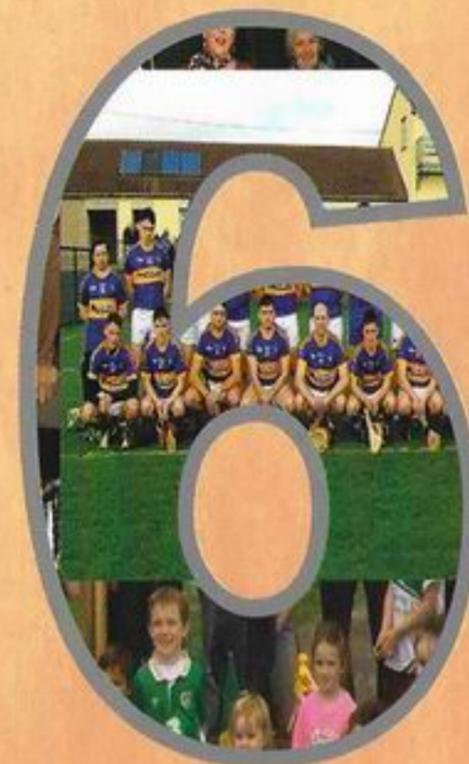
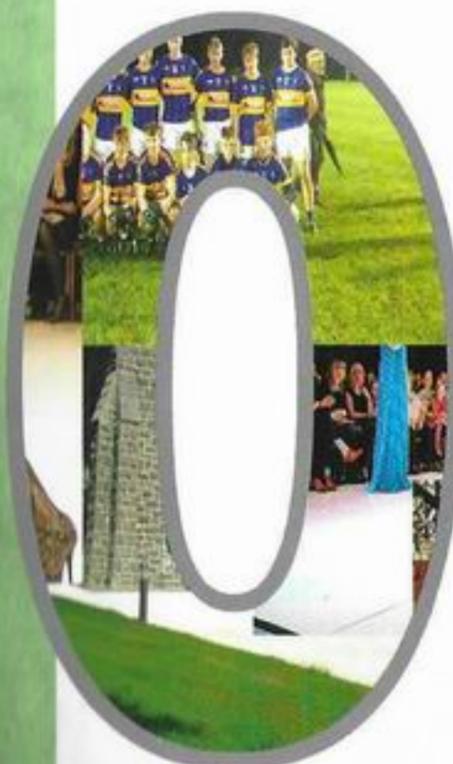
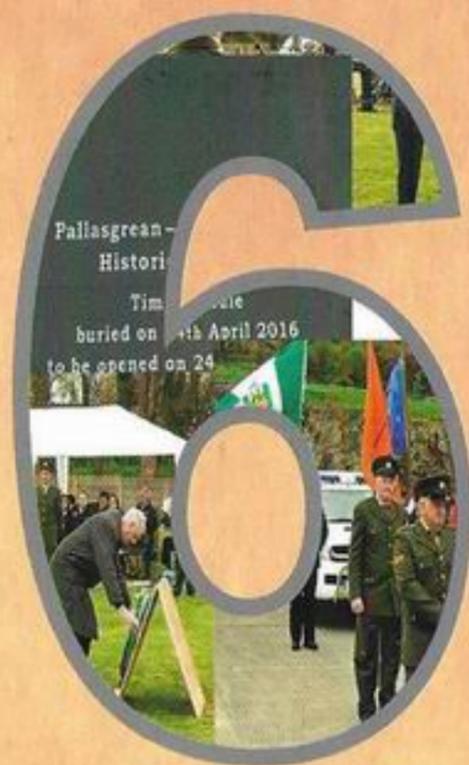


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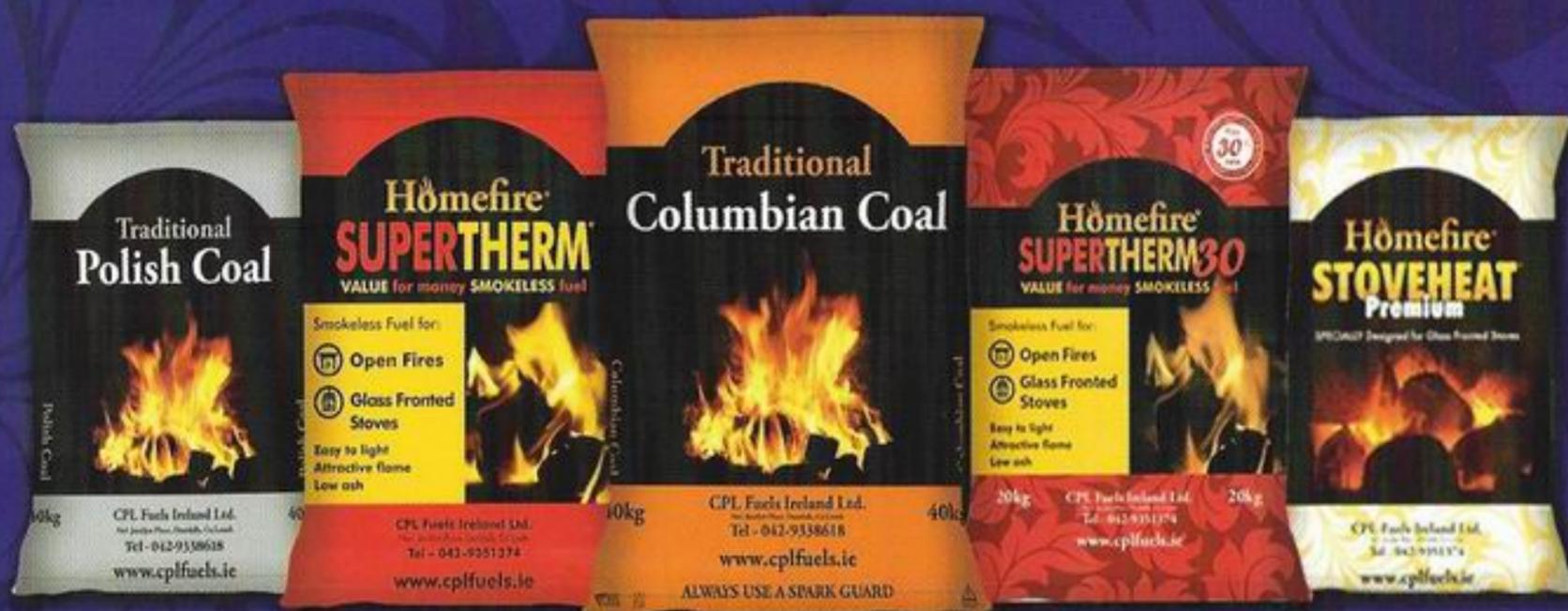
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Foreword

Fr. Pat Burns

Not having too much time to listen to the radio during the week I often tune into *Playback* on Saturday mornings. It's a great way to get a flavour of the best "bits" of radio from the previous week. On a recent Saturday there was a short piece from an interview with Bernard Lucas given earlier in the week on *Today with Sean O'Rourke*. Bernard is the husband of the late Caitriona Lucas, the Coast Guard volunteer, who lost her life in a tragic accident on September 12th last while helping in a rescue mission off the coast of County Clare.

Bernard spoke about how his wife continues to inspire him and how her memory sustains him in these dark and difficult days. He talked about how both of them loved the outdoor life leading him to join the Coast Guard in 2002 and Caitriona in 2004. Speaking about their involvement in the Coast Guard he continued "*Caitriona loved this life, I love it. It's what we do. It's what I still do. There's nothing better you can do, to help the community, to give something back.*"

There's nothing better you can do, to help the community, to give something back. Very few of us will ever be asked to put our lives on the line in order to help our community, to give something back. This is what Caitriona Lucas did, loved doing and died doing. This is what her husband, Bernard, continues to do.

As you begin your leisurely reading of *Gréan* 2016 and note the many ways we are blessed through those who give of their time and talents enriching the lives and environs of our community please take time to ask what is it you are doing to help your community, in what way are you giving something back. As 2016 draws to a close and we look forward to a new year with its challenges and opportunities let all of us reflect on how best we can be passionate about our community in the way Caitriona Lucas was about hers.

On your behalf I congratulate all involved with this year's publication and invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy the read!



Editorial

One era ends and another begins:

Welcome to the 2016 publication of *Gréan* and 22nd edition since its inception in 1980. 2016 was a momentous year on a number of fronts - with the commemoration of the 1916 Rising and Pallasgreen forming a new community council to begin a new renaissance of community - a story which will be testament of strength of the people in our community. Towards the end of 2015 we saw the changing of the guard as the previous community council handed over its reigns after thirty six years of community affairs. I would like to thank them for their volunteerism, for representing the local people and playing an important role in local democracy. The council have organised a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of our residents.

The community has seen new changes this year with the construction of a footpath from Pallasgreen to Nicker school and in time to come to Nicker village. Eventually with a vision for the future we hope the three villages of Nicker, Old Pallas and Pallasgreen will all be linked together with a footpath. With the completion and refurbishment of the two churches and also Barna and Nicker national schools we are now able to educate and worship in comfortable establishments going forward well into the next generation. A special word of praise to Fr Pat Burns for his leadership in having these four important sanctuaries brought up to modern standards. A time Capsule was buried in St Columbas on Sunday April 24th with items symbolizing life in Pallasgreen. Included in the capsule are twenty one editions of *Gréan*, a collection that will be an invaluable collector's item when the capsule will be opened in a 100 years time.

This 2016 *Gréan* is very varied and shows how vibrant, generous and enterprising our community is. With varied sporting, drama, social, education and religious matters, we should be proud of our community and its inhabitants. This publication would not be possible without the committee and all our contributors and big thank you to them, also our advertisers and we ask you to support them whenever you can. A special thanks to photographer Michael Riordan for his many photographs that is included in *Gréan* 2016. To Mossy Kirby of Mulcair Print for his patience and professionalism and producing a first class magazine.

To our main sponsor St Ailbe's Credit Union who

continue to support local initiatives and in *Gréan* have done so for so many years now, your support is greatly appreciated. To last year's editor Ken Bergin who did a fantastic job in bringing to you another wonderful magazine, many thanks Ken. I would also like to thank Chris Ryan author and local historian for officially launching the 2016 *Gréan* Magazine.

Finally we hope you enjoy the magazine and may you have plenty of hours of enjoyment from it.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2017

Ger O'Connell
Editor

Pallasgreen-Templebraden Historical Society

Siobhan English (Chairperson), Breda O'Dwyer (Secretary), Jill McCormack (Treasurer)
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Every effort has been made to ensure that all details names, dates etc in this publication are correct. Omissions and errors are sincerely regrettable and not intentional, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Strictly Care to Dance

- an amazing night

Since we featured the official launch of Strictly Care to Dance in last year's edition of Gréan, Saturday night November 27th 2015 it all came to fruition in the South Court Hotel. A capacity attendance of around 1,300 people came out to make a difference and support three worthy charities in Strictly Care to Dance. Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, John Travolta/ Olivia Newtown John eat your heart out as nineteen couples with over twelve weeks rehearsing behind them produced an excellent night of colour and fancy footwork. This Ballroom dancing fundraiser was enthralling and wonderful spectacle that was Strictly Care to Dance in association with St Ailbes Credit Union. The MC for the evening Lorcan Murray of RTE got proceedings underway just after 8.30pm and introduced the radiant Susie O'Kelly of the organising committee who welcomed all and wished everyone taking part every success. The judges made their to the all important seats, Leanne Moore, Richard Lynch, Fergal Deegan and TJ Ryan.

Night begins in spectacular fashion

Gemma O'Riordan opened the show with a most beautiful rendition of 'Let It Go' and the Choreographers Joe Hayes, Patsy McNamara, Richie Harty and Mary O'Neill danced around her. Then all the dancers made their way out on the floor to be introduced to the audience. The night began in spectacular fashion, just as Lorcan was welcoming the first couple to the dance floor he was interrupted by an elderly couple who wanted to get in on the act. Lorcan was having none of it but they persisted and finally got their way. Mike O'Donoghue and Majella Diggins had the audience in raptures with their comedy dance sketch and the tone was set for the evening. Awaiting the couples after their dance was the excellent Michelle Cooke and Tom O'Connor in the green room, so everything was set. The first couple on the specially laid LED dance floor dancing a Bachata was Joe Franklin and Geraldine McNamara to the song Stand by Me. Next were Ger O'Connell and Siobhan O'Kelly with a jive to 'Hit the Road Jack' followed by Bill O'Connell and Teresa Harding waltzing to 'That's Amore'?

Audience on their feet

Limerick's 95fm Liam Aherne making his debut with Tracey Barron did the Charleston to the song 'King of Swingers'. John Butler and Annette Stokes were 'Walking on Sunshine' with the Quickstep and this was followed by a seductively Argentine Tango routine by Michael Ryan and Jenny Platt who had the audience on their feet. A lively Jive by Phil Regan and Grainne Hayes with 'Jailhouse Rock' was followed by some wonderful moves of the Salsa with Paddy Kennedy and Mary Cosgrave to 'Saturday Night Fever'. The last couple to take to the floor for an entertaining first half was Dermot O'Dwyer and

Sinead Ryan and their quickstep Waltz brought Christmas closer with their song 'Snow is Falling' and again another rousing appreciation from the attendance. Some celebrities got in on the act (on the small screen specially recorded) wishing some of the acts the very best of luck on the night and they included, Daniel O'Donnell, Brian Cody, Richie Kavanagh, Jimmy Buckley, Sean Stack and JP McManus. The second half began with an Irish dance by Kayla Getkate who danced magnificently in a tribute to her grand uncle the late Matt O'Connell one of the reasons last Saturday night came about. Enter Limerick Hurler and camogie player Shane Dowling and Katie Campbell and their energetic Jive Mix got the crowd going again and wanting more. The radiance and smooth dancing of Michael Butler and Christine Ronan in their quickstep of Here Comes Santa were a delight on the floor. Next to strut their stuff was John Dillon and Audrey Horan with a Tango to Santa Maria. This sultry and passionate Tango had the evening's first standing ovation which left some of the judges speechless. John Greene and Breda McGuinness with a little help from their friends enjoyed a Swing Jive to Everybody needs Somebody, next to follow them onto the floor was Martin Hartnett and the acrobatic Rachel Leahy in a Salsa to Bailamos. The popular Ollie Ryan and Ciara Morgan treated the attendance to a beautiful Cha Cha Cha and Sway and the penultimate dance was Footloose performed by Larry Ryan and Joan McCarthy showed some fancy footwork. The penultimate dance was a jive with Bridget Lambert and Ian Horgan and Dance with me Tonight. The last dance of the evening was Dirty Dancing Time of my Life by the youngest members of the Strictly Dancers, Daragh Fanning and Eadaoin O'Connell who had the crowd on their feet with the iconic lift.

Everyone is a winner

During the night some video extracts of the three charities benefiting from the night were shown and this was very emotional and showed the caring aspect of why these funds are needed. With the end of the night looming Gemma O'Riordan was sensational when she treated us with a powerful and moving song of "O Holy Night" to which the dancers paraded through the audience with candles. Christmas song Snow is Falling rounded off a memorable evening. A few speeches and one from John O'Connor of the main sponsor St Ailbes Credit Union finished the business end before the announcement of the winners. The Judges choice went to Ciara Morgan and Ollie Ryan. Third place in Strictly Care to Dance went to Bridget Lambert and Ian Horgan, Runners up was Michael Ryan and Jenny Platt and winners of the Strictly Care to Dance was John Dillon and Audrey Horan and this led to great celebrations. The real winners were everyone and



especially the three charities. It was a night that will go down as a most amazing event and spectacle with colour, glamour and a dance to make a difference. Monumental thanks to Susie O'Kelly, Dara Fraher, Mike O'Riordan and their committee whose work behind the scenes was outstanding and ensured a night for us all to remember. A special thanks to all who helped on the night and all who helped in any way to make the night such a success. The end result a massive €60,000 raised to enable the three charities to carry the wonderful work and care and make a difference!!

A PERFECT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

A few weeks later the presentation of the cheques took place in Hayes's Lounge Cappamore Committee Member Susie O'Kelly opened the proceedings with a spectacular announcement that €60,000 was raised after a massive effort from all involved in Care to Dance, Dancers, Choreographers, Sponsors and Committee. The presentation night took place in Hayes's lounge Cappamore before Christmas where the DVD of the Strictly Care to Dance was also shown. The cheques from St Ailbes Credit Union who were the main sponsor of Strictly Care To Dance were given to the representatives of the Charities; Brendan Ring of Clionas Foundation, Edwin Butler of the Baby Michael Butler Trust Fund and Rebecca Slattery representing Milford Care. Each spoke very highly of the committee for organising the spectacular event and the generous contribution to each charity and what it will mean to them. There was also great appreciation to the dancers who put in the long hours and their dance choreographers for putting them on the right foot. After a the presentation a very unique event took place and that was a tribute set in memory of Matt O'Connell whose passing with cancer sparked this amazing event. Pallasgreen danced a half Sliabh gcua Set and Cappamore a Clare Set. But to make a bit of history both sets joined together to dance a Sliabh gcua set. Following this the night began in an Oscar style ceremony when the dancers

were presented with a gift after each of their dances were shown on the big screen. Overall winners of Strictly Care to Dance John Dillon and Audrey Horan received another standing ovation after their dance was shown. A presentation was made to committee members Susie O'Kelly, Dara Fraher and Mike O'Riordan for their wonderful contribution and hard work in making the event what it was. The party began and all danced again to the wee hours. Congratulations to all involved in what was an amazing event and a *Dance That Made a difference.*

Ger O'Connell

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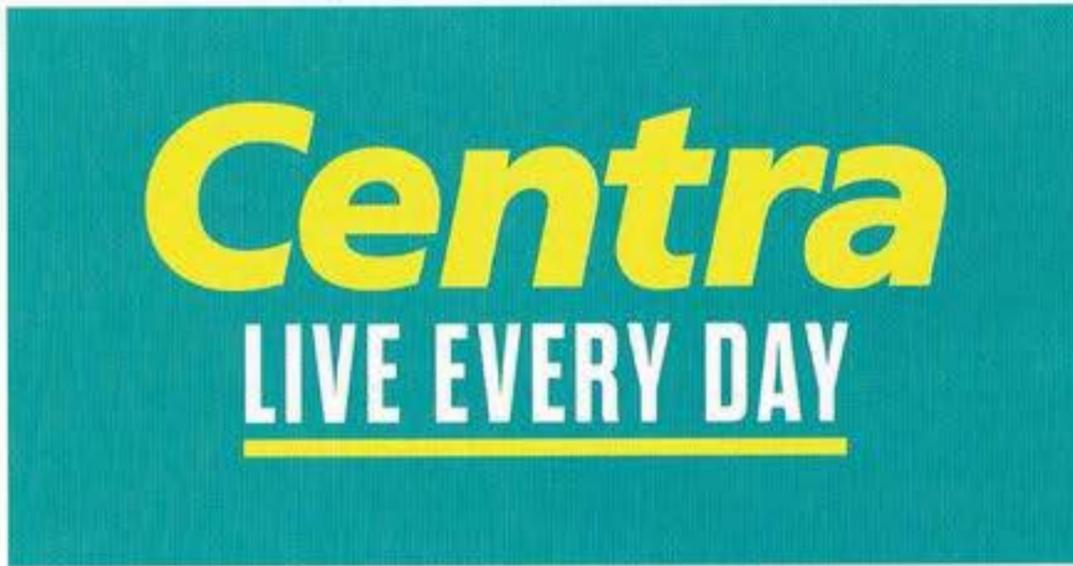
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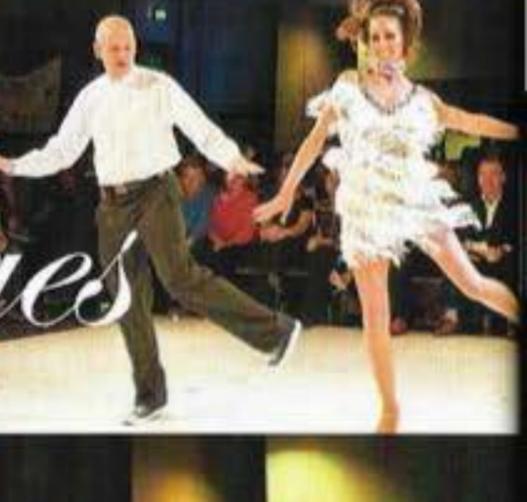
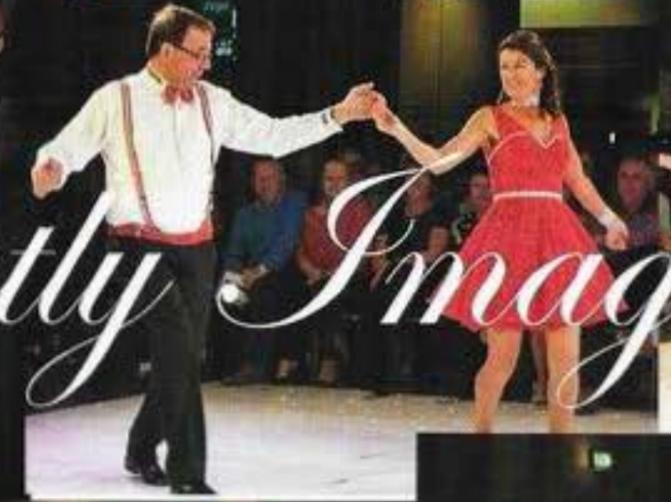


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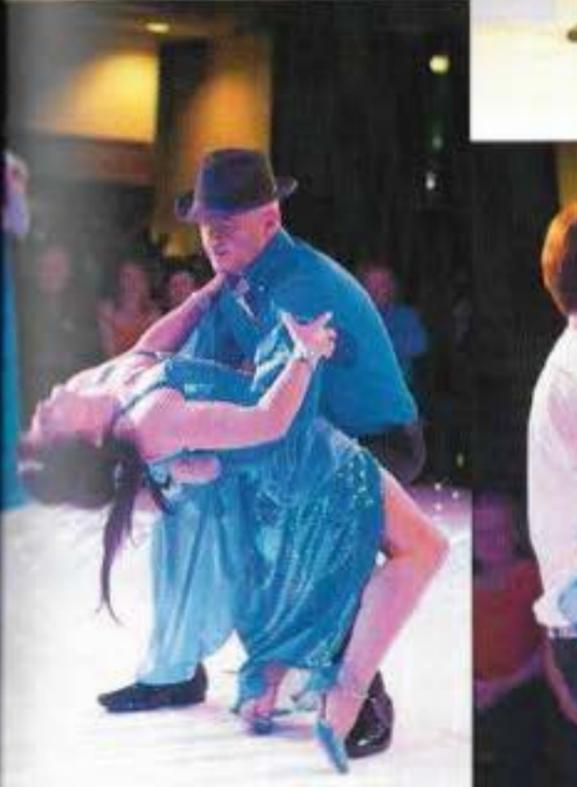
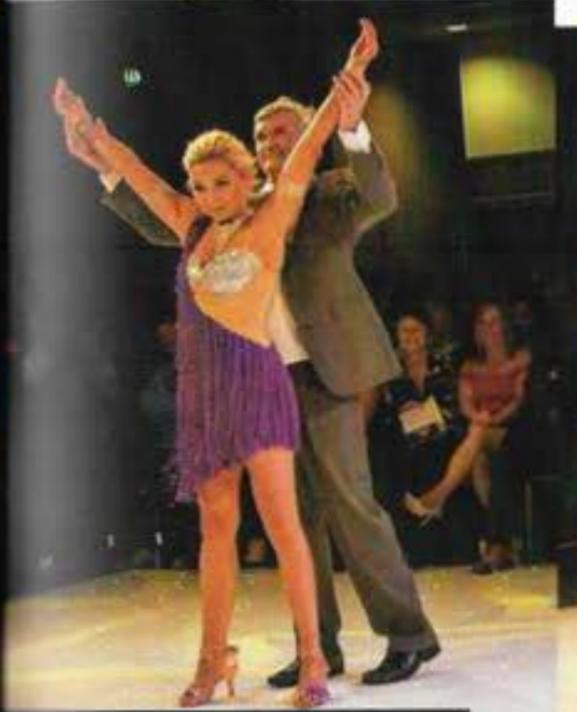
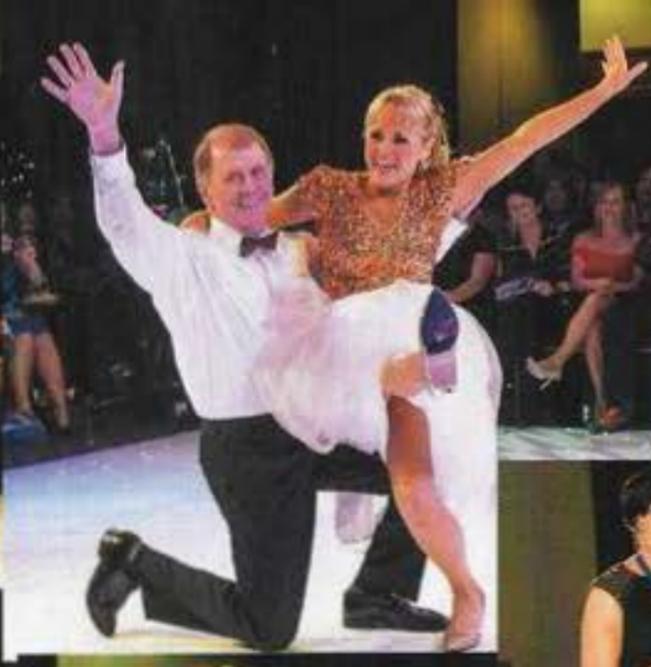
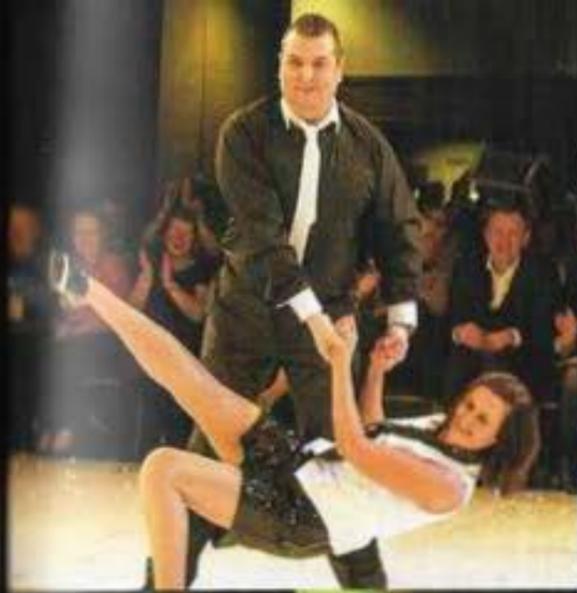


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PALLASGREEN-TEMPLEBRADEN

1916 COMMEMORATION:

Sunday 24 April 2016 will go down as a momentous day for the Parish of Pallasgreen and Templebraden as the centenary of the 1916 rising was celebrated with great aplomb and pageantry. Proceedings begin at Nicker Church at 2pm with a special Prayer Service led by Fr Pat Burns P.P. which was full of passion and a time to reflect on the great deeds of the people who fought for independence 100 years ago. The liturgy was beautifully portrayed in a narrative and eloquent manner. The C.J Kickham Brass opened the ceremony and the combined choirs of Nicker and Templebraden sang the first hymn "ag Criost an Siol" to a capacity attended Church. A Time Capsule was brought to the Altar by a Colour Party comprising of the Volunteer soldiers and the Civil Defence. "I see his blood upon the Rose" by Joseph Mary Plunkett was read by Nyle Wolfe and the hymn "A Mhuire Mhathair" was beautifully sung. The Mother by Padraig Pearse was then read by Mary O'Connell. Prayers of the Faithful were said by James Ryan and Claire Wolfe of Garrydoolis N.S. Niall McNamara and Kara Hayes of Barna N.S., Aine Dillon and Chloe Fraher Of Nicker N.S. following this the C. J. Kickham Band played "The Lord is My Shepherd". Frankie Franklin read Lament for Thomas McDonagh by Francis Ledwidge and the last act was the very appropriate Hymn "A Time to Remember" After the beautiful service the Colour party led the Time Capsule out to be placed on a carriage transported by a 1966 vintage landrover kindly given John Wheeler for the event. The Parade led by the C.J. Kickham Band, Civil Defence, Army, Motor Cycle Cavalade and parish organisations to St Columba's cemetery. At the cemetery life size images of the Seven Signatories a magnificent piece of work (kindly donated by Con Horrigan and Mike

Holmes of Doon) was on display. The ceremonial event began with a Wreath laid by Fr Pat Burns in memory of all who died during the rising, followed by a minutes silence. Seven Crosses were inserted into the ground in memory of those who signed the signatories of the Proclamation. James Connolly-Megan O'Sullivan (Old Pallas), Padraig Pearse - Chloe Fraher (Moymore), Thomas MacDonagh-Robert Corbett (Garranemore) Thomas Clarke -Roisin Lee Barrett (Barna) Joseph Plunkett - Iestyn Winn (Garrydoolis), Sean MacDiarmada - Evan Horan (Linfield), Eamonn Ceannt - Tadgh Hourigan (Reak). The Tricolour flying at half mast was raised by our oldest citizen Bridget Harding accompanied by the youngest pupils from Garrydoolis, Barna and Nicker National Schools. Aaron Ryan, David Power and Emma Carroll. This was followed by "Amhran na bhFiann" played by the C.J. Kickham Band. Former native of Pallasgreen and Brigadier General Retired Paddy Hayes read the Proclamation. Brigadier General retired Paddy Hayes was General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the 1st Southern Brigade at Collins Barracks in Cork. Brig Gen Hayes has been director of the Communications and Information Services (CIS) Corps since September 2000. He has served in staff appointments at Brigade level and has held the key appointment of senior staff officer for Defence Policy Research in the Office of the Chief of Staff. The Brig Gen also served as assistant Chief of Staff in communications and information systems divisions for EU military staff in Brussels. Pallasgreen are honoured to have him making the journey from Cork and read the Proclamation in this historic time for the parish. Siobhan English chairperson of the Pallasgreen and

Templebraden Historical Society thanked everyone for making it a wonderful day for the parish, she also thanked all who helped out in any way and gave their time to making it a day to remember the centenary of the 1916 rising. The last act of the day was the time capsule which was buried inside the gate of the cemetery. The band struck up "A Nation Once Again" and the soldiers took the capsule to its resting place. The Inscription on its stone read "Pallasgreen-Templebraden Historical Society Time Capsule, Buried on 24th April 2016 to be opened 24th April 2116. Items symbolizing life in Pallasgreen to mark the Centenary of the Rebellion of Easter 1916". Sunday April 24th was an historic day that was a once in a lifetime, and a day that we will be remembered for some time to come. It was also a day to commemorate the brave, historic role that men and women played in the Rising achieving Irish Independence. "You cannot conquer Ireland. You cannot extinguish the Irish passion for freedom. If our deed has not been sufficient to win freedom, then our children will win by a better deed". Padraig Pearse

Brigadier General Patrick Hayes

A Native of Pallasgreen from Milltown, Brigadier General Patrick Hayes, was General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the 1st Southern Brigade at Collins Barracks in Cork

Brig Gen Hayes has been director of the Communications and Information Services (CIS) Corps since September 2000.

In that role, he led negotiations with equipment manufacturers before clearing the procurement of communications systems.

He was also a member of the army team dealing with the integration of new IT developments and the development of e-commerce.

He has extensive overseas experience having served in Lebanon, Cambodia, Cyprus, Syria, Israel and most recently in Kosovo, where he was chief radio officer for two missions.

While serving in Kosovo, he led the establishment and subsequent restoration of communications systems in extremely difficult working conditions.

He also served in the EU's headquarters in Brussels from May 2002 to July 2005 before returning to Ireland.

Brig Gen Hayes is a graduate of the

Army Cadet School.

After formal education at the School of Signals, he served as platoon commander, company commander and also as school commandant of the Corps School.

He has served in staff appointments at Brigade level and has held the key appointment of senior staff officer for Defence Policy Research in the Office of the Chief of Staff.

The Brig Gen also served as assistant Chief of Staff in communications and information systems divisions for EU military staff in Brussels.

Brig Gen Hayes is a former Limerick senior hurler and winner of numerous All-Army titles in rugby, gaelic football, hurling and badminton. He

was a very prominent player with Pallasgreen winning hurling and football titles. He was won a county senior hurling title with Cloughaun.

He was also pretty handy with a squash racquet, winning an All-Ireland club intermediate medal and a Leinster cap.

The parish are delighted to see him back here today in his native Pallasgreen to perform the reading of the Proclamation with those poignant lines that signalled the start of the Easter Rising in Dublin 1916 and set in motion a chain of events that would eventually lead to Irish Independence in 1922.



Standing behind the signatories; Chloe Fraher, Robert Corbett & Evan Horan.



CJ Kickham Band in Nicker Church.



Brigadier General retired Paddy Hayes reads out the Proclamation.

Pallasgreen – Templebraden
Historical Society
Time capsule
buried on 24th April 2016
to be opened on 24th April 2116
Items symbolizing life in
Pallasgreen to mark the centenary
of the rebellion of Easter 1916

The inscription on the Time Capsule flag stone.



Raising the Tricolour; Bridget Harding, with schoolchildren, Aaron Ryan, David Power, Emma Carroll, accompanied by John O'Dwyer, Civil Defence and Bernard O'Donnell, Army.



Waiting for the off



On the march - CJ Kickham Band lead the way



Marching on



Civil Defence and Army volunteers escort the Time Capsule out of the Church



Standing behind the crosses of the signatories; Iestyn Winn, Tadgh Hourigan, Roisin Lee Barrett & Megan O'Sullivan.



Fr Pat Burns lay the Wreath



Breda O'Dwyer & Siobhan English carry the banner



Organisations follow on



Bike Marshals reach thier destination



Standing to attention



Crowd watches on



Attentative soldier Bernard O'Donnell listens proudly as Paddy Hayes reads the Proclomation

The C.J. Kickham Brass and Reed Band, Tipperary

Pallasgreen and Templebraden Historical were delighted that the C.J.Kickham Brass and Reed Band played an important part in the society's commemoration of the 1916 Easter rising. The band under the baton of Mr Denis Lynch enriched the occasion in both the church service and commemoration at St Columba's cemetery with their distinctive style of orchestra music, and who will forget the sound of the 'Last Post' in the cemetery. The band has a long and chequered history. The beginnings of the Band will forever be connected with the emergence of the Fenian movement in Ireland in the mid to late 1800s. Household names like Charles J. Kickham, John O'Leary and John Mitchell became very much associated with the development of the Band. A strong sense of nationalism continued to prevail in their ranks in the difficult period of the early 20th century and right through the War of Independence. The C.J. Kickham Band had many locations over the century and a quarter of its existence. Their final and permanent home in Davis St. Tipperary town is a building of much historical significance. The property was originally owned by the Religious Society of Friends, better known as the Quakers, who built it in 1708. An account surrounding the circumstances of the birth and development of the building is to be found in the history of "The Quaker Meeting Houses of Ireland". In the 1800s, the local Quaker community gradually declined and in the middle of that century, it was decided to amalgamate with a Meeting House in Cahir. The Tipperary House closed and lay idle for many years. It was, however, used as an overflow from the local Workhouse during the Great Famine years. Conditions were evidently appalling, as it was a case of the poor and hungry trying to look after the really starving poor. Around the end of the 19th century, a group of Tipperary people approached the Society of Friends with a view to buying the building in Davis St. Negotiations took place and sometime in the early 20th century a new organisation, the Tipperary Temperance Club, acquired the old Quaker Hall. For the best part of a century, this Club provided a great social and cultural outlet for the young men of Tipperary and district. Card, snooker, billiard and table tennis tournaments were played. A daily paper was purchased and in the winter time a great open fire was provided. In the early seventies, the social scene began to change once more. Then came the advent of the showbands, television in the home replaced "going to the pictures" and young men were now somewhat better off financially and more time and money was being spent in licensed premises. Membership of the Temperance Club dropped dramatically. The committee were a very realistic group of men and knew that the end of the Club was in sight. At the same time, they also knew that the C.J. Kickham Band was homeless and struggling.

A sharing of the building took place for some time but it was not a satisfactory arrangement. Negotiations regarding the purchase began and in 2003 the C.J. Kickham Band finally purchased the old Quaker Hall in Davis Street. Today the band is going from strength to strength providing a musical ensemble to lots of groups and organisations all over the country. The Pallasgreen community are privileged that the C.J. Kickham Brass and Reed Band shared with them in what was a momentous and memorable occasion on Sunday April 24th 2016.

Community Council - Outgoing Trustees Address

Foreword: -

The Trustees address was delivered on behalf of the Trustees at the EGM in Feb of this year by Con O'Dwyer. The Trustees considered it useful to record the address as it outlines important facts. They also considered it necessary that the local community becomes acquainted with the necessity for Trustees, and the importance of maintaining the legal entity which underpins the Community Council, and the amenities which we all enjoy on a regular basis. As with most things in life, with amenities, come responsibilities. Those responsibilities will need to be embraced by each generation.

The main agenda of the EGM was the impending retirement of the Trustees and a proposal from local sources of the formation of an alternative organisation. After considerable debate a new Council was elected at the EGM and new Trustees were subsequently appointed. The outgoing Trustees extend their good wishes to the new Council and we sincerely hope the new Trustees will be accorded the appreciation and respect they deserve from the local community, rather than being regarded as an obstacle and a dispensable nuisance.

Address: -

I would like to give a brief review of the history of the Community Council since its foundation in 1974 as it evolved from "The Sportsfield Committee" of 1971. The early Leaders of the group who had come together in common purpose, were courageous and visionary with one goal to provide a sportsfield for the community. With the purchase of portion of the Godfrey Estate in conjunction with Limerick County Council, the late Canon Patrick Lee, had a wider vision. The Canon felt that the "Sportsfield Committee" having achieved its original goal, would soon run out of steam and ideas and disperse slowly. The Canon



Outgoing Trustees: Con O'Dwyer, Harry Kennedy, John O'Connor.

wanted a more broadly based organisation, which would go on to achieve greater things in local developments, and he was chief architect of the Community Council. The rules were drawn up by O'Donovan Solicitors Limerick. The necessity to appoint trustees and establish a legal holding entity for the property, probably influenced his thinking also.

A list of the Trustees who have passed to their final reward includes most of those who were prominent in the early days and who were pillars of common sense and stability as follows- Very Rev. Canon Patrick Lee, Michael Hayes Ballyfookeen, John C. Corbett Lisheen, Jackie Kirby Linfield, Wm. O'Dwyer Dromlara, John McGrath Tullabeg and in more recent times Rev Fr. James Holloway. May they all rest in peace. Happily, Peadar Keane is still with us but resigned when he left the area.

The development of the pitch and tennis courts is well documented in the first edition of Gréan in 1980. At that stage in 1980 fundraising had already begun for the building of a Community Centre and it continued right up to the Grand Opening in 1986 and even further into the early 90's as we paid off a loan to AIB. The period from 71 to early 90's was 20 years of hard work both mental and physical, persistent fund raising, and sterling

tangible and lasting achievement. I should not proceed beyond this point without thanking and complimenting all the splendid and top class people, we had in the Community Council during this period who responded to every challenge and achieved so much. And the local community and sponsors who supported our efforts. Special mention should be given to all the candidates in the baron elections which proved to be excellent and game changing fundraising events and demanded exceptional commitment from the candidates and their teams. Special mention also for local organisations who put forward and supported candidates.

The last Council was elected in Feb 93 and they came with a one track mind with regard to fundraising. I suppose there was some logic to their thinking that it should all take place in the Community Centre, and bingo was their game. To be fair they did try and make some impact and drew reasonable crowds. But bingo was hard to break into at that time with established operations in neighbouring parishes, able to give decent prizes which could not be matched by struggling start-ups. It continued for a year or so but even giving out more than was coming in, it failed to make a critical break through into profit and luckily ended without serious losses. When it came to make plans



Official Opening of Community Centre: Pat Cronin, Siobhán Harty, President Patrick Hillary, Con O'Dwyer, John O'Connor.

for the 1994 Magazine the new Community Council could see no value in the magazine and refused to sell it. It had to be abandoned not because we did not have the material or the ability to produce it but we would not be able to operate the aggressive sale policy of door to door sales which realised an annual profit of £1,000.

Around this time a long term lease of 30 years was negotiated for the pitch with the local GAA club. Strong reservations were expressed by some members of the Council at that time. In the final analysis, no other sporting organisation had a better right to a lease. It was GAA interests in the persons of the late Wm O'Dwyer, Dromlara and Tom Ryan, Garrenmore who had initiated the move to acquire a pitch. It was an inter-county hurling match between Limerick and Tipp which opened the pitch and contributed significantly to the development costs.

Around this period also a sub-committee under the leadership of Peadar Keane did considerable research in the preparation of a development plan entitled "A framework for development" it included a plan for a wildlife park and development of several important landmarks in the area. No action followed as we had no Council. When you see the carry on in government bodies and other departments with regards to reports, there is hardly any shame in admitting that, it is still

gathering dust, but the ground work was done and it would be essential reading for anybody attempting a similar project. Perhaps the bones can be picked for ideas. The important landmarks should be mentioned in any project.

In 2004 a free site was offered to the Paddy Ryan Monument Committee. A splendid monument worthy of the Olympian and World Champion was subsequently erected. In 2008 the sale of the site to the Credit Union was negotiated. The Trustees would not have considered a sale to a private or commercial concern. As a community based organisation, considered a bulwark against money lenders, their approach was given consideration. Having the site valued and having well exceeded that valuation in negotiation, we decided to close the deal after numerous sessions. It should be mentioned that as an interested party, John O'Connor, took no part in the negotiations other than introducing the Credit Union personnel. The Credit Union proceeded to build an impressive centre, which is an aesthetic enhancement to the area. In view of the fact that there was no objection to their planning application, it is safe to assume that neighbouring property owners are pleased with the development. Considering the fact that the Paddy Ryan monument occupies the road frontage, it is hard to visualise a more willing or suitable client. At a time when the main banks

were withdrawing from towns and villages across the country it was a welcome amenity against the general trend for Pallasgreen.

For some years before his final passing the late John McGrath, our Treasurer and Trustee was in poor health and struggling with the accounts. Áine Commons had to double as Treasurer and Secretary and in fact was keeping the whole show on the road, from an administrative point of view. This was during an extended period of general hibernation. As Áine now lives in West Clare, she had to vacate the position over a year ago. In view of her long years of unseen and generally thankless endeavours, the Trustees considered she was entitled to a modest donation on her departure. Áine has been called into action again in the last few weeks bringing the accounts up to date for the EGM. Michael O'Dwyer, as always, has been called upon to present them in balance sheet form etc. We thank them both. I would also like to thank Jane Deere and Ann O'Connor for their endless work over the years.

With regard to the barren years of the last two decades without a Community Council. The completion and opening of the Community Centre in 1986 was probably the watershed point for many of the excellent team we had developed in the Community Council and they began to drift away. Their likes were very hard to replace. Also the Council's



Áine Commons, Secretary/Treasurer.

focus became diverted to the management of the Community Centre. One of the positives is the influx of new people in recent years. Another positive is that we do not have to deal with the Celtic Tigers manure in the form of ghost estates. Perhaps after 20 years of sustained fund raising and solid achievement, a period of reflection and reinvigoration was needed.

In recent times considerable developments have taken place locally outside our remit. In the building and renovation of two churches and two local schools. The local soccer club have developed a first class, all weather pitch. Our compliments to all concerned. Simultaneous fund raising by the Community Council during this period would not have been appropriate or feasible.

Finally, I don't think we should waste time raking over the so called barren years. It would inevitably lead to a destructive and negative blame game, souring the mood of this meeting and giving an ideal platform to those with personal axes to grind and those who like to sit on the fence and heckle the referee. The Community Council has facilitated the exploration and development of the many talents within the community outside of sport and athletics, in the areas of music, dance, drama and general social interaction. The magazine launched by the Community Council has unearthed and facilitated many hidden talents, and generated a pride in our locality. It leaves us with a valuable record of photographs, dates and events in times of great change. While digging deep into the past and discovering the exploits and achievements of people we are proud to call our own. We compliment the people who continue the good work of producing the Gréan magazine. The GAA Pitch is a hive of activity,

well managed, and an important focal point. The door has been kept open here through thick and thin over recessionary years. Any new Council will not be inheriting insurmountable legacy debts. Those achievements and the obvious potential of a good Community Council which they demonstrate, should not be lightly or carelessly discarded on the bogus notion that "Change is always Good".

Ye're three geriatric Trustees who represent contact and continuity with the founding fathers of the Community Council look forward to a constructive discussion about where we are and where we wish to go. The gateway to the future is through the election of a Community Council which can chart its own course within the constraints of existing legal agreements, the dictates of democratic procedures and after due diligence, exploring the pros and cons of any proposed changes, which should be informed by competent legal and accounting opinion. Any new Council can look forward to the

goodwill and co-operation of the existing Trustees who will dictate the timeframe within which new Trustees must be appointed and registered.

Footnote: -

A new Community Council has been formed and Trustees elected. All legal registration is now complete.

Changeover of accounts took place in September with all bills paid to date.

Bank Account Statement:

22/09/2016:

Deposit A/C: €50,057 cr.

Drama A/C: €12.41 cr.

Current A/C: €25,785.21 cr.

(2 uncashed cheques outstanding: €380.80 & €365.00)

Rental outstanding circa €7,000.

Cornelius O'Dwyer

Harry Kennedy

John O'Connor



Pallasgrean Community Council 1986

Back Row L/R: Michael Hayes, Brian O'Neill, Áine Commons, Pat Slattery, Jimmy O'Dwyer, Michael Ryan.

Middle Row: Jack Killian, Josephine Killian, Jane Greene, Biddy Lonergan, Peadar Keane, Jane Deere, Paddy O'Connor, John McGrath.

Front Row: Fr. Liam McNamara, John McGrath, Siobhán Harty, John O'Connor, Fr. Hickey, Pat Cronin.

Missing from photo: Con O'Dwyer, Harry Kennedy, Liam Long, John Fennessy, Josie Ryan, Nancy McGrath.

Images from the renovation of St. Brigid's Church, Templebraden

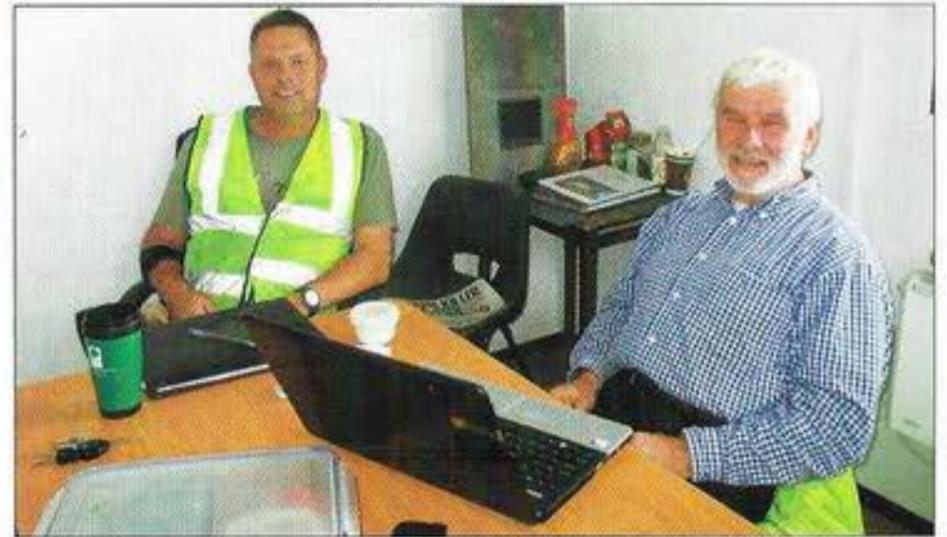
St. Brigid's Church, Templebraden was dedicated by Archbishop Thomas Croke on the 6th July, 1884. One hundred and thirty one years later, on the 21st of June 2015, the church was closed for major renovation and refurbishment. The progress of this renovation was

recorded on Facebook with many photographs and other information. The church was re-opened for service on the 25th September, 2016. Below are some additional images from the renovation.

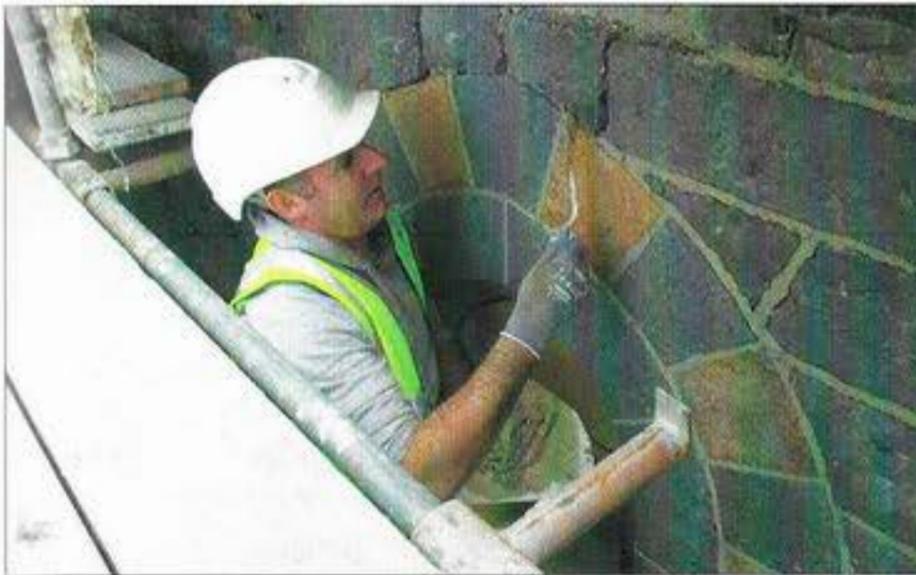
Chris Ryan



Top of Spire lying prone



The Office: Pat Fanning, Caplan Construction with Quantity Surveyor, John Flynn



Patrick O'Dea of Mid West Lime - pointing



New tiling with Stations of the Cross awaiting erection



Peter McCrystal putting finishing touches to the glazing



Caplan Construction sign



From the top of the spire looking towards the hill of Derk



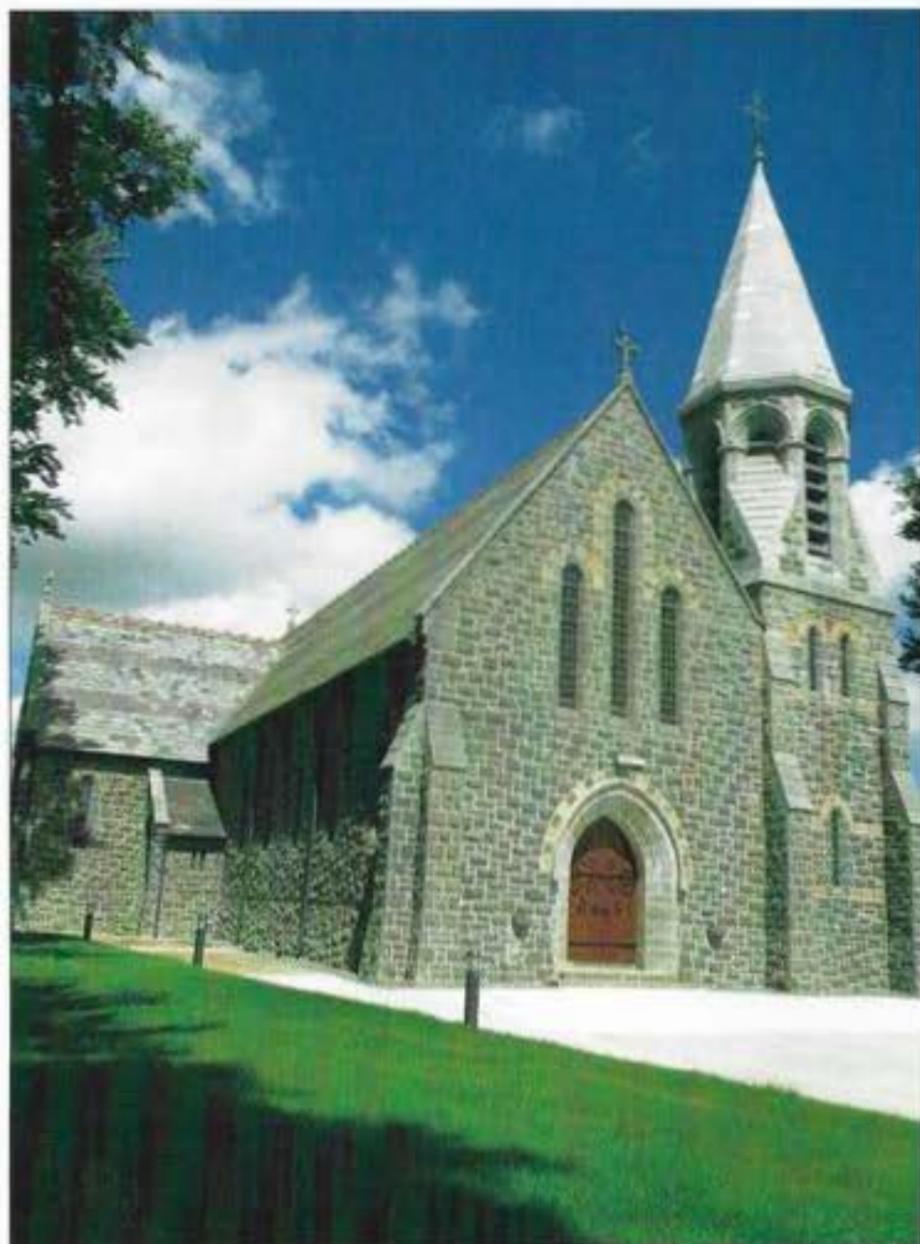
Interior, prior to refurbishment



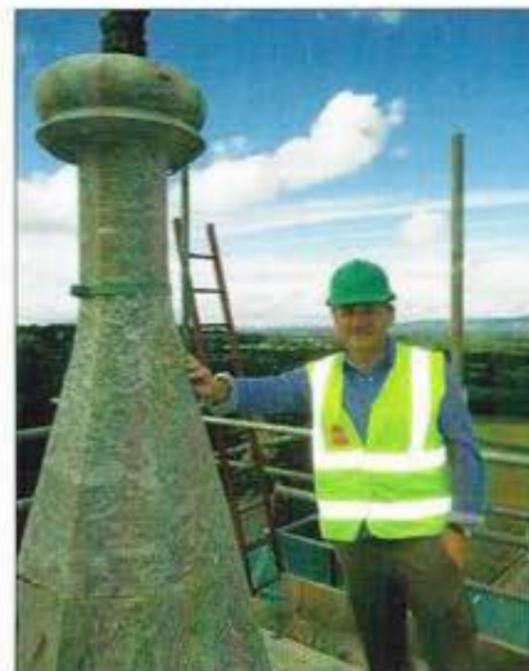
The bell, donated by Fr. John O'Sullivan and manufactured by the Fountain Head Bell Foundry, Dublin.



Surrounded by scaffolding



The finished job!



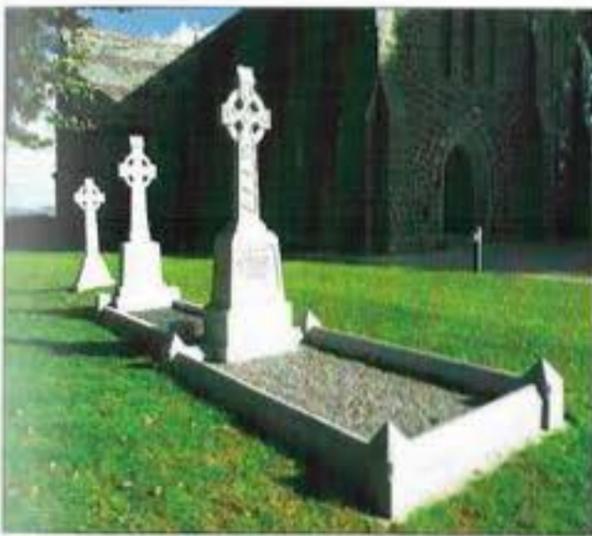
Pat McSweeney, Architect, of Gleeson McSweeney at the top of the spire.

A history of St. Brigid's Church is available, at a cost of €10, from Chris Ryan, Ballyneety, 087 2442993 or directly from Fr. Burns. The 143 page book is also available from The Idler, Knockane, Regan's Centra, New Pallas, O'Dwyer's Post Office, Old Pallas, Post Office, New Pallas and Donovan's, Oola.

Chris Ryan

Very Rev. William J. Mahoney, S.M., 1848 – 1903

One of the three graves in the grounds of St Brigid's Church, Templebraden is that of Rev. William J. Mahoney. Fr. Mahoney was a native of Garrydoolis and served for 28 years in Nelson, New Zealand. On a trip home to Ireland in 1903, Fr. Mahoney died suddenly on 12th April 1903. Recent renovations to St. Brigid's Church triggered some investigation into Fr. Mahoney and an article in *Gréan* 1981 by Jimmy Carr brought further insight.



