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"The Leader", Lower Main St. Letterkenny.

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Our November edition should be on sale towards the end of this month. Last date for receipt of copy is October 21st. We'd like to welcome our new readers in Ramelton, Milford, Raphoe and Ballybofey. Again we'd like to thank all our readers for supporting this magazine, and to thank our advertisers for making the printing of it possible.

"The Editor".



Willie McElhinney and Peter McLaughlin, O'Donnell Park, 1957.



When I met Willie McElhinney in the garage behind his home in Port Rd., Letterkenny, he was getting ready to start up his BSA motorbike. We pushed her out of the garage and suddenly the 350cc engine spluttered to life and Willie jumped into the saddle and rode her round his back yard. Hard to believe it, but he bought this very same machine on 1st March 1950. "I bought her in McCauley's Garage for £167", recalls Willie, " a lot of money in those days, when a week's wages was £5-£6. Although she was a road bike, Willie had a passion for racing, and very soon he joined the Letterkenny and District Motorcycle club. The club was formed in 1952 and organised motorbike races right up until 1970, when the troubles in the North and a decline in interest brought an end to the sport. Track racing attracted huge crowds in the 50s and early 60s, and the competition was fierce. The big annual event in Letterkenny was held in O'Donnell Park, and many a battle was fought between Willie and Peter McLoughlin, his great rival from Newtown. Between them, they dominated the Donegal Championships for many years. Willie won the premier in 1956, 1960 and 1963, while Peter was champion in 1955, 1957, 1958 and 1959. Harry McMullan

from Killea was another great rider, who triumphed in 1961, 1962 and 1964.

Willie worked for years in the P.M.P.A. garage in Letterkenny, until its closure a few years ago. He had retired from racing in the mid-sixties, and the BSA lay half-dismantled under a pile of rubbish in his back garage. Recently, she was resurrected, put back together and the engine overhauled. Now, Willie hopes to completely restore his faithful machine, 38 years old and still going strong.

The motorcyle club has recently been revived as the Errigal Motorcyle Club, and Eamonn O'Donnell is the current Donegal Champion. Willie still follows the sport as a spectator, and was at Manor for last Sunday's event. The Hondas and Yamahas now rule the roost, but if bikes could talk, BSA registration number IH 8210 would have tales of thrills and spills and excitement to tell...



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Meet Donna McCormick (19) from Upper Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny. By the time you read this the lovely Donna will be sunning herself in Majorca. She works in Pat's Pizza, Market Square and in her spare time enjoys Cooking, Mountaineering, Barn Dances, Break-Dancing and Country & Western music. Her ideal man would be Gay Byrne after of course the prominent local D.J. to whom she soon gets engaged. Lucky D.J.!



It is a hair-raising psycho thriller. Professor Phillips works on revolutionary new theories relating to the murderous instincts of chimpanzees. In an eerie Yorkshire mansion, with the help of an American zoology student, Ian Chase, the face from "A Night on the Town". It's a remarkably gripping picture. The cover is very deceiving, but as they say, never judge a book by its cover. It's full of tension and suspense, not at all predictable. Recommended.

HEAT (18) Burt Reynolds

A violent, exciting thriller in which Reynolds is tough-guy Nick - a freelance bodyguard whose speciality is unarmed combat. He dreams of swapping the seedy city streets for the idyll of Italy, but clients and bad habits keep getting in the way. A good plot, strong on stunts (some bloody). Characterisation and action. Highly recommended.



This wee set of twins are Karlos and Natasha Rodgers from Thorndale,Letterkenny. They will be two in November and are the youngest of a family of eight - the eldest being, would you believe it, another set of twins, Caroline and Catherine

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Neil Blaney speaking at the Jim Clarke Anti-Extradition Rally in Letterkenny last week. Seated behind Mr. Blaney is Jim Clarke's mother.

STAR OF THE MONTH

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How did you react to it?



PART 2

Clannad - did you groom them ?

No. The year I opened the pub here, when they were all at secondary school and some of them even at national school, they'd be helping me out here in the pub. The first thing Pol did was the year after,he did a mime act, mimed to piece of music of Peter, Paul and Mary.

What age was he at the time ?

He'd probably be 12 or 13. He had a record set up behind the curtain and he was all excited about this. He did it publicly on the stage. Maire went to college in the convent in Sligo. They'd all been taught the piano since they were toddlers. I used to bring them to the nuns in Falcarragh to teach them. I always felt that music should be in the education. I feel very strongly that the national schools should teach music to children. The ones that would be inclined to go into it, that's the time that is would develop. If you haven't done is at a very tender age, it's near next to impossible then to try and learn it later in life.

When they came home from school in 1969, Maire was able to play the harp. The boys, of course, had been playing guitars prior to that. I used to do odd dinner dances, and they had a feel for it. They'd practice away after coming home from school. The instruments being about the house, there were guitars lying about the house. The double bass was lying in an outhouse with the neck broken off it, and Ciaran came home from school one day and he says "Do you mind if I fix up the Bass, Daddy ?". That was the bass he learned on, the double bass. The boys were in pantomines in Gweedore (san Amharclann) at that time, they used to do wee spots like the Beatles or the Rolling Stones in Gaelic at these things. They had all this under their belt when they came from their school holidays in the summer of 1968. The formed this wee group and in the middle of a singsong, I'd introduce them and they would play for half an hour, and take down the house.

What kind of music did they play?

It was a bit like popular music in Irish. They got songs translated with their grandfather, who did a lot of the translations for the pantomines. The Doogans were in the band at the time as well. Then then started rooting out the gaelic songs like "Thios Cois na Trá Domh", and all these things, and Pol wrote a song called "Liza". That was in Slogadh in 1970, and they won the Letterkenny Folk Festival as well. They'd go back to their schools and in the summertime, do the shows here. In the wintertime, there was the odd television show, gaelic T.V. show. I'd get a telephone call, take them out of school, and drive them to Dublin. They'd do the show, then I'd take them back into school again.

