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Mica Crisis: 800 people cannot be wrong

From early evening on Monday all roads would lead to a date with destiny in the Grianan of Aileach Hotel in Burt for the Mica Redress Meeting that would call out the government for their failures of the past three years.

This was the night when the raw passion of a downtrodden people finally confronted political failures with the kind of quiet and steely determination that was inspiring to all those present. That ringing endorsement from the meeting must now drive this agenda for justice and fair play right up to the closing of the polls on the day of the next general election.

The fact that an estimated 800 people came to the meeting is a clear statement of intent that the redress scheme that was railroaded through the Dail has failed and it is time for the bluffers, the chancers and the deniers of reality to stop.

Not one single amend-



Michael Doherty speaking - with Paddy Diver, Roisin Gallagher and Lisa Hone.

ment proposed by the Mica Action Group was considered: buried under the bureaucracy of a failed system that continues to deny justice.

This was the most important meeting between now and general election because when politics fails to deliver, the community must empower themselves. No longer can the government deputies gamble with people's hopes and dreams of having a home that is a safe haven. No longer can the homeowners be left in the last chance saloon of despair and broken promises.

Where is the sense of compassion and re-

spect that is part of Donegal's proud tradition of serving the public?

Monday night was the start of what has to be a bare knuckle fight up to the close of the polls and it is a fight the people of Donegal cannot afford to lose.

However, with determination and justice on the side of the homeowners they will not fail because they have a 'People's Document' to prove it. They also have a great and experienced team to give them a voice and that is their real strength.

Michael Doherty of MAG told the meeting that the defective

blocks legislation will have to be effectively underwritten by a new government. This has already been a long and difficult time for so many Donegal families and the tortured response from the Government has always been a disaster.

If only these families were given the same deal as the Leinster Pyrite Scheme, there never would have been a problem because it was 'an end to end' deal where those impacted were fully repaid. However politics has dictated otherwise in Donegal and until that is changed, this county will not have the status of equal citizens of the

State.

Homeowners have seen the flow of money from government restricted and this reflects the 'cute-hoor' mentality that has created the fault lines that have condemned those in Mica affected homes to another year of misery... they must now put their trust in their own community, their own self-belief in the Donegal Mica Action Group to achieve justice.

We wish them well and support them in their campaign.

Declan Kerr reports from the Grianan Hotel.

"A People's Document demanding 100% Redress for Defective Concrete Blocks affected homeowners is now being finalised following a massive turnout at a public meeting in An Grianan Hotel, Burt on Monday night. With the Council and European elections now just three months away the campaign for 100% Redress is demanding that local

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Andy Hanlon, Dunfanaghy receiving his Honorary Life Membership from Francis Gorman, President and Joe Sweeney, Chairman at the Donegal IFA AGM in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny. Photo by Clive Wasson

Who shut Fanad polling station?

The hottest topic in Fanad this week is 'Who made the decision to close the polling station at Portsalon for Friday's referendums'. Names and photos wanted and the official reasons. It's for the next edition of the Tribune.



We understand that the loss of the service was not the responsibility of Donegal County Council and the lines of enquiry have to be outside of their control.

The Council does not do a 'barter account' therefore it is not within its gift to engage in horse trading. Neither is polling station closure due to falling numbers because there is a base of around 500 on the register. There is a specific fee per polling station and every wain the country knows that for a fact.

There is a need for an urgent

public meeting in Fanad to establish exactly what is happening. Things are really desperate ever since Fr. Pat McGarvey suddenly quit his post last July... The peninsula is in a vacuum of silence - people say they too are in the dark.

Croaghross polling station being closed shows people do not have a right to know the facts nor were we given a chance to lobby for its retention.

Cllr. Liam Blaney had been in contact with the Council and others... but to no success this time.

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Watts of Claragh Ramelton sold

The renowned Watts of Claragh, Ramelton has been sold by Sherry Fitzgerald for a reported fee, close to the asking price of €1.45 million.

Cllr. Paucic McGarvey said this is great news for the area and it offers many opportunities to develop a historic landmark into a major country house development. He said many previous generations from Ramelton worked there and it is a positive development.

The property on 21.4 acres has 9 beds: 4 baths and it is 723 sqm. The existing house at Claragh was built in 1890, the site had been home to the Watt family since 1725. James Watt, a signif-

icant landowner in Ramelton built the weir and mills on the river Lennon but it was his son Andrew. A.Watt made the most significant contribution to commerce in the area when he built Watt's distillery in Derry.

The sales brochure states: "This is a magnificent country house, rich in history surrounded by glorious private grounds and the River Lennon flowing to the south. The property is located around 3.7 kms from Ramelton."



Lucas Beineke (Jamie Lee Gallagher) and Addams (Ella Terry-Sweeney) in a scene from the Addams Family by the LMS which runs until Saturday at An Grianan Theatre, Letterkenny.

800 people can't be wrong



Tricia Sullivan speaking at the Mica Burt Meeting on Monday night. Below sections of the attendance at the meeting. Photos by Declan Kerr.



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 politicians give full backing to their document that no homeowner is left out of pocket for a crisis situation that is taking its toll mentally on so many families.

The Redress Focus Group's Roisin Gallagher said the People's Document would be left ready to go to Bill stage in the Dail. She added that the Department would not be writing up the scheme this time. The meeting room was packed out, with the car park full and vehicles lined up on both sides of the road for half a mile.

Leading campaigner Michael Doherty said the group was making the best possible case for 100% Redress via the Peoples Document. "We are now going to see what the politicians are made of. Why would we believe them? They did nothing for us in the first scheme. When there was a gap to be closed in the second scheme they didn't help us. So you need to be all back here on March 26th to hear what the politicians have to say on the People's Document" Mr Doherty said.

The gun has been fired

Chairperson of the Mica Action Group Lisa Hone said the starting gun had been fired ahead of the upcoming elections with the clear message to politicians being that a true 100% Redress will have to be delivered. "When politicians arrive on your doorsteps you will have the People's Document to present to them and let's see what their response will be. You all have power with your vote so please exercise it. It's time for the politicians to feel the heat so we have to push them hard. We need to get to all public meetings that they are attending. These elections are a one in five year opportunity to do that" Ms Hone said

Paddy Diver said he was sick of hearing politicians like Deputy Charlie McConalogue and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar saying that 100% Redress had been delivered for Mica affected homeowners. The reality is that the so-called new enhanced scheme had let too many people down again and that was

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why the People's Document was being finalised to present to the local politicians ahead of a follow-up meeting on the 26th of March.

The top table on Monday night included Paddy Diver from 100% Redress, Mica Action Group's Chairperson Lisa Hone and Deputy Chairperson Tricia Sullivan, the Redress Focus Group's Roisin Gallagher along with one of the original MAG members Michael Doherty.

They had formulated a document which articulates the key principles of a true 100% Redress Scheme.

The 4 P's

They are the 4 P's - **Property**, rebuilt 'like for like' to current standards; **Process**, end to end scheme administered by the State, at no cost to the homeowner, with an opt out for those that prefer to build themselves; **People** and support meaning that no one is left behind - prioritisation yes, exclusion no. Proper and timely supports for those affected, with particular attention to those who have additional needs.

Fourth and finally is **prevention**, that such a situation is never allowed to happen again through the implementation of meaningful regulatory governance and a public enquiry to hold those responsible to account.

Following the feedback from Monday night's meeting further suggestions are being added to complete The People's Document - The Definition of a True 100% Redress, document will be sent to every political party and politician for their response.

A follow up public meeting is planned for the 26th March where elected representatives will get the opportunity to address affected homeowners directly with their response to the Peoples' Document.

Alarming News on concrete products

Michael Doherty also highlighted what he described as the very alarming news that had come to light in the last fortnight for those having to do rebuilds. He was referring to the Council's decision to use concrete blocks on their social housing projects produced by Roadstone Ltd in Laghy which he said was clearly going to leave Mica affected private homeowners in a very difficult situation regarding whether to do business with other quarries in the County.

Foundations have not been included in any of the two Redress Schemes and again Monday night's meeting heard that defied the scientific evidence. Michael Doherty said going forward prevention had to be the ultimate goal for the people of Donegal. He praised Paddy Diver's role in the early part of the campaign in highlighting very publicly the damage that defective blocks had done and led to one quarry closing down. "A lot was done with ill-intent yet nobody has been held responsible so far. So there has to be a Public or Judicial Enquiry. There has been professional negligence here. It's scary what we have seen at Department level. The same thing is probably happening in other Departments. Politicians are supposed to be representing the people. Civil Servants are supposed to be servants of the state yet it seems the complete opposite here," Mr Doherty said.

Downings dwelling granted planning

An Bord Pleanala have granted planning permission with revisions for a Downings house development after a planning appeal was lodged against. Conditional planning permission was granted to Daniel Love for the completion of one dwelling house and all associated site works including on-site sewage treatment system at Dundoan Lower, Downings, that was granted by Donegal County Council on December 1st, 2022.

A planning appeal was lodged with the planning authority by Lorraine Thompson on December 20th, 2022.

Among a number of grounds for appeal listed were that the appellant "questioned whether the proposed dwelling house would be the applicant's permanent residence as distinct from holiday home."

On February 19th, 2024, An Bord Pleanala granted planning permission with revisions and a number of condition including that the premises shall be a permanent residence for the occupant, members of the occupants immediate family or their heirs and "shall remain so occupied for a period of at least seven years thereafter".

GiveUsSpace deserves proper Space

Workhouse Theatre Company, Triumph Dance and Performing Arts, Letterkenny Music and Drama Group and Letterkenny Pantomime Society - they all have a common thread and they need a purpose built rehearsal space in the town.

And after fifty years it is hard to imagine that this was a part of the mission statement for a new theatre with rehearsal facilities for the many groups based in Letterkenny. You cannot perform unless there are decent facilities for rehearsals, choreography and creativity... It's as relevant today as it was fifty years ago.

The fact that local groups have been left without these facilities leaves a huge deficit because before a group thinks of putting on a performance, they have to search for a place to practice and to bring their shows up to a standard that satisfies their own and the public demand.

Perhaps the Letterkenny Councillors and others might look at this deficit and try to find a solution because all of these groups bring their own dynamic and creativity of the richness of the performing arts to audiences and they have a strong case to make.

One of the ideals in the campaign for a new theatre in Letterkenny was a proper space, for rehearsals and offstage facilities, storage, scenery creations and the basic needs in the promotion of the performing arts.

This came after years of what were small stages with few facilities going back to the original pantomime in the Devlin Hall on Lower Main Street.

Those stages would easily fit onto the back of a lorry and often did. And the renowned 'Lifford Players' and 'The Letterkenny Drama Group' among Donegal's great amateur productions that battled a lack of space they could call home for a generation and more and the situation has not changed.

But this is 2024 and Letterkenny is a big town: many more jobs: many new opportunities in what is a multicultural hub of activity. But one where the performing arts does not have the facilities they need to rehearse.

And that was painfully evident when, in the nineteen seventies a group of staff based at St. Conal's Hospital brought 'The John Players Tops of the Town' to Letterkenny. It was the country's biggest national variety show that had quickly attracted national attention and the grand final went out on RTE.



Members of the GiveUsSpace who are looking for proper rehearsal space in Letterkenny.

Looking back on that era, it is almost impossible to imagine that the local area base was in the big dining hall in St. Conal's Hospital and the seating could not happen until the residents had their evening meal. The final night performances were adjudicated by a nationally known professional performer, Jack Cruise comes to mind and arriving into an ancient Victorian Hall came as much of a shock to him as it did to Niall O'Flynn of the John Players Company who would have wondered how do you pack six hundred people into such a space and at the same time, stay of sane mind and body.

But it worked and in its heyday the Final Night in the Millionaire Club at the Golden Grill on the Port Road would have been jam packed with close to 1,500 supporters and that continued up to the mid nineteen eighties.

That was then and there was a big surge of interest to develop performing arts space and that has not happened.

Now with An Grianan Theatre, the town is a vibrant and successful venue with a good stage and seating. However, there is no space for the many demands needed for rehearsals and a place to develop new shows. This is always hard work, and with a lack of space, things are more difficult.

In correspondence to the media this week, a spokesperson for the seeking a facility for the arts said that culture has never been more important as a means for expression or escapism. The arts scene in the North-West has never been more vibrant. It waters the imag-

inations of those involved, as well as those who come to see it - whether that be a play, a piece of musical theatre, a dance showcase, or any live performance. If anything, the pandemic showed us exactly how important live arts and performance are to society.

Larlach MacGabhainn, a spokesperson for the six groups in 'GiveUsSpace' says in a letter to the Council said: "We, a large section of the cultural groups here in Donegal, are asking for vital help for the establishment of a dynamic 'Purpose Built Rehearsal Space' which will house the huge number of people involved in the various drama, musical theatre, and performing arts groups across the county. And we ask that the new proposal be integrated into the redevelopment of the Old Courthouse in Letterkenny. For it to be a hybrid building, that will have integrated into its designs, a purpose-built rehearsal facility for local groups and societies to have at their disposal.

If you were to take a snap-shot today of where the many groups and societies have to rent or beg for, you would see rehearsals for plays, musicals, children's workshops, youth theatres or dance showcases taking place in warehouses, school study halls, canteens or unused office spaces. All of which are in no way conducive to what the collective ambition is - 'Making Great Art'.

We have a wonderful, rich cultural community here in the North-West, who strive hard to put on shows and performances - and yet have been neglected when it has come to the allocation of a functional creative space. An appointed place where groups and

societies can come and - in a positive, safe and productive environment - rehearse, strive for invention and to be the best they can possibly be. A place where props and costumes can be made for such shows all under one roof.

The current situation is terrible - with no building that is dedicated to the performing arts that can facilitate the large number of groups and societies who are in such great need of it. Which is usually in the evenings post 6pm, and at weekends.

We are blessed here in Donegal with fantastic facilities that cater for many sports. The swathes of football pitches across the county, the swimming pools or even the tennis courts are a credit to us all. However, what is sorely being missed is a creative centre, especially for children who have not got such a keen interest in sport - a creative space where adults and children can develop both personally and artistically.

Currently these creative spaces are dank warehouses, school study halls or disused office spaces. It would be hard to expect a football team to train on a tennis court and to then expect good results.

We have to take care of the talent that lies here within the North-West. It has to be nurtured and to be given an adequate and safe facility where it can grow and be the best it can be. It is vital that a space is now acquired or built to house and to help develop the talent we have right now and for the generations to come.

Culture is who we are. It is a huge part of our identity. It is something that brings colour to all our lives, and we should never dismiss its importance," he concluded.

Thanks from SVP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul spent a total of €307,496 assisting families in the Letterkenny area in 2023. Most of this (€227,310) was on food and other groceries. Other items included fuel (€40,505) and Education at primary, Secondary and Third level (€30,766)

Most of the items donated to our Shops are sold to help fund this expenditure, but we are also able to channel many of these items directly to needy families.

Much of the Society's expenditure occurs during the winter months and in particular during the weeks leading up to Christmas. Thankfully, this period is the time when the Society gets most assistance from members of the public.

Thank you for helping us to help those in need. As always, anyone who needs help in any way from the Society of St Vincent de Paul in the Letterkenny area will find that members of the Society are there to help in complete confidence. Contact the Society on 074 9129503.

Members of the SVP in Letterkenny would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Society in its work, either by cash assistance or donations of clothes, shoes and other items for sale in Vincent's Shops in Letterkenny.

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Legacy Act breaches EU human rights

The High Court in Belfast has overturned an important British government policy. That is, the policy to give immunity for offences during the Troubles. The immunity was to cover both security forces and paramilitaries. The British parliament passed the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act.

The Belfast High Court ruled the Act breached the European Convention of Human Rights. This Convention still applies in the United Kingdom (UK). Brexit does not affect this.

Giving the Judgment, Justice Adrian Colton said: "There is no evidence that the granting of immunity under the act will in any way contribute to reconciliation in Northern Ireland, indeed the evidence is to the contrary."

Under the Act, amnesty for prosecutions was conditional. The condition was that those facing possible charges agree to speak to the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information. There was more attached. Inquests were to be ended. Civil actions against the security forces were to be ended.

This was a disastrous proposal. Every party in the North opposed the measure. The British Government succeeded in producing a temporary unity.

Even the Chief Constable of the PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) joined in. He said the voices of victims were not "sufficiently heard."

This is another sign we are dealing with a particularly incompetent government.

Part of the reason was that a populist campaign spooked the British Government. Some army veterans were alleging a 'legal witchhunt'. That was certainly whipped up. An example is a headline in the 'Daily

There was a shoot to kill strategy in Northern Ireland. Usually that was directed at people seen as IRA members. Often the victims had no IRA connections. Sometimes, strategy involved random shootings and bomb attacks to strike fear into the population, usually the Catholic population.

Express': "British Veterans Victory - Ending a witch-hunt of heroes". Another is the post on his website from Conservative MP Paul Bristow: 'Witch-hunt against veterans must end'.

That whipped up a section of the Conservative Party. Remember, the Party is facing the same problems as the American Republicans. The party membership is very far to the right.

Thus, there is no question. The British Government was bounced into passing a law without thinking it through.

However, the broad proposal suits the British Government.

Certainly, there were a few incidents that involved 'out of control' squaddies. There must even be questions about those who were 'out of control'. Why were these allowed to stay in the army? Why were they allowed to carry weapons? Were they 'out of control' because they had been pumped up by their commanders? In most cases, what happened was far more sinister. This was not a bunch of squaddies or constables in some barracks. This went to the top of the army, and to the British Cabinet.

There was a shoot to kill strategy. Usually that was directed at people seen as IRA members. Often the victims had no IRA connections. Sometimes, strategy involved random shootings and bomb attacks to strike fear into the population, usually the Catholic population.

In many cases, those at the top knew what was going on. In other cases, they turned blind eyes. Thus those at risk of prosecution aren't just aged and ageing ex-squaddies and ex-police.

That's why prosecutions don't just suit the British Government.

Since the Good Friday Agreement, several Republicans have faced charges for attacks before the ceasefires. With one exception, all had broken ties with Sinn Féin. They would have been broadly described as 'dissident'.

We are now a generation on from the IRA campaign. It is easy to paint it as a clear campaign against the military and police. The reality is more messy. In the 1970s there were bloody feuds with the Official IRA. Right to the end, the IRA was killing people they alleged were informers. They were also killing people they alleged were involved in criminality. There was penetration by the security services. Thus, at times, there was manipulation. That would also have to come out in court cases. It would be embarrassing in the extreme, thus creating difficulties.

The current situation is causing hurt for relatives.

Realistically, there are slim possibilities there will be prosecutions. That's because, in September, it will be 30 years since the ceasefires. At best, memories fade. They become unreliable. A significant number of witnesses will be either dead or infirm. A significant number of al-

leged perpetrators will also be dead or infirm.

That said, the slim chance gives families some hope. For many, even the recognition in principle they are owed justice is important. The British Government wanted to take that away.

Victims can, of course, find themselves in difficult situations. They have to be careful about seeming vengeful. It is possible for the victim to appear to be the perpetrator. They can seem to be pursuing old men for what was done many years ago. Some have handled the situation very well.

Last year, former soldier David Holden was convicted of manslaughter. Holden was guilty of the infamous killing of Aidan McAnespie at Aghnacloy in 1988. This was a clear-cut case. Aidan was walking down the road on his way to a football match. It was broad daylight. He had one arm as long as the other. The army was not under fire. There could be no confusion. In subsequent legal actions it came out police had wanted Holden charged at the time.

Last year, Holden received a three year suspended sentence. For a killing, that was extraordinarily lenient. In finding him guilty, the judge said: "In his evidence during the trial,



By Anton McCabe

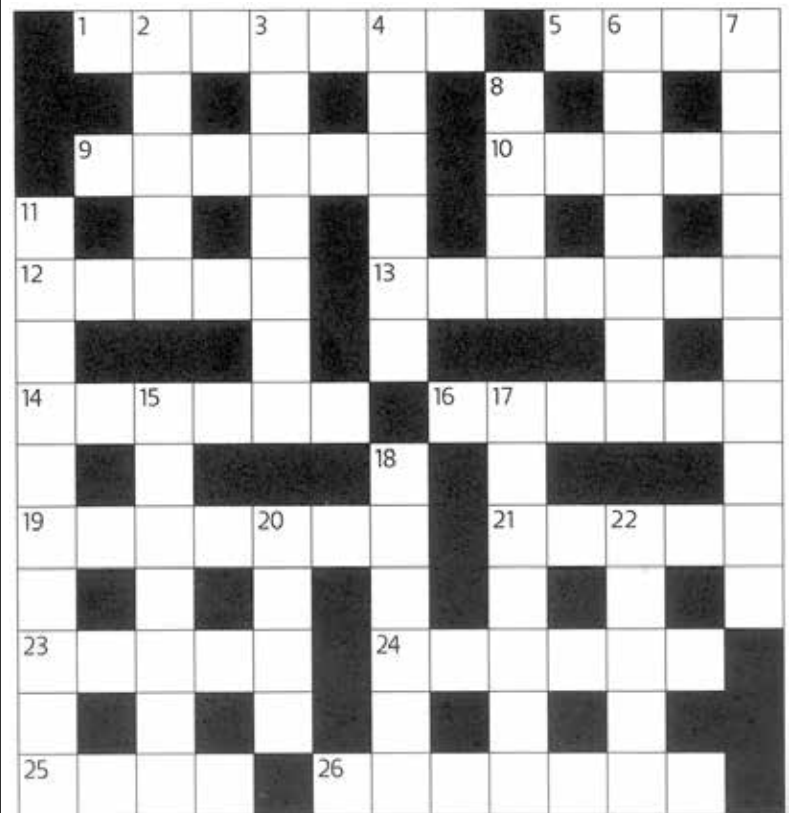
the defendant did not take the opportunity to express remorse. He could have done so, even in the context contesting the case. That would have been helpful... The defendant gave a dishonest explanation to the police and then to the court, to some limited degree that is an aggravating feature."