St Brigid's Church, Templebraden

An email to Nelson, New Zealand brought an immediate response from Diana Clark, Archivist, St. Mary's Parish, Nelson. A total of 19 emails with photographs, newspaper reports and other material were forwarded by Diana – enabling a fuller picture of Fr. Mahoney. Fr. Mahoney also kept two diaries when he was Parish Priest in Nelson and these are also in the Archive – they are now very old and fragile.

Fr. William J. Mahoney, S.M.

William Mahoney was born in the townland of Garrydoolis on 31st July 1848, close by where Garrydoolis National School was subsequently to be erected. There were two hedge schools in Garrydoolis, one operated by Cornelious Hanly and another ran by Cornelious Mara and William Mahoney may well have attended one or both of these. In 1855 a national school was opened in Knockane and



William is likely to have attended here also. He undertook his clerical studies at Mount Melleray, the Marist College in Dundalk and the Scholasticate connected with the Catholic University school in Dublin, run by the Marist Fathers. He was ordained in 1872 by Most Rev. Dr. McGettighan, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland. Fr. Mahoney worked for two years in the Marist College in Dundalk and in 1874 volunteered to join Francis Redwood, Bishop of Wellington and arrived in New Zealand on February 10th, 1874. In 1875 he was sent to Nelson, where he was to remain for 28 years, initially as curate to Fr. Garin and from 1889 as Parish Priest. In 1899, Fr. Mahoney was elevated to a Dean. During his time in Nelson, he was largely instrumental in carrying to a successful conclusion the erection of St. Mary's Church, Nelson at a cost of £3,000, the Presbytery, the Memorial Church to Fr. Garin, the Girl's Orphanage and the Convent and Stokes schools all costing over £25,000 – a substantial sum then. In 1903, Fr. Mahoney went on a return trip to Ireland. Before he left Nelson, he was given a farewell by the parishioners in a special ceremony in St. Mary's Hall. The dean was presented with a purse of 140 sovereigns and a large travelling rug but no one realised that this was to be a final farewell. Whilst in Dublin, Fr.

Mahoney took ill suddenly and died in Dublin on the 12th April, 1903 – he was buried in the grounds of St. Brigid's Church in Templebraden three days later.

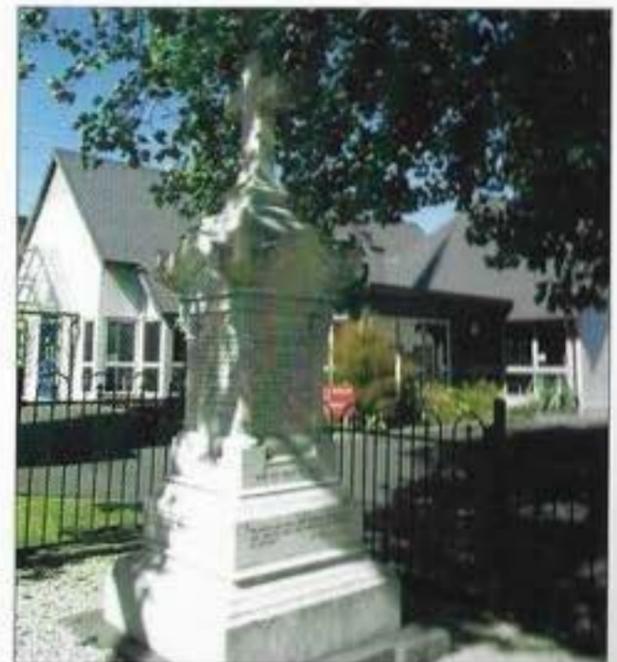
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12TH APRIL 1903
RIP

Rev. William J. Mahoney, S.M.

– at Dublin on Easter Sunday, April 12th, of Bright's disease and hypertrophied, the Very Rev. Wm. J Mahoney, S.M., Rector of Nelson, New Zealand; fortified by the rites of the Holy Church. Office and Requiem on to-morrow (Wednesday), 15th inst., in the Parish Church, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick. R.I.P.

Freeman's Journal, 14th April 1903.

When the sad news was received in Nelson by cablegram, the bell at St. Mary's church was tolled for one hour and flags were half masted all over the city. Subsequently a marble memorial to Fr. Mahoney was erected in front of St. Mary's Church.



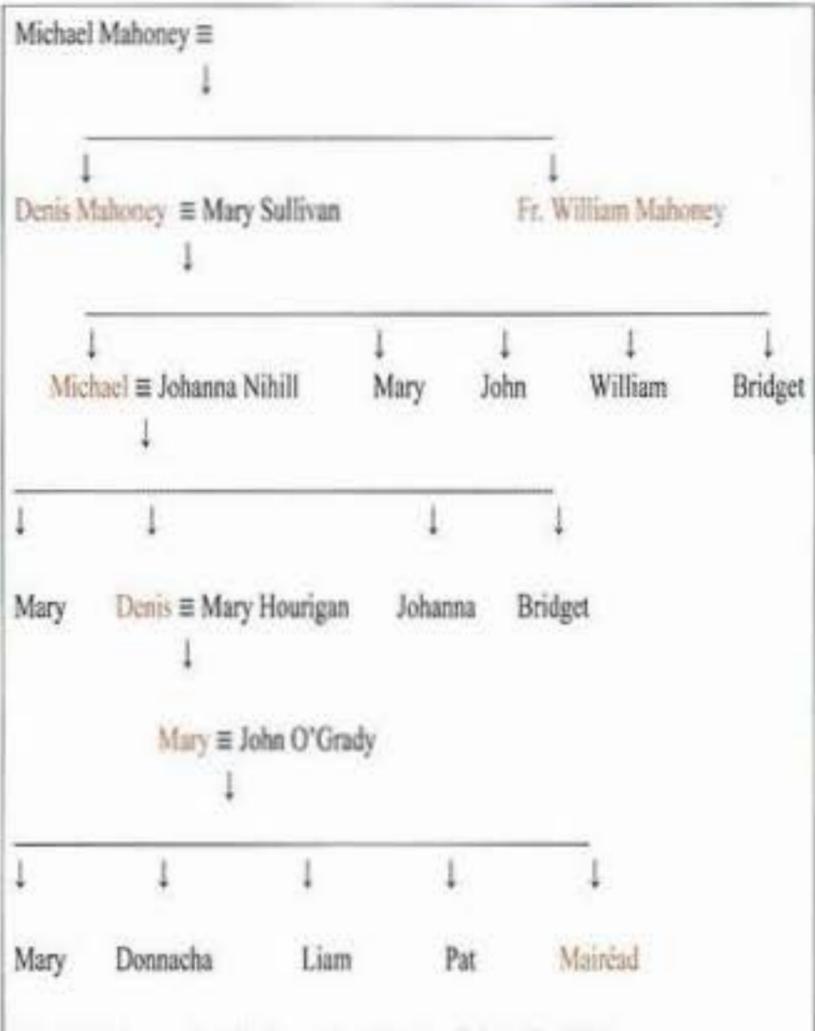
St Mary's Church and Mahoney Memorial

A TOKEN OF LOVE AND VENERATION FROM A GRATEFUL PEOPLE THIS MONUMENT BY THE GENEROSITY OF HIS MANY FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE COLONY IS RAISED TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE VERY REV. DEAN W.J. MAHONEY S.M. HE LABOURED WITH UNFLAGGING ZEAL IN NELSON FOR 28 YEARS. AND DIED IN DUBLIN, EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12TH 1903 MAY HE REST IN PEACE

roods and 11 perches, Irish measure, and a Tithe Composition of 10s 7.5d. The Tithe Applotment Books (1823 – 1837) were assembled after the Composition Act of 1823, whereby Tithe payments to the established Church of Ireland were now to be made in money and not in kind.

Griffiths Valuation of 1850 records a Michael Mahony (William's father) residing in Garrydoolis and renting 11 acres, 2 roods and 36 perches, statute measure, from immediate lessor, James Considine, Esq. with house, offices and land valued at £13 15s.

The 1901 Census shows Denis Mahoney (aged 56) as Head of the Household in Garrydoolis and his wife Mary (aged 53). Three sons, Michael (aged 26, Farmers Son, John (aged 18, Framers Son) and William (aged 17, Factory Worker) and two daughters Mary (aged 21, Dressmaker) and Bridget (aged 18, Farmers Daughter) also resided at Garrydoolis. By the



The O'Mahoney Family Tree, showing the link to Fr. William.

In 1994, the Nelson parish celebrated 150 years of operation and its history was outlined in the book 'The Beauty of Your House'. The contribution of Fr. Mahoney was outlined 'The dean played an active and important role in founding and development, remaining in the parish for 28 years. He never knew another parish and came straight to us after ordination. He went back home to die'.

The Tithe Applotment Book for Templebraden shows Dennis Mahony residing in Garrydoolis with 7 acres 0

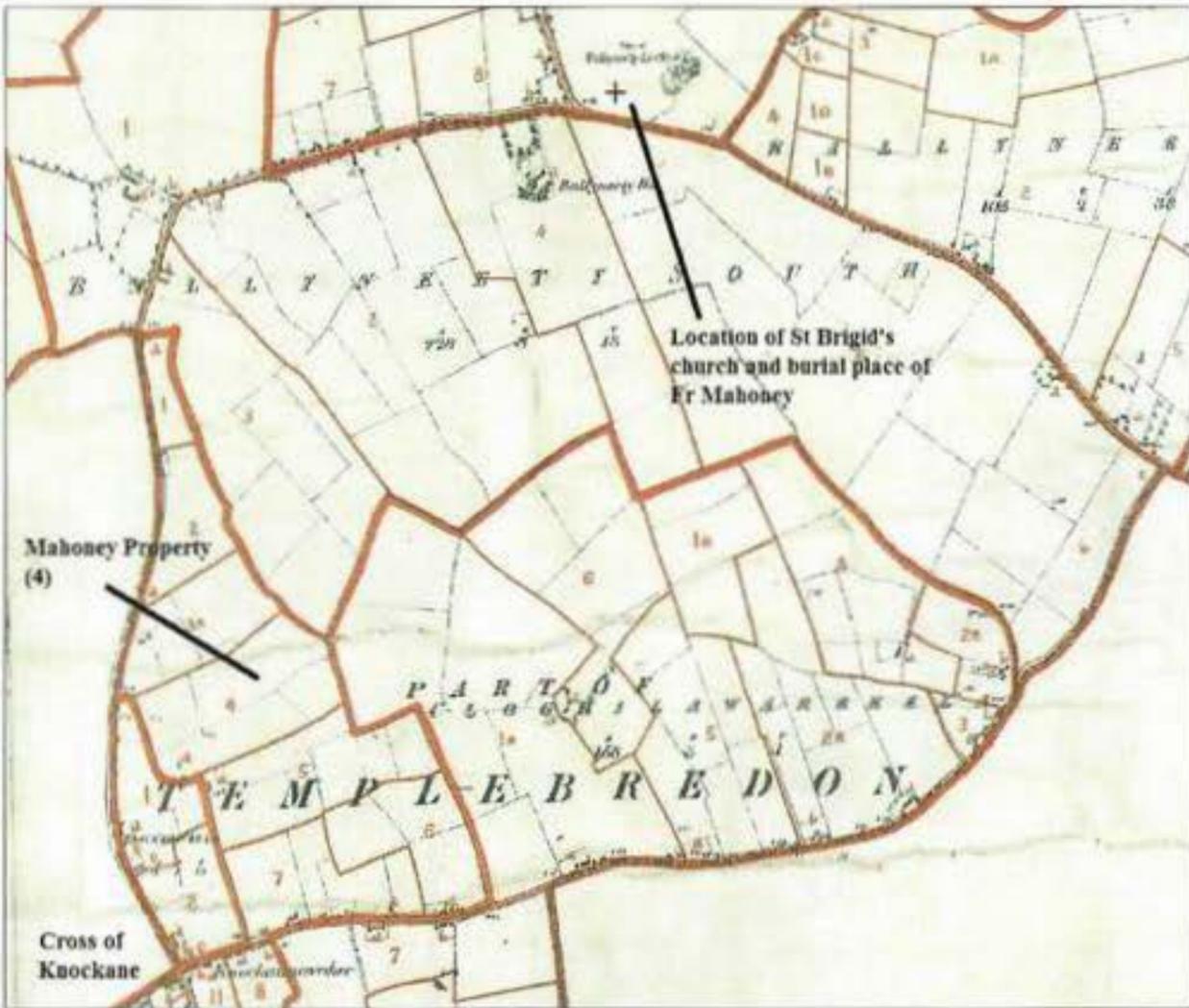
Census of 1911, the household had reduced to Michael Mahoney, aged 36 and his sister Mary Mahoney, aged 28. (There is an inconsistency in the two census returns – Mary would have been 31 in 1911 and anecdotal evidence also points to Bridget, who would be 28, as residing at Garrydoolis.)

The property at Garrydoolis was sold to Terence Hogan when Denis Mahony moved to Ballinard and subsequently sold to Denis Fitzgerald, Garrydoolis.

In September 1981, Rev. John Cairde, Parish Priest of Nelson travelled to Dublin to complete a course and then visited Pallasgreaan & Templebraden, seeking to find the burial place of Fr. Mahoney. Jimmy Carr was able to guide Fr. Cairde and with the help of Martin Ryan, Kilcornan, he was enabled to see the grave of Fr. Mahoney at St. Brigid's Church and also where he was born in Garrydoolis. This accidental meeting with Fr. Cairde formed the basis of Jimmy Carr's article in Gréan 1981.

The Mahoney link to New Zealand is now renewed with Mairead O'Grady (Fr. William's Great Great Grand Niece) now living and working in Christchurch, N. Z., some 5 hours travelling distance to Nelson. And the story has come almost full circle with the link to St. Mary's parish in Nelson and a second article in Gréan.

Chris Ryan



Griffiths Valuation (1850) Map showing the Mahoney Property in the townland of Garrydoolis

A Good Deed

Jimmy Carr

One Saturday morning, last September, I was driving from Old Pallas towards New Pallas. The time was about 11a.m. Halfway between the two villages I saw a very tall man, well over six feet, who was walking in the direction of New Pallas.

This man was a complete stranger to me and thinking he might be from around Kiltteely and going to catch a bus, I offered him a lift.

At first he declined and said he had only a short distance to go to St. Anthony's Nursing Home. I told him it was well over a mile and so he then decided to accept my offer.

When he came into the car I noticed his strange accent. He thanked me and told me he was a Parish Priest in Nelson, New Zealand and had come to Ireland to do some special course in Dublin. He was now going to celebrate Mass in St. Anthony's Nursing Home at 11.30a.m.

His name was Rev. John Cairde and he was New Zealand born. His grandfather was born in Co. Cork and his grandmother, whose name was Fleming, was also born in Ireland but he wasn't sure where.

He told me his reason for visiting the Pallasgrean Templebraden area was to find the burial place of a former Dean of his parish in New Zealand who was born in the parish of Templebraden. He was asked by his older parishioners to take pictures of his grave and tombstone to show to all who remembered him when he returned. He was known as a great priest who did quite a lot for his flock.

The priest he was looking for was Rev. William J. Mahony. According to official records in Dublin he was born in Garrydoolis in 1848, just after the famine, and died in Dublin in 1903. He was Dean of Nelson, New Zealand for many years. His remains were taken to Pallasgrean Parish Church, burial place unknown. This was all the information he had to go on.

The younger generation talk about Rev. Mahony even though they only heard about him from their parents and grandparents.

His parishioners built a marble statue in front of the local church in Nelson to his

memory. Fr. Cairde was asked not to come back to N. Z. without a picture of his grave and tombstone.

It was like looking for a needle in a haystack as there were three Catholic cemeteries in the parish and where would he start.

I was not working that day and so I suggested to him that after saying Mass in the nursing home I would collect him and take him to some local historian. At first we went to Mr. Ml. O'Dwyer, who suggested that we should go to Mr. Martin Ryan of Kilcornan who had a good knowledge of local history. This was also suggested by Fr. McNamara, C.C.

We arrived at Mr. Ryan's house at 12 a.m. and I introduced both parties. He explained everything to him. Mr. Ryan said he would show him the grave and also where he was born. He took us to Templebraden Church and in the graveyard are the graves of three local parish priests, one being the grave of Fr. Wm. J. Mahoney.

Mr. Ryan told us that the Mahoney family were great people during the Land League days. The people of Templebraden thought so much of the family that they brought his remains to be buried in their church grounds. They also erected a celtic cross with inscriptions to his memory. Mr. Ryan cleaned the base of the cross and the writing came out perfectly.

It read

Pray for the soul of

*Rev. William J. Mahony S.M.
Native of this parish for 27 years
Missionary apostolic in New Zealand
Rector of Nelson N. Z.
Born 31st July 1848,
Died 12th April 1903*

Fr. Cairde knelt down and prayed, saying to me I didn't realise how much this meant to him. He couldn't believe that it had happened. He was almost overcome by the fact that he finally achieved his ambition. He was very grateful to Mr. Ryan for the information which showed where he was born.

He was born in Garrydoolis just up the breen from Garrydoolis N.S. The house is no longer there and the land now belongs to Mr. Denis Fitzgerald, Garrydoolis P.O. Fr. Cairde took several pictures of the grave and cross as well as the inscriptions and the exterior and interior of the church.

We later went to New Pallas where we had a meal and he left by bus to catch the 4.30 train to Cork. Before leaving he said he would write to me when he got back to N. Z. The following January, I received a letter informing me that he had arrived home and told his parishioners of his exploits. He said his pictures came out very clear. One more he thanked me and asked me to convey his thanks to Mr. Martin Ryan. But for his help his mission would have been impossible.

Jimmy Carr

First published in Gréan 1981.



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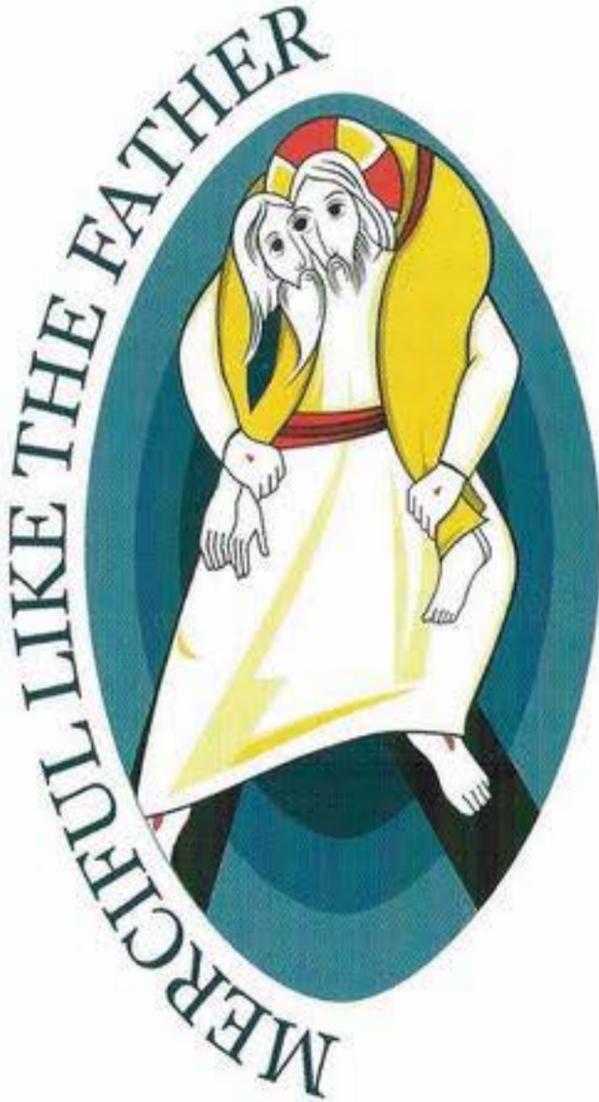
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Reflecting on the Year of Mercy – Memories of a Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Prague and Poland

By Eileen McCormack



As the Year of Mercy draws to a close, I am putting down on paper some memories of my pilgrimage to Prague and Poland in October 2001. There was a group from West Limerick running this pilgrimage and I had two friends travelling with them. They were sisters. One of the girls, Moyra, phoned me as there was a cancellation and one vacant seat. She wondered if I would be interested. With encouragement from my husband, Noel, (RIP), I was delighted to go on this journey to Poland. Our Spiritual Director was the late Fr. Michael J. Walsh and our group leader was Pat Dalton.

For some years before this pilgrimage I had a special love and devotion to the Divine Mercy and St. Faustina. I had read some religious books on the history and believed in the power of Divine Mercy and the great graces Jesus can grant to us if we only ask and believe in it.

It was a long pilgrimage from 1st

October to 10th October, but Thank God for the call I got to go on this journey of faith. It has been a great grace and it has given me many blessings and I hope I am a better person because of Divine Mercy and St. Faustina.

We had a very nice priest as our Spiritual director, Fr. Walsh, and he knew the history of every place, shrine and building we visited. (We also had a guide.) Fr. Walsh was also a great blessing on our pilgrimage.

We visited Prague and we had Holy Mass in the Carmelite Church which houses the Miraculous Infant of Prague. Fr. Michael said the Mass. Afterwards we toured the Charles Bridge which is one of the most historic bridges in the world. The bridge is lined with statues and there is a wonderful view from it.

We visited King Wenceslas Cathedral. St. Wenceslas chapel is one of the most interesting of many chapels. It was built in the 14th century and contains the remains of St. Wenceslas.

We departed for Czestochowa, "the town that hides itself," and visited the national shrine to Our Lady, Queen of Poland, "Black Madonna." This miraculous image, which tradition believes to be an actual portrait, thought to have been painted by St. Luke the Evangelist, during Mary's lifetime, on the surface of the cypress-wood table-top of Mary's home in Nazareth, is kept in the monastery church of the monks of the Pauline Order, "Gazna Góra," (Mountain of Light) above the town of Czestochowa. It is said that St. Helena, mother of Constantine, found it in Jerusalem, in the fourth century and gave it to her son, who had a shrine built for it in Constantinople. Mary's intercession is said to have saved the city from attack, when it was displayed from the city wall, during a battle. We had Mass in the Chapel of the Black Madonna. People donate

jewelry, gold or silver to the shrine.

In Cracow, we visited St. Mary's University and the church in the Main Square. We had a holy hour at night, here. On 5th October, St. Faustina's Feast Day, we went by coach to the Convent of the Sisters of the Divine Mother of Mercy in Lagiewincke, where we had Mass at St. Faustina's Shrine, celebrated by Cardinal Maharski. It is here St. Faustina lived and she is now buried. Sister Faustina was born Helena Kowalska near Łódź in Poland. At the age of twenty she joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She died of multiple tuberculosis on October 5th 1938, at the age of 33, on the eve of World War II. We visited the convent chapel where her body is in repose under the altar. There is a relic at the altar rails, a piece of her bone, in a glass case, which pilgrims can venerate and kiss. We visited her grave. We took photographs and have memories to treasure.

In Wadowice, a small market town, the home town of John Paul II, we visited the house where John Paul II lived, and which is now a museum. We also visited the church of his home parish and the baptismal font at which he was baptised. We attended Mass in the church. As a young boy, Karol Wojtyła and his family lived in a three-roomed, first floor apartment in a short street alongside the church. His family was very poor and he lost his mother and his older brother during his childhood. In 1938, Karol and his father moved to Cracow. Karol worked by day and studied by night. His work was hard, breaking stones and quarrying. Three years after they moved to Cracow, Karol's father died. Karol was transferred to the water purification department of the Solvay factory near Cracow. Karol was deeply moved by the treatment of Jews in the places where he worked. He risked his own life and well-being,

helping Jews to change their identities and go into hiding, as well as distributing anti - Nazi newspapers.

We travelled by coach to Zakopane in the Taltra mountains, where the Holy Father, John Paul II, took his winter retreat as Archbishop of Cracow and where he placed the statue of Our Lady of Fatima facing Russia, praying for its conversion. Here is now built a most beautiful Church as a Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima, built in Thanksgiving for Pope John Paul II being saved from the assassin's bullet in St. Peter's Square on 13th May 1981, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. We had Mass in a beautiful small church, one of two wooden churches close together. The churches may possibly be made of pine, as the colour is rich and beautiful. A statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe is located over the main altar. The image of the Divine Mercy is at another shrine. On our way down from the mountain, we had lunch at a lovely Inn, ending our meal with apple tart!

In Wieliczka, we viewed the salt mines, one of the oldest salt mines which are listed by UNESCO as an object of World Cultural Heritage, a great sight, with all its carved figures, altar pieces, monuments, carved out of its salt walls. We saw galleries and chambers on three levels from 65 to 135 metres below the ground. The route is 2.5km long and visitors have to walk down 400 steps in all. The

last step brings visitors into the Souvenir Shop and snack bar. A lift is available, to enable visitors to return to the surface.

We visited Auschwitz, which is a shocking experience. We recited prayers at St. Maximilian Kolbe's death cell.

Our pilgrimage then took us from Cracow to Warsaw, the capital of Poland. We started our journey at 6.30 that morning and the journey lasted 3-4 hours. We had a sight seeing tour of Warsaw, seeing sites of interest such as Royal Way Monument, St. John's Cathedral and the Royal Castle. We visited the old town and the market square, but found that Warsaw had many high rise block buildings, which were not very attractive. Much of Warsaw had been destroyed by the Nazis in World War II. That evening, we stayed at the Felix Hotel. We visited the House of the Congregation of the Divine Mother of Mercy on Zytnia Street, where St. Faustina entered convent life. The church there was poor in appearance. We shook hands with one of the young nuns, a handshake of peace. She asked me in English where we were from and she said she would pray for me. We had prayers and Stations of the Cross there.

On our trip to Niepokalanow, we visited the shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyr and patron of political prisoners, whose Feast Day is 14th August. We visited the Franciscan

monastery and the museum of Maximilian Kolbe who was murdered at Auschwitz. Maximilian Kolbe was arrested on 17th February, 1941, because of his anti-Nazi activities. He became prisoner 16670 at the infamous Concentration Camp at Auschwitz. Throughout the ordeal of his imprisonment, he remained kind, gentle, sympathetic and compassionate. When a prisoner escaped, ten inmates were randomly selected to be put to death as an act of reprisal. One of the ten, a man who had a wife and family, became distressed and Maximilian took his place. Left to starve in Death Cell 18, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe tended to his fellow prisoners, kept their spirits up with prayers and hymns, helped the prisoner, in turn, to die. Two weeks later, on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption, only four prisoners were left alive and only Fr. Maximilian was fully conscious. The guards completed the execution of these four men. Fr. Maximilian Kolbe was widely acclaimed a saint by those who knew him, even immediately after his death. We had Mass in the chapel of the Franciscan monastery. I bought a framed picture of St. Maximilian.

On 10th October we returned from Warsaw to London Heathrow and on to Shannon. I was glad to be back home and very glad to have enjoyed such a wonderful pilgrimage.



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Fr. Denis O'Brien

A group of people from Pallasgreen/Templebraden presenting Fr. Denis O'Brien, Templebraden with a cheque for €1,000 euro for his missionary work in Colombia.

Fr Denis says "I want to convey my most sincere thanks to all of you for your great kindness and generosity to me and to my mission. I have already changed your very generous donation into Colombian pesos" (3,350,000).

It sounds very impressive, and that is most impressive here. The members of our parish council are very grateful to you all and they have asked me to extend their profound thanks to you for this great work of charity which will provide many essential services to our community and relieve much want. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and blessings. This is a country plagued by violence and poverty. Most people that I work with live a hand to mouth existence. You cannot imagine how grateful they are to have so many thoughtful and charitable friends in Ireland. We will pray that God will reward all who have helped us with his love and blessings.

Together you have all reached out your hands and hearts to help us. I assure you that we are profoundly grateful for this expression of solidarity. It is a great boost to the morale of our community to know that we are accompanied by the prayers and practical charity of so many kind people like yourselves.

In their name I thank every one of you very sincerely for the latest funds that you have raised to help

them. This is a miraculous help for them and I assure you that it will alleviate much want and suffering. Please accept this as a personal note of thanks for reaching out to help us. May God reward every one of you for your thoughtfulness and charity".

From your donation received last year local craftsmen were able to build an altar, podium and a priest's chair and funds were provided for medical needs and other building projects. This year we hope to erect a toilet and other necessities for the community.

With renewed thanks and blessings to you all.

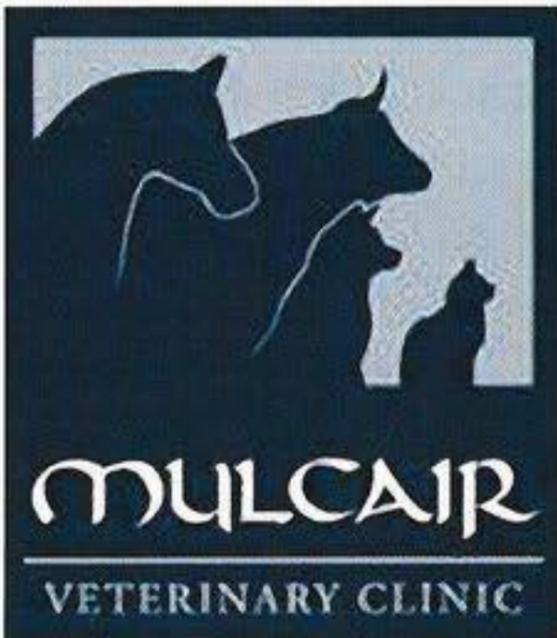
**Yours in Jesus and Mary,
Denis O'Brien, S.A.C.**



Fr Denis was presented with a cheque for €1,000 euro this Oct just before going back to his mission in Colombia.

L to R: Brigid O'Driscoll, Maureen McConnell, Mae Grace, Pdraig Ryan, Margaret Ryan, Fr. Denis O'Brien, Kathy Condon, Kathleen Condon, Marian O'Donnell. Missing from photo Joan Ryan and Eileen Egan.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY, KRAKÓW, POLAND 25th July – 1st August 2016

by Colman O'Driscoll



Before going on WYD we had a number of meetings in the McAuley Center in Templemore with Fr Dominic Meehan and Fr Vincent Stapleton. We had a group of 20 and we had a good opportunity to get to know each other. It was a new experience for us and Fr Meehan's first time organising the trip. The most difficult part was organising the meetings and getting everyone together at a time that would suit the group which was usually a Friday or Saturday evening as we were from all different parts of the Diocese from Pallasgreen up to Loughmore and Castleiney. We were all looking forward to the experience and we all had our own ideas of what it might be like. Some wanted to go to see the concentration camp at Auschwitz and some wanted to visit St. Faustina's birth place. Unfortunately due to time constraints it was not possible to visit either place. Once our passports, insurance travel cards and some foreign currency (Zloty), yoga mats for sleeping out, insect repellent and cases packed we departed from Shannon on Monday 25th July at 10.20 am. Two hours later we arrived in Wroclaw and had a 3 hr drive to Krakow and then made our way to the hostel. We were well catered for and the staff at the accommodation were very helpful. We received a Pilgrim Pack on arrival which consisted of a WYD T-shirt, a hat to shield from the July sun, a rosary beads, a gospel, agenda of events and a map of Krakow. The next day we had the official welcome for pilgrims and the opening Mass that night. There was a really relaxed atmosphere and with millions of young people flying their flags from their own countries it felt like we had all gathered for the same purpose and shared the same faith and beliefs. Throughout the week we had a number of activities which kept us busy at all times. It was nice to vary every day to different places and venues and experience all there is of Krakow which is a very historical city. I found Thursday the most

enjoyable as this was the day the Pope arrived and greeted us. He gave a number of sermons throughout the week and everyone gathered in Blonia Park to hear his words. He spoke with such fluidity and clearness and his words seemed to appeal to all that were listening. He spoke of the youth of today and the challenges we face. He said to the young not to retire early in life and not to give up or give in to the negativities that are among us.

The Pope seemed to understand perfectly how life for the young has changed a great deal from before but that our faith will be what stands to us in times of distress and will stand the test of time. Throughout the week we had the opportunity to go to Confession. I found this a fantastic opportunity for us as a group as many hadn't been in a while. There were a number of priests who were hearing confession and all who spoke different languages to cater for everyone there. On Thursday evening we arrived in Blonia Park and slept under the stars that night. It was quite a surreal experience being there with millions of others from all walks of life sleeping out in the open. There was such a nice atmosphere there as we all sat around and played different musical instruments and sang and no one was left out. On Sunday we had the final WYD Mass and the Pope gave his final blessings. It was definitely an experience of a lifetime and one I will not forget. I would encourage anyone to go if just once to share your faith with others from around the globe and enjoy expressing your faith with millions of others. It was an intense week especially with the heat and humidity of Poland but one I don't regret. I made some great friends and people there which such a strong faith I didn't know existed. Thanks



Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, SMA celebrated a farewell Mass in the Mercy Convent, Templemore on Sat. July 23rd 2016 with Fr Vincent Stapleton for the success of the Pilgrimage and parents and friends attended. The Mass was prepared by the young people.

St. Ailbe's Walk of Mercy

On Sunday 11th September 2016, as part of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly celebrations of the Year of Mercy, crowds converged on the historic "little town of Emly." Parishioners of Pallasgrea and Templebraden, in the company of our parish priest, Fr. Burns, joined with our neighbours of nearby parishes, in a pilgrimage of prayer, on the eve of the feast of St. Ailbe.

St. Ailbe spread the message of Christianity from his monastery, at Emly, throughout the wider area. Historians know little about St. Ailbe's life. It is believed that he lived during the late 5th and early 6th centuries, after the coming of St. Patrick. According to some sources, he may have died in 528 AD.

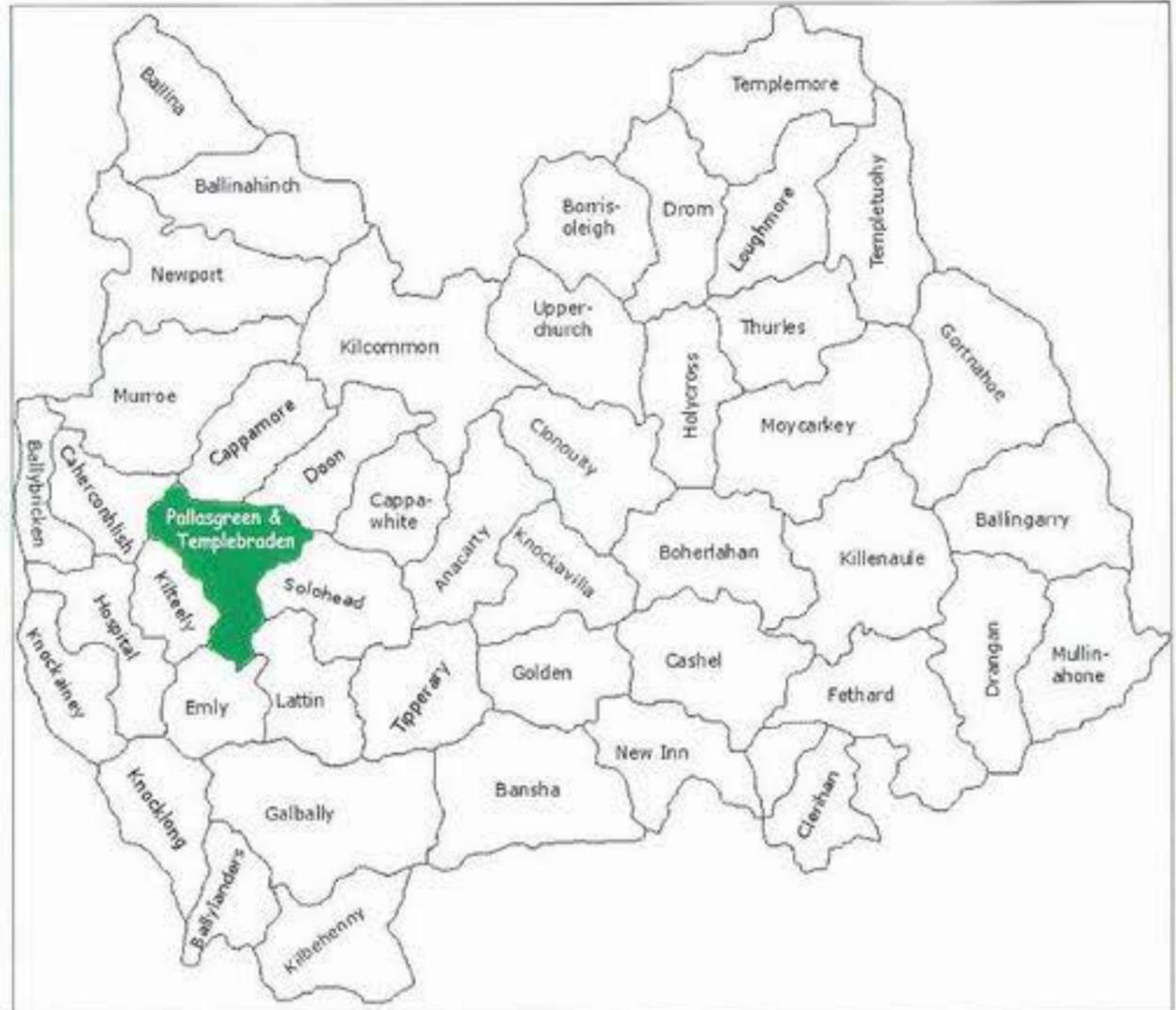
The son of a slave girl, it is said that, as an infant, Ailbe was rejected by his father, the King of Munster, who ordered him to be killed, but that servants left him near a rock where a she wolf looked after him. The child was later found by a passer by called Lochan who gave him to some Britons in the neighbourhood.

Another legend tells how these Britons tried to leave Ailbe behind when they left Ireland to return to their homeland, but were unable to make the sea crossing without him.

St. Ailbe is thought to have been particularly friendly with St. Declan. A tradition held that they both went to Rome together and were consecrated as bishops, by the Pope. Tradition has it that, while in Rome, Ailbe is supposed to have fed the people of the city for three days, before returning to Emly.

St. Ailbe is said to have baptized St. David of Wales. Another story tells how Ailbe asked King Aengus of Munster to grant St. Enda a site on which to build a monastery. Aengus was unaware of the islands in his domain until he dreamt of them and he granted them to Enda.

Legend has it that St. Ailbe was able to save the wolf who had reared him. He was present at a run at which she was



Diocese of Cashel and Emly

to be killed. Tradition holds that she ate from his table and walked by his side from then on. It is believed that St. Ailbe may have been buried in the graveyard at Emly, where St. Ailbe's cross and well are situated today.

It is said that he made people "not only Christians but saints." Such was his reputation that he was known as "the Patrick of Munster."

A monastic rule, bearing his name gives this advice to those who wished to follow in his footsteps;

Let him be steady, let him not be restless, let him be wise, learned, pious, let him be vigilant, let him be a slave, let him be humble, kindly, let him be gentle, close and zealous, let him be modest generous and gracious;

Against the torrent of the world let him be watchful, let him not be reproachful,

Against the brood of the world let him be warlike.

The monastery of Emly became very important in Munster. It is thought to have been located near the site of the

present-day graveyard, in Emly. In manuscripts dating back to the 6th to 11th centuries, Emly was one of the centres of Christianity most often mentioned, along with Armagh and Clonmacnoise.

A few centuries after the death of St. Ailbe, the monastery at Emly had become sufficiently powerful to attract the attention of the Vikings. It is recorded that, in 847 AD, Olchobhair, King of Munster, aided by an army led by the son of the King of Leinster, killed 1,200 Danes, who had raided the abbey at Emly.

During the turbulent times of the 16th and 17th centuries, two great martyrs, Dermot O'Hurley and Terence Albert O'Brien were associated with the Diocese of Emly.

Son of Hanora O'Brien and William Hurley, Dermot O'Hurley was born in Emly c 1530. He is thought to have spent some of his childhood at Lickadoon Castle, near Ballyneety. Dermot was born into an influential family, his father being the agent of the Earl of Desmond. It is likely that

he attended the Cathedral School in Emly, proceeding to Louvain in 1559, to study Philosophy and Law. He was obviously an able scholar, becoming Professor of Philosophy and Canon Law, as well as Doctor of Ecclesiastical and Civil Law. After fifteen years at Louvain and four years at Rheims, O'Hurley spent some time teaching in Rome and, although a layman, was appointed Archbishop of Cashel in 1581. Due to illness, he did not arrive in Ireland until 1583, a time when persecution of Catholics was rife. Arrested before he managed to reach Cashel, he was hanged in Dublin on 20th June 1584.

Terence O'Brien was born at Towerhill, near Cappamore in 1600/1601 son of Murtagh O'Brien and Catherine Galway. Terence received his early education from a priest who was under his father's protection. Terence's uncle was Maurice O'Brien, Prior of St. Saviour's Dominican Convent and Terence was sent there when he decided to enter the priesthood. In 1622, he was sent to Toledo, to study, and, eight years later, he was ordained, taking Albert as his name in religion. He distinguished himself in his ministry and served as Prior in Lorrha and Limerick. There was a certain degree of tolerance towards the Dominican Order, during the early part of Terence Albert O'Brien's ministry. By 1643, he had been appointed Provincial of the Order, in Limerick. In 1647 he was appointed coadjutor Bishop of Emly and when the bishop died, the following year, Terence Albert O'Brien was appointed Bishop of Emly, the last who would hold that office. In 1651, Ireton laid siege to Limerick. Terence Albert O'Brien urged the defenders, under Hugh Dubh O'Neill and the citizens of the city to resist. Arrested while ministering to the sick in the Dominican Priory, he was tried at St. Mary's Cathedral and executed the following day. Two Dominican priests, Fr. Denis Hanrahan and Fr. Fabian Ryan were permitted to remain with him on the eve of his execution. He is said to have gone resolutely and even joyfully to his death. A grieving crowd had gathered at the place of his execution. He

advised his listeners to *"Hold fast to the faith, keep the commandments ...Do not shed tears on my account, but rather pray that, in this last trial, I may, by firmness and constancy, obtain heaven as my reward."* It was a strange turn of events which brought Ireton to his sickbed, stricken with plague, shortly after the execution of Terence Albert O'Brien. It would seem that Ireton attributed his illness to the death of the martyr. It was said that Ireton *".....in his mad ravings, used to explain that the murder of the Bishop was the cause of his death."*

These two martyrs were beatified by St. John Paul II in 1992. Given its rich heritage as the centre of an important medieval diocese, Emly was an ideal place of pilgrimage in this year of Mercy.

The parishes of the medieval diocese of Emly included; Emly, Ballybricken and Bohermore, Ballylanders, Caherconlish and Inch St. Lawrence, Cappamore, Cappawhite, Doon, Galbally and Aherlow, Hospital and Herbertstown, Kilbehenny and Anglesboro, Kiltely and Dromkeen, Knockaney and Patrickswell, Knocklong and Glenbrohane, Lattin and Cullen, Murroe and Boher, Sologhead and Oola, Tipperary, part of Bansha Kilmoyler and our own parish, Pallasgrean and Templebraden. Many of these parishes were represented on Sunday 11th September.

Skies were grey and overcast, with the threat of rain, as we set off in pilgrimage from our meeting point at Callanan's Cross, Emly, lifting our voices in prayer and song, reciting the rosary and singing *"How Great Thou Art."* It was hard to avoid a smile as we sang the line; *"....and feel the gentle breeze....,"* as a strong gust of wind from the Galtees whipped across our faces.

Arriving in the village, near the church, we joined with our fellow pilgrims who had walked from the opposite direction. Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly was welcomed by Fr. Moloney, P.P. Emly. Michael Ryan led the congregation in song, with the very appropriate invitation to *"Gather from the east, gather from the west,*

gather from the highways too...." Having gathered on St. Ailbe's holy ground, we listened to the telling of his story. Priests of the diocese, among them Fr. Burns, led the recitation of the Litany in Honour of St. Ailbe. Again, voices were lifted in singing Deus Meus and reciting the Prayer to St. Ailbe and all present professed their faith, reciting the Apostles Creed.

The Door of Mercy, erected at the church gates, was a powerful symbol. Archbishop O'Reilly prayed; *"Grant that as we pass through this Holy Door of Mercy, we may be embraced by your loving presence, so that we may experience, O Father, your abundant mercy."*

The Archbishop blessed and opened the Holy Door of Mercy and passing through, we made the Sign of the Cross with water drawn from St. Ailbe's well. Altar servers, among them Chloe and Amanda Murnane, representing our parish, led the procession into the church. There the choir, made up of church choirs of many parishes, including our own, directed by Fr. Seamus Rochford, sang the beautiful hymn based on Psalm 121, *"I rejoiced when I heard them say, Let us go to the house of the Lord."* The theme of pilgrimage continued with the hymn, *On the Journey*, with its very appropriate words;

On the journey, seek the light of the day

On the journey, heaven's blessing we pray,

On the journey, may God's fortune descend.

We seek the Lord of the way.

Joan Ryan represented our parish in the procession of water bearers, bringing containers of water from the Holy Wells of their parishes to the Baptismal Font, for mingling, symbolising the unity, in Faith, of the Diocese.

The Archbishop blessed the water and sprinkled the pilgrims, as the choir sang *Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.* – Where charity and love are found, there is God.

The theme of mercy, interwoven through the reading and the thought-provoking psalm with the lines;

"When will we wake from comfort and from ease and strive together to create a world of love and peace," culminated in the Gospel Reading of the Prodigal Son. Having listened to the inspiring words of Archbishop O Reilly's homily, the congregation recited the Litany of Mercy, based on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

The Holy Year Prayer of Mercy was recited and choir and congregation joined in the refrain of the Universal Hymn for the Holy Year of Mercy, Misericordes Sicut Pater – merciful like the Father.

Prayers of intercession for the Church, the world, the diocese and local and personal needs, were offered by representatives of each parish, among them John Butler, of Templebraden. Before the final blessing, Fr. Moloney thanked all involved in organising such a special day. The theme of pilgrimage and journey was echoed in the final hymn Lord of the Pilgrim –

Sail the shore and find heaven's shelter.

Sail the soul, in waters so gentle, remain.

A rousing rendition of *Speed Your Journey*, with its beautiful harmony, sent us on our way with a smile on our faces and a spring in our step. Those of us who were privileged to walk together, pray together and sing together, side by side with our fellow parishioners and neighbours, in surrounding areas, were uplifted by the experience. St. Ailbe, patron of our diocese and founder of the faith in these parishes, guide us.

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Michael McEvoy

In conversation with Pat Cronin, Barna

Michael Jos. McEvoy regards himself as an honorary Barna man and has been visiting Barna for over 60 years. He is a native of Dublin. His family was related by marriage to Bridget and John Finn, of Barna, now sadly deceased. When only a schoolboy, he first visited Barna with his brother around 1948 and returned a number of times after that. He has very fond memories of turf cutting in the bog and helping with the hay making, when still quite young.

Michael took up a music career in a serious way in the fifties taking singing lessons and studying guitar. He was a Feis Ceoil and Fr. Maithiu Feis medal winner, singing tenor and to this day, still sings the great tenor songs and operatic arias along with popular songs and ballads. He featured for a week on the Theatre Royal in Dublin 1958. He took up singing in dance bands, being resident singer and guitarist in a number of Dublin ballrooms. He was three times resident in the National Ballroom, fronting his own band for nearly six years there, til 1972. Having spent three seasons with the famous Maurice Mulcahy Dance Orchestra, as lead singer and guitarist, in 1960 he got back in touch with Barna, while playing in the ballroom in Dromkeen. He has been a regular visitor to Barna since, over the past 50 years.

Michael returned to his original work as a dental technician about 1970. He is a very successful song writer. Sixteen of his songs have so far been recorded by well known singers on the Irish dance scene, including Brian Coll, Dominick Kirwan, Louise Morrissey and Trudi Lawlor.

Michael then took to writing short

stories and so far, six have been published in "Ireland's Own" magazine. He has recorded a CD of twenty hymns, composed by himself and has written many poems, some of which have been printed in Gréan magazine. He is also an artist and has a big collection of water colour pictures to his credit.

A Dad

*It can be tough, the daily grind
This living stuff, but I don't mind
'Cause I'm a dad*

*We build our dreams so carefully
But a man's as rich as he can be
When he's a dad*

*I heard a baby's first sad cry
I heard that baby's last goodbye
To me, his dad*

*Four little ones the good Lord sent
I can't explain how much it meant
To be a dad*

*Now empty beds and places say
They've all grown up and gone
away
Life can be sad, being a dad.*

Robin Redbreast

*A little robin visited our garden
yesterday*

*He seemed to be quite young,
perhaps he lost his way.
Though I was busy mowing he was
not a bit afraid
To my surprise he took no notice of
the noise the motor made.*

I stopped my work and gently called

*him, holding out my hand
As close as that I've never bee, his
red breast looked so grand
In case he might be hungry, I spread
some oatlets round
And soon he was feeding where he
found them on the ground.*

*Starting my machine again, a
mighty lurch I gave
And for such a tiny little chap he
really was quite brave
He kept on eating all the while but
kept an eye on me
Till suddenly he noticed that we had
a nice plum tree*

*He soon was flitting to and fro,
pecking here and there
He did enjoy the juicy fruit and we
had lots to spare.
Then back he'd hop on to the grass
and watch me for a while
I wondered what he thought of me,
it really made me smile.*

*Often he would vanish, they are so
quick you see
Only then to reappear from the
flower bed close to me
When finished with my mowing I
waved my friend goodbye
And hoped that he would call again
as away I saw him fly.*

*As I watched that little robin the
thought to me occurred
We have a little pet inside who likes
a little bird
By name we call her Fifi, a true
hunter at that
It's just as well she was not there for
she is our black cat.*

*Today out in the garden hopefully I
searched*

*That my friendly little robin would
somewhere there be perched
Alas, it seems, he had moved on to
some other one's delight
When he grows up he might recall
and come again.....he might.*

The Procession

(A ghost story)

Edward had a passion for old churches, monasteries, even cemeteries. He would even take a holiday break and travel to an area where he knew there was an old religious ruin, or a group of them. It happened to be Easter Monday when Edward visited a quaint little oratory in the centre of a country graveyard. He had a feeling there was an interesting story attached to the little chapel. He hadn't yet made any enquiries about the building, which he would normally do at the earliest opportunity.

The graveyard was deserted as far as he could see. Sitting on a low wall he thought about the possible age of the place and the many stories it could tell, if only it could speak. He was surprised when, from around the side of the chapel, a priest appeared, followed by a small procession of six young boys, aged about ten to twelve years. They were all dressed in flowing white garments, of the type worn by altar boys. The priest was carrying a large crucifix, on which was draped a white rosary beads. Edward thought it was strange that there was nobody else with them. You would expect, he thought to himself, that there would be people from the nearby small town following behind them. He decided it was most likely a rehearsal for some ceremony to take place shortly. There was a small schoolhouse nearby, which made the explanation more likely.

This was indeed very interesting for our visitor and it was his intention to make some enquiries of the priest at a convenient time, when they had ended their rehearsal. Leading the little group behind the priest were two redheaded boys who were obviously identical twins, hardly more than ten years old. Edward couldn't help but

The First Christmas Day. Michael Jos. Mc. Evoy.

On the fi - rst Christmas Day.

admire the obvious dedication of the good priest who turned suddenly to him and smiled. As he was about to pass by the onlooker, the priest stopped and said to Edward, "would you do me a little favour, if you have time, that is?" Edward was delighted. This was a chance for him to have a chat and find out the reason for the procession and possibly get information about the chapel itself.

"Of course I will," he replied, "How can I help?" "If you are in town would you look up Tom the shoe maker," said the priest. "There is only one in town, a mile from here and tell him we are looking forward to him joining us here soon. Also please speak to the parish priest and tell him what you have seen here today. I would like him to do this for my good friend Tom and tell him to be sure to bring my crucifix and white rosary." "I will be in town later today," Edward assured

him. "Whom shall I say the message is from?" "Tell him Father Patrick," was the reply. Before he could say anything else, the group moved off and proceeded to enter the chapel, singing a hymn. After the last boy entered, the door slowly closed behind them.

Their very pleasant singing was still audible to Edward as he waited to see them coming out again. After a few minutes, there was still no sign of them, so he thought of looking inside. He didn't think they would mind him joining them, so he gently eased open the door. To his amazement, there was nobody inside the chapel. He decided they must have left by another door around the back. He hurried outside, fearing that he had missed them. After searching around near the rear of the building Edward was disappointed to see no sign of the little group.

It was time to get to town and book into a hotel for a few days so he headed off in that direction. On arriving there he made a few enquiries as to the whereabouts of Tom the shoemaker. It wasn't long before he found him and soon he was chatting away with him. "By the way, Tom" said Edward, "I have a message for you from Father Patrick. I met him up at the chapel in the cemetery a while ago. He said to tell you he is looking forward to you joining them soon." Tom was visibly shaken at this news. "Such a nice priest," said Edward. "He was leading a little procession to the cemetery chapel. There were six young boys with him, altar boys I think they were." "Were there two red headed boys leading them?" Tom asked. "And was the crucifix draped with a white rosary?" "That's right," said Edward. "From the neighbourhood are they?" Tom drew him aside and began to relate an astonishing story about Father Patrick and the six young boys.

"Twenty five years ago today," he said, "we had a tragedy in this area. The two red headed boys you saw were my sons. Father Patrick had a boat and decided to take the boys on a trip to the historic monastery ruin on the island in the middle of that lake you can see. He was very keen on that sort of history and wanted to encourage the boys to take an interest in such things. He was a keen and capable boatman but he was not to know what was to happen that day. Half way to the island a fierce wind blew up causing a huge wave that overturned the boat. All were drowned. I myself witnessed what happened. I was cutting wood at the lakeside at that very moment. There was nothing anyone could do."

Edward felt bad at being the bearer of such a message. The story of the tragedy was so completely unexpected and the idea that he had spoken to a ghost made him shudder. Could it really be true? Then he remembered how the priest and the boys disappeared from the chapel. After a brief silence, Tom spoke again. "They are buried in that cemetery. Only last night I had a dream and saw exactly what you saw today." It was then that Edward remembered the part of the message from the priest, that he was looking forward to Tom joining them soon. He found himself hoping that Tom did not hear that part. He felt justified that he had passed on the message, exactly as Father Patrick had asked and decided not to mention that ominous part of the message again. Edward excused himself saying he needed to get a room at the hotel.

After telling him where to find the parish priest, Tom bid him good day and thanked him for his trouble. As he headed off, he had an eerie feeling that the story was not yet over. His next task was to find the parish priest and tell him the story. Would he believe him? Edward had his doubts. It was too far fetched.

The parish priest was a nice friendly man who listened carefully to all Edward had to say. "I would like to show you something," he said, when Edward had finished and, with that, he opened a glass case and took out a large crucifix which Edward instantly recognized. It was the same one the priest had carried in the cemetery and on it were the white rosary beads.

Seeing the look on Edward's face, the priest said it belonged to Father Patrick. He followed that with a photograph. "Do you recognize that

man?" he asked, and to Edward's amazement, there was Father Patrick. "That's the priest in the cemetery," said Edward. "It was a terrible tragedy," said the parish priest. "We remember them on this day each year. I have no reason now to doubt what you have told me, you are a stranger here and could not possibly have known these things. When the time comes, we will do as Father Patrick asks."

Edward was having breakfast two days later and was gazing out the hotel window, when he noticed another procession that was proceeding slowly along the main street. He soon noticed that it was a funeral. He decided to ask at the reception who it was had passed away. In these small towns word soon gets around about such things. The reply shocked him deeply. It was none other than Tom the shoe maker. At once it dawned on him what the message from Father Patrick meant, when he said he was looking forward to him joining them soon. Tom was to be reunited with his beloved twin boys. His grieving was over.

Nothing would keep Edward away from this funeral. It seemed as if he was destined to be there. So he joined the procession, and leading it to the cemetery was the parish priest carrying the crucifix and white beads. Behind him walked six altar boys. All wore long white garments, recreating the scene exactly as Edward had seen it at the cemetery. He was about to witness a repeat of the procession he had seen, to the little chapel, he knew that Father Patrick and the six young boys who lost their lives on that tragic day, twenty five years before, were there to welcome Tom to his heavenly home.

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Life Through A Lens

Photographer - Diarmuid Greene

Born - April 1987
 Parents - Lorraine and Danny Greene
 Siblings - Brian Greene
 Married - Niamh Greene
 Residence - From Pallasgreen, currently living in Limerick City
 Profession - Photographer / Videographer

When a youngster you were interested in sports, I think soccer was your main interest would that be correct?

Yes, soccer was definitely my number one sport to play. Played underage with Pallas Utd and was very proud to represent Pallas on a few Limerick County teams up to u16. At junior level I played with Charleville FC, Cappamore FC, Pallas Utd and won the LDMC Div 1 league and cup double with Wembley Rovers alongside fellow Pallas-men Seamus Mulcahy, Eddie Mulcahy, and Alan Wallace.

You were an exceptional player but had to give it up at an early age, what happened?

Well I don't know about exceptional but I know that I loved to play soccer - as far back as I can remember, it was always my greatest passion growing up. Unfortunately, while playing with Wembley Rovers in 2014, I found it too difficult to balance work and playing sport so something had to give. My work schedule was clashing directly with training and matches so that was the end of my playing days - for now. You'd never know when a comeback could be on the cards!