When did they finish school?

Around '72. Maire was then a music teacher, teaching in Falcarragh. In 1975, they decided to go professional. They were doing it steady then. There was a German promoter here - he took them to Germany, each year, from then in '75 till into the eighties. They nearly always did a tour of Germany, Austria, the Alps, Holland, Belgium, Italy, places like that. They were so well-known that the Germans did a documentary down in the theatre, and around the parish. It's a great documentary.

When they won the Letterkenny Folk Festival, they got a recording contract. Ciaran, being more or less the musical director, said no, we're not ready for recording yet. So the following year, they wanted to record - John Woods wasn't' interested then. They could record, but it would cost us a thousand pounds, so we shelved that then. Then they were asked to sing in the national song contest. They didn't like the idea at all, but I said "It'll bring you to notice". I more or less encouraged them into it. That was the year after Dana had won the Eurovision with "All Kinds of Everything". They sand a song called "An Phairc", which was written by Micky Hanley. That brought them to light then. They did their first record and then two years after, they got a chance to record with Gael Linn.

Because they sang in the national song contest, John Woods was interested in them again and although six months prior he wanted us to spend a thousand pounds making the record, we got it for free then, because they were in the national song contest. A year of thereabouts after, Wavin Pipes wanted to give a gift of a record to their customers, worldwide. So they decided to use a group and Gael Linn suggested Clannad. Clannad recorded an album for Wavin Pipes and they got a thousand pounds for that. I think they recorded 3 or 4 albums, then with Gael LInn, they recorded Clannad in Concert live, then this was a more commercial recording for them.

What about touring?

They toured throughout Europe. They did a few years around all the secondary schools in Ireland, because of their Irish, it was a great novelty, a great promotion for Irish. For a few years, they were around all the schools and universities in the country.

Harry's Game?



They were actually touring Germany when Harry's Game came on the television. They went right into the charts, they had to fly from Berlin to do "Top of the Pops" that time. Well, all of a sudden, my telephone was red hot. I had telephone calls from BBC Northern Ireland, Downtown Radio, RTE, Yorkshire TV, all the papers ringing the house wanting to know what was going on. They were phoning us from Germany, it was a great thrill for the family and for the group.

I think we all thought we were going to be millionaires there and then, which a couple of years later we realised wasn't on the cards because it takes more than a hit in the Top Twenty to make you a millionaire. It was a hard struggle through the years, and I suppose only because Hughie Doogan, my father in law, and myself supported the family when they had the bad times, they would never have survived it.

Weren't they thinking of splitting up around the time of their success with Harry's Game?

They were thinking of, not so much splitting up as taking a couple of years out of it. In the early stages, they never intended to go into it in a big way, then when they got the opportunity and they did do it, they were enjoying it. It was hard enough at times, so they were thinking of doing a couple of years, and then throwing in the towel and going back to ordinary jobs. Then Harry's Game came and it opened so many new doors, and a whole new way of life to them.

Are they doing well at the moment?

They're still progressing very very favourably. They're in the recording studio now after finishing music for a BBC series which is coming out in January. They'll be bringing out a new album. R.C.A. was going to bring out the best of Clannad a couple of new songs and the theme music from the BBC series. They went into the studios and they produced five songs and RCA said then "let's have a new album altogether". So they're working on that. They're doing the theme for a cinema film.

Do you like the kind of music that they do nowadays?

Well, let's say I'd rather their earlier music, but then they were a band that wanted to progress.



Enya, better known as Eithne Ní Bhrionain, has signed with WEA Records. She is pictured here with (left to right) producer Nicky Ryan, Rob Dickens (WEA U.K.) and Phil Murphy (WEA).

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The opportunity came to have a go at it, experimenting. Harry's Game was one big opening, the Robin Hood thing was a real masterpiece as far as I'm concerned. They started off doing the theme music for it, then doing music for the different artistes in it, then they were told to look after the whole score. They composed, looked after, wrote everything for the whole score, and put it all to the film. There were given the film without music and they put the music to it. It was a great achievement, they got the BAFTA award for it. They also got the Ivor Novello award which is the other highly coveted award, for Harry's Game, and numerous other awards.

People said "Oh, they're turning their backs on what they were doing". If they did concerts or performances, they were still doing their earlier music, but it looked like new music but with the progression, and they added instruments and ideas. The only thing I can say about the new album, and I haven't a clue, is that it may be leaning back towards their earlier roots after experimenting and enjoying what they've done, they are now moving back in that direction. That's all I can say about it. It's coming out later this year. Enya has a new album out. She is very secretive about her music, she never lets us hear anything until we hear the final product. She did the music for "The Celts" of course. Enya was too young when the group formed in the beginning. They were 6 or 7 years going before she came and joined them. She was learning music, mostly classical music on the piano, when she was at school in Milford. She was following very strong in the classical music and she joined Clannad then, and did a couple of years with them. Then she went back to the School of Music and she got a break herself when she did the music for a film "The Frog Prince", and then she did the music for "The Celts", which opened a lot of doors for her. She composed and performed the music on her new album.

Do they come home often?

Everytime they get the chance. They love coming home just to relax. I think it's very good for them, it brings them back to ground roots and gets them away from the hubbub, because they go to an awful lot of functions - they're going to Australia at Christmas.

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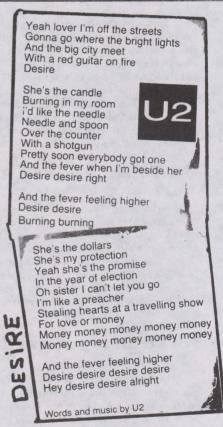
The Slieve Foy Showband in the early sixties, pictured in the Gresham in London. Leo is fourth from the left. Can you name the rest of the band?

