCormack, Emer O'Sullivan and Roisin McCormack.

be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

## Milford host Kerrykeel 71'

Milford United FC senior team will welcome neighbours Kerrykeel 71 FC to Moyle View Park, Milford on Wednesday 6th April in an all important Donegal League match, kick off is 6.30pm and all support is welcome.

## Golf Society Outing

The Hi-da-way Golf Society next outing is on Saturday 9th April at North West Golf Club. For further details contact Captain Gary Sheehan on 0861904632 or Eugene McCafferty on 087 7704149. The society will host a weekend away on the weekend 13th and 14th May.

## Masses in Milford

Mass times in St. Peter's Church, Milford this week are - Thursday 31st March 8.00am; Friday 1st April - 8.00am and 7.00pm; Saturday 2nd April 7.30pm; Sunday 3rd April 11.00am. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 2nd April at 6.00pm.

## Graveyard Mass

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 24th July at 3pm and the annual Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 31st July at 3pm

## First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Schools in the Parish on the following dates: Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel on Saturday 30th April; Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman on Saturday 30th April; Scoil Mhuire, Milford on Saturday 7th May.

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## 'Climb With Charlie' at Ray

Milford & District Resource Centre, Ray Community Centre and Milford GAA Baile Na nGallóglach have partnered to bring a 'Climb With Charlie' event to the Milford District this Saturday, April 2nd at 11am. The walk will coincide with Charlie Bird's hike of Croagh Patrick, and is one of many events taking place all over the country in aid of the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House.

Manager of Milford & District Resource Centre, Declan Meehan said "We are delighted to partner with Ray Community Centre and CLG Baile Na nGallóglach to bring a local 'Climb With Charlie' event to the area, and to support of Charlie Bird" and continued "The walk is in aid of two very worthy causes and we look forward to seeing both new and familiar faces on the day."

The walk will start at 11am at Ray Community Centre and will go to the Standing Man, the highest point in Glenalla, with views across Donegal. There will also be free health checks available at the community centre from 10am. Refreshments and a barbeque will be served afterwards upon return to Ray Commu-

nity Centre. There are a number of route options to choose from:

- 10km: Start at Ray Community Centre to the Standing Man and back;

- 6.5km: Take the shuttle from Ray Community Centre to the base of Standing Man, and start from there, walking back to the centre afterwards;

- 3km: Take the shuttle to the base of the Standing Man, start there and take the shuttle back to Ray Community Centre.

The walk is of medium difficulty and suitable footwear is advised as the track to the Standing Man is rocky and may be wet in places. Walkers are advised to wear high-vis clothing and must adhere to the rules of the road.

Participants take part in this walk at their own risk. Dogs are not allowed on the walk, as part of the trail goes through private farm land.

We would ask people to please register in advance: You can register online: <https://bit.ly/rayclimbwithcharlie> or by phone: 0872877900

Donations can be made online in advance to [www.climbwithcharlie.ie/donate/](http://www.climbwithcharlie.ie/donate/) or by cash on the day.

## Happy 30th Birthday Tara



After the Mass light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall followed by music afterwards and everyone is invited to come along to both the Mass and social.

## Digger damaged in Golan

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Milford AC Chairman James Gibbons presenting the prizes of the March Draw to Isabella and Alan Condron - first prize of €500. John McCarron 2nd prize of €300 and Martin Kerr accepting 3rd prize for his sister Ann and James McCarron.

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## Planning Notices

### Donegal County Council

We, Sharon & Lee O'Hara are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house, domestic shed and install a wastewater treatment system at Coolboy, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Bellanascadden. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

### Donegal County Council

#### Further Information

Cashelnagor, Gortahork, County Donegal.

I, Chris Doogan have submitted significant further information in relation to Planning Application Ref No: 21/51138 to Donegal County Council for development at Cashelnagor, Gortahork, County Donegal for permission for the erection of a dwelling house, detached domestic garage, septic tank system and all other associated site development works at Cashelnagor, Gortahork, County Donegal. The significant further information 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 at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to further information may be made in writing to the authority on payment of fee of €20.00, not later than 2 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority.

# Karen's mission for better Children's Mental Health

A redundancy from the corporate world just before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic proved to be the catalyst for a major lifestyle change for one local woman.

Karen McHugh had worked in business and IT locally for over a decade, but just before the pandemic she was made redundant.

For the busy mother-of-three who was used to daily running around, a new, slower pace of life emerged, and with that came a new perspective.

A keen advocate of Mindfulness, she is now on a mission to promote the benefits of this calming practice to school children to promote positive mental health.

She explained: "I had always had an interest in mindfulness and with her own children experiencing the impact of lockdown, she decided to build on this. She is now a mindfulness practitioner and is behind 'Mind Over Matter Mindfulness', giving children and adults the tools in life to calm and relax their minds through creativity and meditation.

"I want to help other parents and children that have been plunged into the same feelings of uncertainties because of the pandemic and lockdown restrictions."

She said Mindfulness for kids really appealed to her as a mother who has seen her own children come through the early stages of the pandemic. She added: "I knew I wanted a job that worked around my home life, I wanted that work-life balance that we all need in our lives. I teach creative mindfulness in primary and secondary schools and also facilitate private mindfulness sessions.

"In primary schools I teach The Mindful Heart Curriculum which is the first mindfulness based curriculum for Irish primary schools. The Mindful Heart curriculum is a perfect support for schools who wish to promote positive mental health and well being for both students and teachers alike and is aligned with the Irish Primary schools SPHE curriculum and links to the Aistear framework. Currently I am focusing on children's mindfulness



working with children aged between 5 and 12 years and young teenagers. I believe that if we give our children the opportunity to learn mindfulness and compassion based practices it will help them lead happier healthier lives.

Mindfulness is about people knowing there is no right or wrong way to feel, that all of our feelings are OK. It's about being present in the moment.

Through my engagement with children in schools I have found some were anxious about returning to school and are still trying to manage those feelings. Mindfulness helps make sense of those feelings. Children in the 5 to 9 years age category tend to talk about their feelings which is really positive."

I have been contacted by many parents whose children are experiencing anxiety.

A child's mental health is just so important - not only for the here and now but for their futures. Many parents are messaging me about how their children are feeling anxious, and unfortunately the age group seems to be getting younger. If I can help them just manage their emotions and feel a bit better I will be happy. If children can learn these coping skills at a young age then they can deal with whatever life throws at them.

Mindfulness is a powerful tool. Although mindfulness has been around for many years, often people don't really know what it is. It's really about being present in the moment, and incorporating that calmness into our daily lives."

She is running a three day Easter Children's Well-being Workshop at the Donegal Boardwalk from April 11th to 13th.

For more information see @mindovermattermindfulness on Facebook or Instagram

She added: "I am excited to let you know my diary is now open for school workshops for September 2022. Look out for additional private classes coming to your area soon."

## Property News

### Drumherville, Ramelton



Hogan Estate Agents are selling a superb .5 acre site with spectacular views over looking Lough Swilly at Ray with an asking price of €88,000. They say "The property is located on the Ramelton to Rathmullan Road approximately 5km from Ramelton. This superb site is ideal for a bespoke family home that would have superb views over Lough Swilly. The site has the existing remains of a house. Email Hogan Estates now for your private viewing of this superb family home."

The house was badly damaged in a suspected arson attack which caused extensive fire damage to the house last August. The same estate agents were selling the house at the time for €195,000 and it had attracted significant interest with reports locally that bids for it had exceeded the reserve.

### Glebe, Letterkenny

Louis Boyce Auctioneer is selling a six bedroomed house at Glebe, Letterkenny.

The house on .75 of an acre on the outskirts of Letterkenny would make an ideal family home or could be run as a rental property with a very good rental income for the 7 bedrooms let out individ-



ually. There is also a large garage and the asking price is €380,000.

### Glencar Park



BidX1.com are holding an auction for 51 Glencar Park, Letterkenny on the 22nd of April. The actual market value is €110,000 for this four bedroomed semi detached house with south west facing garden to rear.

The 126sq m house is subject to a tenancy with a



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Octore, Kerrykeel



Brendan McGee of Franklins Estate Agents are selling a house at Octore in Kerrykeel for an asking price of €185,000.

The house which is within walking distance of Kerrykeel is on an 0.5 acre plot enjoys spectacular views over Mulroy Bar and has been completely renovate to include new roof insulation, heating system and decoration. This two bedroom bungalow provides compact accommodation with space at the side to extend if required.

### Drumardagh, Letterkenny



A large unfinished detached house at Drumardagh close to Letterkenny is up for auction through BidX1.com. The amv is €30,000 for the house on the site of .51 acres.

### Elmwood Downes, Letterkenny

BidX1.com are selling No. 32 Elmwood Downes,



Letterkenny with an asking price of €120,000. The three bedroomed semi detached house is situated within a mature residential development conveniently located on the outskirts of Letterkenny. The house is 88 square metre house has a garden to the rear and has vacant possession.

### St. Columbas Terrace, Letterkenny



BixX1.com are also selling No. 8 St. Columbas Terrace, High Road, Letterkenny for an AMV of €75,000. The one bedroomed one bathroom terrace house is close to all amenities with vacant possession and the auction will be held on the 22nd of April.

# A Rathmullan woman in exile Mountnugent: a hotbed of intrigue just now!

*My good aul friend John, in Wicklow is in a bit of bother again. The poor divil spent the last four months in hospital in Dublin getting the plumbing and filters fixed. Remember he has a go of thoroughbred horses to sell and the woman has dementia and she burned a load of the horse's passports...*

I went back to work recently after the lambing and it was great to see the team again after a break of almost five weeks. There are a couple of them who have been a great support to me throughout the last year and I'd be lost without them. My "little friend from Castlerahan" lives in the same parish as me and we know a lot of people in common despite never having met before working together in the vaccination centre.

She's a gas article and a great source of local news. Then there's the "miserable little bitch from Ballyh\*\*\*\*" (her description, not mine) who has the wickedest sense of humour and a very wry take on life. She's a rock of common sense wrapped up in a very small package. Work would be a dull chore without good friends to share the laughs and the tough times with.

Work itself is fairly quiet with the queues of clients and the long, hectic days just a distant memory. It's hard to believe that it's only a couple of weeks short of a year since it all began and now most of us have had three vaccinations and living with Covid is the new norm. I had to tax the big jeep the other day and I came very close to fixing the phone, the laptop and the jeep itself with the sledgehammer. It appears that there is absolutely no communication whatsoever between the mobile phone and the computer despite the two of them being within inches of each other. It took the guts of two hours waiting and waiting to get through to the "banking support team" and then the hoops that had to be jumped through to prove that I really wasn't trying to defraud myself of 333 euro! I hope that when I do turn to a life of bank fraud that I set my sights a little higher than that.

There are only seven fecks of straggler sheep left to lamb and one of them is a first timer so I still have to do the 4am yard check and it's been a long, tiring run without an unbroken sleep

since early February. The brat of a first timer is as fat as a harvest frog and I dread to think what's inside her but I'm pretty certain she'll find that she had more fun getting him in than she's going to have getting him out.

If she would only get on with it I'd let the gods do the check in the middle of the night after that. The bush is out of the gap with the other sheep and they know what the game is about; they can take their chances. Talking of fat frogs, I was in the new curio/gift shop that opened in Mountnugent recently and I got the loveliest pair of candle sticks in the shape of frogs. I was delighted to see a new business opening up and new life coming to the village and I wish Pauline the very best of good luck in the future. I have virtually no interest in shopping, especially for new things, but I do love the 2nd hand and "pre loved" shops where you can find all sorts of interesting things and bits and yokes.

There's been a spate of burglaries in the area since just before Christmas and what's particularly nasty about these ones is that they're all elderly people, mostly men, living alone who are being targeted. There's a large number of bachelor men living alone in the area and quite a few of them are gone a bit quare of themselves (single man syndrome!); you know the type... looking out from under their caps as they dother along on the tractor to feed a couple of bullocks and do the shopping, the trousers tied up with bale twine and the wellies turned down to the ankles in the summer.

They wouldn't be on close terms with soap and water and the face is like a shining mask on the otherwise black head in the back seat of the church on Sunday morning. They are harmless creatures who keep to themselves and bother nobody but they are being picked off one by one by these scumbags who prefer to prey on vulnerable old people rather than get off their cowardly arses and do a day's work. All these

burglaries are taking place in broad daylight, mostly in the mornings and the guards are meeting themselves coming they're around so much, for all the good it does.

They were actually here in the yard on another mission last week when they got the call about a burglary down the road. The red fella (he of the ostrich debacle!) owed a wheen of shillings to a local agri contractor for work done last year and the contractors agent pounced on him while he was pulled in on the side of our road chatting on the phone. A heated discussion ensued, as it does, and the red fella got dragged bodily by the coat collar out the window of the jeep while the request for cash was made in no uncertain terms. When the point had been clearly made and received the red fella scuttled back into the jeep and headed off only to be followed by the other fella who proceeded to ram the jeep from behind and drive it skewways across the road and into our entrance.

The guards were called and the whole thing became a regular soap opera complete with four part harmonies when the call came for them to attend the scene of the burglary a mile down the road. Mountnugent is a hotbed of excitement and intrigue these days; sure you couldn't beat it with a big stick.

My good aul friend John, in Wicklow is in a bit of bother again. The poor divil spent the last four months in hospital in Dublin getting the plumbing and filters fixed. Remember he has a go of thoroughbred horses to sell and the woman has dementia and she burned a load of the horse's passports. He's under pressure to finally sell the horses now because he's not able to run after them anymore (he's 82) and he rang me to see if I could help him out. It's no easy job to sell 30 or so horses running wild on a mountain in Wicklow when you're living and working night and day in Cavan. I stuck an ad' up on Done Deal for him and we were both besieged with calls. It seems the world



**Kate Carton**

and his wife want horses but the problem is that John doesn't know which horses still have passports and which horse's passports went up the chimney, and a horse without paperwork is hard to shift.

I think there's going to have to be a roundup and the horses run up the cattle chute and all the microchips scanned and matched to the surviving passports. It's not going to be easy but it will be interesting.

Mark and Liz came down this weekend for a night and it was brilliant to see them again. They're easy company and very agreeable to have about the place. Liz is a most welcome addition to the family, especially as she was able to connect up the printer I got weeks ago which was still sitting in its box. I had to work all weekend so I only saw them Saturday night but it was great to have a few beers and catch up with their news. I love seeing people happy together and their visit was a tonic after the lambing. I sincerely hope that the next time I see them will be when I get to Rathmullan again; the tooter the sweeter.

Spring is well under way now and I need to stretch my wings and blow the cobwebs off the Caddy again. As John Steinbeck said, "a journey is a person in itself; no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policing and coercion are fruitless." Now it's ten to midnight and there's a cow calving on the slats so I have to go and give Himself a turn and bed the calving shed. It's still Mother's Day but a woman's work is never done!

## I'm Not a Biologist

Can you describe microbial metabolism? What is the difference between a prokaryotic and a eukaryotic cell? For most of us, there is only one answer to these questions; "I'm not a biologist."

Other questions lie on the opposite end of the scale: the answers are so self-evident that to leave them unanswered raises eyebrows.

Eyebrows were certainly raised last week in the US Senate as confirmation hearings were held for Ketanji Brown Jackson, Joe Biden's nomination to fill a vacancy in the Supreme Court. For those who don't follow American politics, this is seen as one of the most important positions in the nation and when a slot opens up it's a really big deal.

Ms Jackson has been touted as a trailblazer and an inspiration to women across the country. I have no opinion on whether she is the best candidate for the job, but it seems clear that this narrative requires some further

inspection.

For someone who is portrayed as an inspiration to over a hundred million American women, Ms Brown received what should have been a real gimme question during her confirmation hearing. The question was simple; she was simply asked to provide a definition of a "woman". If you thought that this trailblazer would answer this question with ease, you thought wrong.

First some backstory. The issue of transgender athletes competing in women's sport has become a real hot button issue over the last few weeks, with the case of Lia Thomas being a particularly thorny one. Lia (born William), previously competed for men's swimming teams before coming out as a trans woman in 2019. Thomas now competes in women's events and has been wiping the floor with the competition. Many of those vanquished competitors see this as a woman's rights issue: the dreams they have worked towards have

### Food for thought



**Jonny McCollum**

been snatched away someone with a clear biological advantage. Others have warned these women to remain know their place, claiming that to speak out is to be transphobic. This is a tried and tested tactic that has been used to silence some of the most vulnerable women in society on this side of the Atlantic too.

So, how did Ms Jackson respond to a straight for-

ward question? If she is billed as a defender of and inspiration to women, how exactly does she define the term? The answer was a rather deflating one. "I'm not a biologist." Is Ms Jackson really suggesting that the concept is so complex as to require technical expertise? Of course not. She could have said the obvious, but the obvious has been deemed unacceptable.

Two paradoxes have reared their heads in this last week. The first is that it is supposedly impossible to define what a woman is but it is self evident that Lia Thomas is one. The second is that women are being told to know their place, and all in the name of equality. Ms Jackson had the opportunity to stand up for those who are sidelined in this way. It doesn't take a biologist to tell you that she missed her chance.

## The cultivation of trees on farms and native woodlands

A European Innovation Partnership (EIP), 'Curaíocht an Phobail' managed by Lárionad Achmhainní Nádirtha - Cill Ulta, based in the North West Gaeltacht is to host a public presentation on Native Trees and Agroforestry, agriculture incorporating the cultivation of trees.

Andrew St Ledger, our guest speaker, is a Native Woodland Specialist, PRO of The Woodland League and Biodiversity Officer with the Centre for Environmental Living and Training (CELT) both NGO's based in Clare.

All stability in nature, of soil, air and water is supported by trees. Andrew will give a presentation to raise our awareness of the value of our native forests. With the incoming changes to agricultural policy and farm management being encouraged to use more sustainable practices, the planting of native trees will be included as an option under the new eco-schemes.

Our once wooded landscape now suffers from saturation with increased rainfall. Trees have the ability to influence the fall and distribution of rain. Their root system can lessen the effect of flooding and reduce the pollution of our rivers. This will add to the protection of habitats, protection of water, reduction of erosion. Andrew also has a great knowledge of our woodland heritage, we will



hear how we can learn from our past to grow our future. This evening presentation will leave you with a greater knowledge of our native trees, also how to plant and manage them to enhance your own land quality and the countryside that surrounds us. Please join us in Ostan Loch Altan (Hotel) in Gortahork on Thursday 31st March at 7pm. Fáilte roimh gach duine. Everyone welcome.

Curaíocht an Phobail EIP is supported by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

# An Craoibhín's new venture hub

The official opening of the Co Work Plus and the G Tec Co working space at An Craoibhín in Termon took place on Monday afternoon.

Tracy Keogh from Grow Remote was given the honour of declaring the building open.

The project has been a great success since its inception and currently there are 9 permanent businesses renting space as well as a steady number of people using the hot desk and zoom facilities each month.

The Craoibhín Community & Enterprise Centre opened on 1st December 2008, over 13 years ago now. Since its opening by An Taoiseach Brian Cowan in 2008 the Centre has gone from strength to strength, mainly through a pro-active Board of Directors setting small attainable goals and once reached, they've moving on to the next one.

One of the driving forces on the Board is Chairman, Cllr. Michael McBride who was the MC for the afternoon.

He said: "The Childcare was the first area to open with just two children and 3 staff and today there have over 80 children enrolled and attending at least 2 days per week. They also have a waiting list for all childcare services but a huge demand for places for children under the age of 2.

Being across the road from Termon NS is a huge bonus for them and for parents who need wraparound childcare throughout the school term.

There are also two social enterprises from the Centre - The Grassroutes Bike Hire business which compliments the quieter season in the centre and provides employment during the summer months to local students. They are very fortunate to have Glenveagh Na-



Cllr. Michael McBride, chairman Comhlacht Forbartha an Termann speaking at the opening of the CoWork Plus hub at An Craoibhin Termon on Monday.

tional Park on their doorstep with a steady number of visitors and locals alike using the Park and they trade from their grounds to provide Electric, Hybrid, Tandem and Children's and pull alongs from March to October.

They also have close links with the local secondary schools in the area providing Cycle Right courses and bike maintenance courses to TY students.

Their second social enterprise is CoWork plus.

This was the idea of Fred Gallagher from their Board of Directors, through a Leader group online Fred made contact with a French group who was looking for partners to join a Coworking project she was working on. Fred approached Donegal Local Development Company and Udaras Na Gaeltacha who agreed to become the Leader organisation in Ireland for this project. In hindsight now it was a concept well ahead of its time here locally and with the development of this project and the creation of the first 4 Community led Coworking spaces here in the county it has been a great asset to each of the groups and the people using them.

In our most recent census we have over 30 users in the hubs. Our own space here has been redeveloped with thanks to Connected Hubs funding to provide a bright, modern work place. We have 9 permanent businesses renting space from us and we have a steady and

recurrent number using hot desk and zoom room facilities monthly. We see a great opportunity to build on these users by helping them to expand and grow their businesses using Termon as their base.

To ensure this happens we need to secure capital grants from you the funders here today, you have seen the potential here in Termon now is your time to help us and these companies and companies like them to develop and grow right here in CoWork Plus An Termann.