Foolishly, the Northern Ireland Veterans Movement denounced the suspended sentence as "extremely harsh".

The McAnespie family reacted as those of us who know them expected. Outside the Court they said they were happy Aidan was vindicated as completely innocent. They did not protest at the sentence.

Holden subsequently withdrew an appeal against conviction. The McAnespies held the moral high ground.

Tribune Crossword No. 1055



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- 1. Venetian boat (7)
- 5. Sphagnum (4)
- 9. Actress, ___ Stone (6)
- 10. Largest of the Greek Islands (5)
- 12. Musical play (5)
- 13. Get in touch with (7)
- 14. Proliferation (6)
- 16. Sheepdog (5)
- 19. Carelessness (7)
- 21. Cringe (5)
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- 24. You've Been ___, TV video show (6)

25. Actor, ___ Ladd (4)

- 26. Ruth ___, crime writer (7)

Down

- 2. Yellowish-gold (5)
- 3. Sleeping (7)
- 4. Madness (6)
- 6. On the whole (7)
- 7. Lover (10)
- 8. Survey (4)
- 11. Blue-veined cheese (10)
- 15. Sheer, stiff fabric (7)
- 18. Smother (6)
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- 22. Revolver? (5)

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Across 1. Poached, 4. Cove, 7. Treacle, 8. Wheat 9. Peseta, 12. Portrait, 15. Enormous, 17. Hurdle, 18. Lapel, 21. America, 22. Fussy, 23. Diverse. Down 1. Postpone, 2. Carpet, 3. Dick, 4. Chew, 5. Veteran, 6. Tent, 10. Apron, 11. Fresh, 13. Tiresome, 14. Compass, 16. Creche, 18. Loaf, 19. Lady, 20. Lend.

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Cllr. Pauric McGarvey - honoured to serve the community

It's been just over a year since Pauric McGarvey (*right*) replaced his uncle, Ian, as a Councillor for the Milford Electoral Area and he says it's been a busy time, many challenges and meeting great people.

He told the Tribune: "My priorities are to serve the community and to help to lobby on their behalf and it is very rewarding to help them out. It gives me a great sense of pride to be able to help people find solutions that improve their quality of life."

He said: "All three Members in Milford work well together to deliver for the community and I'm very proud to be part of that team."

One of my first tasks was to try and find a solution to traffic management on the Bridge End, Ramelton. Ian and others have also been trying for a solution for many years. However, despite our lobbying, the Council is constrained in installing ramps or other measures. Technically and legally, this is a regional road and ramps are illegal. If only it was that simple it would have happened thirty years ago. We have to find some alternative safety measures and it's an ongoing search.

Since becoming a Councillor - I have come to realise that this role empowers me to represent you, the electorate. I have done my best to serve the people and hope to continue doing so because it is a great honour to lobby on your behalf. Much of that work is done quietly without any public attention and in that way, it encourages people to come to me knowing that they can trust me in confidence. It gives me a sense of privilege to serve you and while I have been busy, do not hesitate to contact me because I am there to help resolve your issues.

Following the co-option of my seat to the Donegal County Council from my uncle Ian McGarvey just a short year ago on the 13th of February. I made a commitment to the people



that Ian represented for 18 years on the Council and many years before that I would continue in his footsteps and work hard for the people of the Milford Electoral area as an independent Councillor.

Since then I have had many achievements in this role, some having been harder than others but nevertheless, I say to myself many's the night that it's a great feeling going to bed knowing you have made a difference to someone's life. By helping them I have realised the importance and need for a Councillor in the area which I represent and the reliance and trust that people put in me for help and I'm privileged to be part of that community. I see this as true participation and we all to need to work hard to get these issues resolved.

As a Councillor I now realise that this role has empowered me to serve the people and every conversation, phone call and email I have received in the past year, each issue that came my way has been very different and I've done my best to be a part of the answer.

I have learned a lot about the running of the Donegal County Council, dealing with Irish Water, The HSE - from social workers, Public Health, Nurses, Doctors, Bus Eireann, Medical Cards, Occupational Therapists, The Passport Office, Dept of Social Welfare, Tusla & Solas to name a few. The contacts and the people I have been networking with this past year has been extraordinary and I hope to continue to build on this relationship so I can continue to work for the electorate.

The funding that I have provided to the Community Sports clubs and Community groups through the DFI fund and Members development fund is past year, I know has been a great help to these groups and volunteers - because I know without these sports facilities, community groups, our communities wouldn't be the same without them and the importance to provide opportunities for people to develop friendships, interact with others and become part of a great team but also to promote their physical and mental strength and well being.

The housing crisis is a huge problem for all Councillors and it is causing much hardship - high and rising rents, shortage of social housing, red tape around SI housing and the difficulty people face in getting mortgages due to high house prices.

I have been working on many different housing cases and have seen firsthand the problem. I want to continue working for you to help you with the issues that you are faced with in your daily lives.

Donegal County Council must act and deliver housing in the Milford electoral area, it's far too long now since a house has been built by the council in the Milford Electoral area, I have been working and helping the Council to find potential sites for social developments.

I have asked that they launch a media campaign

40th Wedding Anniversary



Mary and Eamon Patterson
Married on 10th March 1984
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to put it out there that they are looking for land for social housing.

Over the past year, I have been working hard on our local road improvements and issues that the people have brought to my attention. And it's obvious that much more funding is needed.

It is our role as Councillors to work with the Executive in Lifford to lobby government agencies to deliver for Donegal.

Our roads structure is weak and until more funding is delivered progress will not be made. I will not make any false promises that I cannot deliver on but I can offer you my fullest level of support and my respect for your needs.

Married to Mari Clare who is a beautician in Ramelton, they have a family of three. Pauric is the youngest of eight children, born to the late Norman McGarvey and Brid in Craig, Rathmullan. He will soon move back home and from there he shall concentrate on his employment at Kernans in Moorefield Ramelton and obviously get out on the doorsteps around the area meeting the electorate and he will be delighted to help you with the everyday demands and issues that confront all public representatives.

Ramelton

Tidy Towns

Ramelton Tidy Town are holding an approach road clean up on Thursday 7th March at 10.00am. Gloves, vests and pickers will be provided. Meet at Market Cross.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 9th March. There is a lot of activity this month of March with Mother's Day on the 10th, why not celebrate with Afternoon Tea, get your home baked cakes and treats at our market by ordering in advance on 087 9699715.

St Patrick's Day and Easter also this month make sure to enter our kids Easter Bonnet competition you could win an easter egg. Visit the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts.

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Jive with Paul

Paul McCahill is holding Jiving Classes in the Ramelton Community Centre every Wednesday night from 8pm to 9.30pm. Learn to jive, waltz, foxtrot and line dance with Paul and his team. Admission is €8 for Adults and €5 for children and all welcome.

St. Patrick's Dance

The Annual St. Patrick's Dance in the Milford Hall is being held on Saturday 16th at 9pm. Music is by Martin Duggan and John Cannon, so a lively night is guaranteed. This year the dance is in aid of Donegal Downs Syndrome Association. Tickets are €10 and this includes entry for the prize draw. Refreshments will be served. So get your dancing shoes on

and enjoy the craic.

Kerrykeel Parade

The annual St Patrick's Day Parade on again this year in Kerrykeel. It will be starting at 3 o'clock with live music after the parade and everyone is invited.

Ramelton SVP

As the cost of living crisis continues, many families will face impossible choices this winter. If you are in need of support, contact Ramelton SVP in confidence.

Crochet and knitting craft group

Crochet and knitting craft group has begun again and continues every Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre behind the chapel. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your current project or start something new. Enjoy the craic

Meehan Calls for Road Safety in Ramelton



Declan Meehan at Bridgend Ramelton.

Declan Meehan has called on Donegal County Council to act with urgency to address concerns of residents regarding road safety at Bridge End in Ramelton.

"This is an issue that has been going on for years" Meehan said. "A number of residents have raised this issue with me again and I have been engaging with the Council to encourage them to address the issues at Bridge End once and for all." The concerns relate to the speed cars come into the town at as they come down the hill into Ramelton from Coylein Court towards the Bridge. "There have been five accidents on this stretch of road in the past year alone and thankfully there have been no major injuries or fatalities, but it

could only be a matter of time if something isn't done" Meehan said. "Any traffic calming measures on this hill would be of huge benefit to the local community - to pedestrians and drivers alike. I would like to see a radar speed recognition sign on the hill itself so drivers can realise if they are coming in too quickly to the town, along with a raised pedestrian crossing at the bottom of the steps from Coylein Court to cross the road before the bridge itself."

Meehan was in contact with the Council again last week on this issue where he was told a Road Safety funding application was being prepared for submission again this year, after being refused in 2022.

company and a cuppa. All queries to Myrtle on 0876825387.

Community Games registrations

Registrations for the Ramelton Community Games will take place on Thursday 21st March. The venue will be the Community Centre at 6.15p.m.

All children who wish to participate in this year's games must register on this date. Parents need to accompany their children.

Swilly Rovers lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto were 1, 20, 22, 23. No jackpot winners. No 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €1500.

Time running out to get Church tickets

St. Mary's Church, Ramelton

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Draw will take place on Monday 18th March 2024

at the Bazaar in the Town Hall, Ramelton from 3-6pm.

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St. Mary's Church in Ramelton St. Patrick's Day Draw has four great prizes to be won. First prize is 500Ltrs of Heating Oil and then there are three prizes of €500 in cash. Tickets are now on sale at €5 and are available at the Church and in McFadden's Shop at Gamble's Square.

The draw will take place on Monday the 18th of March at the Bazaar in the Ramelton Town Hall from 3 to 6pm and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the craic. There will be all the usual stalls and hopefully the Rickety Wheel will get rolled out for the afternoon!

All proceeds are in aid of Church Funds and the organisers wish to thank their sponsors, Hugh Whoriskey, Lennon Lodge, Purty House, Bridge Bar, Shore Road Autos, Joe McDaid, Eunan Gormley, Paul Durning, Tom Murray, McFadden Minibus Hire, Tirconail Tribune, Kernan's Spar, Dunworth's Cafe, Brian Callaghan, Paddy Tinney, Dr. Cuffe, Dr. Hanley and Fr. Carney.

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Easter Monday Muckish Railway walk

Dunfanaghy Youths FC are hosting a special Easter Monday. 5km Muckish Railway Walk in Creeslough on The event will help raise funds in aid of Men-

tal Health Ireland and Jigsaw Donegal. The newly developed walkways at Muckish are the perfect backdrop for the event that is suitable for all ages and takes place on flat tarmacadamed pathways. Registration takes place at 10.30am at the car park of Muckish Sand and Gravel and the walk gets underway at 11am.

The event is to help encourage people to connect, chat and walk in nature while raising money for two fantastic mental health charities. All are welcome.

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Locally linked man in US autopsy mix up

There has been widespread shock after the remains of a man with strong Letterkenny connections who died tragically in the US in 2022, were wrongly cremated following a mix up in his identity. Luke Comiskey, 31, of Rathfarnham, Dublin (pictured right) hails from a family with strong roots in Letterkenny who formerly ran a business in the town, died from a drug overdose along with his friend 30-year-old Kane Mitchell in Florida in April 26th, 2022. The men died after taking fentanyl-laced drugs and were found at their apartment in Pinellas Park, St Petersburg, Florida by their employer after they failed to report for work. Now it has emerged that the bodies of the two men were mixed in a Florida Medical Examiner's Office prior to their remains being returned to the families in Ireland. As a result Mr Kane was laid to rest in the Chomiskey family plot while Luke Comiskey's remains were cremated, the opposite of their family wishes following their tragic deaths. A man has since been charged in relation to their deaths.



It has been reported on CNN in the US that the men's families first raised concerns in August 2022 when they noticed discrepancies in their autopsy reports they had been sent. The news outlet then made a request for information under 'open record law' that confirmed the mix up took place. Director of Investigations for the District Six Medical Examiner's Office, William Pellán, said that the men were correctly identified

originally, but the error was likely to have occurred when their identification tags were "crossed up" in subsequent labeling. In a letter to the Irish consulate general in Atlanta obtained by CNN stated: "This very unfortunate mistake resulted in reports of the autopsy being produced with the wrong decedent name, but more significantly, the descendants being released from the medical examiner's office with the wrong identity affixed to the identification labels". It continued: "Our office is very remorseful about the tragedy of this situation." Mr. Pellán also stated that both families were informed that any cost associated with this "very unfortunate chain of events" would be covered by their office. A toxicology report detailed the men died from fentanyl toxicity following the overdose. A man has appeared in court in the US this week charged on two counts of first-degree murder in connection with deaths.

Tribute night for Hugh McLean



Martin Orr, Tom McBreaty and Eddie Gallagher.



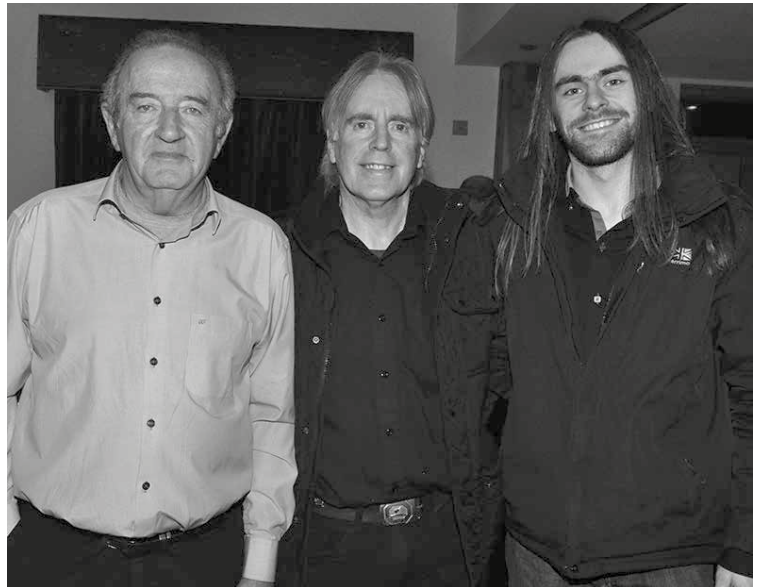
The Station House in Letterkenny was the venue on Monday night for a fitting tribute to the legendary entertainer Hugh McLean who sadly passed away at the end of January. Fellow musicians and fans came together for a night of songs and stories in memory of a man who became a full-time musician in the mid-1960s. Last year an anniversary event to mark Hugh McLean's sixty years in the entertainment circuit was held in the Station House. Pictured are Daniel McAteer, Percy Robinson, Hugh McLean and Dessie Crerand.



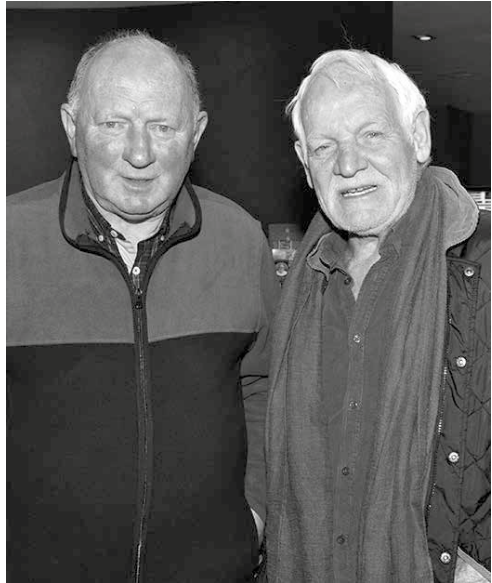
Paddy Delap and friends at the tribute night.



Paddy Shiels.



Musicians at the tribute night.



Sean McAteer with Brendan Quinn.



The McElwaine group



Michael and Mary Whoriskey.



Robert and Sue McGlynn and friends.



Evelyn O'Donnell with friends at the night.

Extension granted after Rathmullan planning appeal

A planning appeal lodged with An Bord Pleanála for an extension to a Rathmullan holiday home has been granted with revised conditions. Donegal County Council granted conditional planning permission to Letitia McElholm for the construction of a dormer extension and elevational amendments to existing holiday home at Salt-pans, Rathmullan on April 20th, 2023. A planning appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanála on May 15th, 2024 by Colm and Róisín Byrne of The Lakehouse, Carrickwood, Lough Ennell, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Among the grounds of appeal claimed the applicant failed to submit a compliant application, erected only one site

notice adjoining the public road, and the applicant "created the mistaken impression that the land marked in red are the only lands in the applicants' ownership". The inspectors report detailed "A substantive element of the subject appeal relates to and revolves around a boundary dispute, which appears to be ongoing for a considerable time period. The issue of right of way is also raised." The planning authority directed: "Having regard to the scale, form and design of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously

injure the visual amenities of the area or the residential amenities of property in the vicinity. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area." It listed two conditions including that the development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged, except where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority. Also, that Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Planning sought for new sport store

A well-known sports retail business is looking for permission to redevelop the former Argos Store in Letterkenny. John David Sports Fashion (Ireland) have applied to Donegal County Council to allow alterations to the shop frontage at unit 11/12 Letterkenny Retail Park

which was formerly an Argos outlet. It seeks to include the development of new replacement shopfront signage, the installation of a second shop front entrance at the southern canopy location, the installation of new internal glass

fixed signage, the installation of internally illuminated fascia panels and the installation of an internal security shutter and all other associated shopfront development works at Letterkenny Retail Park, Paddy Harte Road, Letterkenny.

Funeral of Joan Ward
The funeral took place on Monday of Joan Ward, Larganreagh, Downings. Aged 64 Joan was a well known member of the local community where she was the Postmistress for many years after taking over from Dan Logue. Joan had started her working career in catering at the Rosapenna Hotel where she was a pastry chef. From there she went to work for Dan Logue in the Downings Post Office. After she retired Joan did a lot of temporary work in a number of local Post Offices including Falcarragh, Dunfanaghy, Creeslough and Carrigart. Along with family members she was a very active member of the church choir in Carrigart. Joan passed away on Friday at the Donegal Hospice. Remains reposed at her residence in Larganreagh for waking. Funeral was from there on Monday going to the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart for Requiem Mass where the celebrants were Fr. Pat Davis and Fr. John Joe Duffy. Interment took place in the adjoining cemetery where Fr. Davis officiated. Joan was predeceased by her parents, Colm and Agnes, and brother Brian. She is survived by her brothers Kevin (Cath) and Dermot (retired An Garda Síochána) and sister Maureen; nieces

Caitriona, Sarah, Angela, her grandnieces and grandnephew along with a wide circle of extended family and friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Samuel Kelso



The death occurred on Sunday at the Donegal Hospice of Samuel Kelso, Kill-y-clug, Letterkenny. Aged 86, SJ was well known in the local community especially in farming circles. SJ is survived by his wife May; daughters Pauline (Róbert) and Anna-Maria (Owen), son Samuel (Karen); grand-

children Stephen, Christopher, Natalie, Mathew, Holly and Harry and by great grandchildren Marlow and Isla. The Funeral Service took place in the family home on Wednesday afternoon with burial taking place afterwards to Gortlee Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Martha Woods

The death occurred on Saturday of Martha Woods (née Byrne), Eskra, Omagh, Tyrone / Swords, Dublin and Letterkenny. Martha passed away peacefully at her home. She was predeceased by her husband Packie, son Michael; brothers Philip, John, Alec, Frank and her sister Mary McHugh. Martha is survived by her sons PJ, Seamus (Paula), Gerald (Paula), daughters Mary Smith (Paul), Margaret Harrington (John) and Carmel Kelly (Martin); sixteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Sadie McMenamin, Rev Sister Mary-Joseph and Kathleen Doherty. The remains of the late Mrs Woods reposed at the family residence on Saturday and Sunday. Requiem Mass took place on Monday in St. Patrick's Church, Eskra followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.



Leader of Aontú Peadar Tóibín with Liam Mulligan and Party local election candidates Mick Harkin and Mary T Sweeney at a Public Meeting in Dillons Hotel on Monday night.



Mevagh News

Project Administrator - Mevagh FRC is seeking to recruit a Project Administrator who will be responsible for controlling and monitoring the overall financial expenditure of the project and organise the administration of its service. The post is 35 hours per week. For job description and application form please email: mfr-recruitment@gmail.com Shortlisting criteria will apply. Closing date for applications is: Friday 15th March at 12noon. Applications will only be accepted on the official application form. C.V.s will not be accepted. **Genealogy** - commencing Wednesday 13 March from 2-4pm this course will run for 8 weeks and cost is €60. Content includes the study of families, family history, and the tracing of their lineages. If you want to research your own ancestry, you need to know the names of some of your grandparents and where they lived in 1911. Call the centre on 074 9155055 or email info@mevagh-frc.com.

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More awards for Letterkenny editor

Letterkenny film editor, Michael Harte, has been nominated for two awards for his work on two major productions. Michael, the son of Jimmy and Mary Harte, was nominated in two categories at the 74th annual ACE Eddie awards for his editing work on the Netflix documentary 'Beckham', as well as his work on Still: A Michael J Fox Movie. These latest nominations come after

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a string of success for the Letterkenny man including an Emmy award Outstanding Picture Editing For A Nonfiction Program for his work in 'Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie' in January and an array of other awards for his impressive editing work.