When did you start taking up an interest in Photography?

My first memory of having a real interest in photography was during a Doon CBS school missionary trip to

Belize in 2004. Kieran McCarthy (now from Kiltteely) and I were asked by our teachers to keep a diary of our time in Belize and while I was happy to do that, I also decided that it would be nice to keep a visual record of our trip. So I brought a cheap digital camera that I bought in the chemist where my mother worked and did my best to capture the story of some of the amazing things we witnessed across Belize with Fr Tony Ryan. (Doon PP) PHOTO ATTACHED of young Belizean schoolgoer Ruben Cus.

Where did you start your course?

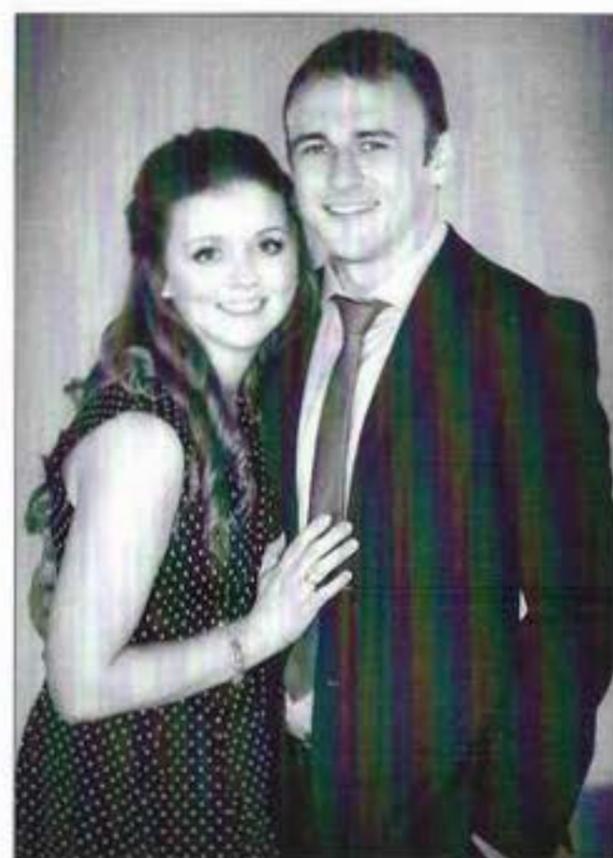
After graduating from Doon CBS in 2005 I went to study Photography for 3 years at Limerick College of Further Education. Formal education is definitely not an essential for someone trying to get into the photography industry but I felt like I gained a lot of great experiences from college that I wouldn't have gotten if I had gone straight into employment after school.

When and how did you get involved with the renowned Sportsfile Company?

Around April 2008 I was very lucky to win Student Sports Photographer of the Year at the annual Smedia Awards and it so happened that the judges were from Sportsfile. Within a week of winning that award I had met with Sportsfile director Ray McManus and had been offered a full-time role with the company based out of Dublin.

What was your first assignment with Sportsfile ?

It's a fairly unusual one now when I look back because my first photo assignment with Sportsfile featured Katie Taylor...not boxing but playing



Niamh and Diarmuid Greene

soccer for Ireland (vs Sweden) in 2008.

You have covered a lot of games, any particular one stand out?

One game that I will never forget is Munster vs the All Blacks in Thomond Park in November 2008. There was an incredible atmosphere and it was one of those games where you know you are witnessing something truly historic.

Any funny moments during your coverage or embarrassing moments?

There's plenty of embarrassing moments, it can be hard to get away with anything because usually when I get home from a televised game I'll have a few messages from friends with photos or videos of their TV screen with me running around trying to get photos of a manager or a celebrating player after the game so it's fair to say that I'm definitely

more comfortable behind the camera than in front of it.

What kind of gear do you use, your gear is expensive, is there great security with it considering you're out in the open taking photos?

Most of my camera equipment is Nikon (and Canon/Sony video cameras with Limerick's "True Media") and yes most of the equipment is frighteningly expensive. Naturally, we have our camera equipment insured but I still try to mind everything as best I can while still using it for work on a daily basis.

Is there any sport photograph you took which was published that your were commended for?

I've been lucky enough to have a few photos win awards and be nominated over the years. But it's usually ones that haven't won awards that I'm most proud of. To me, photos aren't about being good or bad or winning awards - it's the ones that really make you feel something that are special and will live long in the memory.

What are the perks about your job and any low points?

The perk of my job was summed up perfectly by my colleague Brendan Moran who says "It beats working for a living". Ok, every day isn't always fun and games but it's basically that we get to work in an environment that we enjoy and in a career that we are passionate about. The worst thing about our job for me is working out in freezing cold winter rain and trying to protect valuable camera gear from those elements.

You covered the 2016 Paralympics in Rio De Janeiro, tell us about the experience?

The Rio 2016 Paralympics was an incredible experience. It is impossible to be working at these events and not be inspired by the athletes and how hard they work, against physical impairments, and still be elite performers in their sport. Paralympic games are something I don't think I could ever tire of photographing. I was very lucky to get to work with Sportsfile and Paralympics Ireland in Rio and I will

definitely be throwing my hat in the ring to be there again for Tokyo 2020!

You met many interesting people during your work anyone that stood out?

It's a bit crazy when I recall some of the incredibly talented and fascinating people I've met through my work, most notable in a sporting sense would probably have to be Lionel Messi who I met and photographed while on assignment for Sportsfile/UEFA in Monaco (2012) and Brazilian legend Pelé who I photographed during his visit to Crumlin Children's Hospital (2009) - a venue where I spent a fair share of time in a previous life!

Outside photography what are your hobbies?

When I'm not out working I'm usually trying to catch up with work on the laptop, planning for work or thinking about work BUT sometimes I even spend some time with my beautiful and patient wife, Niamh. Family time with my nephews Beau and Eli, and my niece, Ebba, is always treasured too.

Have you any heroes?

My mother, Lorraine!

Biggest influence in your career?

I have been influenced by some special people throughout my career so far. Ray McManus of Sportsfile is a man I respect greatly and have learned a great deal from during my time with Sportsfile. But you can only print that if you promise not to tell him I said it!

You have travelled to many parts of the world,

What destination gave you the wow factor?

This is actually a surprisingly easy one to answer; there are two places that stand out - Israel and Iceland. Basically opposites in terms of climate but there were times in each place that I had to pinch myself to make sure it wasn't all just a dream. I was working in Israel for three weeks at the UEFA u21 European Championship Finals and it was unbelievable to be in places like Jerusalem taking photographs at a soccer match in a city with so much powerful history.

What's in your plans for the future?

At the moment I'm working on a lot more video projects with Limerick-based company True Media. We recently worked on sports scholarship videos for the University of Limerick and I thoroughly enjoyed it so hopefully there will be some more work like that in the pipeline.

How can people see your work or contact you?

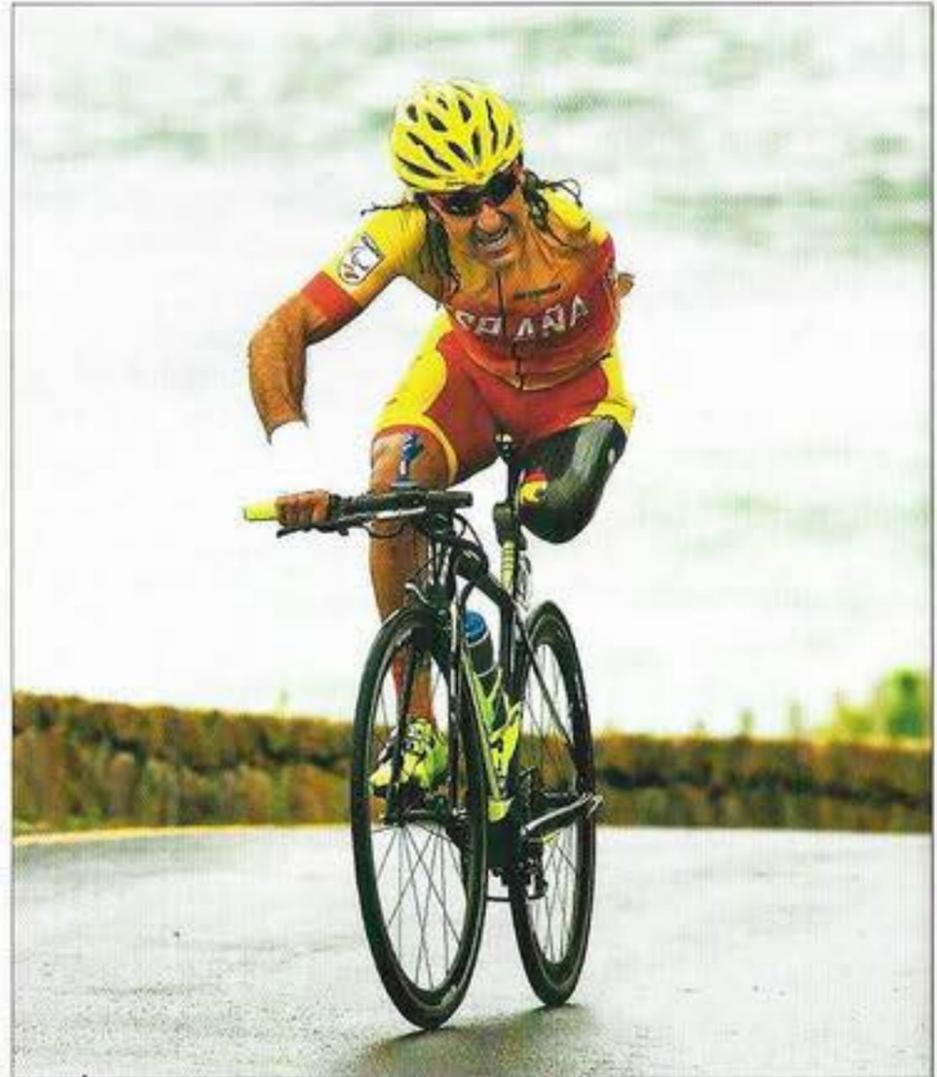
Facebook is always an easy place to contact me and see some of my work. www.facebook.com/diarmuidgreenephoto/. I'm also on twitter/instagram and my website is www.diarmuidgreene.ie. A lot of my work is also featured on www.sportsfile.com and www.truemedia.ie



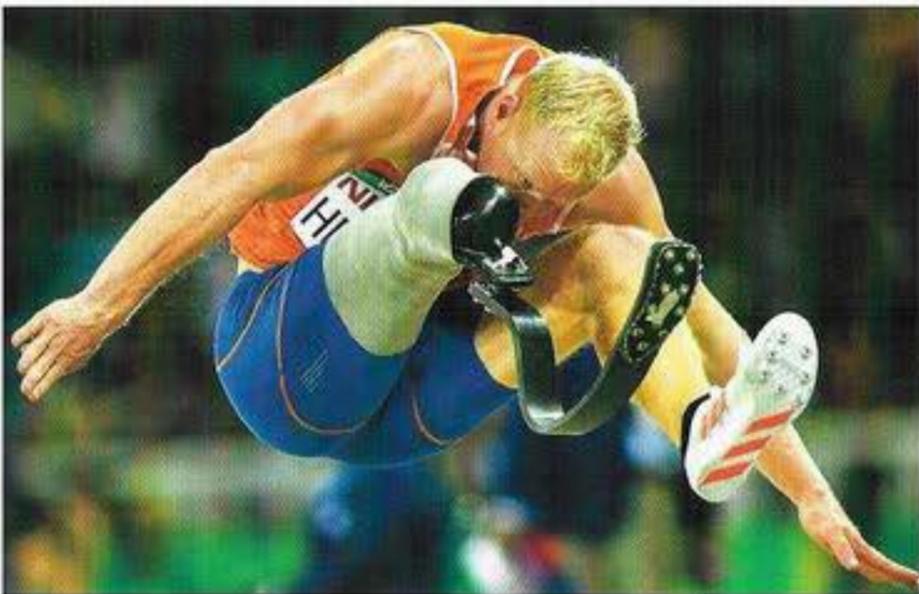
Katie-George Dunlevy of Ireland, right, and her pilot Eve McCrystal, react as they are informed that they have won gold in the Women's B Time Trial at the Pontal Cycling Road during the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Ruben Cus photographed after a school Mass in Belize, Central America.



Juan José Méndez Fernández of Spain in action during the Men's C1-3 Road Race at the Pontal Cycling Road where he completed the 70km race in 2 hours at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Ronald Hertog of Netherlands in action during the Men's Long Jump T44 Final at the Olympic Stadium, where he won silver with a jump of 7.29meters, during the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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SEWING THE SEEDS OF SUCCESS

Seamus O'Dwyer, Managing Director Eltex Manufacturing talks to Ger O'Connell

Coming from a farming background in Brackile, Seamus O'Dwyer is a quiet unassuming person and very focussed. Born to parents of Jimmy and Katherine O'Dwyer who were very much involved in community activities in Pallasgreen. Seamus attended Nicker National School he later went to the Abbey CBS in Tipperary Town. A few years later he adapted to something he loved; electronics. Seamus was in third level education in the Limerick Institute of Technology (L.I.T) studying electronics and this is where the seeds of his success were sown. After qualifying as an Electronic Test Technician he started working in the Eltex Manufacturing Group in Templemore Co Tipperary. From there his strong work etiquette and passion saw him work his way up through the company. Residing and working in Templemore it can be difficult for a Limerick man especially when it comes to the GAA championship season. But Seamus has never forgotten his roots and will get to every Limerick match no matter where it's on whenever time permits.

This quote was from my great friend George McGrath which was posted on LinkedIn. *"Seamus O'Dwyer is a self made successful businessman. He is the most dedicated person that I know to anything he does. His bravery in buying Eltex many years ago saved countless jobs in Templemore and he is now deservedly the owner of a thriving business as a result. For any person considering doing business with Seamus, I recommend him as a person of the highest integrity"*.

A bit about the Company:

Eltex started of only one question. How to identify a broken/missing weft yarn in a shuttle weaving machine? In 1960 Åke Rydborn and Ragnar Henriksson asked themselves

that question. They first started working on a solution in their home town Älmhult Sweden and again in 1962 developed a prototype of the planet's first Electronic Weft-Stop-Motion detector. At the 1963 ITMA exhibition(International Textile Machine Association) in Hannover Germany they unveiled their Electronic Weft-Stop-Motion sensor. The exhibition was a big success and the product took-off!

On February 4th 1964 Eltex was founded in a town called Älmhult Sweden. A humble 12 m² premises was the first facility, by 1968 the company had a modern 3000 m² facility. As society grew it expanded its world-wide existence: Due to variations in the world textile market Eltex's products became almost 100 per cent exported out of Sweden. To serve the global marketplace it established itself a specific network of companies as well as representative around honest world. In 1974 Eltex of Sweden, Inc. (now Eltex U S., Inc.) was established in Greenville South Carolina USA. In 1976 Oller Manufacturing (now Eltex Manufacturing Ltd.) was first established in Templemore Ireland to become a second production facility for the group and is currently the main production facility for the group. Eltex mainly makes electronic sensors for the Textile & Carpet Industry. These sensor work on two principles, i.e. the sensor either feels or sees moving threads.

As time went by the undertaking extended its product range involve Energy Control Devices, Temperature & Humidity Loggers, Food Handling Safety Systems as well as Military Grade Battery Chargers.

In 2007 the Rydborn family who owned the Eltex Group sold it to a management buy-out of Jonathan Bell, Seamus O'Dwyer & Brian Hicks. Today the Eltex Group is owned by

an Irish company called Eltex Global Holdings Ltd., which Seamus O'Dwyer, Jonathan Bell and Brian Hicks are equal shareholders. Today, Eltex on Sweden AB based in Osby Sweden serves as Development Research & Administration as well as Global Sales for the group; Eltex Manufacturing Ltd. Serves as the principal production facilities for the group; and Eltex U. S., Inc. Serves as the working group's sales and the services facility in North America.

Eltex has also a sales man in both Barcelona, Spain & Beijing, China.

Seamus O'Dwyer - how it all began

Tell us a bit about your company?

I started working in Eltex Mfg Templemore on Sept 10th 1984 as an Electronic Test Technician. I worked my way up through the company. I was promoted to Production Manager in 2000.

In 2007 along with 2 Americans Jonathan Bell & Brian Hicks, I bought the Eltex Group (3 companies)

Eltex Manufacturing Ltd, TemplemoreManufacturing Plant Eltex US INC, Greenville South Carolina....Sales and Service Eltex of Sweden AB, Osby Sweden.... Research & Development and Sales

What does your own role entail?

I am Managing Director of Eltex MFG and 33.3% shareholder of all 3 companies, www.eltex.se

Where were you born and raised? Where do you live now?

Born:Brackile, Pallasgreen. Reside in Kiltillane, Templemore.

What is your educational background?

Nicker NS Primary School
Abbey CBS Tipperary Secondary School

LIT College Limerick (formally Moylish) NCEA Certificate in Electronics.

How did you get to where you are today (your previous career/further training etc)?

A strong passionate work etiquette and a positive attitude.

Wanting to win attitude

What made you want to set up your own company?

See above: Management Buy Out

What are your goals for the next 12 months?

To grow the companies

Who do you admire in business?

Team Work and Partnerships

In business and life, are you guided by any particular motto?

"Failure is not an Option"

wanting to be the best I can be at what I do.

Away from work, what are your pastimes and hobbies?

GAA, Hurling and Football, JK

Brackens GAA Club Templemore

(Black and White) & Limerick GAA

(Green and White)

What was the first Limerick hurling match you attended?

Can't remember, I was probably 7 or 8 years of age

How many matches have you missed in the last decades?

5 I think?. Was probably out of the country!

Is there a lot of good natured banter between Tipperary employees before and after matches - and especially this year?

Yea, but it hurts when you lose!

How can rural areas like your own parish attract more jobs and industry in the coming years?

Be the best at what you can do.

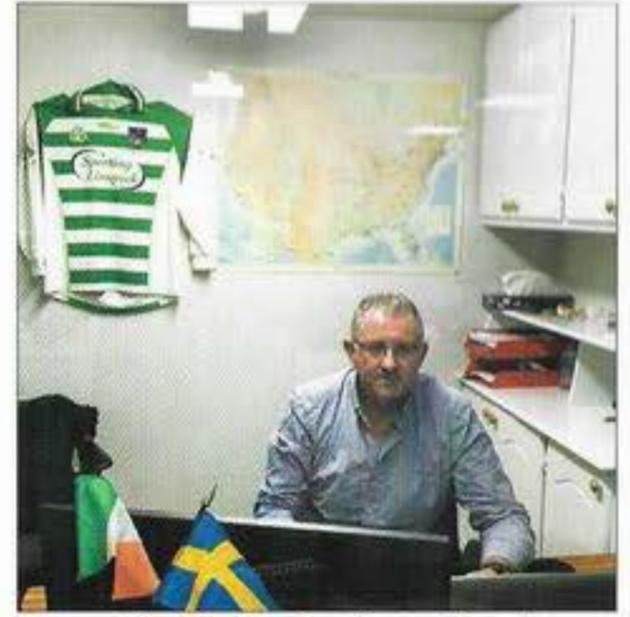
Quality wins out all the time !

What would your advice be to secondary school students currently thinking about which course to study in college?

Only do the course that you really love and are passionate about. There is no point doing a job or having a career that you don't like. I enjoy going to work every morning.

Seamus would like to thank in particular his late father Jimmy

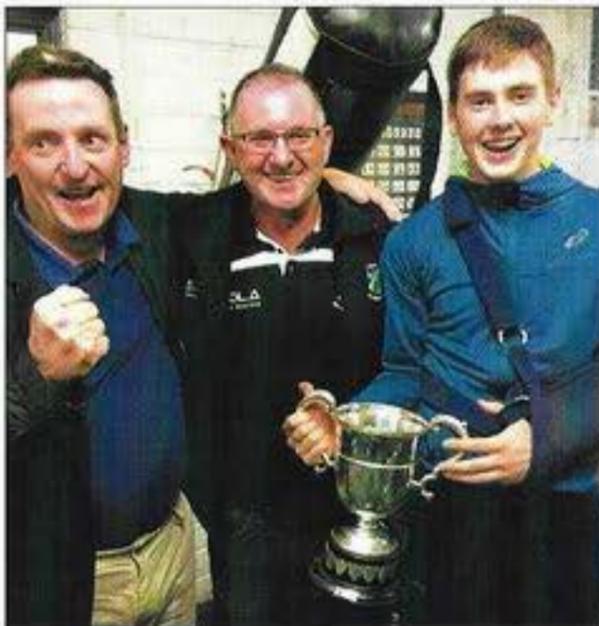
O'Dwyer and John McGrath, Killuragh and also Harry Kennedy and John O'Connor for their inspiration, encouragement and guiding him towards the right path of life.



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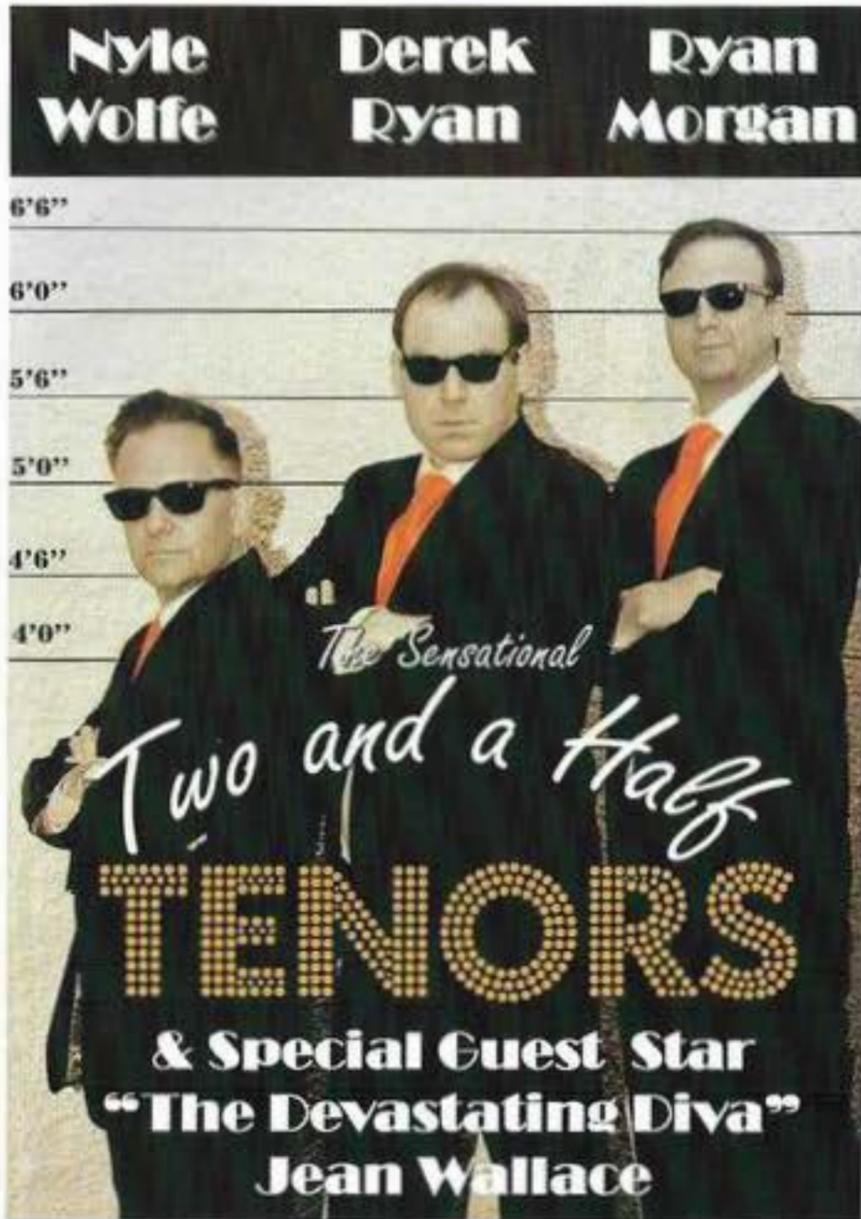
Family and friends attending a Limerick match.



Seamus O'Dwyer - first ever Mid Tipperary Minor A Hurling Title, photo of Treasurer Tony Sheedy, Chairman Seamus O'Dwyer and Captain Tommy Murphy, JK Brackens GAA Club.

Accountant Stefan Johansson, serviceman Harvey Marshall and Seamus O'Dwyer in Galton, Georgia, USA.





Two and a Half Tenors

The Two and a Half Tenors are three singing buddies - Derek, Ryan and Nyle, each renowned vocalists in their own right, who joined forces to bring audiences a new and exciting "Three Tenors" style show - with a twist!

The group formed as a fun trio in Spring 2015, and presented their first concert in Marie Hogan's back yard in Ballyneety on June 25th. With a little financial assistance from the County Council Arts Grant, the posters were printed, the yard was swept, the trailer was power-washed (Thanks Tom!), the chips and ice cream vans rolled in, and most importantly - the rain stayed away! The concert was a great success, combining the best of good humoured entertainment with a broad repertoire from Pavarotti to Elvis, Sinatra to McCormack and many more well-loved classics.

Since then, the Two and a Half Tenors, along with their Devastating Diva Jean Wallace, (who keeps them in check!) kicked off 2016 with a sell-out lunchtime concert at the National Concert Hall, and followed up with a nationwide tour including appearances at the Royal Theatre Waterford, Friarsgate Kilmallock, Kilworth Arts Centre, Clonbeg Church in Aherlow, the Excel Theatre in Tipperary, the Civic Theatre in Tallaght, the Everyman Palace in Cork, with further plans for concerts in Limerick in the Spring, as well as a return to Cork and the NCH also early in 2017. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for new dates being added regularly.



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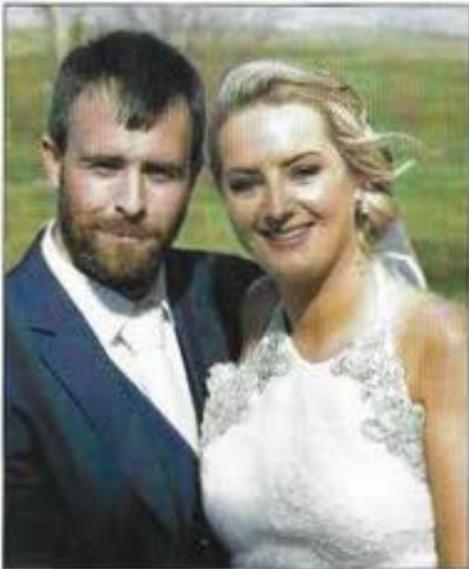
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Catherine Kirby, Linfield and Barry Cummins, Cappamore who were married during the year.



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John and Patricia McMahon, Barna - celebrated 40 years of married life during the year.



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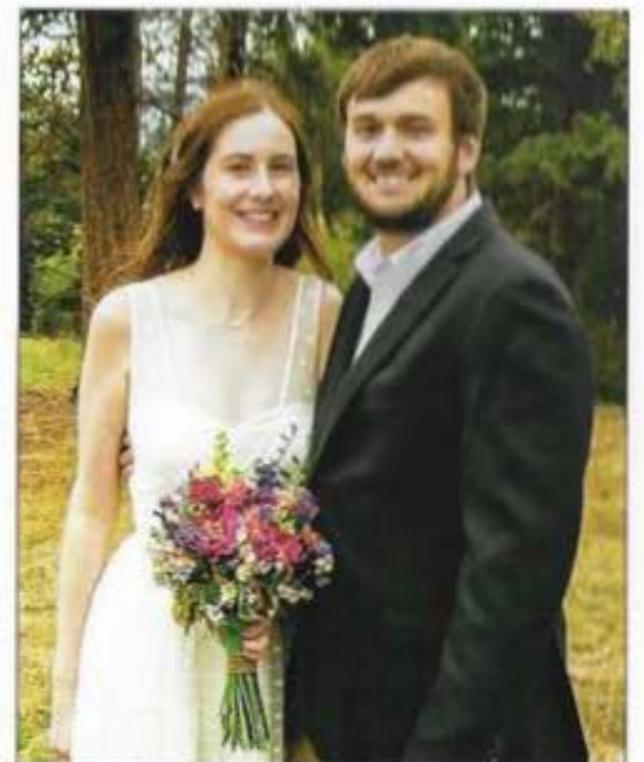




Michelle McNamara, Race, Old Pallas & Joseph Egan, Inagh, Co Clare with thier baby son Cillian.



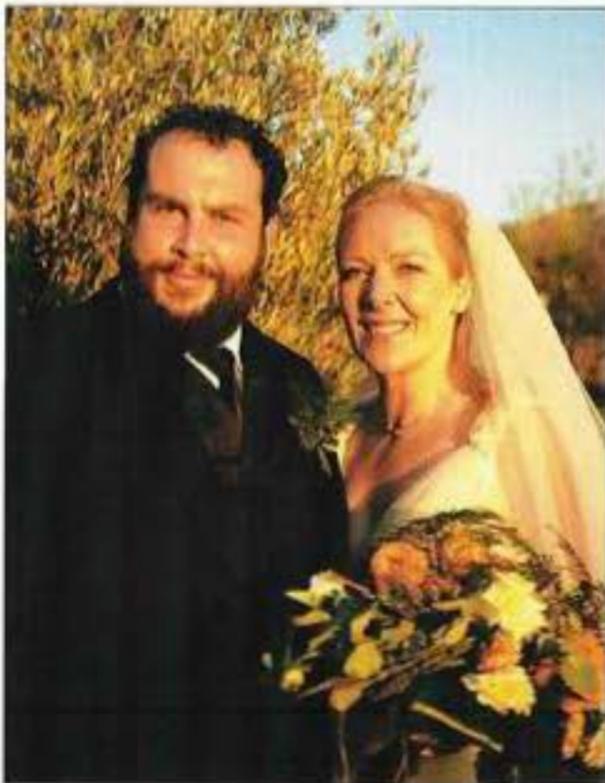
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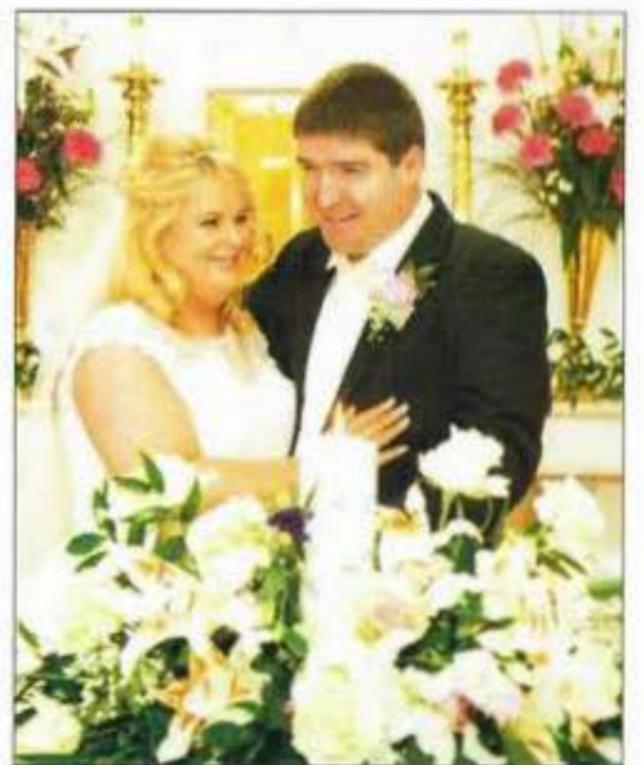
Kyna Regan, Castletroy & Josh Hobbs, U.S.A.



Keith Cosgrave, Old Pallas and Catriona Hayes, Cappamore



Eileen Hogan, Templebraden and Matthieu Roscios, Marseille, France.



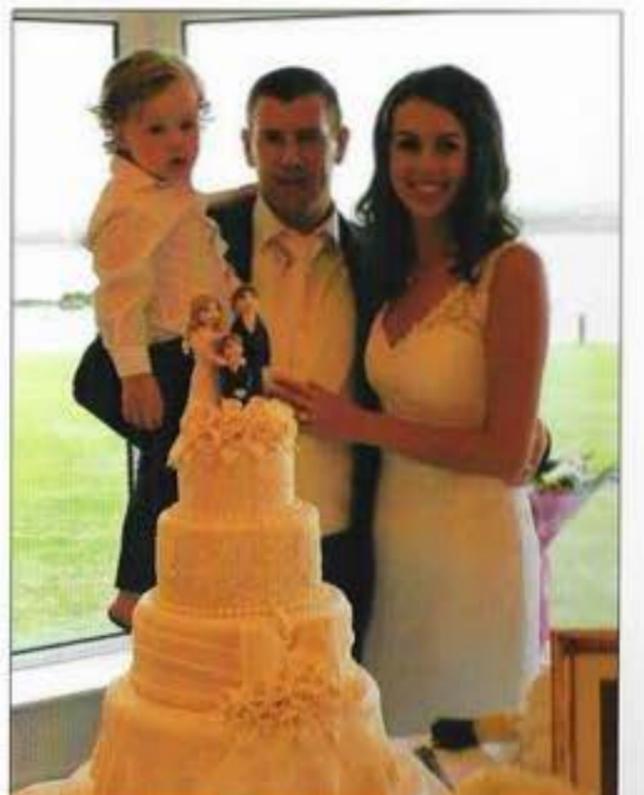
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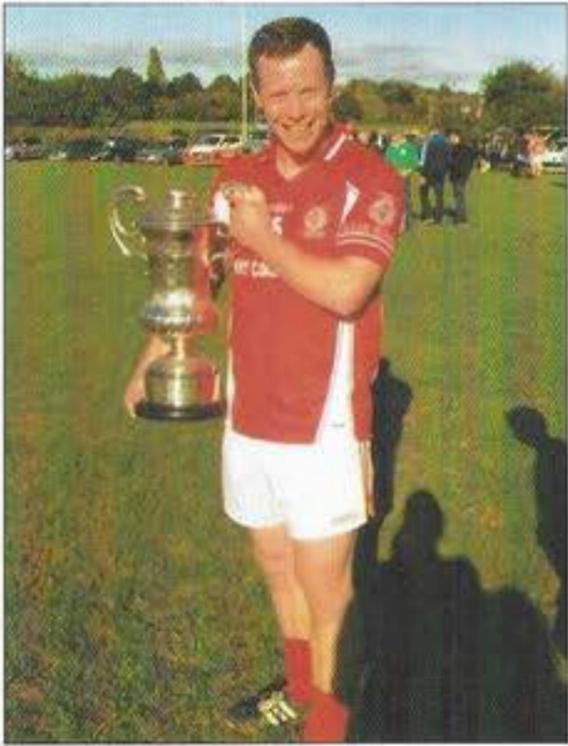
Emma O'Dwyer, Old Pallas & Mark Beer, New Zealand.



Mairéad Kirby, Linfield and Colin Ryan, Abington.



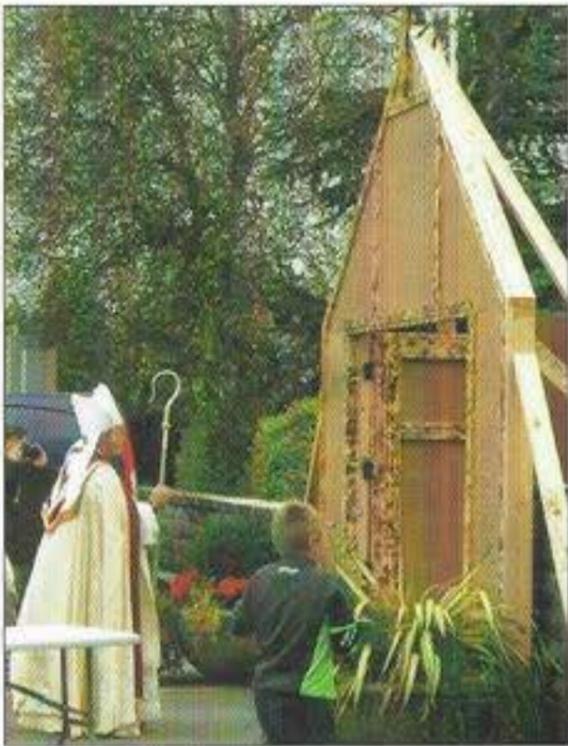
John O'Connell, Pallasgreen & Fiona Hartigan, Ahane with their son Evan.



Seamus Hayes, captain, Hertfordshire Senior Football County final 2015.



Astro Turf - Pallasgreen GAA, October 2016



Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly blesses the Holy Door of Mercy in the grounds of Emly Church at St. Ailbe's Walk of Mercy.



Seamus Hayes, Old Pallas and Ursula Quinn meeting the heroic O'Donovan brothers in Rio after their silver medal win at the 2016 Olympics.



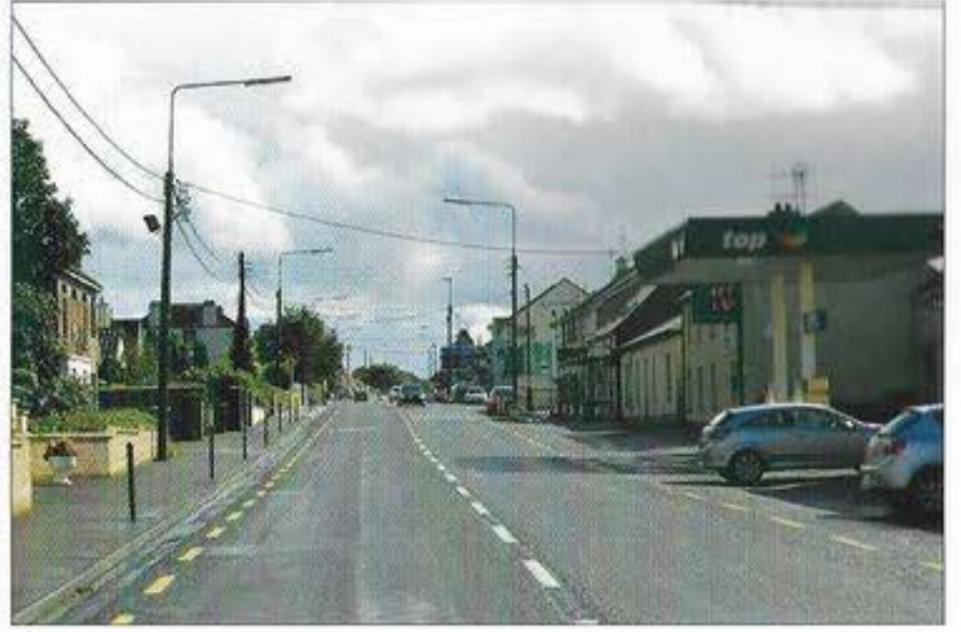
Frances Laffan & Fr Pat Burns at the 1916 Commemoration.



Denis and Paul Lawton, Barna. Denis is a Commissioning Engineer at Genzyme in Geel Belgium, Paul is a Doctor in Fiona Stanley Hospital in Perth Australia.



Cathal O'Shaughnessy, Amy Delaney and Luke O'Connor ready to go to thier Cub night in Tipperary.



Oola past and present.



Sean Nós Girls from Nicker National School who took part in the Regional Final of the Late Late Toy Show final in Cork in October - Leah Ward, Katelyn O'Connor, Aine Dillon and Annie Hourigan.



Sandra Roche, Marie O'Dwyer and Sarah Flynn in Sydney.



Going for Gold - Christine Ronan.



Marie O'Dwyer receiving her Citizenship from the Mayor in Sydney.



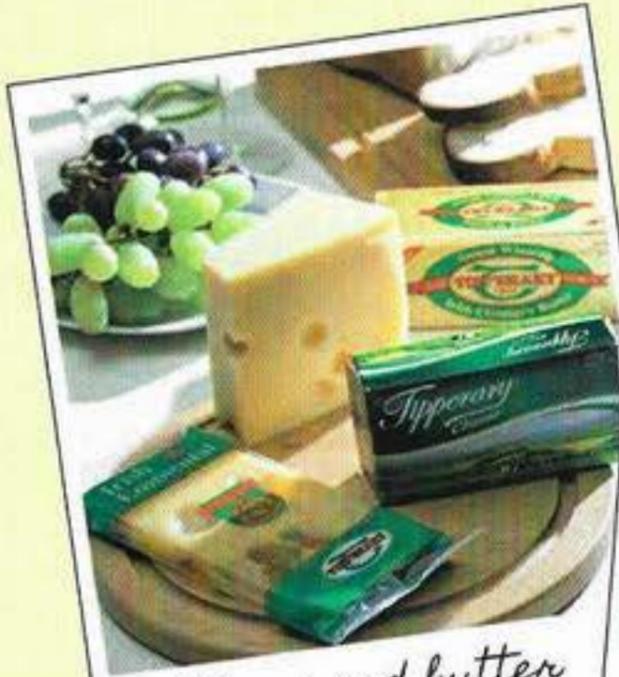
Jack and Luke O'Connor, Moymore with President Michael D Higgins at the Ploughing Championships.



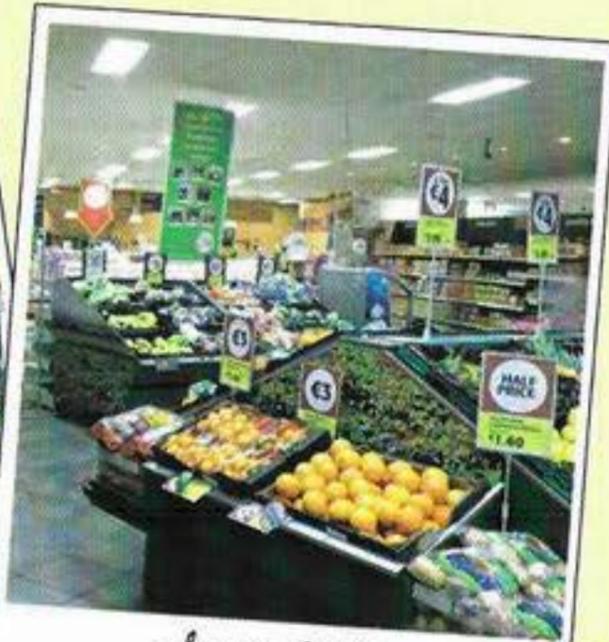
Jimmy Stokes, Garavan winner of Story Telling.



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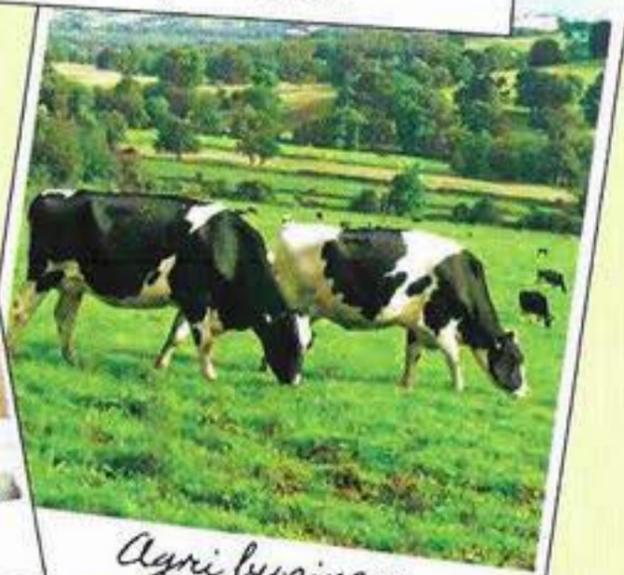
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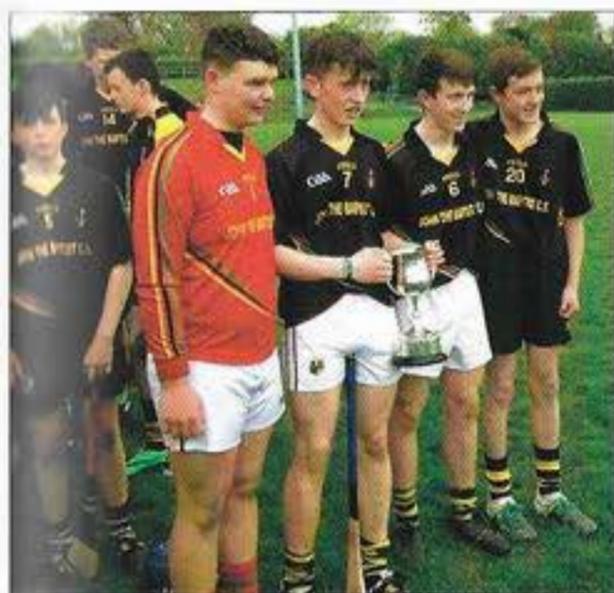
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Champions 2016



John The Baptist School Hospital U18 Hurling Team Munster Champions; From left; Jack Donie Franklin, Aidan McNamara, Kyran O'Donnell, Shane Bradshaw - all Garrydoolis.



Cappamore U16 Camogie team county Champions; picture includes Roisin O'Connell (Corelish) back row 3rd left and Ailbhe O'Connell (Corelish) front.



Oola Ladies Junior Football Team County Champions; On team, Naomi Rafferty (Garranemore) 6th left front row and Ruth O'Dwyer (Old Pallas) back row 5th right.

Right: Oola Ladies U16 football Team County Champions; Roisin O'Connell (Corelish) 6th right back row.

Below right: Tineteriffe National Schools Hurling Team 2016; Front Row 3rd and 4th from left; Conor McCormack and Seamus Hanley (Garranemore). Back row from left Jeffrey Casey (Deerpark) and Tony Richardson (Garranbeg) 4th left.



Below left: Pallasgreen Minor football Team - East champions

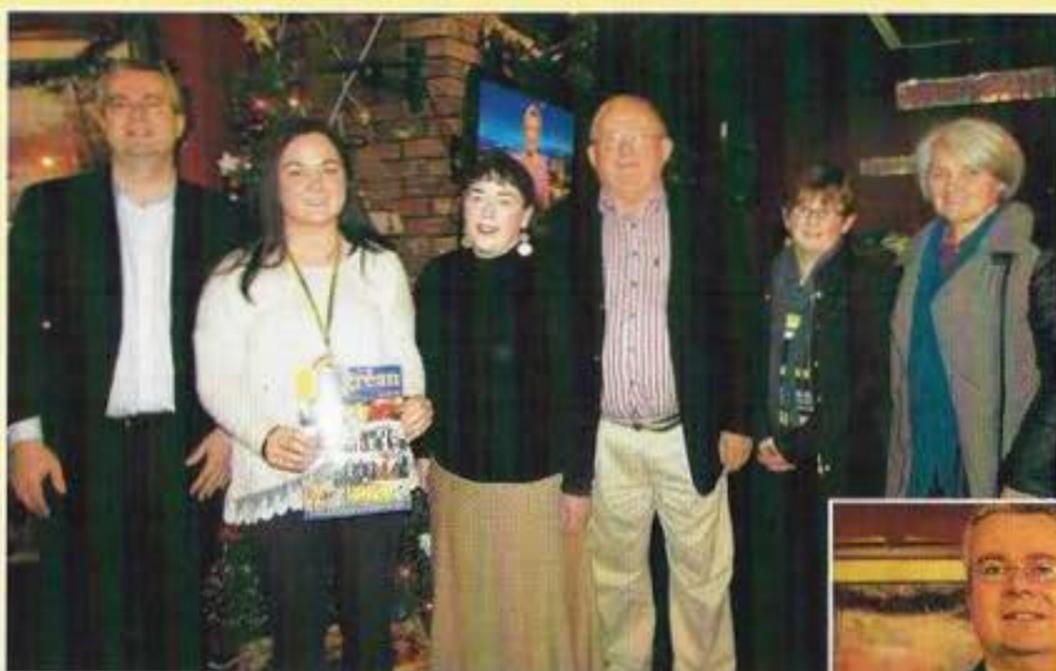




Proceeds of Strictly Care to Dance presentation of €21,300 to Milford Care.

From left, Rebecca Slattery Milford Care, John O'Connor St Ailbes Credit Union, Sr Phyllis Milford Care, Ger O'Connell Strictly Committee, Geraldine McNamara Milford Care and Strictly participant.

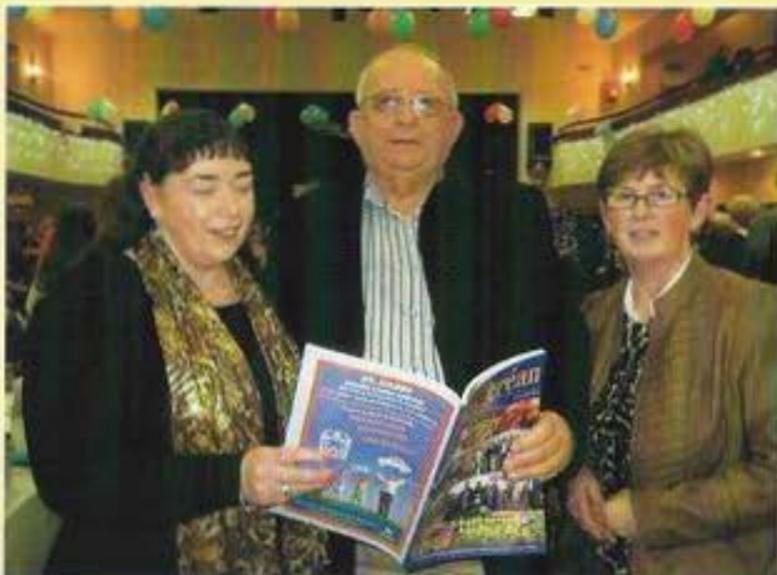
Grean Launch 2015



At the launch of the 2015 Grean launch in the Red Deer

Left: L/R - Ken Bergin editor, Laura Heelan Mayor of Pallasgreen, Siobhan English chairperson, John O'Connor St Ailbes Credit Union, Breda O'Dwyer Secretary, Jill McCormack Treasurer.

Below: Ken Bergin editor, Siobhan English Chairperson, John O'Connor St Ailbe's Credit Union.



Left: At the Grean stand Christmas Fair 2015 - Siobhan English, John O'Connor, Breda O'Dwyer.



Noreen Sheehy from Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick has won €55,000 on Saturday's (15th October 2016) National Lottery Winning Streak game show on RTE. Pictured here at the presentation of the winning cheques were from left to right: Marty Whelan, Winning Streak game show co-host; Noreen Sheehy the winning player; Declan Harrington, Head of Finance at the National Lottery who made the presentation and Sinead Kennedy, Winning Streak game show co-host; The winning ticket was bought from Heaphys Centra, Bridge Street, Ballylongford, Co. Kerry.



Eire Og Oxford beaten by St. Colmcilles in the Glo Herts LG FA Final. Emma O'Dwyer, Old Pallas in 2nd on left, front row.



'Christmas Shoe Box Appeal' Team Hope.

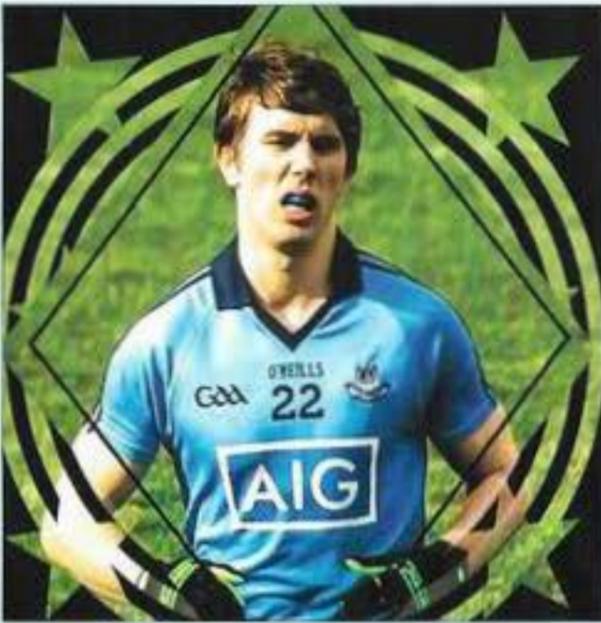


Long delays on N24 in County Limerick after accident, 4th April 2016
The jackknifed truck on the N24 in Corelish, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick. Picture: Michael Cowhey.



County Scór Na nÓg Champions 2016
From Left; Jimmy Stokes winner of the recitation, Aoife Fealy, Caitlin Casey, Ciaran O'Connell & Karl Rafferty instrumental music; with Michael Ryan, Chairman of Limerick County Scór

Michael Fitzsimons



Dublin footballer Michael Fitzsimons who was awarded Man of the Match in the 2016 All Ireland Football Final is a grandson of Pallasgreen stalwart John Stokes formerly of Garravan now domiciled in Dublin. Michael plays fullback for the Dublin GAA Senior football team and made his championship debut in 2010 against Wexford. He won an All-Ireland Junior Football Championship and Leinster Junior Football Championship medal with Dublin in 2008. Michael won the Leinster Senior Football Championship with Dublin in July 2011 at Croke Park against Wexford. He won the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship with Dublin in September 2011 against



Kerry at Croke Park. He won his second and third All Ireland titles in 2013 and 2015 with Dublin respectively. Michael won his fourth all-Ireland medal with Dublin in the replay against Mayo at Croke Park this year.



From Dromlara to Dubai

Dromlara native Denis O'Malley seen here giving instructions to the Junior Soccer Team in Kent College, Dubai. Denis who was a former teacher in Nicker National School and Vallance Primary School, London is now teaching in Dubai.

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Reask

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The following eight poems were composed by Jimmy Aylward (pictured above), who is a first cousin of Mary Hourigan, Reask. Jimmy's mother was formerly Mary McCarthy from Reask. As a young boy he made the annual family holiday trip home to Reask from England to visit the McCarthy Family. He later became a medical doctor and is now happily retired and living near London. He has put the memories of his boyhood trips to Reask, Nicker etc. into verse and they reflect some of the ways of life as it was in Ireland over sixty years ago.

Over the Irish Sea

*The annual pilgrimage back from England
To the homestead at Reask, County Limerick.
The steam train to Holyhead
The ferry across the Irish Sea
The ancient steam train with wooden carriages
From Kingsbridge to the Junction.
The flat green lands by the Mulcair river
With the blue mountains beyond Doon.
We were home again.*

The Cottage

*It stood, grey-shaded
Rain-shaded,
Smoke low over the house,
Peat-scented
The Warmth within,
The real world, rain world
Without.*

The Hay Barn

*Secure we sat
High up under the corrugated iron roof.
The rough-firm bales of hay
Steps to childhood's secret world.*

The ice cream off the block

*We would walk up the winding Reask road
To Jim Moloney's shop.
The ice cream cut off the block with the kitchen knife
Was always extra large for the kids home from England.
I was in your mother's class at Brackile, he would say.
Tell her I was asking for her.*

The Pony and Trap

*Rain falling, falling soft.
Sunday morning, black shoes polished bright.,
We clambered up into the trap.
The comforting feel of the rug over our knees
On the way to Mass.*

Eddie Harty's

*The door stood open
Early morning, bright morning
Wood stools, bar stools
The stale beer smell
Sweet upon the early morning air.*

Derby Day

*My grandmother was always old
When I was young
But her face was young and she smiled
A lot.
She was ill one time.
Are you very bad, they said.
Never say die she replied
And smiled a lot.*

*It was Derby day.
The name of the horse leaped from
The page
Never Say Die, a boy of 18 summers up.
No hope they said, it won against the odds.*

*Never say die.
My grandmother lived to fight
Many another day.*

The Hero of 1916

*My father would meet him for a drink
In Eddie Harty's.
A big man, a hero of the Rising
Who became an ambassador.
My father asked him if he had
Ever feared any man.
Yes he said.
He had met Gandhi.
He was afraid of his eyes.
They looked through you,
Into your soul.*

History Section

A History of Castlegarde – Part 5

By David Thompson and Daniel Grace

1668 A.D. to 1750 A.D.

From death of Henry Bouchier in 1654 Castlegarde as stated in our last article was held by the dowdager Countess of Bath Rachael Bouchier (nee Fane).

In 1668 upon the marriage of her nephew Sir Henry Fane to Elizabeth Southcott, the Dowager Countess of Bath gifted him with her Irish estates. These estates included Castlegarde, and also the Bouchier lands and Castle at Lough Gur.

Sir Henry Fane was a successful Whig politician who served as MP for Reading from 1689 to 1698.

Clearly he enjoyed the favour of the new King and Queen William III and Mary II (joint monarchs), as he was appointed the Commissioner of Irish Forfeited Estates in 1690; he was also appointed to the Irish Privy Council in the same year and was made Governor of Limerick in 1699.

Sir Henry Fane had four sons, the oldest and youngest of whom were both called Henry (one born presumably after the death of the elder Henry in a duel), the second son was Charles, and the third George.

Upon his death in 1706 he passed his estates including Castlegarde to his son Charles Fane who went on to marry Mary Stanhope in 1707. Interestingly Mary Stanhope was a second cousin to John Stanhope, father of the 1st Lord Harrington of Co. Limerick renown.