The European element of this programme saw us working with partners from France, Germany, Spain, Latvia and Wales.

We have created a website and have toolkits created to help other organisations and companies set up coworking spaces [www.colaboracoworking.eu](http://www.colaboracoworking.eu)

Craoibhin have been so successful in making our Coworking space a success down to the staff we have here, Mary Doherty, our manager inherited this project from Julianne Hayes who was without doubt the driving force that got this project to development and tender stage. Termon can be forever grateful to Julianne for all the hard work and research she put in at the start of this project," Cllr. McBride concluded. Deputy Joe McHugh described it as a fantastic facility, a great concept and the way forward and wished all the businesses every success in the future.

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At the opening of the CoWork Plus hub at An Craoibhin Termon on Monday

ern Development said the past 18 months has seen a sea change in employer. Its not enough that people come back and settle here, its time to change the narrative and let the rest of the country see what we have known for years that the West Coast is the best place to work and live.

Micheál Ó hÉanaigh of Udaras na Gaeltachta said that community is central to the success of this project and they are delighted to get behind it. Networking is vital and their Gtec has 35 hubs from Downings to Cape Clear off the coast of Cork and none of them works in isolation. They are learning from each other and don't have to reinvent the wheel - just learn from others. He concluded that this ties in with Udaras strategy of remote working and places like this are now on a level playing field with places in Dublin.

Tracy Keogh from Grow Remote said they support local communities to bring jobs into them. There are many brilliant companies who want to get talent wherever people live. We know that hubs make a massive difference to local communities and it is superb the work that is going on in An Craoibhin will give opportunities for your children and grandchildren with the work here.

Two of the businesses working there spoke of the benefits which they enjoy in An Craoibhin. Cormac Coughlan from Gigable used to work in Dublin. He is originally from Letterkenny and now lives in Dunfanaghy. Their business is part of the gig economy and they connect freelance workers with companies.

Last weekend he went surfing and hiking as well

as visiting his family in Letterkenny and his girlfriends family and was able to enjoy a few drinks on Saturday night. Something which he would not have been able to do in Dublin. He said the community aspect in An Craoibhin is great and the networking side is where he gets the main benefit.

Neil Sullivan from Hadfield Green said that it should not be a trade off when you want to grow your company outside the cities. His companies have offices in Dublin and London and he said that An Craoibhin is a state of the art facility and its great.

Noreen Trearty, An Craoibhin Treasurer spoke about the vision for the centre. "As with any project we undertake, we look at what works and what doesn't work. As you can see, CoWorking has taken off, the demand is strong, the employment market is changing, blended working (office and remote) is a reality, and we want to be part of that journey.

We have so much potential here. We have a childcare facility on site. We have the school across the road, geographically, we are at the gateway to west Donegal - 10 minutes from a University town and 10 minutes from Glenveagh National Park.

We have a wonderful and skilled staff, with expertise in project development, especially in Mary, our manager to help drive this vision through. I suppose all we need is the funding, we need to find the avenues to tap into to make this vision a reality."



At the opening of the CoWork Plus hub at An Craoibhin Termon on Monday were Deputy Joe McHugh and Mary Doherty, manager of An Craoibhin.



By Moses Alcorn

## A View from the Bridge

# Burtonport Co-op building demolished

It was the end of an era last week when the Burtonport Fishermen's Co-op Building was demolished to make way for a new development at the harbour which are aimed at improving access to Aranmore Island.

The building was a landmark in the area and in years gone by the building had a number of uses including a cinema, dance hall, auction hall and as a store in recent years, the building will be remembered as the place where the fish were landed. It was the money paid for the catches there that provided livelihoods for fishermen and their families not just in the Rosses but throughout northwest. The older and younger generation would gather to discuss the past night catch and to catch up on the local gossip.

In the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's there was a vibrant fishing industry in north west Donegal and Burtonport was one of the busiest harbours in the country. In the summer months the 'Port' lorry as it was known locally would travel around the smaller piers bringing

the salmon to Burtonport where they would be sold. The lorry also used to come around a couple of times a year looking for lost fish boxes.

In those days, the money raised by fishing kept many people from taking the emigrant boat and in the summers especially all the harbours would be a hive of activity but unfortunately in recent years Burtonport and these other small harbours have become a shadow of their former selves as the fishing industry has declined and the Auction House on Burtonport has become the latest casualty of this decline.

The old Auction Hall at Burtonport stood watch over the boom times for the fishing fleet at the Pier when big catches were landed and money made. It also stood watch over the tragic days at the Pier when trawlers and their crews left the Pier and did not return as happened with the tragic losses of the Evelyn Marie and Carrig Una in the mid 1970's and the Skifjord in 1981, so it has played a pivotal role in the life of the area for many many years.

## Boxing award for Eddie Harkin



At a boxing tournament in the Ozanam Centre in Dunfanaghy, James McCarron from the Carrigart Boxing Club and Secretary of the Donegal Boxing Board presented Eddie Harkin, coach of Dunfanaghy Boxing Club with an award of recognition of Eddie's hard work and dedication down through the years.

Eddie has been a coach at the club for forty years and during that time Dunfanaghy has produced numbers of Ulster and All Ireland Titles whilst operating from the Market House and in recent years from the Boxing Gym in the Ozanam Centre in Dunfanaghy. Eddie has also become a familiar face at tournaments all over Ireland and in the National Stadium and he has brought in clubs from all over Ireland and abroad to take on his Dunfanaghy Boxers in local venues such as the Creeslough Hall, Market House, Pier Hotel, Corncutters Rest, Ostan Loch Altan, Roonies and the Ozanam Community Centre. Eddie is still the driving force behind Dunfanaghy Boxing Club and is still in his Boxers corners

whilst passing on his knowledge to the next generation of club coaches who will continue to keep

Boxing alive and well in the area in the years to come.

Eddie is a very unassuming coach who shuns the limelight and lets his hard work in the gym with his boxer do the talking for him; so, it's great to see this coaching milestone been recognised by the Donegal Boxing Board.

## Passing of Pete St. John

The recent death of Pete St. John saw the passing of another Irish music legend. In 1979 he wrote the 'The Fields of Athenry' and the song has now become an anthem of Ireland and its sports team and is sung throughout the world.

A version of the song which was recorded by Paddy Reilly in 1982 remained in the charts for 72 weeks. St. John also recorded a number of other modern ballads such as 'The Rare Old Times' and the 'The Ferryman' two nostalgic songs which bemoaned the changing face of modern Dublin as the 'Unyielding progress made a city of my time'. Born as Peter Mooney in Inchicore in Dublin in 1932, Pete St. John was educated at Synge Street CBS. He trained as an electrician and emigrated to Canada where he stayed for a number of years before returning home to Ireland in the 1970's.

## Return of Eriksen

The Holland v Denmark friendly

match on Saturday evening was a very entertaining match with the Dutch running out winners on a 4-2 scoreline. However, the result of the match was almost irrelevant as the real talking point was the return to the international stage of Danish star Christian Eriksen who came on at half time. This marked a remarkable turnaround for Eriksen as it was just a few short months ago that the world held its breath as we watched him slump to the ground with a heart attack during the first game of the European Championships.

He was given urgent immediate medical assistance on the field before being brought to hospital. As part of his treatment, he was fitted with an internal defibrillator and has made a full recovery, however many thought that his football career would be over.

Eriksen was determined to continue with his career and just last month joined Brentford. Despite his side's defeat Eriksen had a successful return scoring just two minutes after coming on and then hitting the post later on. Eriksen's story should serve as a positive lesson to everyone that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, after a traumatic life changing event.

## Mamma Mia!

The late great Jimmy Greaves coined the phrase that football was a funny old game and that is certainly true in the case of the Italian football team who last July were toasting winning the European Championships, yet last Thursday evening they were on their knees in Sardinia after suffering a shock 1-0 defeat to North Macedonia which knocked them out of this year's World Cup in Qatar, a true case of David slaying Goliath.

# New Electric Car launched in Glenveagh National Park

As part of its remit to raise awareness of Ireland's biodiversity and protected sites for nature, the Education Centre and Programme are today launching their new electric vehicle which will be used to visit schools, communities and nature reserves in the areas surrounding Glenveagh.

In keeping with climate action and goals to reduce emissions, the staff are hoping the car will help showcase how Ireland's Parks are taking steps to adapt its vehicle fleet to meet the needs of the future. The green car is the second stage of this ambitious plan, following the successful launch of two electric buses in 2021.

The car highlights all new branding and identity for National Parks, which will emerge throughout this year with an all new national website, social media presence and raised profile as leaders in the protection of Ireland's Biodiversity. The design for Glenveagh includes the red throated diver, one of the iconic bird species which gives the parks its protected status. The term 'Protect Nature' captures the main aim and purpose of the National Parks, but cleverly gives a call to action for us all to get to know and care for our nat-

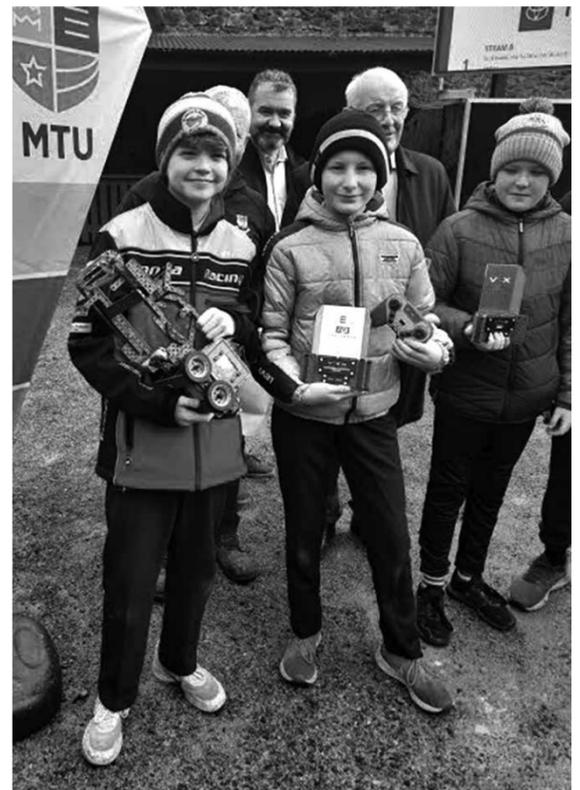
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Glenveagh achieved its Green Flag Award in 2021 and part of that project was to improve engagement and connections with the local community. Along with climate adaption and mitigation, the Green Flag Plan places a greater emphasis on the importance of Education and Learning and the need to build better awareness of National Parks and Wildlife Service. This project is to be piloted in Donegal with a view to similar initiatives being rolled out in other regions in the future.

The background to the project came from ideas and feedback from local school children. Head of Education & Learning Clare Bromley explains: "Children were asked to make suggestions about the future of the park as part of their nature awareness trips with the Education Team. Many of them commented on the need for National Parks to set a good example for reducing emissions, and they drew pictures of what this could look like. The idea for the 'little green car' grew from there and it is brilliant to see our young people having their ideas taken on board. They are the future custodians of our National Parks.



Stramore National School, Churchill were successful at the VEX Robotics National Competition gaelscoileanna in Birr, Co. Offaly recently. The boys team were winners while the girls were runners-up in their category. Eli Casburn won the skills competition on the day.



# Aurivo calling on farmers to apply to Agrinewal sustainable farming programme

Aurivo is calling on its farmer members to apply to participate in a new, groundbreaking sustainable farming initiative, which aims to assist farmers in producing nutritious meat and dairy while dramatically improving their farm's carbon balance. Aurivo is inviting applications from its 10,000 dairy, beef and sheep farmer members to participate in the five-year Agrinewal sustainable farming programme in partnership with agri-technology company, Devenish. Aurivo will finance participation in the programme for successful applicants. By accurately measuring on-farm carbon emissions and, uniquely, carbon

sequestration, Agrinewal aims to assist farmers in taking practical steps to improve on-farm financial performance, soil health, animal welfare and water quality, while also reducing harmful emissions and increasing biodiversity.

As part of the programme successful applicants will: Complete a full business review to establish a carbon baseline

Set business KPI's against industry best practices that are relevant to their farm

Be assisted to design an improvement road map which is personalised to their farm business

Be provided with access to management tools to

record and manage information on their farm

If participating farmers can show that they have made a measurable improvement in soil organic carbon in their soils and a decrease in greenhouse emissions on-farm against a measured baseline, they could create voluntary carbon credits and may be able to avail of selling their carbon credits in the future, however this is of course subject to future Government legislation. Stephen Blewitt, General Manager of Dairy at Aurivo said: "We are delighted to partner with Devenish on Agrinewal which aims to reduce carbon footprint and achieve eventual carbon

neutrality at farm level. Sustainability is embedded into everything we do at Aurivo and we are committed to supporting farmers every step of the way to ensure our environment and rural communities thrive for future generations."

Farmers will be chosen to partake based on their willingness to host farm walks, share information about their farm as part of the programme, and proven interest in the environment, amongst other criteria. For more info visit their local Homeland store or Aurivo Mart or visit [www.aurivo.ie/agrinewal/](http://www.aurivo.ie/agrinewal/) Applications close on April 29th.

# Alma's swims raises €7k for Rocco fund

The Principal at St. Joseph's National School, Rathmullan, Alma Kavanagh's 'Chilly in the Swilly's' daily swim for the month of February raised a terrific total of €7,070 for young Rocco McGinley who is currently undergoing treatment for an aggressive brain tumour.

The cheque was presented on Friday by Alma and Jill Smith to the Rocco Road to Recovery Fund and was received by his granny Mary Hegarty, Glenalla, his aunt Annette and cous-

ins Charlie and Avery. Jill Smith was Alma's companion for the February swims at Rathmullan beach.

Alma said it was an amazing total €7,070. "We're delighted and grateful to all of you who helped us along the way by joining us in the Swilly, especially Brid Barr and Laura Condron and all the support on final days with family and friends with Rocco himself attending. Continued recovery to you Rocco and every good wish for a full recovery" Alma said.



Alma Kavanagh and Jill Smith presenting a cheque for €7,070 to Mary Hegarty from the Rocco Road to Recovery Fund with pupils from St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan.

## Donegal flies feature in new book



The Letterkenny (Fiery Brown) by the late Michael Rogan.

Traditional Irish salmon flies from Donegal and across Ireland, commissioned one hundred and twenty years ago for the Cork International Exhibition in 1902, now feature in a new historical picture book from Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Fly tying involves the 'dressing' of a fishing hook to create an artificial fly, which is then used by anglers at the end of a rod and line to catch fish. It's a little-known part of Ireland's heritage but many angling shops in Ireland in the late 1800s and early 1900s employed 'fly dressers'. Some were considered masters of their craft, thanks to their skills, creativity and the traditional methods that they used.

For the 1902 Exhibition, the salmon flies for the Ballyshannon and Letterkenny districts were tied by the famous fly dresser Michael Rogan from Ballyshannon. A total of 20 flies for the Ballyshannon district and eight flies for the Letterkenny district were tied by the late Mr. Rogan and are now included in the new online book titled 'The 1902 Cork Collection of Salmon Flies'. One of the most renowned salmon flies

in Ireland is the 'Fiery Brown'. The fly is famous for the particular hue of the materials used by

Rogan, which were dyed a reddish brown colour known as 'Fiery Brown'. Many other fly-tyers tried to imitate this colour, and there has been much debate and intrigue over the years as to how he achieved this particular hue. Mr. Rogan's 'Fiery Brown' is amongst the best-known flies in the Letterkenny district, which also includes the 'Golden Olive' and the 'Olive & Claret'. These flies were tied for use on the River Owenea, River Gweedore, River Crolly, and the River Lennan.

'The 1902 Cork Collection of Salmon Flies', including the Donegal flies, is available to view from the Inland Fisheries Ireland website at [www.fisheriesireland.ie](http://www.fisheriesireland.ie) and from the Fishing in Ireland website at [www.fishing-ireland.info](http://www.fishing-ireland.info)

## Fire Alert

The Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has issued a Fire Danger Notice, Condition Orange, for all areas where hazardous fuels such as gorse, heather, dried grasses, and other vegetation exist. The Notice is in effect until midday on Friday, 1st April.

Donegal County Council wishes to appeal to landowners and members of the public to exercise caution and to take all necessary measures to prevent the occurrence of wildfires. Landowners and members of the public are urged to be vigilant and to report any

uncontrolled or unattended fires immediately to the fire service by dialling 999 or 112. The Council is also urging landowners and members of the public not to engage in activities that could cause wildfires.

The Council would also like to remind landowners and members of the public that under the Wildlife Acts, 1976 and 2000 it is an offence to cut, grub, burn or otherwise destroy any vegetation growing on any land not then cultivated between 1st day of March and 31st day of August in any year.



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This week's winner was Eve McAteer, Shannagh, Fanad who found Shanagh in the Book Signing Advert on Page 7 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.

# Strategy for Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion launched

The first ever Strategy for Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion for County Donegal was launched by Cathaoirleach of Donegal Co Council, Cllr Jack Murray, and Nolunga Shologu Community Links Worker with Donegal Intercultural Platform on Friday.

This Strategy is the result of a two-year process that began with research by Donegal Intercultural Platform into the needs of Black and Minority Ethnic communities in the county. This was followed by the establishment of a multi-agency steering committee to develop a Strategy that would identify actions to deliver on the identified needs.

Speaking as he launched the Strategy, Cllr Jack Murray said that "Donegal has changed radically within one generation, the 2016 census indicated that 7.2% of the population of the county, or 11,477 people were born outside the state. When we carry out our census on the 3rd April, I fully expect that that percentage will have increased, and also that we will have people living with us from even more countries around the world"

The vision of the Strategy for Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion for Donegal is the achievement of

equality for Black and Minority Ethnic communities in Donegal through securing their active inclusion in the community and full participation in the wider society". To achieve that vision the Strategy contains 47 actions with a capacity to realise the positive potential in an intercultural county. In this, it builds on a track record on initiatives across all sectors and agencies, and on a leadership and drive from across the Black and Minority Ethnic communities in the county.

Speaking on behalf of Donegal Intercultural Platform, Nolunga Shologu, noted that that the name of our county - Donegal - comes from the Gaelic for the Fort of the Foreigners, and she encouraged everyone to use this inclusion strategy, through its implementation, to make Donegal a Fortress of Safety, Care, Recognition and Community for everyone who lives here irrespective of their colour, their ethnicity, their faith or mother tongue, their ability, gender or their status.

The strategy is now available to view or download on Donegal County Council website link:

Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion.pdf (donegalcoco.ie)



At the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy Launch are Nolunga Shologu Community Links Worker with Donegal Intercultural Platform, Cathaoirleach Jack Murray and A'alya Mustapha. Back Billy Banda, John McLaughlin Donegal Co Council, Thoiba Ahmes Co-Chairperson of Donegal Intercultural Project, Liam Ward, the Council.



Participants in the 25 Card Drive in the Glenvar Community Centre on Friday night.

# Price increases... away with the fairies

*On February 4th, Paschal Donohue ruled out cutting VAT on energy to deal with a spike in fuel prices, saying a €100 energy credit is the "priority". Yet on the day the Taoiseach was at an EU meeting attempting to negotiate a possible cut to VAT on fuel, Paschal popped up in the Dail to have a pop at SF as Micheál Martin was in Brussels trying to get a 4.5% cut in VAT rates.*

Finance Minister Paschal Donohue has accused Sinn Féin of being "too busy deleting its policies" as he defended the Government's response to the cost-of-living crisis. So it is now official: the Shiners actually do have policies. I suspect that this was something the public had known before the general election in 2020.