# Donegal's only hermit died climbing Errigal - Inquest

Donegal's only religious hermit died from a cardiac arrest while attempting to climb Errigal, an inquest has heard. Letterkenny Coroners Court heard 90-year-old Myles Gallagher, late of Baltoney, Gortahork, was found by members of Donegal Mountain Rescue Team on December 3rd, 2022 after he was reported missing. It was determined he died from a cardiac arrest and hypothermia. The late Mr. Gallagher was well-known for his devotion to prayer having lived an extraordinary life including being Donegal's only hermit after being approved by the late Bishop of Raphoe Dr. Seamus Hegarty in 1992. His inquest heard how on December 2nd, 2022 at around 2.15pm Mr. Gallagher called into a shop in Falcarragh owned by his nephew, Seamus McGee. He asked Mr. McGee if he could drive him to Errigal as he wanted to climb the mountain but Mr. McGee refused. Mr. McGee said he heard later that day that Mr. Gallagher had contacted another person, Patrick McMenamin, who had taken him to Dunlewey close to Errigal after saying he wanted to visit some people living there. Mr. McMenamin said he had not noticed anything unusual about Mr. Gallagher on the day and that they had spoken about a number of things on the journey. Mr. Gallagher asked to be left off at the 'old church' in Dunlewey but did not mention that he had planned to climb the mountain as he knew he would tell Mr. McGee. Seamus McGee then became concerned later that day and called to his uncle's home but he wasn't there. He then contacted Gardai that afternoon to report him missing. After waiting though the night at 4.30am the following morning he was informed a body had been found on the hillside by the Done-

gal Mountain Rescue Team. The inquest heard that Gardai had contacted the Malin head Coastguard Rescue who had scrambled the Rescue 118 helicopter from Sli-go to the scene. Lee Boyd of the Donegal Mountain Rescue Team confirmed that a body was located on the mountain by the Rescue 118 team at 3.31am and that there was no sign of any heat signatures from the body. At 4.10am members of the DMRT located his remains. Garda Mark O'Sullivan of Milford Garda Station outlined the events of the day leading to Mr. Gallagher's disappearance and the emergency services' response to the incident. He detailed the deceased's remains were found approximately 15 metres off the pathway some distance from the mountain top. He had various injuries to his body and that his hands were clasps around his chest. He was removed from the scene and Advanced Paramedic Adrian McGeehan pronounced Mr. Gallagher dead. Garda Superintendent Michael Finnan confirmed the death was not suspicious and Seamus McGee formally identified the body at the mortuary at Letterkenny University Hospital. Pathologist Dr. Gerry O'Dowd gave evidence Mr. Gallagher had suffered a number of abrasions which were most likely from a fall. Further investigations showed he suffered from high blood pressure and signs of heart disease which pointed to a cardiac event on the mountain. Coroner Dr. Denis McCauley said he was satisfied that death was due to cardiac arrest as a result of acute ischemic event in association with hypothermia and recorded a verdict of misadventure. Dr. McCauley and Garda Sergeant Fergus McGroary both extended their sympathies to the members of Mr. Gallagher's family who were present at the inquest.

# Milford

## 50/50 Draw on Sunday

The Milford United February 50/50 Draw will take place on Sunday 10th March in the Hi-da-way Bar at 7pm. for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can 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 Over 65's Group

The group thoroughly enjoyed a delicious lunch last Friday in the Silver Tassie Hotel. Thank you to all the staff for your kindness and hospitality. We will be meeting again this Friday as normal at 11am. This group is open to both men and women and everyone is welcome.

## Bake Day

Swilly Mulroy Credit Union are holding their Great Irish Bake Day and Member Appreciation Day again this year on Friday the 22nd of March in their Kerrykeel office. Everyone is invited to come along and there will be more details next week.

## St. Patrick's Dance

The annual St. Patrick's Eve Dance will take place in the Milford Hall on Saturday 16th March from 9.00pm - 11.30am. Music is by Martin Duggan and John Cannon. Tickets are price at €10 which included prize draw entry and refreshments served. All proceeds are in aid of Donegal Down Syndrome.

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## 40 Years of Milford Playgroup

Milford Community Playgroup extends a heartfelt invitation to all members of Milford Community to join them in celebrating a significant milestone - 40 years of Milford Community Playgroup on Tuesday, 12th March at 7pm at the Milford Community Playgroup, Unit 1, Forquar, Milford. For further information, please contact Jackie on 086 3818943.

## Milford United

Milford United senior team travelled to Castlefin Celtic on Sunday last in the league and came home with a point in a 2-2 draw, with goals from Jonny Logue and Cathal McGettigan. Their next game in the league is at home to St. Catherine's FC, Killybegs on Sunday 24th March at Moyle View Park at 1pm.

## Good Friday Golan Pad Walk

The annual Good Friday Golan Pad Walk will take place this Friday 29th March, meeting on Market Square at 5.30pm. There will be refreshments at the halfway point at Golan Chapel, as usual. There are collection buckets around Milford for donations and donations will also be accepted on the day at the starting point and at Golan Chapel. All are welcome! The event is again organised by the Milford Tidy Towns and Milford Care of the Aged, all money raised will be split between a chosen charity of the two groups.

## Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society next outing will take place on the Old Tom Morris Links at Rosapenna on Saturday 23rd March. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

## Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows Sunday 7th April Mr. Eric Borland.

## Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 28th July at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 4th August 2024 at 3pm.

## Confirmations

Confirmations 2024 will take place in the parish on Saturday 20th April for pupils at Scoil Mhuire, Milford, Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel and Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman.

First Holy Communion in the parish will take place on Saturday 27th April for pupils at Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel, Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman and Scoil Mhuire, Milford.

## Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford this week are Thursday 7th March 10.00am, Friday 8th March 10.00am; Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm; Sunday 10th March at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 9th March at 6pm.

## Party Bookings at Gallowglass

The Gallowglass Community Centre is available for birthday party bookings on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as early evenings during the week. Contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

## Gallowglass Centre Activities

Baby & Toddler Group is on every Monday morning at 10am. €2 per family and everyone is welcome, whether they are parents, grandparents, carers or minders.

Games Night takes place every Monday evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm. Attendance is free and all ages are welcome. A great way to spend an evening.

Kids Crochet Classes take place on Tuesdays from 5.30pm-7pm. €30 per child for 4 weeks.

Line Dancing is back on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm. €5 per person.

Pilates takes place on Wednesday mornings at 7am. Contact Claire on 08779515601 for more information. Block bookings or pay as you go available.

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16.1km distance. John Whoriskey, ran 61.15 averaging 3.48/ km. a good early season opener. George Grier ran well to run 62.08, averaging 3.51/ km.

Barry Coyle maintained the Ramelton charge running 63.53 averaging 3.58/km. Stephen Devlin put in a good shift as he prepares for the London Marathon, running 64.10, averaging 3.59/ km.

Danny McLaughlin is returning to form after a winter of training indoors on the treadmill, the Ramelton man ran 68.06, averaging 4.14/km.

Fellow Ramelton man, Curly Coyle ran 70.03, averaging 4.20/km.

A great debut performance from new club female recruit, Karen McAteer, the Kerrykeel woman powered through the distance, running through 10km in a pb of 49.00 minutes and maintaining it through the latter windy sections to finish in a pb of 1.20.27, averaging 4.59/km.

Nancy McNamee ran 1.28.58, averaging 5.31/ km. Fiona Blaney, Debbie Houston and Kate Begley ran around together encouraging each other and finished together in 1.41.40, averaging, 6.18/ km.

In the Toyoko Marathon on Sunday morning, Paddy Ryan's sister, Bernie Donnelly (nee Ryan) ran 3.20.10, averaging 4.44/ km. Her time now qualifies her for the Boston Marathon.



Loreto Community School, Milford U17 soccer team who've qualified for the Ulster Schools Final following their victory over Deele College 2-0 in Wednesday afternoon semi-final played at Letterkenny Community Centre Astro. Both goals were scored by Conor Gibson. They will face Abbey VS, Donegal Town in next week's Ulster final.

## Mevagh First Responders call for volunteers

Mevagh First Responders have issued an urgent appeal for new volunteers to help keep their potentially life saving work within the community.

They are a group trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and who attend

anyone with the locality in need of CPR. A spokesperson for the group said: "Mevagh First Responders are really short of volunteers and, truly if we don't get more, the Mevagh CFR group will cease to exist!"

They cover the Mevagh area including Carrigart, Downings and Glen. They say they are looking to hear from anyone interested in undertaking the training and joining the group to help keep the group in the locality.

## Milford AC News

The Bundoran 10mile race event on Saturday morning after Marty Lynch finished 5th in 16.49 in the 5km event on Friday evening.

On a cold, wet and windy Saturday morning it was another Ramelton man who led the club charge of 11 athletes taking part in the popular 10mile/



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## Good Friday Golan Pad Walk

The annual Good Friday Golan Pad Walk will take place this Friday 29th March, meet-

ing on Market Square at 5.30pm. There will be refreshments at the halfway point at Golan Chapel, as usual. There are collection buckets around Milford for donations and donations will also be accepted on the day at the starting point and at Golan Chapel. All are welcome! The event is again organised by the Milford Tidy Towns and Milford Care of the Aged, all money raised will be split between a chosen charity of the two groups.



Three Milford Utd club players Megan McGinley, Aoife Kilpatrick and Leanne Gordon played their part in a victory at the weekend for the Donegal 2011 girls team who defeated the Midlands Today 3-1 after extra time.



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The Telltale Tree

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

They say that today's news is tomorrow's fish and chip paper. Last week's events in the High Court suggest otherwise. Kamila Grabska, a 36-year-old Ennis woman, was seeking damages after being involved in a car accident seven years ago. Ms Grabska painted a sorry picture: she was experiencing constant pain and had injuries so debilitating that she had to give up work. Grabska told one medical expert that she had discomfort lifting shopping and reaching overhead, had difficulty sleeping, and could not kick a ball or swim with her children. To account for this misery she was reportedly seeking an eye-watering €760,000 in damages.

That's when a long forgotten news piece made its explosive appearance. Back in January 2018 (11 months after the accident), the Irish Independent published a rather whimsical item about a Christmas tree throwing competition in Ennis. Competitors were required to lift a 5 foot spruce (no mean feat) and hurl it as far as they possibly could. This whimsical piece was illustrated by an action shot of the winning woman midway through her rather impressive throw. The name of this triumphant competitor? Kamila Grabska! One day she was literally throwing a tree, two days later she was telling a medical expert about her discomfort when lifting heavy

shopping. Six years on and Grabska had got away with it... until last week when the photo that had been lingering in obscurity for six years exploded like a bombshell. Not only has her case been tossed out like a 5 foot tree, but she's a laughing stock, not just in Ennis but all across the world. If only she'd heeded Numbers 32:23 - "be sure your sin will find you out". That verse and many others in the Bible tell us something about the nature of sin. It entices us with the earnest promise that no-one needs to find out but it has a habit of springing from from its hiding place at the most inopportune time. How many times has this been borne out as murky

pornographic habits or clandestine extra-marital encounters have suddenly been exposed? Sin promises utter secrecy but gleefully betrays those in its snare. God's word also tells us that we too will have our day in court. It's may be possible to hoodwink a High Court judge, but the judge of all the world uncovers even our most buried sins. Yet remarkably the judge who can't be hoodwinked provides the way of escape that we don't deserve. If we ask his son Jesus to deal with our sins, we can have the absolute confidence that he has endured the verdict we deserve and that those sins won't come back to bite us in the courtroom of heaven. For those who are trusting in this God-given way of forgive-

ness, Ms Grabska's case should lead us to breathe a hearty sigh of relief. For those who are trying to get off the hook in any other way, her case should send a shiver down our spines.

First 2024 winner for McAteer

Rathmullan jockey Luke McAteer rode a winner on his first ride of 2024 when teaming up with his

great ally Barry Fitzgerald to land the six-furlong maiden on 11/2 chance Genesis at Dundalk on Friday. Owned and bred by Michael and Ruth Foley, the three-year-old made almost all the running to win by two lengths. The winner's half-brother Dandy Warhol won the same race, again with McAteer in the saddle, two years ago.



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



Cranford AC Boys U13 who won Bronze Medals at the Ulster and NI Indoor Championships in Abbotstown Co Dublin last weekend. Tarlach Duggan, Ben McGee, Matthew Giles, Oisín McHugh and Roan Ladley.



Ben McGee, Caolan McFadden who won Gold in 800m and Silver in 1500m, Matthew Giles, Michael Moore who won 800m with Eamon Giles.

Cranford AC at Ulster Indoors

Cranford AC had five young athletes racing on Saturday. Charlie Rogers and Faolan Caldwell competed first in the U12 category. Charlie had a fantastic race in the 600 metres, placing third. Congratulations, Charlie. Faolan competed in three events, placing third in the high jump and placing highly in the long jump and 60M sprint. Oisín McBride, competing in the 800M, Under-14 race, was the next to go. He led from the start and won the race with seemingly no effort. Olivia Curran and Orlaith Muffitt, who were competing in the U14 division, were our final two ladies of the day. Olivia had a great time in the 60M race and also placed fourth in the long jump, setting a new personal best. Orlaith also performed admirably. Orlaith was participating for the first time for Cranford AC.

competed in the 600M race first. Both boys performed admirably, with Ben placing fourth. Michael Moore, our U17, came next, finishing first in the 800M with a new personal best and a great run. Michael had a good run in the Under 17 1500M as well. Caolan McFadden, our U18, won the 800M event and had a great run. He also placed second in the 1500M race. The last event of the day was the relays U15, which are usually very exciting. Congratulations to Tarlach Duggan, Ben McGee, Matthew Giles, Roan Ladley, and Oisín McHugh. They all ran very well and earned themselves third place.

As always, thanks to the coaches for their dedication and the parents who came to support all the kids. The Nationals, which take place in Athlone on April 6th and 7th of April is our next outing.

Day 2
Our U13 boys, Matthew Giles and Ben McGee,

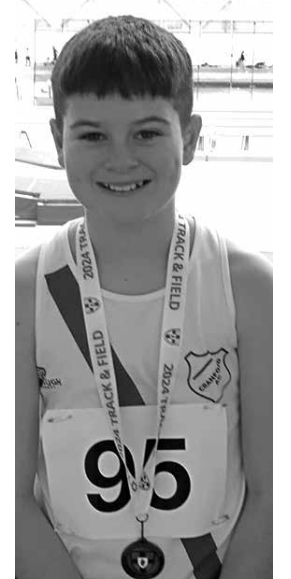


Right - Matthew Giles who won a Bronze in the U13 60m.

Left - Orlaith Muffitt and Olivia Curran both who competed at the indoor championships.

Below right - Faolan Caldwell 3rd In the High Jump U12 and Oisín McBride Ulster Champion 800m U 14.

Below left - Charlie Rogers who won a Bronze Medal in the boys U12 600m with proud parents Lorna and Eamon.



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Completed application forms can be submitted by email to: sportsbursary@donegalcoco.ie or post to: Sports Bursary Awards, Community Development Division, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, Co. Donegal.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 1pm Friday 5th April 2024. Applications received after this time/date will be deemed ineligible.

Cooler Water repairs

Aaron Sweeney the Fine Gael candidate for Milford, has welcomed an announcement that leakage repair works are to take place in the Cranford area.

He commented: "It has been confirmed that Cooler Upper will benefit from Uisce Éireann's Leakage Reduction Programme promising a reliable water supply with works due imminently" They are replacing approximately 2km of damaged water mains in Cooler Upper that are prone to frequent bursts and leakage.

The works were temporarily postponed late last year but are now due to commence shortly, with an expected completion date of late summer 2024. Once completed, customers in this area will enjoy an improved water supply with less disruption.

Mr Sweeney also added "These works and repairs are long overdue but they are essential to ensuring the community has a sufficient and lasting water supply and will benefit many within the wider Cooler Cranford locality."

Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards

Applications are being invited for the Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme 2024. The Scheme is offering 25 Project awards of €2,000 each to projects that encourage cooperation and collaboration between communities and heritage specialists, artists, culture professionals and/or creative industries to preserve, conserve, research, practice, exhibit, perform, instruct, engage, enhance, promote or address an aspect of the material or non-material culture in an original, imaginative or creative way. Community groups and individuals may apply for funding for a project that addresses culture, heritage, arts or creative industries. The Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme 2024 promotes collaboration

and fosters creativity as envisaged in the Creative Ireland programme. Creative Ireland is a culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national well-being. Local Authorities across the country, including Donegal County Council, are working in partnership with Creative Ireland to deliver Pillar 2 of the Creative Ireland programme that aims to 'Enable Creativity in Every Community'.

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Medals galore for LAC juveniles

A great weekend of athletics at the Indoor Ulster Championship in the National Arena Blanchardstown. Letterkenny Athletic Club had a strong group of athletes participate across all ages from U12 to U19. They competed in a range of track and field events and for some it was their first time competing at this level. There was a lot of fantastic performance, with multiple gold, silver and bronze medals won over the weekend.

Our u12 girls Aoibhinn Hegarty, Hayley Callaghan and Katie McDowell started the day all performing well in the 600m with Katie winning a silver medal. Isabella Galbraith did excellent to get out of her heat in the 60m qualifying for the final where she ran a strong race. The girls relay team of Isabella, Hayley, Aoibhinn and Katie claiming bronze in the 200m relay.

The U13's took home 12 medals in total with lots of PBs. The performance of the day went to Grace Martin who won the 60m hurdles. Darragh Duffy took silver in the 60m sprints and bronze in the long jump. Darragh McGuirk took silver in the long jump, achieving a new PB of 4.11m. James Davison claimed bronze in the high jump matching his PB of 1.2m. Reuben O'Domhnaill and Rachel O'Keefe got 1st and 2nd in their racewalks.

In the U14 there was a bronze medal for Paddy Haslette, a gold for Nina Nwankwo and bronze for Teagan Tshimbudzi in the long jump. In the high jump Adam McAuley got silver and Nina Nwankwo bronze. In the 60 hurdles Paddy Haslette won gold & Adam McAuley getting his second silver medal. In the 4 x 200m the boys, Oisin Cuskelly, Luke McClafferty, Ewan Summers, John Devlin and Adam McAuley, ran a brilliant race to take the 2nd place. The girls relay consisting of Nina Nwankwo, Emma Naughton,

Teagan Tshimbudzi, Casidhe Gorman and Olivia Galbraith also took silver.

Our u15 competitors included Caoimhe McGee, Kathryn Davison, Clodagh Gallagher, Ciara Cullen and Michael Hartigan. This was Michael's first indoor outing and ran a very steady race to finish 8th in the boys u15 800m. Clodagh Gallagher won silver medal following a clearance of 1.45m. She was closely followed home in what is a very competitive age group by her teammates Kathryn Davison and Ciara Cullen. Fellow u15 Caoimhe McGee competed very well in both shot put and long jump and helped her teammates Gallagher, Davison and Cullen to a bronze medal in the 4x200m relay and with it qualification for the nationals.

In the U16's, Sarah O'Keeney and Iona McGabhann competed in the Long jump, with Sarah finishing second with a jump of 4.74 and Iona gaining a PB. Leah O'Gara had a very strong walk storming home to claim gold. The U16 girls 4 by 200m relay team of Anya Duffy, Maeve Doherty, Leah O'Gara and Sarah O'Keeney finished 2nd. Daragh Naughton and Michael Donaghy competed in the 800m with them finishing 3rd and 4th. The boys U16 4 x 200m relay team of Harry McElwaine, Daragh Naughton, Brendan Ndamira and Michael Donaghy won gold.

U16's Maeve Doherty claimed gold in 60m hurdles with a PB of 9.71 and bronze in 60m sprint (8.37). Anya Duffy impressed with a bronze in 200m (PB 27.58) and stole the show with a gold in pole vault (PB 2.35m). Harry McElwaine secured silver in Long jump (5.59m) and 60m sprint (PB 7.47), then clinched gold in 200m (PB 23.94).

U17's Katie Elliot grabbed gold in High Jump (PB 1.60m) and silver in 60m sprint hurdles (PB

9.75). Erin Friel gold in 200m (PB 25.63) and silver in 60m sprint (7.92). Darragh McKinley got 2 Ulster medals with 1st in 400m and 3rd in the high jump. The U17 girls were crowned Ulster Champions in the 4x200 relay

U18 Nadiia Lypa reached the 60m final (4th place, 8.70) and raced 200m (29.90). Maia Fleming claimed the top spot in the 400m and Sarah Henry got second in the 1500m.

In the u19's Philip McGee ran a very impressive 1500m to claim the gold. Congratulations to all athletics, their parents and coaches for all their hard work over the last few months. This was highlighted over the weekend in the amazing results achieved by all athletes.



U12 girls Aoibhinn Hegarty, Hayley Callaghan, Katie McDowell and Isabella Galbraith



U14 girls - Olivia Galbraith, Emma Naughton, Nina Nwankwo, Teagan Tshimbudzi and Casidhe Gorman



U16's and U17's enjoying the Indoor Ulster Championship in National Indoor Arena Blanchardstown



LAC Athletes with their coach Kathryn McDevitt

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Fáilte roimh achán duine ar ais go dtí ár dtearmann féin, an áit ina dtig linn an samhlaíocht a úsáid agus sult a bhaint as bia agus cócaireacht. Mar is gnáth fosta béidh muid ag smaointiú go séasúrach ar an ábhar mar is é sin an aghaidh ceart a thabhairt air.



