

# THE LEADER

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## FOLK FESTIVAL SPECIAL

### EXCLUSIVE

## Swimming Pool to be Renovated in October

**W**ork starts in October on the renovation of the Letterkenny Swimming Pool, which has been closed since March 1987. The urban District Council are considering tenders at the moment and the contractor should be named within a fortnight. The news will be welcomed by the many

swimmers in the county who have had to travel to Derry and Strabane since the local pool was damaged.

Many people who cannot afford the journey to the North have been left without any swimming facilities since March of last year. One person who was a frequent swimmer

at the Letterkenny pool told the LEADER "It's about time they done something - I haven't been bloody swimming for ages!"

Local contractors are keeping their fingers crossed at the moment in the hope that they will get the lucrative contract to renovate the pool. The LEADER can reveal that a Galway firm, Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers, made out the plans for the Letterkenny Swimming Pool Improvement Scheme.

No hints have been given as to when the swimming pool would be re-opened.



Meet Tina Elliott From Iona Rd, Letterkenny. Tina, works with Hibernian Insurance, Port Rd., counts swimming, walking and dancing among her hobbies. She also confesses to be daft on those T.V. soaps, and thinks actor Richard Gere is just "wow".



## ANTI-LOCALS ON COUNCIL COMMITTEE

### WATCHDOG ROLE FOR LOCAL AIRPORT COMMITTEE

**T**he Letterkenny Airport Committee have decided to adopt a watchdog role as regards the building of an airport in Letterkenny. "We're going to shout if things aren't going the way they should", said a spokes-

man. This comes following the setting up of a County Council sub committee on the airport which will include one representative from the local Airport Committee.

The Letterkenny Association feels that the local Airport Committee should have a stronger representation on the County Council Airport Committee. The Association's chairman, Joe Gallagher, told the LEADER: "Eamonn Harkin and the committee are the pioneers of the airport, I would hope that the local people would be properly represented on the committee that is now being formed". The Letterkenny Airport Committee chairman, A.D. Kelly, however, told the LEADER that they were very happy. "If other people want to do the work, that's alright".

### ANTI-LOCAL

Mr. Kelly told the LEADER that he feels there is one or a few within the Council who are "not pro the local Airport Group". We understand that a Fianna Fail Councillor has been ap-

pointed Chairman of the Council Airport Committee. The Council Committee will meet on Monday 29th of this month to discuss their plans and strategy.

There is the feeling locally among a lot of people that the Letterkenny Airport Committee, a group of seventeen who have been working together for twenty-five years, have been blown cold. They will come together before the Council's meeting on the 29th to discuss their future plans. "We don't want a Mickey Mouse job", Mr. Kelly told the LEADER.

It seems likely now that the present Government may sanction an airport for Letterkenny. The County Council own the site on the Big Isle near Manorcunningham, which is to be used for the building of the airport when it's given the go-ahead.

## EAGARFHOCAL

We will all be merry and happy for the Festival. The Letterkenny Folk Festival Committee are to be praised for the wonderful programme they have put together for us. People will travel from different corners of the world to be with us here in Letterkenny for the music, dance and crack. To all our visitors we extend a big "cead mile failte" and we hope that your time spent with us will be a memorable one.

We wish to thank you, the readers, who bought the first edition and this the second edition of the LEADER. Hopefully we are providing you with an informative and amusing monthly magazine. We want you to be a part of the producing of this community paper and you can do that by sending news about your local area and so on. P.R.O.s should avail of the opportunity to publicise their events free of charge in the What's On listings.

We also wish to thank the advertisers, without whom it would not be possible. Don't forget, this is YOUR newspaper, use it!



## MICKEY AND LIZZIE !

The face behind the voice. This is the most famous man in Donegal, fish merchant Mickey Cullen, sitting on Lizzie. Lizzie is the name of his ever faithful Austin A60 van, which has been a familiar sight in many areas in Donegal over the last twenty years. Mickey, who was born and reared in Rosemount, Letterkenny, has been to every festival in Donegal with his van. His voice is known to many as well for he has a loud-

speaker on his van from which he informs the public of the fish prices. He is well known in Gweedore, where he bought herrings at Bunkey Harbour from Ownie Gillespie. Nowadays he buys his fish in Killybegs and Greencastle. He started selling fish in 1948 when he had a Ford Eight.

Has he ever married? "I'm married to the van", he said.

## LETTERKENNY : ITS PHENOMINAL GROWTH

Donegal hoteliers, hoping for a bumper season this summer, confess to considerable disappointment that things have not worked out as hoped for. Great store is placed on the presence at this time of year on American tourists. They used to come in shoals; this year they seem to be a noticeable minority of the patrons of our hotels, in town and country alike.

Dollar problems, causing an unfavourable exchange rate, could be one of the reasons; Americans like full value for the money they spend. They expect the best in food and accommodation and are prepared to pay the price of total satisfaction. To lose this valuable source of revenue can be a severe reverse for those in the catering business, and who count, with the advent of summer, on large influxes of visitors from the New World.

They come here mainly, I would say, because of the "Irish connection". They have an obsession with uncovering their "roots". They will go to any trouble or expense to catch even a fleeting glimpse of that old homestead, or what may remain of it, where their forebears were born. Such nostalgic discoveries can be of intense interest, setting in train a full investigation into ancestry and family history. Pictures are taken, elderly citizens queried for any available information on members of the stock still surviving. It all goes into the notebooks and adds branches, however small, to the family "tree".

### HIVE OF ACTIVITY

Most of these touring Americans make a point of including Donegal in their itinerary, and while "discoveries" may seem trivial to the outsider, they are treasured, dissected and discussed with avidity when they arrive back home.

Coming to the Letterkenny area they work up a strong appetite for local history; the town, after all, has a storied past. They are made aware of the connection of Sentry Hill and Rodger's Burn with the grim era of the Mass Rocks when religious persecution was linked to the horrors of the Famine. They marvel at latterday developments in business, commerce, housing and the amenities that go hand in hand with urban expansion. They note the changes that have taken place since their earliest visits, and in some cases, since they were boys at the Brothers' and Convent schools. With a steadily mounting

population and a plethora of housing estates, hastily developed to cope with increasing demands, they note the one-time rather backward, rather static community is a hive of progressive activity, all adding to the toll of wealth that is reflected in a measure of prosperity unknown in the "old days".

It's a truism that progress or retrogression in any town can be measured by the attitude of its people to civic development. Letterkenny's advances along many fronts is the chief pointer to the insistence of the community that Letterkenny must prove itself to be the capital of Donegal in many more ways than one.