Mr Donohue clashed with Sinn Féin's Deputy Pearse Doherty in the Dáil on Thursday who claimed that people are being forced to choose between keeping the heat on and buying food. Predictably, the spiral of price increases and inflation once again dominated Dail proceedings last Thursday as the Government resisted calls from Sinn Féin to go further to tackle inflation. It comes amid ever-growing concern about the impact of inflation on the poorest households. In the Dáil, Deputy Pearse Doherty also cited a study by the bank KBC, which calculated that Irish households may be €2,000 worse off due to inflation. "This is going to hit lower and middle income earners hardest. Workers and families cannot bear these costs without significant financial hardship. Rising prices doesn't affect everyone equally. They impact lower earners hardest." Doherty said that he understood the Government could not help

everyone, but said it "can and must do more". Pointing to the cost of home heating oil, he urged the finance minister to bring forward a package of social welfare measures. Act to protect those who are most vulnerable," he told Mr Donohue. Remember that as Finance Minister, Donohue handed out a fiver to everyone in the electorate and then in the New Year he backed the Cabinet for being brave as everyone in the audience got a rebate on electricity prices... from the poorest sector to the billionaires all got the same payment to compensate for the massive increases in electricity. Donohue is coming to terms with Government hand outs to all and sundry when they agreed to pay householders a pittance of the increasing costs of electricity. Never mind that begrudgers, the government did not discriminate as they tossed a crumb to the poorest and to the most wealthy sections of this country, all in the one fell swoop. How's that for policy decisions? Last Thursday, Mr Donohue defended the Government's response to the crisis, claiming it was a result of "circumstances outside of our control", citing the uncertain duration of the war in Ukraine. Whilst listing off the measures announced in recent weeks, including the cut to excise duty

and the €200 electricity grant, Mr Donohue told Deputy Doherty: "The difference between the deputies on this side of the house and you, Deputy Doherty, and your colleagues, is this government is busy trying to implement measures that we believe can make a difference. We are busy implementing measures to try to help," he said. How reassuring is that now! On February 4th, Paschal Donohue made things very clear for all of us. The Minister ruled out cutting VAT on energy to deal with a spike in fuel prices, saying a €100 energy credit is the "priority". "The energy credit is a far more effective way of dealing with the cost of energy than our VAT code because we are already taxing at a low rate of VAT," Mr Donohue told an event organised by accounting body CPA Ireland on February 4th. Yet on the day the Taoiseach was at an EU meeting attempting to negotiate a possible cut to VAT on fuel, Paschal popped up in the Dail to have a pop at SF as Micheál Martin was in Brussels trying to get a 4.5% cut in VAT rates. Rather odd when one consider the Finance Minister's ruling out any such cuts only weeks earlier. Some policy differences there obviously. Everything about Ireland relates to a high-debt country? That's one of the questions the Economic and Social Research Institute seeks to answer in its latest quarterly report. You might be tempted to conclude that, with a national debt fast approaching €240 billion, the answer is an overwhelming yes. But it depends on the size of the economy that's carrying it. In 2019, Ireland's debt-to-tax receipts ratio was 2.6. In terms of a euro zone comparison, this wasn't as high as Greece, Italy, Portugal or Spain but it was at the higher end of the distribution, suggesting Ireland is one of the more indebted countries in Europe. And we already know that inflation in the Irish economy is expected to surge in the coming months at a level not seen since the early 1980s. That's ac-

ording to the ESRI. Mind you, the think tanks have not been accurate since inflation got a grip here last Autumn, The ESRI prediction is for inflation of 8.5% while others are saying it will reach 10%. The ESRI report is projecting that a typical household will see its income decline by about €1,300 once the effects of inflation are accounted for. Other economists are predicting a decline of €2,000. The ESRI said Russia's invasion of Ukraine was having negative impacts on global economic activity and further exacerbating inflationary pressures, primarily through higher energy and commodity prices. It said Irish consumers could be facing into a period of energy rationing if the crisis worsens. "There is a considerable risk that, should tensions increase, further disruptions to gas and oil supplies might occur, and in a worst case, end-user rationing might be required in Europe," it said. The economic fallout from the conflict, the ESRI said, would result in lower-than-expected growth in the Irish economy of 6.2% this year and 4.3%. The think-tank had been forecasting growth of 13.6% for this year and the economy will run a modest budget surplus this year, the first since 2019. Energia's electricity prices are going up in a move that will cost the average customer an additional €247 a year. Energia gas customer bills will increase by 15% or an average of €3.45 per week. The increase for dual fuel customers will equate to an average of €8.20 per week, or €426 per year. Some mobile phone companies are also increasing their charges. And watching Netflix will also add to your monthly bill. The farm sector heavily reliant on fertiliser has seen prices rocket, reaching record highs and has more than doubled in a year. This is expected to have a knock-on effect on food security as farmers will struggle to afford to grow crops as well as an almost certain rise in the price of food in Ireland - which would be passed on to consumers.

## Comment

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New agricultural prices figures from the Central Statistics Office show that fertiliser prices had risen by 127% in January 2022 compared to the same period the year before. However, these prices from January, before Russia launched a war on Ukraine, with both countries' major suppliers of fertiliser for Ireland. A recent price list for fertilisers posted on Reddit showed that since January the price of some fertilisers could have risen again to more than €1,000 a tonne in recent days, up from about €340 a tonne last year. This is expected to have a knock-on effect on food security as farmers will struggle to afford to grow crops as well as an almost certain rise in the price of food in Ireland - which would be passed on to consumers. CSO figures show the price of milk has risen by 29.7% compared to last year, as well as the price of cereals, increasing by 34%, and potatoes by 22.8%. That trend is unlikely to change, with inflation in the cost of production unlikely to ease quickly, leaving little incentive for farmers to drive for higher milk yields. "Input prices are sky-rocketing across Europe and the globe. Whether we like it or not, less fertiliser and other inputs will also mean less food output," said IFA President Tim Cullinan

However, Ireland may be one of the few dairy exporters with hopes of profitably increasing milk production. Even before dairy farming costs started to shoot upwards in 2021, more than 40% of dairy farmers globally already were unable to cover their full production costs, said the IFCN (International Farm Comparison Network) team of dairy farming systems researchers. And when the European Milk Board of 21 dairy farmer associations and farmers' lobbies commissioned a study last year of 2015-19 farming costs in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands, it found it was only in Ireland, due to its lower production costs, that milk production generated an income. General inflation is being fuelled by oil prices dramatically increasing in 2021, and European electricity prices reached their highest level for years. The increase in milk prices has not been enough to offset the farming cost trends. The global cattle feed price is estimated to have increased 38% in 2021, and it is likely to remain at this high level for most of 2022. This is expected to have a knock-on effect on food security as farmers will struggle to afford to grow crops as well as an almost certain rise in the price of food in Ireland - which will be passed on to consumers. The same CSO figures show the price of milk has risen by 29.7% in January compared to last year, as well as the price of cereals, increasing by 34%, and potatoes by 22.8%.

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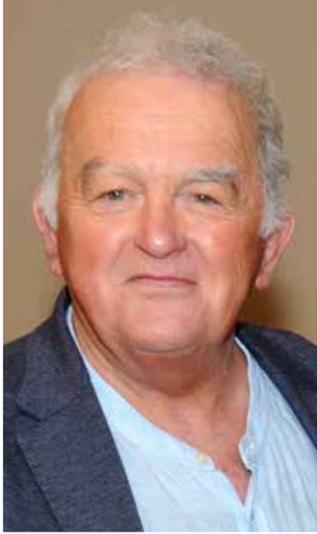


# On the road with Paddy McMenamin's book

*We've had great coverage in launching 'From Armed Struggle To Academia' - Galway Bay FM, Mid-West Radio, Donegal News, Galway Advertiser, Mayo Advertiser, Over the Edge Galway, Irish News Belfast, Andersonstown News, Irish American News Chicago, History Ireland, An Phoblacht, and of course, The Tirconail Tribune.*

As I write it's been 35 days since we held our first book launch in Glasgow and it's been a hectic period ever since! Last Saturday we held a book signing in 'Bookmark' at the Letterkenny Shopping Centre.

In between we had book launches in Charlie Byrne's iconic book store just off Shop St in Galway; another one at the Felons Club on the Falls Road in Belfast just across the road from Milltown cemetery where the republican dead of the city lie, from the United Irishmen of 1798 to Bobby Sands in 1981 and the last IRA Vol. to be hung in Ireland in 1942, Tom Williams.



by Paddy McMenamin

In Charlie Byrne's, Dr Mary Harris and Dr John Cunningham from NUI Galway, Niall MacGiolla Bhui from Bookhub Publishing and Kernan Andrews (grandson of former NI PM John Andrews) from the Galway Advertiser all delivered various insights into the book.

In Belfast, barrister and former Lord Mayor of Dundalk Neil McCann; CEO of UISCE at Clinton House Enniskillen and former RUC man Keith McNair and Gerry Scullion, former political prisoner and Felons Sec; all gave fascinating observations on life in conflict and friendships created despite our differences.

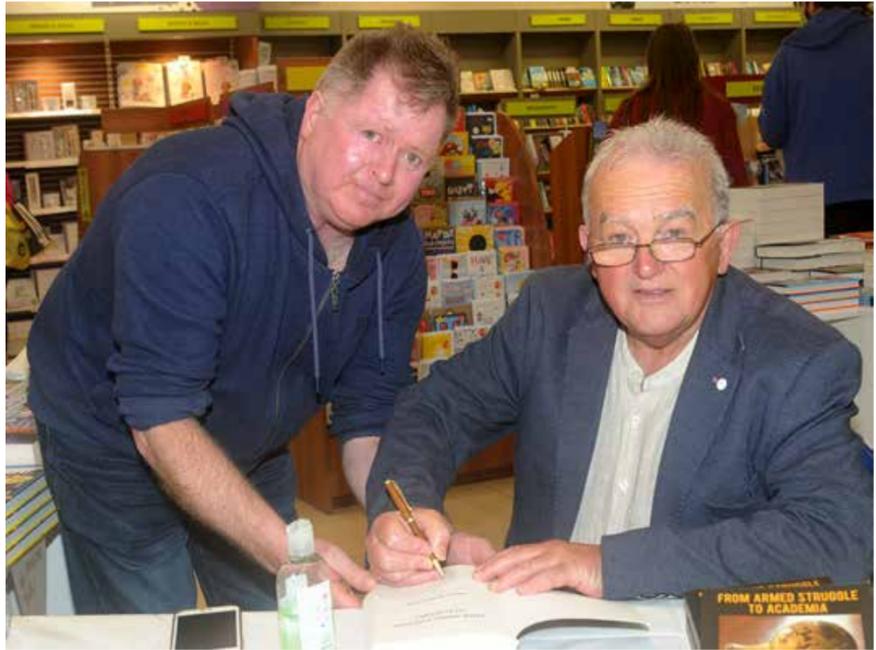
Finally in Termon, Tirconail Tribune Editor John McAteer

was his usual ebullient self as he defined the book from Belfast to Donegal and eventually Galway and the life story which prevailed. John of course was my editor for my weekly contribution to the Tribune every week for the past 4 years, he gave me a chance to get the written word out there and for that I will be eternally grateful, it might have been a rush every Sunday evening getting the 2000 words delivered before the deadline after 18 holes at Galway Bay and a few pints of black stuff at the '19th'; but Word processed it along with a glass of red wine and watching the Sunday Game at the same time.

Many a time it was midnight before it hit the electronic highway and made its way to the darkest outreaches of Fanad where John would have to spend half the night editing that week's article. But Shanagh's answer to Rupert Murdoch always produces the news on Main St, Milford, late on a Wednesday evening with a front page attacking whatever Govt was in power at the time!

The book, 'Armed Struggle to Academia' has been a work in progress I suppose for 50 years since those dark days I spent confined by a foreign Govt. for many years in their gaols and concentration camps; Crumlin Road, the Maidstone, Magilligan and of course Long Kesh. They were difficult times but I learned to type on an old black typewriter and edited a Cage paper and to be honest achieved my real education about life.

It gave me an interest in literature and writing and where I should have been in life but as they said about my fellow Belfast hero Georgie Best, 'where did it all go wrong?' With no qualifications, a family and a mortgage, a dead end job in a factory became reality and when you need money on the table on a Friday you can't be a



Paddy McMenamin signing copies of his book "From Armed Struggle to Academia" on Saturday at Bookmark in the Letterkenny Shopping Centre for Freddie McGettigan.

dreamer.

There was also the recognition that ordinary working class people don't write books or get above their station, that it's for those in the 'literati', the Generals, Businessmen, D4 spoil journalists in Ballsbridge, those with so many 'As' in their LC results that the Doctor in Trinity would have problems saying 'AAH'?

But the new Millennium and the 'noughties' brought a redundancy wave to Donegal and following the Unifi and Fruit of the Loom implosion I was able to extricate myself from Kirchoff and return to academia, well maybe 'return' is the wrong phrasal verb as I was never at 3rd Level previously. In fact, I had never been inside Queen's and didn't know anyone else who had. That's the way it was growing up where we lived in West Belfast, thankfully it's all changed now. Nationalist students make up 70% of the academic cohort, the Union Jack only flies on certain days and God Save the Queen isn't played at Graduations, that would definitely help when you receive your Parchment and your 2.1 from the President!

So redundancy brought me to NUI Galway and the rest as they say is history, a veritable alphabet of letters after my name and a Teacherman and now a published author into the bargain, I suppose I've come a long way from the time 45 years ago after arriving in Donegal and during après match drinks and I mentioned I had a dream of going to University and was asked in a derogatory manner, 'have you qualifications?' I suppose ignorance and small town parochialism is part of life, c'est la vie?

And now we have the book, actually a trilogy of sorts, the Covid Lockdown and lack of golf led me to put together two small booklets to raise funds for Pieta House; 'Walking through a story of life' and 'Political Status-Long Kesh' raised some much needed Euros for a charity close to my heart, and then the extended virus into a second year allowed me the time and space to scribble to my heart's content as I rattled the keyboard on the laptop to the click click of 130,000 words. It was a memoir of sorts, a look back at life from the streets of Belfast to the green swards of Galway Bay golf resort and the Hills of Donegal in between.

It was difficult to write a lot of the stuff, many, many guys I knew had been killed during the conflict, as I said in the book; my story was as much their story. It was also therapeutic and I hope it was subjective

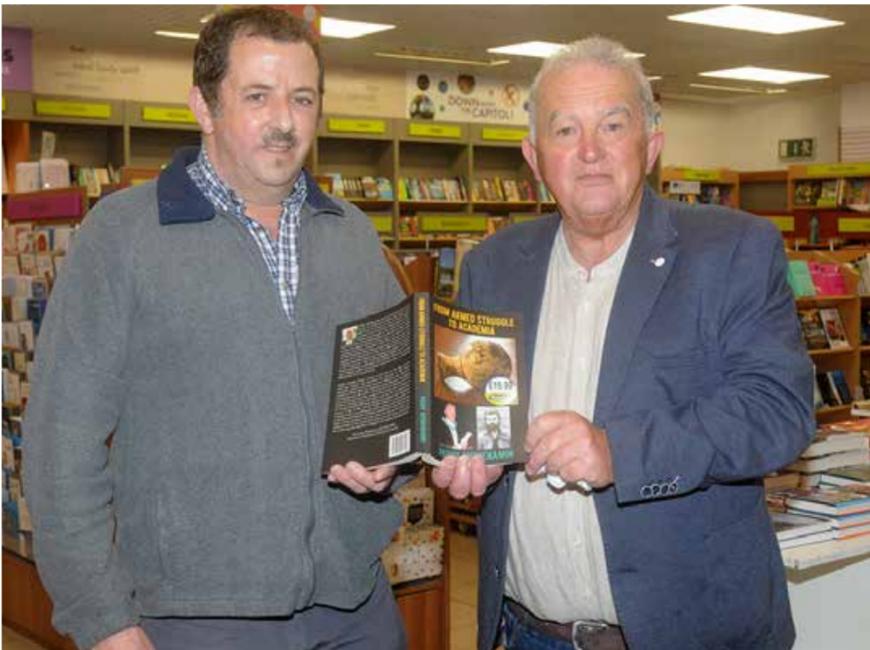
and thought provoking, and thankfully it has received a great response from those who have read the book.

As I said earlier it's been a hectic month or so, but the initial 500 published have been delivered to over 30 shops around the country and a second print in the offing, that's the first target achieved, and upward and onward we go! We've had great coverage, Galway Bay FM, MidWest Radio, Donegal News, Galway Advertiser, Mayo Advertiser, Over the Edge Galway, Irish News Belfast, Andersonstown News, Irish American News Chicago, History Ireland, An Phoblacht, and of course a 4 week lead in and review in the Tirconail Tribune.

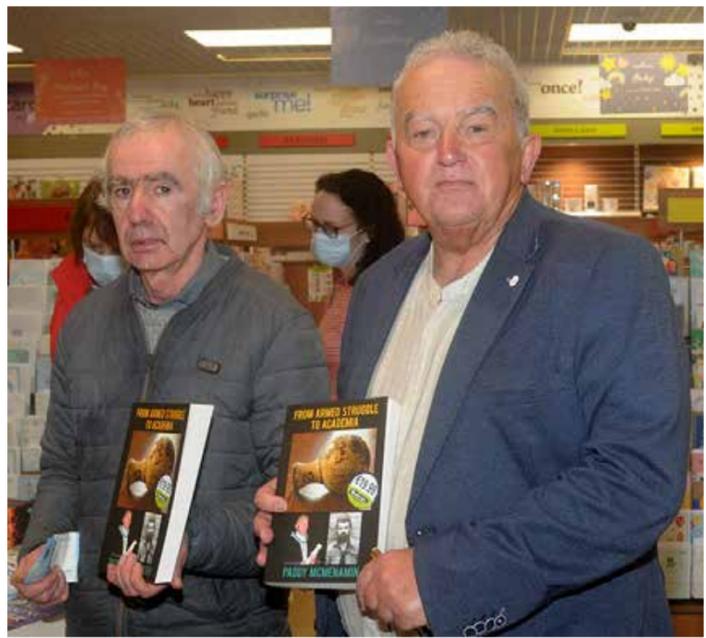
And for anyone who has attempted to get something out there in the print world they will understand that getting that publicity is essential.

The book, 'Armed Struggle to Academia' is available now at the following Book stores throughout the island:- Bookmark Shopping Centre Letterkenny and Courtyard Letterkenny; Centra Mountain Top Letterkenny; Millbridge Spar Kilmacrennan; Gracies Stores Lagoon Termon; Sweeney's Spar Ballyraine Letterkenny; Felons Club, Falls Road Belfast; An Fhuiseog (the Lark) Belfast; Calton Bookstore Gallowgate Glasgow; Sinn Fein Bookstore Parnell Sq, Dublin; Four Masters bookshop Donegal Town; Novel Idea bookstore Ballyshannon; Easons, O'Connell St & Quayside Sligo; Liber bookshop Sligo; Smyth's bookshop Claremorris; Books n' More, Tuam; Bookshop Westport; McLoughlins bookshop Westport; Castle Bookshop Castlebar; Easons Mullingar; Easons Cavan; Easons Longford; Athlone Bookstore; NewsRound Roscommon; NewsRound Longford; NUI Galway Bookstore; Charlie Byrne's bookshop Galway; Books n' More, Oranmore; Grealley Stores, Maree, Oranmore; Brazco Coffee Academy, Oranmore!

The Book will also be available soon online @ Rivers Run Free Press in Paperback, Hardback, and EBook format. Thanks to everyone who has purchased the book so far, appreciated!



William Holmes, Dunfanaghy with Paddy McMenamin



Paul Gallagher, Manorcunningham with Paddy McMenamin



# Gaeil Fhanada Presentations



Aaron McConigley and Seán Carr, Joint U17 Boys Players of the Year receiving their awards from Mark McConigley.



Aishling Duffy - Most Dedicated U14 Player



Conor Callaghan - U13 Player of the Year 2021



Jessica Coll - U16 Girls Player of the Year receiving her award from Nicola Friel and Micheál Friel



Iosaf Mc Ateer - U13 Most Dedicated Player receiving his award from Fiona Shiels.



Eoghan Logue - U17 Boys Most Dedicated Player receiving his award from Mark Mc Conigley.



Reserve Player of the Year, Charlie Crerand receiving his award from Aidan McAteer.



Declan Brougham - U15 Most Dedicated Player receiving his award from Hughie Shiels.



Aoife Gibbons - Senior Ladies Young Player of the Year receiving her award from Nicola Friel, John McConigley and Fiona Shiels.



Eiméar Gibbons - Senior Ladies Player of the Year receiving her award from John McConigley, Fiona Shiels and Nicola Friel.



Kelley Carr - U18 Most Dedicated Player receiving her award from John McConigley, Nicola Friel and Fiona Shiels.



Pictured are Collette and Aoife Shiels presenting Shaun Kerr with 'Gradam Phádraig Uí Shíadhail'. Also in the picture is senior manager Aidan Mc Ateer.



Victoria Gallagher - U18 Girls Player of the Year receiving her award from John McConigley, Nicola Friel and Fiona Shiels.



Kaylagh Sweeney - U14 Girls Player of the Year



Olivia Friel - U16 Most Dedicated Player. Receiving her award from from Nicola Friel and Micheál Friel.

# Big deal for Ramelton

Ramelton has been designated a flagship conservation project in the county development plan: so said the County Manager in his report to Monday's meeting of the Council.

This comes at a time when the vast majority of Ramelton folk say that the lack of funding has been the real conversation project for over thirty years.

As the Mall buzzed to the sound of happy campers celebrating the wonderful news the whole place came to a total standstill as crowds gathered outside Whoriskey's Spar Supermarket to talk about their good fortune.

Innocent passers-by could be forgiven for thinking the town had collectively won the UK rollover Lotto of £27million... or else the price of WHO fuels on the international oil markets have gone through the floor again.

"When did Ramelton get such good news...never", I heard one owl woman say and she recalled the first plan to drain the Lennon in 1956. "That was our first shot at a panto," she added somewhat mockingly - I thought.

And some twenty years after being designated a Georgian town for immediate funding there is even more good news.

A sum of €5000 has been provided for a part of a pilot project. It seems that somebody, some where has now copped on that living in a Georgian town does not necessarily mean having tumble down buildings reminiscent of that era.

There is to be a programme of regeneration said the Manager on Monday. It is to be based on it's architectural heritage as a pilot project and a submission for funds was made to the people at the Heritage Council.

Now...lo and behold a sum of five grand in shining new Euros has been coughed up. It will be used to complete a detailed inventory of the town. The generosity is wonderful and everyone is chatting about it. We just wonder what might be coming next...on the doorsteps.

Readers of the Tribune will be very familiar with the lead into the general election of five years ago. Remember that very important picture taken on the quayside on a wonderfully sunny May afternoon? Well if we can take one sec to refresh your fading memory let me say that the snap of the good and the great was all about putting in a marina on the Lennon. It was seen as a magnificent idea by some...and by others it was seen as a total ball of fluff.