Labhair cúpla daoine liom i rith na seachtaine faoin GREMOLATA a rinne muid an seachtain seo uaidh thart. Bhí siad ag caint faoin boladh spéisialta atá air, eadar líomóide agus peirsil úr. Bigí cinnte triall a bhaint as mar tá sé ní amháin blasta ach simplí agus gasta a dhéanamh. Agus fosta tabhairfadh sé seo uilig seans dúinn labhairt agus níos mó a fháil amach faoi na hanlainn glasanna a thagann ó áiteanna eile agus atá foirfe le snas a chuir ar bhéilí éagsúla.

Ar an liosta usal seo tá CHIMICHURRI ann, an-lann galánta a thagann ón Airgintín agus an Bhrasail. Fosta tá CHERMOULA a thagann ón Aifric Thuaidh, agus atá go hiontach spéisialta ar fad, agus, arís, oibríonn sé go mór mór le sicín agus glasraí rósta.

Úsáidtear iad uilig mar an gcéanna - mar dipín nó mias tionlachán le spréigh ar gach sort feoil rósta nó iasc nó glasraí rósta. Má théann tú go dtí na seilfeanna sna hollmhar-gaí chífídh tú na meascáin seo uilig le fáil in aice leis an bia coimhthíoch, agus béidh luach ard orthu, ach níl siad úr agus tagann siad i bpróca beag. Má dhéanann tú féin iad béidh siad úr agus só-bhlasta agus béidh tú bróidiúil asat féin agus béidh iontas ar do aois.

Tá mé ag cuir béim ar úsáid a bhaint as na hanlainn seo mar bhlastán ar an béile nó mar mhias tionlacain leis. Níl cócaireacht ar bith de dhíth ach oiread. Má tá fulacht nó beárbaiciú agat, déan meascán deas dóibh agus cuir iad amach le chéile agus béidh daoine ábalta iad uilig a blaiseadh agus socraigh cé acu is fearr leo. Agus ná déan dearmad cuir in iúl dóibh go raibh siad uilig lámhdhéanta!! Tá sin

íontach tábhachtach!
Tá traidisiúin fada ar fud an domhain ar mhisasanna mar seo agus ar anlainn mar seo. Sampla maith is é béile ón Ollainn a bhfuil tionchar ón stair coilíneach a bhí ag an Ollainn san Indinéis. An t-ainm atá air is é RIJSTAFFEL, a chiallaíonn Tábla Ríse i nGaeilge. Bíonn ar a laghad ocht nó deich miasanna, eadar feoil agus glasraí, iad uilig curtha amach ag an ám céanna, le rís. Amanna, mar shampla nuair a bhéadh ócáid mhór ann, thiocfadh leat suas go cúig déag nó fiche ann. Faraor, cé gur tosaigh sé san Indinéis, sa bhliain 2022 chuireadh é ar liosta oifigiúil de Oidhreacht Cultúracha na hOllainn. Bá bhreá liom go mór páirt a ghlacadh ina leithead de rud. Chífídh muid!

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Some folk say they saw it
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Others say they saw it
Walking on the Mall

It went into a local shop
Bought a loaf of bread
Now it has been found
In Tony Boyce's shed

It fluffed up it's feathers
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No sign of the gander!

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Letterkenny Chamber Elects New President

Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce has elected Claire McDonough, Co-Owner of La Maison, Interior Design Studio as its new President.

Originally from Greencastle Claire has been living in Letterkenny since 1999. With a Masters in Local & Regional Development she worked in community development in Inishowen before joining Donegal County Council as a Community & Enterprise Development Officer.

She always had an interest in design of interior and exterior environments and she and her business partner Anne opened La Maison in 2005. Over the next few years Claire trained as an Interior Designer in response to customer demand. La Maison now comprises and Interior Design studio, a comprehensive fabric library and a curtain manufacturing workshop working with clients from home and abroad on a wide range of personal and commercial projects.

Claire is married to Daragh and they have two children Grace & Finn.

"It is an honour for to be elected as President by my. I have really enjoyed my role on the Chamber Council over the last number of years working with colleagues in shaping the strategy and future of Let-



terkenny Chamber. I would like to thank Fionnuala Rabbitt for her hard work and dedication over the past 12 months. Fionnuala was faced with a health challenge during the year and yet she was still available for all the events during the

year. I am committed to carrying out this role with the same enthusiasm, integrity and professionalism."

Fionnuala Rabbitt said "It has been a real privilege for me to serve as Chamber President over the last year. I would like to wish Claire well in her role."

Apart from a new President the Chamber also elected a new Chamber Council which as always consists of members from a wide variety of business sectors, who meet on a monthly basis and who are responsible for steering the policies, activities and initiatives of the Chamber.

Chamber Council 2024/25: President - Claire McDonough (La Maison); Past President - Fionnuala Rabbitt (Highland Radio); Phil Boyle (Twins Estates); Bernard Gallagher (CBM Signs); Shane Grant (PGIM); Annette Houston (FM Services Group); Chris Lynch (TCS); Michael Margey (ATU); Brian McCormick (Brian McCormick Sports); Gerard McCormick (Magees Pharmacy); Clare McNickle (Clare Clothing); Kristine Reynolds (Reynolds & Associates); Jimmy Stafford (Bank of Ireland); Karoline Sweeney (Castlegrove Country House Hotel); Leonard Watson (Watson Menswear) John Watson (Watson Hire).



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

COMÓRTAIS EARCAÍOCHTA

Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar lorg iarratas ó iarratasóirí cáilithe do na poist seo a leanas:

• Feisteoir Meicneora

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: **Dé Luain, 25 Márta 2024.**

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RECRUITMENT COMPETITION

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The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday, 25th March 2024.**

No late applications will be accepted.

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Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (arna leasú) Na Rialacháil um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2001 (arna leasú)

DRÉACHTPHEAN FORBARTHA CHOMHAIRLE CONTAE DHÚN NA nGALL, 2024-2030, AR A N-ÁIRÍTEAR PLEANANNA CEANTAIR ÁITIÚLA DO BHUN CRANNCHA, DO BHEALACH FÉICH/SRATH AN URLÁIR AGUS DO BHUN DOBHRÁIN. ATHRUITHÉ ÁBHARTHA BEARTAITHE

Tabhair faoi deara:

- De bhun Alt 12(7) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú) [‘An tAcht’] d’fhoilsigh Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, ar an 8 Márta 2024, Athruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe (‘AAB’anna) ar Dhréachtphlean Forbartha Dhún na nGall 2024-2030 (‘An Dréacht PFC’).
- Chinn an Chomhairle (An Cinneadh MST) go raibh gá le Measúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta maidir leis na hAÁBanna, de réir Alt 12(6)(aa) den Acht. Dá bharr sin, tá Tuarascáil Chomhshaoil sna doiciméid fhoilsithe ina bhfuil eolas faoi na héifeachtaí suntasacha is dócha a bheadh ann de bharr na hAÁBanna a chur i bhfeidhm.
- Chinn an Chomhairle chomh maith (An Cinneadh MI) go raibh gá le Measúnacht Iomchuí maidir leis na hAÁBanna, de réir Alt 12(6) den Acht. Dá bharr sin, tá Tuirisc Tionchar Natura sna doiciméid fhoilsithe ina bhfuil measúnú, i bhfianaise an tsainleolaís eolaíochta is fearr dá bhfuil ann, faoi aon éifeacht shuntasach a d’fhéadfadh a bheith ag an Phean leasaithe, dá gcuirfí i bhfeidhm é, ina aonar nó i gcomhar le haon phean nó aon tionscadal eile, ar aon suíomh Eorpach.
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 - Ag na hoifigí seo a leanas de chuid na Comhairle, le linn gnáthuaireanta oibre, Luan go hAoine (9.00am go dtí 12.30pm agus 1.00pm go dtí 4.30pm):
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 - Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí Bhaile na nGallóglach, An Phríomhshráid, Baile na nGallóglach.
 - Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí an Chlocháin Léith, Bóthar Ghaoth Dobhair, An Clochán Liath.
 - Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí Charn Domhnach, Bóthar Mhálanna, Carn Domhnach.
 - Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí Bhaile Dhún na nGall, Droim Lonachair, Baile Dhún na nGall.
 - Ar líne ag consult.donegal.ie.
 - Ag leabharlanna de chuid na Comhairle le linn a gcuid gnáthuaireanta oscailte féin.
- Is féidir aighneachtaí nó tuairimí scríofa maidir leis na hAthruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe, an Tuarascáil Timpeallachta, An Mheasúnacht Iomchuí agus an Mheasúnacht Straitéiseach i dtaca le Baol Tuithe a dhéanamh chuig an Údarás Pleanála idir An Aoine 8 Márta agus 4.30pm An Aoine 5 Aibreán 2024 (an dá dháta sin san áireamh) ar na dóigheanna seo a leanas, agus cuirfear san áireamh iad sula ndéanfar aon athrú ábhartha:
 - Trí chliceáil ar an chnaipe ‘Déan Aighneacht’ ar ‘An Dréachtphlean Forbartha Contae - Athruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe’ ar leathanach Thairseach Chomhairliúcháin na Comhairle (consult.donegal.ie).
 - Trí ríomhphost chuig: donegaldevplan@donegalcoco.ie Cuir isteach ‘Plean Forbartha Contae - Athruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe’ i dteideal ábhair an ríomhphoist agus cuir isteach d’ainm iomlán agus do sheoladh iomlán sa ríomhphost chomh maith.
 - Trí scríobh chuig: An Lár-Aonad Pleanála, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Teach an Chontae, Leifear, F93 Y622.

Déan d’aighneacht ar aon dóig amháin, le do thoil. Is é an dáta/an t-am deireanach le haghaidh aighneachtaí ná **4.30pm Dé hAoine 5 Aibreán 2024.**

Foilsíodh aighneachtaí nó tuairimí scríofa, iad páirtfholaithe ar mhaithe le príobháideacht seachas i gcúinsí eisceachtúla, ar shuíomh idirlín an údaráis laistigh de dheich lá i ndiaidh don údaráis iad a fháil.

Is féidir cóipeanna de na hAthruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe a cheannach ar chostas €10.00. Is féidir cóipeanna de na doiciméid theicniúla ghaolmhara a cheannach ar chostas €10.00 an ceann.

Liam Mac an Bhaire,
An Stiúir Forbartha Pobail agus Pleanála,
Teach an Chontae, Leifear, Contae Dhún na nGall, F93 Y622.

Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended)

DRAFT COUNTY DONEGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2024-2030 INCLUDING AREA PLANS FOR BUNCRANA, BALLYBOFEY/STRANORLAR AND BUNDORAN. PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS

Take Notice that:

- Pursuant to S.12(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) [‘the Act’] Donegal County Council has on 8th March, 2024 published **Proposed Material Alterations (‘PMA’s’) to the Draft Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030** (‘the Draft CDP’).
- The Council determined (‘the SEA Determination’) that Strategic Environmental Assessment was required in respect of the PMAs, in accordance with S.12(6)(aa) of the Act. The published documents therefore include an Environmental Report containing information on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the PMAs.
- The Council also determined (‘the AA Determination’) that Appropriate Assessment was required in respect of the PMAs, in accordance with S.12(6)(aa) of the Act. The published documents therefore include a Natura Impact Report containing an assessment, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the amended Plan, individually or in combination with another plan or project is likely to have significant effect on any European site.
- A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report has also been prepared on the likely effects of implementing the PMAs.
- Copies of the Proposed Material Alterations, the Environmental Report and associated Determination, the Appropriate Assessment, and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment may be inspected from Friday 8th March 2024 to 4.30pm Friday 5th April 2024 (both dates inclusive):
 - At the following Council offices, during normal office hours, Monday to Friday (9.00am to 12.30pm and 1.00pm to 4.30pm):
 - Reception, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford.
 - Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.
 - Milford Public Services Centre, Main St., Milford.
 - An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, An Clochán Liath.
 - Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh.
 - Donegal Town Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town.
 - Online at consult.donegal.ie.
 - At Council libraries during their respective opening hours.
- Written submissions or observations with respect to the Proposed Material Alterations, the Environmental Report, the Appropriate Assessment and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment may be made to the Planning Authority between Friday 8th March and 4.30pm Friday 5th April 2024, (both dates inclusive) by the following means, and shall be taken into consideration before the making of any material alteration:
 - By clicking on the ‘Make A Submission’ button on the ‘Draft County Development Plan - Proposed Material Alterations’ page of the Council’s Consultation Portal (consult.donegal.ie)
 - By email to: donegaldevplan@donegalcoco.ie Please insert ‘Donegal Dev Plan - Proposed Material Alterations’ in the subject title and include your full name and address in the email.
 - In writing to: Central Planning Unit, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, F93 Y622.

Please make your submissions in one medium only. The final date/time for receipt of submissions is **4.30pm Friday 5th April 2024.**

Written submissions or observations redacted for privacy purposes shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be published on the website of the authority within 10 working days of its receipt by the authority.

Copies of the Proposed Material Alterations may be purchased for a fee of €10.00. Copies of the associated technical documents may be purchased for a fee of €10.00 per document.

Liam Ward,
Director of Community Development and Planning,
County House, Lifford, County Donegal. F93 Y622.

Jean, where's the eyelash for the Goose - It's the Town Hall Pantomime

This is a show for all the family, for old and young and for durable relationships. It is truly, truly wonderful. Nobody does 'Mother Goose' quite like Ramelton. And there is a stunning cast of the finest characters, backstage crew and hundreds more involved because they do 'That's Entertainment' in a way that nobody else can. Next week the Town Hall will really rock - if it already hasn't as Ramelton reaches out across the generations and its proud legacy...



James Friel and Shirley Boyce rehearsing on the Town Hall Stage with Jamie McGee, Tommy Logan and May Parkinson.

The call from backstage darkness during rehearsals in Ramelton Town Hall is not actually scripted, so you'll not hear that when the curtain goes up on Monday night.

John McAteer calls into a Panto rehearsal

Think about it! How often have you come across a missing eyelash for a goose or a goose with a missing eyelash?

But in the true panto tradition of Ramelton, we all reside in that wonderful space of make believe. And on the night all the cast and crew wish for is to entertain and share the applause. They've been doing that since 1956 and the beat goes on as the footlights come up at eight o'clock. But I think the 'eyelash' is really a great line and could be a great gag because Tommy Logan and James Friel could give it full whack. Actually Ramelton's 'Mother Goose' comes fitted with Artificial Intelligence for the first time in Ireland - that could be some fun.

Do geese have eyelashes? In Ramelton, they do - check it out in the pantomime.

This is Ireland's most lovable, most enduring family show because there is nothing else quite like a Ramelton Panto. It is the very best in community participation and it's some hell

of an effort and this year it is just terrific. I am never biased, but May Parkinson's sweets and biscuits are tempting... and there's always more.

Being invited in behind the scenes for the final rehearsals is the gift afforded to a chosen few. Because God alone knows what you might hear or have to write about.

The costume room is bustling with the cast getting into character... well, garments, gowns, costumes coming out of the floorboards and everyone has to be fitted out... In fact it gives a whole new meaning to ball-gowns. Thank heavens I escaped from the mannequin parade.

There are extravagant cleavages, the colours are straight from the edge of the rainbow on the Bucht Road on Friday evening. With ten scenes to dress, the space is really as tight as a fiddler's string... let's go back downstairs, the kettle might be on the boil. Not to worry, they've run out of water again. Ring Joe Birney or Tony Boyce or both!

John Harkin's skills as the resident artist in creative endeavour never ceases to amaze and this show allows the imagination to run wild from exotic forest walks, to the village in Marylea and Snow Mountain. And the Waterfall.

And it is an honour as we get to chat to those behind the characters. And it's at that level of

preparation that we really see the person playing Lord Egg-Whyte, Chief Guard of Goose Land. James Keyes is a student at Loreto community school in Milford and he's a talking encyclopedia with the kind of energy and talent that adds to the production.

I remember James as a wee baby who had to fight with his every breath to survive, against all the odds and we all lived in hope. And I've photographed him down the years in total amazement with his progress and he's now eighteen years and lives close by and loves being out on his bike. And not only does he know his own lines backwards, but everyone else's as well.



Foot perfect? Eoghan Boyce, Lizzie Haughey and Jamie McGee.

Ramelton Pantomime Society

Presents their 59th production

Mother Goose

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Monday 11th - Saturday 16th March 2024 at 8pm

Doors open 7.15pm Show starts at 8.00pm

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New panto hero... at 83

And you will just fall in love with May Parkinson (nee McCarron) making her panto debut as Queen Gosle. She's a sparkling 83 years of age and loves her native town with passion and pride. And it's not her first time on the Town Hall stage... you may not remember, so let's remind you.

May performed in the much talked about St. Patrick's Night concerts in the Town Hall in the nineteen forties. It was the last century and long before the first panto show where the chorus wore Long John's dyed in beet-root juice. Sounds amazing.

May chats freely about her childhood times and their music teacher Molly Young was a legend. And now, having long since retired from nursing in London, she's back home and loves the community spirit of the panto. She is a true hero and she gives enthusiasm a whole new meaning.

Tommy Logan returns to the stage he's trodden down many's the year since he was seventeen. He confesses his big dream was to play one of the 'Ugly Sisters' alongside James Friel. And they did, in three pantos: I recall him playing the 'Dame' with such elegance that it is embedded in our memories. He probably inspired Dolly Parton with his daring performances.

This year, Tommy has landed the regal role of 'King of All Gooseland' in the 59th production for the pantomime that was first staged in 1965. The town hall means so much to Tommy because this was where he walked to school and it has stood him well over the decades and he's given

us many a laugh in his varied pantomime roles. Tommy is a true part of Ramelton's history and long may that continue because real characters are disappearing out of the realms of the richness of everyday life.

What more can I say about James Friel... I recall him on McDaid's truck delivering beer and Football Special. McDaid's crew would be out all day filling up the pubs and all within their hallowed walls. It was tough and thirsty work. But, somehow they all got back on time for the panto rehearsals.

James is one of the panto's living legends and is as much a part of the show as the town hall is to the community. His interest is rock solid - one of the real characters of the show and he plays the 'Dame' with the same enthusiasm as when he first took on the role. He was following in the footsteps of legends in Ramelton: Frank Mooney, Jose Mackey, Jim Birney, Tommy Logan, Charlie Noble.

Ghosts of legends past...

And the ghosts of legends past reside ever deeply at panto time... Thomas Harte and Patsy Boyce were truly magnificent on the pathway in the town's panto legacy: they've chosen well and parting is such deep sorrow but we're all enriched in knowing they are looking down with pride as the curtain goes up and their stamp of approval is there - forever.

The ripple of the breeze on the Lennon and the crowds gathering will always be there in our hearts as a soundscape as we remember them with pride and a silent prayer.

Catrona McCafferty and Maggie Durning have a rich experience of pantoland and they can get the very best out of their lines. The well-thumbed scripts are guiding the rehearsal... in case one of the cast gets blanked. However, it rarely happens... but what if?

It is amazing the blend of characters that come to play their parts in this show. New names, new faces and all there to make their own special contribution and in Ramelton, everyone is equal,

equally special in the manner they keep the panto legacy alive and as inspiring as ever. The story of Mother Goose is possibly the oldest story to be turned into a pantomime. It dates back to a goose family at Curraghlea that sold the eggs for a living. And Old Mother Goose, yea, she was quite the exotic bird. She had a penchant for eating all the eggs and perhaps a gosling for breakfast in what was Ireland's First Big Breakfast Roll. Now, I know there are claims and counterclaims that the panto originated in the South China Sea, but trust me, my story has a lot of feathers to back up the eyelash of Mother Goose. Ramelton's show is a truly community pantomime given that so many locals are part of the tradition. Every year, there is a pride and a passion put into the production and adding to the fun is that everyone knows all of the characters. Well, there are a number of new faces and the blend of youth and experience is a work of art. The musical tradition on Lenonside continues to create new talent, new hope for the future: new voices in the spotlight and we can only congratulate the sense of participation that gives much hope for the future.



Maggie Durning and Catriona McCafferty - perfect harmony.

great voices and stagecraft. Discord, The Wick-ed Fairy is Catriona McCafferty. King Gander, King of all Gooseland is played by Tommy Logan. Queen Gosle, his Queen is May Parkinson. Harmony, The Good Fairy is Maggie Durning. Priscilla, The Magic Goose, that's the part for Shirley Boyce. Was it you Shirley that discovered the eyelash was absent from the henhouse? Actually in posher parts of Ramelton, up on Rectory Road, they don't do hen houses... 'roost' sounds more EU farm policy. And you'll just love Lord Egg-Whyte, James Keyes.

If it's real music you want!

But if it's real music you want, this show is showered with amazing performances with the kind of heavenly voices that dazzle: Lizzie Haughey and Jamie McGee will inspire you to join them as they sing, "Something Stupid" and a rich list of crowd pleasing harmonies. They perform with angelic ease with great songs all round but I do like 'You to me are everything' 'Something' by the Beatles. And there is 'What a feeling' 'Dance the night away' and you could rock the town hall to its very foundations (maybe that's already happened).

And you'll obviously want to know the rest of the characters: however they've been featured for the past three weeks in the Tribune, you'd think the editorial desk was in a deep freeze zone. So, I hope nobody gets typecast before the show begins.

The Village Squire is Damian Duffy. There are dizzying numbers of the Goose family, though I'm not sure they are all related. Mother Goose, The Dame is James Friel: Billy Goose, son of Mother Goose sees Eoghan Boyce playing the role for the first time. He is totally amazing and he will dance his way through the show without a doubt.

Sage and Onions, the Squire's Bailiffs are played by Johnny Coonan and Martin Duffy and they are always really good with



The Village Squire Damian Duffy, Mother Goose, the dame James Friel with the Magic Goose.