What do you think of the pop music of today?

The way I do it, is, I compare it with the days when I was in the dance band business. When the band was going, my father and mother were in it, rock and roll came, it was just too much for my mum. It wasn't her type of music or anything, she retired out of if. Personally, I enjoy some of today's music, basically the music of today is noisy, very little words, shouting and all that., but the musicians of today of are a hell of a lot better, more equipment and that.

What would be you own favourite type of music nowadays ?

I like a good ball and I like a good Ceili band. I like all kinds of music, a nice type of Glenn Miller band. I suppose if I had to pick a favourite type of music, I would say a Pipe Band.





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Enya Enjoying The Push

Twenty-seven year old singer, songwriter and musician Enya Ni Bhraonain from Gweedore is enjoying the big promotion push from WEA Records with the release of her new single "Orinoco Flow", and her album Watermark. A former keyboard player with Clannad, Dublin-based Enya composed the soundtrack music to the film "The Frog Prince", and the BBC2 series "Celts". This 11 track album has the haunting magic of her previous self-titled album "Enya", and WEA feel she has the potential to enjoy international acclaim.

Welcome Home

Without doubt, October is the big month for fans of U2, as their new single "Desire" enjoys the media and chart exposure. Then we have the release of their double fifteen-track album "Rattle and Hum", which boasts six new tracks. Then on October 27th, the world premiere of their movie "Rattle and Hum". Bono, The Edge, Larry and Adam will be in Dublin for the great night, and all proceeds from the gala event are going to the "People in Need" charity.

On Tour



As their single "Bad Medicine" zooms up the charts, Bon Jovi head for the R.D.S. Dublin, on October 31st. The American heroes have been on a fifteen month sell-out world tour, with their previous album "Slippery When Wet" enjoying sales of 14 million around the globe. For their Dublin gig, lead singer Jon Bon Jovi will be performing tracks from their newly issued collection "New Jersey". A tribute, they say, to their hometown.

No Grammy Awards

Dear old Gaybo introduced him as Ireland's new mega country star, but the poor former Bord na Mona worker John Hogan had a true telly disaster. He sang a song called "All I Have to Offer You is Me", but sadly he had little to offer in looks, style or indeed personality. Gay informed us that he was Daniel's new rival, I say that poor John sounded and looked more of a rival to the Peat Briquette. On telly, an artist is a hit or a miss, and for John Hogan's "Late Late Show", it certainly missed.

An Identity Crisis

During the 60s era, pop weekly NME enjoyed weekly sales in excess of 300,000 copies. Today their sales have declined to just 94, 613. Other weekly pop tabloids such as Melody Maker, Sounds etc. have declined in popularity. While glossy publications such as Smash Hits enjoy sales of 602,156 per issue. It seems that the old pop weekly publications are suffering from as severe an identity crisis and stiff competition from the daily press and the new glossy all-colour magazines. Ireland's glossy monthly Fresh has now sales of 26,000, while Hot Press sales are 18,000 per issue.

WALKIE TALKIES

Dear old RTE schedules seem to think that talk shows will bring back lost viewers. Joining the "Late Late Show", we have "Kenny Live", with Pat Kenny each Saturday, and on Thursday nights "Bibi", with Bibi Baskin. Then over on Network 2 each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, more chat with Shay Healy on "Nighthawks". Such chat shows make good radio, but boring TV entertainment.

The Pride Of The West

Based in Tuam, the group Too Much for the Whiteman, are enjoying a good run with their debut single "Put Your Mind At Ease". The song was composed by lead singer "Mouse" McHugh, and it made the Radio 2 playlist. Too Much for the Whiteman were featured with groups Hot House Flowers and U2 on "The Courier" soundtrack album. The new single is issued on their own independent Black Cat label.

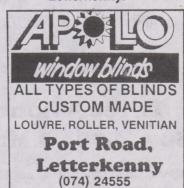
A Donegal Music Directory

The Arts Organiser of the Donegal County Council is currently compiling a first "Music Directory" for the country. The booklet will cover every musical taste from rock to pop, and from folk to country, a who's who in the entertainment industry, and where promoters etc can contact the artists and groups. To be included in the "Donegal Music Directory", contact The Arts Organiser, County Library. Telephone: (074) 21968. All information must be received by the end of October.

Top 10 Singles

- 1. He Ain't Heavy The Hollies
- 2. I Quit Bros
- 3. Lovely Day Bill Withers
- 4. A Groovy Kind of Love Phil Collins
- 5. My Love Julio Inglesias/ Stevie Wonder
- 6. Teardrops Womack and Womack
- 7. Anything For You Gloria Estefan
- 8. Flight of the Earls Paddy Reilly
- 9. Easy The Commodores
- 10. The Race Yello

Courtesy of "The Music Centre" -Letterkenny.





Henry McCullagh "LIVE" in McGinley's recently.





Well-known Country Singer SEAMUS McGEE



After watching "Escape from Alcatraz", 3rd and 4th years in Loreto Convent and St. Eunan's College have started digging a tunnel from Convent to College. A breakthrough is expected very soon.

Andy has embarked on a musical career and his new record "I want to break free" will be in the pubs...sorry, shops shortly.

Bernie, his manager, bought him a new pair of braces to go with the pop star image - she even put them on him now that's what you call a good manager.

Congratulations to Caroline and Kieran who got engaged on Friday 16th September.