Kilmacrennan National School are the proud winners of the Cumann na mBun Scoil County Quiz Final. The team is pictured with their shield and trophies - Benny Gordon, Liam McBride, John Sandilands and Oliver Doherty.

# Council must declare war on potholes ... McGlinchey



Cllr Bernard McGlinchey has called on Donegal County Council to declare war on potholes. His comments were made in Lifford at Monday's Council meeting when he spoke during the debate on the Roads and Transportation SPC progress report. He said that it was an absolute emergency as some potholes were the size of small lakes.

He believed that the report had ignored the wishes of the committee who met earlier in the month. Cllr. McGlinchey thought that it was agreed to purchase six Velocity Patching Machine

for each of the electoral areas.

Cllr Thomas Pringle suggested the money could be spent on drainage. Cllr Jimmy Harte suggested if a law similar to that in the UK which made local authorities directly responsible for damage to cars caused by potholes was enforced here then the Donegal's legendary pothole problem could be a thing of the past. Ending the debate.

Cllr. McGlinchey believed that other methods of road repair should be analysed at the next committee meeting.

# Don't call Lifford: ring Shaun Doherty

Those of you who are pestered with atrociously disgraceful roads and potholes can breathe a sigh of relief following Monday's meeting of the Council in Lifford.

There was another big debate on bad roads and it followed the normal pattern until Cllr. Francis Conaghan suggested that in future everyone with complaints should 'Ring Highand Radio'.

"Ring Highland Radio because it seems to be the only way to get things done," said Conaghan who said he had been encouraging his constituents to follow this course of action.

Gerry Crawford felt there was a certain irony to 'the bad roads debate' and wondered if the officials would take on board what the councillors were saying: "We have been raising the problems of the roads continuously and nothing has been done

about it. But when the public went on the local radio to air their grievances, some potholes have been fixed within two hours."

Cllr Sean Maloney said the poor state of the roads meant that no politician in their right mind will go to the radio to defend the Council. Well... with an election lurking in the long grass I just wonder if it will take wild horses to keep the politicians away from the microphones.

And the Council is to launch a new plan: (yes another one): it is to be formulated by the Roads Dept. Complaints have arisen over the condition of many roads in the aftermath of developments.

The new Council plan may not do much for those embarrassingly deep potholes and ruts that are the bane of our lives but sure it will stop you chatting and complaining about them (for at least ten minutes).

# Rubbish fees up €15 a tonne

As expected since the Estimates meeting of the Council last November landfill charges are to be raised by a further €15 a tonne as part of the Environment Dept's waste management strategy. The charges will bring the cost of landfill charges to a record high

of €77 per tonne. And in each following year a further €5 increase will be imposed.

The increase will be introduced from June 1st and the Council is obliged to collect the levy for the Dept. It is to fund a range of initiatives including waste management: litter and other environmental issues.

Council officials are to meet with the waste collectors to discuss the increases and their impact on waste disposal and management.



Committee members of the Swilly Mulroy Soccer Academy pictured at a meeting in Paddy Mors Bar, Kerrykeel on Monday night with Joe Boyle and Declan McIntyre, FAI Reps.



Conor Gormley getting in some practice during the half time break in the Swilly Rovers Fanad United game at Swilly Park, Ramelton on Sunday.

# McKenna lashes 'vested interests'

As Save the Swilly sends a 10,000 strong petition to the EU seeking a moratorium on further mariculture licenses in the Lough the Green MEP Patricia McKenna (pictured with John Mulcahy) has launched one of her strongest ever attacks on fish farming interests.



Speaking in Dublin during the launch of the STS petition this week McKenna strongly condemned, "the blatant conflict of interest at the heart of fish farming in Ireland.

She said "the same Minister who grants licences with minimal environmental protection is also responsible for encouraging the growth of the industry by allocating resources to the sector actively promoting it. This is a very serious problem and one which will have grave repercussions because our coasts will not take the pressure and in the end consumers will also be put at risk."

The STS book of signatures will be taken by McKenna to the Petitions Committee in Strasburg.

The petition calls on the Irish government to declare a moratorium on aquaculture licensing in Lough Swilly pending completion of a series of independent scientific studies on the lough. STS has commissioned the first of these, a Scoping Study now being conducted by the Coastal Studies Research Group at the University of Ulster's School of Environmental Studies in Coleraine. Once completed, the Scoping Study will be used as the basis for a comprehensive study into a proposed Inte-grated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) strategy for Lough Swilly.

The STS petition, gathered over the past year, is critical of both the Irish government and the European Union for failing to protect the marine environment in Lough Swilly. The Irish government has ignored calls to commission a scientific study of the lough, while the EU continues to provide extensive grant aid to aquaculture operators in Lough Swilly, at the same time expressing grave concern about aquaculture licensing within SAC's and (SPA's).

"It is not good enough for the Department of the Marine to continue licensing aquaculture operations, while ignoring the threats to wild-fish stocks, to bird habitats and to the legitimate interests of other users of the lough," STS chairman Tony Morrison said. "The attitude of the Irish government authorities is completely biased in favour of the expansion of aquaculture, and our reasonable demand that a detailed assessment of the lough be carried out has fallen on

its part by withholding further funding of aquaculture activities in Lough Swilly until the series of scientific studies has been completed and assessed. EU funding for a comprehensive assessment of Lough Swilly would benefit all stakeholders, and not exclusively the aquaculture sector. Patricia McKenna lashed into Marine Minister Frank Fahey for allegedly promoting the unchecked growth of fish farming in Ireland while failing to comply with EU law to protect designated areas.

She co-hosted the press conference along with the Save the Swilly Campaign, An Taisce and Coastwatch and she demonstrated how Minister Fahey's plans of doubling the growth of this area by 2006 and allocating huge resources to promote this industry, "will have serious negative impacts on coastal environments and will deplete our natural fish stocks."

As a member of the Fisheries Committee in the European Parliament, she is calling for a total moratorium on all fish farming licensing in all designated areas until a proper assessment procedure is put in place for both fin fish and shell fish farming. "There is €73 million earmarked for the development of fish farming in Ireland in the National Development Plan (2000-2006), of which €35 million is coming from the EU Structural Funds.

Minister Frank Fahey was quoted recently denouncing the Habitats and Wild Birds Directives as being 'too restrictive'. I find this quite extraordinary and terribly irresponsible of the Minister to say such a thing considering that he is actually not even complying with these major environmental laws. He has granted licences in SACs and SPAs without even any requirement for an assessment of the environmental impacts these have on the local wildlife and particularly the local fish stocks."



Second and third class pupils from Scoil Mhuire NS Creeslough dressed in their Easter Bonnets which they made this week organised by teacher Eithne McFadden.

## Council faced with €2m NRA shortfall

This week's meeting of Donegal County Council has been told that it is necessary to use their overdraft arrangements to fund the €2.04 million shortfall in the allocation from the National Roads Authority... a sum of €890,000 is needed to complete the Port Bridge Roundabout in Letterkenny. Speaking during Monday's meeting in Lifford the County Manager said he proposed to the Members that their overdraft facilities to accommodate the deficit. The Fine Gael Members said that in essence they would be borrowing from next year's budget and this would lead to an even greater deficit. Cllr. Bernard McGlinchly challenged the FG benches to tell him the extent of the NRA funding back in 1996. Obviously this meeting was a limbering up for the general election campaign.

The County Manager told the members that the Port Bridge needs a further €890,000 to bring it to completion later this summer. Other projects under construction include the Donegal Town Bypass and the Clar-Barnes Road.

The total cost of these three projects is €1.405 million. The manager said that another 635 thousand Euro is acquired to be spent on schemes that are in planning and design. The three projects under construction were not given allocations from the NRA this year. The total cost at the Port Bridge is currently €575,000 and the estimated cost of the outstanding works is €315,000 bringing the total unfunded allocation in 2002 to €890,000.

The remaining €635,000 borrowed will be used schemes in planning and design. €100,000 is required for preliminary design for the N14 Manorcunningham to Lifford Realignment.

Reacting, Fine Gael has laid the blame on the Government with Cllr McGinness suggesting the council send another delegation to the NRA.



Patrick Blaney aged eight from Rosnaskill and six years old Rosin Carr of Croaghan pupils of Tamney national school in Fanad who have both scored notable victories in the INT-EBS national handwriting competition and are both through to the final stages of the contest. The talented writers are pictured at the school with the principal teacher Bridie Doherty. Patrick won the regional award while Rosin came second in her category. They have already got their awards for this achievement and the whole school is hoping that they will go one step further. Both pupils have perfected the art of writing and they have been highly complimented by the judging panel.

## Blaney demands facilities for Carrigart

Cllr Niall Blaney is to make representations to Donegal County Council to purchase the old health centre and adjacent land on Carrigart's Main Street to accommodate a range of essential services which he says are lacking in the village.

He has met with members of the local community and has agreed to pursue the Council with a view towards acquiring the property. Carrigart is to have a new health centre with construction works well under way and Niall Blaney says the premises being vacated can be of a huge benefit.

He says there is a need for a phone kiosk; a bank-link machine; public toilets and a car park on the main street.

Blaney says the property in question can fulfil accommodation for all these facilities.

## Legendary Ramelton pub for sale

Mary's Bar on Castle Street in Ramelton is to be sold as the proprietor Mary McLaughlin has decided to retire.

It is one of the legendary pubs in the north west and after 35 years pulling pints Mary has finally decided that it's time to take life a bit easier.

Mary and her late husband Denis bought the premises from Mrs Martin in 1967: it was a small pub back then with a local clientele. The couple earned a living behind the bar but sadly Denis passed away twenty years ago.

This week Mary recalled those times: she was left with a family of twelve and four of them were very young. She has paid tribute to the community in Ramelton for helping through those difficult times and for the support to her business.

She recalled the pub being the home of Swilly Rovers: before the club had their own dressing rooms Mary's Bar was the changing rooms for both home and away teams. And after the game they all were served soup and sandwiches. That tradition still continues and Mary says that many a good night's singing took place with some of the Derry teams who came out to play in the summer cups.



Competitors in the Jimmy McElhinney Memorial Trophy competition at Dunfanaghy Bowling Club recently.



Groups enjoying the St. Michaels GAA Club presentation night in Roses Bar Creeslough on Saturday night.

Photos by Francis Diver.

# Donegal features in House of Commons address

It's not often that Donegal features in the House of Commons but it most certainly did on St. Patrick's Day when Scottish MP Dave Doogan spoke with great pride about his Irish heritage in the parliament.

Dave is the son of Annie and the late Jim Doogan both natives of Kincasslagh. Both his parents emigrated separately to Scotland in the late 1950s. Jim went on to be a successful agricultural and building contractor in Perth where the family have been long time residents.

Jim Doogan who has been a Scottish National MP since 2019 spoke with great passion in the House of Commons about his family roots in Donegal and extolled the county's great beauty in terms of beaches, mountains and landscape and the history going

back to St. Colmcille a century and a half ago. Gonna O'Donnell resides in Kincasslagh and is connected to the Doogans through his wife who is a cousin. "Jim and Annie are both from here in Kincasslagh. She was Annie 'Joe' Walsh. They have a holiday home here and Dave was a regular visitor with the family for many years."

In the House of Commons Dave Doogan spoke about being one of six children growing up in Perth and going to the local Catholic school. He is very much a European and told his fellow MPs that he had just got his Irish passport to emphasise that and his love of his parents country. His mother always encouraged her six children in terms of education and instilled a confidence that they could do well in the world. The Scottish politician also spoke



about the unbelievable work of the Donegal Tunnel Tigers and gave a special mention to the Arranmore men who for 75 years did the underground works for hydro schemes and underground transport in Scotland and England. He expressed disappointment at the lack of recognition that these men had received in the official history of the huge infrastructural developments in mainland Britain for nearly a century.

After his address to the English Parliament Dave Doogan was out helping the Scottish Labour Party campaigning for the Scottish local council elections in Perth before taking in a superb Arbroath Football Club win.

David Michael Doogan was born on the 4th of March 1973. He studied at the University of Dundee. Dave was elected as the Member of Parliament (MP) for Angus in the 2019 United Kingdom general election, after defeating incumbent Conservative candidate Kirstene Hair. He had previously been a member of Perth and Kinross Council.

He had been a civilian in the Royal Navy from 1989 to 2007: Doogan served as an Apprentice Aircraft Engineer from 1989 to 1993, also working in repair and overhaul of Helicopter Transmission, specialising in Sea King Search and

Rescue Aircraft, as a surveyor, team leader, supervisor, operations planning manager, Sea King and Lynx Transmissions Production Manager and in Commercial Management.

A former aircraft engineer with the Ministry of Defence, Dave left his successful career in the civil service in 2007 to pursue a career in politics. Doogan graduated in 2011 from the University of Dundee with a First Class MA (Hons) in Politics and International Relations. From 2011 to 2016, he was a caseworker for the office of John Swinney MSP.

Dave was co-owner of Perthshire Garden and Property from 2016 to 2019. He first was elected to Perth and Kinross Council as a councillor for Perth City North in 2012, with the largest share of first preference votes in that ward. Dave was reelected to PKC in 2017, increasing his share of the vote by 4.02%. At the election he became the leader of the SNP group on Perth and Kinross Council, and as such, Leader of the Opposition.

In the House of Commons, Dave Doogan became the SNP Spokesperson for Agriculture and Rural Affairs in January 2020. Later that year he also became Spokesperson for Manufacturing. Dave is married to Gillian Kirk and the couple have two children.



## Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club grading

The results from The Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Clubs recent grading, in the Aura on Saturday 26th March. This was the first Grading since the Pandemic began.

### by Sensei John Wilkie

The students grading have been training hard over the last few months and it paid off. Students from White Belt to Brown Belt took part in a test to obtain their next belt, as well as 3 Students taking part in a Pretest for their Dan (Black Belt) grades.

The following students were successful and were awarded their next belt :-  
9th kyu - Orange belt: Oliver J Augustine, Alee-na Jomon, Lily Gallier, Matthew Gallier, Diya

Anish, Joshua McHugh, Dominic McHugh, Shreya Satheesh, Arya Satheesh, Satheesh Kumar, Agnieska Sokol, Petra Bodna, Micheal Harvey, Mia Jane Boyle, Seanan Kelly, Marlyn Alex, Meera Sudheesh, Sudheesh Satheesan, Darsheed Sadheesh, Deepu George Vazhayil, Joshua George Vazhayil, Maya Niranjana, Leo Gubbins, Megan Callaghan, Emily Callaghan, Luke Murray, Dilan O'Boyle, Peter O'Boyle.  
8th kyu - Red belt: Oliwia Sypniewska, Matthew Grant.

7th kyu - Yellow belt: Gerard Doherty.  
6th kyu - Green belt: Ivana Benney, Benny Jose, Taylor Hughes, Kyle McGuigan.  
4th Kyu - Purple White Belt: Megha



Members of The Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club at their grading last Sunday.

Manoj Thampi, Aoibheann Keys.  
3rd kyu - Brown Belt: Anika Benny, Georgia Martin, Evan Ward, Rishon Sojan.  
2nd kyu - Brown White Belt: Peter Ogle  
1st Dan (Black Belt) Pretest: Manoj Radhakrishnan  
2nd Dan (Black Belt) Pretest: Brian McGlynn  
3rd Dan (Black Belt) Pretest: Mary O'Neil

The Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club Training takes place Mondays 7-8pm in the Letterkenny Community Centre, Wednesdays 7pm -8pm Aura Leisure Centre and Saturdays Letterkenny Community Centre 1-2pm. The next Club Competition will take place on April 23rd.

There will be a Barefoot walk for Irish Guide Dogs Donegal Branch May 28th at The Aura Leisure Centre at 2.30pm. The next Club Grading will take place in June or July, date to be Confirmed. Congratulations to all students who graded.



## Spring into Storytime 2022

Throughout the month of April Donegal County Library Service will deliver an exciting programme of events aimed at children aged 0-10 and their families.

The programme will reinforce the importance of reading and sharing stories and will focus especially on reading together within the family. Reading or listening to stories with your family is a wonderful way to relax and have fun and also supports the child's communication and concentration skills.

The information and schedule for all the events can be found on our library website [www.donegalibrary.ie](http://www.donegalibrary.ie) 'What's on' or you can follow Donegal County Library on Facebook & Twitter.



Shaun Langan presenting Brian McLaughlin with an award for being a member



Suzie Roarty presenting Stephen Coyle with his Man of the Match award



Dara McCarry, the Reserves Player of the Year receiving his award from John Flynn.

## St. Michaels Presentation Night

St. Michael's GAA Club held a very successful presentation function in Roses Bar in Creeslough on Saturday. During the course of the evening the following Club Awards were presented: Senior Player of the Year Hugh O'Donnell who was presented with his award by 2021 Senior Team Manager Daniel McLaughlin. Reserve Player of the Year Dara McCarry presented with award by John Flynn. Young Player of the Year Kyle McGarvey presented with his award by 2022 Team Manager Cathal Sweeney. Appreciation Award presented to Moses Alcorn by Club Chairman Liam McElhinney and Club Secretary Ann Marie Kelly.

Awards were also made to our Club All Ireland Masters Winners Brian McLaughlin and Stephen Coyle who was the Man of the Match in the Final. Brian McLaughlin was presented with his award by Shaun Langan. Whilst Stephen Coyle was presented with his award by Suzi Roarty. Club Sponsor Lorcan Roarty presented Club Jackets to our 2021 Captain Liam Paul Ferry. The MC was Club Chairman Liam McElhinney. The trophies were sponsored by Primo Supermarket Creeslough whilst the trophy for the Senior Player of the Year was sponsored by Dessie and



Kyle McGarvey receiving the Young Player of the Year award from Cathal Sweeney.



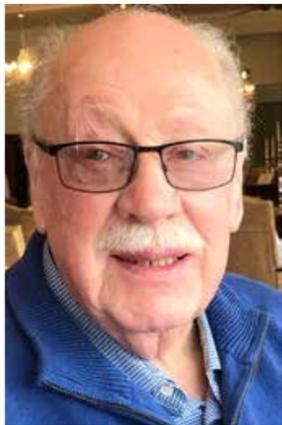
Hugh O'Donnell the Senior Player of the Year receiving his award from Daniel McLaughlin.

Martina McFeeley, thanks to Dessie and Martina for sponsoring this award and to Annette and Danny Martin Lafferty from Primo Supermarket in Creeslough who sponsored the other awards.

This was a very successful and enjoyable event and thanks our sponsors and to everyone who attended on the night and to Roses Bar and it's staff for hosting the event.

## Dunfanaghy

The late Mick Kenna



The peaceful death took place last week of Michael Kenna, at his home in Sandhill, Portnablagh, Dunfanaghy and formerly of Malahide. Mick was a very well known, respected and active member of the community. He was 87 years old and was a proud Dublin man having been born in the city.

He began his working life working for the Maxol Oil Company and he spent his working life in sales and marketing. He discovered Dunfanaghy and Donegal during a golfing trip to the county and Mick and his wife Evelyn came spent their retirement living in their home in Sandhill and he went on to play an active part in the community especially Dunfanaghy Golf Club where he served on the committee and was Captain of the club in 2007.

He was an active supporter of the Hospice movement and was very

involved in the creation of the Daffodil Day Fundraising Campaign and so it was fitting that Mick was buried on Friday last the 25th March which was Daffodil Day.

Many tributes have been paid to Michael including from Robin Morton Secretary of the Sandhill Residents Association who said " Michael was the driving force behind the Association and was a well respected neighbour and much loved by us all. On behalf of the Association I express sincere condolences to Michael's wife Evelyn, their daughter Trisha and the rest of the family circle.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to his loving wife, Evelyn, son Greg, daughters Michelle and Trisha, daughter-in-law Mary, son-in-law Martin, grandchildren Mark, Robert, Killian and Sarah, godson Bernie and a wide circle of family and friends. Michael's remains reposed at his home at Sandhill on Thursday. His Funeral Mass was held in Holy Cross Church, Dunfanaghy, on Friday was celebrated by Fr. Martin Doohan with burial taking place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

### The late Ted Conners

The death occurred in Glasgow in March 2021 of Ted Conners Glasgow and Derry. Ted was well known and had a great love for the Dunfanaghy area and it was his wish to have an Irish wake and funeral. Unfortunately owing to the Covid restrictions in place at the time of Ted's death this wish could not be granted until last week when on Monday 21st March his ashes reposed at the

home of his good friend William McMullan on the Chapel Road in Dunfanaghy for waking overnight. Ted was born in Glasgow and was the eldest of 9 children. Growing up he was the life and soul of the family. Ted had many jobs over his working life, mostly in HGV Driving. He met his wife Jean and the couple went on to have one daughter Yvonne and son Edward and 5 grandchildren and one grandchild.

In later years Ted's work took him to Ireland and he lost touch with his family-but it was in Ireland that he met what was to be his second family the McMullan's whilst working on the building sites. He spent a lot of time in Dunfanaghy with the McMullans and became well known in the area and he bought a burial plot in Holy Cross Cemetery. The family would like to thank everyone who looked after Ted during his illness.