All sections merge when anything is proposed for urban development. Workers spring immediately into action, a friendly rivalry is engendered to win the maximum in achievement. In this role the womenfolk play a leading, indeed an essential role. They set high targets and achieve them. There is no time for half measures. Having won a favourable "image", they are bent on going any other possible step further. Community cohesion was never at a higher level.

There are, of course, continuing problems, and these are being wrestled with, for the most part successfully. Setbacks are deemed to be incentives to maintain the pressure. The local authority does its best across a broad front, and while progress may seem slow, there are advances of great significance and value.

It's a far cry from the days when amenities like housing were an annoying rarity, when countless families were deprived of decent home. That has all changed. Today, Letterkenny is awash with well-organised housing estates and private building was never busier. Everybody and every line of commercial and industrial activity wants to get a foot in the town. Sites are getting alarmingly scarce, and costly. Are we reaching the point of over-supply? It could happen.

All in all, a pleasant story, with vistas for the future never looking more promising. All credit then to those at county and local level, whose shoulder the daunting burden of urban progression. They are doing a very good job...and they have the civic-minded citizenry behind them.

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## Combined Charities Cycle Galway-Letterkenny



Three well-known charities - Concern, Friends of St. Lukes and Raphoe Mission to Peru, are joining forces to run a sponsored cycle from Galway to Letterkenny on Sept 3rd and 4th.

Concern mainly work in bringing relief to areas of famine and natural disasters in the Third World. Friends of St. Lukes endeavour to improve facilities at St. Lukes Hospital in Dublin, which 1,700 Donegal people

The 160 mile 2-day cycle will leave Galway on Saturday morning, 3rd September, and after spending Saturday night in Sligo, will reach Letterkenny on Sunday evening, the 4th. So far, over 75 willing people have committed themselves to taking part, including two sets of married couples and a grandmother.

For further information or sponsorship cards, please phone Denis O'Don-



(L-R) Mick Redmond (Sec. Letterkenny Concern), Bridget McCusker (Cyclist), Joe McCusker (Cyclist), Adrienne McGlinchey (Cyclist), Marion McCormick (Cyclist), Mary Roarty (Cyclist) and Caroline McGettigan (Organiser)

attend each year, while the Raphoe Mission to Peru aims to improve conditions in poverty stricken Peru in South America and is run by four Donegal priests.

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St. Lukes Hospital has an empty room where they hope to install a high energy treatment machine as a Linear Accelerator. The Government already provided one treatment machine, but because of the present cutbacks, the hospital has to raise the £140,000 for a 2nd machine through fund-raising activities. In the photograph, Professor

O'Halloran, St. Lukes Hospital, explains how the Treatment Machine is used to cyclists who took part in last year's Sponsored Cycle from Dublin to Letterkenny, which raised £16,054.57p.

Concern in Letterkenny have raised over £50,000 since 1984. It's six members have organised 5 cycles and 4 Christmas fasts.



# THE CATHERINE CARBRERY INTERVIEW



*Catherine Carbrery, (McCormack before marriage) was born in Gleann Domhain near Churchill. Catherine has worked hard all her life, having worked in America for years. She is now 91 years old and has lived in Letterkenny since 1944.*

*This is an ordinary woman's story; Catherine isn't famous, but what she has to say deserves to be heard.*

*Catherine talked to Ronan McCormaic about her life.*

**RMC: What language did you speak at home?**

CATH: It was all Irish we spoke at home. It was all Irish my father and mother spoke. We learned English then when we went to school.

(This interview was conducted through Irish)

**Did your husband have Irish?**

He didn't. He was from Letterkenny. He went to the Brothers - his mother had a bit of Irish. It was all Irish I had. Baisteadh mise insa teagasc criostai i ngaelic. Gaelic uilig a bhi againn i gconai.

**When were you born?**

I was born on the 15th of April 1897.

**You're looking well for your age.**

Ah, that's what everybody says (roiste mor gaire). I'm a bit stiff now... but I'm able to move around, make the tea and that.

**I believe you spent some time in America?**

I left for America in 1914 when I was seventeen years old. My father left me up in Derry where I got the boat for New York. I met my sisters Nellie and Fanny McCormack in Philadelphia. I got work with a relation of my sister's employer. I didn't like the big town. I remember in my first job, that was doing everything - cook, chambermaid, everything. I got on well. I was two years there in a house, and then I moved to another house in the country owned by the same people. There was girl from Termon working alongside me, and she came home the time we came home as well.

**How long did you spend there?**

I was six years there the first time. Then I came home and stayed about a year. We went back and we were only there 3 months when my father died in August. He is sixty years dead this month. We stayed away four years and they came back because one of my sisters was marrying. Fanny married and stayed there. We went back then and stayed another six years. You'd be a week travelling across. There was a mass on the boat on Sunday and it was very nice; y'know, having a mass in the middle of the sea. We came back then for my other sister's marriage. I stayed in Churchill and a year later I married.

**Were you all married to Irishmen?**

Oh definately, we all married Irishmen in Ireland. We met them at home. We didn't go near the American men. My husband was born in Letterkenny, but he went out to Gleann Domhain, where he stayed for a while, and it was there that I met him. He was a cobbler, he had a shop where Clarkes Newsagents is now. We've been here for forty-four years, since 1944. He is eight years dead now.

**Do you every get lonely?**

No, I'm never lonely, thank God and the Virgin Mary. I can go to sleep. My sister's daughter comes in to make the tea for me. I have one sister, Biddy, who is living in Gleann Domhain. She's younger than me, she's 82, nine years younger than me.

**Was it a big family?**

Nine. Five girls and four boys. They're all dead now except for myself and Biddy. They're all out in Dughlaesigh Graveyard near Churchill. Did you not hear the song about it: "Back in Dughlaisi

once again, near Gartan's lovely Bay".

**Do you have any memories of the Troubles?**

Ah, I was away when they were fighting. I do not remember any of it. De Valera visited America in those days and I met him there. We welcomed him when he came. He was a great man.

**Do you remember the Black and Tans?**

They raided our house in Gleann Domhain. A lot of the old IRA members on the run would stay in our house. They took one of my brothers to prison following one raid. I was in America at the time. The Black and Tans were devils. One man was hiding at the bottom of our lane, and he was caught. They sent him to Dartmoor prison for four years. Our house was very Republican.

**What do you think of the present IRA?**

I don't think much of them. They aren't like the old boys. I support Charlie Haughey.

**Where was the first place you ever worked?**

I used in work in Termon during the Spring for 6 months. I was fourteen years old at the time. I earned five pounds for the 6 months work. When I went to America I was earning 8 Dollars a week. America was a big change from running after cattle.