Some of the Letterkenny and District Motor Cycle Club Committee Members pictured at a Dance in the Golden Grill in 1960. Back (L. to R.): Gerald McCoy, Frank Larkin, Jim Bonner, Jimmy Wilson, Dick Duffy. Front (L. to R.): George Manning, Frank Gallagher, Willie McElhinney

A wee mention here for Roberta Crawford, who always plays absolutely brilliant music on D.C.R. (that's a wee plug you owe us, Roberta). While we're listening to the radio, let's do a few requests. These are all for Regional students (mad bloody crowd they are). First of all, here's one for the neighbours - Jenny, Anne Marie and Helen, who are all very well behaved. Also for the wee Lassie in the shop who sells "The Leader", for Sheila and all the girls in Rosemount, and for Johnnie Curran, who's looking for a lift to Gweedore every Friday. Last but not least - for the Sligo girl and all at No. 49, Thorndale. As the Country Boy would say, "there you go folks". The two Sandras in the Video shop are doing the Page 3 next month, so watch out for that boys (Must order my copy of "The Leader", cause it could be sold out).

Somebody has suggested that we do a survey on the Letterkenny Folk Festival to find out what people really want in it. They make the point that a lot of young people were disappointed in this year's festival, because the organisers are all older people and therefore there were a lot more activities for the older generation. Fair point we think, so we'll be doing something on that shortly. The same reader suggests we do a survey of the discos in town, and why a lot of people leave Letterkenny at weekends to go to other small towns to dances and discos.

Anybody willing to help us with surveys, please contact "The Leader" (but not too early in the morning).

Recent "Going for a Song" winners in the 3 ways. £70 - Karen Kirwan; £25 - John James; and £5 - Breid Bonner, Drumkeen. Lucky folks.

Now for a bit of bad news. Greg Devine in the Cottage Bar hasn't bought "The Leader". Greg Devine never ever has seen "The Leader", never even heard of it. As far as Greg is concerned, "The Leader" could be a new brand of cornflakes, a Japanese sportscar, Charlie's autobiography..."Oh sweet Joseph", as Mickey Bradley would say !

ODD SPELLING

Whisky in the Port Bar, and the Music Center at Market Square ??

ODD PHONEBOX

At the Dunnes Stores roundabout. You have to go down on your knees to dial the numbers. Is this a Telecom phonebox for people 4 foot and under? If you think I'm joking, try it out sometime (if it's working that is. Last Sunday all 4 phoneboxes in town were out of order). Before I go, here's a crap joke. What do you call Postman Pat after he loses his job?

> Answer: Pat. "The Con-Man"



Street games in Oldtown

8 BALLYBOE YOUTH

They've done it again ! Ballyboe Community Youth Club has provided yet another community facility. They started with a field and have succeeded in providing an all-weather pitch for tennis, volleyball and basketball.

The young people are delighted. Local parents feel that this new addition to the amenities of the area will prove beneficial to the town.

Chairman of the Ballyboe Community Youth Club, Mr. Tony Canning, said: "This is an example of community co-operation at its best. We had people aged five to fifty working on this project. It started with a decision to paint the walls on the edge of the field, and from there it snowballed.

As a group, we are proud of the fact that we did it, and we intend to finish it in October by planting trees - we are hopeful that the trees will be left to grow.

We had great co-operation and practical help from Mr. Colin Morrow, Town Clerk, and the Letterkenny Urban District Council, and we wish to acknowledge that help. Without it, we couldn't have done what we did and the area would be the poorer for that.

Along with the playground provided by the UDC behind Gartan Avenue, we are now well served for our young people. With this in mind, we are in the process of carrying out a feasibility study into building a Community Youth Centre.

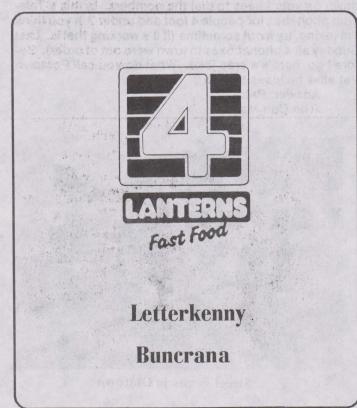
we are already deeply involved in working with the people of all ages, especially our senior citizens, and we see it as a natural progression to continue and expand this programme. One of our long term goals is to bridge the "generation gap" in much the same way as we bridged the Ballyboe - Glencar gap with the construction of the Glenboe Bridge last January".

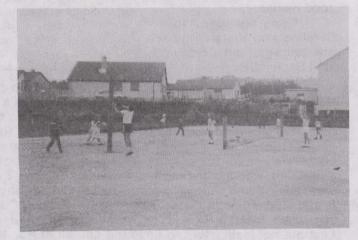


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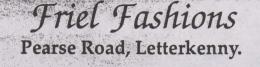


1. Hmmm Yes, we have enough here for another round. 2. Tyre Hunters. 3. Devine intervention saves the Editor's spare tyre. 4. Nice wallpaper, lovely ladies. 5. Jenny aboutto disappear into her secret hiding place. 6. Irish Night. 7. We are sailing (at Caroline's 21st in the G.A.A. Centre). 8. Maureen and Friends. 9. No. 1 Skittles Fan. 10. Two strange creatures from Mars. 11. Strabane readers. 12. Service with a smile in McGinley's. 13. And more smiles for the Wee Paper. 14. (L. to R.): Olive Rusell, Nicholas Gormley, Eugene Duffy and Damien Daly, Under-14 Winners of the Skittle Competition during the Festival. 15. The Tara Court Gang. 16. Ian and late night friends. 17. Camera-shy Ladies. 18. Festival Committee members having a bit of crack. 19. A Wee Model. 20. Dancing the night away. 21. Two gals and a dog. 22. Candid Camera strikes again! 23. You're not allowed to smile for this photo! 24. "Hi, folks, I'm Dickie McGranaghan and I'm a real cool dude, huh!" 25. Mrs. Doherty. 26. Enjoying the trip to Portrush. 27. Action from Letterkenny Rovers Reserves v. Gweedore United.