Charles was an interesting character who served as standard bearer of the Gentleman Pensioners (the king's body guard) to both William of Orange and Queen Anne from 1696 to 1712. He was elected MP for Killybegs from 1715 to 1719 and in 1718 was raised to the Peerage of Ireland as Baron Loughgur and Viscount Fane. He was appointed to the Irish Privy Council in 1718 the same year as the grant of his titles.

His elevation to the Peerage was largely due to the influence of his brother-in-law and good friend James Stanhope who served as first Lord of the Treasury of the United Kingdom at the time.

It would appear that Viscount Fane's wife Mary was quite high maintenance financially. She spent what she



Rachael Bouchier (nee Fane), Dowager Countess of Bath

described in one letter to her husband as a "vast sum of money" on painted cloths for a new house in England, which was just one small part of the decor. She also spent heavily on a grotto at their English residence, while simultaneously spending most of her time in Italy where their son was the British Resident in Florence (modern day ambassador).

We assume that this financial profligacy caused Viscount Fane to have cash flow difficulties which in 1735 resulted in the sale of Castlegarde to Marmaduke Coghill.

Marmaduke Coghill was the son of John Coghill from Yorkshire and his wife Hester, who was the daughter of Thomas Cramer the High Sheriff of County Kilkenny. The Cramer's were a German noble family the ancestor of whom was Col Thomas von Cramer a

renowned military officer of the thirty years war who came to Ireland in 1609.

Marmaduke Coghill was certainly what we would call today an overachiever at a very young age. He was only 14 years old when he was accepted into Trinity College Dublin where at 18 he graduated with a degree in law. The following year (1692A.D.) at 19 he was elected to parliament for Armagh which he served as MP until 1713. From 1713 until his death he served as MP for Trinity College.

Marmaduke Coghill was close politically to William Conolly who made his fortune from land transfers of confiscated estates in Ireland following the Jacobite wars. It is probably through Conolly that Coghill got to know Charles Fane who was the Commissioner of Irish Forfeited Estates and had also sat in the Irish parliament for Killybegs a constituency in Conolly's home county of Donegal.

So in May 1735 when Viscount Fane needed to raise funds it is no surprise to see him selling Castlegarde to Coghill who also bought a number of other estates from Fane for a sum totalling £6,000.

In the same year that he bought Castlegarde Coghill became Chancellor of the Exchequer in Ireland. He was very active on boards, commissions and trusts and was

involved in the building of Dr. Stevens Hospital in Dublin. He also served as Pro-Vice Chancellor of Trinity College Dublin.

He lived with his brother James in the family home of Belvedere House. He then built and lived in Drumcondra House where he passed away in 1738 leaving a will which named his sister Mary as executor. Mary also lived in Drumcondra House with her brother, and he made substantial provision for her well being by leaving her a life interest in various properties. However Castlegarde was willed to the Right Hon. Charles Lord Moore, Baron of Tullamore who had married Hester Coghill daughter of James of Coghill in 1737. This indicates that there may have been a marriage settlement, whereby Marmaduke had agreed to leave Castlegarde to Lord Moore on his marriage to Hester.

Five years after Marmaduke's death his sister Mary erected the parish church now known as Drumcondra Church and in it placed a statue of him by the Dutch sculptor Peter Scheemakers. He is buried in the family vault in St. Andrews, Drumcondra.

Charles Moore appears to be a relatively quite character historically, while he was politically involved he did live during a very stable period of Irish history. He did sit on the Irish Privy Council from 1746, and he was created Earl of Charleville in 1758. We are currently researching documentation with regards to Castlegarde during this period up to 1820 when it appears Waller O'Grady purchased the estate from what appears to be the agents of the revenue commissioners.

We would like to note here that while during this period

the ownership of Castlegarde rested with those aforementioned in this article, it would appear that continuous possession of the long term lease from these owners remained with the Bailey family. This family have appeared in earlier articles and most likely their initial connection was as Warden of Loughgur castle under the Bouchier family.

We know that the connection between the Bailey's and Castlegarde lasted over 150 years, and may have been longer, perhaps having originated at the time Brian Boy O'Brian vacated the Castlegarde estate. We note that in May 1706 a legal agreement was made between Henry Bailey of Loughgur, whose daughter Catherine had children with Richard Belsworth's son, also Richard, of Cork, that provision would be made for their children by putting a charge of £600 on the Belsworth property in Cork, and £300 on Castlegarde – claims were made on this through the courts in 1796.

We hope to have finalised our research by the next article, where we explore the sale of the estate by the revenue commissioners and the history of the O'Grady occupants. We would also like to acknowledge the help of Marc Caball UCD who discovered the Coghill / Earl of Charleville connection to Castlegarde.

Footnote: It sad to see that no help could be obtained in 2015 from government, county council or some other sources to preserve and restore this ancient castle(the oldest continuously inhabited in Ireland) and heritage site, which needs further restoration and continuous preservation work.

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It Said in the Papers!

Pallasgreen in the early 1900's

Siobhán English

*I have lived in important places,
Times when great events were decided...*

"Epic" by Patrick Kavanagh

As this historic year, the centenary of the 1916 Rising, draws to a close, it seems worthwhile to consider how our little corner of Ireland fared during the turbulent years of the early 20th century, when great events were, indeed, decided. Newspaper articles are an important source of information. While they have limitations, perhaps not representing minority views, or being biased, they also give us a very immediate sense of the important topics of the day.

The two major themes running through Irish political life, in the late 19th century had been land ownership and Home Rule. A rural community, Pallasgreen and Templebraden had experienced a number of incidents during the Land War of the 1870's and 1880's. Many of our forebears in the community would have followed the progress of the Home Rule movement as closely as their contemporaries all over the country. Representing this constituency of Limerick East, William Landon, of Kiltely, was elected at the 1900 general election and re-elected in the subsequent general election of 1906. He died in 1909 and was succeeded by his son, Thomas Landon. The nearby constituency of Tipperary South was represented by John Cullinan. Hopes of achieving Home Rule seemed to have suffered a blow when the Liberal Party, which had championed the Home Rule Cause, was defeated in the 1895 general election, handing unionists the balance of power for the next ten years. Divisions still remained in the Home Rule movement, following the death of Parnell, with Redmond, Dillon and Healy, all leading party fragments of varying sizes and strengths.

There followed a period during which the land question came to the fore, with numerous land acts introduced by the conservative government, as part of the policy of "killing Home Rule with kindness." Following the introduction of the Local Government Act of 1898, which introduced elected county councils, as well as urban and rural district councils, the situation improved further for tenant farmers. The process of land acquisition by tenants and farmers continued, culminating in the very successful Wyndham Act of 1903, which granted state-aid to tenants who wished to purchase their holdings. This Act resulted in 200,000 tenant purchases. When the Birrell Act of 1909, introduced compulsory purchase, the land of Ireland was close to being acquired for the people of Ireland, at least in one sense.

However, land agitation was still ongoing, and a branch of the Irish Land and Labour Association was active in Pallasgreen.

The Local Government Act of 1898 had immense significance for rural Ireland. The old aristocratic Grand Juries with their strong Unionist influence, gave way to County Councils and sub-county District Councils. These councils were elected by tenant farmers, town traders and labourers. The enfranchisement of local people gave them the opportunity to take decisions affecting their own livelihoods and gain valuable political experience. In Pallasgreen and Templebraden, as in other parts of the country, the co-operative movement, the Irish Land and Labour Association and the United Irish League helped to promote the rights of rural dwellers. Representing small tenant farmers and rural agrarian labourers, the Irish Land and Labour Association dealt with issues such as; tenant land purchase, new and improved housing, welfare, working conditions and access to land holdings for rural labourers. Some tenant farmers still faced the choice between paying excessive rents or eviction. Previously evicted tenants were reduced to being landless labourers, Many labourers endured a hand to mouth subsistence, living in houses that better resembled hovels. County and District Councils had responsibility for cottage building, land reclamation, drainage, road building, repair and maintenance. Arising from this and representing the interests of their members, the Irish Land and Labour Association was involved in tenders for contract work and the fair employment of local contractors and labour, as well as settling disputes and complaints. The ILLA wished to achieve their aims by political pressure, the power of the press and public agitation, rather than by physical force. Side by side with developments such as the formation of the Volunteers, the outbreak of the Great War, the Home Rule Movement, the 1916 Rising and its aftermath, the association continued its work.

Some sense of the developments in rural life may be gained from newspaper excerpts of the time.

Fairs, in Pallasgreen, were advertised regularly and these made a very valuable contribution to the social and economic life of the area.

In the Irish Examiner 2-5 April 1902, the following notice appeared;

To Building Contractors – Tenders will be received for the erection of a Co-operative Creamery at Templebraden, Co. Limerick up to April 10th by Mr. T.M. English, Templebraden, Pallasgreen, with whom the plans and specifications can be seen.

FAIRS AND MARKETS
—
FAIRS.

On May 14 1902, the Kerry Sentinel carried the following snippet;

On the occasion of their homecoming after years of absence of Mr. Heffernan J. Considine and his brothers and sisters to Derk House, Pallasgreen, Co.Limerick, an address of welcome was presented on behalf of the people of the district of Pallasgreen and Templebraden by Rev John Nolan Adm, and Rev John O'Neill CC.

In the Irish Examiner, October 26 1912, a Report of Expenditure on cottages for the Tipperary Rural District noted that the following amounts had been spent in different areas;

Cloghadreen £124 0s 9d and £28 4s 6d

Ballyneety North £136 0s 2d

Bohernagraha £68 15s 9d

Newtown £132 14 s11d

Garrydoolis £28 7s 9d

Cloghalawarreela £135 0s 7d

Treanmanagh £20 7s 11d and £16 10s 7d

Despite this expenditure, one of the guardians, Mr. Beary stated;

I as guardian must say we are not in a good position in the Templebraden District. We have two persons waiting for houses for the last four years and they can't get them.

The Irish Examiner Thursday June 19th 1913 carried an account of the eviction of Miss Sadie M. Moloney;

The above estimable and talented young girl of 22 years was evicted on Thursday last from her late mother's home at Coologue, PallasgreenThe report goes on to describe....the assembly of a large force of police from the adjoining districts of Doon, Newpallas, Oola and Kiltely under charge of District Inspector Mc Gettrick who wended their way towards Coologue augured that something in the nature of an eviction was contemplated....

.....at 12 o'clock, the sheriff (Mr. Lucas) accompanied by the usual retinue of bailiffs arrived. Possession was refused and after a vigorous and exciting search, in the course of which several doors were broken by the bailiffs, Miss Moloney who again declined to give up peaceable possession, was ejected by force. Furniture and other effects were now removed by willing hands and conveyed by several horses and carts to Knockgreana where Miss Moloney intends to remain to fight to a bitter finish, for her house and farm. The Rev. T.O'Dwyer, Adm Pallasgreen, was present during the eviction and no settlement could be effected.

Pallasgreen had a strong involvement in the ILLA at regional and national level.

Irish Examiner Friday March 7th 1913

A meeting of the newly elected Central Council of the Irish Land and Labour Association was held at the offices of the Irish Land and Labour Benefit Society, 36. Catherine St., Limerick

.....Mr. Timothy Raleigh, Pallasgreen was elected treasurer.

The following resolutions were affirmed;

That we, the Central Council of the Irish Land and Labour Association desire to tender to Mr. John E Redmond M.P., leader of the Irish race and of the Irish party for the

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE.

SPLendid NATIONALIST MEETING AT
PALLAS.

SPEECHES OF MESSRS LUNDON,
O'SHAUGHNESSY AND K. E.

magnificent services they have rendered to the Irish cause and the Irish people, our most hearty thanks for the noble manner in which they have forwarded the Irish cause up to the present day.

That we, the Central Council of the Irish Land and Labour Association, at this first meeting of our newly elected body, take this, our first opportunity of tendering our heartiest thanks to Mr. Thomas Lundon, M.P. and Mr. J.J. O'Shee M.P. for their splendid services to the Irish cause, both on their attendance in Parliament during the passage of the Home Rule Bill and in their manifold services to the Irish cause in general.

That we call on the Irish Parliamentary Party to see that in the coming land legislation, an amendment will be introduced and carried, giving power to the Estates Commissioners to acknowledge the claims of agricultural labourers who are tenants of the labourers' cottages in the distribution of untenanted land, as we consider that there is no body of Nationalists in any part of Ireland more worthy of the land from which their forefathers were evicted in bygone days.

That we call on the Irish Parliamentary Party to see that in the coming Land Bill, a clause is inserted which will give power to the Rural Councils to borrow money for the continuation of the Labourers' Acts at the same rate of interest as land purchase.

That we congratulate Mr. Lundon M.P., our chairman, on the able manner he has defended the interests of the Irish, insured workers against the opposition of the factionists in the House of Commons and we hope he will continue to fight the labourers' battle until we will have the honour of returning our member in the Irish Parliament in College Green.

Proposed by Mr. T. Raleigh, seconded by Mr. Power - That we return thanks to Mr. Quinlan M.C.C. Pallasgreen, for his action in the Limerick County Council in getting the labourers, who work the direct labour system, paid fortnightly.

In the Irish Examiner, Tuesday October 24th 1914, it is recorded that

A meeting of the Central Council of the Irish Land and Labour Association was held at Ryan's Hotel, Limerick Junction on Saturday, Mr. Thomas Lundon M.P. presiding.

In the article, it was further noted that Pallasgreen had been represented by Timothy Raleigh and that Michael Ryan, D.C was the Central Secretary.

Monday February 7th 1916 – Irish Examiner

Cottiers' Grievances –

Mr. T Raleigh, President of the Pallasgreen Branch of the Irish Land and Labour Association presided at a specially convened meeting of the tenants of labourers' cottages in Tipperary No. 2 Rural District.

One of the topics discussed at the meeting was therefusal of the Local Government Board to sanction the proposal of Tipperary No. 2 Rural District Council to allow the three months' rent of January, February and March, as a war bonus to the cottiers Mr. Lundon, M.P., said;

We can almost hear the far off roar of cannons and machine guns, in which there is no one listening to me here today but is in some way interested in having someone near and dear to them in the fray; but still the Local Government Board, who are practically the rulers of Ireland today, can refuse the modest proposal submitted by the Tipperary No.2 District Council. They will take all they can get and give nothing. If you take my advice today and work as one man, you will achieve victory.....My advice to you today is that you will send a deputation to wait, not on Sir Henry Robinson, but send your deputation to the Chief Secretary for Ireland. I promise that you will have his sympathy and support. The Chairman of your District Council, Mr. Ml Quinlan, said to me he would go on such a deputation and I will also go; therefore I would ask you to appoint two others as four will be sufficient, and when we are finished with Sir Henry Robinson and the Local Government Board, they will be brought to see that we can fight this to a successful issue. We want it to go out to the workmen of Ireland that we are determined to see justice done and I can also guarantee that when these four go to the Metropolis, they will be accompanied to the Chief Secretary by a man who has been the lifelong friend of Ireland, honest John Dillon. (loud cheers)

A resolution of thanks having been passed to Mr. Lundon, the deputation to wait on the Chief Secretary was as follows;- Messrs. Thomas Lundon M.P., Ml.Quinlan, J.P. M.C.C., Michael Ryan DC and Timothy Raleigh.

At about the same time, the United Irish League, formed, in 1898, by William O'Brien, former member of the Irish Parliamentary Party, was growing in influence from about 33,000 members in 1899 to about 100,000 two years later. The success of this party may have spurred the Irish Parliamentary Party to look to its future, as it reunited in 1900, winning 82 seats in the election of that year. From the beginning, there seemed to be a great interest in this new party in Pallasgreen and surrounding areas. In the Freeman's Journal on Thursday October 26 1899, as part of a column of such correspondence from around the country, a letter was printed, addressed to William O'Brien, the party leader, giving an account of the growth of the party locally;

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

The people of Pallasgreen have requested me to send the enclosed cheque for £5 for the funds of United Irish League. The League is rapidly spreading through Limerick and Tipperary. The people are quite

enthusiastic over it. I believe it will be the means of reuniting them and when united, of enabling them to abolish landlordism, "that common evil of all classes and the system that is paralysing the country with poverty."

Yours faithfully,

John Sullivan Adm

The Pallasgreen branch of this organisation appears to have been quite active and newspaper reports of its activities include the following;

Freeman's Journal Saturday September 28 1901

At a meeting of the East Limerick Executive of the United Irish League, at Hospital, Pallasgreen was represented by T.O'Dwyer, D.C., J. Donegan, Joe Ryan, M.O'Donnell and M.Mc Grath. Templebraden was represented by T.English. A resolution was proposed regarding "grass grabbing;"

....a resolution was passed last April twelve months in Limerick about grass grabbing and was never put in force and now that the Local Government elections were coming on that he would wish the resolution be reaffirmed and put in force.

Limerick Leader, Monday April 10 1905

On Wednesday last, the annual meeting of the East Limerick Executive of the United Irish League was held in Bruff. Mr. T. Lundon said at the last meeting of the Joint Executive in Limerick, the question of putting a stop to the sales of eleven months grazing lands came up for discussion and he was instructed to write to Mr. Fitt, which he did. Mr. C. Hartigan and himself were deputed to attend the sale, but when they arrived at Mr.Fitt's office, the sale was over.....

The practice of letting out untenanted pasture land on a short term lease, usually eleven months, was much opposed by the United Irish League. Those who undertook such leases were known as "grass grabbers."

MR. DILLON'S TOUR.

VISITS TO KNOCKLONG,
HOSPITAL AND KILTEELY.

PRESENTATION OF ADDRESSES

Mr. Dillon, who was accompanied by Mr. R. Hazleton, M.P., travelled from Dublin on Saturday evening, and on arrival at Knocklong, was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. The people of the town and surrounding districts, with Mr. Thomas Lundon, M.P., assembled in large numbers on the platform at Knocklong Station, and as soon as the train entered cheer after cheer was raised for the distinguished member. It was indeed an inspiring spectacle, and testified to the high appreciation of the people of the great services rendered by Mr. Dillon and his colleagues in the Irish Party in Parliament in the interests

Irish Examiner Tuesday June 8th 1909

At the monthly meeting of the Tipperary Branch United Irish League the following resolution was discussed;

A resolution from Pallasgreen Branch in favour of an evicted tenant's claim to land at Ballinamasough was referred for investigation to the local committee.

On Friday October 20 1905, the Limerick Leader noted that Joseph Devlin had addressed a letter to branches stating;

That a series of public meetings to be held throughout Ireland during the coming autumn and winter to direct public attention to the position of the evicted tenants and the failure of the Government to carry out their promises in this matter....

In the Irish Examiner 15th July 1911, it was noted that at a meeting of the United Irish League, the branch considered that William Ryan of Cross was entitled to a share of

...the untenanted lands now being distributed throughout the country – We know the applicant to be a very industrious young man who is in every way capable of working a farm and we kindly recommend him to the kind consideration of the Estates Commissioners –

That we the members of the Pallasgreen Branch of the United Irish League wish to heartily congratulate Mr. John Dillon M.P. on his recovery after the severe accident he met with and we sincerely hope he may be spared for many years until Ireland's right to self-government is finally conceded.

There seemed to be a sense of suspicion among some Nationalists, however, at the ease with which concessions were being offered.

In fact, the policy of constructive unionism, placating Ireland by removing her grievances, seemed to be working and the Wyndham Act was to prove popular. Between 1903 and 1920, nearly 9 million acres had been purchased and 2 million more purchases were in process. Dillon expressed his sentiments on this matter in a speech at Swinford, Co. Mayo in October 1903;

"Some people believe...that all the obstacles in the path of Irish freedom are now levelled... I wish I could share that view...but I do not believe it..."

Nationalists may have felt a further measure of hope, in 1905, when a general election returned the Liberals to power after ten years, with an overwhelming majority. However, the Liberal government did not need the support of the Irish Parliamentary Party and its policies on Home Rule were uncertain. However, after the issue of the House of Lords' veto over bills brought down the government, the Home Rule Party held the balance of power, in December 1910, after the second election within the year. The Parliament Act of 1911 reduced the power of veto of the House of Lords to the power to delay for two years, the passage of a bill which had passed three times through the House of Commons. Holding the balance of power, Redmond could now see his way clear to introducing the Third Home Rule Bill. Redmond seemed about to succeed in what those before him, even Parnell, the Uncrowned King of Ireland, had not managed; -delivering a measure of freedom for Ireland.

Around this time, there seemed to be an upsurge in Nationalist feeling in Pallasgreen and surrounding areas. Another Nationalist Organisation, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, began to spread in East Limerick with the Limerick Leader, Friday September 8th 1911, reporting on the formation of branches of the order at Pallasgreen, Herbertstown and Kiltteely.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
PROGRESS OF HIBERNIANISM
DIVISION FORMED AT PALLASGREEN
STRIKING TRIBUTES TO THE ORDER – A BULWARK OF
FAITH AND NATIONALITY
SPEECHES BY MR.T. LUNDON M.P. AND OTHERS
MR.DEVLIN TO VISIT KILTEELY
IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING PROCEEDING

On Sunday evening, at 4 p.m., a large meeting was held at the League Rooms, Pallasgreen, for the purpose of forming a division or branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The meeting was convened by poster and both large and well attended.

Mr. T. Lundon, M.P. paid tribute to the people of Pallasgreen;

"I thank you for the great honour you have conferred on me in asking me to preside at this magnificent meeting, which is by far the largest meeting we have yet held in this constituency for this object. I am sure the meeting would have been larger if it could have been held after Mass, but no-one need be surprised at that, for everyone knows the record of Nationality of this magnificent parish.

At this time, too, however, Nationalists in Pallasgreen and surrounding areas were mourning the loss of a very influential man, James Donegan;

Irish Examiner - 14 Feb 1913 *Mr. James Donegan – Sincere and genuine regret was manifested in Pallasgreen - As an ardent and sincere Nationalist, he had very few equals nowadays for from his early boyhood he threw himself heart and soul into every movement which had for its object the amelioration of the many and manifold grievances under which this old land of ours suffered and though he did not live to see the dream of his life fulfilled – the re-opening of the old House in College Green where Irishmen would again frame the laws suitable for an Irish nation, - yet still he had the satisfaction of seeing the Irish Party of whom he was such an admirer and supporter having passed the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons.*

.....As proof of the late Mr. Donegan's fidelity to the Irish Party it may be mentioned that in the last three memorable contests which the present worthy Parliamentary representative for East Limerick was forced to undergo in the short space of 18 months, Mr. Donegan, with the true National Spirit which characterised him throughout his life, had to be driven from his home to record his vote at New Pallas for the standard bearer of the Irish Party. Such fidelity to patriotism and duty will not readily be forgotten.

Moderate nationalists, who supported Home Rule welcomed the promised measure of self-determination for Ireland that Home Rule would bring and a comfortable and respectable Catholic middle class began to emerge. A further boost to nationalist hopes came with the formation of the Irish Volunteers. On 1 November 1913, an article written by Eóin MacNeill, *The North Began*, appeared in *An Claidheamh Soluis*.

Eoin MacNeill saw the formation of the Ulster Volunteers and the failure of the British Army to quell the movement, as an open invitation to set up a similar movement, supporting Home Rule, in the other 28 counties.

Within days, the Irish Volunteers, of which he had spoken, would come into being. Eoin Mac Neill's words had made an impact because he would have been considered a moderate nationalist and supporter of Home Rule. One organisation, which took note, was the I.R.B. and in particular, Bulmer Hobson. On behalf of the I.R.B., Bulmer Hobson contacted the O'Rahilly who, in turn, persuaded Mac Neill to chair a meeting to discuss the establishment of a volunteer force

This first meeting took place in Wynn's Hotel, Abbey Street, on 11 November 1913. Those who attended, according to Hobson, were; Eoin Mac Neill, Éamonn Ceannt, Seán Fitzgibbon, Pádraig Pearse, James A Deakin, Seán Mc Dermott, Piaras Béaslaí, W.J. Ryan, Joseph Campbell and the O'Rahilly. Hobson recalls that he deliberately chose not to attend that meeting, as he would have been well known as an extreme nationalist. On 25 November 1913, Eoin MacNeill called a public meeting at the Rotunda Rink, to recruit members for this new movement which aimed: *'to secure and maintain the common rights and liberties of Irishmen.'* Pádraig Pearse, Seán MacDiarmada, James McMahan, Michael Judge, Councillor Richard Carroll, Batt O'Connor and Bulmer Hobson addressed the crowds. Of the almost 7,000 people present, over 3,000 signed up that night.

Although it seemed inevitable that Home Rule would be enacted by 1914, throughout the preceding winter 1913-1914, Redmond was being persuaded that some Ulster counties might be excluded temporarily from the terms of this impending act. By March, the situation had still not been resolved.

On the night of 24-25 April 1914, Major Fred Crawford was responsible for successfully landing 25,000 rifles and three million rounds of ammunition, most of them at Larne in County Antrim. Throughout the summer of 1914, events began to move swiftly. John Redmond secured control of the Irish Volunteers, a movement which was growing considerably following the Curragh Crisis of March 1914 and the Larne Gun Running of April. Since its foundation, the Irish Volunteers had been acting in the name of Home Rule, but outside of the control of the Irish Parliamentary Party. Redmond demanded that his nominees be accepted on the Provisional Committee. Wishing to maintain the unity of the organisation, the Provisional Committee agreed. A split was avoided for the time being.

On 23rd June, in another attempt to solve the Home Rule question, the government introduced its Amending

Bill into the House of Lords, proposing that any Ulster county could, within three months of the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, take a poll on the issue of excluding itself from the terms of the act. This exclusion could apply for six years and then would be re-considered by Parliament.

With the outbreak of World War I on 4 August 1914, Asquith introduced the Suspensory Act 1914 which was presented for Royal Assent simultaneously with the Government of Ireland Act 1914. Amending legislation was promised, at a later date, to deal with Ulster Unionist concerns. Home Rule was on the statute books at last. The outbreak of World War, I in August 1914, provoked a serious split in the organisation. Redmond, in the interest of ensuring the enactment of the Home Rule Act 1914, encouraged the Volunteers to support the join Irish regiments of the British Army divisions. In his famous speech, made at Woodenbridge, he urged Volunteers to; *"Go on drilling and make yourself efficient for the Work, and then account yourselves as men, not only for Ireland itself, but wherever the fighting line extends, in defence of right, of freedom, and religion in this war"*.

A majority followed Redmond's encouragement and became known as the National Volunteers, while the dissenting minority kept the title; Irish Volunteers. These political policies and decisions were obviously widely discussed throughout the country, including in Pallasgreen;

Mr. John Dillon, on Sunday, at Pallasgreen, reviewed a parade of some two thousand Irish National Volunteers; and in addressing the public meeting held subsequently, said such a gathering would not have been possible in Ireland for the last hundred years without dispersal.

It was a testimony to the success of the movement going on in Ireland for the past forty years and the privilege was due to the men who, with the help of the Irish people, conducted that movement.

He believed the Irish Party could look with confidence to the loyalty and support of the Volunteers to the men who had enabled them to shoulder rifles and drill on Irish soil. He thanked the meeting all the more for their generous appreciation of him because these were the days in which the Party had to stand pretty severe attack and criticism and were made the subjects of lies and calumny, broadspread through the country. He came to ask whether they were prepared to follow in the paths in which their labours were won and trust the men who had worked for them, in whom they had trusted in the dark days of Ireland's past.

The land was the people's and would be completely so in a few years; Home Rule was won and the opposition of the lords overcome. The signature of the King was to the Home Rule Bill and nothing on earth would be unable to undo the significance of the triumph.

Well, though they had made Home Rule the law of the land nobody could deny that the next twelve months would be one of the most critical and dangerous of their history for many a day. They had won the victory but had not gathered in the fruits and to create dissension and discord among the Irish people at this supreme hour

in the history of Ireland would be a wickedness and a crime, the character of which it would be impossible to exaggerate. Enjoyment of the fruits of victory must depend absolutely on the union and common sense of the Irish people during the next twelve months. To sow dissension among the Irish Volunteers would be a greater crime still, for there could be no greater danger to the community than to be turned into an armed mob not subject to some constituted authority.

They were all familiar with the negotiations as to the action of the Provisional Committee having charge of the Volunteers and the intervention of Mr. Redmond. The excuse that some members of the committee gave for their action was that they were against recruiting. But why not discuss the matter, why not arrange to discuss the matter and not flood the country with lies such as those that Mr. Redmond and he (John Dillon) were bargaining with the War Office to send the Volunteers to the front and that some form of conscription was going to take place and the Militia Ballot Act put in operation. Two minutes conversation would suffice to dispel such statements.

The "Independent" spread the report about the Militia Ballot Act and he was never more ashamed in his life than he was of the young Irishmen running away to America to escape the "Independent" paragraph.

The doctrines of some members of the Provisional Committee were that Ireland must always be against England, whether right or wrong. Not very long ago that pretty fairly represented Irish National feeling, but that time had passed away. (Hear hear) The pledges given by the accredited leaders of the Irish people for the last forty years – given by Butt and Parnell, endorsed by the people of Ireland and by a great convention – were well known to them. They had been given by the people to England since O'Connell's days – namely they meant that if Ireland were granted Home Rule and in the words of the Prime Minister "allowed, as a nation, into the family of nations," sometimes called the British Empire, she would be the friend of England.

Now that they had on the statute books an Act giving Ireland a constitution far better than Grattan won in 1782, far better than the Act of '86 which Parnell accepted on behalf of the Irish people, who were delirious with joy over it and far better than the Bill of '93. It was the best means ever offered to Ireland since the English Conqueror first set his foot on Irish soil, and he challenged contradiction of the statement. Now they were told THAT IN SPITE OF THOSE PLEDGES THEY SHOULD STAB ENGLAND IN THE BACK and attack her in the hour of trial while she was fighting for her existence and inflict on her all the injury they were capable of. Such an act, he thanked God, the Irish people were incapable of doing. (Cheers)

It would be an act of treachery, a breach of faith of the vilest kind and it would besmirch before the world the fair name of Ireland. The people should now resolve that they had come to one of these great crises when the momentous decision should be made of following the lead of the Irish Party until a proper constitutional authority was set up in Ireland, or of taking up the leadership of

men who had no fixed policy to lay before them. He saw where certain foolish people asked to have the question in dispute held neutral and settled in Dublin. The country should settle it, not Dublin. (Cheers)

Then those gentlemen of the Provisional Committee talked of Home Rule being affected by the Suspensory Act and the Amending Bill. The Suspensory Act owing to the war was a necessity and the Amending Bill would be what the Irish Party could make it, and defended entirely by the courage and unity of the Irish people. As to recruiting, there was no truth whatever in the statement that Mr. Redmond or he was for putting pressure on any man in Ireland in favour of recruiting. On the contrary, the solemn declaration was made, in their presence by the Prime Minister that there was to be no compulsion of any kind and they should remember that they were the only country in Europe where there was no conscription.

General Richardson, the Commander of the Ulster Volunteers had said that when the war was over they would have 12,000 Volunteers returning to Ireland and they could, "relegate Home Rule to the devil," and in the "Irish Times" of Friday last, it was stated those Volunteers were all fully equipped. There was at present no national force in Ireland fit to meet them and if Ireland had no force and were to remain so HAVE TO GO WHINING TO THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO DEFEND THEIR PARLIAMENT AGAINST CARSON'S DIVISION.

The Sinn Feiners judging by the recent speeches would very likely join Carson's division in this country. Despite the prejudice against volunteering, twenty thousand had done so and at the present moment there were actually forty thousand Nationalists in Kitchener's Army. Mr. Redmond, so far without effect had asked to have the men collected and formed into an Irish Brigade and then, when the war was over they would have three divisions in Ireland to Carson's one and with the Irish Volunteers, they would be able to deal with them. He told the British Government that if Irish Nationalists were put on a footing of equality with the Ulster Division, they would, without pressure or influence, bear the full share and more than their share in this terrible war.

The Freeman's Journal – Monday October 26th 1914 carried a similar article;

Mr. John Dillon M.P. wound up a tour of a portion of Co. Limerick with a great meeting in Pallasgreen yesterday afternoon, combined with an inspection of Volunteers. Heavy rain, blown in gusts pelted across the country in the early part of the day. Fortunately, however, it cleared up shortly before the meeting. The display made by the Volunteers, numbering about 3,000, was the most impressive feature of the day's proceedings. Companies, with bands, were present from numerous districts, including Limerick, which sent about 1,000. The entire force was inspected by Mr. Dillon and was under the command of Capt. Holland. Among the districts represented were Tipperary, Charleville, Knocklong, Kilmallock, Kiltelly, Hospital, Bruree, Bansa, Herbertstown, Cappamore, Caherconlish, Lattin, Sarsfield's Rock, etc.

Rev. Fr. Nolan, Adm, who presided at the meeting said the Irish Party deserved well of the Irish people. The great object for which they had worked for so long was now all but achieved. The policy laid down by Mr.Redmond and Mr.Dillon was opposed by men of no political record whatever, who were appealing to the out - of - date prejudices and ancient antipathies and dislikes rather than to reason, intelligence, or a sense of national honour.

One of the resolutions expressed confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party under the leadership of Mr.Redmond and expressed the view that the Irish National Volunteers should work in harmony with the Parliamentary Party.

John Dillon expressed his satisfaction at the addresses which had been made to him and at the achievement of Home Rule;

.....He went on to say that they had got the kings signature to the Home Rule Act and no power on earth would ever be able to undo the significance of that triumph. While it was true they had made Home Rule the law of the land, no one would deny that the next twelve months would be a most crucial and dangerous period. To create dissension and discord amongst the people at this supreme crisis would be a crime which it would be almost impossible to exaggerate, but while it was wicked to create dissension among the people, it was a tenfold greater crime to sow dissension in the ranks of the Volunteers.....An armed force must be disciplined and strictly obedient to properly constituted authorities or it would become a danger and a pest to the whole community and worst of all to the men themselves who bore arms.....

This article, too, alludes to the issue of recruiting and gives a clearer account of John Dillon's reaction to the Independent article regarding the Militia Ballot Act;

....A report was spread the other day in a newspaper very widely circulated in the country The "Independent" - it was a very clever little paper spread a report last week that the Militia Ballot Act was going to be enforced. That was a lie. On account of these lying reports, hundreds of young men had fled away to America. "I declare to God," exclaimed Mr. Dillon, "I never was more ashamed of my life of young Irishmen. I could understand men going away to escape conscription, if there was to be conscription; but the idea of men running away to America to escape from a paragraph in the "Independent," beats all records.....

The Kerry Advocate Sat Nov 7 1914 also alludes to that meeting, reporting on the remarks made bh Thomas Landon, M.P., in relation to Eoin MacNeill;

Mr. Thomas Landon, M.P. made the following references to Mr. MacNeill at a meeting of the Nationalists of Limerick and Tipperary, held recently at Pallasgreen.

"They were fighting when John MacNeill was earning £400 a year as an official in the Dublin Law Courts. Mr. Mac Neill's two brothers were earning salaries of £400 a week each and only four weeks ago, a sister of his was appointed a Local Government Inspector, by the Influence of Lady Aberdeen, so that when all these things

were considered, if John Mac Neill wishes to see the Union Jack trampled on the fields of Belgium, he should, in all justice to himself, surrender his claims or emoluments from the British Government.

But then, in the eyes of some ebullient patriots, Mr. Mac Neill is a "sea green incorruptible" to use the words of John Mitchell, while most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell and Father Kavanagh are traitors of the deepest hue."

The following year, Pallasgreen's National Volunteers assembled with their comrades in Doon and an address made by Rev. Canon Power expressed the sentiments felt by many.

Freeman's Journal Tues December 21st 1915

On Sunday afternoon a great meeting of Limerick and Tipperary National Volunteers was held in Doon, about ten miles from Tipperary and speeches were delivered by Very Rev. Canon Power, P.P. Killeely, Rev.T Dunne, P.P. Cappawhite, Messrs T.Lundon M.P., John Hackett M.P. and P.J .O'Shaughnessy M.P. Owing to the absence of train facilities, the limerick City Regiment could not travel in strength but were represented by Col. Close, Adjutant Corboy, Sergeant Major Caty and a number of rank and file. Companies were present from Doon, Annacarthy, Cappawhite, Donahel, Knockavella, Dundrum, Hollyford, Pallas, Killeely, Herbertstown, Cappamore, Boherlahan, Murroe, Rearcross, Kilcommon, etc.....As the Volunteers marched past the platform, Lt. Col. Philips, National Volunteer Headquarters took the salute. Between the Volunteers and the general public, the crowd must have numbered between four and five thousand.

Canon Power addressed the meeting, harking back to the days of the landlords and evictions;

...Was there any power in England that could come and evict the people from their houses? No! And why not? Because the Irish Parliamentary Party had freed the farmers of Ireland. (applause) They had fought for the people and freed them of the rapacious landlords. The people of Ireland were freemen today. They were free to use arms and to carry their rifles. (cheers)

Canon Power reassured the assembly;

....Don't be afraid of conscription. You will never have conscription. (cheers)

....Give a people a right to thrive in their own land and that nation will arm itself and fight for itself.....

Canon Kelly had a letter read out, expressing his apologies for his absence, due to an attack of rheumatism but stating;

"I take it for granted that the meeting will re-echo the unflagging loyalty and allegiance to MR.redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party that it will offer them, once again, the expression of the gratitude for their past great services and achievements....

.....the dawn of freedom has already appeared and is gilding the hills of old Ireland and that nothing can prevent the fruition of its full meridian splendour but the treachery of factions or the folly of domestic strife.

Nationalism, was taking on a number of different forms, however.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century, side by side with land agitation and the faltering struggle towards Home Rule, many Nationalists were devoting their minds and energies to an idealistic cultural revival, of our national games, language and literature, which would have a significant impact on the events of the years to come. This strengthened sense of an Irish identity would provide a deeper basis for self determination than the land question.

The G.A.A. was holding athletics meetings around the country, with reports of athletes such as Paddy Ryan breaking records at home and abroad. Other reports include that of the Carrick on Suir Athletics meeting 26 August 1900 where Con Ryan, in a weight throwing competition, pushing 28 lbs took first place – Munster Express – September 1st 1900

Pallasgreen Young Men's Society

A meeting of the above society was held at Nicker on Tuesday evening. M.H.Ryan, D.C.(President) occupied the chair. Others present were Mssrs M. Kennedy and M. Heffernan (Secretaries) L. Ryan, Treasurer, P. Riordan, P. Mulcahy, John Ryan, T Condon, P. Ryan (Jas) James O'Brien, M. Ryan, Ballyluddy, J. Dwyer, C. Ryan, J. Danaher, J. McMahon, W. Harty, S. Condon, Jerry Ryan, P. Daly, T. Hourigan, R. Coffey, P. McCarthy etc.

On the suggestion of the chairman to elect a committee of the members to carry on the business of the Dramatic Class, also that a list of Irish songs and music be obtained from the publishers. Several other matters of importance were postponed to the next meeting. Many new members joined the society and collectors were appointed to take up subscriptions in aid of the society.

The Limerick Leader – Friday March 24th 1905

It is interesting that there seems to be no mention of the Irish language in newspaper articles relating to the Pallasgreen area, at this time.

There does not seem to be any record of a response, in Pallasgreen, to the 1916 Rising until this article, a report of a hastily convened meeting of the United Irish League in response to the threat of conscription;

Irish Examiner Thursday October 5th 1916

Limerick and Conscription

A special meeting of the East Limerick Executive of the United Irish League was held in the Parochial Hall, Pallasgreen on Sunday. Rev. Fr. Nolan Administrator presided and there was a very large attendance, delegates being present from the following branches of the League; Pallasgreen, Templebraden, Kiltely, Doon, Herbertstown, Cappamore, Murroe, Ballybricken, Caherline, Oola, Knockainey, Bulgaden, Elton, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Pallasgreen, Irish Land and Labour Association was also strongly represented.

The following were then submitted to the meeting;

While admiring the bravery and unselfishness of those who engaged in the late rebellion, we cannot approve of their action, as we think the grievances of this country could and still can be remedied by the constitutional movement being carried out by the Irish Party under the leadership of Mr. John E Redmond.

With regard to the attempted Lloyd George settlement, we refuse to condemn the action of the Irish Party. We believe that when agreeing to accept Home Rule for seven eighths of the country, they did so only because they looked on this as a temporary measure and as the best way and means to secure Home Rule for the whole country within a reasonable time.

That we call again on the Irish Party to have the clause in the Land Act repealed which debar tenants of labourers' cottages from getting any share of untenanted lands which are being divided, as this is a blot which prevents many a deserving labourer from getting a decent living in his native land.

Mr. T. Landon, M.P., who was received with cheers, thanked those present for the large numbers at the meeting which was hurriedly called on account of the threat to have conscription applied to Ireland. There was, no doubt whatever but a plot was on foot to pass conscription for this country in conjunction with extending the age limit for conscription in Great Britain from 41 to 45 years. In the Bill promoted for the purpose of extending the age limit, there was an amendment to have conscription applied to Ireland and it was being passed by powerful influences, by influential Tory organs in England, supported by the Conservative Press and the Unionist Party in Ireland. It was well known that Lord Wimborne, who was supposed to be friendly with the Irish people, and who was an avowed Home Ruler, was one of the men engaged in the plot to force military service on Ireland and he was now doing his very best to convince other members of the Irish Executive who believed that conscription would be the cause of much bloodshed in this country that there was no fear that such would be the case. The sooner, then, the Irish people spoke out and said, "We won't have conscription," the sooner the plot between the War Office and the Tory Party in England and the Unionist party and the military in Ireland would be defeated. (applause)

Quite recently, drafts of men who joined the colours for the purpose of filling up the gaps in the Irish regiments at the front were transferred to English regiments and not to the regiments they were intended for, so that when conscription came, it could be said by its promoters; "The gaps in the Irish regiments are not being filled up by Irishmen, but we will have them filled, even at the point of the bayonet." He was not making that statement to create alarm. He was only telling his constituents honestly how matters stood and how grave was the situation they had to face. Personally he was not so sanguine as on Tuesday last that conscription would not be applied to Ireland. He was sure now that it would be a question before the Irish people for the next three or four months and it was a matter that should draw all the forces in Ireland together. The Irish people would not have conscription, but the difficulty in resisting it would be if one party pulled one end of the rope and another party pulled the other. No matter how wide the gulf between them, the nations forces should stand firmly together (Hear hear) and then they would succeed in resisting conscription as their

fathers succeeded in defeating militarism and the landlords' power. (applause) The Irish Party could be depended on to resist conscription with all the powers at their command. They fought and defeated it before but they were not then faced with such danger as they were now. The radicals who helped them to keep away conscription from Ireland on the last occasion would not support them now, owing to the Rebellion in Dublin. Notwithstanding that, the Irish Party would defeat it if the people only unite behind the party. (Hear hear) Conscription could not be resisted by force of arms because the men of Ireland had not enough of arms at their command, but it can be defeated by organisation. If it came against their wishes, the question would be, "What will the people do?" And God help them, if they wait that long to organise.

There was an incidence of resistance, in Pallasgreen, against the R.I.C., in 1916, however.

Kerry News November 15 1916

James Ryan Secretary County Limerick Gaelic Board was arrested at Pallasgreen yesterday, under the Defence of the Realm Act, for refusing to allow two police constables to a hurling match between Claughan vs Bruff Ryan was present at the entrance gate and declined the constables admssion without paying the usual fee. The constables withdrew but subsequently returned with eight other members of the Force and placed Ryan under arrest. He was taken to the police station and kept in custody pending instructions from the military authorities. The incident created a great deal of excitement, but there was no disturbance.

Kerryman, Saturday Nov 25 1916

At New Pallas P.S., the case against James Ryan, Secretary to the Limerick Co. Board of the G.A.A. for refusing to admit the police to a hurling match at Pallasgreen, was adjourned, bail being granted.

Kildare Observer – Saturday December 16th 1916

At New Pallas Petty Sessions on Tuesday, James Ryan, Secretary, County Limerick Gaelic Athletic Board was charged under the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Act for obstructing and impeding Constables Keohane and Spearman on the 12th ult, in refusing them admission to a hurling match at Garranemore. Mr. E. Leahy, solicitor, appeared to prosecute and the prosecution was brought under the 43rd Regulation of the Act. Mr. H. O.B. Moran defended. The case for the prosecution rested on the evidence of the constables. They went to the match by the direction of their officers but were refused admission by the defendant, unless they paid for tickets. This they declined to do. Subsequently the defendant was arrested and detained until the following Tuesday, when the case was adjourned, at his request.

For the defence.

Mr. Moran addressed the court at considerable length and held that the case was the first of the kind, held in the country and the claim to be admitted free to hurling matches was an audacious and preposterous and the only place where it had been made was Listowel where it had been consented to, in the interests of peace. It wa under Regulation 51 of the Act Mr. Leahy should have proceeded and that did not give him the right claimed. Mr. Leahy contended that it did, as the words police constable had been added, giving the right of service etc. in cases of suspicion.

Mr. Moran said that the police had always paid for admission and the whole question as to whether they should pay for such admission had been raised before the Deputy Inspector General and then before General Maxwell and Major Price. He had Mr. L O'Toole, General Secretary to the Gaelic Athletic Association, and Mr. Crowe to prove that a deputation had waited on them as to whether police constables should pay or not to attend

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Gaelic matches, as the League were anxious to have directions on the matter, in view of the Defence of the Realm Act. No reply on the subject had been received since.

Mr. O'Toole was called but not examined, the magistrates holding that it was not necessary to go into these matters. After consulting, Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., said that the majority of the magistrates found that the two constables were refused admission, but they also found that the defendant, when refusing them, was not aware he was committing an illegal act – in fact they went so far as to

think the police should have paid and pay in the ordinary way. One or two of the magistrates thought different, but they were in a minority and the case would accordingly be dismissed.

Carried by many local and national papers, this incident, small as it may initially have seemed, had huge significance for the relations between the R.I.C. and the people, apart altogether, from its impact on the GAA. Perhaps it was a sign of things to come, in the following years?

HAMMER-THROWING RECORD.

A recent edition of the "New York Herald" says:—Another important chapter was added to record athletic history at Celtic Park, when in the annual games of the Eccentric Firemen one world's record and long-standing American mark were unexpectedly toppled from their pedestals. A huge crowd that jammed the seating capacity of the stands to the point of extreme discomfort and that circled the rest of the arena boundary three deep, saw "Pat" Ryan, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, a native of Pallasgreen, County Limerick, hurl the sixteen pound hammer the unprecedented distance of 189ft 6½in, and a little later watched Hannes Kolehmainen, the wonderful Finnish runner, smash the American record for three miles by nearly ten seconds. More than 12,000 persons were on hand.

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The MacMahon Family of Woodville

'God's finger touched him and he slept'.¹

This line, from the poet Tennyson, is taken from the memory card of Revd James Fitzgibbon MacMahon who died on 2 March 1895 aged 68 years. After almost 20 years spent in religious ministry at Knockainey or Aney as it was known, in the Diocese of Emly, he arrived in Pallasgreen in July 1881 to become the Church of Ireland rector until his death at his family residence at Woodville in 1895. He was the first of the MacMahon family to live at Woodville in the townland of Bohernagraga, which is situated between Barna village and Newtown. Revd James Fitzgibbon MacMahon was this author's great great grandfather.

Revd James was born in 1828 to James and Barbara MacMahon of 75 George's Street (now O'Connell Street) in Limerick City. The family residence was located on the city's main thoroughfare. It could be described as a typical Georgian dwelling of the time. Revd James' father who was also named James MacMahon (1798 - 1870) was, according to Slater's Directory of Ireland, 1870, a 'solicitor and registrar of the District Registry Court of Probate'.³ His mother Barbara Fitzgibbon (1787 - 1862) was described in her obituary as the 'eldest daughter of the late Thomas Fitzgibbon, Esq., formerly Collector of Excise for this city'.⁴ The Fitzgibbon family lived at Ballysheedy outside Limerick City and the house and lands at Woodville, Pallasgreen was used as their country residence and hunting lodge from the early 1800s.

The future Revd James left Limerick and entered Trinity College, Dublin on 2 December, 1844 following in the footsteps of his own grandfather Bryan MacMahon (1759-1836) of Limerick who is also recorded in *Alumni Dublinenses* as having attended there from 1776.⁵ The soon-to-become Revd James achieved a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1850 and was subsequently both

married and ordained three years later in 1853. Following his ordination Revd James spent two years as curate in Lurgan, County Armagh before returning to his native Limerick to minister at Chapel Russell, Pallasgreen from 1855 to 1863 and then Knockainey from 1863 to 1881. 1856 saw him achieve a Master of Arts degree from Trinity College, Dublin.⁶

By the time Revd James arrived to take up his ministry in Pallasgreen in 1881 he was married to Dora Taylor, a native of Burtonhill, County Clare and the couple had six children still alive at that time. Their oldest child Barbara, named after her paternal grandmother, at the age of nine years, died on 5 August 1862 from diphtheria at the home of her grandparents at 75 George's Street Limerick City.⁷ Ironically her grandmother Barbara, (Revd James' own mother) died that same month on 28th August, 1862.⁸

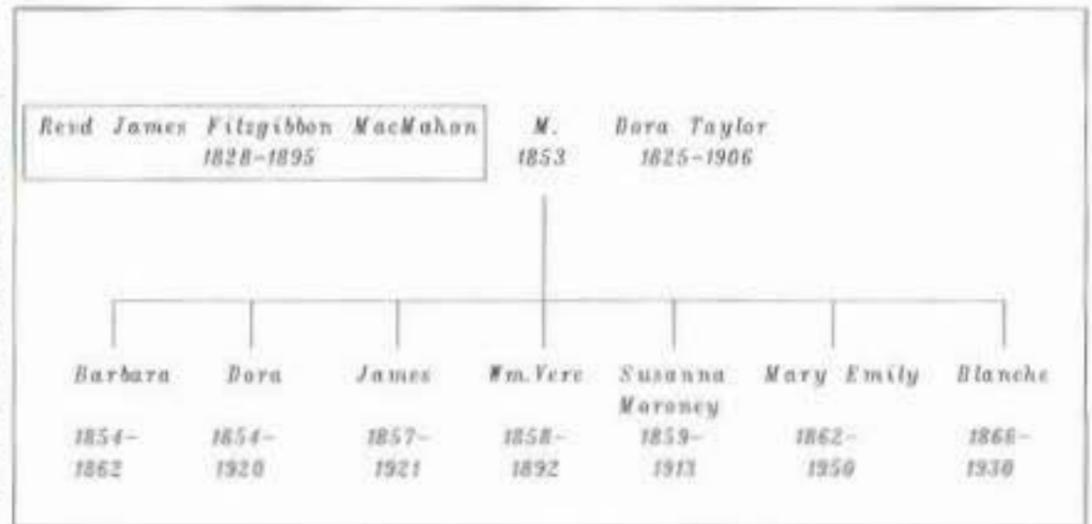


Figure 2: Family tree of Revd James, his wife Dora and their children.⁹

The family settled into the house and lands at Woodville, the property which previously belonged to his maternal grandfather Thomas Fitzgibbon.¹⁰ Another three generations of Revd James' descendants would remain

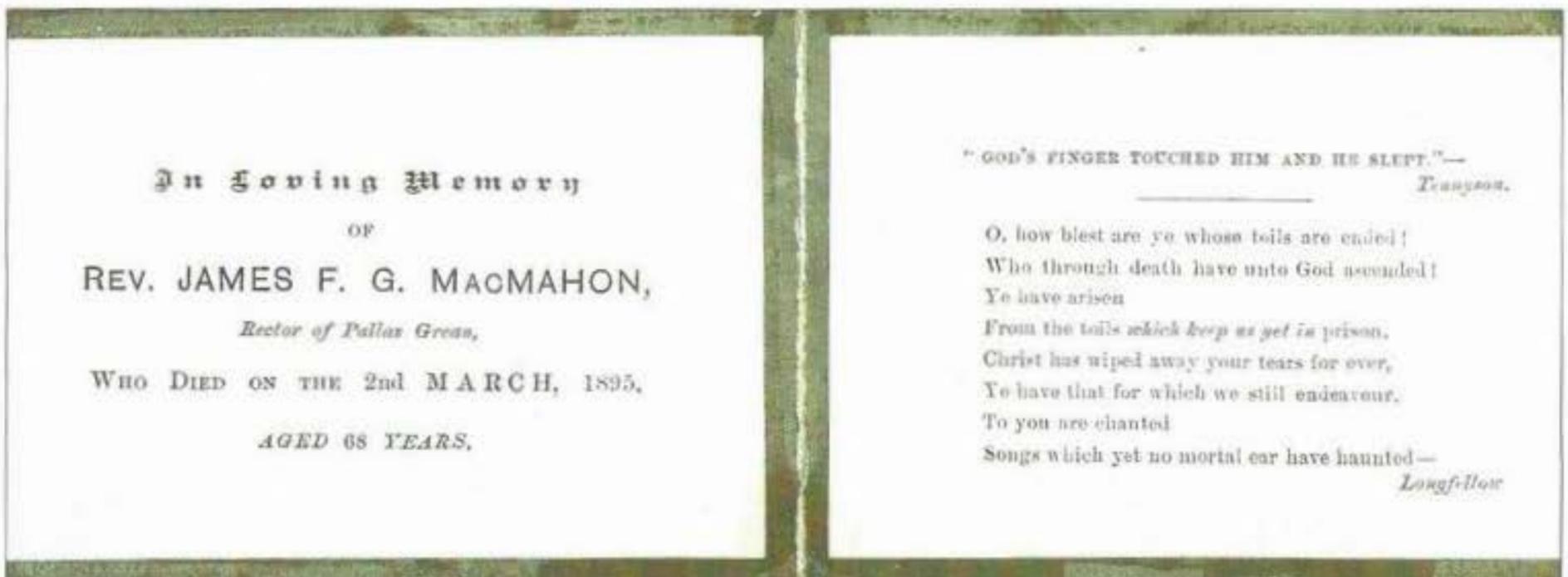


Figure 1: Memory Card for Revd James Fitzgibbon MacMahon.²

there and farm the lands until the mid 1980s when the property was sold following the death of the last owner, Bryan MacMahon in 1984.

The eldest son of Revd James and his wife Dora, also called James after his father and grandfather, was born in February 1857 and is the great-grandfather of this author. James Junior married Harriette Gloster of Rockfield, Kildimo in County Limerick on 10 December, 1891 and had two children, James, born 24 November, 1892 and Harriette Dora Blanche, born 16 July, 1900. *Burke's Peerage*¹¹ record describes his profession as a civil engineer having been educated in Leamington, England. James lived at the family home at Woodville for the remainder of his life until his death in July, 1921.¹² He was for many years a local Justice of the Peace and the 'Sub Sheriff for County Clare' as stated in his funeral report in the Limerick Chronicle newspaper of that time. His wife Harriette, who was the 'daughter of Captain Richard Gloster of 61st Regiment', died aged fifty one years in 1912.¹³ The photograph (Figure 3) taken in 1920, shows James MacMahon JP, (son of Revd James), with his daughter-in-law Louise Lloyd MacMahon (grandmother of this author) soon after the birth of his first grandson Bryan (uncle of this author).



Figure 3: James Junior (son of Revd James) with Louise and baby Bryan in 1920.¹⁴

The second son of Revd James and his wife Dora, named William Vere MacMahon, was born in 1858 and died unmarried in 1891. From information obtained from his funeral report¹⁵ we learn that he was, like his father, Trinity College educated and by all accounts a doctor of medicine. In fact as recorded on the extract from *Burke's Peerage*¹⁶ William Vere, the second son of Revd James Fitzgibbon Mac Mahon is described as a 'Naval Doctor'.

DEATHS:

MacMahon — September 5, William Vere MacMahon, A.B., M.B., B.Ch., T.C.D., second son of Rev J. F. MacMahon, Woodville, Co. Limerick.

Figure 4: Death report for William Vere MacMahon.¹⁷

Revd James and Dora had four daughters: Mary Emily

married Robert Sadlier of Tipperary; Dora married William Burton of Dublin; Susanna married Thomas Gloster of Kildimo; and Blanche, who died in 1930, remained unmarried.