**Would you like to go back to America?**

I would, I have a cousin over there, but I wouldn't go up in a plane. If there was a boat going, I would go in the morning.

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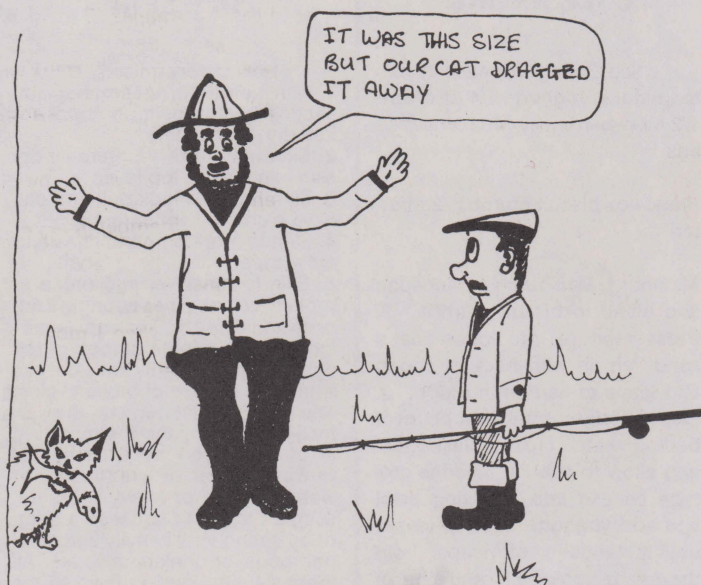
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## The Voice of the Fairer Sex Rachel Phaidi Hiúdaí

### WELL HELLO!

I'm a happy woman. It's great to get the response (although I expected more men to be sent my way) from you, the readers, in the form of letters, suggestions, ideas and so on. Some of you it seems felt that I was insulting to my own sex by referring to the fact that I'm a hot shot (well, I am). One female wrote to tell me that the article was very, very silly.

### STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

8oz Cottage Cheese 1 carton natural yoghurt 1/4 pt cream 1/2 strawberry jelly 4oz strawberries

Base: 4oz biscuit crumbs 2g butter

Method: 1. Melt butter in saucepan and blend in biscuit crumbs. 2. Press mixture into loose-based sandwich tin with back of spoon and leave to harden in fridge. 3. Dissolve jelly in smallest amount of boiling water (1p2 tablespoons) and allow to cool. 4. Sive the cottage cheese into a mixing bowl and add yoghurt. 5. Whip cream until it stands in soft heaps. Fold the cream, cooled jelly and most of strawberries into cheese and yoghurt mixture. 6. Pour over the biscuit base in tin, and allow to set. When set (2hrs) decorate with strawberries. This cheesecake can be made with flavour or jelly if you wish.

### BEAUTY HINTS Dry Skin

#### How to recognise:

1. Skin feels tight, not firm but taut, especially after being outdoors or in a dry atmosphere.
2. Skin may flake. Extremely dry skin can lose its top layer.
3. Skin tends to look dull and can have a chappy appearance.
4. Skin is more prone to lines and crow's feet.
5. Skin is sensitive, and prone to broken veins. These range from occasional tiny broken capillaries - looking like minute stripes of red lightening - to vividly rosy cheeks which are a mass of broken veins. The veins lie just beneath the surface of the skin, and the rupturing is often caused by extremes of temperatures or weather, hot water, a blow or heavy pressure, such as trying to squeeze a spot; or by eating very heavily spiced of hot foods, or drinking alcohol. All these cause blood to flush to the surface of the skin where it then cools quickly.

#### Where most common?

Throat, cheeks, either side of forehead - there are fewer sebaceous glands in these areas. Though of course any area can be dry through harsh conditions or treatment.

Look into next month's issue for oily skin.



## STARSCOPE Le Angelina

### LEO (JULY 21 - AUG 21)

Good news in the post and more money coming your way. All is not rosy, though, there could be a set-back. wear Green for luck.

### VIRGO (AUG 22 - SEPT 22)

Someone you fancy starts to pay attention. A word of warning though, play it cool, don't go overboard. Keep a clear head. He may only be after one thing - your money.

**LIBRA (SEPT 23 - OCT 22)** You may have words with someone close to you. Don't let pride stand in the way of happiness. Make the first move to put things right.

### SCORPIO (OCT 23 - NOV 21)

A change of scene or new surroundings are indicated mid-month. A celebration or a trip will be your highlight this month! Lucky day - Wednesday.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 - DEC 20)

It is a time to be very close to your family. Avoid arguments and difficulties. A proposition is made to you. Think it over very carefully as there may be set-backs.

### CAPRICORN (DEC 21 - JAN 19)

Cash is not too plentiful this month, so care will have to be taken. Excess spending early in the month may leave you short. Good news is on the way. Wear dark brown for good luck!

### AQUARIUS (JAN 20 - FEB 18)

A good time to splash out on something new. The colour white means something special. The initials "G" and "T" are going to be very lucky for you.

### PISCES (FEB 19 - MAR 20)

Luck is shining your way in the form of a victory - in sports perhaps. Beware of water, there are danger signs. A change in the romantic scene would be a good idea.

### ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20)

If you are feeling down, you must snap out of it. Go out with the gang. A few late nights is what you need to feel on top again.

### TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 20)

A trying time at work for you when everything goes wrong. Even romance is not so bright. A journey will restore your good luck in the near future. Lucky day Saturday.

### GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

There is sorrow for you soon. A family illness, perhaps. But all ends well and life will be running smoothly again. Lucky colour red.

### CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 20)

A friend from the past comes into your life again. Don't linger too much on memories. It could spoil your holiday. Live for today. Lucky day Tuesday.

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# THE MUSIC MAKERS

BY MAGGIE MAY

## FOR FOLK SAKE

Time once more for the 20th Letterkenny Folk Festival, which will be staged from 25th-28th of August. Entertainers from Europe, Britain, South America, and homespun talent such as Celtic Fusion, Three Strawmen, Napper Tandy etc. A prize fund of £1,000 is on offer in the Busking Competition, and another £700 on offer at the Folk Group Singing Competition. A top weekend for all festival followers.

## A DECLINE IN SALES

Old favourite pop journals such as NME, Sounds, Melody Maker, RM, and even Kerrang have suffered a massive decline in sales, while new glossy publications such as Smash Hits, Just 17 and Q have boosted their sales. Next month, DJ Jonathan King launches his new fortnightly rock mag R.A.W.