Aoife Callaghan, Leona McGarvey and Yana Stewart in rehearsal.

might be given the Freedom of Donegal... but others are waiting in line for so many years. Mickey McHugh has his own special spot and he's loved the rehearsals. Nobody does 'Mother Goose' quite like Ramelton. And there is a stunning cast of the finest characters and backstage crew and there are hundreds involved because it does 'That's Entertainment' in a way that nobody else can match. This is a show for all the family, for old and young and durable relationships and it is truly, truly wonderful. Next week the Town Hall will really rock as

Ramelton reaches out to join them in a week of entertainment, laughter and fun. 'Mother Goose' is a great fairy tale that will cast its own magic spell and you'll be amazed as the scenes meld across the most wonderful two hours of the very best of entertainment: it really is a show for the ages. 'Mother Goose' runs from next Monday, March 11th in the Town Hall at 8.00pm and the grand finale is on Saturday night, the 16th. Bookings are online at www.ticketsource.eu/ramelton-pantomime-society/mother-goose/ e-kdolp



COACH TOURS 2024

COACH TRIPS

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Authors of salmon report hit back

The authors of the controversial salmon contaminants study published in the Science Journal have defended their stand saying their research had undergone scientific editing by one of the world's most respected journals before it was published.

The study dealt with EU countries excluding Ireland. However the fallout is also believed to have had an impact on the industry in Ireland. The latest controversy in the fish farm industry comes amid concerns about over supply on the markets where the profits base has been hard hit in the past year.

The authors of this latest study strenuously deny they were tools of a U.S. trade policy out to damage European aquaculture or that the science was manipulated by the study's sponsor, the Pew Charitable Trusts.

The authors, Ron Hites, David Carpenter, Jeff Foran and Barbara Knuth say the study went through peer-review and scientific editing processes at Science, one of the world's most respected scientific journals.

The group have claimed that despite the widespread criticism it has attracted their work has been distorted in many ways for obvious reasons in the industry.

"Since its publication in the Science Journal in January our study, which showed significant levels of environmental contaminants in farmed salmon, has been distorted and since these distortions

have high potential to confuse the public about our results, we would like to address a few of the issues that have been reported by the media," she said.

Responding to the criticisms the group states that regarding government standards and the meaning of the consumption recommendations reported in the study, the authors say that since the purpose of the study was to do a health-based analysis, they naturally used the health-based guidelines rather than regulatory levels that balance a variety of other factors.

The study group says: "It is simply wrong for critics and even government regulators to assert or imply that a certain level of contaminants is safe because it falls under the FDA or FSA regulatory thresholds. In response to criticism of the methodology that the study was focused on contaminant levels in the types of salmon broadly available to consumers, we tested farmed salmon from all major producing regions of the world and the only type of wild salmon widely available to consumers: Pacific salmon.

The authors continued "For critics to claim without any factual basis that the U.S. government or the study's sponsor manipulated one of the world's premier scientific journals and six highly experienced and credential research scientists is merely an attempt to discredit the study through suspicion and innuendo."

Marian Harkin to contest EU election

Independent Sligo/Leitrim TD Marian Harkin is to seek election to the European Parliament in the North West constituency.

Declaring her intention to run as an Independent, Deputy Harkin said that her work as a member of the Oireachtas European Affairs Committee and the fact that she had maintained close contact with developments in the EU equipped her to effectively represent the interests of the people of the North and West region in the European Parliament, she said.



Gemma and James Moore, Letterleague, Letterkenny presenting a cheque for €13,410 to Aishling McGinley, staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit of Letterkenny General Hospital. The proceeds came from a fundraising draw. Gemma was struck down with meningitis last year and was treated by the Intensive Care Unit in the hospital. The presentation took place in the Hide Out Bar, Letterkenny on Friday night. Also included are Gemma's aunt Rebecca Moore, seated left. At back are Sinead Bolton, Ward Sister, Grace Ann O'Donnell, Staff Nurse from the Intensive Care Unit and Gemma's mother Evelyn Moore.



Susan Hanlon, Ramelton and the New Year's Day Swim at Rathmullan presenting a cheque for €4,526 to Noel O'Connell and Michael McCole on behalf of the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital. The presentation was made in the Milford Inn Hotel on Wednesday night and missing from the group is pharamist Tom Murray who raised over €800.



Presentation of cheque to the winners of the Grand Prize in the Glandowan Church Building Fund held in the Milford Inn recently. Seated front row: Fr Michael McKeever presenting the winning cheque for €12,500 to Mary and Jim Callaghan. Also included is Patrick McMonagle with at back Fr Pat McHugh, Danny Nelis (ticket seller), Margaret Diver, Bronadh Duddy, Don Gallagher and Josephine Gallagher.

SF selects Doherty in Glenties



Donegal's Sinn Fein candidates for the local and European Elections this year with Deputy Caoimhghin O'Caolain at the party's selection convention for the Glenties Electoral Area. Seated from left are Cllr. Thomas Pringle, Pearse Doherty, Caoimhghin O'Caolain and Cllr. Padraig Mac Laughlin. Back from left are Tom Dignam, Gerry McMonagle and Donal Cullen. Photo Clive Wasson

On Friday night last at Teach Jack Glasagh Gweedore, the North West constituency EU Candidate Pearse Doherty was selected as the Sinn Fein runner for the Glenties Area in the local election race.

Doherty who polled almost two thousand votes in the Glenties Electoral Area in the 2002 General Election was the only nomination at the packed convention.

In a rousing acceptance speech Doherty who was described by guest speaker on the night, Sinn Fein's TD for Cavan-Monaghan Caoimhghin O'Caolain as an intellect giant said he was humbled to be chosen at this juncture to represent the party in the up coming Elections at a time when the Governments mismanagement at a National Level was causing untold suffering at a local level.

Doherty spoke about local job losses, dilapidated schools, the exclusion of whole sections of the community who are being pushed increasingly to the edge of existence

Mr Doherty said: "Coming on the back of a period where this community has suffered unprecedented job losses, where mothers and fathers were forced to take their children from schools that have become too dangerous to inhabit. When vested interests attempt to privatise our lakes and rivers, when our under resourced health service leaves seriously ill people lying dying in corridors. When the health of women in our community is jeopardised by overly long waiting times for life saving cancer tests we approach a critical point in this Nations future development. A period when Sinn Fein must seize the mantle laid down before it, and carry the wrath of our communities

into the chambers of Donegal and other County Councils and bring the politics back to the people."

Indeed the large throng of energetic and vociferous young people present gave much credence to Doherty's assertion that Sinn Fein is the party of the future.

Caoimhghin O'Caolain the party leader in Leinster House, proceeded very much with the air of a man that would in the near future be welcoming Pearse Doherty into Sinn Fein's team of TD's.

"Three of our candidates in the last EU elections - Sean Crowe, Arthur Morgan and Martin Ferris all went on to win Dail seats for Sinn Fein. I have no doubt that after the next General Election I will be welcoming Pearse Doherty TD to Leinster House.

O'Caolain went on to say: "Our successes have been built not on any machine but on the hard work and dedication of people and political activists who give of their time and effort for a cause in which they believe.

That dedication and effort is needed now more than ever if we are to reach our goal of an Ireland of equals, a united Ireland with social and economic justice for all. We have a major challenge in the elections ahead of us. I am confident that here in County Donegal you will meet that challenge and play your part in the national advance of republicanism in 2004 and beyond."

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Letterkenny Reunion AGM

The Letterkenny Reunion AGM took place in the Gleneany House on Monday where comprehensive reports were given by the various officers on the activities of the organisation over the past three years culminating in the very successful 2003 Reunion last summer.

Outgoing Chairman Dessie Kelly thanked his committee for all their hard work and acknowledged the generous support given by sponsors towards the cost of running last year's event. He also thanked all those involved in organising the mass at St. Eunan's Cathedral and the various venues which hosted functions during the Reunion week.

PRO Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy in her AGM report suggested that the incoming committee set up a website as a promotional tool in a bid to generate a bigger and better response from friends abroad. She also identified a need to establish a programme of events for local people in Letterkenny following on from the invaluable support given by this group

in organising promotional trips to Scotland and England. The costs of advertising on radio and in the local papers were significant and ways of reducing this financial burden need to be looked at for the next Reunion. She said it was a bill that perhaps the Town Council or Donegal Council could have covered for the committee who were after all promoting Letterkenny and the county right around the globe.

The media were thanked for their coverage of last summer's event and the local public representatives who made donations were also acknowledged. She also called for more support from the Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce while referring to the 2003 Reunion bus tour to Glenties and Donegal Town. On arriving in Donegal Town she said the visitors were warmly welcomed by Cllr. Peter Kennedy while the local Chamber of Commerce had helped publicise their arrival.

The new incoming Letterkenny Re-



Chairman Dessie Kelly with members of the Letterkenny Reunion committee at their annual general meeting in Gleneany House, Letterkenny on Monday night.

union committee includes - Honorary President: Johnny Joe McCollum; Chairman, Dessie Kelly; Secretary Merette Mackey; A-Secretary Mary Quinn; Treasurer, Kathleen O'Doherty; A-Treasurer, Caroline Doherty; PRO, Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy; Assistant-PRO, Tony Duffy. The remaining committee

members are Margaret Madden, James McMonagle, Patsy Shiels, Michael Mulrennan, John 'Gorey' Curran, Mary T Sweeney, Jarlath Duffy, Greta Peoples. One of the founding members Jimmy Sweeney is to be made an honorary officer at the next meeting.

PDs shafted McDaid



Madeline Taylor-Quinn, the Fine Gael candidate in June's European Election pictured in Kilmacrennan on Saturday with from left, Noel McBride, Tommy Ryan, Majella McMullan, Eithne McFadden, Madeline Taylor-Quinn, Eddie McGinley and Senator Joe McHugh.

Madeline Taylor-Quinn the Clare based Fine Gael EU candidate in the North West constituency has claimed that it was Desmond O'Malley and the Progressive Democrats that shafted Dr. James McDaid after he was appointed as Minister for Defence for one day back in 1991. Leinster House went ballistic after Charlie Haughey appointed McDaid to the Cabinet and amid scenes that were pure mental FG ripped strips out of the government accusing them of blatant hypocrisy and being aligned to paramilitary organisations.

Taylor-Quinn who was the FG shadow minister for Defence tore into McDaid after the party discovered photographic evidence that he'd been seen outside the court with James Pius Clarke, a neighbour and a republican sympathiser in Letterkenny.

And for years afterwards there was intense speculation that the data had been sent up from Donegal in an effort to strengthen the FG attack on McDaid.

"That is totally untrue and that is a well known fact in politics that the real truth of that episode have never before been published" added Taylor-Quinn during a meeting with the Tribune at the Village

Court in Kilmacrennan.

Opposing the McDaid appointment she was joined by Deputies Michael Noonan and Jim O'Keeffe in hammering the decision and forever since she's been tagged with the blame for shafting McDaid who at the time had only been in the Dail for two years. Fianna Fail rushed to McDaid's defence accusing the Opposition of character assassination and Taylor-Quinn says the level of hypocrisy was astonishing.

"And regardless of our opposition everyone in Fianna Fail knew exactly that it was the PDs that had dug in their heels and that Desmond O'Malley had eyeballed Haughey and they were prepared to take the matter down to the wire," she claims.

In Donegal for the weekend to kick start her Euro campaign Taylor-Quinn has rejected the accusations that FG had pulled the plug on McDaid. She said it was already well known on that fateful afternoon that Desmond O'Malley and the Progressive Democrats who were propping up Haughey's ailing administration had pulled the plug on the appointment and were determined that Haughey was not going to get his own way.

She has said "As front bench spokesperson on Defence I did what I had to do but that had nothing whatever to do with McDaid's decision to resign his Ministry. We later discovered behind the scenes that the Progressive Democrats had refused to accept the decision and as such he had no option but to step down. The government was in danger of collapsing and O'Malley was not going to step back from his opposition to the appointment. In the circumstances Fianna Fail used us in Fine Gael as the scapegoat for the resignation.

"We were used and abused ever since and nobody in the national media would listen to the real reasons for McDaid's decision to step down," added Taylor-Quinn. She said it was important to set the record straight with the general public here in Donegal at the start of her campaign and she said she always had enjoyed a very good relationship with McDaid both in the Dail and as a colleague.

As Fine Gael stood in the dock accused of shafting McDaid he came home to Letterkenny in 1991 to a rousing reception at Letterkenny's Market Square but he had to wait a further six years for an appointment to the Cabinet.



Fanad under 18 girls soccer team (above) and the Gortahork Youth Club U16 girls (below) with coaches Marie Patterson and Eddie McFadden at the Donegal Youth Service Annual Games in Clonmany.



Additional funds for Kilmacrennan housing

Dr. James McDaid has been advised by Noel Ahern Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal that additional funding of 13,696 Euro has been approved for a housing project at Kilmacrennan.

McDaid said, "This allocation is in addition to the previous grant and brings the total funding for the development to £1,643,318. The project involves the construction of 18 units of accommodation and is carried out under the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government's Capital Assistance Scheme for voluntary housing projects."

Dr. McDaid stated, "The housing is to be used for people with disabilities and is being provided by Oaklee Housing Trust Ltd. in partnership with Donegal County Council. This additional funding is a very welcome boost to the project and will ensure that it is carried out to the highest standards."



Alice Beineke (Caitriona Uí Dochairtaigh) with her future daughter in law, Wednesday Addams (Ella Terry-Sweeney) and Morticia Addams (Sarah Terry-Sweeney).
Photos by Francis Diver



Uncle Fester (Sean Bonner) with ensemble members in the show.

Adams Family at An Grianan

The Letterkenny Musical Society production of the The Addams Family is running until this Saturday night at An Grianan Theatre. For tickets call the Box Office on 9120777 or www.angrianan.com



Gomez Addams (Giles Murray) with his wife Morticia Addams (Sarah Terry-Sweeney) and daughter Wednesday Addams (Ella Terry-Sweeney).



Pugsley Addams (Ethan Barron) with his Grandma (Nicola Shields).



Members of the chorus in the show.



Gomez Addams (Giles Murray) with his daughter Wednesday Addams (Ella Terry-Sweeney) and future son-in-law Lucas Beineke (Jamie Lee Gallagher).



Morticia Addams (Sarah Terry-Sweeney) with Lurch (Donal Kavanagh).



Pugsley Addams (Ethan Barron) being stretched by his sister Wednesday Addams (Ella Terry-Sweeney).



Gomez Addams (Giles Murray) demonstrating his torture chair to Mal Beineke (Chris Duddy).

Local properties in BidX1 auction

BidX1 the property website have a number of Donegal properties for sale in their next auction on Thursday the 21st of March.

In Ramelton No. 14 Elm Court is on the market with a guide price of €80,000.

The 118 sq. metre semi detached three bedroom house (*right*) with private garden to the rear with side access. There is also a garage and it has off street parking.

In Letterkenny No. 31 Westside Apartments, Lower Main Street, two bedroomed apartment (*below*) is up for sale on BidX1 website. The first floor apartment in around 57 sq.m. and has vacant possession and is located convenient to a host of



amenities in Letterkenny.

Also for sale in the 21st of March auction is a two bedroomed dormer bungalow at Cavanhill, Ballindrait, Lifford for €95,000. It benefits from a converted attic with two further rooms and has generous surrounding gardens extending to .71 acres and has vacant possession.

In Killybegs an end of terrace five bedroomed house with private garden to the rear is on the market for €110,000. The 156sq.m. house is in need of refurbishment and located in the town with vacant possession.

In Castlefin, BidX1 have a three bedroom semi detached house at Donaghmore, Castlefin for sale at €85,000. The 128 sq.m house has a private garden to rear with off street parking.



Mevagh St Patrick's Day Parade



Mevagh's annual St Patricks Day parade preparations are well underway.

Mevagh St Patricks Parade has developed into a major attraction both in Carrigart and surrounding areas and gives everyone the chance to showcase the creativity we have in our local area.

This is our 14th year and the event is growing from strength to strength and attracting international media coverage and this year we will be streaming the event live via our Facebook page

'Mevagh St Patrick's Day Parade'

Floats are coming fast, and we hope to build on the success of previous years.

Prizes for winners, and also prize for best float as Gaelige.

The parade will commence at 1pm and the ever popular John Bosco will be entertaining the crowd from 12.30pm.

All vehicle floats to assemble at chapel car park from 12.30pm and walking groups from Logues

Sinn Féin to host Public Meeting in Carrigart

Sinn Féin will be holding a Public Meeting on Monday 11th March at 7.30pm in the Parochial Hall in Carrigart. This will be an opportunity for the residents of the area to engage with TD Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and local election candidate Maria Doherty.

Pressing issues in the area are the lack of affordable housing, the ongoing crisis in the health service, the defective blocks situation, the lack of proper investment for rural communities to develop and prosper and the high number of emigration from rural areas in particular because of all of these issues and more.

Flying tipping (*right*) is also an issue which is a terrible eye sore in this coastal area. A recent incident at Mulroy Crossroads has been reported to the Council.

The ongoing issue of road safety in the village of Carrigart and the primary school in Umlagh has yet to be resolved due to the lack of engagement from Donegal County Council.

Maria Doherty, Local election candidate has said invited everyone to come along and that it is an opportunity to engage with Sinn Féin political representation. She said, "The list is end-



less in terms of the chaos this current government is creating and now more than ever we need to call time on them, ordinary people have a voice and SF are calling on them to use it in the forthcoming Local and European elections to send a strong message that we have had enough and that we deserve better".

 **Sinn Féin**

Public Meeting

with **Pádraig Mac Lochlainn TD**

Monday 11th March at 7:30pm
Carrigart Parochial Hall, Carrigart

CHAIR:
Maria Doherty



Bar, Carrigart at 12.45pm

If you, your business, club or group are interested in taking part in this year's parade or helping out, please contact Maggie on 083 1444590/

Martin 087 1212352.

Please note there will be traffic diversions in place around Carrigart from 12.15pm on St. Patrick's Day.



 **Sinn Féin**

Night at the Races!

Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford
Friday 15th March, 8pm

Fáilte roimh achan duine,
All Welcome, Bígi Linn.



Maria Doherty

Mariners on course as Swilly slip

Ramelton Mariners 2-0 Swilly Rovers

The Ramelton Mariners are firmly on course now to take the Division 2 title after a deserved win over fellow title contenders Swilly Rovers at the Flagpole in Rathmullan on Saturday. The two sides went into the local derby as joint leaders but now the Mariners have a three-point lead and a game in hand as the season goes into the final straight. Swilly have just four matches left, one less than their Ramelton neighbours. Dunlewy is the only other side in with a slim chance of taking the title. They are four points behind the leaders. But, the real show now is possibly between Swilly and Dunlewy for the automatic second place for promotion to the top flight. The side finishing third will go into a promotion play-off game. On Saturday the Mariners with the breeze at their backs were on the front foot from the kick-off and took the lead after just five minutes when Swilly's Jordan McDaid lost possession midway inside his own half to Evan Hewitt. He played a delightful through ball for Fionn Robinson who raced clear. Despite Jamie Lee Blaney getting a hand to the ball the shot had sufficient power to get over the goalline.



Ramelton Mariners Fionn Robinson being tracked by Swilly's Tony Gallagher.

Robinson had another effort deflected for a corner while Blaney then denied Shay McCallan-McFadden. At the other end Ciaran Kelly's close range volley forced a fantastic acrobatic save from Dylan Roulstone on 22 minutes. Just a minute later the Mariners came close twice in quick succession to extending their lead. First Hewitt hit the side netting and then a super 25-yard Kyle Burke strike went narrowly over the bar at the town end. The hosts did get a crucial second goal on 28 minutes when Hewitt latched onto a Burke through ball and the striker steered a composed low shot past Blaney. There was a lengthy stoppage towards

the end of the first half following a knee injury that saw Hewitt stretchered off. A minute into injury time Ryan McDaid was very disappointed not to have seriously tested Roulstone with a free header. And the same player had a shot on goal deflected over his own bar by Aidan Connolly as the visitors tried desperately to get a goal back. Again at the start of the second half Swilly came close to scoring with both Tony Gallagher and Kelly being denied by the keeper. At the other end Aidan Connolly forced Blaney into a save at the expense of a corner and then on 62 minutes Callan-McFadden put Robinson through one-on-one but his effort drifted wide. On 74 minutes Kelly's attempts to get

Swilly back into the game were frustrated by another deflection that took the ball wide of the goal. For the Mariners Daire Sheridan saw an attempted lob dealt with by Blaney. To their credit Swilly kept pressing for a lifeline with the last chance falling to Ryan McDaid whose header was yet again diverted out for a corner by a vigilant home defence.

Ramelton Mariners - Dylan Roulstone, Kieran Black, Luke Morgan, Stephen Bryant, Eoin Roulstone, Kyle Burke, Aidan Connolly, Shay Callan-McFadden, Daire Sheridan, Evan Hewitt, Fionn Robinson. Subs: Brandon Wilkie for Hewitt 42 mins, Eoin Ferry for Callan-McFadden 85 mins. Not used: Oisín Sweeney, Evan Kemp, Callum Robinson, Paul Gallagher, Peter O'Donnell.

Swilly Rovers - Jamie Lee Blaney, Daire Fennell, Darragh McDaid, Tony Gallagher, Anthony Fisher, Oisín Coyle, Ciaran Kelly, Brad Patterson, Daniel McAteer, Ryan McDaid, Jordan McDaid. Subs used: Edan Bradley for Patterson 11, Mickey Kerr for Fennell 55 mins, Daithí Cahill for Coyle 73 mins, Calvagh O'Donnell for Jordan McDaid 77 mins. Not used: David Lockhart. Ref: Sean Ferry.