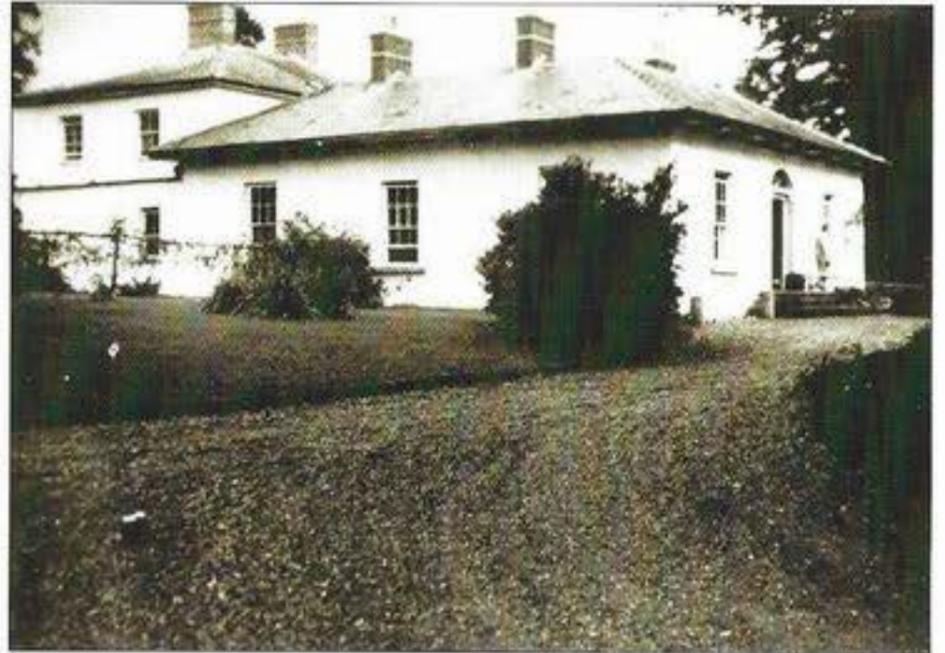


Figure 5: House at Woodville taken in the 1950s¹⁸

Upon the death in 1921 of Revd James' son James (the J.P.) yet another James Fitzgibbon MacMahon would take over the running of the farm at Woodville. 'Fitzy' MacMahon, as he was known, would remain there with his wife Louise until 1978, the year of both their deaths, in September and January, respectively. They had two children, Bryan, born in 1920 and Elizabeth (Betty), born in 1931. Bryan continued to farm the lands at Woodville up to his sudden death in 1984 and the property was sold in 1987 thus ending a century of the MacMahon family living at Woodville, Pallasgreen.

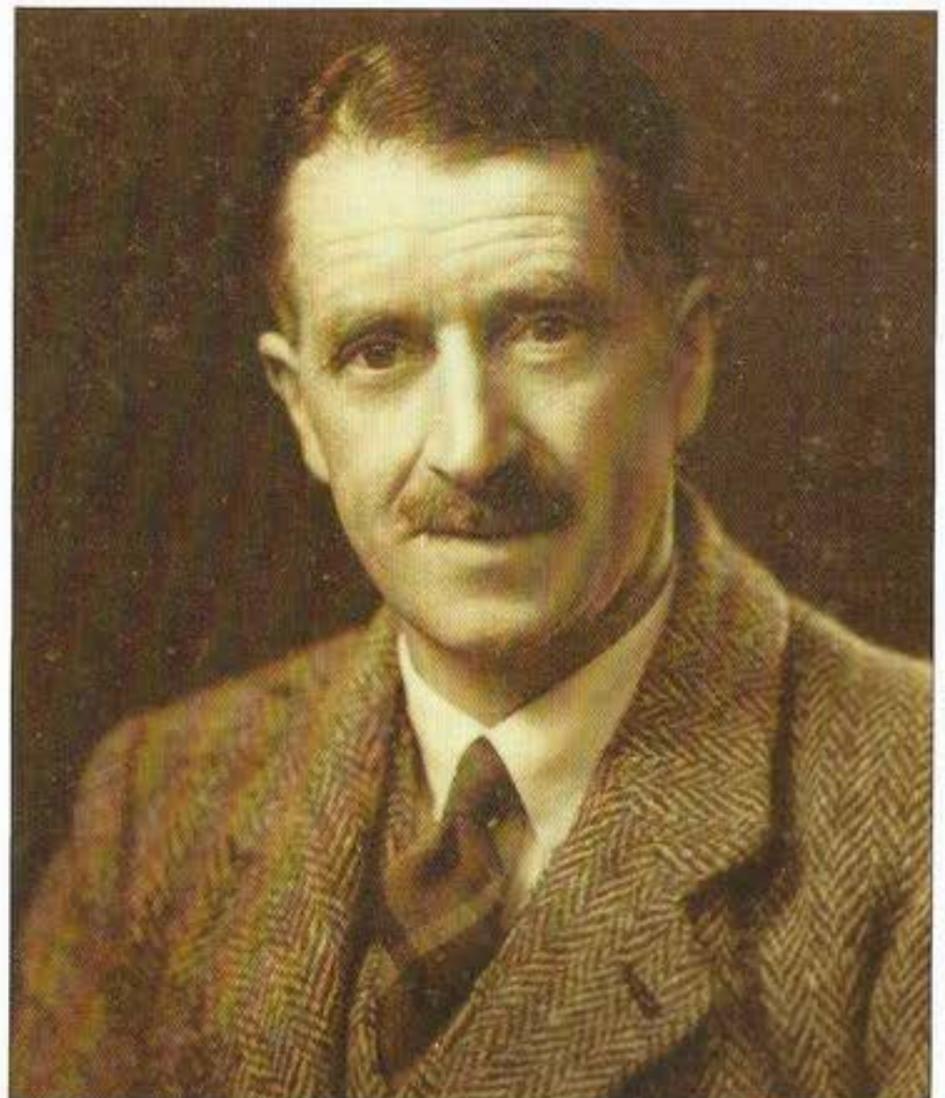


Figure 6: James 'Fitzy' MacMahon (1892 – 1978)¹⁹

Notes

- 1 Quote from the poet Tennyson on the memory card of Revd James F. MacMahon, author's family archives.
- 2 Memory card for Revd James from author's own family archives.
- 3 <http://www.limerickcity.ie/media/1870/Slater/> [accessed 23 August 2016].
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- 13 <http://www.limerickcity.ie/Library/LocalStudies/ObituariesdeathnoticesetcfromtheLimerickChronicle/1912/> [accessed 20 September 2016].
- 14 Photograph from author's own collection in family archives showing Revd James' son aged 63 years taken in 1920 with his daughter-in-law and his grandson Bryan.
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The Apjohn Families of Limerick

(Part 3) - By Eddie O'Dea

In the first article in this series on the Apjohn family in County Limerick,¹ we discussed Thomas Apjohn who, after the Confederate War of 1641-1653, acquired the townland of Gortalyne (Linfield) in the Parish of Greane near the village of Old Pallas. In the second and third articles,² we traced the family of Thomas' first son, William of Kilduff to the middle of the 19th century. In this last article, we will trace the family of Thomas' second son, Michael Apjohn.³

In the Census of Ireland taken in 1659, we find the following tabulation of people over the age of 15 years in the Parish of Greane:⁴

Parrishes	Townlands	Number of People	Tituladocs Names	Eng	Irish
(folio 46).	Scart	18			18
	Ballice and Greane	79		15	64
	Ballytorsoy	41	Thomas Marshall gent	03	38
	Grellagh	23	Thomas Lysagert & Garrett Ralagh gent	03	20
	Gartenaleen	15	Thomas Absom gent	02	13
	Ballymoncen	07			07
	Milltowne	16			16
	Ballynegallah	22		02	20
	Ballynewgane	06			06
	Knockare	30			30

Thomas Apjohn is living in Gortalyne and there are 2 Protestants and 13 Catholics living there with him—approximately the workforce required for a farm of the size of Linfield. The two Protestants of course were Thomas and his wife; his sons William and Michael were not yet 15 years old in 1659. These two sons, William and Michael, married Lysaght sisters and their father Thomas Lysaght is living in Grellagh (possibly Corelish next to Linfield) and there are three Protestant adults living there in 1659—Thomas Lysaght and his wife Ellen Burke and Garret Raleigh. Thomas Lysaght's will is dated 1679 and in it he mentions his three daughters, Catherine, Christian and Anastasia. At the time of this Census in 1659, all three girls were under the age of 15 or not yet born. As suggested in a previous article (see *Gréan*, 2013, p. 46), the following chart estimates dates of birth and marriage for Thomas Apjohn's two sons:

	Born	Married
William Apjohn	bef. 1650	ca. 1685
Catherine Lysaght	ca. 1664	
Michael Apjohn	bef. 1650	bef. 1674
Christian Lysaght	ca. 1653	

1.0 Michael Apjohn (son of Thomas)

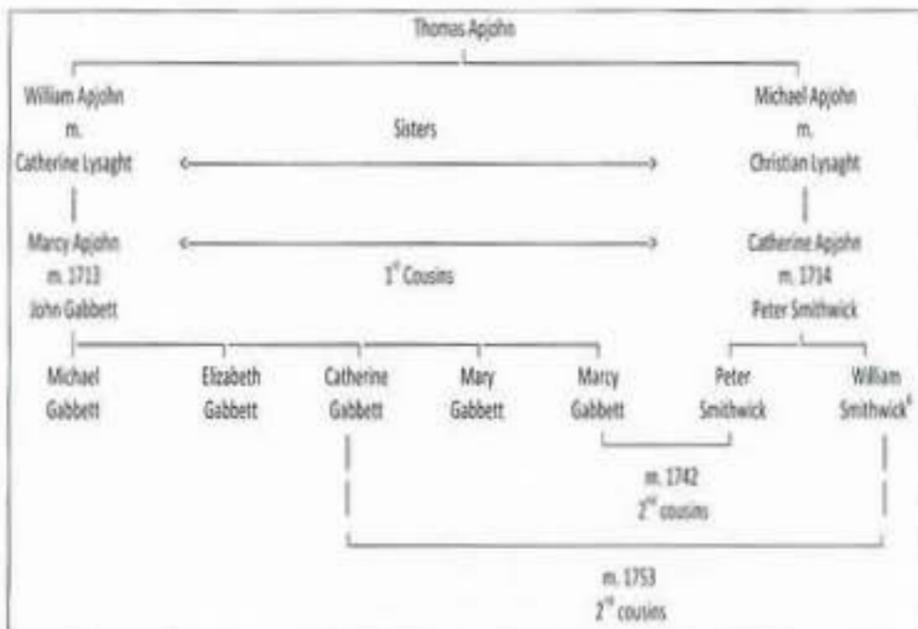
Michael Apjohn married Christian Lysaght ca. 1674 and five children can be traced to this union—Catherine, Edward, Thomas, Michael and Christian. Little else is known about Michael and Christian Apjohn—because Michael's brother William inherited Linfield and expanded the estate's holdings in 1713, it is likely Michael and Christian lived out their lives at Linfield. Their five children would all have been born at Linfield and one of them, Michael, later in life became a Sadler—a trade he may have learned from his father growing up at Linfield.

1.1 Catherine Apjohn (daughter of Michael)

Catherine Apjohn (b. bet. 1675-1693), the daughter of Michael and Christian Apjohn, married Peter Smithwick (d. 1780) in 1714.⁵ Note that this is the same year that Catherine's sister Christian married John Lane—see Christian Apjohn below.

Peter and Catherine Smithwick had two sons, William and Peter, who married the sisters Catherine and Marcy Gabbett—and whose mother was Marcy Apjohn, the daughter of William

and Catherine Lysaght Apjohn from the chart above. In our second article, we traced the complex relationship between these two sides of the Apjohn family—between the family of William's daughter Marcy and Michael's daughter Catherine—see discussion *Gréan*, 2013, pp. 95-96. The following chart (corrected from our previous article) describes the relationship between these two sides of the family. We will have occasion to reference William Smithwick, the second son of Catherine Smithwick, below—see James Apjohn (1.3.1) and Thomas Apjohn (1.4.1.1).



1.2 Christian Apjohn (daughter of Michael)

The only record we have of Christian Apjohn is her marriage to John Lane in 1714.⁷ Note that she married the same year as her sister Catherine.

1.3 Edward Apjohn (son of Michael)

Edward Apjohn (b. ca. 1678, d. ca. 1733⁸) married Catherine Tubbs, daughter of William Tubbs, in 1711⁹ and the couple had one son, James.

In 1716, Edward, then living in Treanmanagh, acquired a lease from his 1st cousin William Apjohn of Kilduff for the lands of Gortneskehy, a part of Drumlara, for his lifetime.¹⁰ This lease came soon after William had acquired a large tract of land and it appears that Gortneskehy (23 acres) may have been a present to his 1st cousin. The lease stipulated that it may be renewed “by adding a new life” at the demise of Edward and it was witnessed by Thomas Apjohn of Ballyvoneen (1.4) and Michael Apjohn, Sadler, of Limerick (1.5) — both brothers of Edward. We find a brief mention of Edward Apjohn living in Drumlara in 1721 when he witnessed the transfer of a deed from James Butler to Edward’s father-in-law William Tubbs Sr.¹¹ Edward’s will is dated 1733 and at that time his residence was listed as Ballynaclogh, County Limerick.

1.3.1 James Apjohn (son of Edward)

James Apjohn (b. ca. 1712, d. Feb 3, 1780¹²) Gentleman appears to have resided in Dublin most of his life. In 1742, some years after the death of his father, James leased to John McDonnell, also of Dublin, the townland of Gortneskehy.¹³ In this Memorial, James is identified as the son of the deceased Edward Apjohn, originally of Drumlara and late of Ballynaclogh, and the original lease of 1716 of William Apjohn of Kilduff to Edward is referenced.

James Apjohn along with Robert Apjohn of Treanmanagh were witnesses in 1752 to a lease of the townland of Raheeney between William Apjohn Jr. and his 1st cousin William Apjohn, Sadler, of Limerick. See William Apjohn, Sadler (son of Michael Apjohn 1.5) below.

In 1753, James Apjohn acquired a lease for the townland of Ballyhawkish, “commonly known and reputed to be the estate of inheritance of John Shatford of Belan in the County of Kildare,” from his uncle William Tubbs.¹⁴ In 1755, he acquired a lease for the townland of Gortnacloy (Gortnacoolagh?) in the Barony of Small County in County Limerick from that same uncle for a term of twenty years.¹⁵

James died childless in 1780 and after his death the land of Gortneskehy reverted into the possession of the heirs of William of Kilduff, namely, Michael and Margaret Marshall Apjohn. A Memorial dated Oct 29-30, 1786, commemorates the sale by Michael Apjohn of the “lands of Drumlara commonly called and known by the name Gortneskehy” to John and Robert Smithwick, both of Mount Catherine, the son and grandson of William and Catherine Gabbett Smithwick (1.1)—see above. However,

the sale had several provisions that enabled the land to remain in the possession of James’ side of the family—see Thomas Apjohn (1.4.1.1) below.

1.4 Thomas Apjohn (son of Michael)

Very little is known about Thomas Apjohn. He was born ca. 1680, probably at Linfield. He married ca. 1700 and his wife is unknown. It appears he had at least two children—Robert and Michael.

When William Apjohn of Kilduff leased the lands of Gortneskehy and Drumlara to his 1st cousin Edward Apjohn of Treanmanagh in 1716, Thomas, along with his brother Michael, are listed as witnesses—Thomas’ residence is given as Ballyvoneen and Michael was a Sadler in Limerick.

Thomas’ will is dated 1737¹⁶ and his residence is given as Treanmanagh. It is possible that Thomas and his brother Edward began farming together in Treanmanagh—later Edward moved to Gortneskehy (Drumlara) in 1716, and then to Ballynaclogh before he died. Although it appears that Thomas remained in Treanmanagh, there are no records other than his will to confirm this.

1.4.1 Michael Apjohn (son of Thomas)

We have no direct evidence that Thomas Apjohn had a son named Michael.¹⁷ We deduce Michael’s existence from the fact 1) that the land of Gortneskehy was in the possession of his 1st cousin James Apjohn in 1742 (see Edward Apjohn above) and that this land passed into the possession of Michael’s son, Thomas and Anne Beahan Apjohn (1.4.1.1)—see below, and 2) that Thomas and Anne Beahan Apjohn named their first son Michael.

1.4.1.1 Thomas Apjohn (son of Michael)

Thomas Apjohn (b. 1768, d. Dec 14, 1846 at Pallas Grean¹⁸) married Anne Beahan May 12, 1792.¹⁹ The bride’s place of residence is given as Adare and the groom’s as “Longfield”—a misreading of Linfield.

After the death of James Apjohn in 1780, the land of Gortneskehy, reverted into the possession of Michael Apjohn, William of Kilduff’s heir. As Michael grew older,



Sunville House

he made provision for the disposal of Drumlara after his death—namely, in 1786 he leased Drumlara to John and Robert Smithwick, the son and grandson of Peter and Catherine Gabbett Smithwick (1.1), with the provision 1) that he himself would have use of the land until his death, 2) that after his death, the land was to pass to his 2nd cousin Thomas Apjohn “charged and chargeable with the sum of one hundred pounds sterling for Edward Apjohn” (Edward was Thomas’ brother), 3) that should Thomas Apjohn die before reaching the age of 21 and without heir (Thomas was 18 in 1786), the land was to pass to Edward Apjohn, and 4) in the case of the death of both Thomas and Edward, the land should pass to Michael’s own son, Michael Marshall Apjohn.²⁰ Michael Apjohn died in 1796 and at that time Thomas, aged 26, inherited Gortneskehy. It would have been at that time that he and his wife Anne built Sunville House. Later the land of Gortneskehy (including Sunville House) passed to Thomas Kearney, in 1816, as part of the marriage portion for Thomas’s daughter, Mary Anne Apjohn.

In 1802, Thomas acquired Pallas House in Pallas Grean. It was built originally by the Erasmus Smith Trust as an Inn and let with 20 acres to Thomas at a rent of £50 per year. “Some years later a new road to Limerick was built which by-passed Pallasgrean but the Apjohn family was to continue as tenants of the Trust for many years.”²¹ After Thomas’ daughter Mary Anne and her husband Thomas Kearney acquired Sunville in 1816, Thomas and Anne probably lived the rest of their lives in this dwelling in Pallasgrean.



Pallas House

In 1832, Thomas Apjohn was listed as a Freeholder in Sunglen and Gortneskehy (Sunville).²²

In 1838, in preparation for his son Michael’s wedding to Mary Anne Ryan of Abington, Thomas entered into a marriage arrangement with John Ryan of Dublin, Mary Anne’s uncle, that provided: 1) that Thomas and Anne Apjohn, “in consideration of the fortune therein mentioned paid to Michael Apjohn,” Michael’s and Anne’s son, sold to Thomas Kearney (Thomas’ son-in-law) all the lands of Drumlara known as Gortneskehy along with Landscape House and the land of Drumlara, 2) that Margaret and Mary Ryan, Mary Anne Ryan’s “master” and her sister respectively, provided Thomas Kearney with the house and lands of Abington, 3) that Michael Apjohn



Abington House

would receive the rents from Sunville for his lifetime “for the said Anne Apjohn the wife of the said Thomas” in case Michael’s father should die first, and lastly 4) a jointure for Mary Anne Ryan should she survive her husband. The purpose of the marriage agreement seems to have been to provide “a fortune” to the groom, Michael, as well as to consolidate the lands of Sunville, Landscape House and Drumlara in the hands of Thomas Kearney. It was this marriage portion for Mary Anne Ryan that brought Abington House and its lands into the Apjohn family.

Michael and Anne Beahan Apjohn had the following children:

- Michael Apjohn (b. ca. 1793, d. ca. 1872), married Mary Anne Ryan Feb 26, 1838.²³ In 1834, Michael is listed in the Tithe Applotment Books as leasing Drumlara and holding 46 acres next to his brother-in-law, Thomas Kearney, who has a holding of 80 acres.²⁴ Together, these 126 acres comprise all of Drumlara—Sunville (Gortneskehy) is not mentioned specifically. In addition, Michael is listed as holding 75 acres in Pallas (probably Pallas Hill) and 37 acres in Sunglen.
- Mary Anne Apjohn (b. ca. 1795) married Thomas Kearney Oct 11, 1816.²⁵ Eventually the lands of Sunville, Landscape House and Drumlara were consolidated in this family and part of it leased to Mary Anne’s brother Michael in 1834.
- James Apjohn, M. D. (b. Sep 1, 1796 at Sunville, d. Jun 2, 1886) married Anne White.²⁶
- Thomas Apjohn (b. ca. 1798, d. Apr 13, 1865²⁷), married Anne Barnes May 11, 1841.²⁸ Thomas died at Pallas House.
- Francis Apjohn (b. ca. 1800, d. Jan 1, 1880²⁹) is listed in 1876 as the owner of 94 acres in Sunville.³⁰
- Sophia Apjohn (b. ca. 1802) married Patrick Kearney, the brother of Thomas Kearney of Sunville, Jan 12, 1832.³¹
- William Apjohn, M.D. (b. ca. 1804, d. Sep 11, 1844³²).

Thomas Apjohn is buried along with his wife in the Old Pallas Churchyard in Pallas Grean.³³

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE
WE ARE IN DEATH
HERE LIES DEAD AND GONE
MR THOMAS APJOHN
WITH ANNE HIS DEAR WIFE
AND SOLACE THROUGH LIFE
MAY A MERCIFUL SAVIOUR
LOOK ON THEM WITH FAVOUR
AND BLOT OUT THEIR SINS FOREVER AND EVER

1.4.1.2 Edward Apjohn (son of Michael)

Edward Apjohn is mentioned in the Memorial of 1757 when he witnessed the marriage portion for Susanna Apjohn, the daughter of Michael and Susanna Mead Apjohn (see 1.5 below), and in the Memorial of 1786 in which the lands of Gortneskehy (Sunville) passed to his brother Thomas (see 1.4.1.1 above).

1.4.2 Robert Apjohn (son of Thomas)

Robert Apjohn was born ca. 1733 and married Eleanor Barry in 1762.³⁴ Robert was witness to a Memorial in 1752 in which William Apjohn Jr. leased to his 1st cousin William Apjohn, Sadler, of Limerick the townland of Raheeney. See William Apjohn, Sadler (son of Michael Apjohn 1.5) below.

In 1754, Robert Apjohn of Treanmanagh acted as an Administrator for the will of William O'Brien.³⁵ In 1768, he is listed as a Freeholder in Treanmanagh³⁶ and his name is included in the Religious Survey of 1776.³⁷ It is likely that Robert died sometime after 1778 in Treanmanagh.

Although there is no direct evidence identifying Robert's offspring, it is likely that he was the father of Mary Apjohn.³⁸

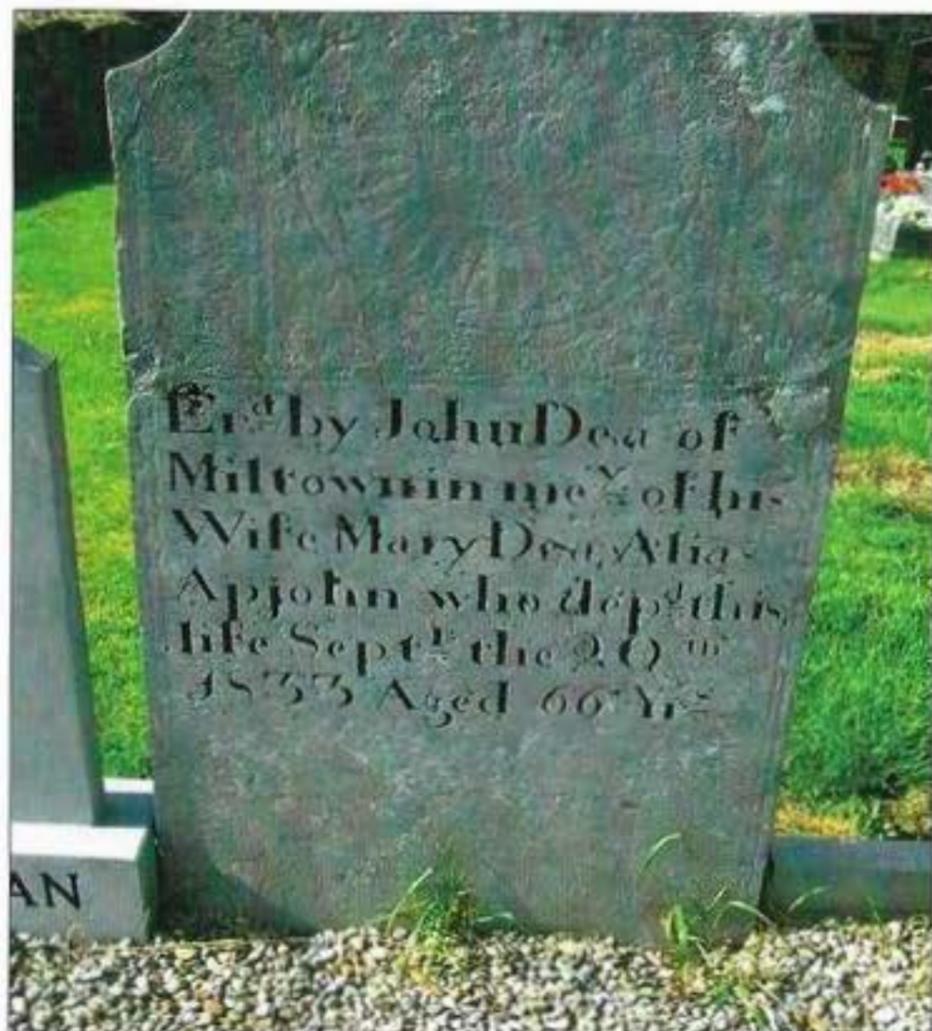
1.4.2.1 Mary Apjohn (daughter of Robert)

Mary Apjohn (b. 1767, d. 1833 and is buried in Killeely Churchyard³⁹) married John O'Dea ca. 1784. Mary was probably orphaned at about the age of 11 and may have gone to live with her uncle, Michael Apjohn (1.4.1), perhaps at Pallas Hill or Sunglen. John O'Dea was an Irish farm labourer and a Catholic and, although Mary did not convert, after her marriage she was ignored by the Apjohn family the rest of her life.

Lore of the O'Dea family holds that Mary was out riding one day when she stopped by a farmyard in Milltown to ask for a drink of water. She was attracted to the young man who served her, a strapping youth with red hair, and the couple fell in love and married, probably at the displeasure of both sides of the family. Mary maintained her Protestant religion until her death (although she is buried in the Catholic graveyard at Killeely) and attended church regularly at Dromkeen who's Pastor at the time was the Rev. Garret Wall, her distant cousin. Some in the O'Dea family remember that Mary often visited Pallas House in Pallas Grean (which she and her husband would have watched built in 1802) and often visited her uncle and aunt, Michael and Ann Beahan Apjohn, and their family there.



Grave of Thomas and Anne Apjohn, Old Pallas Cemetery.



Grave of Mary Apjohn, Killeely Churchyard

John and Mary Apjohn O'Dea had the following children:

- Michael O'Dea (b ca 1784, possibly born before marriage) married Feb 1817 Margaret Holton of Wonderhill, County Limerick, in Killeely.
- Thomas O'Dea (b. ca. 1785, d. May 6, 1886) married ca. 1807 Catherine Loughlin of Killeagh, Ballybrood in Caherline.
- Margaret O'Dea (b. c. 1793) married Patrick Barlow of Lattin, County Tipperary.
- Elizabeth O'Dea (b. ca. 1795) married Dec 1818 Bryan Kennedy of Foilacleara, Doon, County Limerick in Killeely.
- Robert O'Dea (b. ca. 1799) married Feb 1829 Catherine Collins of Knockeen, Boher, County Limerick in Boher, County Limerick.

- Catherine O'Dea (b. ca. 1800) married Unknown Hogan Lattin, County Tipperary.
- Bridget O'Dea (b. ca. 1806, d. Feb 1, 1866) married Feb 1831 Edmund Murphy Barnacoolea in Kiltely.

1.5 Michael Apjohn of Limerick (son of Michael)

Michael Apjohn (b.ca.1684) at Linfield, d. Aug 7, 1761, at Crecora outside of Limerick⁴⁰) married first Margaret Widenham in 1714⁴¹ and second Susanna Mead on Jul 2, 1735.⁴²

In 1713, Michael Apjohn is listed at the Sheriff of the City of Limerick and Hezekiah Holland as Mayor and in 1715 Michael's name twice appears in correspondence concerning troubles in the corporation of Limerick.⁴³

In 1716, Michael, Sadler in the City of Limerick and Thomas Apjohn of Ballyvoneen were

witnesses to a Memorial in which William of Kilduff leased the land of Gortneskehy to Edward Apjohn — see Edward Apjohn (1.3) above and discussion at Michael Apjohn (1.4.1.1) above.

On Jul 25 1719, Michael Apjohn, Sadler, of the City of Limerick purchased from William Earl of Inchiquin the "tenements in Mungret Lane and in the City of Limerick "including" the houses, backsides, orchards and gardens thereunto belonging." On Aug 13, 1720, Michael brought Owen Roberts of Clonmel and James Dalton, Innkeeper, of the City of Limerick into a three-way ownership of this property on Mungret Lane.⁴⁴ Note that Mungret Lane is in that part of Limerick known as Irish Town south of Baal's Bridge.

On Oct 12, 1722, Michael Apjohn is identified as a Burgess of the City of Limerick and he and his partner James Dalton, Innkeeper, assign their two-third interest in the property on Mungret Lane to Hezekiah Holland for the sum of 71 pounds.⁴⁵

Michael and Margaret Widenham had the following children:

- Michael Apjohn (b. Oct 6, 1715⁴⁶).
- Thomas Apjohn (b. Nov 1, 1716⁴⁷)
- Mary Apjohn (b. Nov 28, 1717, d. Mar 25, 1719⁴⁸)
- Christian Apjohn (b. Jul 28, 1719, d. Apr 12, 1720⁴⁹)
- Kathleen Apjohn (b. Aug 3, 1721, d. Nov 16, 1722⁵⁰)
- William Apjohn, Sadler (b. 1723,⁵¹ d. Aug 25, 1759⁵²) in 1736, when he was only 13 years old, this William and his cousin William Apjohn Jr. were accused of the murder of Charles Hurley.⁵³ In 1752 William Apjohn Jr. leased to William Apjohn, Sadler, of Limerick the townland of Raheeny.⁵⁴ To this Memorial, James Apjohn of Dublin (1.3.1) and Robert Apjohn of Treanmanagh (1.4) were listed as witnesses.⁵⁵
- Daniel Apjohn (d. Aug 14, 1727⁵⁶)
- Edward Apjohn (b. Jun 25, 1725⁵⁷)
- Mary Apjohn (b. Jul 26, 1717,⁵⁸ d. Aug 5, 1728⁵⁹)
- Trifinah Apjohn (b. Feb 23, 1730,⁶⁰ d. Apr 24, 1732⁶¹)

- Deborah Apjohn (b. Sep 16, 1733⁶²)
- Widenham Apjohn, Sadler. While there are no birth or death records for Widenham Apjohn, it is almost certain he was named after his mother, probably after her death giving him birth ca. 1734. In 1753, Widenham Apjohn, Sadler, in the City of Dublin, who had received in trust a "Stone House situate in the Irish Town Limerick commonly called by the name of the Bear" covenanted the trust to the sole benefit of Arthur Lavery of the City of Limerick, Merchant.⁶³

Michael married second Susanna Mead in Limerick on Jul 2, 1735⁶⁴ and they had the following children:

- Thomas Apjohn (b. Jun 27, 1736⁶⁵)
- Mary Apjohn (b. Oct 9, 1737⁶⁶)
- Susanna Apjohn (b. Mar 25, 1739⁶⁷) married Paul Cudmore Feb 11, 1757.
- Deborah Apjohn (b. Jun 26, 1740⁶⁸)
- William Apjohn, Sadler (b. Aug 11, 1741⁶⁹)

In 1749, we find Michael Apjohn is living in English Town north of Baal's Bridge near St. Mary's. It is possible to identify this property precisely and to coordinate it with the 1826 OSI map of the City of Limerick. Although difficult to decipher, the text on the old map, dated 1749, reads "Mearing on south with Prizn (prison) Lane, on west with the County Gaol, on north with part of Hoare estate set to Seymour Craven and on the east with the Abbey Town Wall. Tenants: Simon White has a workhouse; executors of Madm Ford holds a waste piece, marshalsea held by Michael Abjohn, Christian Roberts, clothmerchant, has wallplates and reek part from the Revd Joseph; house of Robert Reed, house of Simon White, chandler set to Simon Kent, butcher."⁷⁰ In his later years, Michael was the warden of the Marshalsea in Limerick, a position he probably acquired for his previous service as Sheriff and Burgess in the city. In a Memorial dated 1757 we find a reference to Michael's "double-house" which must be a reference to this residence—see below.

On Feb 11, 1757, Michael Apjohn, Merchant of the City of Limerick, and his daughter Susanna, received a marriage portion from Daniel Cudmore of Ballycahavin for his son Paul Cudmore of Killonchan consisting of "the farms and lands of Ballymartin and Laccanagrenan." Michael in his turn provided the couple his "lease and interest in the farm and lands of Clounlara [Upper Connello] with thirty dairy cows." In addition, if Michael and his wife Susanna Mead Apjohn should die before their daughter Susanna and if there are no other surviving sons, Susanna is to receive Michael's "double house" in the city of Limerick.⁷¹

Michael Apjohn is buried along with his wife Susanna in the graveyard at Crecora, a village few miles south of Limerick:

THIS TOMB WAS ERECTED BY SUSANNA
APJOHN IN MEMORY OF HER BELOVED HUSBAND MICHL
APJOHN WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE AUGUST 7 1751 AGED 77 YRS
ALSO IS INTERRD SUSANNA APJOHN HIS WIFE WHO DIED
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Grave of Michael and Susanna Apjohn, Crecora, Co. Limerick.

Conclusion

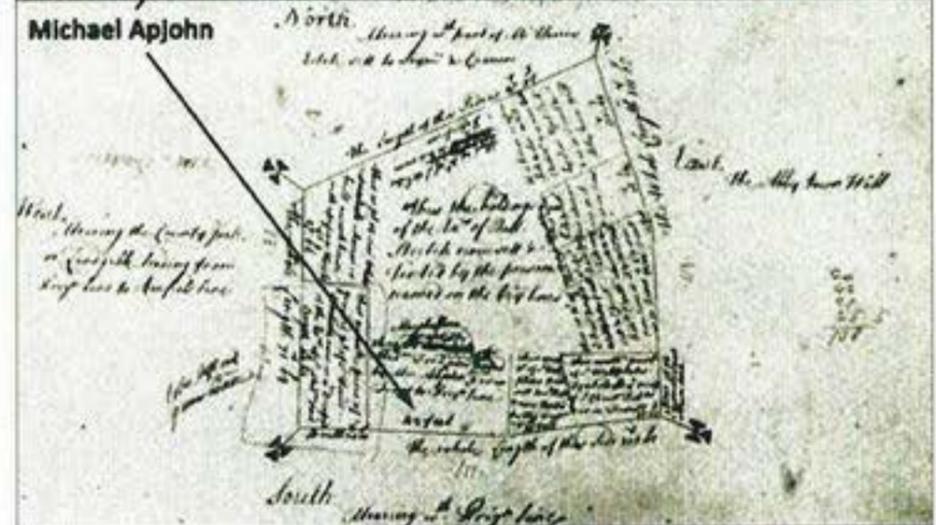
Each birth, marriage, death and event in the history of the Apjohn family is a piece in a very large puzzle. In the four articles in this series we have tried to put these pieces together in a logical and consistent order—however, in a puzzle this size, some of those pieces are inevitably missing or misplaced. We hope that future research will be able to provide a more comprehensive picture of the Apjohn family.

Nonetheless, the picture of the Apjohn family thus far shows a typical Anglo-Norman family of the 17th Century coming to Ireland to take advantage of the availability of land. The family began by acquiring the land of Linfield probably for a farmstead and dairy, and then beginning with William of Kilduff in 1713, the Apjohn family became landlords of several hundreds of acres of land in County Limerick. Much of the history of the Apjohn family is the history of how this land was managed and mismanaged, and how the family as a whole struggled to keep control of it as long as possible—even in the face of the huge changes that were sweeping over Ireland in the 19th Century. Along the way, members of the family became embroiled in numerous “interesting bits” ranging from a sensational court case involving the kidnapping of a little girl to the murder of a man in a duel in Limerick to rustling tenant’s cattle when they were unable to pay their rent.

Although the Apjohn family eventually lost Linfield and the land that made up the estate, their presence can yet be felt and seen across Limerick in townlands, churches, graveyards and the “big houses” they left behind. The Apjohn name is no longer present in Limerick. However, a number of families in east Limerick carry the blood line of this interesting family.

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Footnotes

- 1 Dennis Day and Edmond O’Dea, “The Apjohn Families of Limerick,” *Gréan* (2013), pp. 44-47.
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- 4 “A Census of Ireland circa 1659,” http://www.irishmanuscripts.ie/servlet/Controller?action=digitisation_backlist.
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- 9 *Index to Marriage License Bonds, Diocese of Cashel and Emly*, Public Record Office of Ireland, National Archives of Ireland, copied Sept. 29, 2000, by Linda Suffridge.
- 10 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, “Apjohn to Apjohn. 1716.” #10425. Vol. 19. 1716-1717. LDS Film 461312. A later Memorial (*Ireland Registry of Deeds*, “Apjohn to Kearney. 1838.” #1838 10. Vol. 10-12. 1838. LDS Film 469811) identifies this land as Sunville: it notes “that part of the lands of Drumlara called and known by the name of Gurtnaskehy and now known by the name of Sunville.”

- 11 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Butler to Tubbs. 1721." #18342. Vol. 31. 1720-1721. LDS Film 461320.
- 12 *RootsIreland.com*, Death Records Parish of St. John's in Limerick: James Apjohn.
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- 14 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Apjohn to Lavery. 1753." #181146. Vol. 164-165. 1753-1755. LDS Film 461368.
- 15 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Apjohn to McDonnell. 1755." #181146. Vol. 171-172. 1754-1756. LDS Film 461372.
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- 17 The name Michael Apjohn does appear in the Religious Census of 1776 living in the Parish of Grean, but there is no way of confirming that he was the Michael Apjohn being discussed here.
- 18 *The Limerick Chronicle*, Dec 16, 1846. The obituary notes that Michael was 78 years old.
- 19 *Irish Marriages being an Index to the Marriages 1771 to 1812*, Henry Ferrar (Phillimore & Co., London: 1807), vol. I, p. 10.
- 20 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Apjohn to Smithwick. 1786." #264041. Vol. 376-377. 1785-1786. LDS Film 532576. It seems that the sale of Gortneskehy and part of Drumlara by William of Kilduff to Edward Apjohn was viewed by his family as an important event in light of the fact that William inherited Linfield and his brother Michael did not. What came to be known as Sunville was viewed increasingly by William's heirs as the rightful inheritance of Michael's heirs in the light of their own expanded wealth and prestige.
- 21 *Faithful to Our Trust: A History of the Erasmus Smith Trust and The High School, Dublin*, W. J. R. Wallace (Columbia Press, Dublin: 2004), p. 80.
- 22 *List of land holders in the Limerick Chronicle in September and October 1832* (<http://members.iinet.net.au/~nickred/lists/>).
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- 24 *Tithe Applotment Books, 1823-37*, The National Archives of Ireland (http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/reels/tab/004587447/004587447_00163.pdf).
- 25 *Index to Marriage License Bonds, Diocese of Cashel and Emly*, Public Record Office of Ireland, National Archives of Ireland, Dublin.
- 26 A complete biography for James Apjohn can be found at *Heritage Collections of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland*, "Chemist and Physician Extraordinaire," <http://rcsiheritage.blogspot.com/2014/01/chemist-and-physicist-extraordinaire.html>. "Throughout his career Apjohn was associated with the Royal Irish Academy (RIA). He regularly submitted papers on chemistry, electricity, mineralogy etc to the RIA's proceedings. The year 1837 was to be an important one for Apjohn. Not only did he qualify as M.D from Trinity but he was also awarded the Cunningham Medal by the Royal Irish Academy for his paper 'Upon a New Method of Investigating the Specific Heat of Gases'. This is the highest honour the institute can bestow."
- 27 *The Limerick Chronicle*, Apr 13, 1865.
- 28 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Apjohn to Apjohn. 1841." #1841 211. Vol. 10-11. 1841. LDS Film 548222.
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- 30 *Return of Owners of Land of One Acre and Upwards in the Several Counties in Ireland*, Alexander Thom (Dublin: 1876).
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- 34 Public Record Office of Ireland, compiler, *Index to Marriage License Bonds, Diocese of Cashel and Emly* (National Archives of Ireland, Dublin: Public Record Office of Ireland), copied Sept. 29, 2000, by Linda Suffridge.
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- 38 Note that John and Mary Apjohn O'Dea named their second son Robert which fits the traditional naming convention that Mary's father was named Robert.
- 39 *Historic Graves, Kiltely Graveyard* (<http://historicgraves.com/kiltely/li-ktly-0064/grave>).
- 40 *Historic Graves, Kiltely Graveyard* (<http://historicgraves.com/crecora/li-cra-0941/grave>). Note that the reader of this gravestone indicates the date of death is 1751. However, because we have a Memorial for Michael Apjohn dated 1757, this death date is probably a misreading for 1761.
- 41 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Apjohn to Widenham. 1714." #6274. Vol. 13. 1713-1714. LDS Film 461307. On Nov 12, 1714, Michael Apjohn, Sadler, of the City of Limerick, and his wife Margaret nee Widenham, settled Margaret's marriage portion which had been advanced to her by her brother Daniel Widenham after their father's death ca 1708 (John Widenham's will was dated Mar 14, 1708).
- 42 *RootsIreland.com*, Marriage Record Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Michael Apjohn.
- 43 *Limerick; Its History and Antiquities, Ecclesiastical, Civil, and Military*, Maurice Lenihan (Dublin: 1866), pp. 325-326, 704.
- 44 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Apjohn to Roberts. 1720." #10996. Vol. 29-30. 1720-1721. LDS Film 461319. One of the witnesses of the memorial is Henry Widenham of Ballynamona, son of Daniel Widenham and Michael's nephew. Also of interest is that one of the witnesses to the Memorial is also named Michael Apjohn—and this confirms that there were two Michael Apjohns in Limerick at this time. This Michael Apjohn was married to Susanna Craven on Oct 11, 1711 in the Parish of St. John's (note that her father, Seymour Craven, is mentioned on the map above. The two Michaels must have been closely related. Susanna Craven
- 45 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Apjohn to Holland. 1722." #28683. Vol. 32-33. 1721-1722. LDS Film 461321.
- 46 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Record Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Michael Apjohn.
- 47 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Record Parish of St. John's in Limerick: Thomas Apjohn.
- 48 *RootsIreland.com*, Birthand Death RecordsParish of St. John's in Limerick: Mary Apjohn (daughter of Michael).
- 49 *RootsIreland.com*, Birthand Death RecordsParish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Christian Apjohn (daughter of Michael).
- 50 *RootsIreland.com*, Birthand Death RecordsParish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Kathleen Apjohn.
- 51 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth RecordsParish of St. Mary's in Limerick: William Apjohn.
- 52 *RootsIreland.com*, Death RecordsParish of St. John's in Limerick: William Apjohn.
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- 57 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth RecordsParish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Edward Apjohn.
- 58 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth RecordsParish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Mary Apjohn.

- 59 *RootsIreland.com*, Death Records Parish of St. John's in Limerick: Mary Apjohn (daughter of Michael).
- 60 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Records Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Trifinah Apjohn.
- 61 *RootsIreland.com*, Death Records Parish of St. John's in Limerick: Trifinah Apjohn (daughter of Michael).
- 62 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Records Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Deborah Apjohn. Deborah, like so many of her siblings, probably died in childhood.
- 63 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Apjohn to Lavery. 1753." #113713. Vol. 32-33. 1721-1722. LDS Film 461321.
- 64 *RootsIreland.com*, Marriage Records Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Thomas Apjohn and Susanna Mead.
- 65 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Records Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Thomas Apjohn.
- 66 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Records Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Mary Apjohn.
- 67 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Records Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Susanna Apjohn.
- 68 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Records Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: Deborah Apjohn.
- 69 *RootsIreland.com*, Birth Records Parish of St. Mary's in Limerick: William Apjohn.
- 70 *Map, photograph of, from set of estate of Edward Hoare in the city of Limerick by John Appleyard, 1747.* http://museum.limerick.ie/index.php/Detail/Object/Show/object_id/7385#. A "marshalsea" is usually defined as a prison (note that it is close to Prison Lane). Michael is not identified as "Sadler" in this document and in his old age he may have taken up a new profession. Note also that the Michael Apjohn referred to here may have been the son of Michael and Margaret Widenham Apjohn born in 1715.
- 71 *Ireland Registry of Deeds*, "Cudmore to Apjohn. 1757." #153934. Vol. 236-237. 1764-1769. LDS Film 461406. Note that although this Memorial appears in Volume 237 for the year 1769, the date of the Memorial is dated Feb 11, 1757.

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A Century of Changes in Pallasgreen

Part 3

By Nora Stokes

A Trip Back In Time – 1911:

I am back again this year with more fascinating information on townlands from An Grean and their occupants taken from 1911 census. This is my final year as I will have covered all the townlands in An Grean. If you enjoyed my trip last year from Nicker all around to New Pallas where I took in Nicker to Bunavie and then I continued on to Corelish East on one side and Corelish West on the other side then on to Linfield taking in Ballyvoneen and Lisheen also taking in Dromeenboy and this brought me back to New Pallas.

I hope you will enjoy my trip even more as this year I have gone from Old Pallas in various directions taking in the townlands from Old Pallas to Barna (as we know it now)

In the table below is the Old Pallas returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 6 houses holds there at the time.

Century changes in Old Pallas (Grean Limerick)

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at The Time
Hayes	Hugh (Farmer – Age 52) Brigid (Age 6) Religion - Roman Catholic	Tim (Son – Age 16 Months) Mary Anne (Daughter – 3 Months) Mary O' Brien (Mother-in-Law – Widow – Age 65) Marie O' Brien (Sister-in-Law – Age 26) Pat Nash (Visitor – Labourer – Age 49)
O'Connors	Michael (Labourer – Age 69) Hanora (Age 62) <i>12 children born alive to this couple but only 4 living at time of census</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son – Labourer – Age 30) Thomas (Son – Labourer – Age 27) Annie Dwyer (Relative – Scholar - Age 7)
Walsh	Patrick (Bootmaker – Age 71) Mary (Age 74) <i>10 children born alive to this couple and 5 living at time of census</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	None Listed
Finnan	Thomas (Herder - Age 49) Johanna (Age 47) <i>8 children born alive to this couple and 7 living at time of census</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Alice (Daughter – Age 17) Johanna (Daughter – Scholar -13) Catherine (Daughter – Scholar - 6) Mary Quillinan (Mother-in-Law – Widow -Age 74)
Walsh	James (Labourer Age 34) Bridget (Age 25) Religion - Roman Catholic	Margaret (Daughter – Age 2) Patrick (Son – Age 1)
Ryan	Patrick (Labourer – Age 45) Catherine (Age 60) <i>5 children born alive to this couple and 4 living at time of census</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son – Labourer – Age 17)

Century changes in Garrison (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Garrison returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 4 houses holds there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Hayes	Thomas (Farmer – Age 64) Nano (Age 68) Religion - Roman Catholic	Jeremiah (Son – Age 28 – Farm Labourer) Katie Condon – Servant - Age 20)

taking in the townlands of to Garrison, Race and Racebeg on one side and Cloughaderreen. I then continued from Barna down the Ballinaclough road taking in the townlands of Ballinaclough and Ballyhurst.

I will return again to Old Pallas and continue to the townlands of Knockgrean, Knocknacrohy, Ballynagally and Balingalla Ballytrasna and Glen. I will return then to Old Pallas and continue to the townlands of Sunglen and Coologue and Knockaunroe.

I hope you will enjoy tracing all these people and places in this piece as much as I did writing and researching it.

If anyone would like all four parts of the GREAN 1911 census together please feel free to ask me and I will print out for you.

McCormack	Patrick (Farmer - Age 59) Ellen (Age 40) Religion - Roman Catholic	Hanorah (Daughter – scholar – Age 10) <i>This child was an only daughter</i>
McCormack	Michael (Farmer – Age 75 - Widower) Religion - Roman Catholic	William (Son- Age – 40 – Farm Labourer) Kate (Daughter – Age 36 – Farmers Daughter)
Dwyer	Patrick (Farmer – Age 50) Religion - Roman Catholic	Edmond (Brother-Carpenter – Age 40) Thomas (Brother – Carpenter – Age 38) Margaret (Sister – Age 45) Mary (Sister – Age 43) Margaret Finnan (Servant – Age 20)

Century changes in Race Town (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Race Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 2 houses holds there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Walsh	Mary (Single -Charwoman – Age 51) Religion - Roman Catholic	Johanna Ryan (Niece – Scholar – Age 14)
Birrane	Ellen (Widow – Farmer – Age 74) <i>2 children born to this lady but only 1 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Jeremiah (Son – Age 42) Alice (Daughter – in – law – Age 38) Rodger (Grandson – Farmers Son – Age 17) Martin (Grandson – Scholar – Age 15) Jeremiah (Grandson – Scholar – Age 5) Daniel (Grandson – Age 4) Ellen (Granddaughter – Age 2) Patrick Daly (Servant – Age 40) Alice Purcell (Visitor – Age 27)

Century changes in Racebeg (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in Racebeg Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there was 1 household there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
O' Dwyer	Denis (Farmer – Age 35) Mary (Age 32) Religion - Roman Catholic	Winifred (Mother – Widow – Age 70) John (Brother – Farm Servant - Age 31) Johanna Carr (Servant – Age 14)

Century changes in Cloughaderreen East (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Cloughaderreen Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 11 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Manning	Elizabeth (Farmer –Widow - Age 65) <i>4 children born alive to this lady and 3 living at time of census</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Bridget (Daughter - Age 30) Bridget (Daughter – Age 26) Bridget (Daughter - Age 24)

Lonergan	Martin (Farmer - Age 50) Mary (Age 39) <i>This couple were married 4 years</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary (Daughter - Age 2) Johanna (Daughter - Age 1) Margaret Quirke (Mother in Law - Widow - Age 72) Michael Quirke (Brother in Law - Farm Servant - Age 37) Kate Laffan (Sister - Widow - Age 45) Dan Ahern (Farm Labourer - Age 28)
Power	Patrick (General Labourer - Widower - Age 76) Religion - Roman Catholic	Ellen O' Donoghue (Sister in Law - Single - Age 75) Johanna (Daughter - Single - Age 47) Patrick Kelly (Boarder - Creamery Manager from Co. Clare - Age 24)
Collins	Laurance (Labourer - Age 67) (Catherine - Age 65 R.L.P.) Religion - Roman Catholic	Bridget (Daughter - Single - Age 31) Michael (Son - Age 28 - Married with 1 child) Thomas - (Son - Single - Age 25)
O' Brien	Patrick (Farmer - Widow - Age 66) Religion - Roman Catholic	Thomas (Son - Farmers Son - Age 40) Kennedy (Son - Farmers Son - Age 38) Bridget - (Daughter - Farmers Daughter - Age 28)
Donegan	James (Farmer - Age 66) Hanora (Age 50) <i>10 children born alive to this lady and 9 living at time of census</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary (Daughter - Age 24) Helena (Daughter - Age 23) Paddie (Son - Age 21) Lillie (Daughter - Scholar - Age 12) Maud (Daughter - Scholar - Age 10) James Mc Carthy (Servant - Age 25)
O' Brien	Patrick (Farmer - Age 60) Bridget (50) Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary (Daughter - Age 18) Annie (Daughter - Age 17) Johanna (Daughter - Age 15) Denis (Son - Age 11)
O' Dwyer	James (Farmer - Age 50) Kate (49) <i>This couple are married 3 years</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Patrick Connors (Servant - Age 17)
Ryan	Patrick (Farmer - Single - Age 43) Religion - Roman Catholic	<i>No listing of anybody in house</i>
Ryan	Thomas (Agricultural Labourer - Single - Age 29) Religion - Roman Catholic	Sarah Ryan (Mother - Widow - Age 73) Sarah (Sister - Age 25)
Ryan	Denis (Farmer - Age 36) Bridget (Age 34) Religion - Roman Catholic	Sarah (Daughter - Scholar - Age 11) Martin (Son - Scholar - Age 9) Wenifred (Daughter - Scholar - Age 8) Mary (Daughter - Scholar - Age 6) Cornelius (Son - Age 4) Edmond (Son - Age 2) Denis (Son - Age 7 Months)

Century changes in Ballinaclough (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Ballinaclough Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 11 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Harty	Michael (Labourer - Age 42) Bridget (Age 32) Religion - Roman Catholic	Ellen (Daughter - Age 1) Sarah Keefe (Lodger - Age 40)
O' Connell	William (Farmer - Head of the House - Age 46) Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Brother - Age 42) Francis (Sister - Age 48)
O' Shea	Patrick (Labourer - Age 44) Johanna (Age 43) <i>9 children born to this couple but only 6 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	William (Son - Scholar - Age 15) Patrick (Son - Scholar - Age 14) Thomas (Son - Scholar - Age 5) James (Son - Scholar - Age 4)
Mulcahy	Michael (Farmer - Age 40) Mary (Age 35) <i>7 children born to this couple but only 5 living</i> Religion - Church of Ireland	Margaret (Daughter - Scholar - Age 7) Michael (Son - Scholar - Age 6) Catherine (Daughter - Scholar - Age 5) Mary (Daughter - Age 3) Patrick (Son - Age 1) Paddy (Father - Age 88) Margaret (Mother - Age 74) Josie Collins (Servant - Age 16)

Hayes	Patrick (Farmer - Age 60) Bridget (Age 51) <i>11 children born to this couple but only 8 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Age 27) Ellen (Daughter - Age 20) Ann (Daughter - Age 18) Maggie (Daughter - Age 16)
O' Brien	Anne (Farmer - Widow - Age 64) Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary (Daughter - Age 27) Anne (Daughter - Age 25) Bartolomew (Son - Age 21) John Real (Brother - Farm Servant - Age 55)
Carroll	John (Labourer - Age 86) Mary (Age 73) <i>7 children born to this couple but only 2 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Age 32) Patrick Bermingham (Relative - Coachman - Age 40)
McGrath	Denis (Farmer - Age 38) Bridget (Age 31) Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Age 5 Months Infant) Kate Kenny (Servant - Age 32) Patrick Ryan (Servant - Age 17) John Beary (Workman - Age 26)
Carr	Michael (Labourer - Single - Age 66) Religion - Roman Catholic	Johanna Ryan (Niece - Married - Age 34) Katie Ryan (Niece - Scholar - Age 5)
Carr	Bridget (Domestic Servant - Widow - Age 67) Religion - Roman Catholic	
O' Shea	James (Agriculture Labourer - Age 48) Mary (Age 34) Religion - Roman Catholic	Martin (Son - Age 4) Mary (Daughter - Age 3) Michael (Son - Age 1) Patrick (Son - Age less than 1 month) Mary (Mother - Age 76) Maggie (Sister - Age 50)
Beary	Margaret (Farmer - Widow - Age 69) Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Labourer - Age 22)
Hanly	William (Farmer - Age 71) Bridget (Age 68) <i>8 children born to this couple but only 6 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Farmers Son - Age 27)
Collin	William (Cooper - Age 52) Mary (Housekeeper - Age 48) <i>11 children born to this couple but only 7 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Michael (Son - Labourer - Age 22) Margaret (Daughter - Scholar - Age 13) Patrick (Son - Scholar - Age 6)
O' Callaghan	Thomas (Cooper - Age 47) Mary (Housekeeper - Age 43) Religion - Roman Catholic	Ellen Ryan Mother in Law - Widow - Age 72) Margaret Mary Dwane (Niece - Scholar - Age 6) Mary Cosgrove (Domestic Servant - Age 17) William Walsh (Farm Servant - Age 18)

Century changes in Ballyhurst (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Ballyhurst Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 3 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Kelly	Michael (Farmer - Age 39) Hannie (Age 33) Religion - Church of Ireland	John (Son - Age 1) Bridget Kelly (Mother - Widow - Age 73) Patrick Redfern (Servant - Age 17) Hanora Kelly (Servant - Age 32)
Molloy	Johanna (Farmer - Widow - Age 67) <i>This lady had 5 children only 2 on census form</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Margaret (Daughter - Age 29) Patrick (Son - Age 25)
Heffernan	Bryan (Farmer - Single - Age 21) Religion - Roman Catholic	Annie (Sister - Scholar - Age 17)

From Old Pallas taking in townlands Knockgreen, Glen, Knocknacrohy, Ballytarsna, Killeenavera, Ballynagally and Ballinagalla

Century changes in Knockgreen (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Knockgreen Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 5 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Reardon	Catherine (Farmer - Widow - Age 54) Religion - Roman Catholic	Joe (Daughter - Age 24) Jack (Son - Age 22) Bridget (Daughter - Age 18) Aileen (Daughter - Age 17) Thomas (Son - Scholar - Age 16) James (Son - Scholar - Age 15)
Sullivan	Johanna (Widow - Domestic Servant - Age 70) Religion - Roman Catholic	
McMahon	Patrick (Labourer - Age 35) Ellen (Age 35) <i>This couple married just 1 year</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	
Ryan	Patrick (Labourer - Age 58) Margaret (Age 56) <i>11 children born to this couple only 9 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	
Meehan	James (Labourer - Age 28) Julia (Age 23) Religion - Roman Catholic	Bridget (Daughter - Age 3) James (Son - Age 1)