## IN CONCERT

While "I'm Sorry" failed to set the charts alight for Hothouse Flowers, Liam and the lads return home for a special open-air concert in the R.D.S. Dublin on September 3rd. Also touring around the country will be the Belfast Cowboy Van Morrison and The Chieftans, trying to boost sales for their album "Irish Heartbeat". In aid of the Polio Fellowship of Ireland, tenor Frank Patterson, Eily O'Grady, Na Casaidigh and Des Keogh will be in action in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey, on Sunday 28th August.

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## ROCK ON MEG

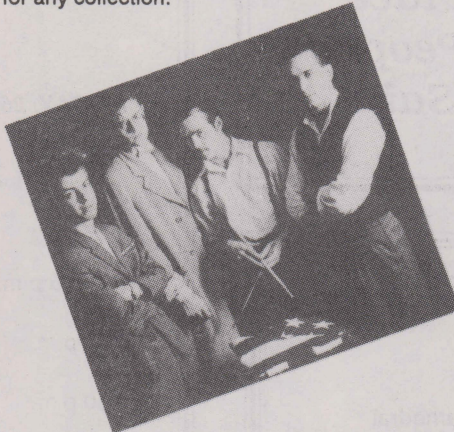
From the ashes of 3PM, Patrick Gallagher and Peter Healy have teamed up with Shaun Doherty and Hughie Boyle to launch Roarin Meg. Playing their own self-composed material, the lads visited Recording Studio, to record a newly issued cassette entitled "Roaring Meg", of course.

## THE CHOP

My choice for the "Wooden Disc" award this month should go to Kathy Durkin singing "The Clock in the Tower". The lyrics deal with death, a person awaiting the hangman. I ask who would buy such rubbish, and what kind of mind would have a record such duff material. This single deserves the chop, to say the least.

## THE AIRCREW

Good to see the return of Ghost of an American Airman (GAA), with a superb debut album "Someday". Ten great tracks from Dodge and the band. Numbers from "Dance on Air" and "Big Lights", their debut single "I Hear Voices" are also included. The group from Belfast are back on the road, and winning over new fans with each live gig. "Someday" - an album for any collection.



After "Screen Test" a debut album from Ghost of an American Airman.

## VIDEO TOP TEN

1. Masters of the Universe 2. Innerspace 3. Big Foot and the Hendersons 4. Beverly Hills Cop 2 5. Flight of the Navigator 6. Full Metal Jacket 7. Eight Million Ways to Die 8. Wish You Were Here 9. No Way Out 10. Dirty Dancing

## CRITICAL CONDITION

Starring Richard Pryor, this wacky comedy is the story of what happens one night when all the lights go out - in a major hospital. Pryor portrays a convicted criminal who fakes insanity to avoid going to prison. When a hurricane hits the hospital's power, he takes up his position as a doctor, delivering babies, conducting examinations, and causing general chaos.

Cert 15 Hilarious.

## THE STEPFATHER

Starring Terry O'Quinn, Jill Schoelen and Shelly Hack. It centres on Stephenie, whose brand new father is Jerry. He seems kind, loving and anxious to please, but there's a certain something about him. Gradually he begins to lose his cool more and more often as his past secrets emerge. To the outsider he's a perfect father - and that's the problem - he has a psychotic obsession to be the head of a perfect family.

Cert 18 A film not to be missed.

## EIGHT MILLION WAYS TO DIE

Starring Jeff Bridges, Rosann Arquette, Alexandra Paul, Randy Brooks.

In attempting to arrest a suspect, he shoots with lethal effect. He is forced to resign, from the policeforce. He is then hired by a damsel in distress as her body guard, which turns out more than he bargained for when she is killed. He is now more involved than he thought. When he investigates, he discovers a major drugs ring. The story deepens.

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#### SUNDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1988:-

- 10.30 a.m. Festival Morning Prayer: Conwal Parish Church.
- 11.15 a.m. Folk Mass, St. Eunan's Cathedral
- 2.30 p.m. Music, Dance & Song - Platform Market Sq.
- 2.30 p.m. Carrolls Folk Singing/Music Competition in Port Centre
- 3 - 6 p.m. Busking Comp. venues throughout town.
- 7.30 p.m. Reynolds Family Trophy Competition at Market Square

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## 20th LETTERKENNY INTERNATIONAL

### THURSDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1988:-

- 7.45 p.m. Parade of Folk Groups from Golden Grill Car Park to Market Square (Sponsored by ESB)
- 8.30 p.m. Official Opening by Packie Bonner (Ireland's International Goalkeeper)
- 9.00 p.m. "L'u i Dos de Torrent, Valencia" (Spain) Steel & Skin (Birmingham) Three Show Men (London) Aughterby Band (Scotland) Hammersmith Morris Men (England). Skittles at Skittle Alley.
- 9.30 p.m. Singing Pub Competition Final.
- 10.00 p.m. Festival Ball & Festival Queen with Swing Revival - Disco in "Bella's"
- 10.00 p.m. Ceili in G.A.A. Clubhouse, O'Donnell Park Music by Aughterby Band Festival Folk Music in Downtown with Deanta and Tarmac

### FRIDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1988:-

- 12.00 noon
- 2.00 p.m. Deanta Folk Group in Downtown
- 2 - 3 p.m. Workshop in Robinson's Hall, Port Road
- 2.30 p.m. Baby Show in Golden Grill. Sponsored by Victors Gift Shop
- 2.30 - 5 p.m. Folk Music, Song & Dance on Platform at Market Square.
- 6.30 p.m. Children's Street Events. Soap Box Derby, Egg & Spoon Races (Contact Festival Office)
- 7.30 p.m. Folk Music, Song & Dance on Platform at Market Square

## Where To Eat...

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| McGettigans     | Self Service Restaurant in Shopping Centre   |
| O'Boyces Cafe - | Teas and lunches   |
| Nite & Day      | T/A or sit in Fish, burgers and chips  |
| Tin Wing        | Chinese t/a- varies  |
| Steers          | Fish, burger and chips etc. t/a or sit in  |
| Rumpoles        | Sit in breakfast, lunches and tea - varied menu  |
| MAIN ST.        |  |
| Gandhis         | Indian restaurant  |
| Dolphin Cafe    | Oldest fish & chip shop in town, sit in or t/a   |
| Dillons Cafe    | (in supermarket) breakfast, lunch  |
| Pat's Pizza     | Also serves salads, baked potatoes, kebabs coffee. Home baking. sit in till 12.30am, t/a till 3am Fri & Sat. |
| Mews            | Evening meals  |
| 4 Lantrens      | Sit in or t/a. Fish, burgers, pies, pizza & chips.   |
| The Granery     | Variety of salads and hot lunches. Plus teas.  |
| Crusty Kitchen  | Coffee, teas & home baking   |
| LOWER MAIN ST.  |  |
| Chat & Chew     | opp. Dunnes Tea & snacks.  |
| Tin Tai         | Chinese rest. Sit in or t/a.   |
| RAILWAY ROAD    |  |
| Town & Country  | Restaurant   |
| Charlie's       | Fish, burgers, pies & chips  |
| HIGH ROAD       |  |
| Fabi's          | T/a fish, burgers & chips etc.   |

