

Sadness as well-known Gael and charity fundraiser passes away

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A cloud of sadness draped over the village of Moneymore and beyond at the weekend with the news of the passing of much-loved fundraiser and Irish Gael, Molly McFlynn.

In her 91st year, Molly stole the hearts of many with her much-loved smile, old stories, singing and famous recitals.

Growing up in Loup with 12 children, Molly's kindness never had a threshold as she also cared for two older gentlemen, Joe McCormick and Pat Dowell before moving to Lawford street in Moneymore.

Well-known for her care of the neighbours, Molly looked out for everyone in Lawford Street and continued to do so right up to the end of her life. In her spare time, she also worked in the local school kitchen as a cook.

Molly was famously known for her fundraising efforts, particularly with the cancer charity Marie Curie. In

2018 Molly and her late friend Henry McGlone received special recognition for raising over £157,000 over a period of 17 years. Molly and her daughter Bernie also supported an orphanage in Africa and any money that she received for her birthday or at Christmas went to great causes such as this and Marie Curie.

Full of life, she loved getting involved in local drama acts and plays and was part of the Moneymore talent team.

Talented and full of knowledge, Molly was well known for her much-loved stories and recitals.

In 2018 she took part in the GAA Scór Sinsir and in the recitation act Drumnakilly devil for which she was famous for took her to the finals.

Scór Sinsir will be celebrating its 50th year this year and Molly's daughter Blaithe will be entering as part of the Henry Joy McCracken team and reciting a poem in the memory of her mother Molly.

Described as an esteemed club member, a great Gael and a good friend to everyone at Moneymore

GAA club, Henry Joy McCracken's, took to social media to show their appreciation of Molly.

"Henry Joy McCracken GAC club committee, players and members extended sympathy to their Chairman Paddy McFlynn on the passing of his mother Molly. "Molly was an esteemed club member, a great Gael and a good friend to everyone at our club. She was a great supporter of the Henry Joy's throughout her life in Moneymore. "Only recently Molly took part and had great success at Scór Sinsir in the Recitation Act for which she was famous. She will be sorely missed by us all. "We extend our condolences to our Cultural Officer Pearse, Grants Officer Bridie and the many McFlynn family members who are members of the friends of Henry Joy and to her grandchildren who play for our club at senior and underage levels.

A great teacher, she taught many to live, laugh and love. She will be missed by all that had the pleasure of crossing paths with such a well esteemed, much loving and caring character.



The late Molly McFlynn.



The last picture which was taken of Molly presenting a cheque for £1,517 to Marie Curie in 2018.

Man in court charged with Dungiven and Limavady burglaries

A 41 year-old man has appeared before a local magistrates court charged with burglaries in Dungiven and Limavady.

Appearing before Limavady Court on Wednesday was Gerard Skelly with an address at Norglen Drive in Belfast.

Skelly is accused of stealing a chain saw from a garage at Chapel Road, Dungiven and stealing bolt cutters from a garage at Lackagh Park, Dungiven and perfume and £100 cash from the same residence.

Skelly is further charged with stealing a handbag containing a purse, bank cards, two sets of car keys, a coat,

£80 cash and two iPhones from a property at Railway Lane, Dungiven.

He is charged with stealing £50 cash from a second property in Railway Lane and is accused of entering a third property in the estate and attempting to steal therein.

Two other charges of stealing Suzuki SX car keys from a property at Ballyquin Road, Limavady and stealing a handbag, £600 cash and car keys from a house at Ravensburn Court, Doagh were put to Skelly.

The accused is also charged with taking a vehicle without authority, driving without insurance and driving while disqualified.

Three more charges of failing to stop at the scene of an accident, failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to report an accident were read to Skelly during the hearing.

The offences are said to have been committed on dates between August 14 and August 17, 2018.

An investigating officer told the court that she could connect Skelly, who is currently in custody, to the charges before the court.

District Judge Liam McNally adjourned the case and ordered Skelly to appear via video link before Coleraine Magistrates Court on March 4.

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