Century changes in Knocknacrohy (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Knocknacrohy Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 4 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
O' Brien	John (Farmer - Age 80) Catherine (Age 76) <i>11 children born to this couple 3 at home on census night</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Kate (Daughter - Age 36) Joseph (Son - Labourer - Age 30) Bridget (Daughter - Age 28) William O' Gorman (Farm Servant - Age 28) Edmond Scott (Farm Servant - Age 25) Margaret Oliver (Farm Servant - Age 26)
Elligott	Michael (Farmer - Age 50) Hannah (Age 34) Religion - Roman Catholic	Bridget (Daughter - Age 2) Maria (Daughter - Age 1) Hannah (Daughter - Age 3 months) Maggie Byrne (Servant - Age 20) Battie O' Brien (Servant - Age 15)
Elligott	Patrick (Farmer - Age 50) Mary (Age 40) Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary Jane (Daughter - Age 3) Patrick (Son - Age 1) James Finn (Servant - Age 19) Bridget Heffernan (Servant - Age 20)
Byrane	Mary (Farmer - Widow - Age 82) <i>7 children born to this lady but only 6 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Thomas (Son - Scholar - Age 52) Bridget (Daughter - Age 39)

Century changes in Glen (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in Glen Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there was 1 household there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Collins	James (Labourer - Age 40) Margaret (Age 40) Religion - Roman Catholic	Denis (Son - Scholar - Age 12) Margaret (Daughter - Scholar - Age 11) Annie (Daughter - Scholar - Age 9) John (Son - Scholar - Age 7) Thomas (Son - Scholar - Age 5) James (Son - Age 3)

Century changes in Ballytrasna (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the New Pallas Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 15 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Hayes	Timothy (Farmer - Single - Age 25) Religion - Roman Catholic	William Hayes (Uncle - Farm Servant - Age 58) Katie Heffernan (Domestic Servant - Age 23)
Hayes	Margaret (Farmer - Age 69) Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Age 32) Ellen (Daughter - Age 27) Mary Heffernan (Domestic Servant - Age 16)
Conway	Thomas (Farmer - Age 65) Ellen (Age 64) <i>This couple had only 1 daughter</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Delia (Daughter - Age 23) Cornelius Conway (Brother - Age 64) Kate O'Connell (Servant - Age 23)
O' Brien	Mary (Farmer - Widow - Age 72) Religion - Roman Catholic	Patrick (Son - Age 38) Hannah (Daughter - Age 30)
O' Brien	John (Farmer - Single - Age 38) Religion - Roman Catholic	
Ryan	John (Farmer - Age 91) Alice (Age 67) <i>10 children born to this couple but only 8 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Catherine (Daughter - Age 29) James (Son - Carpenter - Age 28) Maryanne (Daughter - Age 25)
Clancy	Denis (Farmer - Married - Age 40) Religion - Roman Catholic	
Mahony	John (Farmer - Age 46) Alice (Age 47) <i>4 children born to this family but only 3 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Timothy (Son - Scholar - Age 10) John (Son - Scholar - Age 9) Patrick (Son - Scholar - Age 7)
Murphy	Michael (Blacksmith - Age 67) Bridget (Age 69) Religion - Roman Catholic	Thomas (Daughter - Age 25) Patrick (Son - Age 24) Mary (Daughter - Age 23) John (Son - Age 22) Michael (Son - Age 21) Daniel (Son - Age 20)
Boyle	Thomas (Farmer - Age 42) Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary Boyle (Sister - Age 43) Patrick Fitzgerald (Nephew - Civil Service Student - Age 18) Michael Fitzgerald (Farm Servant - Age 16)
Clancy	Owen (Farmer - Age 39) Mary Anne (Age 41) Religion - Church of Ireland	Mary Anne (Daughter - Scholar - Age 10) Kathleen (Daughter - Scholar - Age 8) Margaret (Daughter - Scholar - Age 6) Annie Frawley (Servant - Age 30)
Lynch	Michael (Farmer - Single - Age 79) Religion - Roman Catholic	Patrick Lynch (Brother - Farm Servant - Age 70) Catherine Lynch (Sister - Age 40)
Ryan	Michael (Farmer - Age 64) Anne (Age 60) <i>This couple had 4 children but only 3 at home on census night</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Age 25) Thomas (Son - Age 23) William (Son - Age 20)
Ryan	William (Farmer - Age 38) Margaret (Age 38) <i>This couple had 3 children but only 2 at home on census night</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Scholar - Age 14) Thomas (Son - Scholar - Age 13) James Cormack (Father in Law - Widower - Age 77)
Kirby	David (Age 34) Ellen (Age 34) <i>This couple married less than a year</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Rodger Lynch (Father in Law - Dressmaker - Age 73) Mary Boutke (Step Mother in Law - Age 66)

Century changes in Ballynagally (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Ballynagally Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 15 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Quillinan	Edward (Farmer - Single - Age 32) Religion - Roman Catholic	Bridget (Sister - Age 25) Agnes (Sister - Labourer - Age 19) John (Brother - Age 17) Denis (Brother - Age 15)
Byzant	John (Farmer - Age 60) Mary (Age 60) <i>9 children born to this couple but only 7 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Age 25) Daniel (Son - Age 24) Maria (Daughter - Age 21) Andrew (Son - Age 20)
Byzant	Andrew (Farmer - Age 56) Johanna (Age 50) <i>This couple had no family</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	
Barr	David (Farmer - Age 58) Kate (Age 57) <i>This couple had no family</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Patrick O' Brien (Servant - Age 18) Richard Nihil (Servant - Age 16) Catherine Ryan (Servant - Age 21)
Ryan	John (Farm Labourer - Age 24) Annie (Age 25) Religion - Roman Catholic	Michael (Son - Age 6 Months)
O' Donnell	Denis (Farmer - Age 39) Maria (Age 36) <i>This couple married 3 years</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary O' Donnell (Mother - Widow - Age 62) Michael Ryan (Servant - Age 22)
Gilloohly	Thomas (Farmer - Age 54) Hanorah (Age 43) Religion - Roman Catholic	John (Son - Scholar - Age 10) Annie Harty (Servant - Age 19)
English	Martin (Farm Labourer - Age 44) Margaret (Age 48) <i>The couple above had 2 children but only 1 living who was not at home on census night. They are married 20 years</i>	
Hogan	John (Farmer - Age 40) Bessy (Age 36) <i>There seems to be 2 families in this house</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	John Hogan (Son - Scholar - Age 5) Patrick Hogan (Son - Scholar - Age 4) Michael Hogan (Son - Age 1) John Ryan (Visitor - Age 50)
Hartnett	Michael (Farmer Labourer - Age 45) Winifred (Age 31) Religion - Roman Catholic	Michael (Son - Scholar - Age 8) John (Son - Scholar - Age 5) Margaret (Daughter - Scholar - Age 4) Margaret (Mother - Widow - Age 84)
Gillhooley	Andrew (Farmer - Age 58) Catherine (Age 57) <i>7 children born to this couple but only 4 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Michael (Son - Age 24) Patrick (Son - Age 21) Thomas (Son - Age 18) Andrew (Son - Age 16)
Mc Grath	Timothy (Farmer - Age 50) Mary (Age 40) Religion - Roman Catholic	Alice (Daughter - Scholar - Age 16) Connie (Son - Scholar - Age 11) James Condon (Servant - Age 50)
Lynch	Mary (No Evidence of Employment - Widow - Age 72) <i>This lady had no family</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	
Aherne	Michael (Farm Labourer - Age 59) Hanorah (Age 58) <i>This couple had no family</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Patrick Hurley (Visitor - Labourer - Age 40)

Kilmartin	Michael (Farmer - Age 43) Margaret (Age 44) <i>16 children were born to this couple but only 9 are living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Michael (Son - Farm Labourer - Age 22) Thomas (Son - Farm Labourer - Age 20) Margaret (Daughter - Domestic Servant - Age 18) Mary (Daughter - Domestic Servant - Age 16) Bridget (Daughter - Domestic Servant - Age 14) William (Son - Scholar - Age 12) Edmonde (Son - Scholar - Age 10) John (Son - Scholar - Age 8) Catherine (Daughter - Age 4)
Garvey	Eliza (No Evidence Given of Employment - Widow - Age 50) <i>This lady had 3 other children not home on census night</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	James (Son - Scholar - Age 11)

Century changes in Ballynagalla (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Ballynagalla Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 4 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Ryan	Thomas (Farmer - Age 45) Ellen (Age 38) Religion - Roman Catholic	James O' Gorman (Farm Servant - Age 21)
Birrane	Rodger (Farmer - Age 69) Mary (Age 68) <i>8 children born to this couple but only 3 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Denis (Son - Age 36) Maria (Daughter - Age 29) John (Son - Age 28)
Ryan	Johanna (Farmer - Widow - Age 47) Religion - Roman Catholic	Kate (Daughter - Age 24) Johanna (Daughter - Age 23) William (Son - Age 22) Mollie (Daughter - Age 20) Amias Pilgrim (Servant - Age 18 - From England)
O' Brien	Bartholomew (Labourer - Age 34) Mary (Age 32) Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary Kate (Daughter - Age 2) Johanna (Daughter - Age 1) Ellen Ryan (Relative - Single - Age 45)

From Old Pallas taking in townlands Sunglen and Coologue and Knockaunroe

Century changes in Sunglen (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Sunglen returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 4 houses holds there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at The Time
English	Patrick (Farmer - Age 45) Julia (Age 34) <i>6 children born to this couple but only 4 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Mary (Daughter - Age 5) Patrick (Son - Age 3) Ellen (Daughter - Age 2) Sarah (Daughter - Age 4 Months) Mary Ryan (Domestic - Servant - Age 19) Patrick O' Grady (Farm Servant - Age 19)
Nihil	Patrick (Builders Labourer - Age 50) Hanora (Age 35) <i>8 children born to this couple but only 6 living</i> Religion - Roman Catholic	Patrick (Son - Labourer - Age 18) Johanna (Daughter - Scholar - Age 13) Bridget (Daughter - Scholar - Age 11) Catherine (Daughter - Scholar - Age 9) Mary (Daughter - Scholar - Age 7)
Molloy	John (Farmer - Age 42) Bridget (Age 40) Religion - Roman Catholic	Bridget Molloy (Mother - Age 77) Delia Kenna (Domestic Servant - Age 16)
Ryan	James (General Labourer - Age 36) Bridget (Age 35) Religion - Roman Catholic	Norah (Daughter - Scholar - Age 11) Mary (Daughter - Scholar - Age 7) Denis (Son - Scholar - Age 4) Bridget (Daughter - Scholar - Age 2)

Century changes in Coologue (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Sunglen returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 3 houses holds there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at The Time
Russell	Patrick (Labourer - Age 37) Mary (Age 40)	David (Son - Age 4) John (Son - Age 3)
	<i>6 children born to this couple but only 2 living</i>	
	Religion - Roman Catholic	
Cummins	John (Labourer - Single - Age 73)	
	Religion - Roman Catholic	
McCarthy	Timothy (Botmaker - Age 32) Mary (Age 24)	Catherine (Daughter - Age 3) Johanna (Daughter - Age 1)
	Religion - Roman Catholic	

Resources

Direction to 1911 Census

1. <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie>
2. Click on Browse census
3. Go to Limerick from the list and click
4. Go to Grean and click
5. Find your desired townland and click
6. Then click on the family name and the details will show up

Century changes in Knockaunroe (Grean Limerick)

In the table below is the list of houses in the Knockaunroe Town returns taken from the 1911 census, there were 4 households there at the time.

Surname	First Name(s)	Others In House at Time
Reardon	John (Farmer - Age 45) Mary (Age 45)	Michael (Son - Scholar - Age 8) Mary (Daughter - Scholar - Age 6) Joseph Ryan (Boarder - Age 50) William Walsh (Farm Servant - Age 45) Mary Cronin (Farm Servant - Age 35)
	<i>This couple married 10 years</i>	
	Religion - Roman Catholic	
Real	Michael (Farmer - Age 50) Alice (Age 47)	Mary (Daughter - Age 21) Michael (Son - Age 19) Alice Daughter - Age 17)
	<i>7 children born to this couple 3 at home on census night</i>	
	Religion - Roman Catholic	
Gorman	Patrick (Agricultural Labourer - Age 62) Margaret (Age 68)	Timothy Oliver (Son in Law - Agricultural Labourer - Age 28) Kate Oliver (Daughter - Age 23) Mary Oliver (Granddaughter - Age 5 months)
	<i>9 children born to this couple only 7 living</i>	
	Religion - Roman Catholic	
Hanley	John (Farmer - Age 49) Maria (Age 48)	Bridget (Daughter - Scholar - Age 17) William (Son - Scholar - Age 12) Catherine (Daughter - Scholar - Age 6)
	<i>6 children born to this couple only 4 living</i>	
	Religion - Roman Catholic	

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James Real - A Limerick Man at the Battle of Shiloh

'His Soul Escaped to the Bosom of His Maker': A Limerick Man at the Battle of Shiloh

150 years ago today, Captain Michael Magevney Jr. and his company were positioned near Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. The Fermanagh native commanded the 'Jackson Guards', a largely Irish unit which formed Company C of the 154th (Senior) Tennessee Infantry. Nearby, 25-year-old James Real from Oola, Co. Limerick, proudly gripped the flag of the regiment. The previous day had seen the 154th engaged in hard fighting, having taken part in the largely successful Confederate assault against Federal positions around the Landing. However, the second-day of the Battle of Shiloh was now about to commence, and the scales had tipped against Magevney, Real and their comrades.

James Real had travelled a long way from his original home in Limerick to be on the battlefield of Shiloh that 7th April. He had arrived from Ireland as a 13-year-old, journeying aboard the John O'Toole from Dublin. James first set foot in his new home on 23rd January 1851, when he and nine of his family disembarked at New Orleans. The exotic and cosmopolitan city must have amazed the young Limerick boy and his siblings. The family eventually settled in Illinois, but at the approach of war in 1861 the now adult James found himself living in Memphis, Tennessee. Despite his family links in the North, he decided to throw in his lot with his neighbours, and on 8th June of that year he enrolled for a period of one year in Magevney's Company C.

J.J. Reel (James Real) Company Muster Roll information

By the time of Shiloh James Real and his company had already seen action, most notably at Belmont, Missouri on 7th November 1861. However, nothing they had previously witnessed could have prepared them for the bloodbath they were engulfed by on the banks of the Tennessee River. Their 6th April attack had caught the Yankees by surprise, but it had come at a fearsome price. Worse still for the Confederates, Union General Ulysses S. Grant's Army of the Tennessee had begun to receive reinforcements from Don Carlos Buell's Army of the Ohio from late on the 6th. By the morning of 7th April these fresh troops were ready to lead a counter-attack against the exhausted Rebels. At 6.00 am the Federals threw themselves against the Confederate right, near where James Real and the Jackson Guards were positioned.

Lieutenant-Colonel Marcus J. Wright was in command of 154th Tennessee that day. The regiment's line of battle was formed in an open field, supporting a Confederate artillery battery. The Rebel commander General P.G.T. Beauregard decided to respond to the Federal thrust by launching a counter-attack of his own. As Beauregard's orders came down Wright ordered the 154th forward, and together with

the 2nd Tennessee and portions of Blythe's Mississippi regiment they advanced. Together with another Confederate brigade, they surged obliquely to right across the Sarah Bell field and towards the advancing Union troops. James Real was to the fore, carrying the regimental flag of the 154th which he had held since the original color-bearer party had fallen during the previous day's fighting. The Sarah Bell Field in Shiloh, across which the 154th (Senior) Tennessee Infantry advanced.

As the Confederates advanced the Federals quickly sought to respond. They repositioned Terrill's battery east of the Hamburg-Savannah road to meet the Rebel onslaught. Lieutenant-Colonel Wright recalled that the 154th became involved in a 'desperate contest with the enemy's artillery and musketry', eventually becoming separated from the rest of their brigade. They remained exposed to the deadly fire of the battery for over an hour, before being forced to withdraw. Behind them and in front of the cannon lay 'piles of mangled bodies.' Amongst them was 25-year-old Limerick-man James Real.

Few details of James Real's final moments survive. It was reported that he advanced to within twenty paces of the enemy line before receiving the wound 'through which his soul escaped to the bosom of his Maker.' His service record notes that he was 'killed at Battle of Shiloh while carrying the colors of the Rgt.' Clearly a popular young man in Memphis, a remembrance of the Irish private was printed in the Memphis Appeal on 15th April. In it he was reported to have expressed his willingness to die for the cause of the South, which he believed to be just. 'As a friend he was kind, uncalculating and sincere. He was known but to be loved. All he possessed was at the disposal of his friends-in fact, that was his weakness, if such it can be called. His memory will be forever embalmed in the hearts of his friends; many a tear wrang from manhood's arid fountain and woman's tender heart, have shown the depth of love and the sincerity of the sorrow of his bereaved friends.'

'Killed at Battle of Shiloh while carrying the colors of the Rgt.'

The Confederate army was driven back in defeat on the second day of the Battle of Shiloh, and the Federals were left in possession of the field. Pittsburg Landing remained an important concentration point for Union regiments, and soon after the fighting one such unit, the 7th Missouri Infantry, arrived to reinforce the position. Amongst its members was Patrick Real, James's older brother who had arrived with him in New Orleans in 1851. It was reported that Patrick had travelled to Memphis prior to the war in an effort to bring his younger back to Illinois, but that James had insisted on staying to fight for his adoptive

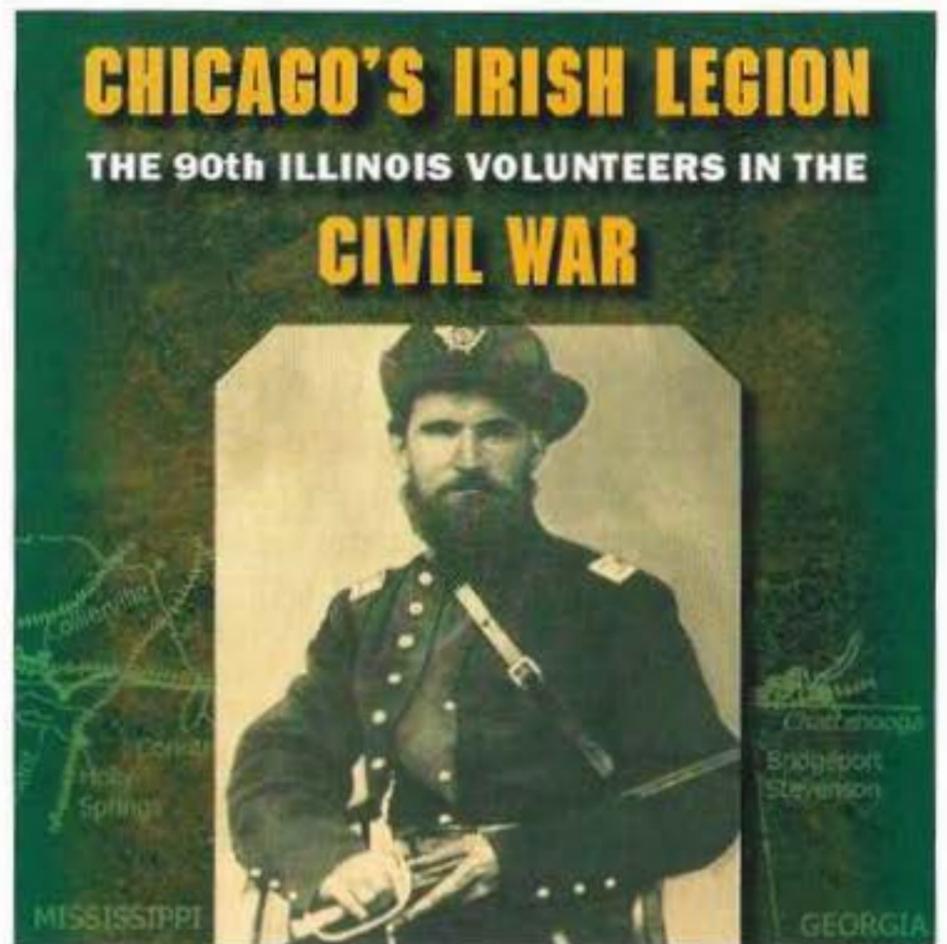
State. Now Patrick was camping on the very field of battle where his younger brother had fallen fighting for the South. Indeed when Patrick arrived James still lay there, buried in an unmarked grave. One can only imagine his feelings at the time. Unlike his sibling, Patrick would survive the war, spending its latter years as an officer in the 90th Illinois, Chicago's Irish Legion.

Shiloh is often seen as the first major battle of the American Civil War - the point at which both North and South began to realise the slaughter they had unleashed against each other. Whatever the truth of this, for the Real family of Oola, Co. Limerick, the battle would forever recall memories the personal family tragedy that befell them there, 150 years ago today.

*I am indebted to Jim Swan, who through his history of the 90th Illinois Infantry and personal correspondence first alerted me to the story of the Real family in the American Civil War.

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The area of Pallasgreen in 1837

Kathleen Shanahan

Introduction:

It is very interesting and engrossing to read some facts about one's area from times past. With this in mind I am including an extract from Lewis topographical dictionary¹ which describes Pallasgreen as it was in 1837.

Lewis topographical dictionary includes counties, cities, parishes and villages, with historical and statistical descriptions, of Ireland. Lewis visited many of the sites in the book and he also sent proof sheets to people with knowledge of their areas who could make any changes which had occurred since his inspections. This delayed the publican but it added to its accuracy. All distances are given in miles and acres. Civil and religious parishes are identified and churches are described. The spellings of place names are written as of the time and may be different from the spellings that are used today.

Extract from Lewis

GREANE, a parish, partly in the barony of CLANWILLIAM, but chiefly in that of COONAGH, county of LIMERICK, and province of MUNSTER, on the new line of road from Limerick to Tipperary; containing, with the post-town of Pallasgreane, 4923 inhabitants. At Sulchoi pass, near Pallas, an important battle was fought in 960 between the Irish and the Danes, in which the latter were defeated and pursued to Limerick.² It was formerly an incorporated town, and had a collegiate church.³ The parish comprises 4207 statute acres, about one-fifth of which is under tillage, three-fifths are meadow, and the remainder principally pasturage on Knock-na-greine, or the "hill of the sun." Basalt is found in Knock-na-Greine, where it rises to the height of 864 feet, and appears to have been forced up by a violent convulsion, as the limestone on which it is based is very much shattered and dislocated. Near this hill is Lynfield, the fine mansion of D. O'Grady, Esq., through a wood in the neighbourhood of which is seen a magnificent facade of basaltic rock, consisting of numerous lofty columns closely joined, and forming a miniature resemblance of Fair Head, in Antrim. Dork, the handsome residence of Heffernan Considine, Esq., commands a charming view of a rich and undulating country as far as the celebrated rock of Cashel. Near the house passes the old road by which William III. marched from Golden-Bridge to the siege of Limerick. The other principal mansions are Mount

Catherine, the seat of H. Smithwick, Esq.; Pallas, of T. Abjohn, Esq.; Sunville, of T. Kearney, Esq.; and the glebe-house, of the Rev. W. Scott.

Petty sessions are held on alternate Mondays at New Pallas. There is a constabulary police station in the village of Nicker. It is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Emly, and in the patronage of the Archbishop of Cashel: the tithes amount to £450. There is a glebe-house, with a glebe of seven acres and another of 32 acres, which is subject to a rent of £30. The church, which was built in 1808, is in a dilapidated state. In the R. C. divisions it is the head of a union or district, called Pallasgreane, including the parishes of Greane and Ballyclough, and part of Drumkeen, and containing a large plain chapel at Nicker. The parochial school, for which there is a large and handsome house at New Pallas, are on the foundation of Erasmus Smith, and endowed with £30 per ann. and two acres of land. There is also a private school of 100 children. Eastward of the church is a moat, and about a mile from it is the ancient castle of Kilduff. Near Lynfield are the remains of Kilcolman church, which was founded in the 7th century.

Footnotes

- 1 Lewis, Samuel, *A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland*, (Aldergate, 1837).
- 2 *Battle of Sulcoid*. – In A.D. 968 according to the Annals of Inisfallen, O'Halloran and others, the Danes of Limerick, with powerful forces, were defeated in a great battle at Sulcoid by the Dalcassians and other troops of Munster, commanded by Mahon, King of Cashel, and his brother Brian Boru, in which three thousand of the Danes were slain, and the remnant being pursued to Limerick, great numbers of them were slaughtered; the city was sacked and their fortresses burned, and the victors carried off great spoils of gold, silver, and merchandize, clothing and various valuable articles. The pass of Sulcoid, where this battle was fought is situated on a plain between Limerick and Cashel, and guarded by great height on both sides. *Annals of the Four Masters as translated into English by Owen Connellan with Annotations by Philip MacDermott: Irish Genealogical Foundation 2003*. Vol 2 p. 508 <https://books.google.ie>
- 3 In Christianity, a **collegiate church** is a church where the daily office of worship is maintained by a college of canons; a non-monastic or "secular" community of clergy, organised as a self-governing corporate body, which may be presided over by a dean or provost.



The decline of the public house in the Pallasgreen area

Kathleen Shanahan

We only have to look at the village of Pallasgreen to see how life there has altered dramatically over the past fifty years. Gone forever are the small grocery shops which supplied necessities such as bread, flour, potatoes, butter, eggs, bacon and the other plain foods which people enjoyed at that time. These family owned shops, with the exception of the butcher, have vanished and have been replaced by a large supermarket which stocks a huge variety of foods and goods, has a deli counter and coffee shop and employs a great number of staff. There are Chinese, kebab and fish and chip takeaways in the locality. The building of a community hall facilitated the meetings of different societies and made available a venue for plays and concerts, keep fit classes and a host of different activities. All these changes contributed to an alteration in the dietary and social habits of the population of Pallasgreen.

Although the majority of these developments are of benefit to the village there are some disadvantages as well. The small businesses which once operated in the village served a dual purpose by functioning as a shop and a meeting place. The shops were both centres of information and a social setting for many of the villagers who would rendezvous for a gossip and a chat. The old garda headquarters, which is now closed, had a staff of at least twelve personnel, comprising of a Garda Superintendent, two sergeants, six to eight guards, and other support staff. The station which replaced it is open for a few hours a week and it is manned by one guard. Outside of these hours, if a garda presence is required they have to be summoned from the Bruff area which is situated over twenty miles away.

Another sad reflection on the growing isolation of the rural community is the gradual closure of the village pub. This type of establishment played a central role in Irish society for centuries and is best described as place where it is possible meet and converse with the many diverse and varied groups of individuals from the locality and beyond. In addition to a convivial and social atmosphere and the availability of a variety of drinks, good music and quiz nights are some of the several features of a pub culture that are in existence in this country for years. Friends and neighbours can meet for a game of cards, darts or pool, all of life events from birth to death are remembered and recorded with good food, song and story and of course the occasional or more glass of wine, beer, stout or spirits. Countless arguments are sorted over a game of cards or a pint of porter. Nowadays, many rural inhabitants live in isolation and a visit to the pub is their only way of communicating and interacting with the other members of their locality. The friendly atmosphere generally

extends to people from outside the area and it is usual for strangers and tourists, if they wish, to join in the conversations that flourish throughout the establishment. Pub culture has a long history in Ireland and at its heart is a sense of camaraderie and friendship, which is encapsulated in the traditional toast, 'slainte' which means good health.

Harry Kennedy, of Brackile, who is a valuable source of local knowledge on the history of Pallasgreen, remembers a time when there were a total of nineteen public houses in the area of New Pallas, Nicker, Knockane and Old Pallas. He would have been a patron of most of them at one time or another and he lists their names, locations and other details which are of some interest. Some of the pubs were still open for business in the 1980s and the 1990s, but there are only four properties left which are functioning as public houses at the time of writing this article.

Presently, in October 2016 there are two public houses open in the village of New Pallas. They are 'O'Dwyer's' and 'The Red Deer' and both premises are situated at the Cross of Pallasgreen on the main Limerick/Tipperary road.

There is one public house 'Power's' open in Old Pallas.

The fourth public house which is still in business is 'The idler' which is located in Knockane. This pub was formerly owned by Peggy Horan nee Beary before she moved to Beary's pub on the main Limerick to Tipperary road which is now known as the 'High Nelly bicycle shop and cafe'.

There are a total of five public houses closed in the village of New Pallas and the adjoining area of the village.

- (1) The High Nelly bicycle shop and cafe: This business, which previously traded solely as a public house was formerly owned by the Dundon family, the Beary family and Pat Ryan and although it still has a drinks licence it is now being run primarily as a bicycle manufacturing and repair company and cafe. It also runs musical evenings and serves craft beers and wine.
- (2) The Mulcair Inn: originally owned by Patrick Hayes and known as Hayes' Hotel, the business was run as a Hotel and public house. It had a thriving business in the early and mid twentieth century. Guests travelled by train to Pallasgreen, the majority of whom were commercial travellers, cattle dealers and farmers who attended the fairs in Old Pallas, race goers to Barrenstown and fishermen who fished the nearby Mulcair river for trout and salmon. Jarveys waited outside the door of the station and the hotel to take them to their destinations.

- (3) Ryan's Undertakers: These premises were both a public house and an undertaking business. It is now operating solely as undertakers.
- (4) Coffees: This is a very old pub and it was run by the Misses Coffeys who were teachers. It was later owned by their nephew John Coffey and it finally closed its doors sometime in the 1990's.
- (5) Ryans: Known as 'Bobs' and run by Josie and her husband Billy Ryan. Well known for the games of fortyfive. Closed in June 1999.
- (6) The Chaser: This pub had several owners and in later years it was open as a pub and restaurant. It was owned originally by Michael O'Dwyer's family, it was also owned by the Spillanes, Jim O'Brien and Whelans. The pub closed in 2015 but it is due to re open in the near future.

The two public houses that operated in Nicker are closed.

- (1) Hartys: This pub was run by the Harty family for generations and is now a private dwelling.
- (2) Jim Hayes: previously run as a pub and grocery business.

There is one public house remaining open in Old Pallas, one of the original pubs is converted into apartments and the other pubs are in ruins or have vanished. .

- (1) Dwanes pub: This pub is not there anymore.
- (2) Paddy Ryan: Later owned by Therese ONeill Paddy Ryan's daughter.
- (3) Nora Mai Condon: This property is located on the road into the village from Pallasgreen.
- (4) Haulie Connolly: This derelict building was also located on the road into the village from Pallasgreen.
- (5) O'Brien's: There is no trace left of this pub.

There is currently one pub open in Knockane and two have ceased trading.

- (1) O'Donnells Pub: There is no trace left of this building which was situated at the crossroads .
- (2) Beary's: Thatched public house. It was run as Pub and Post office. It is now a private dwelling.

The closure of these once successful businesses is a clear indication of the changing habits of the general public. What has happened in Pallasgreen has been replicated all over Ireland. Life has changed and people have moved on to a different way of life but it is of value to remember and record times past before they are forgotten entirely. In all probability some of the information in this article is incorrect or may be incomplete. If anyone has anything to add or correct they can contact me and I will do any additions or corrections in a future article.

Included below are photographs of some of the now defunct public houses.



Bearys Pub



O'Neills Pub



Jim Hayes' Bar



Hartys, Nicker



The Chaser



Mulcair Inn



Coffey's Bar

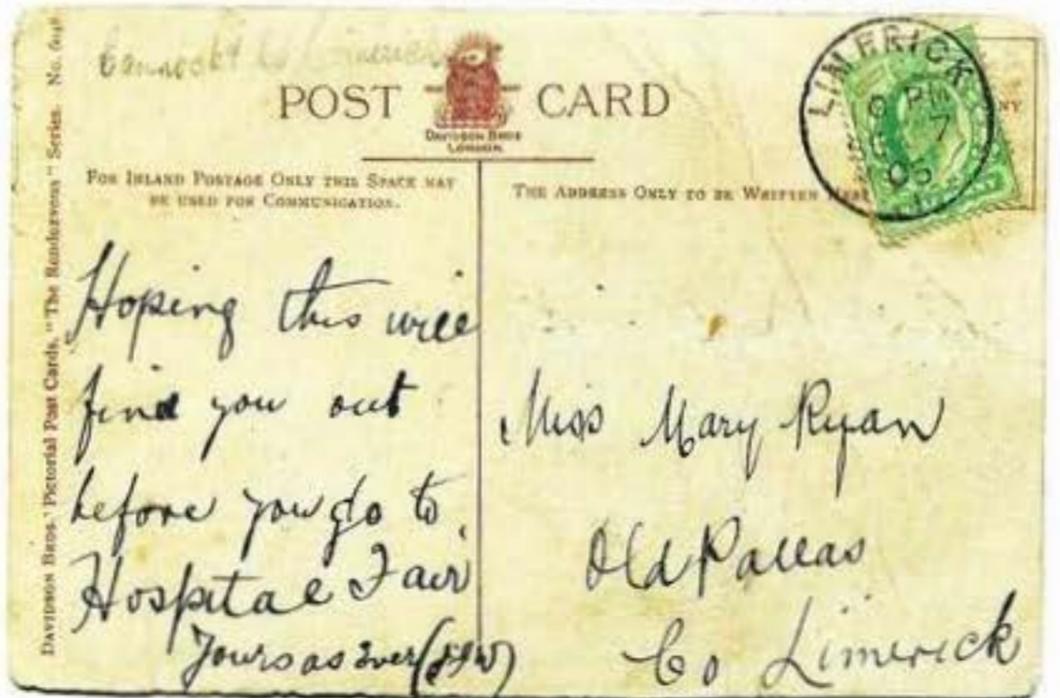
Pictorial Past



GAA Dinner Dance, March 2001
L/R: Willie Shanahan, Johnny O'Connell and Christy McMahon.



Joseph Ryan (Judy)



Postcard sent to Mary Ryan, Old Pallas, 1905
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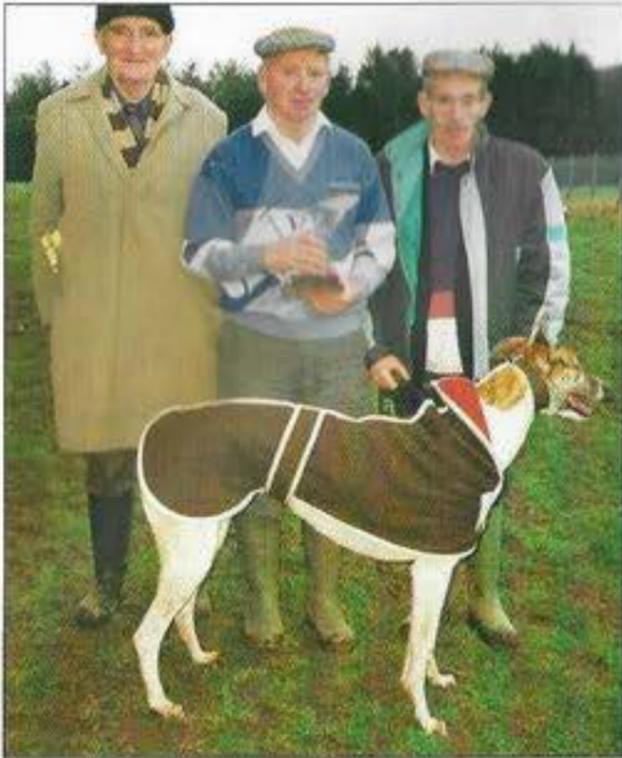
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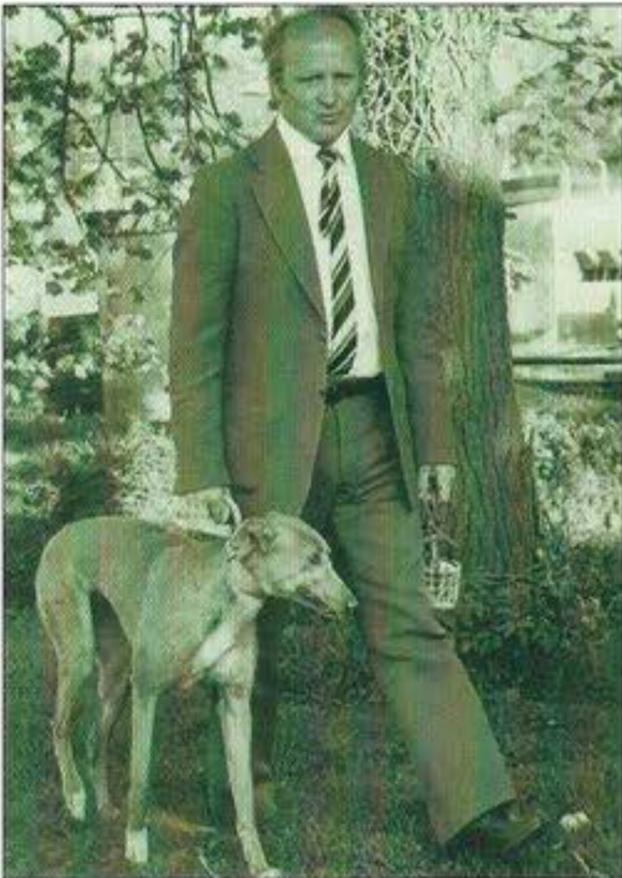




L/R: Phil Gleeson, John Franklin and Willie Shanahan with 'Brookview Inn' winner of Rathcormac Cup.



John Franklin receiving the trophy for the Champion Bitch Stakes, Thurles, 1968. 'Cloverfield Mary'



John Franklin with 'Cool Countess' winner of Cox Cup, Newbridge.



Mrs. Cox and sister with Cox Cup, Newbridge

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MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT (CONT)

AND that he and they will henceforward do and execute or cause to be made done and executed all such further and necessary acts and deeds for the more fully assuring the intent and meaning of these presents as shall and may be reasonably required. AND the said James Ryan doth hereby for himself his executors administrators and assigns, covenant with said Richard Dwyer his executors or administrators, that he and they will henceforth pay the said yearly rent in said lease reserved, and observe and perform all and singular, the covenants, conditions and agreements therein contained and keep the said Richard Dwyer his executors and administrators indemnified against all loss and damage and from all claims and demands whatsoever for on account of the said rents, covenants agreements or any of them. AND IT IS ALSO hereby provided that the seat or pew in the R.C. church at Nicker, shall on the death of the said Richard Dwyer and Margaret Dwyer, become the absolute property of said James Ryan, his executors administrators or assigns. But until therewith, is to be used in common by all the said parties hereto. In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals. Signed sealed and delivered by said parties in presence of -

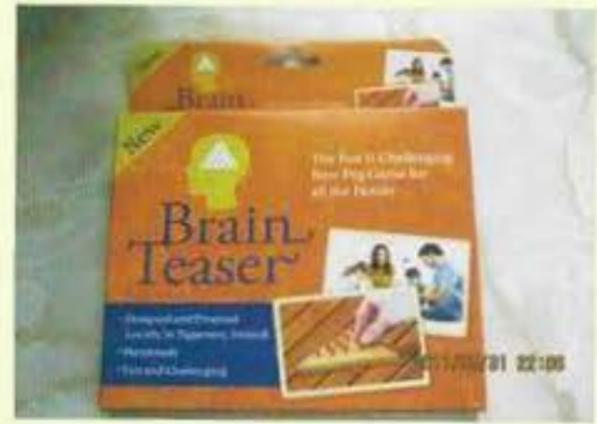
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Third Row L/R: Nellie Quinlan, Rosaire Ryan (B), Pauline McGrath, Mary Enright, Mary McCarthy, Frances Bourke, Maisie Ryan (G), Madeline McCarthy, Tessie Murnane and Essie Gleeson R.I.P.

Fourth Row: Pauline Ryan (L), Joan Ryan (G), Nora Creed, Teresa O'Connor, Reask, Ann Enright, Breda Hayes R.I.P., Maura Ryan (L), Eileen Carr, Joan McCarthy and Mary Ryan (B).

Fifth Row L/R: Billy Ryan, Reask, Brendan Carr R.I.P., Paddy Gleeson R.I.P., Jimmy Ryan (B), Lance Ryan (S) R.I.P., Martin Ryan (G),

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Clubs and Organisations

Pallasgreen GAA Senior Club

by Brian Shanahan (PRO)

Senior Football:

Pallasgreen went into 2016 with hopes of improving on the result of the previous year's campaign and push for a quarter final berth. This was bolstered by the result of the first match against Rathkeale GAA on 23rd April, where stand in goalkeeper Pdraig Franklin performed impressively along with the rest of the team to ensure a 2-5 to 1-6 win for Pallas. The rest of the campaign did not go as well with Pallasgreen losing the rest of their group matches, to Monaleen (0-14 to 0-7), Fr Casey's (1-12 to 1-7), Newcastle West (1-15 to 1-7) and finally a narrow loss to Ballysteen by 3-11 to 3-8 where the team lead for a good portion of the match to doom the team to a relegation final against Ballylanders, which took place in Kilbreedy on September 15th. Ballylanders' speed proved decisive on the night, and while they lost a player to a red card before half time, they maintained the lead throughout the match and were able to close out the game in the last ten minutes to doom Pallasgreen to relegation on a score of 1-12 to 0-9.

The league saw Pallasgreen beat Galbally in the opening round by 1-7 to 0-8 and draw with Adare (0-13 apiece) in round five, with losses to Oola (1-7 to 1-2), Rathkeale (4-16 to 1-7), Athea (4-10 to 0-6), St Senans (1-16 to 0-4) and Castlemahon (1-13 to 1-7) to finish bottom of the division on three points.

In August, Rathkeale hosted a Football Sevens Competition to which Pallasgreen were invited. Three closely contested games in the group saw Pallasgreen beat Fr Casey's by 4-8 to 2-7 and lose to St Kieran's by 5-3 to 3-3 and Galbally by 2-5 to 1-7. The first knockout round saw Pallasgreen

face Ballylanders, where tired legs caught up with the Pallas player and Ballylanders won by 4-10 to 1-6, pulling away in the second half.

Intermediate Hurling:

With relegation last year, Pallasgreen were back at intermediate grade after only one year at Premier Intermediate level. The management and players went into this year knowing that the minimum expected of the club was a final appearance and promotion back to the higher grade. The championship started with a 1-10 each draw in the game against Hospital Herbertstown, and this start was followed up by wins against Claughan Old Christians (0-21 to 0-14), Feenagh Kilmeedy (0-20 to 1-10) and Newcastle West (2-15 to 2-12). Pallasgreen went into the final round against Mungret knowing that a win would all but guarantee top spot and direct qualification for the semi final, but it was not to be with Mungret proving stronger on the day and beating Pallasgreen by 2-12 to 0-16.

That meant that Pallasgreen now faced Knockaderry in the quarterfinals, which Pallasgreen won in a strong performance by 2-13 to 1-11, setting up a semi final against Kildimo Pallaskenry, the winners of which would gain promotion to Premier Intermediate grade. On October 1st the two teams met in Kilmallock, with Kildimo starting much the stronger and holding the lead for the majority of the match only for Pallasgreen to push strong in the second half to close the gap and force a replay with the game finishing on a score of 2-9 to Pallasgreen and 0-15 to Kildimo. The replay was scheduled on October 29th and again there was little to chose between the teams, with a strong wind hindering both sides at different times. With the game finishing at ten points each in normal time the game went to extra time where a well taken goal by Seamus Mulcahy at the end of a well worked

team play proved the decisive moment giving the victory to Pallasgreen on a score of 1-14 to 0-15 after eighty minutes of closely fought and memorable hurling. Due to the delay in scheduling the replay, at the time of press the county final hasn't been played.

In the league Pallasgreen had an average season, using the games to blood new players and work on tactics for the championship. As a result the team finished third in Division 3 with wins against Glenroe (1-21 to 2-17), Cappamore (1-15 to 1-12), Blackrock (2-16 to 0-8), and Bruree (4-11 to 2-14) and losses to Mungret (1-16 to 2-9), Knockaderry (1-14 to 1-8) and Drom Athlacca (3-13 to 1-7).

Junior A Football:

The Junior A football team were in a transitional phase this year with a number of players graduating to the senior team throughout the championship, and a number of younger players getting their nod at this level. In the championship, the team did well to reach the semi-final of the East division, showing some promise along the way. With the withdrawal of Murroe Boher, Pallasgreen's first match was against South Liberties which resulted in an 0-11 to 1-6 win for Pallasgreen. This was followed up by a 2-20 to 0-4 loss to Killeely Dromkeen and a 3-20 to 1-11 loss to Fedamore, where a number of players received their debuts. This meant that the result of the final game against Ahane was of paramount importance for qualification, and the team performed magnificently against their opponents and hosts to gain a win by ten points to nine to ensure a semi-final date against Fedamore.

The semi-final was played in Killeely on September 17th with Pallasgreen short a number of players, due to work commitments and transfers to the senior team. A hard fought game saw Fedamore having a bit more

about them in terms of football and despite a strong come back in the second half by Pallasgreen they lost on a score of 1-17 to 1-10.

In the league, a number of games were not completed due to a lack of players with the games against South Liberties (win) and Ahane (loss) deemed as walkovers. In the remaining five games, Pallasgreen had wins against Knockane (2-13 to 1-6), Oola (1-13 to 3-6), Ballybricken Bohermore (2-11 to 0-8), and losses to Fedamore (1-13 to 2-8) and Killeely Dromkeen (0-18 to 1-5) to finish fourth in the league.

Junior B Hurling:

Pallasgreen took part in the East Junior B championship again this year, along with the East/South Junior A league, providing a good grounding for younger players to step up to the higher grades. In the championship Pallas started off with a 2-7 to 0-11 win against Cappamore, followed by their only loss in the group stage, by 2-14 to 2-9 against Murroe Boher. They resumed winning ways by beating Ballybricken Bohermore on a score of 3-12 to 2-8, before finishing the group with wins against Fedamore (1-12 to 1-10) and South Liberties (walkover). This resulted in a semi final match against Cappamore, where both teams played out a draw (Cappamore 1-9; Pallasgreen 0-12) in the first game, with Pallasgreen losing in the replay by 1-15 to 1-11 to finish their defence of the East title at the penultimate stage. The league saw Pallasgreen win against Staker Wallace (4-16 to 2-15) draw against Killeely Dromkeen (eight points apiece) and lose to Kilmallock (1-8 to 0-7) and Ahane (3-10 to 1-11) to finish third in their group on three points.

In the Brian Butler Cup Pallasgreen went out in the first round by 1-17 to 0-12 in the first round.

Under 21:

The East U-21 championship got off to a very early start providing the club with its first game in February where the conditions contributed to Pallasgreen playing out a draw with Cappamore on a score of Cappamore's eight points to Pallasgreen's 1-5. In the replay

Cappamore gained an early upper hand and managed to maintain it despite Pallasgreen pressure to win on a score of 2-9 to 1-5, leaving Pallasgreen to contest the B final against South Liberties. In the first game both teams matched each other, and it was no surprise when the match finished a draw, Pallasgreen 1-15; South Liberties 2-12. The replay saw Pallasgreen play much the stronger and they deservedly came out on top to win the East title by a score of 3-11 to 1-11.

In the County championship, Pallasgreen faced Tory Gaels in the semi final in Kilbreedy, battling to victory on a score of 4-14 to 3-13. This set up a final match against Drom Broadford in Bruff on the 2nd April where an impressive performance by Pallasgreen saw them win the county title for the second year in a row.

As of the time of writing there have been no games played in the U-21 football championship.

Minors:

Not much was expected of a young minor panel this year, but a sense of togetherness and a strong work ethic saw the team exceed all expectations in both codes.

In the hurling championship, Pallasgreen started with a draw with Ahane by 0-17 to 2-11, followed by a 3-14 to 1-10 victory over South Liberties. Their only loss of the group followed against Killeely on a score of 3-11 to 3-10. Pallasgreen bounced back to beat Cappamore by 2-10 to 0-13 in their final game and qualify for the A final. On 28th August Pallasgreen faced Killeely Dromkeen in Caherconlish in what was an exhibition of fine hurling and sportsmanship by both teams. In the end Killeely finished slightly the stronger of both teams, winning on the slightest of margins by a score of 2-12 to 2-11.

In the football championship Pallasgreen lost their first two games against Cappamore by 3-7 to 1-11 and Killeely by 6-5 to 3-6 before going on a three game winning streak against Ballybricken Bohermore (0-10 to 2-3), Oola (4-9 to 1-8), South Liberties (6-4 to 3-5) and getting a walkover over Ahane in the final round. This was good enough for third place and a

rematch against Ballybricken Bohermore in the B final, where in very bad conditions Pallasgreen showed their mettle to dominate the game throughout and win the East championship on a dominating score of 4-10 to 1-6. As a result they now face Bruff in the county semi final which has not been played at the time of writing.

Congratulations to all our players who represented county teams during the year:

- Brian Fanning who represented Limerick at U-21 and Senior Football grades.
- Tony McMahon and Lorcan O'Dwyer who were part of the Junior Football team.
- Colin Ryan Malachy who represented Limerick at U-21 and Intermediate Hurling.
- Darragh Fanning who was part of the U-21 Hurling team.
- Aaron Greene, Aidan McNamara and Conor Linnane who all were part of the U-15 Hurling team.
- Cullum Cosgrove who was part of the U-16 Hurling team.

Congratulations to our Juvenile club and the three local schools for the success they have had over the year. Thanks to all the coaches and teachers who worked very hard over the year with the youth to nurture our games in the parish.

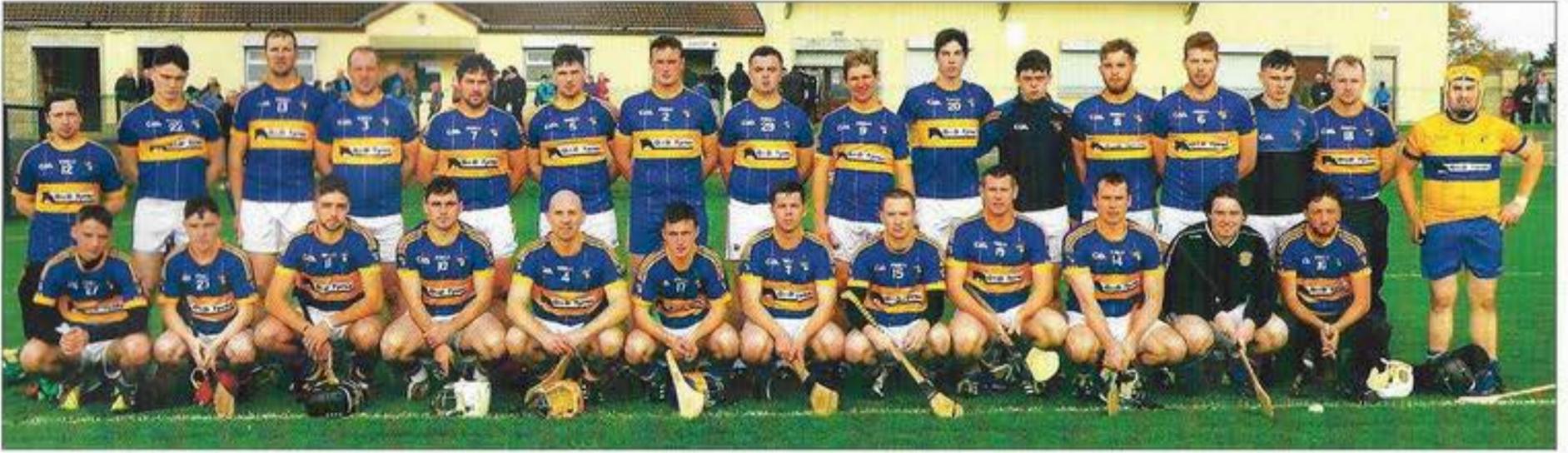
Our club lotto remains the most important source of income, and is vital to the continued running of the club. Any help with the continued success of the lotto would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support of the club and would encourage all members to support them whenever possible.

The club extends its condolences and deepest sympathies to all who suffered bereavements over the year.

Finally I would like to thank all who helped out the club during the year, volunteers, club members, trainers, sponsors and those who supported the teams at all our games.

We wish everybody a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a prosperous 2017.



Intermediate Hurling Team, East Champions and County Finalists

Back Row L to R; Owen Roche, Luke O'Dwyer, Jonathon Deere, Lorcan O'Dwyer, Chris McMahon, Liam O'Dea, Padraig Franklin, Shane Murphy, Robert O'Donnell, Kevin McMahon, PJ Butler, Darragh Fanning, Tony McMahon, Christian O'Dwyer, Thomas Franklin, Trevor McMahon.

Front Row L to R; Denis O'Dea, Pierce O'Dwyer, Colin Ryan (M), Pat Roche, Eddie Mulcahy, Conor Roche, David McMahon, Seamus Mulcahy, John O'Connell, Aidan Shanahan, Darren Roche, Ciaran Ryan (M)

Photo - Seamus McElligott



U21 Hurling County Champions;

Back Row L to R; Conor Roche, Joe Keogh, Kevin McMahon, Aaron O'Sullivan, Adam Ryan, John Ryan, PJ Butler, Pierce O'Dwyer, Shane Murphy, Darragh Fanning, John O'Donnell.

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Pallasgreen Juvenile G.A.A. Club

2016 was yet another very busy year for Pallasgreen Juvenile G.A.A. Club. The Juvenile club strives to make a contribution to the local community. We have growing numbers of both boys and girls particularly at the younger age levels. Children can become members as young as 4 or 5. New members are always welcome. We have over 170 registered Juvenile members. While the season has ended, we will resume training early in the new year and would welcome new members, coaches, committee members and help of any kind.

Under 6 - 10

Our Under 10, Under 8 and Under 6 teams of both girls and boys played hurling and football blitzes throughout the 2016 season. The U8 and U10 teams participated in fortnightly Regional blitzes. We also worked with local clubs to organise additional blitzes. Throughout the season, we have had consistently big numbers at the training sessions every Wednesday evening (Hurling) and Sunday morning (Football). Our new all-weather pitch has already proven to be a huge asset, particularly to the younger children and their coaches. We hope to see the benefits of this facility in the near future. Our season finished on a high with over 100 players and parents travelling in convoy on a day trip to Moyne-Templetuohy Juvenile club.

Under 12 - 16

Our Under 12 team had a very busy year and played a total of 16 hurling and football matches. These games culminated in us playing in a 'Finals day blitz' for both codes in UL. This group of players made great strides over the season. We also invited to the Munster Open Day in the Gaelic grounds where we competed against teams from Cork, Clare and Limerick. Our Under 14 team were the first team to take the field in 2016 in the Feile Competitions. In all they played 12 games in both codes, qualifying for a Shield play-off in hurling. This is a very young team but no doubt the experience they have gained throughout the year will stand to them in the future.

In Under 16 the highlight of the year was the capturing of the Under 16 hurling Division 2 County Shield final. After 7 group games we qualified to play Kilpeacon, at home, in the county semi-final, a game we won after extra-time. The final was played on Saturday 22nd October in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale v Ballyhoura Gaels. After a very entertaining 60 minutes, during which the sides were level on many occasions, we emerged victorious on a scoreline of 0-10 to 0-9.

On the football front, we qualified for the knock-out stages of the County Shield but were beaten by eventual winners Drom/Broadford in the County semi-final.

2016 was a very busy year for Pallasgreen Sarsfield LGFC U10, U12, U13 and U14 teams. Players registered with LGFA increased from 20 girls in 2015 to 52 in 2016.

The U10 team played a match every month with local teams and took part in a blitz at Arravale Rovers in July and a Munster blitz in Martinstown in August.

The U12 team took part in the Spring and Autumn leagues. They had success in the spring league winning the C Shield county final in June. Their county final for the Shield Division 2 Group 1 match is due to be played on November 12 v Ballylanders. They took part in the U12 county blitz in South Liberties in June.

This was the first year an U14 team took part in the U14 Spring and Summer Leagues. While there was wins during the rounds of each league, unfortunately there was no success in the final's of either competition. All players displayed excellent gaelic football skills for their first year at this age group. The team took part in the U14 blitz in Hospital in August.

The U13 took part in the U13 development league during the Summer and players from this team took part in the U13 county development sessions in October and at the Munster county Development blitz in Mallow. Congratulations to the girls who represent their club on the U13 county team. (Cliodhna Ryan and Leah Butler)

U15 players took part in the U15 county development sessions in October and the Munster U15 Development county blitz in Mallow on November 5th.

U12 and U10 players had great success on their school teams, Nicker NS and Garrydoolis NS, in the Cumann na mBunscol East Limerick final matches in the Gaelic Grounds in October.

In August many players took part in the challenge match as part of the official opening of the community walkway at Knockane GAA Club. The match was enjoyed by all with medals provided for both teams.

Many thanks to players, coaches, parents and supporters for an excellent beginning to LGFA in the parish. Particular thanks to Pallasgreen GAA, Juvenile club and the Pallasgreen Sarsfield Ladies for support this year.

As a reward for their hard work and dedication during the year, the Under 12's, 14's and 16's were treated to a team building day in Trabolgan in September.

County Representation

A number of Pallasgreen Juvenile GAA players have represented the club at various age groups and competitions over the season. Cullum Cosgrave (U16 hurling), Kyran O'Donnell (U15 hurling), Shane Bradshaw (15 Football), Aidan McNamara, Aaron Greene and Conor Linnane (U14 hurling).

East Primary School Football Teams 2016 Jimmy Stokes, Josh McMahan, Fiona Keogh, Sarah Dillon, Caoimhe Butler & Ciara McNamara who have been selected to represent their schools.

Sincere Thanks

Like any voluntary organisation, it would not be possible for the club to function without the goodwill of so many people. Each age group has at least 3-4 coaches involved. We would like to thank all our coaches. We would also like to invite any new coaches to help in the coming year. We would also like to thank committee members, parents, players, parishioners and senior club members who helped in so many ways over the season.