Ted's Funeral Mass was held in Holy Cross Church on Tuesday 22nd March celebrated by his friend Fr. Martin Doohan. Burial took place afterwards in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to his wife Jean, daughter Yvonne, son Edward, to his brothers and sisters Michael, Kathleen, Roberta, Carol Ann and Gary, grandchildren, great grandchild and to the McMullan family and to his family circle and friends.

### Dunfanaghy Workhouse

Patchwork and Quilting Classes with Pauline Openner continue at the Workhouse, from 2pm to 4:30pm. It will run for seven weeks on Thursdays and will cost €5 per session, with teas and coffees in-



Lorcan Roarty from Roses Bar Creeslough and the Wild Atlantic Camp presenting Club Jackets to Liam Paul Ferry.

cluded. To book, please call the Workhouse at 9136540 or email dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com.

Creative Writing Group will be meeting on the first Friday of each month at the Workhouse, starting Friday April 1st, at 10:30am. Each session is €5 per person and will include teas and coffees. To book, please call the Workhouse at 9136540 or email dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com.

Irish Language Classes with the ETB take place in The Workhouse every Monday at 6.30pm - 8pm for beginners and improvers in a relaxed and conversational style and setting. Classes are free and all levels are most welcome. Please note classes are not held on Bank Holiday Mondays. To book, please call the Workhouse at 9136540 or email dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com.

The Workhouse is currently organising Easter activities in collabora-

tion with the Dunfanaghy Resource Centre for families during the mid-term break. Please keep an eye on The Workhouse social media and the newspaper notes for further information. To book, please call at 9136540 or email dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com.

### Daffodil Day

The annual Daffodil Day collection in aid of the Irish Cancer Society took place on Friday 25th March. A total of €1,438.00 was raised for the Society's funds. A big thank you to the volunteers who collected and to those who contributed.

### Coffee Morning

The recent Coffee Morning in Dunfanaghy Parish Hall in aid of the Humanitarian efforts on behalf of the Ukrainian refugees, raised €2,120. Thank to all those who supported this event.

### SVP

The local Holy Cross Conference of St Vincent De Paul would like to thank all those for their recent sup-

port. The local contact number is 086 2328791, please clearly leave your name and contact number and we will return your call.

### Family Resource Centre

Gardening Classes with Joanne Butler continues at Dunfanaghy Community Garden on Monday mornings. Names are being taken for 8 week Craft Classes which begins on the April 25th on Monday 2 - 4pm.

Friday Youth Club seek volunteers to support the development of a youth club in this area. Please contact Breege on 0749136548 or ring Pearl on 0749129630.

The Derryveagh Social prescribing service is there to help individuals over the age of 18 to link up and connect with social groups, educational classes, exercise groups etc in your community. Give Bernadette McFadden a ring on 0860766670 or call in to the centre.

The Hot desk and administration services, contact Bernie 074 9136548.

# Boxing Tournament in Dunfanaghy

Dunfanaghy Boxing Club got the St. Patrick's Day celebrations under way on Wednesday night by staging a very successful Boxing Tournament in the Ozanam Centre with Dunfanaghy Club Boxers taking on opponents from Carrickmore and Omagh Boys from Co. Tyrone and Raphoe, Dunree and Dungloe Boxing Clubs from Donegal. This was the Clubs first tournament since the Covid restrictions were lifted and the large crowd was treated to a bumper night of boxing.

There was also to be a surprise for long serving Coach Eddie Harkin who received an award from the County Donegal Boxing Board. The night began on a sombre note with a minute's silence

being held in memory of Michael Durning, a founder member and a driving force behind Dunfanaghy Boxing Club for many years and whose name was synonymous with boxing in Donegal and beyond for many many years who sadly passed away last year. Mickey was always a familiar face at the Club tournaments sitting in his ringside seat watching the action.

The results on the night were as follows (Dunfanaghy names first) Scott Gallagher took on Sean Minnagh from Dunree and Nancy McMonagle took on Shauna McGarrigle from Carrigart in two Exhibition Bouts. Owen McDough beat Odhrán McCorville, Raphoe, Hudie Coyle lost to Owen McGee, Dungloe,

Eddie McBride beat Teague McGlynn, Raphoe, David Tenneyson, Dungloe beat Ryan Patton, Raphoe, Jack Boyle beat Dean McDonagh, Omagh in the last bout before the interval.

During the interval the MC Peter O'Donnell called Dunfanaghy Coach Eddie Harkin to the ring where he was presented with an award by James McCarron, secretary of the Donegal Boxing Board in recognition of his work as Coach for 40 years.

The second half results were: Travis McKeown, Omagh lost to Kevin Connolly, Twin Towns, Sean Doohan beat Terence Ward, Omagh, Luke Kelly lost to Jack McAfee, Omagh, Pdraig Taggart, Omagh lost to Riley Doherty,



James McCarron, secretary of the Donegal Boxing Board presenting an Award of Recognition to Dunfanaghy Boxing Club Coach Eddie Harkin at the tournament in the Ozanam Centre on Wednesday. Eddie has been involved with the Club for over 50 years.



Raphoe, Conor Durning lost to Caolan Collins, Dunree on a split decision, Dylan Doherty beat Tomas Janaikis, Omagh when the referee stopped the contest in round 2, Anthony Doohan beat Oisín Rodgers, Omagh on a split decision, Cormac Hall beat John McCarton, Omagh and in the last bout of the night Dale McBride beat Daniel Downey from Dunree.

The tournament was sponsored by Grafters Gym in Letterkenny. The club would like to thank Grafters for their sponsorship and also the boxers, coaches and the Ozanam Centre for the use of the hall and everyone who turned up on the night to make

the event so successful. The MC and Timekeeper was Peter O'Donnell, Tournament Director was James McCarron and the Medical Card Officer was Eamon Harkin. The judges were David Tenneyson, Dungloe, Brian Anderson, Twin Towns, Fergal Doyle, Dunree, and Gary McGill and Cara McGill from Churchlands ABC Omagh. The Referees who also Judged were James McCarron, Carrigart, Thomas McCarron, Carrigart, Michael McDermott, Dunfanaghy, Maevie McCarron, Carrigart, Ray Donaghy, St. Bridget's and Mandy Douglas, Letterkenny. The trophies were presented by Maurice Boyle from Grafters Gym.



Cranford AC Boys U12 who won silver Oisín McBride, Ben McGee, Rory Boyce and Oisín McHugh.



Cranford AC Boys u10 who won Silver in the relay Charlie Rodgers Faolan Caldwell Oisín Giles and Cody Boyce.



Cranford AC Karen Neely, Lilla Gerwatouska Orla Neely, Ciaran Cooney and Darragh McHugh.

# Cranford AC News

Cranford athletes had a busy weekend with Day 1 of the winter Track and Field competition held in Letterkenny under glorious conditions. Our U10 boys got off to a brilliant start to the day with a second place finish in the relay with



Darragh McHugh and Ciaran Cooney who came 4th and 3rd in the long jump.

Charlie Rogers, Oisín Giles, Cody Boyce and Faolan Caldwell, all having great runs over the 200x4 race. Cody went on to win the long jump with Faolan in 2nd place.

Sarah Coyle and Megan Logue, we're our U10 girls both competed well Sarah had a good long jump as well as competing well in the 60m and 300m and Megan was joint first in the high jump, got to the final in 60m. Well done girls.

Our U12 boys equally got off to a great start to the day with silver in the relay with Oisín McBride, Oisín Mc Hugh, Rory Boyce and Ben McGee. Great running boys Oisín McBride went on to win gold the 600m which was a great and very tight race to watch and finishing the day with a silver in the 60m. Rory and Ben competed well in both the 60m 600m and long jump. Oisín McHugh was unable to continue due to injury.

Olivia was our only girl U12 and jumping a Pb with every jump.

Day 2 was held in FV on Sunday. Cranford had 5 athletes compete, Darragh McHugh and Ciaran Cooney, competed under 14 boys both doing really well in their 60m and 800m and Ciaran getting a bronze medal in his long jump with Darragh with a 4th place finish.

Lilla Gerwatowska and Karen Neely were our U14 girls, both did well in the 60m with Lilla having a great 800m just missing out on a medal.



Cranford AC U10 and 12 who competed in Letterkenny on Day 1 of the winter Track and Field competition from back Sarah Coyle, Rory Boyce, Oisín McBride, Ben McGee, Olivia Ni Curran, Cody Boyce, Faolan Caldwell, Oisín Giles, Megan Logue, Oisín McHugh.



Caolan McFadden who was on the Irish relay team who won silver in Wales last weekend.

Orla Neely finishing off the day with a silver medal in the shot and a 4th place finish in the 60m.

Caolan McFadden continues his good form, being part of the Irish team who won silver at the Schools mixed relay international championships held in Wales last weekend. Congratulations from all at Cranford AC.



Orla Neely who came 2nd in shot out U18.

## Rosapenna Golf Club

The Gents singles played over the Old Tom Morris Links on Sunday the 27th of March resulted as follows - Category A (13 & below) - John Casey, 9\* with 42pts bot; Category B (14-21) - Kieran McGee, 17 with 41pts; Category C (22+) - Michael (P) McGee, 29\* with 41pts; Gross - Sean Boyce with 34 gross pts. Two's - John Casey, Charlie McBride, Mark Campbell, Seamus Heraghty, Luke Campbell & Pat Boyce (x2). Entries - 47pax.

### Winter Scramble Series

The final edition of our highly popular Winter Scramble Series for the 2021-22 winter season took place on Saturday 26th of March, with the results as follows - 1st - M.McGettigan, O.McGettigan, D.McLaughlin & R.Banks with 103pts; 2nd - G.Conaty, W.Lynch, M.Ponsoby & D.Rowan with 98pts; 3rd - M. Bradley, S.Bradley, A.McKeague & P.McKeague with 97pts; 4th - D. Crawford, M.Crawford, D.Crawford & G.McGee with 95pts bot; 5th - P.McGowan, C.Bradley, G.Magee & D.Cairns with 95pts bot; 6th - R.McClafferty, E.McClafferty, A.McClafferty & M.Hamilton with 95pts bot Many thanks to all the members & visitors that supported the series over the winter.

### Course Notice

The Old Tom Morris Links is now open for member and guest play, all members must switch the course in their BRS App in order to book times on same. The Sandy Hills Links has returned to green fee play only, the member rate will continue at €10.00 per player per 18 holes for the 2022 season. Six inch placing on fairways only is now in effect. Any member that still has a mat is asked to return same to the pro shop. All members are kindly asked to repair all pitch marks, replace divots in the semi rough and rake all bunkers after use. Please keep all trollies & drive buggies off tee boxes and away from green surrounds.

If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet, all tee times are

bookable via the BRS App. Booking enquiries over the phone will be offered the same tee times as showing via the BRS App, no additional times will be available.

### Inter Club Matchplay Draws

The 2022 Donegal Golf Committee Inter-Club Matchplay draws were made last week, and Rosapenna Golf Club have been drawn as follows: Paddy Carr Donegal League, Bundoran vs Rosapenna (Home & Away Legs) Must be played on or before Monday July 18th; Senior Scratch Matchplay (FIVE players) Rosapenna vs Gweedore (Home & Away Legs) Must be played on or before Monday 11th July; Junior Scratch Matchplay (FIVE players); Rosapenna vs Bundoran (Home & Away Legs) Must be played on or before Monday 25th July; Minor League - Rosapenna vs Redcastle (Home & Away Legs) Must be played on or before Tuesday 14th June; Seniors Matchplay (Now Over 55's) Rosapenna vs Cruit (Home & Away Legs) Must be played on or before Tuesday 12th July

### Rosapenna Ladies

There is a 9 hole competition running Monday to Friday each week and competitors may play as often as they like. Computer is not in operation, so entries into the Competition Book only. Ladies are encouraged, but not obliged to enter names individually on the BRS system to encourage a mixture of handicaps and playing partners, with emphasis very much on 'Ready Golf', so as to discourage slow play. Members are reminded that the annual Golf Levy is now due and Competition Rules are currently on display in the locker room.

There was a great turnout for the first 18 hole stableford competition on the recently reopened Old Tom Morris links on Saturday last and as per the great weather and with the course in pristine condition after the winter lay off, the scoring was indeed to match. Well done to winner Eileen Magill (16) who had a fantastic 40 points to pip Lady Vice Captain, Cecilia Doran on break of tie also with a fantastic

score of 40points. Category winner (A) was Mary Devlin (24) on 39 points with Aisling Cullen (48) winner of Category (B) with another excellent score of 40 points. The nine winners were Claire Lenny (14) 17 points and Bridgin McGuigan (43) 15pts BOT.

Next Saturday 2nd April, there will also be a Stableford event on the Old Tom Morris Links, so please book via the BRS system in the allocated slots. Best wishes to the Donegal Shield team who will travel to Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh on Saturday April 9th. Best of luck ladies, and the Team Captain will be in touch separately regarding travel arrangements and running order at the away venue in due course. Casual times will be available on the Old Tom Morris Links on the evening on Saturday the 9th.

Future dates for the diary are Easter Hamper, 16th April (GOY), and a four 4 person team event with Yellow Ball on Easter Monday 18th April.

Upcoming Fixtures - April: Saturday 2nd - Gents 4BBB - Old Tom Morris Links; Sunday 3rd - Gents Singles - Old Tom Morris Links; Saturday 9th - 2022 Rosapenna Senior & Junior Scratch Cup's - OTM & SHL; Sunday 10th - Easter Hamper (Golfer of the Year) - Old Tom Morris Links

### Letterkenny

Club members are asked to take note that since Friday last, March 25th, scorecards for all competitions (stroke, stableford, etc) are to be returned to the scorecard box in the men's locker room ASAP after your round. Normal rules of golf in relation to scorecards now apply (i.e. scorecards should be swapped with playing partners at the beginning of the round and signed by both at the end of the round). Scores should be entered into the Computer Terminal or the How Did I Do App before returning the card to the scorecard box. Once a scorecard is submitted to the scorecard box, it is considered returned. Failure to return score on computer and return scorecard to box will result in disqualification from that competition.



Winners of the First 18-hole competition of the season at Letterkenny Golf Club, pictured with Lady Captain Triona Daly.



A selection of winners of the spring nine-hole competitions at Letterkenny Golf Club, with Lady Captain Triona Daly.

Kenny Harkin made a winning return to the fairways last Wednesday when he carded a brilliant 41 points to win the competition on a break of tie. Kenny, playing off 13, hit seven pars along with birdies on the par 5 7th and par 4 12th to win ahead of Matthew Dunne in second.

Anthony Delap followed up his St. Patrick's Day Cup success by taking third spot with 40 points. Shaun Duffy (8) won the

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The Club is therefore entering an exciting period of course development, where the successful candidate will gain strong experience in links construction including a full bunker renovation programme.

Dunfanaghy Golf Club is located on the north coast of Donegal, 34 km north of Letterkenny.

**Job Description:**

**Qualifications & Experience required:**

- Hold a greenkeeping sports turf management certificate (level 5 upwards) or have a background in landscaping. These are advantageous but not essential as training will be provided including PA1, PA2 and PA6 spraying certificate.
- Or a golfer who has a good understanding of the game of golf, rules and methods of play.
- Have the drive and ambition to further improve the golf course, practice facilities and deliver the best possible experience for our members and guests.
- 39 hour working week, including rotational weekend roster
- Hold a clean driving license.

**Key responsibilities/Main Duties:**

- Deliver all aspects of golf course operations to a championship standard
- Mowing of all playing surfaces & grounds
- Course set up
- Fertilising
- Top dressing
- Presentation of the bunkers
- Irrigation delivery/maintenance
- Prepare and maintain equipment
- Landscaping & clubhouse duties
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- Communicate effectively to all team members and golfers on the course.

**Personal Attributes:**

A highly motivated, passionate individual with a keen eye for detail, presentation and aesthetics. A team player and ability to work on their own initiative with a positive "can do" attitude

**Salary will be based on experience and qualifications**

- Benefits:
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  - \* Membership of the Greenkeepers Association

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gross prize with 39 points.

Saturday's competition was once again blessed with beautiful sunshine and Noel Gildea (28) had the best score from a busy entry list with 44 points. A birdie on the 18th proved vital as he had just a point to spare from Sean Mulroe in second place with Michael Boyd carding 42 points to take third place. Kevin Rafferty's 37 points saw him win the gross prize. Playing off 2, Kevin's card made impressive reading. His only blemish over an otherwise perfect 18 holes was a bogey at the 13th.

Sunday's competition was a club scramble. The results were: 1st P. Friel / P. Friel / M. Bryce / H. Herity; 2nd D. Ponsoby / G. Dickenson / M. Kelly / M. Whyte; 3rd E. McKeever / T. Logue / T. Duffy / J. Nee.

Nearest the pin on the 13th was Martin Kelly; Nearest the pin on the 16th was Chris Nee; Longest drive, Cian Walsh.

### Letterkenny Ladies

A presentation night took place in Letterkenny Golf Club on Thursday 24th March for all outstanding prizes to date. The spring nine hole competitions were very popular and proved to be a great springboard for the season ahead with the first 18 hole competition, sponsored by Mc Garrigle Shoes, Anne Flannery, Carmel Mc Geady and Evelyn O Malley taking place on 18th March.

### Beginner's Evening

There will be an information evening for beginner ladies at Letterkenny Golf Club on Thursday 7th April at 8pm. This will be a short, informal meet and greet for the ladies who completed the Get

into Golf programme last year and ladies who are interested in taking up the game of golf are also invited to attend. We value your feedback so come along for a cuppa and we can share information, answer questions, discuss plans for the incoming year and hear your thoughts and ideas for the season ahead. Lady Captain Triona is looking forward to welcoming you all on the night.

### Portsalon

#### Club Results

Wednesday 23rd March Winner: Liam Blaney (29) - 41 pts; Runner-up: Tony Kingston (18) - 40 pts; Third: Patrick McBride (25) - 39pts.

Auto Fast-Fit Winter Series - March 26th - Winner: Seanan McAteer (35) - 46 pts; Runner-up: Pat O'Neill (17) - 41 pts; Gross: Kevin Gallagher (3) - 34 gross pts; Third: Cian Page (6) - 39 pts; Front Nine: Ronan McAteer (7) - 23 pts; Back Nine: Conor Scallon (24) 20 pts

Members Free Sub - Sunday 27th March - Winner: John Barry (20) - 42 pts; Runner-up: Damian McClafferty (20) - 41 pts BOT; Gross: Cian Page (6) - 32 pts; Third: Fergal Friel (21) - 41 pts

### Portsalon Ladies

Lady Captain, Brighidin Hawke will host the final outing of the 2021-22 Winter Links this Thursday 31st March. Prizes on offer include Qualifiers (3-cards returned in previous links) and non-qualifiers (for players who wish to play on the day or less than 3 cards returned). No formal presentation

of prizes will be held in the clubhouse, due to the continuing high numbers of Covid in the County. Prize winners' vouchers will be sent to the secretary of their home club for distribution. Timesheet in operation, to book contact 07491-59459 or through the BRS system.

### Donegal Shield

The Donegal Shield will be held in Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh on Saturday 9th April. The Team to who have qualified to represent Portsalon, led by Lady Captain, Brighidin includes Lady Vice Captain, Claire Ferry, Roseanne Logue, Deirdre Hensey, Claire McGonagle, Anne Speedie, Caitriona McCullagh, Mae Blaney and Deirdre O'Toole. Portsalon will tee off from 11:40am, with individual tee times and rules issued closer to the time. Any lady who is unable to attend are asked to contact any member of the Committee as soon as possible.

### Passing of Mrs Mary McAteer

It's with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Mary McAteer, White Harte Bar, Rathmullan. A great supporter of the Ladies Branch, Mary was a leading community and sporting advocate, not just in the Rathmullan area but in the surrounding communities also. The McAteer family have a long association and involvement with Portsalon Golf Club and we send our sincerest condolences to our competition secretary, Patricia and Anne, Eithne, Kathleen and sons, Mart, Declan, Liam and Kevin. Mary's sisters Anne, Brid, Kathleen and Sr Patricia and brother Archdeacon, Willie and the extended McAteer Families.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

# Death of 100 year old Susan McBride

Susan McBride, (Nee Lambe) Duntinney, Fanad's most senior citizen, died last Thursday and she was in her 101th year. She celebrated her 100th birthday on May 31st last year and she was one Fanad's best loved citizens.

She passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter Pauline where she'd spent the last years of a very happy life.

Susan had great memories in Fanad: born during the War of Independence and surviving the Second World War and the rationing of food.

Susan was a member of the Lambe family originally. Her mother was Biddy Coyle who hailed from Gortnacor. Biddy emigrated to America in the eighteen hundreds to find a better way of life... and like so many of Ireland's exiles, she did.

It was while working in America that Biddy met and married a man from Monaghan. John Lambe and their early siblings were born before they returned to Ireland.

The family came back home on the day that Dublin's Custom House was razed in a fire and it was almost destroyed.

On Wednesday May 1921, during the War of Independence, the Dublin Brigade of the IRA attacked the building, setting it on fire.

These were the most difficult of years in our history: the signing of the Treaty: the War of Independence followed by the Civil War with the 1916 Rising, still a vivid memory for that generation.

It was something of shock return for the Lambe family and it was right in the face of the armed struggle.