Swilly's Tony Gallagher comes under pressure from Mariners men Kieran Black and Daire Sheridan.



The Ramelton Mariners with team mentor Eddie Boyce prior to Saturday's game against Swilly Rovers at the Flagpole in Rathmullan.



Swilly Rovers who were defeated by Ramelton Mariners in the Saturday league.

Donegal Physiotherapy and Performance Centre Div Two Seven and easy for Kerrykeel

Drumkeen Utd 0-7 Kerrykeel 71 F.C.

Drumkeen played their last league game of the Season as they welcomed Kerrykeel. While there was nothing at stake for Drumkeen the visitors came into this game needing all three points to keep their hopes of a Top 3 finish alive. Drumkeen did ok in the opening 20 minutes and managed to contain their guests fairly well. As the first half wore on Kerrykeel's pressure eventually paid off as Shaun Kerr got his opportunity and took it well to put his team in front. Kerrykeel could then have added another but Johnny Friel saw his header go wide of the post. Drumkeen continued to defend as best they could and would have been trying to get to half time without suffering any further damage but unfortunately for them it didn't turn out that way. Shaun Kerr added his second and Patsy Friel got his name on the score-sheet before the break to give the visitors a 3-0 lead at half time. Drumkeen now had a mountain to climb in the second half if they were to salvage something from the game. The home team did create a few chances in the second half and their striker Freddie looked the most likely to score for them. Freddie had three good chances in the second half but every time he did he found Kerrykeel keeper Benny Friel was there to deny him. Things got worse for the hosts as the second half went on and further goals from Johnny Friel, Calum McAteer, Patsy Friel with his second of the game and finally Mark Friel rounded off the scoring to make it seven for the visitor and they secured the points. Referee: Frankie Early.

Kerrykeel 71 - Brendan Friel, Brandon McClafferty, Jamie McAteer, Marty McAteer, Shaun Kerr, Mark Friel, Kevin Loughrey, James Kerr, Calum McAteer, Johnny Friel, Patsy Friel. Subs: Aaron McConigley, Shane Friel, Michael McDe-

vitt for Kevin Loughrey, Calum McAteer for Patsy Friel 65 mins, Killian Friel for James Kerr 80 mins.

Strand too strong for Raphoe

Whitestrand Utd 4-1 Raphoe Town

Whitestrand Utd took on Raphoe Town at McGarvey Park in one of the final rounds of matches for this season. Raphoe arrived with a youthful side looking for a positive result. The game started with both teams well organised and their intention to play a passing game there to be seen. Whitestrand took the lead when Paddy Sheridan played a 60-yard ball down the line setting Reece Thompson free and he finished neatly past the keeper. Whitestrand kept up pressure and on thirteen minutes the pressure told when Ronan Sweeney finished after a smart dummy by Michael Sweeney saw him smash the ball into the far corner giving the keeper no chance. Raphoe continued to try to stay in the game, they pushed up for a corner and were caught on the break as a good through ball left Reece Thompson free and he was clinical with his finish.

The second half began in a similar fashion to the first with some fine passing moves with Whitestrand going close to extending their lead. Raphoe remained determined and got a consolation goal on 70 minutes from Ryan Kelly. Whitestrand responded to conceding in good fashion with James Tourish finishing a flowing move to make it four. Good team performance from Raphoe, Cormac Shovlin, Ronan Sweeney and Reece Thompson were best for Whitestrand.

Whitestrand Utd - Charlie Crerand, Ryan Sheridan, Paddy Sheridan, Kevin McCarry, Cormac Shovelin, John Heraghty, Ronan Sweeney, Paddy Walshe, Michael Sweeney, James Tourish, Reece Thompson. Subs: Adam Ward for John Heraghty 70 mins. Gareth Ferry for Michael Sweeney 75 min. Not used: Cian McLaughlin.

Letterkenny Athletic Club Notes

Last weekend's Bundoran 10 miler was very well supported by LAC members. Congratulations to our Club captains, Noleen Scanlan and Eoghain McGinley. Noleen was the convincing winner of the women's race running a superb time of 58.40 while Eoghain was the overall winning athlete running an excellent time of 56.20.

Ciaran McConagle ran 57.00, Paul Cullen 58:14, Kieran Crawford 1.00.46, Patrick Brennan 1.02.09, John Foley 1.02.44, Darren Price 1.02.59, Cian Friel 1.03.50, Paddy Friel 1.04.39, Eimear Gormley 1.06.13, Liam Tinney 1.07.59, Mark Nee 1.08.51, Sean McFadden 1.09.10, Mark McFadden 1.11.48, Stephen Shiels 1.12.39, Ciaran O'Donnell 1.12.52, Derek Campbell 1.12.55, Manus McFadden 1.13.37, Peter Gallagher 1.13.58, Derek Wil-

son 1.15.03, Adam Rankin 1.16.23, Patrick McFadden 1.18.56, Christopher McMenamin 1.19.06, Mairead Cullen 1.20.31 and ran Samuel Rankin 1.22.10.

LAC meets Tuesday 5.15pm and at 6.30pm for an interval running session, Thursday evening for a hill run at 6pm, Saturday morning at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday morning at 8am for a long run.

All runs start at the Aura. All levels catered for and encouraged.

Fit 4 Life which is run by LAC in conjunction with the Donegal Sports Partnership takes place every Monday at 5.45pm on the track at the Aura Leisure Centre Letterkenny.

The aim of the programme is to reach out to those who wish to improve their fitness and all are most welcome any Monday they choose to attend.

Milford AC news



Congratulations to the three athletes from Milford AC, who competed across two days at the Ulster Indoor Championships in Abbotstown, Dublin with Tiernan Kerr (*above left*) Gold medalling in the U14 Boys Race Walking event on Saturday.

Added to this, Deava Diver (*above centre*) competed strongly to make the finals of both the long jump and 60 metre sprint, coming 6th in both. She finished 2nd in her heat to qualify for the final sprint.

Not to be outdone by the boys, Laura Boyce (*above right*) gold medalled on Sunday in the U13 Girls Race Walk event, following great form in training. Well done to the athletes and the support network who travelled with the juveniles.



Children from Scoil Rince Ní Ghallachóir playing at the official opening of Seachtaine na Gaeilge in Fanavolty Hall on Monday evening.



Joe Cullen and Danny Shields at the bingo for Seachtaine na Gaeilge on Monday night in the Community Centre.



Micheál Ó Frighil, as Gaeltacht Bheo Fhánada, ag bronnadh gradam aitheantais ar Sheán Ó Dorraidhín as an obair ar fad atá déanta aige thar na blianta ag cur an Ghaeilge chun cinn agus ag obair ar son ár dtéanga a chaomhnú sa cheantar



Teresa Mullaney calling the Bingo in Irish with Sean Begley and special guest Spongebob.

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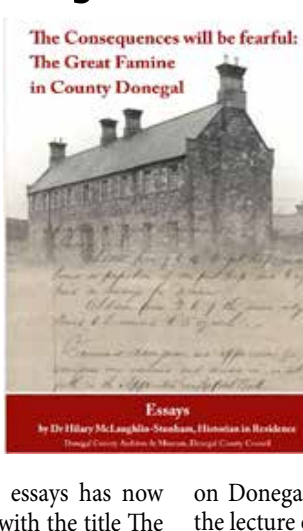
Fanad 5k

Our annual Charity (Walk and Run) will take place on Saturday 16th March at 11am (registrations from 10.30am), starting at Rinboey Carpark (Din's Shore) and finishing at Rinmore Carpark. A recent Couch to 5k initiative organised

by Fanad Active Group in conjunction with Mowi will culminate in the 5k. There is no entrance fee with donations on the day and all monies raised will go towards the Tamney Health Centre Comfort Fund. Mowi Ireland will match all contributions raised so the more you give the more goes to Tamney. There will be refreshments provided in Rinmore canteen afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Book of Essays on Famine launch

The 2023 National Famine Commemoration took place on the former site of the Milford workhouse. As part of the programme surrounding the commemoration, Donegal County Council's Archives Service and County Museum commissioned Dr Hilary McLaughlin-Stonham to carry out research in Donegal County Archives and other archival institutions, exploring aspects of life in the county during the worst years of the Great Famine, 1845 - 1850. A short illustrated book of Dr McLaughlin-Stonham's four essays has now been published by the Council, with the title The



Consequences will be Fearful: The Great Famine in Donegal. Limited free hard copies will be made available at the event on Saturday in the County Museum in Letterkenny this Saturday the 9th at 2pm and from libraries, Archives, Co. Museum in the following weeks. The ultimate goal was to remember those who lost their lives or suffered during the Great Famine in our county and those who left as emigrants to build new lives abroad. The book, in English and Irish, will also be made available to download on Donegal County Council's website following the lecture on 9 March.

Who shut Fanad polling station?

From Page One

But that cannot be the end of the story. Any loss of utility in this remote parish is catastrophic.

So, someone must stand up and be counted if the drift into oblivion is not halted and a leader found with a passion and pride in the parish, that deficit needs to be quickly identified.

There is much anger, and rightly so, in Portsalon and the wider Fanad community that the polling booth is not available in Croaghross for Friday's Referendums.

Croaghross School was constructed in 1910 and it has a huge record of being an important part of the peninsula's history. It is a fine structure having been upgraded and increased in size over a number of years. This was one of the polling stations for the last general election to the Westminster Parliament in 1918: history

is writ large here. It's now written even larger because this decision reflects a total lack of empathy or respect for the community and it is simply not good enough.

However, that seems not to have been a consideration when the door was unceremoniously closed on the community's right to vote here.

These voters are now transferred to Drumfad and there was no consultation with the residents as the grim reaper of control determined to shut off a large piece of Fanad's history without a by your leave.

This decision has added to the sense of loss in a parish that deserves better. The identity of the polling station has a legal and official stamp of recognition and that has now been cancelled out.

The closed polling station is another reality of history denied and it is part

of the creeping closures in this part of Donegal and instead of hope for the future, that future is being cancelled out and the hand of officialdom has been replaced by a force that has taken control in denying people their historic rights.

In Portsalon alone, the primary school is gone: so too are many community facilities, shops, post office, petrol station, restaurants and utilities. And when it seemed there was nothing else to lose, the shutters were pulled on the polling station in Croaghross.

There is a demand for a public meeting that has to establish a democratic right of ownership of the heritage of this wonderful parish and to prevent further closure impacting on the wellbeing of the parish.

In the meantime a battle will begin to have the polling station reopened for the EU and Local Elections on June 7th:

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Fanad

Death of Sadie Callaghan

The death took place on Tuesday of Sadie Callaghan, Ballylar, Fanad. Aged 92, Sadie was formerly a member of the Gibbons family from Portsalon. A highly respected member of the local community Sadie was a woman of many fine qualities.



Remains are reposing at the family home in Ballylar. Removal is from there to St Mary's Church, Fanavolty this Thursday evening to arrive at 5.30pm to repose overnight. Requiem Mass will take place this Friday, March 8th at 12 noon with interment afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Sadie was predeceased by her husband Paddy, parents Dan and Mary Gibbons, sisters Peggy Hagan, Mary Anne and Rosie Gibbons. She is survived by her children, Henry and Martin (Fanad), Patrick and John (Seattle), Danny (Kilmacrennan), Mary (Galway), her brother Danny Gibbons (Fanad), sisters Celine Gibbons and Hilda Taffee, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Irish Cancer Society

Elizabeth and Valerie Gallagher would like to invite all members of the community who would like to donate to the annual Daffodil Day Irish Cancer Society fundraiser to join them in Tamney Hall from 5pm - 9pm on Thursday 14th March. They will be selling merchandise for Daffodil Day. All welcome.

Bake Day

Swilly Mulroy Credit Union are holding their Great Irish Bake Day and Member Appreciation Day again this year on Friday the 22nd of March in their Kerrykeel office. Everyone is invited to come along and there will be more details next week.

REFERENDUM ELECTION - PORTSALON AREA

Please note due to the closure of Croaghross School, voting will take place in Drumfad School on Friday 8th March between 7am and 10pm.

AGM

The Fanad Community Centre Committee will hold their AGM on Thursday 7th March at 7:30pm in the Centre. Everyone welcome.

Dance

The Annual St. Patrick's Dance in the Milford Hall is being held on Saturday 16th at 9pm. Music is by Martin Duggan and John Cannon, so a lively night is guaranteed. This year the dance is in aid of Donegal Downs Syndrome Association. Tickets are €10 and this includes entry for the prize draw. Refreshments will be served. So get your dancing shoes on and enjoy the craic.

Kerrykeel Parade

The annual St Patrick's Day Parade on again this year in Kerrykeel. It will be starting at 3 o'clock with live music after the parade and everyone is invited.

St. Patrick's Dance

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Annual Coffee Morning in Glenvar School

Please join us any time after 11am on St Patrick's Day for our coffee morning in aid of small animals. Sweet treats, bric a brac and raffle! You can browse the stalls, have a chat and a nice cup of tea!

Fanad SVP

If you are experiencing difficulty the local branch of the St. Vincens de Paul Society is willing to help. If in need, contact the Society on 08777003732 regarding any financial problem. All matters dealt with in confidence.

Vacancy on Rural Social Scheme

Scéim Shóisialta Tuaithe - Tá Muir ag lorg Oibrí Cistin/ Curamóir ar an Scéim Shóisialta Tuaithe In Iona Lae Fhánada. Le bheith rannpháirteach sa scéim, caithfidh tú na rialacha maidir leis an Scéim Shóisialta Tuaithe atá leagtha síos, ag an Roinn

Choirirce Sóisialaí, a chomhlíonadh. Má tá suim agat déan teagmháil Leo Caitlin Uí Laifearthaigh ar 0877465428.

Rural Social Scheme - We are currently seeking a Kitchen Worker/ Carer on the Rural Social Scheme, at Fanad Day Centre. To be eligible to participate on the Rural Social Scheme, you must meet the criteria as laid down by the Department of Social Protection. If you are interested, please contact Caitlín Uí Laifearthaigh for further information 087746528.

Couch to 5k

The Fanad Active Group are holding a Couch to 5k every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Community Centre in Trialough.

Kerrykeel '71 Cards

Kerrykeel '71 FC Cards continues in the Village Inn, Kerrykeel every Monday at 7.30pm.

Cards in Glenvar

Cards continue in the Old School Glenvar every Thursday at 7pm. All welcome. Beginners welcome.

Crochet and Needlework

Crochet and Needlework classes continue in the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel on Wednesday evenings from 8-10pm. These classes are partly funded by ETB. For further information contact Kathleen 086 3486684.

Grinds don Ghaeilge

Grinds available for all levels of students. Group rates available. Contact 086 357 8503 for more information.

Fanad Jujitsu Club

FANAD JUJITSU CLUB classes continue every Thursday in Rosnackill Hall. 7-8pm national school age, 8-9pm secondary school age & adults. Come and learn practical self-defence and awareness in a safe and fun environment. Existing and new members welcome. For enquiries contact us via the club's Facebook page.

Lighthouse Opening Hours

Opening Hours at the Fanad Lighthouse for the Autumn are Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm and closed all day on Mondays. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Scary Team planning this year's Fright at the Light around Halloween give the Lighthouse a call on 9116020 for details.

Mulroy Hoops Basketball

Mulroy Hoops Basketball are back for the new season. Sessions in Rosnackill on Friday as follows: U6's 5.15-6pm. U8's 6-7pm. U10's 8-9pm. Regis-

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Spring Schedule at the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel:

MONDAYS: Fanad Ju-Jitsu Club: 7.30-8.30pm (7-12 year olds); and 8.30-9.30pm (teens & adults) Contact Pól on 086 363 5623

Sewing Group: (Re-starting on Mon 4th Mar): 7-9.30pm. Contact Eileen on 086 851 3870

TUESDAYS: Slimming World: 5.15-6.45pm. Contact Catherine on 083 830 0989



Gaeil Fhánada Quiz Team at Scór Sinsir in Ballybofey on Friday.



Gaeil Fhánada competitors at Scór Sinsir in Ballybofey on Friday.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations



Charles and Sylvia Pearson, Lismonaghan who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Station House Hotel last weekend surrounded by family and friends.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Masiness, Creeslough, Letterkenny

I, Kellie Ferry am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to erect a new dwelling house with connection to public sewer and all other associated site development works at Masiness, Creeslough, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Masiness. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Iarratas Chuig Comhairle Condae Dhun Na nGall

Cnoc a' Stollaire, an Bun Beag

Ta sé i gceist agam, Seamus Mac Gairbhith iarratas pleanála a dheanamh chuig Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall do 1. Athruithe ingearchló seachtrach agus athruithe ar leagan amach inmheánach a dhéanamh ar aonad tairgthe bia a ceadáíodh roimhe seo, iarratas pleanála uimhir 10/30034. 2. Cead le 8 spásanna páirceála breise, agus le each saothar forbartha láithreáin gaolmhar eile ag Cnoc a' Stollaire, an Bun Beag, Condae Dhún Na nGall, í mbaile fearainn Cnoc a' Stollaire. Thig an t-iarratas a scrúdú nó coip a cheannacht ar luach nach mó na costas cóipeála ag oifig an t-Udarás Pleanála Comhairle Contae Dhún Na nGall i Leifear le linn uaireanta oscailte na hoifige. Is Feidir achainní nó tuairimí faoin t-iarratas a deanamh i scríbhinn & faoi reir táille €20.00 chuig an tUdarás Pleanála lastúigh de 5 seachtain ó data lóiste an t-iarratas leis an tUdarás Pleanála. Cuirfeadh na hachainní nó tuairimí sin san aireamh & an tUdarás Pleanála ag deanamh cinneadh ar an t-iarrathas. Thig leis an tUdarás Pleanála céad a thabhairt faoi reir gan coinníollacha, nó gan céad a thabhairt.

Donegal County Council Drumnahoaigh, Letterkenny

I, Michael Donaghey am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for a new entrance on to the N56 road including all associated site works at Drumnahoaigh, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Drumnahoaigh. 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

Derrybeg, Gweedore
We, Michael and Elaine McBride are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank at Derrybeg, Gweedore, County Donegal in the townland of Derrybeg. 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

Murroe, Dunfanaghy
I, Paula Sweeney intend to apply to Donegal County Council for permission to erect domestic garage & store including all other associated site development works at Murroe, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal in the townland of Murroe. 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

Acknowledgement

Rooney Mary



The family of the late Mary P. Rooney would like to thank all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss. We would like to thank everyone who attended the removal and funeral, sent messages of condolences, Mass cards and floral tributes.

Thank you to the staff of Aras Ui Dhomhnaill who gave Mary such great care and kindness over the last few months.

Thank you to Dr McGuinness, and staff at Tamney Health Centre for their expert help and kindness. Thank you to Dr Crosnoi and her team, staff of Surgical One and the wider multi disciplinary team who provided great care and compassion in Mary's final days.

Thank you to Father Briody for the beautiful Requiem Mass and thank you to Ruairi Friel for the beautiful music. Thank you to Michael Morning, Chapel of Rest and Colin McAteer Undertakers for the professional service and dignified manner in carrying out the funeral arrangements.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Mary's Months Mind Mass will take place on Monday 11th March at 7pm in St Columba's Church Massmount.

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Donegal County Council

Gortnatraw South, Kerrykeel

I, Shaun Doherty am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all others site development works at Gortnatraw, Kerrykeel, County Donegal in the townland of Gortnatraw South. 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

I, Brenda Hunter am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for site clearance works and permission to construct new dwelling house, domestic shed with installation of wastewater treatment system at Ray, Rathmullan, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ballyconnelly. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

Donegal County Council

I, Fearghal Ward am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct extension to existing dwelling house including associated site works at 24 Radharc Na Mara, Downings, Co. Donegal in the townland of Magherabeg. The planning application may be inspected or

In Memoriam

Coyle

John Glasgow formerly **Lurganboyce, Rathmullan**
3rd Anniversary



In loving memory of a dear Dad, Grandad and brother who died on the 11th March 2021.

Just a prayer from your family who loved you
Just a memory fond and true
In our hearts you will live forever
because we thought the world of you
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 your best for all of us
We will always remember you
Each of us in our own way have special thoughts of you today
No longer in our lives to share
but in our hearts you are always there.

Lovingly remembered by your wife Eileen, sons John, Kevin, Joseph, daughter Claire, son-in-law James and grandchildren John, Kirsten, James, Michael and Aisling.

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

Loved and remembered by your sister Bridget, Denis and family.

Today like many other days
brings special thoughts of you
Of a really wonderful brother
so kind, loving and sincerely true.

I often visit your resting place and have happy memories of your smiling face
Time passes by and life goes on but from my heart you are never gone.

May the winds of love blow softly
and whisper for you to hear
That I miss you dearly and wish that you were here.

Always loved and remembered by your brother Martin.

Gone are the days we used to share
But in my heart you are always there
Gone is the face I loved so dear
Silent the voice I loved to hear
Too far away for sight or speech
But not too far for love to reach
Sweet the memories are so clear
In my thoughts you are always near.

Loved and missed very much your sister Geraldine and family

John's anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 23rd March at 7pm in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan.

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

59 Gléann Eadá, Killyclug, Ednacarnan, Letterkenny M.D.

I, Paul O'Neill, am applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission of construction of Sun Room/Conservatory to Side of Existing New Dwelling House @ 59 Gléann Eadán, Killyclug, Ednacarnan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the 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.



Boyce Anthony Ballgreen, Ramelton

10th Anniversary
In loving memory of Anthony who died on the 11th March 2014.

Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today.