There are also a number of bars which do hot lunches including:



## ANNUAL FOLK FESTIVAL - PROGRAMME

- 8.30 p.m. Friends of Festival presents Gary Goodman (American Pianist) in Loreto Convent
- Folk Evenings: Mount Errigal (featuring Birmingham), Golf Club-house, Bearnhill, Howdens Leap, Rugby Club: Half Way Line. Aughterby Band & Morris Dancers, Clems, Port Road: Legacy and Celtic Fusion.
- 10.00 p.m. Downtown: Inchiquin, Deanta, Michael Bird, Three Straw Men.  
Disco in Bellas and Millionaire Club.
- SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1988:-**
- 12.30 - 2.30 Busking Comp. (£1,000 in Prizemoney) at Venues on the Street. Festival Office for Registration.
- 2 - 3 p.m. Workshop - Howdens Leap
- 2.30 p.m. Agricultural and Industrial Carnival Parade from Station Square to Dunnes Corner.  
(Sponsored by Donegal Oil Comp[any])
- 4.00 p.m. Folk Singing & Dancing at Market Square Platform
- 5 - 6 p.m. Festival Music in Downtown - Celtic Fusion
- 5.30 p.m. Presentation of Prizes at Market Square
- 5.30 - 7.30 Busking Competition
- 7.00 p.m. Folk Music on Platform at Market Square
- 8 p.m. Port Centre - International Concert - Featuring: Las Paraguayos and Three Straw Men
- 9 - 10 p.m. Downtown Folk Night: Featuring - Legacy, Tarmac, Michael Bird and Aughterby Band
- 9 p.m. Disco in Golden Grill
- 10 - 2.a.m. Three Ways Motel - Irish Night: Napper Tandy, Rakin Ramblers, Deanta, Celtic Fusion & Legacy
- 10 p.m. Mount Errigal:  
Disco.

## Where to Stay...

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE BORD FAILTE APPROVED ACCOMMODATION IN THE LETTERKENNY AREA.

### Hotels:

Gallagher's Hotel, Grade B, 110 Upper Main st., L'keny	(074) 22066	£17.50
Mount Errigal Hotel, Grade B, Ballyraine, Letterkenny	(074) 22700	£22.00

### Bed and Breakfasts:

B&B per person sharing rate

Mrs. J. Bradley, Radharc na Giuis, Carnamuggagh, L'keny	(074) 22090	£10.00
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Mrs. R. Gill, Septora, Convent Rd., Letterkenny	(074) 22330	£9.75
Mrs. M. Herrity, Town View, Leck Rd., Letterkenny	(074) 21570	£10.00
Mrs. Brid Kelly, Ardglas, Lurgybrack, Letterkenny	(074) 22516	£10.00
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Mrs. J. McConnellogue, White Gables, Dromore, L'keny	(074) 22583	£9.00
Mrs. P. McElhatton, The Burren, Gortlee, Letterkenny	(074) 21181	£9.00
Ms. J. McGlinchey, Covehill House, Port Rd., L'keny	(074) 21038	£10.00
Mrs. S. McGrath, Ardeen, Glencar Rd., Letterkenny	(074) 21819	£10.00
Mrs. S.M O'Hagan, Swilly View, Kilmacrennan Rd., L'keny	(074) 21137	£9.50
Mrs. Alice O'Donnell, Ard na Greine, Sentry Hill, L'keny	(074) 21383	£9.75



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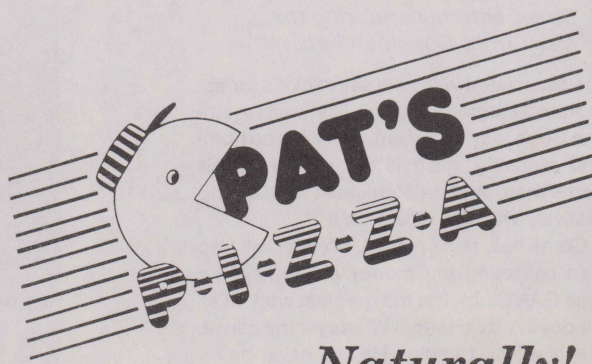
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### SUNDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1988 (cont'd):-

- 10 p.m. Official Closing Ceremony at Market Square by Mr. Eamonn Doherty, Commissioner, Garda Siochana & Donegal Person of Year Festival Folk Evenings:-
- Downtown - Tarmac & Michael Bird. Port Centre: Spain, Celtic Fusion. Clems: Birmingham, Napper Tandy. Grand Finale in Mount Errigal Hotel featuring the best of overseas & Irish Groups:- Spain, Morris Men, Aughterby Band, Howdens Leap.

*Note:- (Programme subject to Alterations).*

*This space  
contains no artificial  
Flavourings,  
Colours or Additives*



*Naturally!*

## SPOTLIGHT ON MICHAEL OG HANLON

Everybody throughout the length and breadth of Ireland and beyond knows Michael Og Hanlon. He is Mr. "Mary from Dungloe" Festival.

Michael is a permanent fixture on the Main street of Dungloe.

And if you happen to come to town and don't see him, then something must be wrong !

I wonder how many of you are aware that Michael was born in Falcarragh ! Not long after Michael's birth, the family moved to Quay Road, Dungloe. Michael's parents were called Grace and Michael. As well as Michael (Junior), there were two other boys in the family, John and Joe. Joe died in Dungloe when he was only 14, and John died in England without reaching his 50th birthday. With both parents also dead, Michael is the last surviving member of his family.

For many years, Michael joined the hordes of migrant seasonal farm workers, mainly from the North-West, who were employed in Scotland during the potatoe harvest. These workers of course were called "tatie hokers". Indeed, this writer can well remember the "tatie workers" of old board their minibus on the Main St. and head for Scotland. Michael Og Hanlon was one of those. But, like so many, maybe all of our emigrants, he longed to return home one day and settle down on a permanent basis.

This he did in 1968. No sooner was he home than he settled down to giving Dungloe and the community at large all the service he could. His dynamic personality earned him many friends and much respect. The "Mary from Dungloe" Festival was just beginning. Michael became a committee member and has been an ever-present on the committee ever since. He is a tireless worker who gives his all and puts everything into whatever project he



Street entertainer during the "Mary from Dungloe" Festival.

may be associated with. He sells tickets for the "Mary from Dungloe" Festival Committee outside the Cope, day in day out, and does so humbly and patiently, such is the nature of this wonderful man. And, as someone asked during the Festival, who else would do it ?