Back home in Fanad the Lambe family hardly had time to get acquainted with their new surroundings in Duntinney when Susan arrived a week after their return. She was born on May 31st 1921 on a smallholding on the heart of the Fanad Peninsula.

A number of the Lambe children died in America. Jackie passed at six months of age: a daughter, Peggy died when only six. Back at home a son, Peter died from meningitis at the age of 18. James died in a farm accident when ploughing on the Barton estate at Portsalon, he was aged 21. Another son, John died from natural causes.

On their return to Donegal in 1921, the Lambe family bought 17 acres of land but only 4 acres were arable. Yet they survived despite all the odds and at many times luck was not on their side. All the more remarkable that Susan has lived to be a hun-



dred years of age.

Susan McBride was among that last generation to live through 'Ireland's Emergency' in the nineteen forties. She was just 18 years old when World War Two began in 1939.

Back in earlier times, and despite rationing and the war, life carried on for Fanad folk and likewise for the Lambe family. Then in 1942/43 their home was destroyed in a fire and they might have been homeless, but fate decided otherwise.

Susan and her husband Packie came to live a nearby forge where they resided for a number of years. Their first son, Cathal was born in the forge, perhaps the last child in Fanad to have such a historic birthplace.

In fact, they moved into a new house on the day their second son, Josie was born. Sadly, Josie passed last year.

Susan became widowed when Packie passed away in 1984. They were married in 1948 and lived a very happy life in Fanad.

Another son, Patsy who was four years of age died on his way to hospital for appendicitis surgery in 1959. The other family members include: Martin, Margaret and Pauline: there are 21 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

In many ways, Susan was part of a generation that had their own equal rights - they were all equally poor. Yet they had that steely determination and a big part of it was their own courage and ability to cope with all kinds of difficulties.

Susan was predeceased by her husband Packie, her sons Patsy and Josie, her granddaughter Michelle and her daughter-in-law Patricia.

She is survived by her sons Cathal and Martin and daughters Margaret (Gallagher) and Pauline (Dorrian), her grandchildren Fiona, Damien, Teresa, Tony, John, Pearse, Brid, Kieran, Susan, Barry, Brian, James, Matthew, Pauric, Gary, Kevin, Elisha, Declan, Shaun, Mark and Tanita and her much loved 22 great grandchildren: her her sons-in-law James Gallagher and Patrick Dorrian and daughter-in-law Ann, her extended family, neighbours and her large circle of friends to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

The number of mourners at the wake and funeral reflected Susan's popularity and her passing is deeply regretted. Her remains reposed at her late home in Duntinney and the Requiem Mass in St. Columba's Church Massmount on Saturday was celebrated by Fr. Pat McGarvey PP: interment followed in the adjoining cemetery.

## Fanad Spring Clean - 9th April weekend

It's that time of year again! Please help spruce Fanad up for us all to enjoy. Take a walk along your road or beach collecting litter as you go.

Bags, gloves and litter pickers will be available 10-11am on Saturday 9th April at Portsalon car park and at the Community Centre Traigh a Loch. Skips will be available at these locations until Sunday evening. Please join in and make a difference!

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Sunday the 24th of April. It will begin with Confessions at 2.30pm with the Divine Mercy

## Chaplet recited during the Confessions.

Incensing and Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image will take place before the Holy Mass at 3.15pm. The priest will bless all present with First Class Relic of St. Sr. Faustina and there will be Confessions available also after the Mass.

## Gaelic4 Mothers

Gaelic4 Mothers are planning to running a Gaelic4 mothers & others program starting in April. Training will be every Wednesday at Portsalon from 7.30-8.30pm. Contact Anne after 6pm to register your interest (083) 1111646.

## Fanad Community Games

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Teresa Clinton of Clinton's shop Tamney, Fanad presenting Sinéad & Gráinne Duffy of Donegal Down Syndrome with the proceeds of her Christmas draw and Santa visit last December. Thanks to Teresa for her ongoing support.

Community Games in Fanad this year, please make sure your Garda vetting is up to date. Anyone wishing to manage teams from basketball, badminton, rounders, GAA or soccer. The full list is on line or contact Danny Logue, Damien O'Doherty, Una Sweeney or Tony McCarry. With everything getting back to normal it will be great to have Fanad well represented in as many sports as possible. So come on board and join our team, if you have an interest in sport con-

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## Milford Dancing

Social dancing continues in the Milford Hall every Thursday night at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and give it a go. It's good fun and great exercise. Refreshments served and all for a mere €5.

## Coolback Climb with Charlie

To lend their support to the Charlie Bird challenge, a group of locals will walk from Fanavoly Hall to the top of the road on Coolback Hill.

The walk which will start at 11a.m. on Saturday April 2nd and is considered to be a walk for beginners. We would ask that if you intend to join in, that you contact Fiona Shiels on 085 155545, so that we can ensure that we have enough refreshments for everyone. You won't be disappointed with the spectacular view when you get to the top. Donations will be collected via a bucket collection at Fanavoly Hall, where refreshments will follow the walk. We don't have sponsor cards, but feel free to get family and friends to support you.

All proceeds will go to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Planning Notice

Donegal County Council  
Further Information & Revised Plans  
Carrick, Derrybeg

I, Dymna Haughian have submitted significant further information to Donegal County Council in relation to Planning Application Ref No: 21/52082 for development at Carrick, Derrybeg, County Donegal for permission to erect an extension to existing dwelling house, upgrade existing treatment system & erect a domestic garage at Carrick, Derrybeg, County Donegal in the

townland of Carrick. The significant further information and revised plans in relation to the application have been submitted and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the further information and revised plans may be made in writing on payment of fee of €20.00 not later than 2 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority.

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Jamie McAteer - Fanad Gaels U15 Player of the Year

**In Memoriam**



**Gallagher**  
Peggy  
Derryhassan,  
Downings  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Peggy who died on 30th March 2021.

*We miss you in so many ways  
We miss the things you used to say  
And when old times we do recall  
It's then we miss most of all.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by Cecilia and Michael Coyle and Family.

*Quietly remembered every day*

*In our prayers you will always stay  
Will those who think of her today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by James, Tina and family.

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 2nd April in St John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 10am.**



**Gallagher**  
Michael  
Cranford  
27th Anniversary

In memory of our son Michael who died on 2nd April 1995.

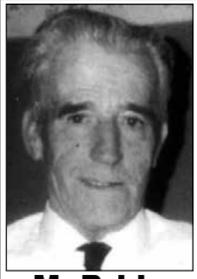
*No special day is needed for us to think of you.  
For you were very special and we thought the world of you.*

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

Loved and sadly missed by Mum and Dad

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

Loved and sadly missed by brothers Joe, Martin and Kevin, sisters Bridget and Carol, sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, niece Aoibheann and nephews Michael, Connor, Eoghan and Cillian.



**McBride**  
Peter  
Upper Carrigart  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of our Dad who passed away on 3rd April 2020.

*You never looked for praises you were never one to boast  
You just went on quietly working for the ones you loved the most.*

*Your dreams were never spoken your want were very few  
And most of the time your worries went unspoken too.*

*You were there a firm foundation through all our storms of life  
A sturdy hand to hold on to in times of stress and strife*

*A true friend we could turn to when times were good or bad*

*One of our greatest blessing, the man that we called Dad.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your sons, daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law.

*We had a wonderful Granda one who never grew old  
His smile was made of sunshine, his heart of solid gold  
Look after him Lord as he takes his rest for he was our Granda and was one of the best.*

Loved and remembered by your grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 2nd April at 6.00pm.**

**McAteer**  
Carland, Kerrykeel

Treasured memories of a precious Mum and Dad, Sarah (1983) and Dan (1991) sons Daniel, Charlie and Jackie.

*Sadly missed along life's way quietly remembered everyday  
No longer in our lives to share but in our hearts you are always there.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by all the family.

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council Pollet, Ballylar PO, Letterkenny**

We Michael and Mary



**Shiels**  
Hugh  
Cashel, Kindrum  
Fanad  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle Hugh who died who died on 28th March 2020.

*Time may pass and fade away but silent thoughts and memories stay no longer in our lives to share but in our hearts you are always there.*

Always remembered by your brother John Patrick, Letterkenny.

*Though Heaven and earth divide us we are never far apart  
For you are always with us and forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed by the Patterson family, Letterkenny and Galway.

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

Missing you always Susan, John, Caroline, John, Karen, Terence and Trish.

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

R.I.P Hughie, love Anne, Chris, Jason, Gavin and family.

*Along the road of suffering you found a little lane  
that took you up to Heaven and ended all your pain  
We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.*

Always loved and remembered George, Maria, Dwayne, Aisling and Gerard.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty on Saturday 2nd April at 7pm and can be viewed online via St. Mary's Fanavolty Facebook Page.**

McGrath intend to apply for planning permission for development at Pollet, Ballylar P.O., Letterkenny Co. Donegal in the townland of Pollet. The development will consist of planning permission to construct dwelling house with on site sewerage treatment



**Gallagher**  
Peggy  
Derryhassen  
Beg, Downings  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister Peggy who died on 30th March 2021.

*Along the road of yesterday that takes us back to you  
And memories of us together and happy times we knew  
Those treasured memories like a golden chain link us until we meet again.*

Always loved and remembered by your sisters Mary Anne and Gracie, brother Pat, Fhaoin Binn, Derryhassen.



**O'Donnell**  
Pat  
Ballykeeran,  
Kilmacrennan  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Pat a dear brother and uncle who died on 2nd April 2021

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be  
So he put his arms around you and whispered "Come to me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay  
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to use He only takes the best.*

Always remembered and loved by your brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephew and nieces.

**Anniversary Mass in St Columbas's Church, Kilmacrennan on Friday 1st April at 7pm. Service can be viewed live on Kilmacrennan Parish website.**

system all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal Coun-

**Ward**

Anne  
Carland Low-er, Kerrykeel  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 1st April 2021.

*Mum*

*You are so very special Mum, you had the nicest ways, you did so very much in life and never asked for praise  
You had a smile for everyone you had a heart of gold, you left the sweetest memories this world could ever hold*

*May you always walk in sunshine and God's love around you flow, for the happiness you gave us no one will ever know  
It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone, apart of us went with you the day God called you home.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by David, Adrian, Steven, Geraldine and Paula.

*Those special memories of you Nanny will always bring a smile, if only we could have you back for just a little while  
Then we would sit and talk again just like we used to, you always meant so much to us and always will do too.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In loving memory of a dear sister

*There is a beautiful path in a wonderful land where God and Ann walk hand in hand  
How lucky God is to have such a treasure take care of her Lord forever and ever.*

Sister Bernie and family, Letterkenny and Clydebank.

Precious memories of Ann

*In a lonely graveyard in Massmount down by the sea, lies my loving sister who meant so much to me  
A sudden call from God above to sudden to forget, only the ones who loved you Ann are the ones who will never forget.*

Sadly missed by your sister Teresa and family Kerrykeel and Clydebank.

*Thinking of you always.*

Danny, Sarah and family.

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

Always remembered and missed by Geraldine.

**Anniversary Mass in St Columba's Chapel, Massmount on Friday 1st April at 7.00pm**

**Prayer for Publication**

Novena to the Sacred Heart to be said six times a day for nine days. Never known to fail. May the most sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified throughout the whole world forever and ever. Amen. Publication must be granted **LS**.

ty 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.



**Laughlin**

John  
Kerrykeel &  
Clydebank  
5th Anniversary

*John, I think of you in silence I often speak your name but all I have are memories and your picture in a frame.*

*You're resting place in Massmount I visit and put flowers there with care but no one knows the heartache as I turn and leave you there.*

God bless, your broken-hearted Mum x

*As long as I live I will always be glad and thankful to God for the son I had with tears in my eyes, I whisper low God bless you John, I miss you so.*

Love and miss you everyday John - Dad x

*Our Dad - You were the guiding light in our life's, and today especially we are reminded how lucky we were to have you for as long as we did.  
We love and miss you to the stars and back.*

Always our Dad Sean and Paul xx

*Miss you Granda*

Love Olivia-leigh & Lilly May xx

*To lose someone we loved, brings pain beyond belief, there are no words to ease our pain our sadness and our grief.  
In our hearts you were so dearly loved and we, miss you always.*

You were truly one of a kind RIP John - Mags x

*Silent memories keep you near as time unfolds another year from our life you are gone but in our hearts you still live on.*

Love Gerard and Anne x

*John Boy you were taken too soon, we did not spend enough time together and not a day goes by that I do not think about you.*

Love you always Paul, Trudi and family x

*My dear brother, I see your face before me as I lay on my bed, I always get the feeling of all the things you said, your love is all around us everywhere we go John Boy.*

Love and miss you Tam, Teresa and family x

*Forever in our hearts you will always stay  
Loved and missed every day in every way.*

Love and miss you always John - Michelle, Seamus, Eoin, Shay and Caolán x

*We have an Angel watching over us and I call him my brother forever in our hearts John, miss you so much.*

Mark, Annette, Mark and Holly x

*In heaven you rest no worries, no pain  
In God's own time we will meet again.*

*Simple words but very true*

*We will love and always remember you John.*

Rest in Peace, your sister Carol, Tony, Tracy, Matt, Saoirse, Nicola, Kieron, Zara and Cody x

*Days will pass and turn into years but I will always remember you with silent tears. - Missing you!*

Rest in peace John boy, your sister Geraldine, Patrick, Christopher, Rachael and Shea x

*We miss your smile, your joking ways  
We miss the things you used to say  
And when old times we do recall  
Its then we miss you most of all.*

Love the Ward family x

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

Love Aunty Bernie and family x

*No matter how I spend my days, no matter what I do, a special place within my heart Johnny boy is always kept for you.*

Love Danny, Joanne and family Clydebank x

*John you always had a smile to share time to give and time to share a laugh, a chat, and a joke or two that is how we remember you.*

Loved and missed Danny, Sarah and family x.

**John's Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Columbas Church, Massmount on Sunday 3rd April at 10am. Mass can be viewed online at St Mary's Fanavolty Facebook page.**



**Shiels**  
Kathleen  
Portsalon  
8th Anniversary

In loving Memory of our dear mother and granny who died on 5th April 2014.

*Time passes by life goes on  
But thoughts of you are quietly kept  
Someone to special to ever forget.*

Always in our Hearts from your daughter Brigid and Drew, son Paddy and Kathleen, grandchildren Ryan, Emma, Mark and Michaela, xx

**Anniversary Mass will take place in Massmount Chapel on Tuesday 5th April at 7pm.**

**In Memoriam**



**Diver**  
Susan  
Gortnaskeagh,  
Kilmacrennan  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a wife, dear mother and grandmother who died 29th March 2018.

*Those special years will not return when we were all together But loving memories that are left, remain with us forever.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by husband Wallace, daughter Joy, son-in-law Joshua and grand daughter Charlotte.



**Gallagher**  
John  
Rosnakill  
15th Anniversary

In memory of John Gallagher, Rosnakill who died on the 1st April 2007.

*You toiled so hard for those you loved, you said goodbye to none*

*Your spirit flew before we knew, your work on earth was done*

*We miss you now our hearts are sore As time goes by we miss you more*

*Your loving smile your gentle face No one can fill your vacant place*

*Your life was love and labour Your love for your family true*

*You did the best for all of us We will always remember you.*

Always loved and remembered by your wife Mary and family.

*We are sending a special message to arrive on the wings of a dove Stamped with love and kisses, the address is Heaven above.*

Always remembered by your grandsons.



**Logue**  
Michael  
Drim, Cranford  
12th Anniversary

In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father and granddad who died on 1st April 2010.

*Just a prayer from a family who love you Just a memory fond and true*

*In our hearts you will live forever Because we thought the world of you*

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

Always loved, remembered and sadly missed by your wife May, family Michael, Denise, Pauline, Shaun, Anne, grandchildren and extended family.

Anniversary Mass will take place in Coole Chapel on Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm.



**Healy**  
George  
Kilmacrennan  
2nd Anniversary  
11th April 2020

*Today is such a painful day full of sadness and grief for me As I mourn the moment that you left recalling how life used to be.*

*You were someone very special who left your mark on so many lives*

*Things just haven't been the same since we said goodbye*

*The bond we shared will never end even though we are apart I find comfort in the memories deep within my heart*

*This heartfelt message is for you I miss you more than words can say the world lost someone precious on the day you went away.*

Always loved and sadly missed your loving wife, Sheila.

*I see you in us all the best part of us all*

*The part of us that sees the good takes pride and stands up tall*

*The part of us that never settles, the part that does things right*

*The part of us up for the craic that will dance and laugh all night*

*The part that loves the simple things but loves the nice things too*

*Sucky sweets, the motor car, a well kept lawn, a polished shoe*

*The part of us that lives for music and all the joy it brings The part that loves the get together as we tap along and sing*

*The part of us that loves our family the part that loves our home*

*The part that loves our country to travel and to roam*

*So when we pause to think of you or they talk of your legacy We only have to look around you've passed it on you see*

Forever loved and sorely missed Tim, Daniel, Alice, Kate, Jules and George, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and all your precious grandchildren

Memorial Mass in St Columbas Church, Kilmacrennan on Friday 8th April at 7pm.



**McNally**  
(nee Duffy)  
Margaret  
Cranford  
11th Anniversary

*The world changes from year to year Our lives from day to day But the love and memory of you shall never pass away.*

Loved and deeply missed by June and Daragh, grand children Jack and Amy and all the extended family.



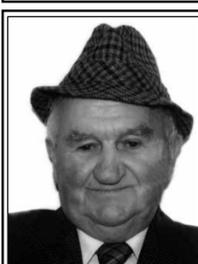
**Russell**  
Frances  
Lacknacoo,  
Churchill  
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on 28th March 2014.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by your daughter Louise and partner Francie, son Paul, Lorna and grandchildren.

Mass will be offered on Friday 1st April in Glendowan Church at 7.00pm with viewing on Church webcam.



**Shovelin**  
Eddie  
Clondallon,  
Rathmullan  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grand father who died on the 2nd April, 2020.

*Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.*

Sadly missed by your wife Kathleen

*Your life was love and labour your love for your family true You did your best for all of us we will always remember you.*

Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, in-laws and extended family.

*Deep in our hearts you will always stay Close beside us every day.*

Loved and missed by your grandchildren.



**McBride**  
Maurice  
Downings  
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear dad, son, brother and uncle who died on the 29th of March 2015

*There is always something missing No matter what I do A constant sadness in my heart, what is missing Dad is you.*

*Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure Loving you always, forgetting you never.*

Missed and loved by your son Ciaran xxx

*Silent memories keep you near as time unfolds another year From our lives you may have gone but in our hearts you still live on*

*To treasure forever and never forget Our wish is just a simple prayer May God bless and keep you in his care.*

Forever in our thoughts Dad, Ali, Noreen and families xxx



**McLaughlin**  
Hannah  
Kilmacrennan  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear Mum and Granny Hannah who died on 2nd April 2020.

*We miss you from your big armchair, your loving smile and gentle air*

*We miss you mum and always will, words and times we no longer share*

*But in our hearts you are always there.*

*For those that think of Hannah today a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your children Kath, Mary, Sally, Sean, Patrick and families xxxxx

Anniversary Mass in St Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Saturday 2nd April at 6pm.

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council Letterkenny**

I, Rev. P Baxter am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to decommission existing septic tank/percolation area and install a new reed bed & wetland sewage treatment system with all associated site works at The Capuchin Friary, Ards, Creeslough, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ards. The planning application may be inspected or purchased

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

**Donegal County Council Significant Further Information**

I GEORGE RUSSELL have submitted further information in relation to the application REF NO: 22/50013. The Development applied for consisted of: 1.5 Storey Dwelling, New Site Entrance, Waste Water Treatment System With All Associated Site Works at Tirargus, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The significant further information includes Revisions to the house design.

The Further Information in relation to the application has been furnished to the planning authority, and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the further information may be made in writing to the planning authority on the payment of the prescribed fee of €20, not later than 2 weeks

**Acknowledgement**

**Duggan**  
Brid



We the family of the late Brid Duggan, Mount Marian, Milford would like to thank all who sympathised with us on our recent sad bereavement. Thank you to all who phoned, sent cards, flowers and left messages of condolences.

A special word of thanks to the doctors in Milford Health Centre for the care and support they gave to Mum, the Palative Care Team and the Home Help ladies.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbours who were so kind to us during Mums short illness.

Thank you to Patrick of Sweeney Funeral Directors who carried out their work in a professional and most sensitive and respectful manner.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Mum's Months Mind Mass will be held on Friday 8th April at 7pm and can be viewed online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/milford>

**McBride**  
John  
Cranford



We the family of John McBride and his sister Susan wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who sympathised, comforted and supported us on our recent sad loss.

Thanks to everyone who attended the wake and funeral, to those that sent Mass cards, flowers, sympathy cards and messages via social media. To our kind neighbours, relatives and friends who brought food to the house – we are truly grateful.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Paddy Dunne for his meaningful service and support. Thanks also to Fr. Charlie Byrne for his support and Patrick Shields for the music

Thanks to Dr Mee, Carrigart Health Centre. Dr Olga and team in Letterkenny University Hospital and Aidan and staff in Carrigart Pharmacy for their attentive care of John over the last few years.