Always remembered by Bonnie and the O'Hagan family.



Sheridan Tommy Rathmullan

6th Anniversary
In loving memory of Tommy who died on 15th March 2018.

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

Always remembered by your sister Ann, brother-in-law Denis, sister-in-law Claire, all your nieces and nephews and all the family.

Anniversary Mass on Friday 15th March in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan at 7.00pm



Friel Margaret (White Tam) Gortnatra, Kerrykeel

2nd Anniversary
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Anniversary Mass to be held in Ballinacrick Chapel, Thursday 14th March at 7pm.

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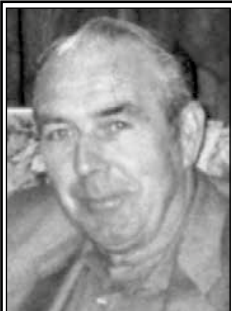
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In Memoriam



Duggan
Brid
Mount Marian,
Milford
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on the 7th March 2022.
You were the most truly wonderful mum, a treasure that can never be replaced
You nurtured us with your tender love and supported us in every way
One in a million, we will never forget the precious times we shared
memories of you we will always cherish knowing how deeply you cared
Mum, our special bond was priceless, you were our dearest friend
we never doubted your compassion right until the very end
Your love meant the world to us, we miss your warmth, so gentle and kind
Your spirit will live on forever in our hearts and in our minds.
Loved and missed by your adoring family.



Friel
John
Gortcally,
Kerrykeel
5th Anniversary

We thought of you with love today but that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too
We think of you in silence we often speak your name
Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part
God has you in His keeping we have you in our hearts.
Sadly missed by your wife Madge, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 9th March at 6.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel.



Doherty
Francis
The Pans,
Cranford
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Francis who passed away on the 13th of March 2023
You gave no one a last farewell, nor even said good-bye
You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why
A million times we will cry
If love alone could have saved you you never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a place, no one else can fill
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone
for part of us went with you the day God took you home
We will meet again someday I know in a better place
I thank God he made you our brother while you were here on earth.
Forever loved and deeply missed by Margaret and Mike, Annette and Kieran and Charlie and Sally.
You are near, even if we don't see you
You are with us, even if you are far away
You are in our hearts, in our thoughts in our lives, always.

Love always
Christine, Ben and Rachel
Though his smile is gone forever and his hand we cannot touch
We still have so many memories of the one we loved so much
His memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part
God has him in his keeping, we have him in our hearts.
Always loved, remembered and greatly missed by your nephews and nieces John, Emma, Stephen, Erin, Ava, Patrick, Maria and James
Anniversary Mass on Sunday the 10th of March at 11am in St Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan.

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Gallagher
Mary
Cuan Na Long,
Carrigart
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of Mary who died on 5th March 2016.
I miss you Mum
I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name
All I have are memories and a picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part
God has you in his keeping I have you in my heart.
Loved and remembered by Irene and family.



Friel
Kathleen
Gortnavern,
Coolboy,
Letterkenny
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on the 6th March 2023.
No special day is needed for us to think of you
You are always in our thoughts, no matter what we do
Your resting place we visit, and say a little prayer
But no one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.
Always loved and remembered by husband Alex, sons Alex Jnr and Stuart, daughter Allison and son-in-law Chris, and all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

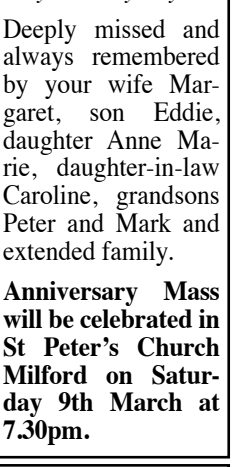
Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Fycorranagh, Letterkenny
I Martin Nee am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for erection of domestic garage with associated site works at Fycorranagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Fycorranagh. The



McCleary
Willie
Milford
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle who died on March 6th, 2021
Death leaves heartache no-one can heal
Memories are treasures no-one can steal
Some may forget you now that you are gone
But we will remember no matter how long
You will also stay loved and remembered
In every way, no tears, no verse
Can ever say how much we miss you every day.
Deeply missed and always remembered by your wife Margaret, son Eddie, daughter Anne Marie, daughter-in-law Caroline, grandsons Peter and Mark and extended family.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's Church Milford on Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm.



Hannigan
Hughie
Ramelton
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of Hughie, who died on the 7th of March 2022.
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 you most of all
Sadly missed and fondly remembered by everyone in Whoriskey's, Ramelton.
Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Saturday 9th March at 6.30pm.

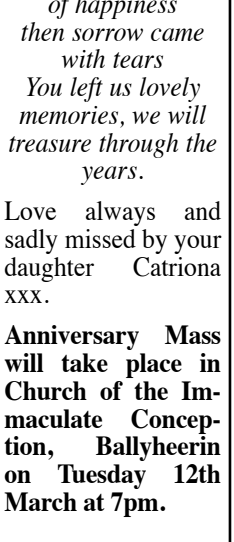
planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal,



O'Brien
Mary
Ballyhurke, Fanad
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on 11th March 2016.
We sat beside your bedside, our hearts were crushed and sore
We did our duty to the end, 'til we could do no more.
Love always and sadly missed by your daughter Fidelma and son-in-law John xxx.
In tears we watched you sinking we watched you fade away
And though our hearts were breaking, we knew you could not stay.
Love always and sadly missed by your grandchildren John, Karen and Oisín xxx.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest
It broke our hearts to see you go, God only takes the best.
Love always and sadly missed by your son Martin xxx.
You gave us years of happiness then sorrow came with tears
You left us lovely memories, we will treasure through the years.
Love always and sadly missed by your daughter Catriona xxx.
Anniversary Mass will take place in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ballyheerin on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm.

during it's public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.



Magee
Don
Kerrykeel
8th Anniversary

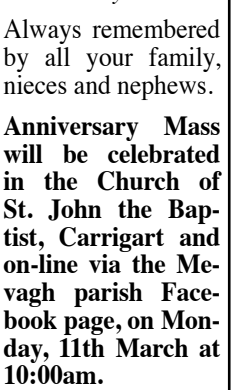
In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died 12th March 2016.
Just a prayer from those who loved you.
Just a memory fond and true.
In our hearts you will live forever
Because we thought the world of you.
Remembered by all the family.
Rest in peace.
Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Church, Fanavolty on Sunday 10th March at 11am.

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Sheils
Eileen
5th Anniversary

I hide my tears when I say your name but the pain in my heart is still the same
Although I smile and seem carefree there's no one who misses you more than me.
Missed every day, Mum.
Time slips by and life goes on but from our hearts you're never gone
We think about you always, we talk about you too
We have so many memories but we wish we still had you.
Always remembered by all your family, nieces and nephews.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart and on-line via the Mevagh parish Facebook page, on Monday, 11th March at 10:00am.



Roarty
Dominic
Station Road,
Creelough.
1st Anniversary
17th March 2024

We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.
May you rest in peace.
Sadly missed by his wife Peggy, his son Dominic and wife Mary, his daughter Marian and husband Donal and his grandchildren.
Dominic's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 17th March at 11am in St. Michael's Church Creelough.

Friel
Kathleen
Gortnavern,
Coolboy
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear auntie Kathleen who died on the 6th March 2023.
Our thoughts are always with you in a very special way
Not only on your Anniversary but every single day.
Loved and remembered by Rose, Matt and family.

Acknowledgement

McCarron
Josie
Murrin,
Ballylar, Fanad.



Brothers Charlie, Dan and all the Family wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sympathised with us in our recent sad loss. Thank you to all who attended the wake and funeral, to those who sent Mass cards, letters, phoned or shared kind messages of sympathy online. Our thanks also for the many generous donations made to The Alzheimer Society of Ireland.
Thank you to Dr.Moran and team, and all the staff of Medical 2 Ward in Letterkenny University Hospital for your great care of Josie. A very special thank you to Dr. Padraig McGuinness, PHN Annie Shields and all the team at Tamney Health Centre for your excellent care over the last few years. Thank you to the Home Help team, in particular Tessie, Rhonda and Kathleen for your wonderful care of Josie.
Thanks to McAteer Funeral Directors for all your help and advice during the wake and funeral. Thanks to Fr. Anthony Briody for the beautiful funeral Mass. Thanks to Ruairi Friel for the beautiful music and singing. Thanks to all the neighbours and friends for all your kind help during the wake and funeral. Thank you to the staff of Portsalon Golf Club for providing the food. Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation.
Month's Mind Mass will take place in St. Mary's Chapel, Fanavolty, Fanad on Saturday 9th of March at 7pm.



Roarty
Dominic
Station Road,
Creelough.
1st Anniversary
17th March 2024

Birthday Remembrance
Birthday Remembrance
Hoare
Isobel
11th March
Along of the road of memories that takes us back to you
Thinking of the happy times that all of us once knew
Somewhere dear Isobel we seem to find a way and wander back to meet you on that road to yesterday
Always remembered by your loving sister Mary Kate brother-in-law Charles, Letterkenny.
Will those who think of auntie Isobel today
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Your loving niece and godchild Anita and Paul, Ramelton.
Hugs and kisses to the sky so blue
Catch them auntie Isobel they are all for you.
Your loving niece Aoife, Ballyare, Ramelton.

Friel
Kathleen
Gortnavern,
Coolboy
1st Anniversary

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Our thoughts are always with you in a very special way
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Email:
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Cloughaneely

Junior Band

The winning number in the Band lotto last week were 5-9-12-13-17-20. Lily-Mae Gallagher won €100. This week's jackpot is €6,900.

If anyone would like to book the Band for Parades and events over the summer months, we would appreciate it if you could give two weeks' notice in advance.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations to Martin Gallagher, Dunmore Lane who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1006.

Classes this week include: Chair aerobics with Louie on a Tuesday; Gymnastics on a Wednesday; HITT class Tuesday and Thursday; Irish dancing Thursday; Ballet and Pilates on Friday; Bowls on Saturday; Jiving with Ashlene starting soon. For more information contact us at ionadnf@gmail.com or call 9165750.

Cill Ulta - Na Tithe Gloine

Potato Seed for sale! - 8 varieties Order online - www.cillulta.ie. Nó cur scairt orainn ag 91 80994.

Tráth na gCeist

A table quiz in aid of Tullaghbegley Heritage Walking Weekend will take place in Loistín na Seamróige on Friday 8th March starting at 9 30pm. Bigé linn.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year's St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday 17th, at 3.30pm. Floats from businesses, community groups, schools and individuals are welcome and encouraged to join with our local bands and MC Denis Doohan in the parade

Siopa Pobail

Please do not leave donations outside Siopa Pobail when the shop is closed. Please contact us if you need to leave donations outside the opening times - 91 80111/086 455 7519.

Siopa Pobail opening times: Monday-Closed; Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday

10am-5pm; Thursday 10am-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 11am-5pm; Sunday Closed.

Paistí Le Chéile Parent and Toddler Group on Thursdays at Garradh Cholm Cille from 10.30am-12pm.

Fáilte Isteach English Conversation group are back at Garradh Cholmille on Friday mornings from 10.30am-12noon.

GOAL Coffee Morning

Pobail Le Chéile is hosting a coffee morning on Friday 15th March in aid of GOAL Ireland. GOAL is an international humanitarian response agency established in Ireland over 40 years ago. Coffee morning will be in Ionad Garradh Cholm Cille from 10.30am-12noon. There will be a fun fashion show at the start. Fáilte roimh achan nduine.

IT SERVICES: If you need any IT assistance our IT Worker Willie will assist you Monday - Friday 12noon-4pm.

Cloughaneely Appreciation Award

Attention all clubs and volunteer groups in Cloughaneely! Sports, culture, charities etc. Pobail Le Chéile would like to celebrate the efforts of all involved on Friday 19th April... If you haven't heard from us and would like to be included, please get in touch with us by emailing the following info Club/ Group name. Contact person and number. Short description of club/ group activity. Photo which represents your group or activity. This is an over-18s event (which will include those who coach or run events for young people) clochcf2024@gmail.com

Pobal Eascarrach

Pobal Eascarrach are looking for new committee members to help continue with the running of the Resource Centre. If you feel that you have new skills and ideas, please contact us.

Line Dancing with Margaret each Thursday at 10.30a.m. Cost €3. Art Class with Owenie Ó Duibhir through



Recent Retirees from PCC Kate McGilloway and Frankie Doherty pictured with Geraldine O'Brien, the ASTI president and former colleagues and family members at at their retirement function held in An Caislean Oir Hotel in Annagry on Friday evening last.



Irish every Thursday from 7-9pm. Fee: €5 per class. Register at pobaleas@gmail.com or 9180571. Thursday Café Come in for a coffee or a cup of tea in Aras Begley 10-11.30am every Thursday.

PCC Teachers Retirement function at An Caislean Oir Hotel

Pictured right: Kevin Boyle, Kate McGilloway, Geraldine O'Brien, Frankie Doherty, Packie Doohan, and Helen Moran at the recent ASTI retirement function.



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Cllr Michael McClafferty

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Cathaoirleach of Glenties Municipal District

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The Altan Farm Summerhouse to benefit from expertise and mentoring

Five monuments across Ireland have been selected for inclusion in the Heritage Council's Adopt a Monument Scheme 2024. These include a nineteenth century summerhouse set in a dramatic mountainous landscape on the shore of Lough Altan and an early medieval church and cross that overlook Lough Foyle at Cooley, near Moville. The scheme offers communities expertise, mentoring and support to help them to care for their local heritage.

The Altan Farm Summerhouse is a two-storey summer house built in a dramatic mountainous

location on the shore of Lough Altan in the mid-nineteenth century and a popular destination for walkers. Cairde na hEragaille want to conserve these ruins as an important local landmark and promote the important stories of it and its surrounding landscape.

Working in partnership with communities and State bodies, the Adopt a Monument Scheme helps to ensure the sustainable future of the adopted monuments. It also offers communities a way of promoting pride in place and pride in Ireland's past, as well as opportunities to develop and understand

the story of a locality, to work collaboratively, to get active, participate in community development and to boost tourism, business and employment opportunities.

Chief Executive of the Heritage Council, Virginia Teehan said: "As custodians of our nation's heritage, we recognise that this Scheme is not merely about safeguarding our historic monuments; it's about safeguarding our collective memory, our identity, and our stories, and the active involvement of local communities is paramount. We aim to empower these individuals, providing them with the resources and support they need to make a tangible difference. The impact of caring for our local monuments transcends mere restoration; it fosters a profound sense of pride within communities, transforming forgotten spaces into vibrant ones, and presents an opportunity to educate through community engagement."

"The Maiden Aunt" in Falcarragh

The Termon Drama Group are bringing their hilarious play, "The Maiden Aunt" by Jimmy Keary to Falcarragh Community Hall on this Friday 8th March at 8pm. Entry is €10.00.

The group have already played three shows in the Kilmacrennan Hall and one in Fanad all to packed houses.

"The Maiden Aunt" is set in the farm home of Dan and Mary Murphy along with their son John Paul who has great ambitions of being a musician along side his friend Jarlath. Mary's maiden aunt and retired school teacher, Gertie O'Grady comes to stay after a stint in hospital. The Murphy's mission is to get Gertie to make her Will in their

favour. Francie Gilholley is their 60 year old farm hand, who thinks he can charm any women. Throw the ever bright Caroline Quinn and the extremely efficient Paula Moore into the mix, for much fun and laughter.

The group welcomed John McNamara who takes on the role of Dan Murphy, Caroline Dorrian is Mary Murphy, Deirdre Gallagher is The Maiden Aunt, Gertie O'Grady, Henry Gallagher plays the part of Francie Gilholley, Stephen Ferry plays John Paul, Gerry McTaggart is his side kick Jarlath, Lisa McCafferty takes on the role of Paula Moore and Madeline McDaid is Caroline Quinn.

Congratulations to all involved In a high quality contest in Gortahork, Billies A in all likelihood sealed 2nd place with a 4-2 win over nearest contenders Shamrock B, which saw seven 180's landed with John Flood, David Flood, Pat McGeary and Paul Ferry all finding the maximum. Paul once again showed he was well trained by father Hughie as the Shamrock men couldn't compete with his scoring, particularly in the doubles.

With the final round of fixtures ahead this Thursday, Ryan and David Flood are tied at the top of the most 180's with 11 each, with Sean Gallagher and John Gallagher in the chasing pack on 8 each so all still to play for. Noel McGinley continues to lead the in the highest checkout with 160. All individual awards remain up for grabs with one more night left. All fixtures, results and tables can be viewed on the CDDL Facebook page.

Cloughaneely Darts League

Cloughaneely District Darts League sponsored by Terry Properties results - Catch Up Games - Billies A 6 v 0 Billies B; Shamrock B 4 v 2 Billies C. Week 21 Results - 29/02/24 - Billies C 2 v 4 Teac Jack; Dixons 2 v 4 Billies D; Maire Rua's A 1 v 5 Teac Mhic; Strand Bar 4 v 2 Billies B; Billies A 4 v 2 Shamrock B; Shamrock A 5 v 1 Maire Rua's B.

Teac Mhic are back to back CDDL league champions following a 5-1 victory over Maire Rua's A which gives them an unassailable 7 point lead with only one game left. With Michael Coll, Mike Naulty, Owenie McGarvey and Danny Doogan all ranked in the top 10 of the individual standings, the strongest team proved too good for the rest of the competition this season.



Dunfanaghy

5K Run and Walk

Local girl Niamh Corcoran from Kill, Dufanaghy is part of a group of nursing students going to Uganda from ATU St. Angelas. They are bringing much needed supplies for the BKU orphanage and school, Noah's Ark and the community clinics. All donations will go directly to the source where they're most needed.

As part of our fundraising Niamh is holding a 5K walk/run on Saturday 6th April leaving St. Michael's GAA Pitch at 12 noon. The registration is from 11am with refreshments afterwards in the St. Michael's Clubhouse, the girls would love to see a big crowd on the day, and if you are unable to make it but would still like to donate we have a go fund me page <https://gofund.me/812cf0e2> For more information contact Tommy on 0864054343 or Marie on 0860682449 or 0838533657.

St. Patrick's Dance

A St. Patrick's Dance in aid of the Donegal Downs Syndrome Association will be held in Milford Hall on Saturday March 16th from 9 until 11.30pm. Tickets are priced at €10 which includes Prize Draw entries and the music is by Martin Duggan and John Cannon. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

Muckish Railway Walk

Dunfanaghy Youths FC are holding a 5Km Walk along the Muckish

Railway Walk on Easter Monday at 11a.m. We want to bring members of our community to walk, chat and connect with each other while raising awareness about mental health. Money raised will be for two great charities - Mental Health Ireland and Jigsaw Donegal. We would love it if everyone came out to show their support. The Walk is suitable for all ages. Registration from 10.30a.m. leaving from Muckish Sand & Gravel car park. (F92N2R4) Any queries or information can be had from Marie Duffy marieduffy2@gmail.com or 0876372344.

Ards Walled Garden AGM

The Ards Walled Garden Community Project annual general meeting will be held on Saturday 9th March at 4pm at the Friary. Allotments still available. A new course at Ards Walled Garden: Growing Organic Vegetables with Joanne Butler will start on 16th March from 2-4pm. Classes on Sunday afternoons thereafter.

Dunfanaghy Youths Golf Classic

Dunfanaghy Youths FC are holding a Golf Classic on Friday 5th April. This is a 4 Person Team event with the prizes to include: 1st to 8th Place, N/Q Prize to the Ladies, Prize Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive. There will also be a raffle and the Entry Fee is €100 per person. For more details contact info@dunfanaghygolfclub.com or Mary on 9136335 for Tee Times and Sponsors.

The event is sponsored by the FAI, Century Complex, McGurks Golf, Nearby, Homeland, Wild Atlantic Camp, Arnolds Hotel and Brian McCormick Intersport. This is a Club fundraiser for a Clubhouse and Changing Room facilities.

Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns

Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns will hold their next meeting on Thursday 7th March at 6pm at Arnold's Hotel. Agenda will include - 'Big Donegal Clean Up' launch event; Workhouse Business Event; Planters outside businesses; Public toilets; Community

Worker jobs: recently completed, outstanding, proposed; Volunteers for Summer tasks: bins, beaches, monitoring walks, flower beds; Community Worker and Volunteer joint activities: Cottage Road to Roinis Road path, Portnablugh Picnic Area, tree planting; Fundraising event: Defibrillator.

Last Members' meeting on 25th January - Members attending: Derek Alcorn, Susan Alcorn, Bill Arnold, Christine Barnes, Ian Barnes, Breid Gallagher, Moira Harley, Niall Johnston, Patrick Knowles, Daniel McBride, Eamonn McBride, Ivan McElhinney, Deborah Moore, Art O'Malley, Linda Rosewood, John Smith, Gill Tricoglus, Diana Walford, Robert Wagon. Apologies from Kathleen Duggan and Marianne Kelly.

The Workhouse are organising a business involvement event on Wednesday 13th March and are looking for a couple of Tidy Towns members to represent at this event.

Helium Arts

Dunfanaghy FRC will host free workshops from Helium Arts. Registrations are now open for FREE Online Workshops from Helium Arts open to children and young people nationwide. Register your interest to participate in their workshops. Ages 6-8 - Every Saturday from 6 Apr - 11 May Ages 9-12; Every Saturday from 6 Apr - 11 May. For more information ring 9136548.

50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Jocelyn Hammant who won €360 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Wellness Workshop

SOS in Partnership with the Dunfanaghy Community and Family Resource Centre which is taking place at Ards Friary Retreat Centre on this Friday 8th March from 1 to 4pm. A half-day for you to take time out for yourself and learn a range of tips, tools and techniques that you can use to improve your Mental health. Booking is being managed by the SOS

team and they are taking bookings via eventbrite at www.eventbrite.ie/.../wellness-workshop...

Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues Festival

Calling all artists - we're back in 2024! As we get the wheels turning on this year's event (September 12th to 16th) we're putting a shout out to bands and artists looking to play this year's festival.

With over 70 gigs to fill over 4 days we are just looking to make the booking process easier for both the artists and ourselves to ensure the best line-up possible for our music loving fans.

Message us via Facebook or Instagram between now and St Paddy's weekend if you're interested. Once they are reviewed, the venues will be in touch to book.

The Workhouse

The Workhouse will be hosting an Open Day for local businesses on Wednesday, March 13th, from 10am to 1pm. This is to inform businesses about our services and operations. If you would like to attend, contact Róisín at dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com

Arrive 'n' Jive

Arrive 'n' Jive takes place in the Outback at Patsy Dans Bar every Tuesday from 7.30-9.30pm. There is jiving, line dancing with odd waltz thrown in. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge with all donations appreciated and all monies raised will go towards the Dunfanaghy Christmas Lights.

Shop and Coffee Dock

The shop and coffee shop at Ards Friary are closed for renovations. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The Numbers drawn were: 3,4,5,7,16,20. The Match 5 winner was Josephine Keaveney Chapel Road Dunfanaghy who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €5500.

Harkin launches local election campaign

Aontú candidate, Michael Harkin, launched his campaign in the local elections for a seat on the Glenties Municipal District at a function in Creeslough on Saturday evening.

Michael from Ballymore, was joined by family, friends, party colleagues and supporters at the launch held in the Creeslough Community Links Hub. Michael thanked everyone for attending the meeting saying he was looking forward to representing his party and community in the forthcoming election.

He added that he was looking for their support in the coming months.

Michael is the current chairman of the Creeslough Community Association and a well-known figure in his community.

Also present were Letterkenny area candidate, Mary T Sweeney and Aontú Donegal Chairperson, Liam Mulligan, who both addressed the audience and took questions from the floor.



Michael Harkin speaking at the Election Campaign launch on Saturday evening and also at the top table were Aontú Donegal Chairperson, Liam Mulligan and Letterkenny area candidate, Mary T Sweeney.



A section of the crowd who attended Aontú's Michael Harkin's Election Campaign launch at the Creeslough Community Links Hub on Saturday evening

Rosapenna Golf Club

The Two Ball Scramble on Sunday the 3rd of March resulted as follows: 1st K Sweeney & K Davis with 46pts; 2nd B. McMenamin Jnr & T. CARR with 45pts bot; Gross S. Boyle & B. Roache with 43 gross pts; 3rd S. MacLairfeartaigh & D. McClafferty with 45pts; Front Nine J. Dowds & M. KELLY with 21pts; Back Nine B. Boyle & J. McClafferty with 23pts. Two's - B. Conner & C. Breen, D. Coyle & P. Gallagher x3, B. Boyle & J. McClafferty, S. Loughrey & L. McConigley, M. Bradley & P. Gallagher, J. Dowds & M. KELLY, S. Boyle & B. Roache x 2, P. McClafferty & M. Bradley, M. Carr & B. Mc Menamin, B. McMenamin Jnr & T. Carr.

Winter Scramble Series

The penultimate event in the Winter Scramble Series took place on Saturday the 2nd of March with the results as follows - 1st - M McGettigan, R Bell, J Harley & O McGettigan with 48.8 nett; 2nd - M Duncan, D Duncan, D Duncan & K Duncan with 54.5 nett; 3rd - J Dowds, B Kelly, D Kelly & V Dowds with 54.75 nett; 4th - M Bradley, J Martin, S Bradley & T Martin with 54.85

nett; 5th - O Gallagher, T Alcorn, M Boyle & C Bradley with 55.4 nett. The final event of the Winter Scramble Season is planned for Saturday the 16th of March on the Sandy Hills Links, all entries are via the Resort website www.rosapenna.com. The entry fee is set at €40.00 per player.

Rosapenna Ladies

Well done to all the ladies who took part in the first competition of the year kindly sponsored by The Galley, Downings on Saturday the 3rd of March - Winner Dymna Kelly (22) 40pts (BOT); Second Bernie Ladley (32) 40pts; Cat A (14-23) Madge Kelly (23) 35pts; Cat B (24-37) Brid Mc Menamin (24) 30pts; First nine Aisling Cullen (34) 19pts; Second nine Claire Lenny (15) 19pts (BOT)

Course Update

Play will be permitted on fairways from Saturday the 16th of March with six inch placing in effect. The Sandy Hills Links will reopen for the 2024 season on Saturday the 16th with the member green fee set at €30.00 for all Old Tom Morris Links members.

Drive Buggies

The use of buggies will be permitted from Saturday the 16th on the Sandy Hills Links only. Drive buggies will return to the Old Tom Morris Links on Thursday March 28th. The member rate for 2024 is set at

€40.00 per 18 holes, subject to availability.

Ladies vs Gents Match

The 2024 Ladies vs Gents Challenge Match, now with a new trophy sponsored by McGee Insulation, will take place over the Old Tom Morris Links this coming Saturday the 9th of March. All players are to check in from 9.00am (Tea & Coffee & biscuits) with a 10.00am shotgun start. The entry fee is €30.00 per player to include catering. Best wishes to team captains Claire Lenny & Joe McHugh.

2024 Golf Fees

The 2024 Golf Fees renewals have now been issued to all members by email. If anyone has any queries with same please email golf@rosapenna.ie

Members BRS Golf App

If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet, this includes all golf over 9 holes. All tee times are bookable via the BRS App. Sunday competition tee times for Gents will open at 10.00am on the Thursday before, every week.

March 2024:

Saturday 9th - Ladies vs Gents Match; Sunday 10th - Club Competition; Saturday 16th - Winter Scramble Series; Sunday 17th - Club Competition; Monday 18th - Scoil Naomh Brid Golf Classic c/o Rosapenna Golf Resort; Sunday 24th - Gents

Easter Hamper; Sunday 31st - Club Competition.

Portsalon Golf Club

Wednesday 28th February - Winner: Charlie McFadden (29) - 40 pts BOT; Runner-up: Brian O'Reilly (28) - 40 pts. Saturday February 24th - Auto Fast Fit Winter Series - Category 1 winner: Seamus Patton (6) - 34 pts; Category 2 winner: Padraig Aleer (14) - 37 pts; Category 3 winner: Ciaran McLaughlin (23) - 38 pts; Category 4 winner: Dean Doherty (41) - 36 pts. Sunday March 3rd - Winner: Barry McNamee (13) - 43 pts BOT; Runner-up: Michael Bowe (23) - 43 pts BOT; Gross: Michael Campbell (2) - 35 gross pts; Third: Damion O'Donnell (21) - 42 pts.

Portsalon Ladies

Happy International Women's Day to the ladies of Portsalon Golf Club this coming Friday 8th March. The theme of for 2024 is Inspire Inclusion. The sport of golf is one of the few sports that includes everyone of all ages, and abilities. If you know a lady who is interested in taking up or getting back into the sport of golf, please invite her to join Portsalon.

The golf season has started to beckon, and the fair-weather golfers are checking their weather apps. Lady Captain Noreen is seeking volunteers to help as Captains or assistants with teams for 2024 and is asking ladies to contact her.

Ladies are also asked to put their name forward on the sheet in the ladies locker room, for team selection. The new month has started for the Members re-entry. Please enter in the locker room.

Donegal Shield Qualifier

There has been a change of date for the qualifier. This will now be held on the 5th April - Alternate Day & the 7th April. The Shield will be played in Letterkenny Golf Club on the 20th April.

World Handicap System

Just a heads up to let you know, there are changes to how your handicap will be calculated. From the 1st April 2024 a new calculation of Course Handicap will come into effect. This will be introduced in every golf club and will align with most other countries worldwide. Explanatory notices are on the board in the locker room. But don't panic! Handicap secretaries in every club are excitedly waiting to explain how the new calculations are arrived at!

Results 3rd March 2024: 1st Marian Overend 37 pts; 2nd

Noreen McConigly 35 pts BOT; It was a tale of two nines for the Ladies Winter Links on Thursday 29th February. Atrocious weather on the back nine for the early starters and on the front nine for the late starters. But for the day that was in it, Roseanne Logue leaped into 1st Nett with an excellent 40 points. After a shaky start, she romped to a Par, Par, Par finish which secured her top spot. The Ladies Links Captain's Day is Thursday 28th March 2024. Tel 074-91-59459 or book through BRS.

Results: 29th February - Nett: 1st Roseanne Logue (26) 40 pts Portsalon; 2nd Katrina Rainey (33) 38 pts BOT Letterkenny; 3rd Celine Bradley (24) 38 pts Letterkenny; 4th Patricia McAteer (34) 37 pts BOT Portsalon; 5th Cheryl Chambers (20) 37 pts Dunfanaghy; Front 9 - Shannon Livingston (25) 19 pts BOT; Back 9 - Deirdre Hensey (23) 23 pts Gross - 1st Anne Cannon (11) 23 gr pts Letterkenny; 2nd Deirdre O'Toole (14) 21 gr pts Portsalon. 2's Deirdre O'Toole, Angela Bradley, Katrina Rainey, Marion Keating.

Dates for your Diary: 18th March : Ladies & Gents Open; 28th March : Ladies Winter Links (Open) Captain's Day 31st March : Members Sub Competition; 1st April : Ladies and Gents Open.

Lenten Mission at St. Michael's Church, Creeslough

A Lenten Mission will take place from Monday the 11th to Wednesday the 13th March in St. Michael's Church. Sr. Brieghe Mc Kenna, O.S.C. and Fr. Pablo have kindly agreed to give this mission. Mission Schedule : Monday: Morning Mass & mission talk; Evening mission talk and service of Reconciliation (no Mass). Theme: Reconciliation. Tuesday: Morning Mass & mission talk; Evening Mass and mission talk; Theme: Prayer and the Power of the Holy Spirit. Wednesday: Morning Mass & mission talk; Evening Mass, mission talk and Eucharistic Healing; Theme: The Eucharist – "The Source and Summit of our Faith". In the morning, the mission talk will follow the morning Mass.

Muckish Railway Walk
Dunfanaghy Youths FC are holding a 5km Walk along the Muckish Railway Path on Easter Monday at 11a.m. We want to bring members of our community to walk, chat and connect with each other while raising awareness about mental health. Money raised will be for two great charities – Mental Health Ireland and Jigsaw Donegal. We would love it if everyone came out to show their support. The Walk is suitable for all ages. Registration from 10.30a.m. leaving from Muckish Sand & Gravel car park. (F92N2R4) Any queries or information can be had from Marie Duffy marieduffy2@gmail.com or 0876372344.

St. Patrick's Dance
A St. Patrick's Dance in aid of the Donegal Downs Syndrome Association will be held in Milford Hall on Saturday March 16th from 9pm until 11.30pm. Tickets are priced at €10 which includes Prize Draw entries and the music is by Martin Duggan and John Cannon. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

Clean Up Day
Creeslough Community Association annual clean up day is on Saturday March 9th. We are asking that everyone meet at the Corner of the Garden at 9a.m. Bring pickers and Hi-Vis vests with you if you have them.

Ards Walled Garden AGM
The Ards Walled Garden Community Project annual general meeting will be held on Saturday 9th March at 4pm at the friary. Allotments still available. A new course at Ards Walled Garden: Growing Organic Vegetables with Joanne Butler will start on 16th March from 2-4pm. Classes on Sunday afternoons thereafter.

Naomh Micheál Awards Night
The annual Naomh Micheál Awards night will be held in Rosses Bar in Creeslough on this Saturday the 9th March at 8pm. All are welcome to join us, Creeslough as we acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our club over the past year. Join us as to celebrate the Under 21 winners and announce our Player of the Year Awards. The 2024 Senior Jersey will also be launched and finger food will be served.

Doe Amateur Swimming Club
The swimming lessons continue at the Aura Leisure Centre this Saturday 9th March. Bus 1 leaves Dunfanaghy Square at 4:45pm. Supervising parents are Enda Boyce and Gill Watterson. Bus 2 & 3 leave Creeslough chapel carpark at 5pm. Supervising parents are Neil Toye and Yvonne McGuinness on Bus 2 and Shemie McDaid and Anne Ferry on Bus 3. CPR tests in Massinass hall for Safety 4 and Rescue 1 groups at 3.45pm. Bus will collect these children at the hall.

Lenten Mission 2024

With Sr. Brieghe Mc Kenna & Fr. Pablo
St Michaels Church, Creeslough

Monday 11th March – Wednesday 13th March

View online at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church> (Eircode F92 CC60)

Monday 11th	Theme: Reconciliation	
10.00am	Morning Mass followed by Mission Talk	
7pm	Mission Talk (No Mass) followed by Service of Reconciliation	
Tuesday 12th	Theme: Prayer and the Power of the Holy Spirit	
10.00am	Morning Mass followed by Mission Talk	
7pm	Evening Mass followed by Mission Talk	
Wednesday 13th	Theme: The Eucharist – "The Source and Summit of our Faith"	
10.00am	Morning Mass followed by Mission Talk	
7pm	Evening Mass followed by Mission Talk and Eucharistic Healing	

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St. Michael's Under 12 Team that played Cloughaneely on Sunday at The Bridge.



Cathal Magee presenting Jason Curran with the Cross which his Dad won in the raffle at the Mummings dance in McNulty's Bar in aid of The Hospice and Letterkenny Hospital.

League of Ireland Premier Division

Harps move into 2nd spot

Finn Harps 2 Athlone Town 0

Darren Murphy saw his Finn Harps side maintain their fine start to the 2024 First Division season with an excellent win over Athlone Town in Ballybofey on Friday night. So far Harps this season have won two and drawn the other match leaving



Finn Harps Patrick Ferry in action against Athlone Town.

them joint second in the table. They will attempt to extend that unbeaten run to four games this Friday night when they host Cobh Ramblers in a reversed fixture at Finn Park. It will be Harps third home match on the trot and Murphy will be aiming to take full advantage of that.

On Friday night first half goals from Stephen Doherty and Success Edogun gave the hosts the three points against Athlone Town. The visitors came into the game after scoring three goals in each of their previous two fixtures. But, there was no such joy against a well organised home side who protected their goalkeeper Tim Heimer very well.

Despite the torrid weather that caused several League of Ireland matches in both divisions to be postponed, there seemed to be an abnormal feel considering the match in the north-west of the country was going ahead. Something felt different, but then again, so far this season, there's been a different, and much more positive mood around the Ballybofey ground, one that hasn't been felt in quite a while.

Stephen Doherty started the flow for the Harps' men on the 16th minute after some super pressing from Max Hutchison, which allowed Edogun to win possession as Athlone tried to work it out of their defence.

The resulting turnover afforded the striker to steam down the right wing and play it to Doherty on the back post for the 23-year-old to coolly finish into the net as Finn Park erupted.

Edogun was on hand again down the right-wing moments later causing untold trouble for the Athlone defence, and while he broke into the box, he was adamant he shouldn't have been given a penalty for a foul on him, only for referee Daniel Murphy to wave for the game to be played on.

Harps nearly had their second goal on the 28th minute when again Edogun, who is very much making his presence known since joining the Donegal club in January, had his cross palmed off the line from the Athlone goalkeeper which spared the away side's blushes after a mix up of communication in their defence.

Athlone Town's only true opportunities to bother the Harps' side were coming from their overreliance on long throw-ins into the box but were ultimately kept at bay thanks to Jamie Watson and Noe Baba in the backline.

Noah van Geenen got the Midlands club closest chance in the first half when he came around the back of Edogun from a corner on the 35th

minute, but the Harp's man did enough to put him under pressure and clear it to the right of the post. There was always a feeling that a second goal for Murphy's team was not too far away, and that inkling was correct when two minutes before half-time Tony McNamee dinked in a free kick on the edge of the box. The follow up left Watson to flick it beautifully back to Edogun who fired low for the home side's second goal as they ran to the dressing room with a 2-0 lead at the break. Athlone will be disappointed that they were unable to capitalise on their dominance in the second half as the Harps' bodies tired. Aaron Connolly came nearest to closing the gap five minutes into the second period, but his header was just off target as it ballooned over the crossbar.

With frustration seeping in, the away side began branding heavy challenges around the park to the boys in blue, but to Finn Harps' credit, they kept their structure and avoided any serious injuries which has plagued Murphy's team this year, although Tony McNamee made his way to the side of the pitch briefly in the dying minutes. With 15 minutes remaining it never looked like Harps were going to relinquish their lead as they sat back defensively to see out the game in an overall encouraging performance as their defensive cordon remained tight as the match petered out to a reasonably amicable conclusion despite seven minutes of injury time.

Finn Harps: Tim Hiemer; Jamie Watson, Noe Baba, Matty Makinson, Shane McMonagle; Patrick Ferry (Mark Mbuli 86), Max Hutchison, David Cawley, Tony McNamee; Stephen Doherty (Luke O'Brien 73), Success Edogun.

Athlone Town: Enda Minogue; Jarlath Jones (Oisín Duffy 55), German Fuentes Rodriguez, Noah van Geenen, Dylan Hand; Daniel McKenna, Aaron Connolly (Shane Forbes 87), Carl Mujaguzi, Amardo Akeem Oakley; Dean Ebbe, Jamal Ibrahim (Dylan Gavin 55).
Referee: Daniel Murphy

Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 29th February. The numbers drawn were 2, 8, 12, 30. The next draw takes place on Thursday 7th March and the jackpot is €10,000. There were 2 match 3 winners this week winning €100 each: Geraldine O'Shaughnessy, Lough Fern Heights, Milford; Rosemary Galvin, Cavan Lower, Killygordon.

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RNLI Lifeboats 200th Anniversary celebration



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The RNLI Lifeboats celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2024. Since being founded the Service has saved over 144,000, and throughout the rest of year, the charity will be commemorating its history, celebrating the lifesaving service it provides today, while aiming to inspire future generations of lifesavers and supporters.

A special Service to commemorate Anniversary of the RNLI which was founded in 1824 by Sir William Hillary, was held in Westminister Abbey, London on Monday 4th March, conducted by the Very Reverend David Hoyle KVCOC, MBE Dead of Westminster.

Also in attendance were Mr Martin Fraser Ambassador Extraordinary of Ireland to GB, Admiral Sir Ben Key, JCB CBE ADC, The High Sheriff of Greater London Ina De, Lord Mayor of Westminster Cllr Patricia McAllister and HRH The Duke of Kent President of the RNLI. The Westminister Abbey Special Service Choir and the Buck Brass led the musical arrangements.

The service at Westminister Abbey which marked this major milestone, had a congregation made up of representatives from volunteer Lifeboat Officers, Crew,

Fundraisers and Volunteers from throughout Ireland and UK. All present and absent were honoured and thanked for their time, commitment and courage and in some cases their own lives in support of 'saving lives at sea'. As we all know the RNLI Lifeboats Charity depends on the voluntary lifesavers and supporters who continue to carry on the world class lifesaving service based on 200 years of experience, experience and innovation.

A specially commissioned replica of the RNLI Memorial was processed to the High Altar by serving crew, lifeguards and a gold medalist for Gallantry. It is envisaged that this Replica and a special Commemorative Scroll will go on tour throughout all of the Lifeboat Stations over the coming months.

Eleanor Hooker, award winning poet and Helm of Lough Derg lifeboat station read the third Lesson which was one of her own poem entitled 'float to live'.

Mark Dowie, Chief Executive in his Vote of Thanks particularly thanked those who have given so much in the name of the charity, the selfless men and women of all ages, from diverse backgrounds across the nations united by the RNLI's vision to 'save lives at sea'!

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Mon 18th March - **Sheep Sale** 7pm

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Booking in on Thurs 21st March from 8.00 - 8.30pm

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Cloughaneely Golf Club

Our February GOLF1000 Draw took place last Monday night in The Strand Road Bar & Kitchen with Denis Boyle taking the top prize of €500. The winners of €100 each were Cathal Begley, Shane McGee, Nicola Diviney, Selina Houston & Paul McEleney and Mark McGinley. Well done to all our prize winners. Thank you to everyone that entered and supported the draw. Go raibh míle maith agaibh as bhur dtacaiocht uilig. The March draw will take place in early April 2024. Recent Competition Results; 18 Hole Singles on Sunday 3rd March; 1st: Ownie McGee Junior (22) 41pts; 2nd: Neil McMullan (21) 37pts. 18 Hole Singles on 25th February; 1st: Joe McGarvey GAA McGarvey (21) 40pts BOT. 2nd: Martin Giles (16) 40pts BOT. The Captain's Drive-In takes place this Saturday 9th March. 18 Hole Scramble at 10.30am please let Mark know by Friday afternoon if you would like to be included in the draw. The Strand Road Bar & Kitchen is booked for the presentation after at 4pm and Ireland V England in the Rugby after that. The pressure is on Captain Vincent to out drive the Lady Captain.. something he didn't manage to do last year! Our 2024 Golf Membership rates can be found on our website with a direct debit link for monthly payments. Cloughaneely Golf Club welcomes new members. We offer excellent greens, a great test of golf and you will receive a warm welcome from us. Cuir reann Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheannfhaola fáilte roimh bhaill úra - fir, mná agus daoine óga. Tá na táillí bliantiúla ó Eanáir go Nollaig iontach réasúnta. Tá plásóga den scoith ar an chúrsa, bainfidh tú sult agus sásamh as é a imirt agus cuirfear fáilte mhór romhat.



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