GUESS WHO 9



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Some of the Festival Skittle Committee members: Pauric McGroarty, Richard McGranaghan, Jarlaith Duffy, Marty Gallagher, Brendan McGlynn. (Front) Sorella McGranaghan.

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Country Boy Tommy Rosney pictured with Lord Mayor of Raphoe candidates Charlie O'Kane, Frankie Browne, Dan O'Kane, Geoffrey Devenney, William McGlinchey and Barry Connolly.



Pictured at Caroline Whoriskey's 21st Birthday Party last April 25th in the G.A.A. Centre.

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LÁ BREITHE

Eamonn McGlynn, Glencar Park, (27), Oct 11. Laura McGlynn, Glencar Park, (3) Oct 11. Sonia Pyper, Oldtown (14), Sept 6. (sorry we're late Sonia)

Kevin Friel, Carnamuggah (21) October 3rd.

THE ATTACK OF THE GIANT LASAGNE

by Martin O'Hara

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PART TWO

The Story so far:

Andy, owner of the "Half Moon" disco in Dunfanaghy, has been eaten by a giant Lasagne. No one has witnessed his horrible demise, and the police are baffled. An alien spaceship has landed on nearby Horn Head on a routine mission. They are about to become embroiled in the saga.

The Gardai were totally baffled. What on earth had happened to Andy, the owner of the "Half Moon" disco? Why were the remains of the building covered in what looked like a leftover lasagne? These questions and a thousand more were spinning around the head of detective Chief Superintendent Ernie O'Reilly as he stood contemplating the scene. He was unsure of what to do next so he held his chin and assumed a look of puzzled amazement.

At that same instant, high up on Horn Head, Captain Henry Borthwick, commander of an alien spacecraft called "The Bonny Albatross", stood looking out across Sheephaven Bay, unsure of what to do next. He held his chin and assumed a look of puzzled amazement. What had only been a routine observation mission had gone badly wrong. Firstly, whilst approaching Earth the previous day, his ship has struck a meteor and sustained serious damage to its refrigeration plant. As a result, virtually all the cans of lager on board had gone that awful warm and a bit flat way. On top of that, his second in command, Dougal McBrayne had proved himself somewhat unreliable. The Captain suspected that McBrayne had a drink problem and once or twice he was sure he had caught the smell of whiskey off his breath during working hours. Last night, when they had landed upon Horn Head, McBrayne had been expressly told by the Captain to make sure that the landing lights were off. But had he ? Had he snuff. He had been far too busy guzzling whiskey on the sly and as a result the ship's main power source, Dilitheum Crystal, had been almost totally run down. So the captain and his crew were stranded until such times as more Lithium could be found.

It may be necessary to explain to the reader at this point something of the background of these strange travellers. Their home planet was known as Caledonae, and had an interesting history. Hundreds of years ago, it had been decided to "borrow" a whole race of Earth people for research purposes. They chose the Picts, a fearsome band of warriors who inhabited Scotland during Roman times. The Picts however had proved too much of a handful for the peaceful aliens and had soon become the dominant force on the planet. So it was that an alien race who spoke in Scottish accents and had a strong sense of Scottish heritage plied the spaceways of the late 20th century.

Chief O'Reilly sat in his squad and brooded over the facts. Beside him sat his right hand man, sergeant Deary. The chief broke the silence. "Let's examine the facts Deary. Number one, Andy, prominent local business man is missing. Number two. His disco is all but destroyed. Number three. The remains of his premises are covered in what looks like lasagne. What do these facts point to Deary ?"

"Emm...Andy...Andy was attacked and possibly killed by a giant Lasagne?".

"Don't be ridiculous Deary. That is exactly what the villain, whoever he is, wants you to think. No, what we've got here Deary is a cunning plot to make us think that the lasagne has something to do with it. A red herring Deary. A red herring".

"Yes sir"

Captain Borthwick stood under the gently humming "Bonny Albatross" and discussed the situation with his two most senior officers, Dougal McBrayne and Curly Bishop. "This is a fine bloody pickle we're in noo", he spat. "Nae bloody juice in oor Crystals and we're stranded in this bloody hell hole".

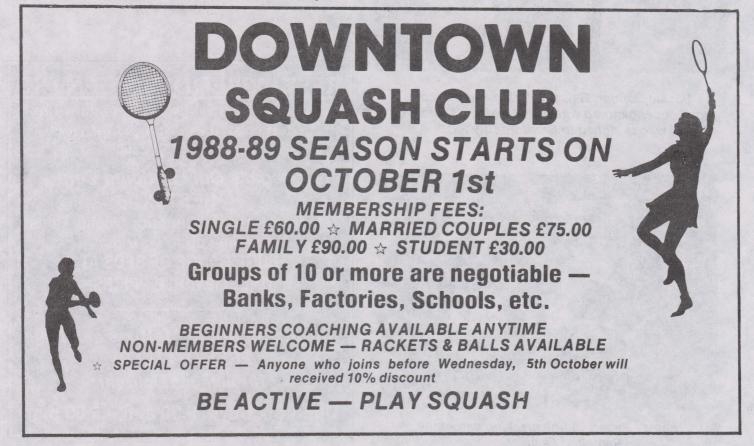
"You're the so-called captain, pal", countered McBrayne. "You should ken whit ti dae aboot it".

"Och you, you could nae give two snuffs as long as you git yir dram i whiskey inside you".

"Cumun now boys. Is this argue bargueing going to get us anywhere?" This voice of reason belonged to third in command Curly Bishop. What we need is a plan". "You're right, Curly", said the Captain. "We have to find someone who will be able to lead us to some Lithium. A geologist perhaps".

