

# Earley resignation accepted by Cabinet

The Cabinet has accepted the resignation of the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces, Lieutenant General Dermot Earley, at a meeting earlier this week. General Earley stepped down for health reasons.

Dermot Earley was not due to retire until early next year when he would have been 62. However, he has been suffering from an illness in recent months. He was awarded the Distinguished Service medal by An Taoiseach Brian

Cowen TD seven weeks ago.

The former Roscommon GAA star lives in Newbridge in county Kildare with his wife Mary and family. He will be succeeded as army Chief of Staff by Major General Sean McCann, who is a native of County Cork.

Fine Gael Defence Spokesman, Jimmy Deenihan TD has congratulated Major General Sean McCann on his appointment as Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces, following the retirement

of Lieutenant General Dermot Earley. "I would like to pay tribute to Dermot Earley. He has been an outstanding soldier and gifted leader who performed his duties as Chief of Staff and throughout his career with unerring dedication.

"His brilliance on the GAA fields of Ireland will go down in legend and his warm personality, leadership skills and approachability meant he has been an outstanding ambassador for the GAA and the Defence Forces."



Dermot Earley

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## RISE! Campaign comes to Roscommon

A RISE! Campaign information night will be held in The Hyde Centre, Athlone Road, Roscommon at 8.30 pm on Thursday 24th June.

This is the latest in a series of up to twenty information nights that have been held in various counties in recent months, including counties Wexford, Westmeath, Leitrim, Cavan, Longford and Offaly. The average attendance at each meeting has been over two hundred people. The RISE! Campaign was formed last January to promote and defend traditional rural sports like hunting, coursing and shooting from new laws being proposed by the Green Party in government.

## Wildlife talk

A talk by National Parks and Wildlife Service Conservation Ranger, Louise McAlavey on wildlife and bird life in Co. Roscommon will take place in Hannon's Hotel, Athlone Road, Roscommon on Monday, June 14th at 8 pm. All welcome.

## Gately Memorial Tournament

The Alan Gately Memorial Cup Hurling Tournament is to be held in Knockcroghery on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. Matches will be played at 2 pm between Team A managed by Sean Melia and Team D managed by Tony Lyons, and at 3 pm between Team B managed by Vincent Pierser and Team C managed by Micheal Cox.

The final will take place at 4.30 pm. M.C. for the day will be Kevin Rogers, and each match will last 40 minutes. If teams are level at full-time, then penalties will decide. All proceeds from the tournament are going to Crumlin Children's Hospital.

Alan Gately learned his first hurling skills in Ballymuray N.S., and as he progressed further along his hurling career, he played for St. Dominics at all age levels, and also donned the county jersey with distinction. After completing his masters in biomedical engineering at NUIG, he travelled the world, experiencing more in his short life than many can only ever dream of. However he always enjoyed returning home and was a familiar face both on and off the pitch. This tournament is to honour his memory and his contribution to the club.



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