Come hail, rain or shine, Michael will also be seen collecting the money at the field for Dungloe GAA Club. But the greatest work of all that he does is for charity. Whatever the cause, Michael is willing to help. He can never be repaid fully for all that he has done for charity. It is little wonder that he was presented recently with a framed certificate from the Irish Guide

Dogs Association. It was a simple token of gratitude Michael was so pleased to receive it, but it was no more than he would have asked for. Michael is not in the business of receiving - he is in the business of giving.

And he has given more than his share to this community over the past 20 years. In recognition of the work he has done for the Festival, he was presented with a Cavan Irish Crystal Handmade Clock by Guinness at the crowning cabaret. He also received 600 cigarettes from Carrolls.

He says he loves Dungloe and its people and thanks them for responding so generously always. He has friends all over the Rosses and Gweedore. He is very fond of Glencolmcille and was delighted to be invited to the official opening of the Letterkenny Folk Festival on one occasion. He says that, like Gene Tunney and Rocky Marciano, he retired undefeated from his position as Lord Mayor of the Rosses. He feels that sooner or later, they will see the light out in Maghery and crown him King. Among his



Michael Hanlon.

school friends he remembers John Gorman (R.I.P), James McBrearty (Ardara), Andy and Michael Carr and "Big" Frank O'Donnell (Kilcar), a one time Co. Donegal footballer. He also remembers going to school with Nora Galligan's mother and sister ! They lived in the Quay Rd. cottages then. His last word was for Pat Nora, whom he describes as "one of the best", not forgetting his good wife, Ann, and the wonderful M.F.D. Committee. He says Dungloe should never forget the last five years.

### THE EARWIGGER

#### EMETT, THE ACE REPORTER

Emmet McIlhatton deserves praise for his amazing reporting skills on Donegal Community Radio recently. On Thursday 4th August we were treated to an excellent interview with Noel O'Gara, who claims that Peter Sutcliffe is not the real Yorkshire Ripper, but that it is an Irishman who still stalks the

streets. Emmet's interview and investigating followed a front page story in that morning's Daily Star which carried O'Gara's story, and claimed that Yorkshire detectives had visited him recently to discuss the matter. Not only did he interview O'Gara but he also rang the police in Yorkshire and spoke to the Chief Superin-

tendent there. D.C.R listeners heard the exchange between McIlhatton and the Chief Superintendent, the latter repeating the fact that he knew nothing about the case. Emmett also carried a story on the I.D.A. during the same bulletin, where he interviewed Donegal County Council chairman, Eddie O'Donnell, about his grievances. Fair play to you Emmett for bringing us a very professional presentation of the news.



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GLEBE KENNELS  
The Glebe  
Letterkenny

24/7/88

Dear Sir,

I must reply to your "sport snippet" article on Dr. McDaid's dog "gismo". The snippet is totally inaccurate. The Greyhound bitch Gismo is in fact owned by Dr. McDaid's son Gareth. There is no such race as the Ulster Derby. There is no racing at the Bradywell on a Saturday, and she has won 14 out of 42 races so far in her career.

The true facts are that Gismo has qualified for the Respond Derby Trial Stakes Final at Lifford Track on Saturday 30th July. The winner receiving £300 and free entry to the Derby proper at Shelbourne Park, for a winner's prize of £30,000. Although Gismo is one of the top dogs at Lifford at the moment, she will be an outsider to win the race on Saturday night as she is just returning to racing after injury. I hope you print these facts because there is a large Greyhound following in Letterkenny, as such inaccuracies make a joke of the owner-trainer and dog.

Thanking you, Carl Hogg.

*Watch You r Own Wee Boy*

The law has finally caught your boy  
and you think that shouldn't be,  
You always thought your son was perfect  
and not a crook like me.  
You couldn't see past your own wee boy  
You were sure he was the best,  
A nice wee boy that's well behaved  
and not like all the rest.

Whenever I did something wrong  
you were first to criticize,  
Then you told it to your neighbours  
and added on some lies.  
You told you son to watch me  
and to keep well away,  
From hooligans like me  
that might lead him astray.

You made my life your business  
and everything I'd done,  
You were so busy watching me  
you forgot to watch your son.  
And while you ears were open  
for news concerning me,

You son got up to all the tricks -  
you somehow failed to see

I guess I was a hooligan at times -  
but not the only one,  
And I saw you nice wee boy do things  
I wouldn't have done.

I know you don't believe it  
'cause you just don't want to see  
That the boy you thought was perfect  
was worse in fact than me.

To parents who are reading this  
my message is to you:  
Leave your neighbours sons alone,  
whatever else you do.

There may be long green grass  
on your neighbour's lawn,  
But you shouldn't criticize it folks -  
until you've mowed you own.

Le John Deegan, Glasgow.



6: Rascals of yesteryear.

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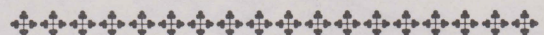
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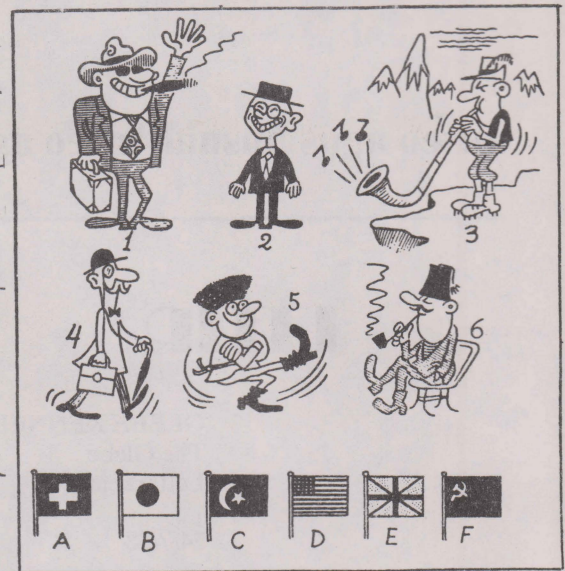
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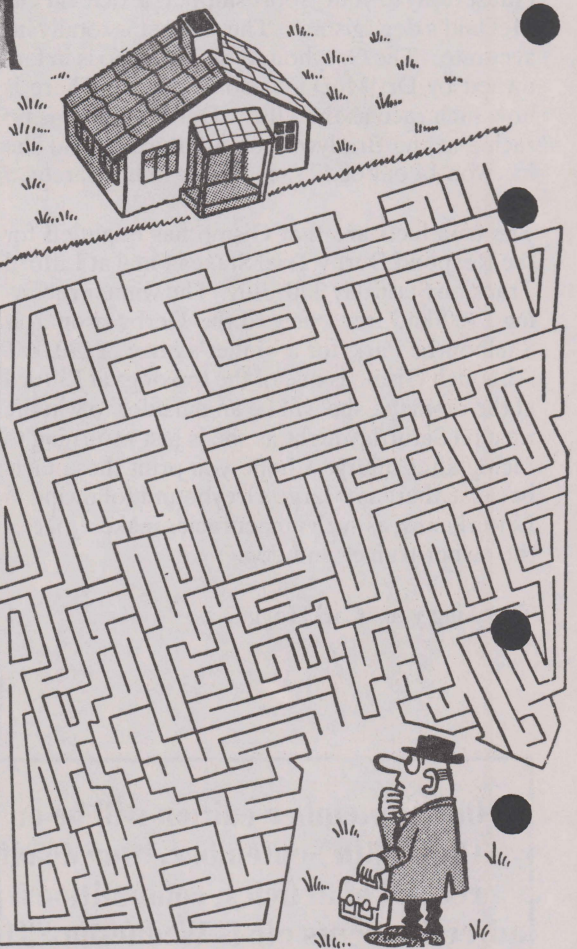