Steve Jolley, doctor of geology, strode purposefully up towards Horn Head. His long blond locks blew around his craggy features. He looked windblown and extremely interesting. He hummed one of his favourite tunes. "Tum, tum, tum. Far away on my Donegal Shore". Life for Steve was going very well. He had been offered five different jobs with five different multi-national oil companies in the past week. Yes, the world was his oyster. Unknown to Steve, he was about to be offered the strangest job of his life...

(to be continued)



HUGH McLEAN

5th April 1963 is a day that stands out in Hugh McLean's mind ! That's the day the aspiring young musician joined the Willie Ponsonby Band. It was to be the start of a musical career that still blossoms, 25 years on, in 1988. Hugh McLean and his music is known throughout the hills and glens of Donegal, his Country songs and Irish Ballads having entertained generations since that faithful day in '63. His career took in the nostalgic showband era, and includes many hit singles and LPs, as well as bringing joy and indeed tears to the eyes of Irish emigrants as far afield as Boston and Philadelphia. He has played to Irish audiences in Camden Town and Cricklewood, and in every city where Irish emigrants have gathered throughout Britain. Hugh fronted various bands during his career - remember the Blue Blows and the "Finn Harps Song" ? They also had a hit with "Tonight Carmen" in 1970. He recorded an LP with Evelyn & the Envoys, and came to national prominence with the Mighty Avons when the single "The Leprechaun" reached No. 1 in the RTE charts in 1974.

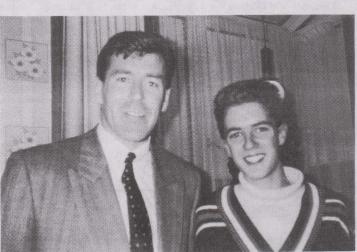
But trends change and the showbands began to fade as Disco music became popular here from 1978 onwards. Hugh spent a brief spell with Knoxville, touring America with them where he says they are mad about Irish music, and then he formed his own cabaret group - the "Music Men". He now concentrates in the cabaret scene where he is in steady demand, sometimes playing seven nights a week as well as hosting his own popular music show on Buncrona's N.W.C.R. radio station. In fact, Hugh attributes his own present success and that of other local music stars like Seamus McGee to the advent of the local radio stations, which he says were like a breath of fresh air to the local music scene. The situation was that RTE completely ignored Irish records since the end of the sponsored programmes and the

coming of Radio 2. There were very few artistes going into the recording studio, because their songs weren't getting played and even people like Hugo Duncan stopped recording. "We owe everything to the arrival of N.W.C.R., D.C.R. and others", says Hugh, who encouraged by the new exposure, sat down and wrote songs like "The Pubs of Donegal", "I Never Stopped Loving You", "Daddy Daddy" and "The Hitchhiker". "The Hitchhiker" brought Hugh to national prominence again and the LP with that song earned him a Gold Disc for sales of 100,000 copies as well as bringing many other awards. Is it a true story I asked him? "Wishful thinking", smiled his lovely wife.

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Success for Hugh means he flies his own 2 seater plane, but otherwise he lives modestly with his wife and children outside Letterkenny. None of his family have so far followed him into the music business, although they can all play musical instruments. His plans for the future? A new L.P. is almost finished and will be on release at the end of October or early November, while a tour of America is also on the cards around St. Patrick's Day. Meanwhile, listen to Hugh the D.J. on N.W.C.R. every Wednesday night from 10-12, or if he's playing in your area, go along and see a great singer - a first class entertainer and a gentleman as well.





Packie Bonner, Galsgow Celtic and Ireland goalkeeper pictured with Kyle Moloney, Oldtown, who is signed to Bradford City F.C.



Mr. Thomas Pyper, Oldtown, taking part in the Ramelton Festival.

Bobby McDaid, D.C.R., making a Presentation to Hugh McLean.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

STARSCOPE le Angelina

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22) You've had a pretty big disappointment so you must get to work on it, so that you will have no problems with it next time. Good news or money is on the way to you. Your happiness depends on the colour you wear on the 14th. Hint: It has to be dark.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21) There is a journey which you have to make quite soon with the possibility of a few nights staying over. Your social life is pretty good, but would be better if you had the right partner - so get to work on it. Good news on the 21st.

SAGGITARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You are having trouble making up your mind about an important manner. Others are inconvenient too, so get some advice from the opposite sex - it will be sound advice ! A good time for business transactions. Profitable dates - 18th and 22nd.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20) You may be given some wrong information at the beginning of the month which could lead to a trouble. You will receive an invitation towards the end of the month. This is a good time for shopping Lucky colour - white.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Tact is required in a matter of a quarrel with a friend. You have to make the first move so take the plunge. This is a good time to get involved in sporting activities. Lucky date - 13th !

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You have been putting a job off for far too long now and you could be sorry. The health of a relative is a worry for you, so get an expert on the job. A new purchase shall bring you much happiness. Most romantic dates - 18th and 19th.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You may have to get involved in some arguments at work. Once you decide on the decision - stick to it. The results may surprise you. Lucky night for going out - 26th.

The Voice Of Sex

Rachel Phaidi Hiudai

The editor of this magazine (who's actually a male chauvinist pig) had to be persuaded by yours truly to feature a male pin-up. He had, after all, coyly started doing page 3 girls, so fair is fair I argued. It wasn't easy but Rachel never takes no for an answer, so a chailini, feast your eyes on this gorgeous hunk of a man. His name is Remco Rodrigues, and he's from Amsterdam, but luckily for us females, he's decided to live in Letterkenny. Remco is 24, he's a chef, and a man of diverse interests, listing his hobbies as: rally driving, steeplechasing, embroidery, pole-vaulting, collecting car-registration numbers, baby-sitting, hang-gliding and flower arranging. He is also no mean guitar player and plays with Local group "Joe's Garage", tipped by many to be the next Hot House Flowers. Tell you something ladies, I wouldn't mind doing a duet with Remco. Anytime, anyplace Remco!

