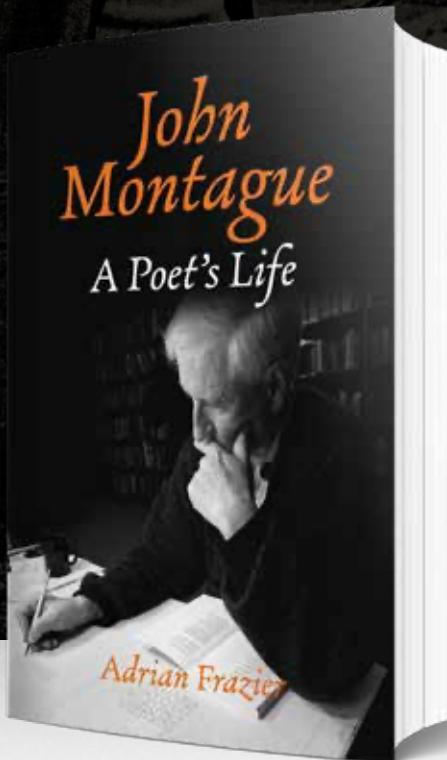


# Return to the rough field

He was reared in Garvaghey.  
He now lies buried in  
Garvaghey. In between  
times, he grew and  
developed as the leading  
Irish poet of his time.



**Launch night for  
‘A Poet’s Life’,  
Adrian Frazier’s  
masterly biography  
of John Montague,  
a remarkable Tyrone  
man, ‘whose style  
had no successor’.**

**Thursday,  
5 December 2024**  
Tyrone GAA Centre,  
Garvaghey.

Tyrone GAA is honoured and delighted to welcome you to Garvaghey, our now so-well-established Tyrone Gaelic home, for what is for us a truly special event.

Many of us firmly believe the GAA is really all about WHO you are, and WHERE you are from. Its genius is to use Gaelic games to help answer those life-affirming questions.

John Montague's genius was, we think anyway, to use poetry to also help with our life affirmation.

That's part of why we are so proud of, and grateful for this man. And why we greatly appreciate hosting this launch.

A very special soul returns to 'the rough field' tonight.

Máirtín Ó Slúdáin

Martin Sludden  
Tyrone GAA County Chair



Martin Haughey  
Chair, Club Tyrone

The sounds of Ireland, that restless whispering you never get away from.

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## Arrival and refreshments

From 7.00pm

**'A Poet's Life' books are available for sale throughout the evening.**

### In the foyer

Tea/coffee/wine

### In the Auditorium, hosted by Brian Gormley

- A welcome from Tyrone GAA
- Brian Gormley
- Tom Redshaw
- Adrian Frazier
- Discussion
- Close

**Brian Gormley**, a graduate of St Mary's University College, Belfast, is a locally-born Tyrone writer, producer, actor and performer, is a powerful energiser of local and regional community arts and drama, and all the while also delivers as a School Principal.

**Thomas Redshaw**, Professor Emeritus of English at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, is an established and renowned poetry editor, a long-time promoter and supporter of John Montague, and a generous patron of both 'A Poet's Life' and tonight's launch.

**Adrian Frazier**, the author of 'A Poet's Life' and Professor Emeritus of English at NUI Galway, is an acclaimed writer and biographer, was a close acquaintance of John Montague for more than 40 years, and was John's approved biographer in producing this monumental piece of work.

# For those maybe not familiar with us

**Tyrone GAA is an avowedly amateur, community-based organisation built around 55 Clubs, 600 teams and 15,000 members, spread right across Tyrone. Our core business is Gaelic games but we also pay considerable attention to our culture and heritage and to developing our communities. Everything we do is aimed at improving the well-being of Tyrone and its people.**

Garvaghey is an £8m+ project spread over 43 acres and including seven floodlit pitches, a 30,000 sq ft building, outdoor resources and a five-acre environmental area. Built between 2008 and 2013 it is an inclusive place, deliberately created

Don ghnáth, don neamhghnách agus don uathúil  
For the Ordinary, the Less-Ordinary and the Extra-Ordinary.

Garvaghey is also very much about legacy, about this generation passing on something valuable to the next generation.

We designed and built Garvaghey as our Tyrone 'Gaelic Bauhaus', to help us deliver all aspects of our GAA business. Events like tonight's were always what we had in mind for here.

Finally, we are very proud that well over three-quarters of the £8m+ cost of Garvaghey was raised by ourselves/the GAA, and that as of 2023, we are now 'borrowings-free' here.