Which national flag belongs to which gentleman?

UNDER TEN PAINTING COMPETITION

NAME.....  
 ADDRESS.....  
 AGE.....

LAST MONTHS WINNER: Geraldine Forrester,  
 Drumchapel, Glasgow.



WONDERS of NATURE

Many wonderful stories showing the intelligence of this animal, are based on fact.

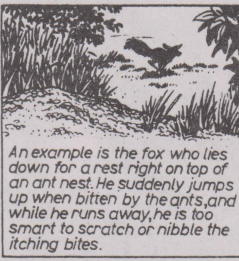
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The fox is known as the sliest of all members of the animal world.

His next move is to collect a mouthful of dried grass and then head for the nearest water.

Slowly he submerges and then lets go of the grass on which the ants have, by that time, taken refuge.

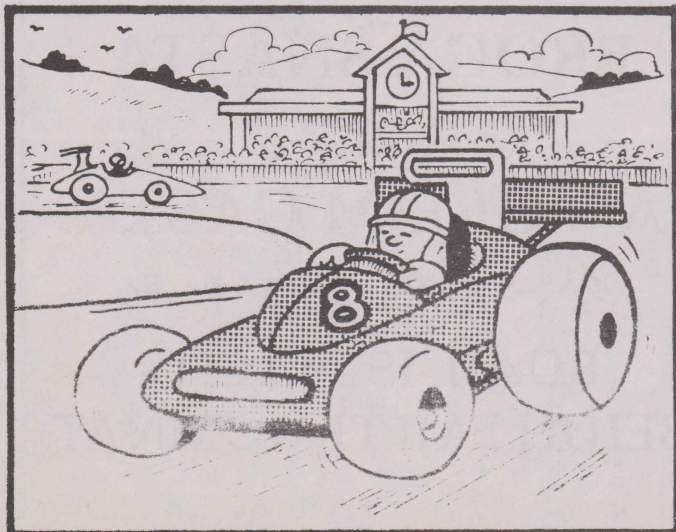
He backs into the water slowly, and as soon as the ants feel it, they creep away in the direction of the fox's head.



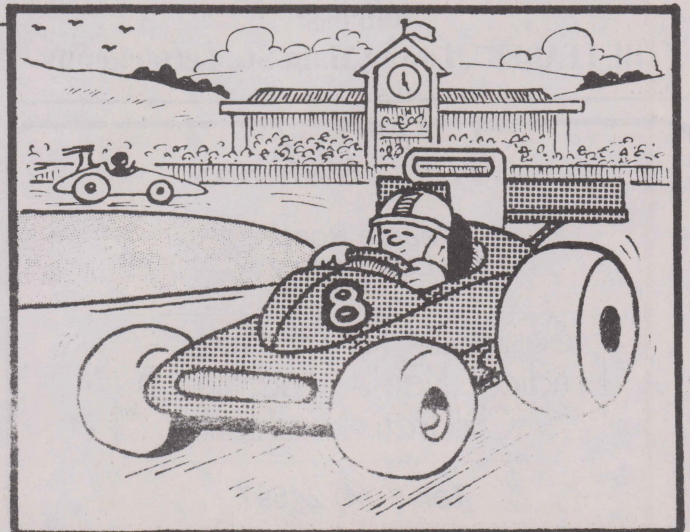
An example is the fox who lies down for a rest right on top of an ant nest. He suddenly jumps up when bitten by the ants, and while he runs away, he is too smart to scratch or nibble the itching bites.



While the ants drift away on their island the fox climbs out of the water feeling very much relieved to be rid of them.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE x 10



## FOCUS ON Joe Winston

St. Eunans



**FULL NAME:** Patrick Joseph Winston

**BIRTHPLACE:** Dungloe

**HEIGHT:** 5' 11"

**WEIGHT:** 12st 7lbs

**POSITION:** Forward in Gaelic, defender in Soccer.

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Robert Emmets (London), Oliver Plunkets (Dublin)

**MARRIED:** Yes

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Ciaran Murray (Monaghan) and Jimmy Kennedy Jnr. (Soccer)

**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Dublin (Gaelic) and Liverpool (Soccer)

**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS:** Mick Ryan (Offaly) and Pat Cannon Killybegs in soccer.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES:** Ulster Final 1972 and County Final v St. Josephs in 1967

**BIGGEST THRILL:** Seeing both Brian Touhy and John Cunningham lifting All Ireland U21 Cups

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Never winning All Ireland Senior

**BEST PLACE VISITED:** Long Island, New York.

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Irish Stew

**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** All sports

**FAVOURITE T.V SHOWS:** Running Late, Channel 4

**FAVOURITE MUSICIANS:** Bette Midler and Bryan Ferry

**FAVOURITE ACTORS/ ACTRESSES:** Jack Nicholson & Jane Fonda

**BEST FRIEND:** Personally, I don't dislike anybody.

**BIGGEST DRAG IN FOOTBALL:** Donegal not winning Ulster Minor in 1988

**HONOURS:** Ulster & Club championship medals. League Titles in soccer with Letterkenny Rovers and Glen Rovers.

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** School - Bro. Morris Club - John Hannigan County - Brain McEniff

**FOOTBALL AMBITIONS:** Nothing at this stage of my career  
**PERSONAL AMBITIONS:** Win the top prize at Convoy GAA draw.