Last month I asked you to name your ten sexiest men. Lots and lots of you obliged, but this month we feature the top 10 as voted by the good ladies from the Gaeltex factory, Oldtown. Keep them lists coming. More next month, until then, bigi maith.

CHILLED WINE CUP

1 bottle red wine, 2 bottles white lemonade 1/2 lemon, 1 apple, 1 orange - thinly sliced 3ozs caster sugar

METHOD: Chill bottles in fridge. Put fruit slices and sugar in a large bowl. Pour in chilled wine and lemonade. Serve immediately with ice.



E. B. WELL

- DONEGAL SEXIEST 10 MEN 1. Packie Bonner
- 2. Martin McHugh
- 3. Maurice Greahan
- 4. Bill Orr
- 5. Shaun Maloney
- 6. Barry McDermott
- 7. Danny Herrity
- 8. James Wheriskey
- 9. John Fizzele
- 10. Denis McGowan "with the Uniform".

Compiled by Gaeltex's Hottest Ladies.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) You may have one objective in life, but the way on which you work on it depends indeed on whether you get it or not. The end does not justify the means ! The colour navy has a special meaning for you mid-month !

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Things have been going great for you lately. You may be at a party soon, and if a friend suggests a new idea (pastime maybe), you should not let it die there. You will meet someone special on the 19th.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) There is an occasion for an outing at which you will meet someone whom you haven't seen for a long time. A worry you have had for some time will be cleared up. Something nice will happen to you on a Thursday during the month.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) An exciting time is in the stars for you mid-month, but you are in for a bit of let-down afterwards. Your health may not be too good, so you must take care. In other words, no booze ! VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22) OK - so you've been getting it a bit

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22) OK - so you've been getting it a bit tough lately, money problems, work problems, and home is not what it should be. "Every cloud has a silver lining". In this case, you just have to look for it. You will find the beginning on 15th or 16th.



CARROT SOUP

8oz carrot 1g butter or marg. 2 oz onion 2g flour 1 quart of white stock 1/2 pint of milk salt & pepper, pinch nutmeg

METHOD: 1) Prepare Veg. 2) Heat the butter in a large saucepan, put in the veg, and fry without browning for about 15 mins. 3) Add the stock, and bring to the boil, skim, cook until the carrots are tender. 4) Sieve or use liquidiser. Rinse the saucepan, put in the sieved soup. 5) Add the flour blended with the milk, stir until it boils for 5 minutes. 6) Correct seasoning & serve.

> Somebody special Somebody dear Mine to remember Fun to be near Somebody thoughtful Good company too Now that's a perfect Description of you.

The night was dark The moon was high He stopped the car I wondered why He moved closer my Heart went patt He whispered softly My tyre's flat Women's faults are many Men only have two Everything they say And everthing they do.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When mailing cash, cheques or other material of a personal nature, cut a piece of aluminium foil to fit the envelope and slip it inside. This will make the envelope light-proof and conceal the contents.

To save time when sending "The Leader" by mail, address an envelope and slit the side ends. Wrap the envelope around the item so that the gummed flat is at the top and then seal.

Apply a little colourless nail polish to the ends of ribbon to prevent it from fraying.

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Emmet McElhatton D.C.R.

You're all familiar with Uncle Emmet, whose daily show on Donegal Community Radio attracts thousands and thousands of listeners. He has his own distinctive style, lots of charm, wit and all those interesting tit-bits. But what is he really like ? Well, hold your breath, dear readers, and read on, because uncle Emmet reveals all in an indepth exclusive interview with your favourite Mag. Our roving reporter cornered the wee man in the D.C.R. studio as he held the Nation spellbound one afternoon last week, and while an LP record played, Emmet talked and talked and talked...

Here is a trudge through his cess-pit like mind.

The Leader (trying to be serious): Where were you educated ?

Emmet: Being realistic, at home and outside school. Real education is life in the modern world.

Who had the biggest influence on your career ?

Umm - my father and Ghenghis Khan - who could possibly be one and the same person. Your miscellaneous likes ?

Italian food, cooked by myself, wine, sufficient quantities of brewed hops and water, The Who, Blake's Bar (except for Kevin in the afternoon).

Miscellaneous dislikes -

Shaving and too many others to list. Who would you most like to meet Emmet?

Lemmy from Motorhead (again) and anybody with more charisma than I have. Ho, ho, hee, hee...

Best place visited ? Paris (except for the dogs) Favourite expression ?

But seriously folks Hobbies

Reading (anything), cleaning up after my family, talking, history and writing. Favourite book ever read ? To Kill a Mockingbird

Favourite newspapers ?

The Guardian, The Irish Times, and my all time favourite "The Sunday Times".

Who'd be the last ? Me, I wouldn't be responsible for the consequences. Best friend ? I'm sulking today, I don't like them anymore. Favourite artist ? Ronald Serle (cartoonist) Favourite actors ? James Woods, Richard Burton Favourite actress ? My mother Finally, uncle Emmet, what would you do if you only had 3 minutes to live ? Kiss myself all over.

Who'd be the first invite to your party?

And your last words? Aaaaagghh...

Ghenghis Khan



Drummer Drumming Michael supporting Henry McCullough.



Uncle Emmet live on D.C.R.



Focus on "WIZARD" McGOWAN (Bonagee Utd).

Full Name: SEAN McGOWAN Birthplace: Donegal. Height: 5ft. 5ins. Weight: 10 stone. Position: Mid-field. Previous Clubs: Finn Harps. Married: Yes.

