

## MANORHAMILTON NEWS



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## Australian Paralympic medallist with strong Leitrim link

While Leitrim didn't have any representatives on the successful Irish team that competed at the recent Tokyo Paralympics, Madeline McTernan who won a silver medal representing Australia has very a strong North Leitrim heritage.

In Tokyo, Madeline won a silver medal as a member of the Australian 4 x 100metres Freestyle Mixed Relay team (S14), and she just missed out on a bronze medal when placing fourth in the women's 100metres Backstroke final (S14).

On the silver medal winning Australian 4 x 100metres Freestyle Mixed Relay team with Madeline McTernan were Ricky Betar, Ben Hance and Ruby Storm. Tokyo was the first time that the 4 x 100metres Freestyle Mixed Relay Paralympic event took place. It was won by Britain.



Australian Paralympian Madeline McTernan

Madeline is popularly known in her hometown of Woolgoola, NSW as Maddie. Her parents are Paul and Allison McTernan. After winning the silver medal in Tokyo on Saturday, August 23 her delighted mother, Allison said "she swam a personal best."

Allison McTernan also added Maddie "was just so proud and honoured to represent Australia in the S14

Mixed Free Style Relay. She had dreamed of standing on the podium for many years."

Meanwhile Madeline McTernan's North Leitrim link was established a few weeks prior to the Tokyo Paralympics by Philadelphia based, Michael McTiernan. Michael has done major research over many years on all the McTiernan (McTernans, etc.) whose DNA origins are linked to different parts of North Leitrim, as well as further afield.

Through his research Michael was able to confirm Madeline family's origin was from the North Leitrim Barony of Rosclogher. Madeline and her family, including her father Paul, were all very happy to have their North Leitrim heritage established by Michael McTernan, whose ancestors came from Sheskin, Kilaruge.

## New Credit Union ATM

It was recently announced that Manorhamilton and District Credit Union will shortly provide the space for the installation of an ATM machine, which is very good news for many people in the town and its surrounds, as well as for all the town's visitors.

The Bank of Ireland ATM has been the only one available to people to use on a twenty-four-hour seven-day-a-week basis since the closure of the Ulster Bank on Main Street in 2015.

Now some six years later the Bank of Ireland on Seán MacDiarmada Street is set to close on Friday, October 8.

While the Bank of Ireland has indicated it will provide

its ATM machine on MacDiarmada Street for a period after its closure next month, no one really knows for how long that will be.

A commercial company is providing the ATM which will be located in the Credit Union building wall.

The ATM will not be a Credit Union one, but the Credit Union is providing the space for it to be located in its Main Street premises.

Planning permission has been applied for to locate the ATM in the Credit Union premises but it has not been granted yet.

If planning permission was granted prior to October 8, it is possible the new ATM could be in operation around

that date, which will be the last day that business will be done in the Manorhamilton Bank of Ireland branch.

Interestingly, the Manorhamilton and District Credit Union has purchased the former Ulster Bank building some time ago and fully refurbished it.

The former Ulster Bank building is of course adjacent to the Credit Union offices on Main Street.

When the Manorhamilton and District Credit Union ATM becomes fully operational in due course it is likely to become the main financial traction site in the town for many people from now on.

## Rossinver Youth and Community Project Events

The Rossinver Youth and Community Project has a number of exciting events planned for the next few months in the Rossinver Community Centre.

Project spokesperson, Pat Mullen invites all interested to "join Ingrid on Friday, October 1 at Rossinver Community Centre for some much-needed Yin Yoga starting at 12 noon and running until 1.15pm for one day a week for six weeks.

"Yin Yoga is suitable for all levels of fitness. To register your interest email

darkvalley1965." As well, Pat reminds everyone that the "QQ1 Level 5 Tourism with Business course starts on Tuesday, October 12 online with Rossinver Youth and Community Project. This course will be run one day a week for twelve months."

There are two places available on a free two day basket making class with Tom O'Brien on Saturday, November 27 and on Sunday November 28.

To register your interest email pat@rossinver youthcommunity@gmail.com

## Free Parent and Child Pairs Design Course places

Stuart Lawn from the Merenda building based ManorHUB's Fab Lab is offering a free course to six parent and child pairs, who can work together to design a model railway layout, as well as the buildings and features that will go with it in an imaginary town.

Mr Lawn explains what this interesting parent and child challenge will involve. He says "we are looking for six parent and child (age 12+) pairs who can work together to design buildings and features for a model railway layout that will go on display in the Bee Park Community Centre at Christmas 2021.

"Using 3D Scanning, 3D Printing, Laser Cutting and other model making techniques we will get you to re-imagine your town in miniature. Over the course of six weeks, we will get you to design and make models to populate our imaginary town."

The course is funded by Leitrim Arts and no previous experience required. All that is required is to bring a laptop and a smartphone.

The course starts on Friday, September 24, 6pm to 8.30pm in the W8 Centre. Contact stu@fablabmh.org to reserve your place on this course. Early booking is advised.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

Pictured above are two of the three students who got the top results in their Leaving Cert this year at St Clare's Comprehensive in Manorhamilton. In the photo are Hannah Johnston, Ceola McGowan (deputy principal) and Alex Dunne. Missing from the photograph is Rachel Conlon PHOTO: SUBMITTED

### Boxing Club Training

The Seán McDermott Boxing Club training commences for the new season on Monday night, September 20 in the Club's Bee Park Community Centre facilities. The training schedule for the new season is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights from 6.30 to 8pm for seniors and Tuesday & Thursday nights from 7pm to 8pm for juniors as well as for juveniles.

### Culture Night Play

Splódar Theatre Company presents The Brother by Myles na gCopallán (Flann O'Brien) in Heraghty's Pub, Manorhamilton on Culture Night Friday, September 17 at 7.30pm. Performed by Colum MacGiollaífhiontain the well-known actor and musician, now based in Sligo, The Brother is one of Flann O'Brien's great comic works. Free admission.

## Seamus Feeney wins Fantasy Championship

When Tyrone won the All-Ireland final on Saturday afternoon, Seamus Feeney from Gortinar, Mullies was declared the winner of the 2021 Manorhamilton All-Ireland Fantasy Football championship.

He was the only one of this competition's seven finalists to correctly predict that the

Red Hand County would claim the Sam Maguire.

This year's Manor Fantasy contest had 33 entries. Of the 33, Seamus Feeney and 6 others, (namely, Cathal McCann, Damien McCrory, Dominic Kelly, Paul Brady, Philomena Flynn, and Betty Flynn) correctly predicted the four provincial winners.

## Brief Interventions Programme

A new Brief Interventions Programme is aimed at young people aged 10-18 years.

If you live in Manorhamilton or its catchment area, and if you have a young person who is dealing with any of the following: (1) Mild emotional & behavioural difficulties; (2) Relationship or interpersonal difficulties; (3)

Bullying, stress, low self-esteem, shyness, anger etc. which would benefit from a brief intervention, please contact Majella for more information on 071 9631253.

This programme is funded through "The Community Mental Health Fund, supported by the Department of Health".