Thanks also to Phonsie McElwee Funeral Directors for the professional and dignified support throughout.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude.

John's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday the 1st April in Coole Chapel at 8.30pm.

after receipt of this newspaper notice and site notice by the planning Authority. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Donegal County Council Ballyraine, Letterkenny**

I Darren Kerr intend applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a drive through café at Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. Planning permission is also sought for alterations to the existing road layout, connection to existing services and all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority at County House, The Diamond, 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 20 euro, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards**



Contact  
Tirconail Tribune  
074 91 53600

# Sadness at passing of Michael Sharkey, Shroughan, Falcarragh

There was great sadness in the Cloughaneely area and beyond over the weekend with the news of the passing of Michael Sharkey, late of Shroughan, Falcarragh.

He passed away peacefully in Letterkenney University Hospital on Sunday



surrounded by his family. He was 93. Mickey, as he was known to many, was a highly regarded person within his community, and was well-known for his friendly, quiet nature and being devoted to his family. Born in July 1928, Michael grew up and went to school locally. He later worked

in Scotland and it was there he married Margaret, née Doogan, Oldtown, Falcarragh before they returned to Donegal to set up home in 1960.

The many friends, neighbours and relatives who attended his wake and funeral bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held in his community and he will be sadly missed.

Predeceased by his wife Margaret, sisters Rosemary and Gracie and brother Paddy, he is survived and sadly missed by his daughters; Noreen, Rosemary, Jacqueline and Margaret, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren, brother Jimmy, sister Madge, brother-in-law Ray Wood, nieces, nephews, brother-in-law Connie Doogan, Meendery and sister-in-law Grace Harkin, Shroughan.

His Requiem Mass was in the Church of Christ the King Church, Gortahork, on Wednesday afternoon and was celebrated by Fr. Seán O'Gallchóir. The soloist was his granddaughter, Hannah Curran. He was laid to rest in the adjoining graveyard.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.**

### Death of Charlie Gallagher

The sudden death took place on Friday 25th March of Charlie Gallagher, Meenlaragh, Gortahork. Charlie was predeceased by his parents, Mary and Joe.

His removal took place from Gortahork Funeral Premise on Monday evening to



his sister Máire and Gerry Robinson's residence in Meenlaragh. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday morning in Christ the King Church, Gortahork, with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his sisters Máire, Sarah, Grainne, Brid and Noreen, his brothers Denis and Pádraig, in-laws, nieces, nephews and a large circle of family and friends.

### Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Circuits classes – starting on a Tuesday morning at 10a.m. for 5 weeks.

Indoor & Outdoor Drive-in Bingo at 8p.m. Jackpot €3,000 -Single books €10. Double books €15.

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James Mór Dixon from Magheraarty setting his early potatoes last week in the good weather with Innisboffin island in the background

The men's astro takes place every Tuesday night at 7:30pm. If interested please come along. Wednesday: Gymnastic classes at Ionad Naomh Fionnán. Classes are at 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm. Kangoo Club Donegal is a fun aerobics class, contact Helena on 0879448159 for bookings. Irish Dancing is on every Thursday with Alison Quigley Irish Dance. For more information please pm Alison Quigley on Facebook or email on quigleyalison@yahoo.com Upholstery Classes run every Thursday night from 7p.m. to 10 p.m. Ballet, Modern and Tap classes every Friday starting at aged 3yrs to teenagers. **Contact 087 2632486.**



Jim McBride and Niall McCaughan from the Donegal Railway Heritage Centre in Donegal Town pictured with Claire Curran Manager of the Workhouse in Dunfanaghy after the talk with copies of the new book Lough Swilly Remembered on Saturday last.



Children from the schools in the area who received their Confirmation in Holy Cross Church Dunfanaghy on Saturday with Fr. Martin Doohan, P.P. Holy Cross Church, Fr. John Joe Duffy, C.C. St. Michael's Church, Creeslough and Fr. Pat McGarvey, P.P. Fanavoly.



Congratulations to Brendan McGrenra who won last week's Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 Jackpot of €450 last Week. The hut will be in Creeslough every Friday 10am-2pm and Dunfanaghy every Saturday, 10am-2pm, you can also go onto the Dunfanaghy Youth football club Facebook page, click on the PayPal link, and buy your tickets online. Thanks to all local businesses for supporting our draw, also those who buy and sell our tickets.

# Creeslough

## Daffodil Day

Thanks to everybody who supported Daffodil Day in Creeslough on Friday 25th March 2022. The amount raised was €1080. Thanks to all who contributed.

## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were:6,7,10,12,14,19. The match 5 Winner was Deirdre Doherty, Kilmacloo, Creeslough who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €5800. Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce.

## Bingo

The winner of the €200 on the House on Game 9 at The St. Michael's Bingo on Sunday was Sally Gallagher, the winner of the €30 on the line was Mary Boyle, the winner of the €100 on Game 5 was shared by Brid McLaughlin and a player in the Hall, the winner of the €30 on the line was Cora Moore.

## Dunfanaghy Youths

Congratulations to Brendan McGrenra who won last week's Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 jackpot of €450.

## Creative Writing Group

The Creative writing group meet in the Workhouse Heritage Centre in Dunfanaghy-on the first Friday of each month from 10.30am to 1pm.



Ryan Toye, 6th Class, Scoil Mhuire Creeslough who came second in Donegal's Fastest Child

For further information contact the Workhouse on 91 36540. Next meeting is on the 1st of April at 10.30am

## Crafters

The Crafters of

Creeslough meet every Monday from 11.00 a.m. until 1 o'clock.

## Social Dancing

Social Dancing Classes have resumed in the Massinass Centre Creeslough on Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 10pm. New people welcome. Great form of exercise.

## Secular Franciscan Order

The Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) meet in Ards Friary on the second Wednesday of every month. Mass is celebrated at 7.30 p.m. preceded by the Rosary at 7.10 p.m.

## Online

Mass from St. Michael's Church is available online on <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church> Parish Radio Highland Radio 106.2FM

## St. Vincent De Paul

If you find yourself in need of help at this or any time of the year please contact us on 0862328791 or contact any of our members and assured of our confidentiality at all times.



Scoil Mhuire Creeslough Athletes Kelly Rodden, Chloe McNulty, Ryan Toye and Seve Roarty who took part in Donegal's Fastest Child at the Finn Valley Centre, Stranorlar.

## Community Alert

A Text Alert Scheme is operational in the area. This is a means of immediate communication

from An Garda Siochana to the public. This is a free service and if you would like to be included in the scheme, please ring Patrick on 086



St Eunan's dual player Cormac Finn pictured with his parents Fergal Finn and Joan Nic Géidigh at St Eunan's Dinner Dance on Friday 11th March where he was presented by St Eunan's GAA Club with the 2021 Exceptional Achievement Award on the night. Finn collected six medals on the night, as part of Rory Kavanaghs Senior Football winning panel, Senior Hurling, captained the U21A Hurlers, played U21A football and Reserve football and also won the Senior Hurling League title. Cormac is a 3rd year Business & Economics Student at Maynooth University, was also on the University Sigerson panel.

# RTÉ's Nationwide visits Creeslough

The volunteer work of the Creeslough Community Association is set to hit TV screens across the country after popular RTE programme, Nationwide, paid a visit to the group on Wednesday.

gave them a tour of the locality and highlighted a lot of the great work done in the village and surrounding areas.

Presenter Niall Martia and the Nationwide team spent the day filming with group members who

The members of the CCA said it was great to host Naill and the team and they are looking forward to seeing the show air in the coming weeks.



Mairead McGinlye, Nan McConell and Bernadette McFadden getting ready to be interviewed on Wednesday.



Fr John Joe Duffy, Mairean McGinley, Breradette McFadden, Nan McConnell, Mick Harkin pictured at vists of RTE to Creeslough



Ben McFadden showing the RTE team his boats.

## Kelsius strike gold at Guaranteed Irish Business Awards

Falcarragh-based technology company, Kelsius, were celebrating last week after they scooped a top honour at a national award ceremony hosted by Guaranteed Irish.

The firm, who are a leading supplier of automation technology for product safety and compliance to the food services and healthcare industries, won the award for Technology

– SME or Multinational Company based in Ireland at the Guaranteed Irish Business Awards held on Tuesday in Dublin. The awards celebrate trusted businesses across Ireland who support local and look global. The Kelsius systems are manufactured and produced here in Donegal and serve a broad customer base in Ireland and around the world.



Pictured receiving the award on behalf of the company are Dee Griffin, Róisín Boyle and Angela McFadden.

## Cloughaneely

### Ukraine Collection

There will be a national collection in support of Ukrainian refugees at the end of March on the weekend of 2nd/3rd April. All monies from this collection will be directed through Church agencies which have a strong presence on the ground and can use resources strategically to the greatest effect.

### Social Buddies

The Social Buddies programme is a befriending service which is seeking volunteers to help with day service users for leisure purposes. The aim of the programme is to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual disability by providing flexible social supports. If interested please contact Caroline McDaid, in Letterkenny, on 0894216204.

### 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

24 hours of Eucharist Adoration will take place in Naomh Fionán from 7pm on Friday 8th – 7pm on Saturday 9th April. You are invited to come and spend some quiet time before the

Blessed Sacrament to pray. If you wish to take part, please place your name for the hour that suits you on the sheet provided in the church.

### Pobal Eascarrach

Folúntas ar Scéim Fostaíocht Pobal Vacancy for a general worker on the Community Employment Scheme at Ballina Resource Centre. Please contact Caitlín for further information on 0749180571. Subject to demand, the following courses/classes will commence shortly in Ballina Resource Centre: Coastal Seaweed Foraging, Bee-Keeping, Bee-Hive Building, Digital Photography, Art With Owenie. All the above courses are part-funded by the ETB. If interested call Caitlín on 074-9180571.

### Pobal Eascarrach

Beidh Cruinniú Cinn Bliana ag Coiste Pobal Eascarrach ar an Luain 9ú Bealtaine, san Ionad Acmhainne i mBéal an Átha, ag tosnú ar 7.00 i.n. Tá fáilte roimhe an pobail uilig. Bigé Linn Ballina Resource Centre will hold their annual general meeting on Monday 9th May at 7pm in the Resource Centre. Everyone Welcome.

Cúrsa Seilg Feamainn: Ag bráth ar éileamh béidh muid ag reachtáil an cúrsa seo gan mhoill. Tuilleadh eolas, cur glaoch ar Chaitlín ag 074-9180571 Seaweed Foraging Course. Subject to demand this course will be starting soon. Further information call Caitlín at 074-9180571

### Pobail Le Chéile

Men's Shed: Following the setting up of the beehives last year, Cloughaneely Men's Shed are holding an information meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 8pm in Ionad Naomh Fionnán. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Art Work takes place every Tuesday morning from 11am to 1pm with Artist Leanne Mc Laughlin. The programme will run for 4 weeks starting on 5th April and will be held at Garradh Cholm Cille. Please contact 91 80111 or email Rosemary pobaille@gmail.com to show your interest. The Parent and Family Support Service are offering the following FREE parenting workshops. Contact 9180111 or email: pobaille@gmail.com

## Cloughaneely GAA host Dinner Dance

A great night was had by all at the CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola Dinner Dance held in Óstán Loch Altan last Saturday where they celebrated

the victorious year they had in 2021, winning both Intermediate A and B Championships respectively after defeating An Clochán Liath in both

finals in November. The special guests in attendance on the night were Anne and Gerry Harley and Marie and Declan Martin, Rúnaí Bhord na Condae.

An tAthair Seán Ó Gallchóir, Uachtarán CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola was the master of ceremonies at the event and among the speakers were Seosamh Mac Gairbheith, Cathaoirleach CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola and Declan Martin, one of the special guests and Rúnaí Bhord na Condae.

The following were presented with awards on the night:

**Senior Player of the Year** - Mark Harley; **Young Senior Player of the Year** - Blake Mc Garvey; **Reserve Player of the Year** - James Coll; **Young Reserve Player of the Year** - Cormac Coyle

Appreciation awards were presented to senior team manager, Michael Lynch and reserve team manager, Christopher Smyth for all their work and commitment during



Nóra Nic Gearailt, Rúnaí ag déanamh bronnadh ar aionna speisialta na hoiche Anne agus Gerry Harley.



Nóra Nic Gearailt ag bronnadh gradam aitheantais ar Máirtín Ó Dúgáin



Declan Martin ag bronnadh gradam aitheantais ar bhainisteoir an fhoireann sinsear, Michael Lynch.



James Coll receiving the Reserve Player of the Year Award from Declan Martin.

the year. Presentations were also made to Anna Marie Coyle and Martin Duggan who stepped down from their roles as Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí and Rúnaí respectively as a token of the clubs appreciation for the many years of service given to the club in these roles.



Cloughaneely Reserve team who won the County Intermediate B Championship title 2021 pictured at the Dinner Dance.



Cloughaneely Senior team who won the County Intermediate titel in 2021 pictured at the Dinner Dance on Saturday



Special Guest Declan Martin presenting Young Senior Player of the Year Award to Blake McGarvey

# Bonner plans for championship

With Division 1 status secured Declan Bonner and his backroom team can now exclusively focus on their Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final against Armagh in just a little over three weeks time on Sunday April 24th in Ballybofey. There were positives and negatives from the meeting of the two sides on Sunday in Letterkenny. The first half display was impressive although Armagh did start minus some first team regulars. Shaun Patton's wrong option at the end of the first half led to a goal that Armagh scarcely deserved. But other defenders would have to shoulder some of the blame for not clearing the danger when the keeper did fist the ball out. It wasn't a great day for Patton as three short kick-outs went array in the early stages of the final quarter

and that's when the visitors popped over a couple of points that gave them important momentum. Clearly, Michael Murphy's penalty miss was a key moment in the game but at the same time Donegal still looked like they could cope with that setback. That was until the Patton kick-outs went wrong. Bonner would have been worried about the performance in the final quarter which is such a vital time of the game. Thankfully, on this occasion Armagh's poor finishing allowed McBrearty to pop over the winner.

On the positive side again Michael Langan and Niall O'Donnell got a bit of game time. Bonner will also be hoping to have Ciaran Thompson and Caolan McGonagle back in contention for the Armagh championship game.

Division 1

## Unsavory scenes as Donegal survive in Div 1

Donegal 1-14 Armagh 1-13

It was mission accomplished at the O'Donnell Park on Sunday against Armagh as Donegal made sure of their Division 1 status for next season. But, there were unsavory scenes involving players from both sides and others from the touchline that lasted for around five minutes after the final whistle. Declan Bonner and Kieran McGeeney will be anxiously awaiting referee Paddy Neilan's report with the two sides meeting in the Ulster Championship on the 24th of April. Getting back to the match it could so easily have been their opponents Armagh taking the victory as the Orchard County squandered a couple of clear opportunities in the closing stages. But, it was Paddy McBrearty in the fifth minute of injury that landed the winning score for the hosts at the river end of the Letterkenny venue.

It was a match that had a bit of everything to entertain the attendance of 5,650 in glorious March sunshine. Donegal were by far the better side in the first half and should have been more than five points in front at the break. The concession of a soft 32nd minute goal didn't help Declan Bonner's side in that regard. Then Michael Murphy missed a penalty midway through the second half that would have given his side a seven-point lead. By that stage Neil McGee had been on and off the field as a temporary replacement for Brendan McCole who had a problem with a torn jersey. That happened in a tussle with Rian O'Neill and resulted in the

Armagh sub receiving some close attention from McGee. The Gweedore man ended up with a yellow card and left the field without touching the ball.

At the other end Conmaire Mackin missed a golden chance to make Murphy more miserable but the wing-back shot wide in a one-on-one with Patton. Donegal's grip on the game was slackening and Patton had a bad start to the final quarter as the visitors capitalised on two poor kick-outs to score points and in between O'Neill also converted. All of a sudden Armagh were just a point behind and the big travelling support was lifting the players. After a long period of possession McBrearty gave the home fans a bit of hope again with a white flag.

But, O'Neill left just a point in it again entering the final ten minutes. Armagh keeper Ethan Rafferty then shot a wide from a scorable position. Murphy's day wasn't getting any better as his attempt to catch a ball 30 yards from his own goal deflected off his hand and out for a 45m free which was converted. So the sides were level entering five minutes of injury time. Armagh had a couple of bad wides in the closing stages and paid the ultimate price when a good Donegal move left an unattended McBrearty with a simple chance by his standards to grab the late winner. Playing into the clubhouse end in the first half Declan Bonner and his mentors would have been happy with the display. Donegal led 1-4 to 0-3 at the



Unsavory scenes at the end of Sunday's match at the O'Donnell Park.



Hugh McFadden surrounded by Armagh players at the O'Donnell Park on Sunday.

end of the first quarter. Jamie Brennan was making up for his poor display against Dublin with two points while Murphy and a McBrearty free had the hosts going nicely by the time Jason McGee fired past Rafferty in the 10th minute after good approach play

from Brennan and Ryan McHugh. With 31 minutes on the clock Donegal were 1-8 to 0-5 in front thanks to a brace of McBrearty frees, Murphy also from a placed ball and a fistful effort from St. Eunan's Caolan Ward. A minute later Patton's decision to fist rather than catch led to Armagh eventually finding the net through Aidan Nugent. That didn't rattle the home side really at all as a super Murphy 45 and another McBrearty free gave Donegal a 1-10 to 1-5 lead at the interval. The introduction of regulars like Rian O'Neill and Conor Grugan gave the Orchard County more of a cutting edge in the early stages of the second half. But, in the end it was their finishing in general that let them down and once again Paddy McBrearty stepped up to the plate and delivered the point that secured Donegal's survival in the top flight next season. Just at the final whistle a tussle and what appeared to be spot of verbals was tak-

ing place between Odhran McFadden Ferry and Armagh's Aidan Nugent which went on for a number of seconds and then players from both sides got involved and they were joined by others from the touchline. At the same time others were trying to restore calm. It took around five minutes for the situation to settle down completely and now both counties will anxiously await the referee's report on the unsavory incidents.  
Donegal scorers - P McBrearty 0-7 (4fs, 1m), M Murphy 0-4 (1f, 45) McGee 1-0, J Brennan 0-2 (1m), C Ward 0-1.  
Armagh scorers - A Nugent (1-6) 3fs, R O'Neill 0-3 (45), J Duffy 0 (1m), A Murnin 0-2 (1m), T Kelly 0-1.  
Donegal - Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Stephen McMamin; Peadar Mogan, Eoghan Bán Gallagher, Odhrán McFadden Ferry, Jason McGee, Hugh McFadden; Shane O'Donnell, Ryan McHugh, Conor O'Donnell; Patrick McBrearty, Michael Murphy, Jamie Brennan. Sub Michael Langan for Brennan 51 mins, Niall O'Donnell for McHugh 67 mins, Ethan O'Donnell for S O'Donnell 73 mins, Neil McGee temp sub for McCole.



Bridie and Michael O'Doherty, Fanad among the crowd.



Mountain Top supporters Michael Callaghan and Joe Devine get a touchline view of the big game at the O'Donnell Park

# GAA Club News

## St. Michael's

### All County League

Both teams begin the 2022 All County League Campaign on this Saturday against Gweedore in Magheragallon. The Seniors throw in at 5pm with the Reserves throwing in at 5.30pm.

Good luck to Cathal and his backroom team and the seniors and to Danny and his backroom team and the Reserve Team for the League campaign ahead.

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 6,7,10,12,14,19. The Match 5 Winner was Deirdre Doherty, Kilmacloo, Creeslough who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €5800.

### Ukraine Appeal

The winner of the €200 on the House on Game 9 at the Bingo on Sunday was Sally Gallagher, the winner of the €30 on the line was Mary Boyle, the winner of the €100 on Game 5 was shared by Brid McLaughlin and a player in the Hall, the winner of the €30 on the line was Cora Moore.

## Cloughaneely

### Lotto

Uimhreacha na seachtaine 5,6,8,9,10,13. Níor bhain aon duine an pota óir. Bhí ceathrar déag ann le ceithre uimhir. Comhghairdeas le Bernie Boyle, An Bhealtaine a bhaineann €100. Tá €6,450 sa phota óir anois.

The numbers drawn were 5,6,8,9,10,13. No jackpot winner. we had 14 match 4s; Congratulations to Bernie Boyle, Baltoney who wins €100. Our jackpot is now €6,450.