**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET ?:** Sugar Ray Leonard

**SIGNATURE:**

## Donegal Mountain Rescue Activities June/ July

June 10th-12th

Members of the team received instruction from members of the Dublin/Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team on aspects of general and night navigation; this was given in the Dunlewy Community Centre and on the hillside in the area of Slieve Snacht and Loch Maam.

July 2nd

The team visited Tedin, where a search was made of some

of the more hazardous cliffs in the area in an attempt to find a farmer who had been reported missing.

July 10th

The team, in co-operation with a number of the Ordnance Survey Office, played a major part in the organisation of landing and refueling of the three helicopters involved, and ensured public safety, during the Millennium Charity Hill-Climb in aid of Cheshire Homes.



USRA Squash Prizegiving Dance in Belfast, May 1985

(From Left to Right): P. J. Bonnar, Brian Harkin, Jim Ferry, Charlie McLaughlin, Tadhg Culbert, Frankie McNulty and Joe English.

## LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY CENTRE Sports & Leisure Programme 1988/89

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Monday to Friday 10am to 11pm  
Saturday 10am to 6pm

MONDAY	
12.30-2.00	Women
2.00-4.00	Women
4.00-10.30	Men
TUESDAY	
10.30-12.30	Women
12.30-2.00	Men
2.00-6.30	Men
7.00-10.30	Women
WEDNESDAY	
12.30-2.00	Women
2.00-4.00	Women
4.00-10.30	Men
THURSDAY	
10.30-12.30	Women
12.30-2.00	Men
2.00-6.30	Men
7.00-10.30	Women
FRIDAY	
12.30-2.00	Mixed
2.00-5.00	Men
5.00-8.00	Women
8.00-10.30	Men
SATURDAY	
10.30-12.30	Women
1.00-5.00	Men

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. A testimonial was played at Windsor Park recently for a former Soccer great. Who was he, what was the score and name 4 scorers ?
2. With which sports do you associate the following ? (a) Grete Waitz (b) Chris Broad (c) Martin Carney ?
3. Which horse won this year's English Grand National ?

Answers on a postcard or on the back of an envelope to "THE LEADER", Lower Main St., Letterkenny. The first correct entry out of the bag receives a prize of £5.

Last month's winner: Martin Devine, 47 Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny.

# GUESS WHO 14



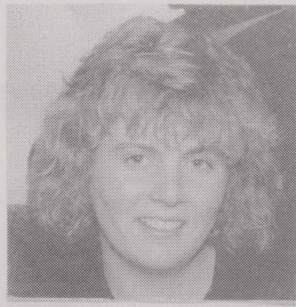
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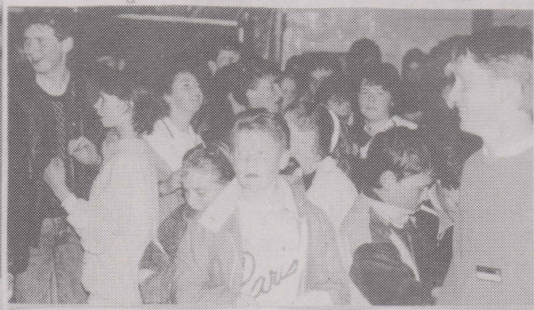
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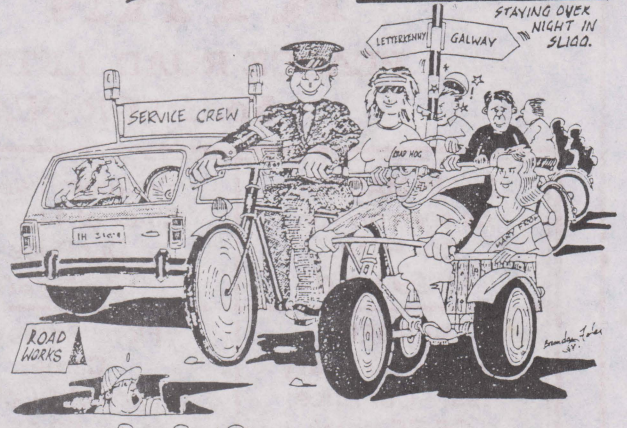


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Meet twins John and Patrick Fox from Slieve Snacht Close, Letterkenny. They were five years old in March and attend Scoil Cholmcille. School was "OK" they told me – but didn't complain about the long holidays either.

*Combined Charity Cycle* FROM GALWAY TO LETTERKENNY



**ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPT...  
IN AID OF ST LUKES CONCERN  
AND DONEGAL PRIESTS IN PERU  
LA BREITHE:**

Raymond Taylor, Letterkenny, August 7th  
Caitriona Taylor, Letterkenny, (17) August 18th  
John Mansfield, Boston, U.S.A. (15) August 1st



**BOTTLENECK**

*Our photograph shows a long line of vehicles trying to get through the roundabout at the shopping centre/Port Road from Pearse Road. At times the queue of cars stretches back all the way to Oliver Plunkett Rd. There is obviously a problem here. What can be done? Any suggestions?*

Ailbhe, Flowers, flowers, everywhere?  
Especially on Rathmullan beach?  
Giovanni B. Big change in hairstyle? Look to photos page 14.

**DAMIEN TOURISH**

The tragic death of Damien Tourish has left a cloud of gloom over the entire area. Damien died in a road accident which occurred at Derry Road, Letterkenny. Three others were injured in the accident. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Ar dheis De go riabh a anam uasal.

**GUESS WHO?**

- \*1: Young Ladies. 2. Maggie and Biddy. 3. Enjoying Mary's street entertainment . . 4; Miss Anagaire '88. 5: Guess who this young lady is?. 6: What more can we say?. 7: The Famous Five. 8: Open Air Fun. 9: Miss Anagaire '77. 10: Bella. 11: Say cheese. 12: Outside No. 39. 13: The coalman, the milkman and the . . . . . 14: Giggler of the month. 15: Happy Hawthorn Heighters. 16: : : Wood you know this lady?. 17: Hello Ann. 18: Footballer. 19: Cabbage Patch and friends. 20: Denis is a big hit with the girls. 21: Arainn Mhor model. 22: : : Rockin' the night away in Dungloe. 23: The next Hot House Flowers?. 24: The Pogues in concert. 25: Down on the beach. 26: The fab 4. 27: Ta si cuig bliana d'aois i mbliana. 28: Eoghan agus a chuid girseachai. 29: Lassie and friends. 30: Threas a new Sheriff in town. 31: GRUB SPIED. 32: Marina, Brid and Boyfriends. 33: When the boys were boys (I dig the hairstyle). 34: Getting ready for the Olympics. 35: True love ways. 36: Maria agus Hughie ag comhra. 37: POg na Miosa.

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