Favourite Players: Billy Bremner, Eddie Gray. Favourite Other Team: Leeds United. Most Memorable Match: v. Linfield (Tyler Cup). Biggest Thrill: League of Ireland debut. Biggest Disappointment: Not growing to be 6 foot. Best place visited: Spain. Favourite Food: Steak. Miscellaneous Likes: Receiving money. Miscellaneous Dislikes: Spending money. Favourite T.V. Show: Benny Hill. Favourite Musicians: Wolfe Tones. Favourite Actor/Actresses: Clint Eastwood. Best Friend: My wife. Biggest Drag in Football: Getting Beat. Honours: Irish Youth Team Cap.

Biggest Influence on Career: Busty Blake, Richie Kelly.

Football Ambitions: To win a match for Bonagee. Personal Ambitions: To be happy.

Which person in the world would you most like to meet?: Diego Maradonna. SIGNATURE:

Sean Me Gowern

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The Rugby Festival at the Letterkenny Half Way Line Grounds on Sunday when Maura Maguire's Virgins played Mary O'Brien's Harlequins in a mixed match.

The game, which was refereed by the wellknown Australian referee, Charlene Robinson, proved a considerable success both in terms of style displayed and endeavour and it was fitting that the winning score was achieved by a miskick, when Sheila King converted her own try in the last minute of the game.

The ability and fitness shown by Harlequin's captain, Mary O'Brien, produced the goods after ten minutes, when she scored a fine try under the posts after a thirty yard run. Family training was in evidence as Mariam Finn squared up to the conversion attempt and the resultant kick left the Harlequins 6 points ahead. The Virgin's captain struck back almost immediately when she sprinted through the centre after a mix-up in the Harlequins defence. Miriam Flynn scored a try just before half time and made good the conversion to leave the Harlequins leading at half time by 12 points to 4.

In the second half, the Virgins ran in tries from Philomena Breslin, Sheila King, Frances Cleland and had a conversion from Ciara Hall to build up a good lead which they kept to the end, despite a good try from Jean McElhinney.

Teams: VIRGINS Maura Maguire (c) John McFeely, Sheila King, Arthur McMahon, Frances Cleland, Ciara Hall, Damien Mulgrew, Sandra Mccrea, Ed Wickes, Philomena Breslin.

HARLEQUINS: Mary O'Brien (c), Miriam Flynn, Fran Murphy, Jim Moore, Jean McElhinney, Karen O'Shea, Allen McCrea, Robin McDowell, Valerie Johnston.

Referee Charlene Robinson was bedecke in gear benefitting the occasion in particular on item, a navy blue set of suspenders, which she say she "got" from a Ban Garda during the Festival investigations are continuing.





Hugh McGee, 3 Ways and McCarry's Hotel, presenting a new set of jerseys to Patsy McGowan, Manager and Paddy McGranaghan, Chairman, Bonagee United.

DOWNTOWN SQUASH, situated at Lower Main Street, Letterkenny, is currently the only one of Donegal's eight squash clubs which competes in the Ulster Squash League.

As the team embarks on its eight season in Ulster all the old faces are trying to get rid of the summer flab and get some flexibility into old and lazy muscles. Danny McLaughlin is back to near his best form, Eamon Harvey has put six months of injury behind him, and is just as difficult as ever to beat. Tadhg Culbert is one a strict diet with pints a thing of the past, Bryan Harkin is still looking for two knee transplants, Frankie McNulty is polishing up his ballet routine, Martin Margey returns to the big time after missing last season's action. Michael Dorrian and Liam McConalogue are trying to make the transition from last year's B team to this year's A team.

This year, the Downtown League team is being kindly sponsored by FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY. The club are very grateful to FIRST NATIONAL and their very co-operative Letterkenny Manager, Joe Glenfield, for their much appreciated sponsorship.

During the season, the club stages one competition per month which is open to all members, male and female. IF you are interested in squash or in finding out what the game is all about, come along to Downtown Squash andany of the club members will be delighted to explain the basics of the game to', you.

The club manager is Eamon McGlynn and the club bar is one of the most homely in the whole of Letterkenny. Apart from squash, the club bar stages darts, quizzes and pool competitions.

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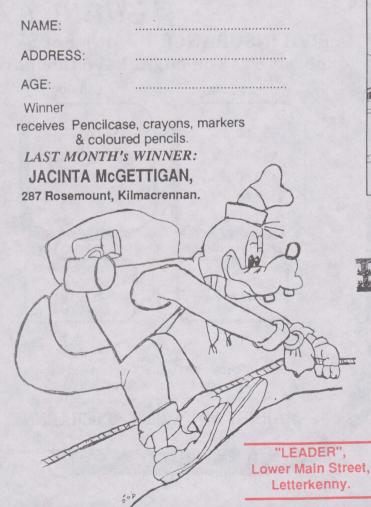
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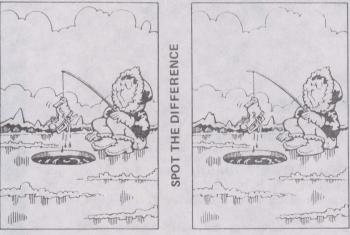
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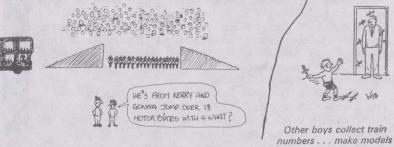
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What 4 Lanterns girl gets into fits of laughter when complete strangers bump into her on the street ?

Remember Gouldie and Marie at the M. Errigal during the summer.

Siobhan L.,Kilmacrennan - remember what you promised me ! Nicola's second home is in Ramelton.

Michelle in Cert School is Killybegs - hope you're missing us ! Marie.