### Dinnéar Bliantúil

Bhí oíche iontach againn in Óstán Loch Altan oíche Shathairn seo caite agus muid ag ceiliúradh an bhliain buacach a bhí againn i 2021 nuair a déirigh linn Craobh Idirmheánach A agus B Dhún na nGall a bhaint nuair a déirigh linn an bua a fháil ar an Chlochán Liath sna cluichí ceannais i mí na Samhna. Ba iad Anne agus Gerry Harley agus Marie agus Declan Martin, Rúnaí Bhord na Condae a bhí mar aonona speisialta ag an ócáid. Ba é Uachtarán an chlub, an tAthair Seán Ó Gallchóir a bhí mar fhear an tí ar an oíche agus i measc na gcainteoirí a labhair ar an oíche, bhí Seosamh Mac Gairbheith, Cathaoirleach an chlub agus Declan Martin, duine dá ionna speisialta na hoíche agus Rúnaí Bhord na Condae. Bronnadh gradaim orthu seo a leanas ar an oíche: Imreoir Sinsir na Bliana - Mark Harley Imreoir Sinsir Óg na Bliana - Blake Mc Garvey Imreoir Tacaíochta na Bliana - James Coll Imreoir Tacaíochta Óg na Bliana - Cormac Coyle

Bronnadh gradaim aitheantais ar Mhicheal Lynch, bainisteoir an fhoireann sinsir agus Christopher Smyth, bainisteoir an fhoireann tacaíochta as a saothar uilig i gcaitheamh na bliana. Rinneadh bronnadh ar Anna Marie Nic Giolla Chomhaill agus Máirtín Ó Dúgáin a déirigh as a gcuid cúraimí mar Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí agus mar Rúnaí i ndiaidh blianta fada a chaitheamh sna róil mar chomhartha buíochas as an seirbhís a thug siad don chlub. Chuir Keltic Kaos deireadh leis an oíche le ceol breá meidhreach. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a thabhairt do gach duine a chuidigh an ócáid a eagrú, Óstán Loch Altan, an tAthair Seán, Keltic Kaos, d'Anna Marie Nic Giolla Chomhaill as na pictiúir a ghlacadh, na haíonna speisialta, Celtic Cards as an phóstaer agus na ticéid a dhearadh agus a phriontáil, iad sin a mhaisigh an halla an mhaidin sin, Wild Atlantic Events Ireland as na balúin agus duine ar bith eile a chuidigh ar dhóigh ar bith agus gach duine a d'fhreastal ar an ócáid.

A great night was had at the CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola Dinner Dance in Óstán Loch Altan last Saturday where we celebrated the victorious year we had in 2021, winning both Intermediate A and B Championships respectively after defeating An Clochán Liath in both finals in November. The special guests were Anne and Gerry Harley and Marie and Declan Martin, Rúnaí Bhord na Condae. An tAthair Seán Ó Gallchóir, Uachtarán CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola was the master of ceremonies at the event and among the speakers were Seosamh Mac Gairbheith, Cathaoirleach CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola and Declan Martin, one of the special guests and Rúnaí Bhord na Condae. The following were presented with awards on the night:

Senior Player of the Year - Mark Harley

Young Senior Player of the Year - Blake McGarvey

Reserve Player of the Year - James Coll

Young Reserve Player of the Year - Cormac Coyle

Appreciation awards were presented to senior team manager, Michael Lynch and reserve team

manager, Christopher Smyth for all their work and commitment during the year.

Presentations were also made to Anna Marie Coyle and Martin Duggan who stepped down from their roles as Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí and Rúnaí respectively as a token of the clubs appreciation for the many years of service they have given to the club in these roles.

### Sraith Roinn 1

Imreofar an chéad chluiche sa tsraith an deireadh seachtaine seo sa bhaile in éadan Gleann Fhinne ar an Domhnach 3 Aibreán. Sinsir at 3i.n. Foireann Tacaíochta at 1:30i.n. Tar amach agus tabhair tacaíocht do na leids agus iad ag cuir tús le séasúr úr.

The first game of the league will be played this weekend at home against Gleann Fhinne on Sunday the 3rd of April. Seniors at 3pm. Reserves at 1:30pm. Come out and support the lads as they start a new season.

## Baile na nGalloghlach

### Lotto: 27/3/22

NUMBERS: 6-11-12-31. No Jackpot winner. Lucky Dip winner and birthday boy gets €50, T.J. Evesson, Milford. Jackpot Next Week: €5,500.

### This Saturday! Climb With Charlie

Milford GAA Club in partnership with Ray Community Centre and MDRC are planning a walk/climb up the Standing Man in Glenalla on Saturday April 2nd, leaving from Ray Community Centre at 11am, to support 'Climb with Charlie Bird' with the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House as the beneficiaries. Registration on Club Facebook page or from Roinn on 0879188795.

### Disability and Social Inclusion Training.

The Club recently hosted the GAA Disability & Social Inclusion training facilitated by Paul Callaghan Ulster Regional Development Officer. The event was attended by club youth coaches, school youth and development officer, senior players and healthy club officer. The training involved a combination of classroom theory followed by practical fun and skill-based drills and exercises.

The Club will be starting Inclusion for All sessions soon - keep an eye on social and print media for more details.

### Tráth na gCeist

Buíochas mór do Dympna Barrett agus an choiste Cultúr fá choinne trá na gceist taitneamhach a eagrú san Travellers Inn, oíche De hAoine deireanach.

Buíochas do Pat Barrett as ucht na ceisteanna a leagan amach agus a bheith ina fear na ceisteanna.

Buíochas le Michael McBride a thug an spás dúinn agus ar deireadh buíochas do bhaill an choiste a ghlac páirt.

Féach thíos, grianghraf na buaiteoirí.

### Upcoming Fixtures

Our Seniors start their league campaign this Saturday at home to MacCumhailis. Reserve throw in at 4.30pm while the Senior team at 6pm.

Our Senior ladies have their first game of the season on Sunday at home to St. Mary's, Convoy at 10.30am.

U16 girls have their first match on Thursday evening away to Red Hughs at 6.30pm.

Minor boys are home to Glenfin at 6.30pm on Friday.

The U15 boys are home to Letterkenny Gaels on Wednesday.

### Recent Games

Our Senior ladies played in the Gaeltacht championship away to Nh Muire on Saturday. The team played very well in a very high scoring game.

Our U11 boys had their first outing when they hosted a strong Cloughaneely team at sunny Moyle Park on Saturday morning.

### LIDL LGFA Stamps - Thanks to All Members

The Club had a final total of 80 stamps collected via the LIDL app., which entitles us to a new set of jerseys for the ladies.

### Irish/Culture classes

Tháinig na ranganna Gaeilge ar ais ar lá nua : gach oíche Mháirt ag a 8pm. Más mian le haon duine teacht ar na ranganna, seol téacs teachtaireachta riomphoist chuig cultureclgbnag@gmail.com chun an nasc don rang a fháil. Nó cuir scairt ar Aodh ag 087-8131565. Is ranganna iad seo a chuireann fáilte foimh aon duine a bhfuil suim acu inár dteanga dhúchasach, ár gceol, ár gcultúr agus sa stair áitiúil. Fáilte is fiche

romhat.

Irish/Culture classes continue on Tuesdays at 8pm and anyone interested in getting involved please contact cultureclgbnag@gmail.com to get the link or contact Aodh on 087-8131565. These classes are for people wishing to engage with our native language and music as well as some local history. Everybody welcome.

### Last Man Standing

There are only 2 players still standing after Week 7 of the National Football League. Congratulations to Christy Friel & Vincent Ferry for making it this far. Only 1 can be the overall winner though so both will be contacted to pick their winners of the 4 football league finals which take place next weekend. Whoever gets the most correct will win or in the case of a tie, a tie breaker question will be asked.

### Condolences

CLG Baile na nGalloghlach wish to convey our sympathies to the families of Mirrian McFadden and Mary McAteer on their recent sad passing.

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results 27/03/2022

Numbers: 5, 13, 20, 24, 25. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Luke Cannon, Le Chéile. This week's Jackpot: €2700.

### Award Winners 2021

We recently presented our awards for 2021 (see page 19). Well done to all the winners :-

U13 Boys Player of the Year - Conor Callaghan

U13 Boys Most Dedicated Player - Íosaf McAteer

U14 Girls Player of the Year - Kaylagh Sweeney

U14 Girls Most Dedicated Player - Aishling Duffy

U15 Boys Player of the Year - Jamie McAteer

U15 Boys Most Dedicated Player - Declan Brougham

U16 Girls Player of the Year - Jessica Coll

U16 Girls Most Dedicated Player - Olivia Friel

U17 Boys Joint Players of the Year - Aaron McCornigley and Seán Carr

U17 Boys Most Dedicated Player - Eoghan Logue

U18 Girls Player of the Year - Tori Gallagher

U18 Girls Most Dedicated Player - Kelley Carr

Senior Ladies Player of the Year - Eiméar Gibbons

Young Ladies Player of the Year - Aoife Gibbons

Senior Men Player of the Year and winner of 'Gradam Phádraig Uí Shíadhail' - Shaun Kerr

Reserve Player of the Year - Charlie Crerand

Well done also to our Minor Girls team who received their county medals for winning Division 3, and the senior ladies who received their Intermediate Championship Runners-up medals.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

31ú Márta U16 Girls - Division 2

Naomh Naille v Gaeil Fhánada

Páirc Ghearóid Uí Ghallachóir

2ú Aibreán

All County League - Division 2 Reserve

Gaeil Fhánada v Moville

Venue: Páirc Uí Shíadhail

All County League - Division 2

Gaeil Fhánada v Moville

Venue: Páirc Uí Shíadhail

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3ú Aibreán

Ladies League - Division 2

Naomh Naille v Gaeil Fhánada

Venue: Páirc Ghearóid Uí Ghallachóir,

Mountcharles @ 10:30

4ú Aibreán

U17 Boys - Division 2

Gaeil Fhánada v Gaoth Dobhair

Venue: Páirc Uí Shíadhail @ 6:30

6ú Aibreán

U15 Boys - Division 2

Gaeil Fhánada v Baile na nGalloghlach

Venue: Páirc Uí Shíadhail @ 6:30

### Foireann Faoi 15

Thug ár bhfoireann Faoi 15 aghaidh ar Ghaoth

Dobhair i gComórtas Peile na Gaeltachta i bPáirc Uí Shíadhail tráthnóna Dé hAoine.

Ar an drochuair, bhí foireann Ghaoth Dobhair rólaídir ar an lá, agus bhí bua compordach acu sa deireadh.

Cillian Ó Frighil, Conchúir Ó Ceallacháin, Daragh Mac Giolla Bháin, Niall Ó Tuathaláin, Seán Mac Giolla Chearra, Ronán Mac a Bheatha, Cormac Mac Dúinnshleibhe, Daibhid Ó Loinsigh, Éimhín Mac Daibhid, Ciarán Mac Giolla Bháin, Ronán Mac Suibhne, Dónal Ó Máirtín, Marc Ó Fiachra, Jeaic Mac Dúinnshleibhe, JP Ó Gallachóir.

### Gaelic 4 Mothers and Others

If you'd like to register your interest in the meantime, contact Anne on 0831111646 after 6pm.

Celebrating World Down Syndrome Day

It was World Down Syndrome Day on last Monday and the Senior ladies came together during the week at training to make a donation to Donegal Down Syndrome, and they presented the final amount to Sínead Duffy over the weekend. Maith sibh uilig!

### Siúlóid na Gaeilge ar an Trá

Ar mhaith leat do chuid Gaeilge a úsáid agus a chleachtadh agus tú amuigh faoin aer maidin Dé Sathairn? Beidh scaifte ag cruinniú le chéile ag carrchlós Din ag 12:30 amárach, Dé Sathairn. Fáilte romhaibh uilig!

### Cruinniú Ullmhúcháin Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta

Beidh an chéad cruinniú eile ar siúl sa Fanad Lodge, Dé Máirt seo chugainn, an 5ú Aibreán ag 8:30.

## CLG Na nDúnaibh

Torthaí Lotto ó oíche Luain is chuaigh thart 28/3/22. B'iad 4 7 12 agus 22 na huimhreacha a tarraingíodh. Char bhain duine ar bith an pota óir agus bhí na trí uimhir ag Susan Shields, Declan Ó Gallchóir (Phat), Sarah Ní Mhisteal, Eunan Ó Gallchóir, John Gerard Mc Menamin agus Bríd Ní Bhuai. Fuair siad €25 an duine. Beidh an tarraingt ar an tseachtain seo chugainn ar an Luan an 4ú Aibreán agus tá €2,500 sa phota óir. Thig é a imirt ar líne: bit.ly/NDLotto. Míle buíochas as bhur dtacaíocht.

Tá muid ar ais in Ionad CLG oíche Shathairn agus tá siúl againn go mbeidh sibh linn, tosaíonn an Bingo ag 8.30. Thig na leabhartaí Bingo a fháil ar líne ag: nadunaibh.ie/bingo go dtí a 1 a chlog Dé Sathairn. Thig leabhartaí a cheannacht fosta ag Boyce's Centra, Micky Joe's Country Store agus Siopa na nDúnaibh. Beifear a ndíol go dtí a 1pm Dé Sathairn.

If anyone is interested in helping out with the Bingo nights please contact Richard Conneely for more information.

Ed Sheeran ticket raffle. Win a set of tickets for just €10! We are raffling two sets of tickets for Ed Sheeran for Saturday 23rd April in Croke Park. There will be a live raffle held on Monday 18th April. 1st Prize 2 Premium Tickets. 2nd Prize 2 Premium Tickets. Entries are €10 each.

Payments can be made via Revolut to 0879392396 (include your full name). There will also be lines available to purchase locally over the next few days.

Congratulations to Julie Trearty who received her Ladies HEC rising Star award in Croke Park on Saturday. Maith thú a Julie, tá éacht déanta agat.

D'imir an foireann Sinsir cluiche dúshláine in éadan Ghaoth Dobhair ag deireadh na seachtaine. Chuir siad tús maith leis an chluiche ach bhí Gaoth Dobhair rólaídir dóibh sa deireadh.

Tá an cluiche idir cuid ban na nDúnaibh agus mná Fhánada i gcomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta curtha siar go dtí an Satharn 16ú Aibreán ag 9.30r.n. Games and training schedules can be found online at naDunaibh.ie



A group undertaking the GAA Disability & Social Inclusion training with Paul Callaghan Ulster Regional Development Officer.

**In Memoriam**



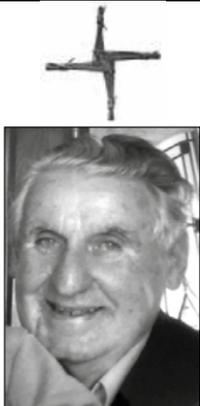
**Doherty**  
Jim  
Legnahooray  
Kilmacrennan  
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and granddad and great granddad who died on the 1st April 2012.

*Our angels up in heaven we want you to know  
We see your watching over us everywhere we go  
We wish you were hear with us but that can never be  
Memories of you in our memories that only we can see  
Our angels up in heaven we hope you understand  
that we would give anything if we could hold your hand  
We could hold it so tightly and never let you go  
And all the love inside of us to you we would show  
Our Angels up in heaven know we must be apart  
You will always live inside of us and deeply in our hearts.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Kathleen and family, grandchildren in Sweden, Kilmacrennan, Coolboy, Creeslough, Legnahooray and Derrisleigh and great grandchildren Jamie and Sophie.

Mass was offered.



**Sweeney**  
Tommy  
Conlan, Kerrykeel  
3rd April 2018

*Thank you Dad for the happy years  
For the laughter that came before the tears  
The sunshine that came before the rain  
The pleasure that came before the pain  
Your voice, your sayings your happy smile  
These are with us all the while.  
You gave us your love your whole life through  
Thank you Dad for just being you.*

Love, remembered and missing you terribly daughters and sons Pauline, Annette, Noreen, Frankie and Brendan, daughter-in-law Ayleen, sons-in-law Alan and David.

Grandad,  
*We miss you from your fire-side chair  
And the warm welcome you showed to all of us.*

Love from Niamh, Erin, Oisín, Fionn, Ava, Caolinn, Cara and Tiernan XXXXXXXX

Remembering Our Lovely Mum and grandmother May Sweeney at this time. X 9th February 2019

**Planning Notices**

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

**Donegal County Council**  
Killyclug, Letterkenny.  
We, Cillanoir Developments Ltd are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a commercial building of 800sq. metres, form new entrance, connect to existing public sewer and all associated site works Killyclug, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Killyclug. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

**Donegal County Council**  
Magherawarden, Portsalon I, Colm Doherty am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for extension to existing caravan park consisting of 30 No. new static caravans, new sewage treatment plant, new access roads & walkways & all ancillary services at Magherawarden, Portsalon, Co. Donegal. The Planning Application contains an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The planning application and the EIAR 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**  
Slate Row, Letterkenny, Letterkenny Urban, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Ballyshannon Retail Limited, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to 1) demolish existing single storey building on Site, known locally as 'The Forge', 2) to Erect New Bistro/Coffee Shop to ground floor and to incorporate redesign and convert existing ground floor cold room and back hall area into Office, Toilet Facility and Storage Area, 3) to redesign internal existing shop and to include new glazing area to side elevation, 4) to Erect Two Number New Apartments to First Floor above proposed Bistro/Coffee Shop, Office, Toilet Facility and storage Area and to include landing and access stairs, 5) to Erect Two Number Apartments to Second Floor Level above proposed Bistro/Coffee Shop, Office, Toilet Facility and storage Area and to include landing and access stairs, 6) for Change of Use of Existing Offices, Canteen and Storage Areas to First Floor Area above Existing Shop, (known locally as Kernan's) into Two Number Apartments, 7) for Conversion of Existing Second Floor Attic Area above Existing Shop, (known locally as Kernan's) into an Apartment and 8) all associated Site Works and Connection to Main Public Sewer @ Slate Row, Letterkenny, Letterkenny Urban, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission

**Tully Lawnmowers**  
**Repairs & Sales**  
**Planning Notice**

Tullymountain, Ramelton 074 9151551 or 086 3266246  
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- New Chainsaws from €230
- New Lawnmowers from €280
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Tá sé beartaithe ag an Chomhairle painéal d'iarratasóirí cáilithe a chruthú óna líonfar folúntais de réir mar a thiocfaidh siad aníos.

Is é an dáta deiridh fá choinne foirmeacha iarratais comhlánaithe a bheith linn ná 12 meán lae: **Déardaoin, 14 Aibreán, 2022.**

Tá Foirmeacha Iarratais agus Tuilleadh Eolais ar fáil ag [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)

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Is fostóir comhionannas deiseanna í Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall.

**RECRUITMENT COMPETITION**

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

- Area Manager**
- Senior Executive Officer (Temporary)**

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: **Thursday, 14 April, 2022.**

Application Forms and Further Details are available at [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)

No late applications will be accepted.

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or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

**Donegal County Council**  
RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE,  
Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Liam McLaughlin, Margaret Todd and Grainne Kelly, on behalf of Rathmullan District Resource Centre (RDRC) Committee, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to 1) Erect New Astro Turf Playing Facility, perimeter fencing and floodlighting for Astro Turf Playing Facility and all associated ducting, 2) Construct New additional Entrance and Access Road to be used for the purposes of the Astro Turf Playing Facility and the Existing Recreational Playing Pitch and Tennis Court on Site and 3) Car Parking area to be used in conjunction with Proposed Astro Turf Playing Facility and Existing Recreational Playing Pitch, Tennis Court and Building on Site @ RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, 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, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority

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Sat 2nd April - **Weanlings** 11am  
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Mon 4th April - **Sheep Sale** 7.00pm

Sat 9th April - **Weanlings** 11am  
**Bulls Only**

Wed 13th - **Cattle Sale** 12.00noon

Mon 18th - **Sheep Sale** 7.00pm

Sat 23rd - **Weanlings** 11am  
**Mixed**

Wed 27th - **Cattle Sale** 12.00noon

Sat 7th May - **Weanlings Mixed** 11am  
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**Acknowledgement**

**Harkin**  
Margaret  
Gortmacall, Milford

The Harkin family would like to thank all those who offered sympathy and support at the sad passing of their dear mother Margaret. Thanks to friends and neighbours who attended the wake and funeral, gave Mass and sympathy cards. Heartfelt thanks to Francie Marley Funeral Directors for their highly professional service in getting Margaret home to Ireland so quickly and all during the wake and funeral. A special thank you to Fr. Gorman, Fr. Dunne for the rosary each night, Fr. Gorman for the funeral Mass and Fr. Byrne for the burial. Thanks also to the gravediggers. Thanks to Brian and Keelan Pritchard for providing the music at the funeral. As it would be impossible to thank every one individually we hope that this acknowledgment will be accepted by all as a token of our sincere appreciation.

**Margaret's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd April at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church, Milford.**



**Shields**  
Andy Doocy

The family of the late Andy Tarry Shields wish to thank all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad bereavement.

A special word of thanks to all those who stood out for the removal, all who attended the wake and funeral and those who travelled long distances to be with us. Thank you to all who sent Mass cards and messages of condolences and for the many phone calls we received. To all our family, neighbours and friends who provided food and help during the wake and funeral. Your help and support was very much appreciated.

Thank you to Fr. Charlie Byrne who officiated at the funeral Mass and at the graveside. Sincere thanks to Seamus Gallagher, Funeral Directors for the professional and dignified manner in which he carried out the funeral arrangements. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Renal Unit in Letterkenny University Hospital for the great care and support they gave Andy.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accepted this acknowledgment as an expression of our sincere gratitude.

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council**  
Woodhill, Dunfanaghy

I, Kellie McColgan am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain an existing domestic garage with self-contained apartment auxiliary to my existing dwelling house at Woodhill, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Woodhill. 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**  
Port Road, Ballyraine, Letterkenny

I, Bernard Gallagher am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for demolition of existing derelict commercial building & construction of new commercial building & connection to existing services at Port Road, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Donegal County Council**  
Loughnagin, Letterkenny  
We, Joe & Rosemarie O' Donnell are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission

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