With limited opportunities for fundraising, we would like to thank those who sponsored the club at various stages over the season. Thanks also to all who supported our other fundraisers.

We look forward to the coming season and the on-going support of both juvenile and senior club members, parents, businesses and parishioners.



Juvenile GAA U12 Girls Co. Football Champions.



Aidan McNamara, Aaron Greene and Conor Linnane members of Limerick U14 Hurling Team.



Kyran O'Donnell being presented with Co U16 Hurling Cup



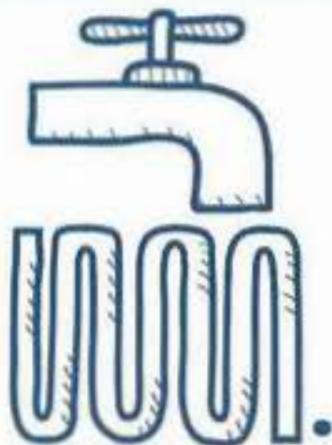
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Dillon, Ciara
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Front Row;
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Under 12's, 14's and 16's team building day in Trabolgan.



Under 16 Hurling Division 2 County Shield winners.



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FROM TEE TO GREEN - O'Dwyer's Bar Golfing Society

Tom O'Dea

2016 was a good year for our society all of our 6 outings were played in good weather which meant there was a good attendance at all outings. Our outings for 2016 were to the following Golf Clubs, Shannon, Ballyneety, Tipperary, Ballykisteen, Birr & Tipperary.

Our three Major outing's this year were Mike Barry Captain's Prize, Ned Gammell Vice Captain's Prize and Dermot O'Dwyer's Presidents Prize. There was in excess of twenty players for each outing. Mike's Captain Prize was played at Ballykisteen Golf Club, the winner was Ned Gammell. Ned's Vice Captain's Prize took place at Tipperary Golf

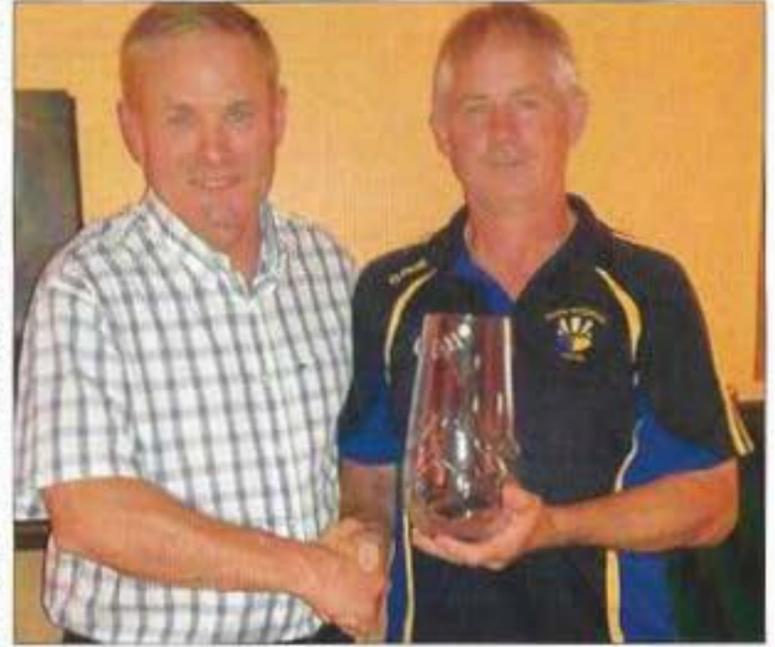


O'Dwyer's Bar Society group taken at Ballykisteen Golf Club.

Club, the winner here was Jack O'Dwyer. Dermot's Presidents Prize was held at Tipperary Golf Club and the winner here was Joe Heelan. The prize for Golfer of the Year after close competition with several other society members was Jack O'Dwyer. Our society has a healthy membership, but new members are always welcome.

The Society would like to wish all groups and clubs within our community continued success for 2017. On behalf of the Society I would like to wish our incoming captain Ned Gammell and vice captain and president continued success for 2017. We wish everyone

a Holy and Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



L/R: Captain Mike Barry presents his prize to this year's winner, Ned Gammell.

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Munster Champions

Sunday the 27th of August saw history been made when the Intermediate Team from Ballykisteen Golf Club won the Munster Final in Dungarvan. Ballykisteen is a very small ladies golf club and entered the competition with no substitutes, just the bare five ladies that it took to field a team. Our first match was against Castletroy, Limerick. We won all five matches on the day and marched on. Next on the horizon was Limerick G.C. here again we stole all five matches. As the summer months rolled on we overcame Adare and Dromoland which brought us to the Munster Quarter Final, where we met last year's All-Ireland winners Lee Valley Cork. It was a long day with fantastic matches, three of them decided on the eighteenth and one on the nineteenth. It was to be Ballykisteen's day and it was also a day to remember for ten year old Caithlin Shippam: her first adult competition. Caithlin is from the nearby townland of Dromalta, Cappamore, she plays off twenty one and is going to be a star of the future. Caithlin is one of the many prodigies from Marian Riordan's Golf Academy in Ballykisteen. The reality of a Munster Final began to take over with caddies and supporters in tow we hit for Dungarvan to take on Fermoy. We came away triumphant and set our sights on Dundalk where we would represent Munster in the All Ireland Championship. We were drawn against the Ulster champions, Malone of Belfast, a very prestigious club, who came with a very strong pedigree. Once again we were successful after a titanic contest. Alas the Connacht champions Portumna, the eventual All-Ireland champions were too good for us in the semi-final. I feel very proud of being a member of this very successful team which came out on top from fifty two teams in Munster.

Jill McCormack

*Standing L/R: Sara Toomey, Jill McCormack, Jane Cowhey, Elaine Bermingham, Claire Griffin, Catherine English, Kaelin O'Keeffe.
Sitting L/R: ILGU Official, Caithlin Shippam, Mary Toomey, ILGU Official.*



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KNOCKANE GAA



Knockane GAA has enjoyed a busy Year on so many fronts. And although the focus has been primarily on our football team, strengthening the panel and building under a new manager, the off-field work has been progressing at great pace. We are finally becoming confident that our long term goal of adding value to the Community as a broader sporting & leisure facility is coming to fruition.

The football panel came together in January and unanimously chose Anthony McCarthy to lead the team. Immediately he set an ambitious training plan in place, that culminated in the team contesting the league final in June. Despite being eight points down at one stage and competing against many irrational decisions, led by the brilliance of the O'Leary's, P.J. Butler and David O'Sullivan we were back level with a few minutes remaining. Unfortunately, the toll of this comeback was to finally tell though, as Oola kicked a late winner to snatch the trophy. However, the unity of the panel and the support for the team on the night, has to be mentioned. Both, inspired a great second half performance and with a little good fortune, they would have enjoyed a well earned celebration.

Although the championship was never to see this height of performance again, the work of management and many of the players could not be faulted and gives huge cause to be optimistic for next season. Certainly, the young players added to the panel this year, all brought huge energy and ability and with a few more welcome additions, we will take on the best the County has to offer, with huge enthusiasm.

The work that the Club has been carrying out on its grounds this Year, was also a source of huge pride and especially the opening of its new Walkway in August! Although, in some eyes, this may not be a huge achievement, to us it is a big milestone for a Club that has enjoyed a long History, but more importantly a Club that plans a big future. It is something that we are extremely satisfied to have built and something that we hope You all will enjoy for a long time, both as it is now, and how we hope to enhance it going forward. We would especially like to thank Roger Butler and his team for getting this done, on time, with minimum fuss and delivered to an exceptionally high standard.

The Club was devastated during the summer to lose one of its greatest characters, Johnny Alymer. A man who was always, larger than life, with his irrepressible good humour, inexhaustible kindness and magnetic friendship. The Players lost, not just a physio or a mentor, they lost a father figure, a confidant, a leader and the loyalest friend, that You could hope to meet. Whoever coined the phrase "Volunteers are not paid, because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!" must have had Johnny in mind. The level of service, the talent and expertise that he donated to this Club, was of the quality that could not be measured in money, or even hope to be refunded by this Club and for that we will remain eternally grateful. We will continue to miss his presence, but we won't forget his great absence.

Finally, the other items of note are just to express our gratitude to so many people for making our festival weekend, such a success. Too many to mention, but the leadership and planning of the joint co-ordinators Robbie Creamer and Niall Boland must be lauded. Also to Michael O'Connell for organising our very

successful Buster Draw and to William for his endless work on collecting Membership, Lotto and Limerick Development draw subscriptions, we are hugely indebted. Finally, to anybody who helped in any way to make this another impactful Year, we thank You sincerely and hope for Your support again next year.

While we hugely value success in this Club and our Team craves more of it on the field, what we are truly working towards is SUCCESSION. We want to build for the future, to leave a lot more for the person coming, than what we came in with. We want to leave a legacy to our future members, our future players and the next generation. Something sustainable, something that can help them to achieve their potential, something richer than what we started with, and that will be our Succession, and that will be Our Success !!!!!

Knockane GAA Club would like to congratulate the whole "Grean" Team, who keep this invaluable Annual publication alive, and wish them continued success !



Clubs Minister for State for Tourism & Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD with Knockane GAA President Michael Breen offically open the new Knockane GAA Walkway.



Aerial Photo of Knockane GAA Pitch walkway.



*Dermot and Cora wish you all a very Happy Christmas
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St. Patrick's Players, Cloverfield

The history of drama in the Parish of Kiltelly/Dromkeen dates back almost a century. Some years ago a lady living in Waterford claimed that her parents had seen plays staged in Kiltelly by a local drama group in 1880.

The first drama group was formed in 1910. It was known as "The Kiltelly Dramatic Society" and they also had an orchestra, which provided entertainment and background music for their performances. Their first play was "Wolfe Tone" in 1912 and we are fortunate to have an original programme of the play. They also staged such well known plays as "Con the Seacharán" the "Wicklow Wedding" just to mention a few of their productions.

Due to the First World War in 1914 the group went out of existence. It must be remembered that paraffin oil lamps were the only means of lighting at that time. In fact paraffin oil was the only lighting system in rural Ireland up to the mid 1940s, when rural electrification was installed. From the 1920 period onwards social life in Ireland as we understand it did not exist due to the trouble times. The oil lamps did not flicker again until 1925, when drama was once again revived. This time in Boheroe, plays were rehearsed in a house known as Laffans. People joined this drama group from far and near as it was considered a great social outlet at the time. This group remained together for a number of years and staged the following plays:

Kathleen Mavourneen, Robert Emmet, The Croppy Boy and For Ireland's Sake.

We are fortunate to have a copy of their play "For Ireland's Sake" in our Teach Library.

A drama group was formed in Kiltelly by the late Mon O'Donnell in 1936. They performed a number of plays which included: The Able Dealer, Old Acquaintance and The Courting of Mary Doyle. The group were about to perform the play Cupboard Love, when a member of the cast Nancy Ryan was taken ill and died. Her sad and untimely death brought their activities to an end. In 1942 Mon O'Donnell was again responsible for organising a play group, this time known as The Shamrock Players. This group staged plays for ten years for the church building fund. No parish could claim the same spirit of drama in 1940 as Kiltelly/Dromkeen: Four drama groups were in operation at the one time in the parish. The "Sarsfield Players"

were also founded in Kiltelly, but their term was short lived as they declined to work for the church fund and they were refused the use of the hall. Mr. McSuibhne National teacher in Cloverfield formed the "Banba Players" in Dromkeen. Among the great plays they staged was the evergreen "Knocknagow". The Banba Players remained active up to the 1950s. Another group known as "The Rebel Players" came to the limelight in 1942. Among their productions was the beautiful Irish drama "The Dawn of Freedom".

In 1954 the name "St. Patrick's Players" was adopted and that still remains the name of the drama society. In 1954 "Mountain Dew" and "The Damsel from Dublin" were performed, with Pake O'Dea giving an outstanding performance as the damsel. "The Bugle of the Blood" was performed in 1955 and the cast were: Eamon McSweeney, Joe Hayes, Tommy Purcell, Michael Murphy, Peggy Gilhooley, Hannah Birrane, Pake O'Dea, Willie Murphy, Philomena Fitzgerald and Phyllis Gilhooley.

Over the years the following plays were performed:

1956	A Will and a Woman
1957	The new Gosoon
1958	The Jailbird
1959	The White Headed Boy
1960	The Down Express
1961	The Damsel from Dublin
1962	The Country Boy
1963	Whispering Trees
1964	No Home Tomorrow
1965	Professor Tim
1966	The new Gosoon
1967	The Able Dealer
1968	The Mountain Dew

Up to 1960 plays were mostly performed for parish funds. After an interval of four years the Dromkeen Macra Group staged "The Marriage Plan", followed by "A Cure for Nerves". In 1973 other plays followed such as "The Workhouse Ward", 1974 "Many Young Men of Twenty", 1976 "The Field", 1977 "Paul Twining". 1978 was a particularly busy year as three plays were produced and the All Ireland G.A.A. Scor Novelty Act was also won on that year with the hilarious production of "The Bionic Cow". This cow was unique indeed and farmers came long distances to catch a glimpse of this amazing animal. The cow was a major attraction at the Cappamore Show this year, thirty-eight years later.

1979 will be known as "The year of the new departure" in the history of St. Patrick's Players. The "Teach Dramaiochta" was opened and this has provided us with a first class venue for drama rehearsals and performances. The players then performed three plays written by Pat O'Dea, a member of their own group. "The Feloree Fever" was an outstanding success in 2002 and has been performed many times since.

Most Recent Performances

1992	Moll
1993	Sive
1994	The Master
1995	The Field
1996	Big Maggie
1997	The Highest House on the Mountain

1999	"The Romantic Lover" and "Fledged and Flown"
2000	The Feloree Fever
2001	The Feloree Fever
2002	Big Maggie
2004	Many Young Men of Twenty
2005	Juno and The Peacock
2006	Drama at Inis
2007	The Field
2008	The Year if the Hiker
2009	The Feloree Fever
2010	The Plough and the Stars
2011	The Master
2012	All the Kings Horses
2013	Moll
2014	Many Young Men of Twenty
2015	Sive
2016	The Real McCoy



Scene from 'The Field'

The 'Bull McCabe' played by Tim O'Mahony and his son, 'Tadhg' played by John O'Dea.

On looking back over these wonderful years of drama in the area, we must acknowledge the wonderful contribution made to the group by members from the surrounding parishes of Nicker and Caherline. We don't talk about parish boundaries as drama supersedes all of these.

People like Fr. J. Bannon, Fr. T. O'Keeffe, Fr. Martin Morrissey and Fr. John Coakley were no doubt inspirational in the early years of drama in the area. Many other great personalities come to mind like Mike Murphy, Pake O'Dea, Mon O'Donnell, Patricia Keane, Peggy and Phyllis Gilhooley, Philomena Fitzgerald and many others indeed, some of whom are no longer with us. To quote Shakespeare "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances and one man in his time plays many parts".

Plays provided entertainment for old and young alike and so it continues to this day. "Entertainment for the people, by the people".

Sometimes it is not fully appreciated, the tremendous outlet a child or teenager can discover in drama. It demands many noble qualities: perseverance, self discipline, self control, expression of speech etc. It promotes confidence in ones own ability and it has a very healthy social aspect.

With the Teach Dramaiochta at our disposal in Cloverfield, the future for drama in the area looks bright. The present group also perform in "Friarsgate" Kilmallock every year and one of our favourite places is that lovely Community Centre in

Pallasgrea, which is so well planned for staging drama. However, the future we talk about begins to-day. We can pay our debt to the past by putting our future in the care of our Creator. It may interest you to know that before each performance the cast come together back stage and recite "The Memorare"

Go nEiri an bothar leo.

Timmy O'Mahony



St. Patrick's Players, Cloverfield - 60 years ago

Back Row standing L/R: Pake O'Dea, Willie Murphy, Eamon McSweeney, Mike Murphy, Tommy Purcell, Joe Hayes.

Front: Peggy Gilhooley, Hannah Birrane, Rev. Fr. M. Morrissey C.C., Phyllis Gilhooley and Philomena Fitzgerald.



Marie Kennedy, Annette O'Connor, Liam O'Dea, John O'Dea, Carmel Gleeson, Margaret Casey.



Margaret Casey, Carmel Gleeson, John O'Dea, Tim O'Mahony.



Tim O'Mahony, Carmel Gleeson, John O'Dea, Margaret Casey, Liam O'Dea.



Back: Liam O'Dea, Marie Kennedy, Frank Bateman, Margaret Casey, Tim O'Mahony. Front: Ann O'Connor, John O'Dea, Carmel Gleeson, Pat O'Dea.

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PALLASGREAN AND TEMPLEBRADEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY VISIT TO VIEW THE 1916 COMMEMORATION AREAS IN DUBLIN

At 7.30a.m., on Saturday 9th July, a bus full of our members left Pallasgrean for Dublin to view areas of interest in commemorating the 1916 rising. We had a quick stop for refreshments at the Midway on the way.

Our first call was to Arbour Hill. This is behind the National Museum, Collins Barracks. Beside Arbour hill prison is the military Cemetery where the 14 executed leaders of the insurrection of 1916 were laid to rest. They include Patrick Pearse, James Connolly and Major John McBride. They were executed in Kilmainham and transported here and buried in a pit which has a limestone surround on which all their names are engraved. On the old prison wall behind the grave their names and the Proclamation are engraved in both Irish and English.

The adjoining church - the prison chapel is maintained by the Dept. of Defence at the rear of which are buried British Military personnel who died in Dublin during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Beside the memorial is a doorway leading to the Irish (United Nations) Veterans Association house and memorial plaque.

We next went to the GPO. This wonderful building was opened on the 6th Jan 1818, the foundation stone being laid by the Lord Leut. Of Ireland, Charles Whitworth (1st Earl of Whitworth) on the 2nd August, 1814 to the design of Francis Johnston. An extremely impressive building with its huge pillars and Greek style portico. The royal coat of arms was removed during its

renovation after independence. Renovations started in 1925 and reopened in 1929.

The GPO was the headquarters of the men and women who lead the uprising. Being the communications centre of Ireland and a very robust building it was suitable for their purpose, but as we know, the night of the British armed forces crushed them and destroyed the building from which they tried to fight their way out due to a massive fire. Patrick Pearse seeing the futility of their position decided to surrender after nearly a week.

The An Post museum displayed many relics of the rising including the original copy of the Proclamation. It was closed in May 2015, and later replaced by a Visitors Centre for the purpose of commemorating the rising in 2016. I won't go into a history lesson here which we either know or can read in books on the subject, except to say that the display was interesting showing the old communication equipment, photographs of the period, the Sackville Street activities and in summary, it is worth a visit.

At about lunchtime, the bus took us to Glasnevin Cemetery over looked by the tallest tower in Ireland under which Daniel O'Connell, having been exhumed was put in a Celtic romantic designed crypt under the tower in May 1869 - he had died on his way to Genoa having given his last wish "his heart to be buried in Rome and his body in Ireland". He had fought for equal rights for Catholics which culminated in The Catholic Emancipation Bill in 1829. He was the first Catholic Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1841. Glasnevin Cemetery was not opened to the public until 1832, allowing both Protestant and Catholics to be buried in the same cemetery. The Angels Plot in where still born babies can be buried one of the very few in the country. Cremation facilities were introduced in 1982. In 1992, a massive grave site was found belonging to the convent in charge of the Magdelane Laundry used for burying the unfortunates. The huge

surrounding wall and Guard Tower were built to deter body snatchers, a very lucrative business in the 18th and early 19th century when blood hounds patrolled the perimeter.

The guide told us stories of those who shaped Irish History - the Ulster Covenant, the First World War, the Easter Rising and the War of Independence. He pointed out the changing style of death monuments over 200 years from the simple high stones to the elaborate Celtic crosses and now the plain Italian polished marble. He pointed out the graves of Eamon DeValera, Countess Marchevicz, only a name on a stone, Maude Gonne, Kevin Barry, Roger Casement, Sean McBride, and more recently Brendan Behan, Christy Brown and Luke Kelly. It is extremely expensive to buy a plot here. Our guide then took us to Daniel O'Connell's crypt, where his achievements were proclaimed. Later he pointed out that a Cross of Sacrifice was erected in the cemetery in a joint Irish - British Commemoration to mark the First World War centenary.

Some of us then took the opportunity to visit the museum which was the world's first cemetery museum, and then the Botanical Gardens which were hugely impressive with so many Specialised Glass houses for so many different types of plants from ferns to cacti, roses to tropical trees, hedge plants to trees - incredible. We then set off for home but stopped for sustenance in the "Poteen Still" off the motorway before Naas, and arrived home before dark, after an extremely interesting and informative day.

Congratulations to Siobhan and Breda for all the work the put into organising a wonderful outing.

David Thompson



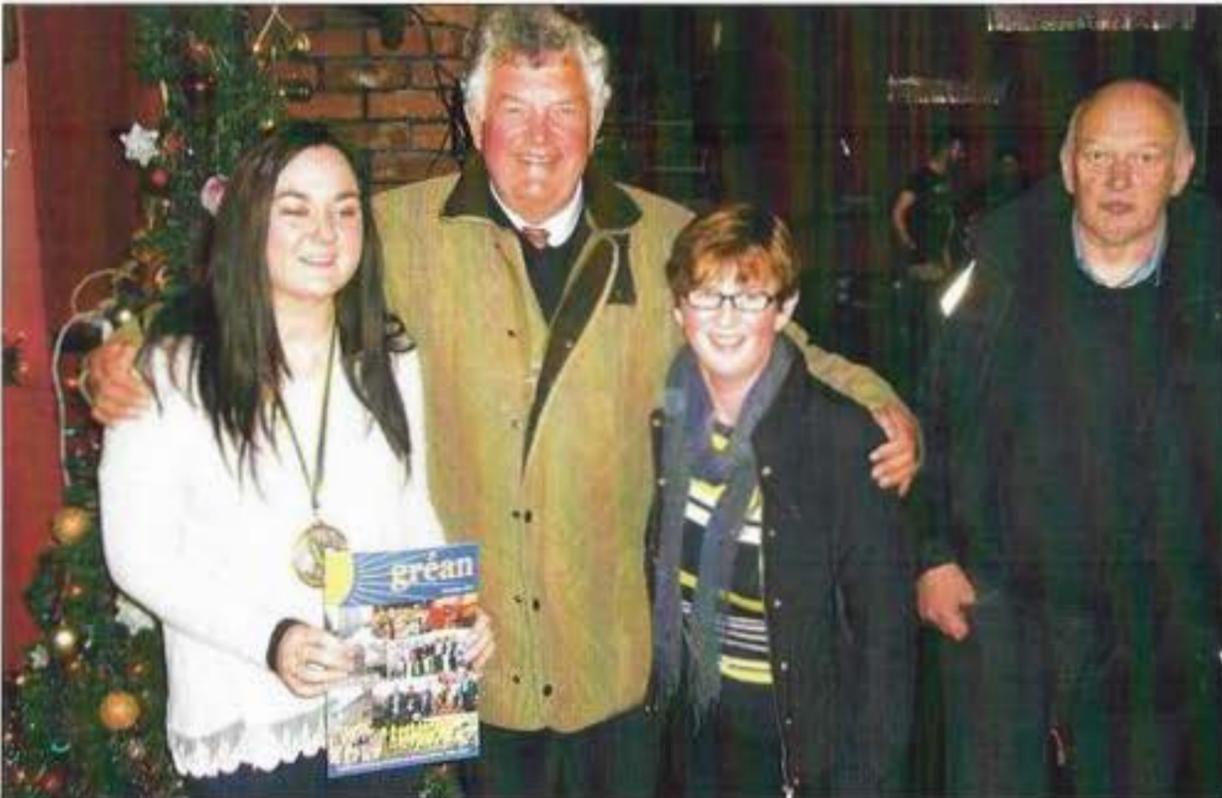
Committee Photo:

Front Row L to R; Ann O'Dwyer, Nora Stokes, Siobhan English (Chairperson), Jill McCormack (Treasurer), Mary Hayes, Breda O'Dwyer (Secretary)
Back Row L to R; Tom Tyan (W), John O'Dwyer, Pat Kelly, Ger O'Connell
Missing from Photo; Gillian Hickie, David Thompson, Ken Bergin, Mary Slattery, Kay Shanahan, Fr Pat Burns, Ciaran Shanahan, Tom Kennedy.

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Mayor Laura Heelan speaking at the launch of 2015 magazine.



Laura Heelan, David Thompson, Breda O'Dwyer and Pat Kelly at the 2015 launch.



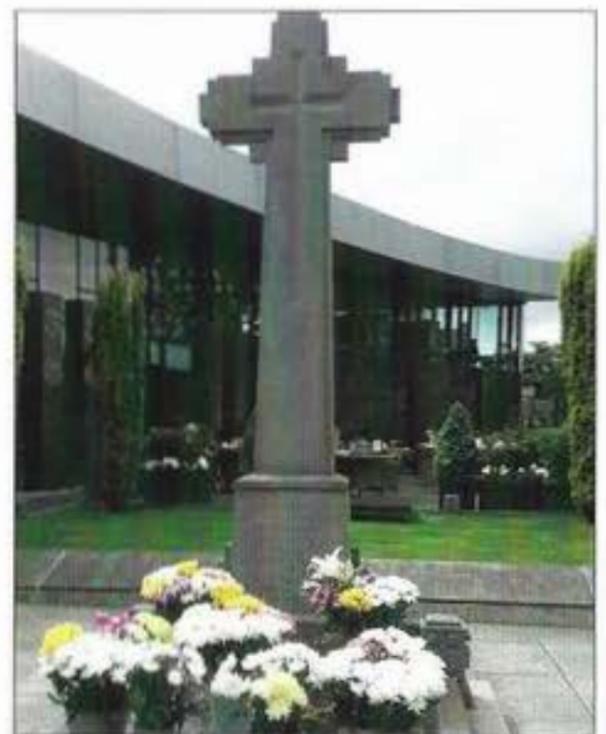
Historical Society trip to Dublin.



Ann O'Connor, Dolores Redpath, Carmel O'Keeffe.



Kathleen O'Dwyer and Mary Hayes in Glasnevin Cemetery.



Michael Colline grave in Glasnevin Cemetery.



Ann O'Connor, Mary Slattery, Breda O'Dwyer and Mary Stokes in Glasnevin Cemetery.



Kathleen O'Dwyer, Mary Hayes, Frances Laffan in Glasnevin Cemetery.



Ann O'Dwyer, Gillian Hickie, Ann O'Reilly, John O'Dwyer, Karen Franklin, Dolores Redpath, Charlie Richardson in Glasnevin Cemetery.



Memorial at the G.P.O. to the children who died in the 1916 Rising.

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By Megan Rice, Hannah O'Dwyer, Anna O'Dwyer and Saoirse Corbett

At the end of April two people were picked to represent our school. Scoil na Tríonoíde Naofá Doon, these were Megan Rice and Saoirse Corbett. Another two youth helpers were picked from the parish of Pallasgreen and Templebraden, they were Hannah O'Dwyer and Anna O'Dwyer. Our first meeting was in Drombane in the second week in May to get to know the other youth helpers and the youth leaders. We were interviewed in groups of four by the youth leaders, we also engaged with each other during bonding activities to help us get to know each other. This was the start of new friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our final meeting was in St Patrick's College Thurles where we received our Lourdes t-shirts, information leaflets and plane tickets. We gathered in one room where we were informed about the rules and regulations that we would need to follow on our trip to Lourdes. We were briefed on what to expect with the assistance of a slideshow containing pictures of previous pilgrimages.

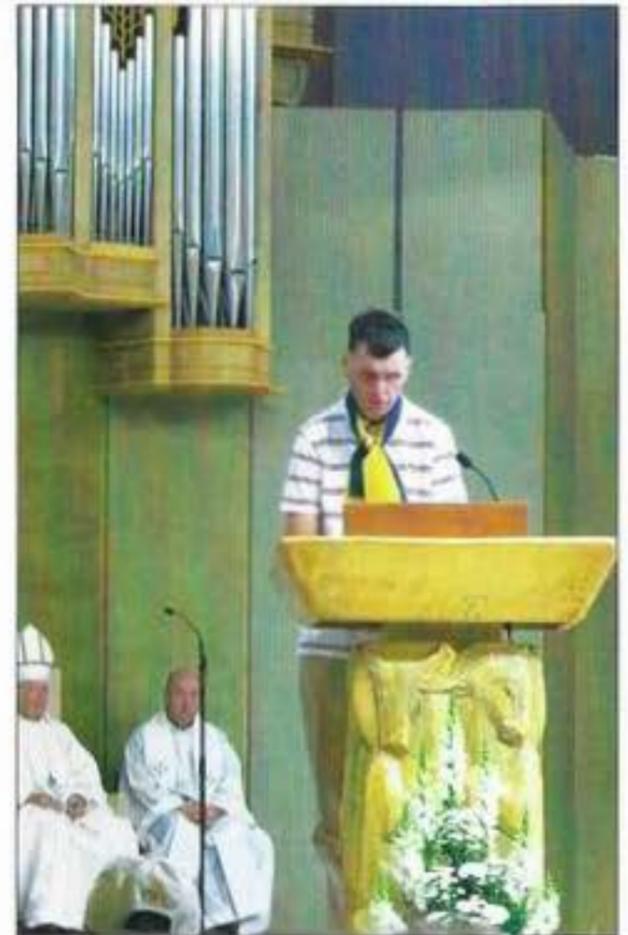
On the 16th of June at 4.00am we all assembled at Regan's Centra in Pallasgreen where we awaited the bus which would begin our long commute to Lourdes. When we arrived at Shannon Airport we checked in our luggage. We boarded the plane and arrived in Tarbes Airport two hours later. We then made our way to the Hotel Mediterranee where we were assigned to our rooms with another youth helper. We went to the hospital that evening where we were given an example of how to use the chariots. Every morning we were called at 6.00am for breakfast, then after breakfast we assembled into groups and make our way to the hospital where we meet the assisted pilgrims and bring them to the grotto for

morning Mass. We then made our way to the steps of the Rosary Basilica for the group photo. We brought the assisted pilgrims back to the hospital for tea and we interacted with them and also met local helpers and their assisted pilgrims.

Over the course of the five days we had many ceremonies which included the anointing of the sick, penatensial service, torch light procession, Eucharistic Procession, The door of Mercy Procession, The Baths, International Mass in the underground basilica which holds 25,000 people.

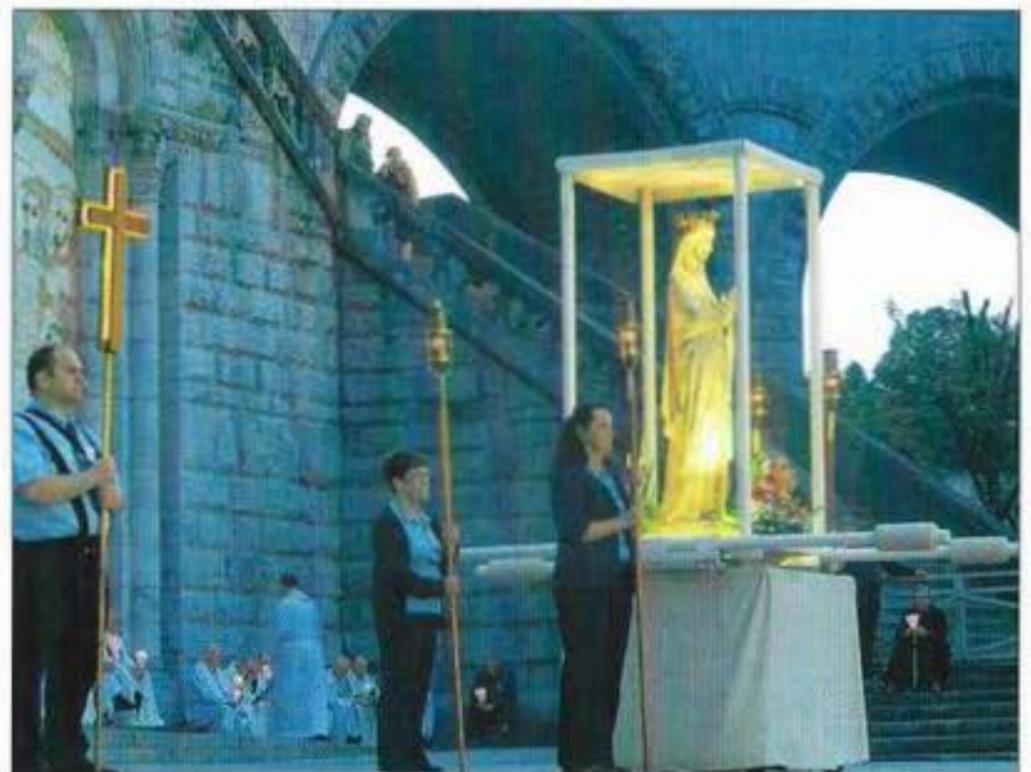
Some of the activities the youth helpers took part in included the concert for the assisted pilgrims, shopping in the town of Lourdes, watching the Tipperary Vs Limerick Munster Senior hurling championship game and the walk from Lourdes to Bartrés a distance of 14km to and from led by his Grace Archbishop Ciaran O'Reilly. We met Keith Duffy in Bartrés also. On our last night we visited the grotto and lit candles for family members and friends. A special candle was lit on Sunday night for the intentions of everyone from our parish. Also on the final night a special candle was lit for the late Eddie Harty (RIP) who travelled with us for many years.

The following morning we gathered our luggage at 6.00am and departed for



The late Eddie Harty reading in Lourdes 2014.

our flight back to Shannon. This trip was one of the most unforgettable and most memorable experiences of our lives and without a doubt we would return as senior helpers in time to come.



Sean O'Connor, Pallasgreen carrying cross and Kathleen Leahy, Lattin and Tina Lambe, Knockavilla, Candle bearers around Our Lady at candle lit procession.



Archbishop Dermot Clifford and Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly at the closing Mass with the Cashel & Emly Candle.



Brother & Sister Sean & Mairead O'Connor Pallasgreen with Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly.



Denis Franklin, Pallasgreen pictured with Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly and his parents John & Josie and his careers Maire Columb and Andrew McCarthy.



Female Helpers with the Candle at closing procession.

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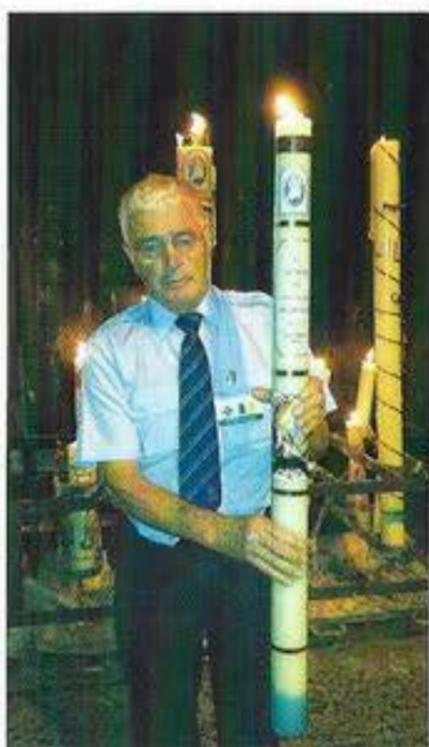
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Youth Helpers, L/R: Anna O'Dwyer, Megan Rice, Saoirse Corbett, Hannah O'Dwyer.



With the Parish Candle - Maurice Barrett, Megan Rice, Hannah O'Dwyer, Mike O'Donoghue, Saoirse Corbett.



Patsy Hennessy, Emly lighting the candle in memory of the late Eddie Harty.



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LEGION NEWS

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Several successful projects took place this year in several parts of Ireland and organised by the Tipperary Curia of the Legion of Mary. Two local Legionaries participated in these Maria Et Patria Projects, Pat Kelly travelled to Killarney and Eileen Egan participated in the Thurles project. Several thousand homes were visited over the course of two days and several thousand Miraculous Medals distributed. The 3 objectives of the projects were:

- To deepen our own commitment to Jesus and Mary
- To encourage those met to take a step closer to God.
- To recruit for the Legion of Mary

The day started at 8 am with a meeting where the approach, teams and areas were allocated. This was followed by Mass and Morning Prayer from the Breviary and the day's work commenced. Legionaries returned to base for Lunch followed by a period of Adoration and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet before going out again until 8.30 pm.

St. Augustine's of Canterbuy, Boscombe Crescent, Downend, Bristol.

Further afield 3 local Legionaries Marian O'Donnell, Brigid O'Driscoll and Colman O'Driscoll travelled to Bristol in July to help out in the parish of St. Augustines located in South Gloucestershire in the Diocese of Clifton. The presbytery and Parish Hall are attached to the church and next door is the Primary school which was opened in 1970 and the legionaries visited the school and met teachers and pupils. All received a Miraculous Medal and Legionaries told them the story of the Miraculous Medal. The population of the area is 3,500 and the Parish Priest an Offaly man Fr. Bermingham was pleased to have the Legion team with him for the week and to call to the homes at

the outer end of his parish that he was unable to visit. 2,803 homes were visited and 3,000 Miraculous Medals distributed.

SPECIAL CASES

Legionaries met a lady who had no faith. Her husband who was a Catholic died 9 years' ago. They had children who were baptised as Catholics, and attended Catholic Schools. The lady herself had thought of becoming a Catholic over the years, but hadn't done so. She saw this meeting as a call from God and agreed to give the matter of becoming a Catholic a lot of thought.

A retired man in poor health was visited by Legionaries. He was in low spirits and felt very isolated and lonely. Formerly he had been very fit and well connected in the neighbourhood. However, after a bad stroke he found it difficult to keep up contact and felt too low and too unwell to go to Mass. He asked for Confession which the Legionaries were able to organise for him and the Irish Priest on the team called to his home a few hours later. He said he felt unburdened and a new man after this experience.

A man in his 40's who was lapsed since he was 17; he had been to the funeral Mass of his nephew who died tragically. He said it was a lovely Mass and was impressed by the Priest and the liturgy. The Legionaries explained the Mass to him and the importance of weekly attendance. He listened attentively and agreed to return to the sacraments and said he would contact the

Priest.

Legionaries met a young man who accepted the Miraculous Medal and listened attentively to the story of the Medal. He said his father had died a week before and he believed his father had sent the Legionaries to ask him to return to the Church.

Local Legion in Pallasgreen/Templebraden

As this year 2016 is the 100 anniversary of the Apparition of the Angel to the 3 little Children of Fatima and next year 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of the actual appearance of Our Lady to them. The appearance of the Angel to the 3 children was to prepare them for the actual appearance of Our Lady on 13th May 1917. The message of Fatima is Our Lady's request for people to say the Rosary and to make sacrifices for sinners, to wear the brown scapular and doing the 1st Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary which take place Nicker Church each Sat evening 5.55 pm. Each home in the parish is invited to accept the statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week or a shorter period if they so wish and it is hoped to get most of the parish covered by the end of 2017. Pope Benedict XV1 expressed the hope that the message of Fatima would be increasingly accepted, understood and lived in every community. (May 13th 2006).



As we are always looking for new members to join the Legion of Mary please do not hesitate to come and join us and help in this very worthwhile voluntary work. A new group for young people have just been formed and takes place each Sunday night in Garrydoolis NS and young people from communion age up are most welcome to come along. We are pleased that one of our Legionaries who was a member of our Junior Legion of Mary has now entered the Priesthood in Maynooth for the Diocese of Cashel and Emly. Photo attached of Maria Et Patria Project to Thurles in August.

Spiritual Director Rev Fr. Derek O'Connell and local Legionary Eileen Egan

62 years of service to Legion of Mary Templebraden

Michael Breen Templebraden has given 62 years of service to the Legion of Mary in Templebraden and many thanks were extended to Michael for his dedicated service at a presentation made to him in Garrydoolis NS. Chris Ryan President of the Praesidium presented Michael with a plaque depicting the Legion of Mary Vexillum which shows Our Lady standing on a globe which relates to the world and her Motherly protection and guidance for all of her children in the world. The whole



Queen of Angels, Ladies Praesidium, Legion of Mary, Pallasgrean Mary Dillon, Bridget Harding, Marian O'Donnell, Mona O'Brien, Eileen McCormack.

design conveys the idea that the world is to be conquered by the Holy Spirit acting through Mary and her children.

Chris thanked him for his long service and his work for the Legion of Mary. Michael is a founder member of the Praesidium and his work included a newsletter for exiles completed 3 times a year and he was a founder member also of the women's praesidium in the parish. Michael told us on the night that when he started in the Legion of Mary back in the early 1950's they had no electricity or heating in the school and by means of 2 lighted candles they were able to say the Rosary and conduct their Legion meetings. At that stage they had over

30 members and some were carpenters and electricians who were instrumental in getting the school set up and wired for electricity. Fr. Denis O'Brien from the parish and who himself was in the Junior Legion of Mary in Templebraden thanked Michael for his service to the Legion over the years. Fr. said that the Legion of Mary set him up for life in his chosen vocation to the priesthood and he is now a Missionary priest in Colombia after serving 11 years in Rome. Fr. just happened to be home on holidays for the occasion. Tea and chat followed and Michael and his wife Kay were wished every health and happiness for the future in their new home in Hospital.



Hughie Keating, Michael Breen, Chris Ryan, Danny Beary and Fr. Denis O'Brien.

SARSFIELD LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



Team Caption;

*Back Row L to R; Mary Hanley, Gemma O’Riordan, Chris Lyons, Darlene Carroll, Joy Laffan, Roisin Griffin, Kate Ryan, Kate O’Donnell.
Front Row L to R; Ciara Morgan, Amy Linnane, Eadaoin O’Connell, Elaine O’Dwyer, Eimear Laffan, Saoirse Corbett, Claire McMahon, Donna Frost.*

Other members include: Ailbhe O’Connell, Cliochna Ryan (M), Shauna Murphy, Tracey Hourigan, Hannah Harty, Noreen Feely, Emma Marty, Aoife Feely, Lucy Mawdsley, Heather Mawdsley, Jordan Mawdsley.

Sarsfield Ladies Football team enjoyed yet another year of growing from strength to strength as a football club. Trainingredients went really well as our numbers and enthusiasm increased again this season.

Each match that the ladies embarked upon proved to be extremely competitive, unfortunately our final position on the final league table didnt reflect our efforts or how close each match was.

This year has shown much signs of improvements and leaves the club in a great position for the future. Thanks for the great efforts put in by our coach Ger O’Connell, committee (especially, Ciara Morgan) and all our brilliant

team members.

All new members are more than welcome from our greater catchment area of Kiltely, Knockane, Dromkeen and Pallasgreen.

So get your football boots ready for the next season ladies!!!

Donna Frost

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Pallasgreen Ladies Club

2016 has been an eventful and enjoyable year for Pallasgreen Ladies Club. We started on a high with six weekly sessions of Social Dancing led by Richie Harty and Mary O'Neill. Although at the beginning we were somewhat reluctant and shy about tripping the light fantastic, we very quickly got totally into the swing of things and by the end of the classes we all agreed without exception that we thoroughly enjoyed the evenings.

On Sunday the 24th April we got involved in the 1916 celebrations. Many of our members got into the spirit of the occasion and dressed appropriately in costumes of that period. Led by the C.J. Kickhan Brass and Reed Band we marched as a group under a Ladies Club Banner from Nicker Church to St. Columba's Cemetery, where a time capsule was buried and the 1916 proclamation was read. It was lovely to see so many people commemorating such an important occasion. Later we congregated in the Community Centre where our club and many others provided refreshments for the large number people attending on the day. The atmosphere in the centre on that afternoon was quite memorable.

For our annual outing last June we organised a trip to Galway. The day dawned very wet and miserable but by some miracle the weather improved and we had a great day. We visited Galway Crystal and spent many happy hours discovering the interesting sites and great shops in that beautiful city. On the way home we had a really delicious meal in The Inn at Dromoland.

Throughout the year we had very interesting talks on subjects such as beauty therapies, food and nutrition, public speaking and first aid.

One of the highlights of the year was when we all got together to fill a huge number of shoe boxes for the Team Hope Appeal. This charity together with Adapt House and many others have proven to be very popular projects for our members.

Our plans for the coming year are to organise classes in chair yoga and set dancing. New members are always very welcome.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner to be held in Ballinacourty House.



Back Row L/R: Mary Kennedy, Noreen O'Dwyer, Breda Deere, Mary Hayes.
2nd row from back: Cathleen Fitzgerald, Margaret Ryan, Kay Kennedy and Breda O'Connor.
3rd row from back: Helen Gleeson, Mary Breen, Carmel O'Keeffe, Breda O'Dwyer, Bernie Kirby.
Front row: Mary Dillon, Marie Greene, Dolores Redpath and Kitty Franklin.



Mary Hayes and Breda O'Dwyer dressed in 1916 period costumes.



Holding Ladies Club Banner for 1916 Commemoration:
L/R Cathleen Fitzgerald, Marie Greene and Mary Hayes.

Pallasgrean/Templebraden Community Council: A Vision for the Future

Michael Ryan, Chairperson

Pallasgrean/Templebraden Community Council was resurrected during 2016. The early months of the new Council were spent in putting the proper structures in place to enable us to function effectively in the future. New trustees were elected to oversee the Community's property in New Pallas, namely the Community Centre, the playing pitch and the area which once contained tennis courts. The trustees are John O'Dwyer (Garrison), Johnny Kirby (Linfield), Maurice Gleeson (Garranmore), Gerry Ryan (Old Pallas) and Michael Ryan (Moymore). The photograph accompanying this article shows the members of the Pallasgrean/Templebraden Community Council. I was elected chairperson, with Bernie O'Sullivan (Sunglen) as vice chairperson; Joanne Beary (Bally-neety) as secretary; Stephen O'Neill (Old Pallas) assistant secretary; Joanne Bailey (Pallas) as treasurer and Nancy Ryan (Old Pallas) as assistant treasurer. Our A.G.M. will be held in January 2017. The community Council decided on two main projects as its first priority. These are the final realisation of the Community Playground, which was spearheaded by the Pallasgrean/Templebraden Development Association; and the upgrading of our community Centre.

The Community Playground

A playground for the young was identified as a priority by the P.T.D.A. Planning permission had been obtained for the playground but, as Chairperson, I felt duty bound to ensure that the majority of the new Council was satisfied with all aspects of the siting of the playground. We have spent a number of meetings discussing the project, and I am glad to say that we have reached a conclusion. We are seeking to amend the planning to:

(A) Situate the playground on the site

- of one of the former tennis courts
- (B) Provide extra parking places inside the wall
- (C) Provide pedestrian access directly from the main road to the playground
- (D) Provide a pedestrian crossing on the main road adjacent to the pedestrian entrance
- (E) Preserve the mature trees on the property.

A Parish Park

The Council has identified this piece of our Community's property, bounded by the G.A.A. dressingrooms at the rear and the Credit Union on one side, as the ideal site for a Parish Park for leisure and recreation. There are lovely green areas for seating, beautiful mature trees, the playground hopefully in 2017, and still more space for future development i.e. the site where the second tennis court formerly stood. The Council has created a sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Maurice Gleeson, to consider all possibilities for that space and for the completion of the entire site as a Parish Park. I would ask all readers to submit any ideas you might have to this sub-committee over the Christmas Period. The sub-committee will compile a list of possibilities and report back to the entire Council who will decide on the most favoured way forward early in the New Year. There is an old saying which applies perfectly to all Community development: Speak now or forever hold your tongue!!

Let me make one thing very plain. The Community Council will not allow this site, or any of the Community's property, to be used as a meeting place for anybody involved in anti-social or delinquent behaviour. The consumption of alcohol, drug taking or drug dealing are abhorrent to our entire Community and we cannot allow such activities to happen on

PRIVATE property which we hold in trust for that Community. Part of that trust is to ensure that the property is not destroyed or desecrated. We will address this issue in 2017. I also believe that the Community Council must also lead the way in providing a proper education programme concerning the misuse of drugs/substance abuse for the entire community. I will be proposing such a programme to the Community Council in the New Year and I would welcome all suggestions in the meantime.

The Community Centre

Pallasgrean Community Centre was ahead of its time when it was opened in 1986. Our decision at the time to construct a hall mainly for the arts and stagework was, I believe, the correct one. The Community Centre, I think, has played a vital role in the community's record in drama, variety, music, and dance over the past thirty years. It is now time to update the Centre to ensure that we can expand that pivotal role for a new generation; and that the Centre will fulfil the needs of the entire Community, irrespective of age or gender.

The priority, of course, for the Council members, is to update and modernise the present structure. The roof, for example, will need to be replaced. But, the Community Council members also spent a number of meetings this year considering how the needs of the Community have changed over the years, and how we might accommodate these changes in a revamped building. All agreed that the Community Centre must be able to attract community activity all year round, day and evening; as a meeting place for all, as an educational centre for all, as a recreational centre for all, as a refuge for young people when not at school, as a renewed space for the arts.

As a result of these discussions, as well as visiting other community Centres in Limerick and Tipperary, we proposed the following requirements to the architect for a possible expansion of the Centre:

- (A) An expanded kitchen to cater for small-mid sized community events
- (B) Expanded space for meetings/ educational purposes
- (C) A room for young people i.e. secondary school and beyond
- (D) Greater dressing room space
- (E) Larger foyer
- (F) The possibility of a small café/ occasional bar for larger functions.

We have received the first drawings from the architect but these are discussion drawings only. We will be discussing, changing, adding, subtracting, dissecting, and costing these drawings over the next while until we arrive at a decision. I again invite you to have your initial say on the future of the Centre by expressing your views to any member of the Community Council. Our conclusions, costings etc. will be displayed at some point in the Centre next year before your Community Council goes any further with the project.

Finance.

We have had initial discussions with Ballyhoura Development Association and with Limerick City and County Council about the financing of these projects. We expect to receive some grant aid. We will apply to all other sources of funding locally and nationally. However, local fundraising will be a major requirement if we are to proceed with these, and other future, developments. Our Council will discuss fundraising for 2017 in early January and I hope that everyone can get behind our efforts for the next few years.

Final Thoughts

The Community of Pallasgrean/ Templebraden can achieve anything it wishes. We can reach heights that others have only dreamed of. We have had great examples of community achievement in the past: the Grotto and Stations of the Cross in Nicker;



Front Row L to R; Nancy Ryan (Asst Treasurer), Ann O'Dwyer, Joanne Beary (Secretary), Michael Ryan (Chairperson & Trustee), Joanne Bailey (Treasurer), Mary Dillon, Bernie O'Sullivan (Vice Chairperson).

Back Row L to R; John Gammell, Pakie Deere, Gerry Ryan (Trustee), PP O'Sullivan, John O'Dwyer (Trustee), Brian O'Neill, Fr Pat Burns, John Kirby (Trustee), Maurice Gleeson (Trustee), Tom Ryan (W), Stephen O'Neill (Asst Secretary), Ger O'Connell
Missing from photo; Bernard O'Donnell, Richard Harty, Jill McCormack, Denis O'Connor, Mairead O'Connor, Tom Kennedy.

Photo by Michael Riordan

the Sarsfield Memorial; the acquisition of land for community/sporting development in New Pallas and Knockane; the Community Centre; the Paddy Ryan memorial; the upkeep of the graveyards; the Golden Mile from Barna to Templebraden; the building of two graceful churches in 1820 and 1884 before and after the Great Famine; the renovation of these same churches from 2012 to 2016 in a period of great recession; the work of the Combined Villages Association in ensuring footpaths and walls are provided to further beautify our amazing landscape.

Let 2017 be the year in which we all combine, from our border on one side with Kiltely to our border with Emly on the other side, to create a 10 year development plan- a vision like none ever imagined anywhere before- for every aspect of life/resources/landscape in this amazing place where we live. I

invite each and every person-with absolutely no exceptions- to be part of this exciting journey.

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2016 – THE YEAR THAT SHOOK IFA TO THE CORE

The AGM of the Pallasgreen IFA was held on the 16th November 2015 with Mark Fennessy in the chair and John Leonard reading the minutes.

Alan Dillon from Teagasc gave an interesting talk on the Suckler Calf Enterprise covering the costs of keeping the cow and managing both the herd and the grass, targeting the Better Farm System. Discussion followed on the various aspects of the whole beef industry and then onto the dairy herd with the prices of both milk and beef receiving a good airing.

Naturally discussion turned to the crisis situation developing within IFA as at this time strong farm representation was never more important. The following officers were appointed:

Chairman	Mark Fennessy
Secretary	John Leonard
Treasurer	Peter Thompson
4th Delegate	Hazel Thompson

The chairman then wished everyone a successful year and emphasized that we should do everything possible to help sort out the problems in IFA by sticking together.

Since the last issue of An Gréan, IFA have experienced turbulent times due to the executive pay scandal. The massive salary of the general secretary was eventually exposed by Derek Deane, chairman of Carlow IFA resulting in the then President of the IFA, Eddie Downey, requesting details of Pat Smith's file from the financial controller. He then called a meeting with the treasurer (Ger Bergin) the legal advisor (James Staines) and the financial controller in the Sheldon Hotel after which he went to Pat Smith who said he would resign and financial negotiations ensued. There are several disputed versions of what happened over the next few weeks ending with the IFA president resigning and Pat Smith taking legal proceedings against the IFA for his severance claim which is still active today.

County Executives generally request transparency on all senior pay levels within IFA especially since the

resignation of the chief economist Con Lucey from the audit committee. He was then asked to provide a report on the associations economic activities. Figures from the Con Lucey report were released in December which shocked every member in that millions went to Pat Smith in salary and pension. At the same meeting the executive board survived a no confidence vote. Tim O'Leary left the acting president role and continued as deputy president while Ger Bergin became chairman of IFA until a new president was elected. Senior staff members then issued a warning that they would take IFA to court if their salaries were revealed.

Limerick IFA demanded that all national officers should resign and all posts should be up for election as those in place while this debacle occurred could not be trusted to represent us farmers. This was refused so Limerick IFA organized buses to stage a protest outside the IFA HQ at the executive council meeting on the 5th January. This was eventually cancelled at the last minute as the executive board themselves agreed to step aside and allow full elections to take place.

The 947 branches of IFA met between 29th March and 14th April to elect a new President and deputy President with the count on the 19th April. This resulted in Joe Healy from Athenry being elected as president against the challenge of Henry Burns and Flor McCarthy and Limericks own Richard Kennedy being elected deputy President – Congratulations to Richard who has great experience in representing farmers views, we wish him well in his efforts to bring farm profitability, fairness and trust back into IFA and strong unwavering well thought out actions to succeed on this commitment. Limerick members did great work in his campaign resulting in his win.

John Coughlan was elected Munster "Regional Chairman" (vice president in the past). We wish him well as a new team member.

The new team must select the key

position of a new General Secretary, an extremely important position for the future of us farmers, as efficient running of IFA is essential to deliver for farmers on the reduced monies available due to reduced membership, levies, FBD trust and shares. At the end of 2015 – the net IFA asset value was €19.1 million so unless there is further serious mismanagement of our association, farmers can be well represented and essentially hold onto our Brussels office costing €680,000 to run and Copa Cogeca and other application fees totaling €150,000.

Martin Stapleton Oola was elected Chairman of the National Farm Business Committee. We congratulated Martin whom we know will do a good job for us as he will give firm, well thought out and effective leadership badly needed in this time of income loss and bank atrocities. The financial activities of money lenders towards farmers (including banks) allowed by the central bank, the department of finance and hence our government are outrageous.

The national attitude to everyone getting paid in the food industry (sometimes with astronomical salaries) from the farm gate to the consumer with the base producer getting what is left, (below the cost of production in many cases) must end. The base producer must be allowed a reasonable income for his labour, investment and management skills or we won't have a food industry – Ireland's most important industry today.

We have a "New IFA", a new minister and so called "new politics", we look on our new team to deliver the above. The farm income campaign has been published – now it needs delivery which will require brain power as well as support on the ground – Pallasgreen IFA will be there to do just that. We wish all our members a successful 2017.

Signed: David Thompson on behalf of Pallasgreen IFA

GREAN DRAMA GROUP

Some people will ask why would you want to get involved in drama? So much hard work, learning lines, trying to take on a character, long hours of rehearsals etc. etc. etc. The truth is, through drama, you can become anyone, anywhere at anytime. It helps with building self-confidence, speaking in public, and developing interpersonal skills. Drama helps with your communication skills, and most of all, drama brings elements of fun, humour and laughter to those taking part. You make so many new friends. You can escape the troubles of the day and release aggressions and tensions in a safe and controlled environment. Drama is good for everyone.

2014 will always be remembered as a very special year for Grean Drama Group, when we recreated the Passion of Christ in real time, under the direction of Eamonn Harty. This was a very trying performance for both cast and director, but a special bond held us all together, and the hard work paid off.

In 2015, Paolo Trisoldi, known to many as the adorable Giggles the Clown joined our group, and produced and directed The Little Prince. Another first for Pallasgrean, proved to be a great success, with Patrick Bailey playing the part of The Little Prince – and what a performance he gave – truly amazing. Patrick was a delight to work with, and maybe more young people in the parish should think of getting involved. We would love to start a junior drama group!!

April 2016, Grean Drama Group staged The Odd Couple – Female Version, directed and produced by myself. This play is based on the original The Odd Couple which many of you will remember from Television.



This was my first production, and I was very fortunate to have such a willing, and hardworking cast. We had a great stage crew made up of Mike Delaney, Colin Kinnane, John O'Dwyer, Mike English, Gary Fraher & Kevin Ryan who build an amazing set – a great big thank you to you all. Our cast included a few new members, who gave

great performances – well done Ann Marie, Jason, Annette and Joan – all newcomers to drama. Audrey, Jenny, Aoife and William had been in previous productions, and as always were super.

Eileen and Nell are a vital part of any of our productions – they look after all the costumes. And then we have the others who help out back stage, front of house etc. Margaret & Dara, thank you. New members are vital for any group, and it is only with numbers that we can vary our productions.

Grean Drama Group is affiliated to Drama League of Ireland (D.L.I.). Every year DLI hold a summer school in U.L. This year, William was given a scholarship by DLI to attend a course



at the school - DLI paid half the fee, and Grean Drama sponsored the balance. This was a great opportunity of William. I also attended one of the courses, and found it both informative and fun. Fun must always be a part of Drama but it is also very rewarding. Don't take my word for it – check out the DLI website and read the comments – www.dli.ie.

If you want to be successful, then you can't sit around and wait for amazing things to happen to you. You have to make them happen yourself. Start by joining Grean Drama Group.

Thank you to all our supporters, and hopefully, we will see you all again soon.

Ann O'Dwyer

Barna National School 2015/2016

The highlight of our school year in Barna NS this year was coming home! We returned to our fabulous new school at the end of May with much anticipated excitement. Pupils, staff and parents were mesmerised as the doors re-opened once again for school. The morning sunlight streamed in through the brightly coloured classrooms and corridors. The light and space and the smell of fresh paint all added to the excitement. The children explored their new school with a wonderful sense of adventure and awe, remembering the old and taking in the new. It was a very memorable occasion as the children relished their new surroundings.

We are most fortunate to have a bright new modern school. The old 1929 building has been completely renovated inside while the on the outside, the old school building remains the same with the new extension blending in seamlessly. The school yard has also been extended too with an abundance of room for PE and playtime. Of course, the icing on the cake is the spectacular view! The school now looks out across at green hills and in the distance, the Galtee Mountains. We are extremely grateful to Architect Eamon Cronin and the wonderful workmanship of Martin Hartnett Builders Ltd and his team who have made our dream school come true! We look forward to celebrating our official opening sometime in the Spring with the whole school community, neighbours and friends.

We were very lucky and thankful to have the use of Pallasgreen Community Centre as our temporary accommodation while the building was going on. We settled in quickly to our new surroundings and did our very best to set up school. We lived out of suitcases and boxes and became experts at improvising! The pupils loved being in the hall - it was a novelty to them and they were a great help to the teachers helping to set up the classes in the mornings and tidying away in the evenings. Parents



Mrs Fletcher with some of her Senior Infants

too helped out with moving boxes and furniture in the mornings and evenings. We were also blessed to have the use of the GAA field and the children loved spending their lunch breaks there.

Barna NS Parents Council - School Fundraiser

The Rachel Allen School Fundraising event took place in the Strand Hotel, November 12th 2015. It was a huge success and it helped to raise necessary funds for the building project. Its' success is down to the relentless hard work of the Barna NS Parents Council 2014/2015 who left no stone unturned when it came to hosting the popular celebrity chef. It was a very enjoyable night as Rachel cooked some tasty dishes from her latest book, Rachel's Coastal Cooking as well as some her old favourite recipes too. Sincere thanks to the Parents Council for all their efforts, hard work and dedication to making the night a success.

1916 Flag Ceremony

Members of the Irish Defence Forces visited Barna N.S. on Friday 13th

November and presented the school with the Irish National Flag and a copy of the 1916 Irish Proclamation as a part of the 1916 School Commemoration Initiative. The pupils greeted the Army with a guard of honour and all stood to attention to sing Our National Anthem, Amhrán na bhFiann. 3rd to 6th class pupils played Mo Ghile Méar and Dawning of the Day on tin whistles and the officers spent a lot of time with the children answering questions and taking photos.

Barna NS Remembers 1916

We were joined by parents, grandparents and friends as we celebrated Proclamation Day on Friday 15th March 2016. The pupils looked the part as they dressed up in 1916 clothes. The pupils' various projects on 1916, including their work on their own Family Trees were displayed also. The pupils from Senior infants to 6th class finished off the event with a number of tunes on their tin-whistles including The Foggy Dew.



Gymnastics instructor, David Byrne, giving the 5th class boys a lift!

Making St Brigid's Crosses.



The Junior Infants boys working hard.



Rachel Allen Night

Looking Back – Looking Forward

– Nicker N.S. 2015-2016

The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.

Theodore Roosevelt

The past school year has been a busy and exciting one of achievement, learning and discovery. Our photos show some of these enjoyable activities. For this year's article in Gréan, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class have chosen to record some of our activities in the area of History.

Our national and local history has been very much to the forefront of our minds throughout the past twelve months. On Friday 4th December, we welcomed members of the Irish Army from Sarsfield Barracks, who presented us with a tricolour and a copy of the 1916 Proclamation. We were very interested to hear more about the Proclamation and how to treat our national flag with respect. This was a great day of celebration for the whole school community. Parents and grandparents joined us as we displayed our projects, sang songs, played music and recited poetry associated with this era. A group of us read a paragraph from the Proclamation. It was a very proud day for us.

A few months later, on 15th March 2016, we celebrated Proclamation Day. Again, we were joined by our families and members of the local community, as Evan O'Riordan and Aaron Ryan, the oldest and youngest children in the school, raised the tricolour. In the days and weeks leading up to this special occasion, we reflected on the meaning of the 1916 Proclamation and the ideals of those who composed it. We considered life in Ireland at present and looked to the future, expressing our hopes and dreams. On Proclamation day, the 1916 Proclamation was read, as well as our Proclamation for A New Generation, which is proudly displayed in our school. Our celebrations continued with a cup of tea and a performance of song, music and poetry.

1916 was still very much on our minds

as we took part in the community celebration of 1916. On Saturday 16th April, we presented a bilingual pageant, Laochra 1916, as we joined pupils of Barna N.S. and Garrydoolis N.S., as well as adults and children the local area in a celebration of our history and culture.

Meanwhile, we prepared an account of life in 2016, with pictures, photos and artefacts, to be placed in a time capsule, which would be opened in 2116. As part of our special community commemoration of 1916, on the 24th April 2016, exactly 100 years on from the date on which the 1916 began, some of us took part in the ceremony, with various clubs and groups. Áine Dillon and Chloe Fraher represented the school in reading prayers of the Faithful, Aaron Ryan was one of the three children who helped our oldest parishioner Brigid Harding to raise the tricolour, while Chloe Fraher and Tadgh Hourigan joined five children from different parts of the parish in placing crosses in the ground, symbolising two of the seven signatories of the Proclamation; Padraig Pearse and Eamonn Ceannt.

We realise that national history is made up of events which took place at local level, so we enjoy learning about the history of our local area. Fifth and Sixth Class are looking forward to the culmination of two years research in the 100 Year History Project. Having worked with writer, Jo Holmwood and artist, Ann Donnelly, a summary of their extensive project will soon be published, by Kids Own Publishing. Fifth and Sixth Class worked very hard in researching information, understanding the events involved and presenting their findings orally and in writing for the Kids Own team. Nicker N.S. is one of ten schools to have contributed to this publication, five from Northern Ireland and five from the Republic of Ireland. We look forward to this book being launched

in the next few weeks.

Following on from this achievement, we have decided to embark on another project, within our school and community. In the past few weeks, we have begun this exciting venture and we already have many interesting stories to tell.

In 1937, 100,000 children in 5,000 schools in the Irish Free State, were asked to collect and document the folklore and local history of their area. Folklore is the name given to the traditional stories and beliefs of a community. It is passed on orally from generation to generation. The Folklore Commission, or An Coimisiún Béaloidis organised this project with the help of the Department of Education and the Irish National Teachers Organisation. The children were given a number of different topics to research over a couple of years;

Local history and monuments, Folk tales and legends, Riddles and proverbs, Songs, Customs and beliefs, Games and pastimes, Crafts of the past.

The children were requested to research this information by asking their parents, grandparents and older people in the community to recall their memories of the past. About half a million pages of folklore was collected. This is called the Schools' Manuscript collection.

Until recently, the material collected by each school was available in the local library. A researcher had to ask the librarian for the microfilm relating to the school in question, place it in a special machine and read it in the library or print it off. Now, we can find the information collected by many schools on the website www.duchas.ie. We decided to look up material in the collection, which relates to Nicker School. The teachers who organised the collection of

material were Mr. Sean Beaumont, who would have been known locally, as John Bowman, and Ms Annie Kelly. We found this to be a fascinating topic and while we are reporting on our studies to date we plan to delve more deeply into our folklore and oral history in the coming months. We hope to explore material collected by the children of almost seventy years ago and record further information about local events and customs since 1937.

Games and pastimes

We were very interested in the games children played in the school yard. Some of these were singing games while others were played with pencil and paper.

Ring a ring a rosie, Sally go round the moon
Are ye ready for a fight?
Gathering Nuts And May The Fox
and the Geese Bog Holes What is
Mary Weeping For? Dickedey,
Dickedey Dock! The Mouse Ran Up the
Clock Jenny Go

Many of these are games which we do not know. The words of each game are in the Schools' Collection. We hope to try out some of these games during the year.

Customs and Traditions

As we were putting our article together at Hallowe'en, there was a definite interest in customs associated with feasts and festivals. Third Class had a particular interest in this topic and studied it in greater depth. Many of us knew the Wren song, recounted in the section on Festival Customs, but we did not know about the tradition of leaving a jar of water with

a ribbon in it, on the window sill on the eve of the Feast of St. Brigid. We would like to find out more about this custom. We were very interested in the traditions of Shrove Tuesday and its association with marriages, as well as Chalk Sunday, when chalk marks were put on the backs of unmarried boys and girls. We would not like to swap the tradition of gathering eggs for Easter Sunday for our tradition of eating chocolate eggs.

Marriage Customs

James McMahan had a wealth of lore to impart and record. He gave the following information to his daughter, Margaret McMahan, on the customs associated with marriage in 1937 and before. May was considered an unlucky month for weddings, while June and September were considered lucky. The wedding breakfast would often take place in the bride's house. This was very different from weddings which take place today. A hauling home ceremony would take place a month after the wedding. We found out that this ceremony was one where the bride was welcomed to her husband's house when she went to live there after the wedding.

Fairs

Fairs were once held in Pallasgreen, two in Old Pallas and one in Cluggin. Sometimes people would go to farmers' houses, buy cattle from the farmers and next day they would sell them at the fair. There were special fairs held for horses, sheep and pigs. The fairs in Old Pallas were held near the graveyard. A luck penny was given with every beast that was sold and then when the lawyers get that penny

they have to pay it off.

Landlords and agents

It is interesting to see that the teacher, Ms. Annie Kelly, herself took part in collecting information from Patrick Ryan, in relation to the local landlords. Lord Leckenfield was the landlord who owned land around Bunavie and his agent was Robert Scott. Lloyd owned property in Nicker, Landscape and Garrison. Erasmus Smith owned land in Moymore, Ballytarsna and Kilduff. His agent was Tommy Saunders. Patrick Ryan described these as bad landlords and recalled that evictions had taken place in 1883, with tenants being assisted by the Land League. Tommy Saunders wasn't well liked and there was a poem written about him. We found interesting information, also, on the topic of landlords and their tenants in the material collected by Mr. Sean Beaumont.

In particular we came across the names Abjohn and Leconfield, spelled differently, in this piece. His agents name was Scott, who lived in Clare. The rent had to be paid twice each year in Tipperary. Leconfield lived in England and Scott used to send him the money.

After a time Scott died and a man called Blackhall took his place. Large ditches were built between the estates. Many of these could still be seen, in 1937. Tithes were collected in this district. The money received was given to the protestant parson. (Eamon Ryan told to him by his mother Mary Ryan).

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Local Ruins

Information gained from James Mc Mahon mentions the ruins of two castles in the district, one in Kilduff and one in Ballytrasna. He states that The Danes built them and lived in them. He mentions that there was no trace of Corelish Castle, by 1937. He explains that the castles are located in the parish of Pallasgreen, in the Barony of Coonagh. It is interesting that it was thought the castles were built by the Danes, as another report on Fairy Forts also states that they were built by the Danes.

Fairy Forts

Margaret McMahan records the existence of nine fairy forts in the district, two in Corelish, two in Ballytrasna, one in Lisheen, Nicker, Bunavie, Garranemore and Ballinaclough. The forts are described as big mounds of earth surrounded by trees and bushes. The Danes are supposed to have built the forts. It is said that fairy people used to live in the forts. People were afraid to interfere with the fairies.

The Bare of the Feet

In 1937 and before, children used to walk to school barefoot in Summer. At the time this information was collected, there were three cobblers, or shoemakers in the parish. One lived in Linfield, another in New Pallas and a third in Tullabeg. The craft of shoemaking was passed down from father to son. We were really



interested in the last line of the piece which explained that people in the days before 1937 wore more boots because they didn't have cars to ride on. These were not the cars we have today but horses and cars.

Clothes Made Locally

In 1937 there were three tailors in the district. The tailors worked from home. Thread was spun and woven into cloth. Many people knitted stockings and other clothes. Flannelette was used when making shirts. The tools and implements of the tailor are needles, a thimble, thread, scissors, foot machine and hand machine. It was the custom that black was worn when a relative died.

Forges

Margaret McMahan collected interesting information about forges in the area. We know that forges would have been very important to life in a rural area, as the blacksmith would have made horse shoes, as well as bands for cart wheels and many useful implements. Margaret McMahan records the existence of two forges, in 1937. One was in Old Pallas and one in New Pallas. The blacksmith in Old Pallas is named as Michael O'Brien, with Martin McInerney working in the forge in New Pallas. It is very interesting that this craft was also passed down from generation to generation. Margaret

McMahon notes that Martin McInerney's father, brother and grandfather were smiths. She goes on to tell us the location of the old forge, opposite the old dispensary. The smith there was Jim Mulcahy's father. The tools used by the blacksmith were a hammer, a vice, a sledge and an anvil. On our school tour, at Bunratty Folk Park we saw a forge and listened to a blacksmith tell us about his work. Margaret gives us a very interesting insight into the special properties which forge water was supposed to have. She tells us that before Maureen O'Connell's uncle, Jack, went off to the war he had forge water sprinkled on him and came home without any wounds.

Coopers

One of the most interesting pieces was that on the craft of the cooper. There has not been a cooper working in our area for a very long time. We found the sketches of the cooper's tools fascinating, as well as the account of the coopers' work.

Beginning our research on life in Pallasgrean since 1937, Cathal, Jayne, Lee, Lily, Nikodem, Harry and Michael asked members of their families for their memories of times past. We wanted to find out if some of the stories collected by the children of 1937 were still known in the local area and we also wanted to find out what had changed and what has stayed the same since 1937.

Cathal spoke to his grandfather, Tom Ryan, who gave him some very interesting information about an old courthouse where Denis Ryan's insurance office is now located. The courthouse later moved to the Brook Hall. The Brook Hall was getting old so they decided to move the district court to Cappamore because Pallasgrean community centre hadn't been built yet. The court went to Killaloe after that. The court was supposed to come back to sit in Pallas but it never did. When the court was in session in Pallas, it brought lots of business to the village. The people going to court might have gone for a drink in the pubs or bought a newspaper in the shop.

Lee had lots of information and photos about Brackile School, from

the time it closed to its renovation.

Jayne asked her grandfather, Tony Greene for information. She noted two well-known monuments, a statue of Paddy Ryan, the famous Olympic hammer-thrower, which is located near the Credit Union in Pallasgrean and also Sarsfield's Rock. She recorded the legend that there are supposedly 365 wells on Nicker Hill, one for every day of the year. Pallasgrean is called Pailís na Gréine, in Irish, which means Palace of the sun. There are lots of proverbs in everyday use. Some songs which are popular include Where the Mulcair River Flows and Seén South of Garryowen. Some interesting customs include bonfires on May eve and parades on May Day and St. Patrick's Day Crafts of the past would have included knitting, doing patchwork, basket weaving and butter-making. Popular games and pastimes included gaelic games, hurling, football and handball, skittles, rings, conkers and hoop rolling.

Nikodem broadened the scope of our research, by telling us about games and legends in Poland. A board game called chinczik or chincik dates from World War I and is still played. This is a game for 2-4 players. Each player controls four people. Everybody rolls a dice, in turn. If you land in a space occupied by someone else's counter, you can attack the space, take the counter and they are left with three. The person with the most survivors, at the end of the game is the winner of this game, which is like chess. Nikodem also researched a Polish legend of the deadly dragon in Krakow. He had to be fed a sheep or a cow every day of the week. One young shepherd in Krakow but a bomb in a sewn-up sheep costume. When the dragon ate the sheep, the bomb exploded and the dragon was defeated. An interesting Polish proverb is; "Pierszi lepszi" which means faster is better.

Michael's research was also on games and pastimes. His grandfather told him that when he was young there was no television. In his young days, they used to play trailed fox. One of his friends would leave a trail of newspapers and the others would follow the trail. Michael's grandfather

had to go to school barefoot during the summer.

Lily continued this work on pastimes and crafts of the past, noting that other games which were popular were; rounders, cowboys and Indians and cobby house. People used to make buckets out of tin and hurleys from wood. As well as finding information on Paddy Ryan, and some proverbs, Lily also recorded the legend of the banshee, a female spirit who would appear to family members if someone was about to die or had died.

Harry found some interesting information about a fairy fort on his family's farm. People do not touch it in case it brings bad luck. There is a saying that if someone drops a knife, a stranger will come to the door. Harry also noted some interesting songs which were well known; - Doggy in the Window, Hello Patsy Fagan, The Red River Valley and Where the Mulcair River Flows. Popular pastimes included card games such as rummy and patience, as well as skipping, rounders, hopscotch and camogie.

The information which we have recorded here is the result of our first steps into this new venture in studying the local history of our area. We have thoroughly enjoyed our work this year and look forward to bringing the rich treasure of our folklore and heritage, so carefully preserved by schoolchildren of generations past, to light once more.

Third Class – Adrian, Lee, Malachy, John, Harry, Lee, Tristan, Michael, Tommy, Ciarán, Lily, Róisín, Holly, Robyn, Abigail, Madeline, Eabha, Niomh, Jayne, Catriona

Fourth Class – Evan, Luke, Fergal, Cathal, Cian, Nikodem, Annie, Jade, Stacey, Áine, Katelyn, Amy, Chloe, Leah, Zekeisha

Fifth Class – Danny, Aaron, Shane, Darragh, Scott, Jake, Ciara, Zach, Aaron, Alex, Dylan, Tadgh, Caoimhe, Emily, Jessica

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Activities that residents are involved in at St Anthony's Nursing Home

St. Anthony's Nursing Home had a very active and busy 2016. With full capacity of 60 Residents being actively involved in interests to ensure their enjoyment, stimulation and positive mental health is well managed.

Activities Coordinator is employed full time working Monday to Friday ensuring that all our Residents are engaged in different types of activities on a daily basis depending on their interests and abilities. There is also a part-time Activities Coordinator on Mondays and Fridays specialising in Arts and Crafts.

St. Anthony's has its own private transport system with a mini-van purchased in early 2015 which is a tremendous asset to take Residents to daycare centres, retail therapy shopping trips to Tipperary and Limerick, to medical appointments, weddings and funerals.

We have developed a wide range of activities for residents in the nursing home and these vary from day to day and season to season, light therapeutic activities like word searches, puzzles, jigsaws, knitting, music therapy and just chatting with visitors and other residents in the visitors room, dayroom or on our patio area to the front of the building. Our gazabo near the vegetable garden is a lovely seated area and gives a little shelter in misty weather. It is a lovely peaceful quite area. Our henhouse is now blessed with two hens, two other hens departed due to old age, neatly sheltered and structures for hen activity. Our vegetable garden is producing nice fresh produce. With summer season developing into Autumn more emphasis was focused on indoor activities. The end of summer season was marked by a great barbeque on August 31st. The weather was beautiful and the barbeque was sizzling tasty beef burgers, chicken breasts and skewered vegetables. The meats were all marinated with soya sauce and olive oil and it greatly enhanced the barbeque effect. Salads of coleslaw, potato salad, curried rice with our

own garden lettuce and eggs complimented the meats. Mouth watering desserts of pavlova, tarts, butterfly raspberry iced cupcakes went down a treat with both residents, their families and friends.

The indoor activities for the enjoyment and stimulation of the residents are nurtured daily. Gentle easy seated exercises are enjoyed daily and stimulate the residents to help themselves by finger, wrist, arm, shoulder, foot and ankle movements to keep the blood flowing and limbs moving. Prayer is include with the Rosary recited 2/3 times a week. The Legion of Mary visit bimonthly to pray with the Residents. Fr Pat Burns celebrates Mass in the nursing home weekly in the dayroom and residents very much appreciate this. Music Therapy is very much nurtured in St Anthony's. Surrounds music is calming and gentle sound daily on the corridors. Music professionals are invited in about twice a month and play resident friendly music for about two hours while dancing is encouraged with residents who are capable. Music professional include John Skeehan, Derek Mullins, Willie and Anthony to name but a few. The Pauline Hynan Irish Dancers delighted the residents during Positive Aging Week with beautiful traditional Irish music, brush dancing and waltzing. The dancers were as young as 4 yrs, were gifted/talented.

Tipperary Mid West Radio came to visit us during Positive Aging Week and did interviews with Sean, Director of Nursing, Terry, Director of Care, Mary Activities Coordinator and Residents Br. Tim, Peggy and Teresa.

Music Therapy is built into each day with varying types of music played in the dayroom and visitors room at specific times. Sonas music therapy is built into daily programme. Arts and Crafts, knitting, crochet, newspaper discussion group, baking demonstrations with residents involved, bingo are part of our group activities here in St. Anthony's. Aromatherapy back massage and nail

care/hand massage are much enjoyed as one to one attention appreciated. Residents are encouraged to take part in as many activities as possible.

November being the month in hand our Annual Mass for our dearly departed residents is a very important part of our remembrance. It will be celebrated on 16th November. Our Halloween Fancy Dress Party was held on Monday October 31st with a packed house of residents families 7 friends, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren joined us to celebrated Halloween. Children all got treats 7 mouthwatering scary cupcakes, pizzas and treats were served to adults Fabulous music was provided by John Skeehan and there were plenty of dancers on the floor.

A blazing bonfire lit the sky and residents thoroughly enjoyed the experience of times past.

Nutritional therapy with fresh fruit smoothies served daily is a great way of ensuring daily fruit intake by the residents. The Christmas party will be our next big event. It is attended annually by all families. Our thanks to Noreen, Brian and Michael who very kindly make Christmas time a joyous occasion every year.

The Activities Coordinator aims to continue to add variety to the programme and further strengthen the quality of the lives of our residents by this fulltime interaction and stimulation and positive mental health nurturing in St Anthony's.

All the staff in St Anthony's under the management of Sean, Annmarie and Terry.

Strive to make St Anthony's a caring and positive environment for both Residents and their families to nurture positive mental health for all. Sincere thanks to everyone who calls to visit /entertain our Residents. Its an open house and visitors are always welcome to St Anthony's

Sincere best wishes to all for Christmas and New Year of 2017

Mary Dillon, Activities Coordinator

THE PALLASGREEN AND TEMPLEBRADEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FIELD NAMES PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT 2016

Last year we undertook this exciting and worthy project to record and preserve the names, history, folklore, yesterdays and todays features of our fields, parish by parish in East Limerick. Unfortunately this valuable information on this part of our heritage is now being lost as our older generation leaves us taking it with them, our loss forever.

Up to the end of the last century this information was passed down from generation to generation through discussion and teaching. Unfortunately today's society has changed so much with the takeover of vocal communication by social media – a sad and in some cases dangerous change (cyberbullying, pornography and hacking). This has resulted in the loss of historical names, stories and folklore at an alarming rate.

The importance of our heritage was emphasized at every gathering this year (2016) to celebrate "The Rising". This

shows the importance of this project of recording this rural gem and preserving it for the future. It is very urgent to do it now: - even today we will be lucky to record over 60% of what we had.

Last year we surveyed the parishes of Grean and Ballinaclogh and parts of other parishes touching Grid 24 in the IOS Map with the help of the Heritage Council – A full report on the parish of Grean is imminent.

This year we were awarded help from the Local Diaspora Engagement Fund from the Department of the Taoiseach for which we are very grateful. Unfortunately due to a hiccup in communication we did not get the all clear until 24th June. However with the tremendous voluntary and continuous work of our members, Pat Kelly, Jill McCormack and John O'Dwyer we have extended our survey work to the Tipperary border taking in the parishes of Oola, Castletown and Templebraden and completing Kiltely and

Aglisheormack parishes.

We received tremendous help from John and Mary Breen, Seamus Marie and Eamon English all from the Oola branch of IFA, David Walsh Consultant and Nicholas Lonergan past chairman of the Oola Community Committee together with the voluntary help of 13 other surveyors. We held three public meetings (one in heritage week) in Oola Community Hall, appeared on local radio stations, had announcements at masses for which we were very grateful and got releases into local and national press which with the help of the local diaspora fund we, as I write have succeeded in almost completing the survey in the targeted parishes. With the exception of the Parish of Doon – anyone willing to survey a townland would be gratefully welcomed.

**David Thompson, Chairman
Field Names Project Committee**

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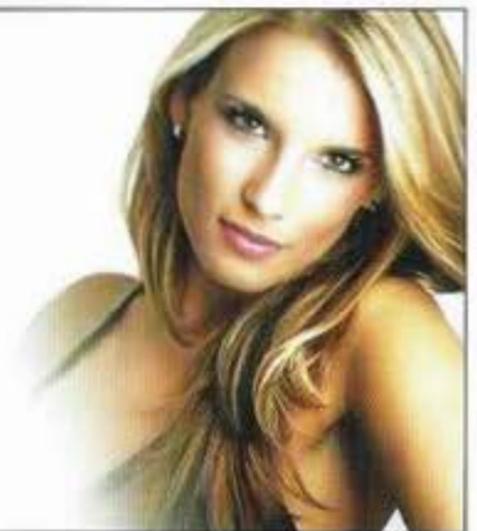
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2016 at Garrydoolis N.S.

We are delighted to announce that 2016 has been another happy, busy, productive year at Garrydoolis N.S. We currently boast an enrolment of forty one pupils.

Again this year, several of our pupils experienced success in the Community Games competitions. Saoirse Aylmer won a medal in the art category, Aoife Lee tasted success in the areas of both handwriting and art, Sinéad McGuinness won a medal for solo singing, Lillian Houlihan was successful in Irish dancing and Lisa McGuinness received a medal for solo recitation. Additionally, Aoife Lee, Paddy Hourigan, Peter Savage and Catherine Beary represented our school most impressively at the Credit Union Table Quiz in Pallasgreen in February.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated in our school during the first week of February; the theme of which was "Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy." Pupils partook in related activities and discussion throughout the week. Grandparents' Day was celebrated midweek and with a large number of families gathered, pupils took the opportunity to say thank you to and to pray for their grandparents. Pupils prepared a beautiful photo collage of their grandparents and an adjective tree portraying what grandparents mean to them. During our prayer service which was led by Fr. Burns, the parable of the Lost Son was also performed, along with instrumental music, song and poetry, before pupils extended a special blessing on their grandparents.

In line with our healthy eating policy, we took part in the "Operation Healthy Lunchbox" initiative, as seen on Operation Transformation. Pupils' awareness of the importance of bringing in a lunch which contains the four main food categories was heightened. All pupils also participated in an African Drumming Workshop during February and filled the rooms with rhythmic beats!

Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated

in March. We focussed on activities including nath an lae, tráth na gceist, comhrá, dánta agus amhráin. Our annual Céilí Mór and green assembly were celebrated, while the most popular "Green, White and Gold Day" also took place.

The 1916 commemorations were hugely in focus during the year. All classes completed in-depth research in order to compile projects on various aspects of 1916 and our corridor became the 1916 Gallery! Proclamation Day was held on Tuesday 15th March. Pupils gave a presentation based on 1916, invited parents to view their vast 1916 Gallery and read their "Proclamations for a New Generation." The tricolour, presented to our school by members of the defence forces prior to Christmas, was raised by our retiring postman Mike O'Donoghue. Afterwards, our Student Council ran a St. Patrick's Day/ Easter Bake Sale. Many of our pupils also took part in the commemorative celebrations held in Pallasgreen.

Our two second class pupils, Anna Ryan and Saoirse Lee-Barrett received First Holy Communion in Nicker Church in May. Our senior pupils joined those from Barna in singing in the choir and playing instrumental music on the day. Senior pupils welcomed French student, Enguerrand before the holidays and we travelled to Foynes Flying Boat Museum and The Hunt Museum on our school tour. We were very proud of our then sixth class pupil, Leah Butler, who earned her place on the Limerick Under 13 Girls Football Team before the summer. Meanwhile, Grace Leaden, James Ryan and Caoimhe Butler represented the school at the Munster Primary Schools Football Skills Competition in Doon in May.

Our end of year liturgy and graduation took place at the end of June. This special day in our calendar presented an opportunity to send good wishes to our two second class pupils who were "stepping up" to the

senior room and to our six sixth class pupils who were "stepping on" to secondary school. Our fourth green flag was also raised on the day by our outgoing sixth class. This green schools' flag had been achieved for work in the area of travel.

After a well-deserved break during the summer, pupils returned on August 30th. The current academic year has been a busy one already. Caoimhe Butler, Aoife Lee, Paddy Hourigan, Grace Leaden and Róisín Lee-Barrett were all successful in student council elections. They proceeded to organise a "Crazy Hair Non-Uniform Day" in order to raise funds to purchase a "Buddy Bench" for our yard. They also organised a Halloween raffle, dress up and party to mark the mid-term. Maths Week and National Tree day were both celebrated in the first few weeks back.

We are delighted to have been invited by An Taisce to pilot this L.E.A.F. programme. Our school will benefit from direct on the ground support from the Learning About Forests team in the form of seminars, workshops and school visits to Curragh Chase Forest Park. Also, our expression of interest for the 2017 RDS Primary Science Fair, to be held in Limerick in January, has been submitted. The senior pupils propose a project entitled "How can we attract more wildlife into our school environment?" We look forward to hearing whether or not we will be awarded a stand at the fair. The Scholastic Book Fair also took place during October, which provided a wonderful celebration of literacy in our school and earned credit with which to purchase additional school resources.

We took part in the two teachers' schools seven-a-side football blitz held in Kiltelly in October. Very impressively, our school won all three matches in the blitz and earned a place in the final. Meanwhile, we entered a team into the girls' seven-a-side tournament for the first time and came second in our group on the day.

This impressive performance earned us a place in the girls' seven a side B final. Therefore, October 26th saw a large crowd of Garrydoolis supporters converge on the Gaelic Grounds to cheer our two teams on. We are just thrilled to announce that we won both finals! All pupils involved were treated to a celebratory meal in McDonald's before the victorious bus journey home. In further good news, Caoimhe Butler was selected to represent the school on the Neville Cup team.

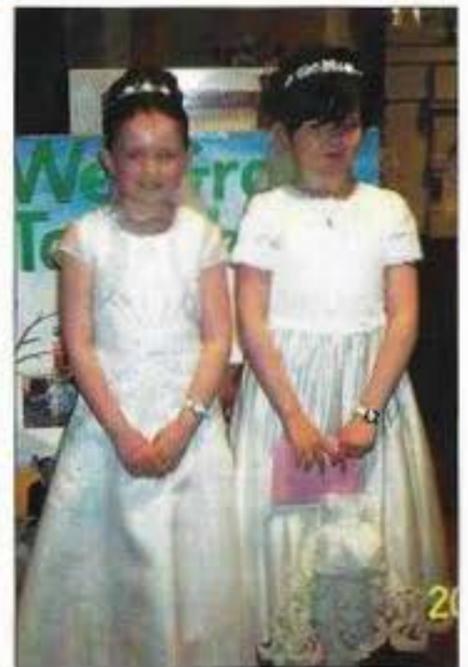
We are currently looking forward to preparing our two Christmas Concerts, "Tea Towels and Tinsel"

and "Christmas Star" and to travelling to the University Concert Hall prior to Christmas to enjoy a performance of "Beauty and the Beast". We are preparing a donation for the Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal which proved to be extremely popular and successful last year. We are also excited about taking part in the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Awards. Meanwhile, our pupils take part in the monthly family masses and we have twelve candidates for Confirmation on March 29th and eight candidates who will receive their First Holy

Communion on May 13th. We congratulate Fr Burns and parishers on our beautifully restored church at Templebraden!

As every year, we thank the families and friends of Garrydoolis N.S. for their consistent support of the work of our school. Our parents play a huge role in supporting events and initiatives in our school and their contribution is always sincerely appreciated.

Keep up with our latest news at www.garrydoolisns.com



Combined Residents Association – Pride of Place

The Combined Residents Association was set up in October 2015. Our origins lie in the old Tidy Villages Committee and we have 18 active members. Our goal is the ongoing enhancement of the three villages of Old Pallas, Nicker and New Pallas and the general amenities in these areas.

Last November we drew up a 5 year plan for the villages and their surrounds and met with the County Councillors for the Kilmallock/Cappamore area later that month. They promised to support us with the various projects we outlined to them. We also made contact with Ballyhoura Development Limited who offered to help with our initiatives and gave us great encouragement at the time.

Over the past year we have undertaken the extension of the wall from Nicker Village to Nicker School. At the time of writing this is a work in progress as is the extension of the footpath from Kilduff Cottage to Nicker School. Both should be completed later this year. We thank Limerick City and County Council for its support for this work and particularly the local representatives who made submissions on our behalf. We are most grateful to all those who worked on the wall over the past year and the overseeing of this work by Ballyhoura. The next step in this development is the extension of the footpath from Nicker School to Nicker Village. With the ongoing support of our local representatives we hope this will be carried out in 2017 and so bring to fruition the first part of our plan.

Other projects that we were actively involved in include the cleaning and reseeded of the Church of Ireland graveyard; the general maintenance and care of St. Columba's graveyard and the installation of new tubs and hanging baskets there; the clean up of the roads connecting and joining into the three villages in February and again in October of this year; the cleaning of the green area behind the Credit Union and the fence erected

near the old Turkey Farm. We thank the many volunteers who joined us on some of these projects and look forward to your support in the coming year. Many of these ventures are ongoing and we hope to continue to develop and move them forward in 2017.

Another project we are actively pursuing is the removal of a lot of the growth on both sides of the road between Nicker Village and Old Pallas. This year, through Ballyhoura, we took the first steps in exposing the lovely stone wall that straddles this road at different points. We hope to make this road much safer for walkers by having it widened and we will continue the work of highlighting the wall in 2017.

Needless to say, all of this work needs finance and we take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our concert in November 2015 and helped to make it a memorable night. Earlier this year we were greatly encouraged by the extraordinary response to the Mayoral campaign undertaken by our hard working candidate, Bernie

O'Sullivan. We were happy to use this money for the many projects listed above and look forward to your support for our upcoming concert "Pride of Place" on November 27.

We thank most sincerely all who are employed in the various schemes in the three village for their ongoing efforts in keeping our villages clean and tidy. We acknowledge the wonderful support given to us by Limerick City and County Council and Ballyhoura Development Limited and look forward to working with them in the coming year. We appeal to those responsible for littering our lovely villages and roads to cease this practice and to join with us in making our villages places that we can all be proud of because of their natural beauty and attractiveness.

Finally we ask you, reader, to support our work by simply looking after the area in your neighbourhood and keeping it litter free and eye catching. Together we can make our three villages and their surrounds our "Pride of Place."

Fr. Pat Burns, P.P.

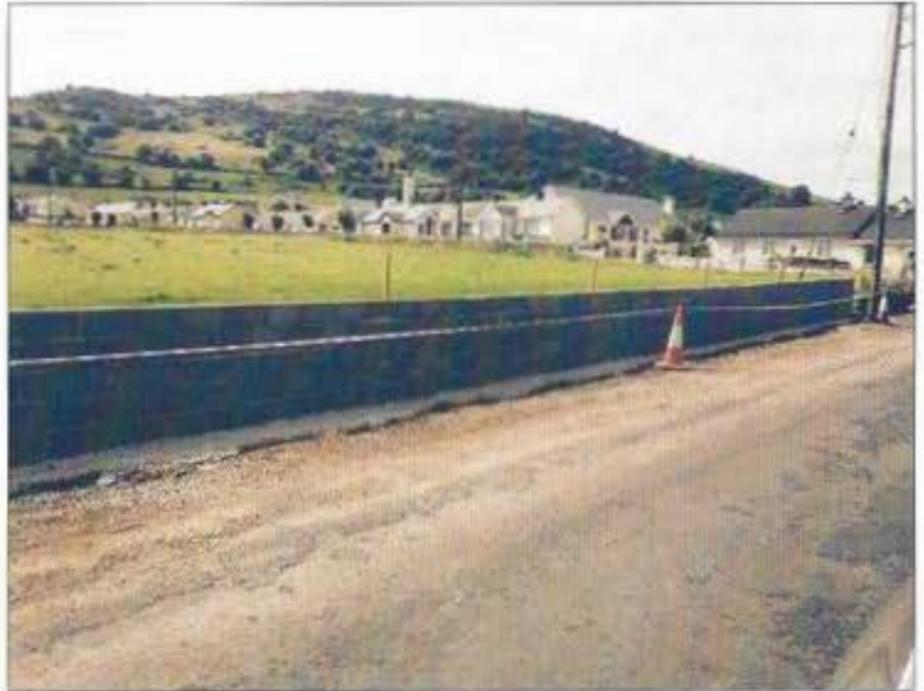


Committee;

Front Row L to R; Breda O'Dwyer (Sec), Bernie O'Sullivan, Nancy Ryan, Mary Dillon, Teresa Harding, Nell O'Neill, Kathleen Fitzgerald.

Back Row L to R; Ger O'Connell, Tom O'Donnell, Brian O'Neill, PP O'Sullivan, Fr Pat Burns (Chairperson), Maurice Gleeson, Gerry Ryan, Joe Cosgrave.

Missing from photo; Michael Ryan, Teresa Ryan, Tom Ryan (W), Michael Ryan (The Willows) Photo by Michael Riordan



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Knockane Golf Society

Knockane Golf Society once again held a very successful year with 7 outings planned including a trip to Spain.

We started the year in March with a trip to Thurles Golf Club.

Our weekend away this year was in the stunning Mount Wolseley in Carlow where a great weekend was had.

The captains day this year was held in Ballyneety in July, and the prize this year was won by Bernadette Boland.

The final major of the year was held in Tipperary Golf Club in September where "The Idler Cup" was played for. Team Europe won the competition captained by Andrew Weller.

We would like to thank all our sponsors during the year and we would like to thank Tom and Mary O'Donnell for letting us use their premises for meetings and events throughout the year.

This year was also the first year for the Golf Society as we ventured to Sunny Spain.

On October 13th, 15 brave souls descended on Cork Airport to board our flight to Malaga.

We were to be based in Fuengirola in the Las Palmeras Hotel.

Golf was booked in for Los Olivos on the Friday and Santana Golf Club on the Sunday.

The golf was most enjoyable and we played on two spectacular courses in fine weather and not a drop of rain in sight.

Even the buggys in Santana had our name on them!!

In between golf there were many adventures such as parasailing in Fuengirola and trips to Mijas, and an interesting bus journey to Marbella and Rhonda.

Good food and drink and fun were enjoyed by all and we hope to return in the near future.



GARRYDOOLIS DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

Garrydoolis Defibrillator Group is in existence in Garrydoolis for the past 8 years.

We currently have 7 trained up members and we are now fortunate to have 2 defibrillators in the Garrydoolis area.

There are 2 contact numbers to contact members in an Emergency. These are +353872894343 & +353860367711 and are manned 24 hours.

Members are re-certified every two years with a refresher training undertaken every year.

We run two fundraising initiatives during the year.

These are a Church Gate Collection and a Table Quiz in "The Idler Bar" in Knockane.

The funds raised go towards the operational costs of running the Defibrillators. More members always welcome.



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Pallasgreen GAA Club

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Pallasgreen Youth Club

The Pallasgreen Youth Club are in their sixth consecutive year in the community. Over that time the youth club has seen many youths from the community and further through their doors. We currently have 18 Youth members and 5 Leaders.

Our club night is held weekly on a Friday night in the Community Centre from 8:15 to 9:45pm. The members can partake in various forms of activities such as pool, table tennis, badminton, Wii, air hockey or they can just come and relax with their friends. The Youth Club provides a fun and safe environment for secondary school students to hang out & socialise with their friends and also make new friends. The Youth Club began back on the 16th of September for the sixth consecutive year.

Besides our weekly Club night the Club also organises and participates in various events throughout the year. The first trip was to the cinema to watch a scary film which was fitting for Halloween time. Afterwards the youths were taken to McDonalds. Our Halloween Disco for the young children of the parish has become an annual event. Our youth members deserve great credit for this. In December the youth club went on their annual Christmas trip. This took them to Go-Karting followed by a dinner in the Zeweton Chinese restaurant in Annacotty. In March, our members took part in a Soccer tournament which was run by Y.W.I.T. Unfortunately Pallas did not win. Also in March, the youth club went Bowling to the Ennis Road followed by Supermacs. The Youth Club also held a table quiz in O'Dwyers Bar in May as part as a fundraiser for the club. The youth clubs end of year annual trip saw them in Oakwood, Wales. It was an excellent trip and enjoyed by all who went.



Murphy-Ryan Brothers on Late Late Toy Show

OUT OF thousands of acts the Murphy Ryans from Moymore have been chosen to perform on this year's Late Late Toy Show. Jakob, aged 4; Noah, 6; Aaron, 10 and Zach, 11, will display their sean nós dancing skills to an estimated 1.3 million viewers on the most watched television programme of the year. It will be even more special for Jakob as he will turn five when the clock strikes midnight on Friday, December 2. Proud mum, Margaret says her four youngest don't walk around the house, they dance around the house! "There is no such thing as walking – it's all dancing and tipping and tapping," said Margaret, who is married to Aidan.

Their two oldest children – Alex and Rebecca - will also be cheering the boys on in a night the family will never forget. Their journey to Donnybrook started in Nicker National School when staff invited dance teacher Pat O'Dea to give sean nós classes. "The lads came home from school and asked me could they go to The Teach in Cloverfield to do sean nós with Pat. They're involved in soccer, GAA, everything and they haven't time but they went on and on so we went up to Pat on a Friday night just to see. They loved it and have been going ever since," said Margaret. Jakob only started dancing last Easter and his brothers just last year. Margaret and Aidan both danced in their youth so their sons didn't lick it off the ground.

She compares sean nós to old-style dancing. "They have taps on their shoes like tap dancing but with a big difference at the same time. It's very free dancing, your hands can be moving -it's not like Irish dancing where you are like a poker," said Margaret. The next step to meeting Ryan Tubridy was when local man Robert O'Donnell held a fundraiser to do charity work in Haiti. Alex told him he had four brothers who dance and they duly brought the house down. "So many people saw it and said to me why don't you put them in for the Late Late Show," she said. It was her daughter Rebecca who shot the clip and sent it in.

"It was gone in a week before they decided to let me know," laughed Margaret. Next thing she knew they were in Dublin for an audition in RTE. "I said to them, 'Lads what ever happens after this is a bonus but be proud that you



got this far -don't be worried, do your best'. "When Zach came out his eyes told the story - they were beaming. He said, 'Mom, I never saw Jakob dance like he did today, he was amazing!'" recalled Margaret, who got the call last week that her sons were through. "They were thrilled," said Margaret, who thanked their teacher Pat O'Dea. "He has been absolutely fantastic and so supportive. He is over the moon as well," said Margaret. Excitement is also building in Nicker National School said principal Karen Franklin.

"It's fantastic news. We started doing figure dancing with the Nolan School of Dancing and then Pat O'Dea with sean nós. The boys love it as much as the girls. It is all part of our Active Flag and health promotion in the school. All the children are very talented," said Ms Franklin. Amazingly a number of the girls in the 138 pupil school also got through the first Toy Show audition

Donal O'Regan Limerick Leader



From left; Aaron, Noah Teacher Pat O'Dea, Jakob and Zach.

Pallasgreen Variety Group

If you were to look up the definition of Variety in a dictionary then you would probably find something like this "A theatrical entertainment consisting of successive unrelated acts, such as songs, music, dancing and comedy skits". If you want evidence to back up that definition then Pallasgreen Community Hall is the place to be on the weekend of March 17th-19th 2017.

The Pallasgreen Variety Group are returning to the stage after a four year absence with a show called "Be Our Guest!" Once again the show will be produced by the renowned Maureen Fitzgerald and it promises to entertain everyone, no matter their ages, with wonderful singing, music, comedy and dance from start to finish. A large cast of both young and "young at heart" will be rehearsing over the next few months and the weekend will be one to enjoy so make sure you mark it in your diary as a great show is promised. Over the years various "stars" such as The Beatles, Joe Dolan, Jedward, John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, the Nolan Sisters, James Bond and Agnes Brown have appeared on stage as part of previous shows so you'd never know who could make an appearance in this next production!

This particular show will be an especially poignant one for the group as it will be dedicated to the memory of all the people who have participated in any of the previous shows but have now sadly gone to their eternal rest. Since the Variety Group was first formed in 1989 (in conjunction with the local Youth Club in the early days) we have been lucky to have been able to call on these people whenever we were organizing our latest show. Some of them were with us for many years and many shows whilst others may only have spent a short time with the group but they all contributed to the success of the Variety Group in their



own way. Whether they tread the boards as a singer, dancer or comic, played music, helped backstage with props, sold tickets on the door, did makeup/hair, provided refreshments for the group or manned the carpark, their contribution was invaluable in ensuring the success of that year's show.

The list of our dear departed friends is as follows:

Tess Carr, Pat Dillon, Kathleen Flynn, Jane Greene, Eddie Harty, Noreen Hayes, Maggie Hennessy, Nancy McGrath, Breda O'Connell, Matt O'Connell, Kay O'Dwyer, Declan O'Neill, Jane Reidy, Mike Ronan, Donal Ryan (L), Paddy Ryan (C), Peggy Ryan (W), Seamus Ryan (L).

"The song is ended but the melody lingers on "(Irving Berlin)

Please join with us in celebrating their contribution towards entertaining the local community by coming along to see our show on St. Patrick's weekend!

Mike Delaney

Where my journey to God began

I left the farm I had just worked at for 3 months and I hitchhiked 200 miles across Hawaii to Kona just 3 days before my departure flight to Ireland. I had no plans for those 3 days in Kona only to hang around at a beach and some sightseeing. During my stay at the farm in November 2015, I attended a Korean Natural farming conference for 3 days. One day during lunch I began chatting to man called Terry. He asked me "where do I think I go when I die" and I answered that we go back into the earth. However, he obviously had a lot more to say which he did and he said if you are ever in Kona call to the University Of Nations, come out to the farm and look for me Terry. Therefore, on day two in Kona, I was walking the streets and I see this big attractive University campus. I realised it was the one terry had mentioned and I followed instructions and went to the farm where I found terry working.

A view of the inside the University of Nations is. The campus was instantly attractive to me families', kids, sports, music and there was great peace within the campus.

The University farm donates a portion of their food to a person named Ardie who feeds the local community groups, most of them who reside in a low-income community house and some homeless. Therefore, off I went to help Ardie to help, give out the food to the families in Kealakehe middle school. We had breakfast at 8.30 followed by a group 10 minute clean up around the apartments and then it was time for lectures for most of the day. I had a feeling of great comfort and peace in that university. I just knew this was where I was supposed to be because I had no plans and I just followed my heart coming to Kona. Chatting to the student and hearing there testimony's of life was empowering. They actually had a skype planned to a couple in Haiti Isaac and Darla Willis who are full time missionaries at Mission of grace so we have to hear what they were pursuing while in Haiti. The end was near and I was due to fly out in a few hours, Sean Murphy who was leading the school in Kona asked me to stay but I explained my visa was up in a few days so he said "well why don't you come to Haiti in April and do some mission work with us". I accepted and thanks to my family friends and the community of Pallasgreen we raised the money to send me to follow my dream.

The group had been in Haiti 3 weeks before I arrived in late April. used for one

purpose) During the service the pastor sang the praises of the team for contributing the water tank to the local community. A great book about opening up your mind to all possibilities and having a beginner's mind. Roshi quoted "In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities. In the expert's mind there are few." So I decided to open my mind and started to ask more questions about Christianity, like what does been born again mean and how do you get to know Jesus. Therefore, I followed advice and prayed for god to reveal himself to me and the big game changer was when I opened the bible probably for the first time in my life. I was really drew to a particular Verse John 3:7 because of Frank Hogan who displayed the banner at GAA match all around the country John chapter three verses 4-8 read. "Four "How can someone are born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born! "Five Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Six Fleshes gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." Jesus died for everyone. This really sowed a seed in my heart of what been born again means. Been born with the Holy Spirit, God promised us the same power of the Holy Spirit that was in Jesus. I was star struck by this that frank Hogan was spreading the good news of Jesus at all the GAA matches and not what I grew up thinking that some John lad scored 3:7 in an All-Ireland or something along those lines. A feeling of relief or understanding instantly came over my heart and I googled Frank Hogan and read the story behind him. His story is shared online and this is briefly what it says "he was confronted by the fact that his sin separated him from God.

We did two weekend trips while visiting panama and most notably, one my most memorable times for the 3 months away

was when we took a trip back onto mainland panama. The team were invited for the weekend to the home of a man named Nazario Castillo. He visited us at outpost panama and I remember been glued into the conversation because it was as his heart was on fire when he spoke. Nazario was a former police officer in the town of Bocas Del Toro. He dealt with alcohol addiction all his life serving as a police officer and shared with me how the power of the lord God put an end to his addiction. Friday afternoon we travelled by boat to mainland Panama where we got transport to Nazario home. We all squeezed into Nazario's 3-bed bungalow and jammed it out for the weekend. What a super woman his wife was to feed over 20 people with the help of her three daughters. We had so much fun the 2 nights we spent here. We arrived Friday afternoon chilled out and had some food along with a few songs. The pastor from the local church and Nazario explained to us about a local community nearby that was suffering. Crime addiction and underage sex were frequently happening. The church have a regular ministry in there to try support the community so they invited us to join on the Saturday. The community was isolated it took 10-15 minutes' drive off road to get into the bridge where we walked for another 20 minutes to reach the main crop of house. A beautiful river flowed up through the heart of the community. People were using donkeys and horses to transport material and goods into the villages, which involved crossing the river.

What is happening in my life now and what is in the pipeline.

Coming Back to Ireland to family and friends, I knew it was going to be difficult with the significant change I had made in my life. Hearing that I am born again



peoples first thoughts were similar to mine leaving for Haiti before I knew what been born again actually was. Is it a cult? "Brainwashing" "He's gone very religious". "What is this fella up to now?" I knew they would be thoughts in people's minds about my life so I prepared coming home in terms of those questions. Now the truth is people know I am born again Christian but are afraid to ask me what it is. Some have asked me after a few drinks but most people feel scared or nervous to ask. Why? So I am a born again Christian. I accepted a new life Jesus promised. I understand the reasons Jesus died on the cross for us and I am living the life Jesus died for us to live, to be free. In Galatians chapter 5 v 13-15 Jesus said, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. However, do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself. If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other". Jesus said your sins are forgiven but you must follow my way and I will teach you righteousness. So personally I chose to follow Jesus, I've now a relationship with God, God promised everyone who believed in Jesus he would fill them with the holy spirit so I'm filled with the holy spirit and I know I am because I have great peace about me through life now. By no means is life easy but to become righteous I know I have to die to my old ways of living which I gained from the past 25 years and begin to live the new life god promised me through Jesus. This life will follow my true purpose in life. Every Sunday I go to abundant life Christian church in Limerick for service at 9.30 am. I absolutely love going into meet my friends, praise God together through music and then somebody preaches a life message or share their personal story. It fills my human need for community and fellowship and after we hang out for tea coffee and cakes. Last Sunday 12 of us went to the Locke bar for dinner after service. I volunteer as a leader at the churches youth club every Friday night from 7-10pm. 1st hours the kids do a workshop. Music, media & production or leadership. Second hour they hang out eat food and play games and the 3rd hour it varies. Last Friday 11th of November two leaders and four kids shared their life stories for 5 mins each. I was one who spoke. I was actually finding that particular week very tough mentally. I began having similar symptoms of unhappiness and I began thinking of previous times when I returned from travelling and fell into a

slump of depression. I was determined not to tackle this myself so I decided to share my issues with a friend who was able to listen and help me get peace again. Recently a woman living in Pallas Picked me up, she said, "I feel I don't belong in Pallasgreen because I've nowhere to fit in". I urge people to invite people in to take part to build a strong community. The plays and dramas are incredible for the parish. Richie Harty is doing dancing lessons on Thursdays in the hall great way to meet people. We held a tea dance for my fundraiser, super community and fellowship for 3 hours. Come together and do this more. We need each other. Community is a human need. Haiti people had little material but they had each other and that is why there so happy. The men often gathered 10-15 of them outside and spent a few hours together. They may have a few beers, game of cards and play some music. Certainly, they were doing something right because they were full of joy and dancing when I see them. I would like to see more development in 17-26 years olds in Ireland, meeting weekly to hangout and have fun. However, it must be outside of a pub. Young people just make easy choices when the location is a pub and end up drinking much more than they intended. I meet once a week in Castletroy with college students. Brent and Lori Egret who are missionaries here in Limerick kindly open up their house to everybody on a Thursday night. We play games eat food, drink tea and just hangout.

In January, I will fly back to Kona Hawaii to complete a DTS (Discipleship Training School) in The University of Nations. This will lead to mission work again in April to June. I am unsure right now where I will pursue my outreach work; my mind says Haiti however, my heart is crying out to help women injustice by human trafficking. However, Haiti seems like a big possibility. The Category I am completing is a justice DTS. "Human trafficking, children living on the streets, poverty, AIDS – these are only a few of the injustices that millions of people face every day. Justice DTS is specifically designed for those who refuse to stand on the sidelines and observe the atrocities of our world.

JUSTICE DTS is for the adventurous in spirit, the compassionate at

heart, and those who really want to make a difference." Sign me up. I am excited. Therefore, in January I will go to school for 3 months and then 2 months Outreach/Practical work will follow through April and May. Been honest the thoughts of this work put fire in my belly. "Cost for Lecture phase will cost USD \$4,250. Includes food, board, and tuition. Does not include airfare. Cost for Outreach: Depends on field assignment destination, as the majority of the cost is airfare. Approximately USD \$4,500 – \$5,500". This is a lot of money, which I do not know where it will come from but I have faith that this is my destiny and it will happen. If anybody out there feels like contributing to my journey they can send their donations to YWAM Ships directly for you they can do so here: www.ywamships.net/donate. Please ask donors to put a note in the donation with your name on, so it is correctly allocated to you. Therefore, if anybody might like to donate the links is here and just add Robert O'Donnell to the reference. So far, I Haven't decided to fundraise but hopefully before Christmas I will have events organised. All support is greatly appreciated. If anybody has any ideas or enjoys fundraising, I would love a helping hand. Thanks for reading.

I really want to thanks everybody who contributed, to the parish of Pallasgreen where the majority of my support I received. My family whom I love a lot I thank for been by my side all the way. My desire and passion to continue doing mission work to bring justice to the people in need is obvious. I want to leave with this verse from the book of mark, which indicates that missions begin at home. Mark chapter 12 verses 29-31 a teacher of the law asked Jesus "Of all the commandments, which is the most important? The most important one," answered Jesus, is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Robert O'Donnell



Obituaries



It is with great sadness that we record the passing of beloved members of our community since the last edition.

NOVEMBER 2015

Eileen Murphy née Carroll) of Boherroe
Breda O'Connell nee Heffernan, Canon Lee Park
Ann Dillon nee McCormack, the Grotto, Nicker and late
of 43 Silver Brook, Corbally, Limerick
Christy Ryan, Landscape, Pallasgreen

DECEMBER 2015

Paddy Lonergan of Auckland, New Zealand and late of
Barna
Eddie Harty, The Grotto Nicker
Tommy Quinlann, Reask
Tessie Carr, Garranemore
Kathleen O'Rahilly nee Moloney of Tiermanagh, Barna

JANUARY 2016

Elizabeth McGrath (née O'Shea) of Knockroe, Old Pallas
Mary Liston (Nee Kissane) of Upper Dromkeen,
Pallasgreen
David Bourke, Killeenagalive

FEBRUARY

Liam Grace of Garrydoolis
Michael Moloney of Oakley Lawn, Caherconlish and
formerly of Newtown Pallasgreen
Mary Jones of Ardree

MARCH

Judy O'Dwyer nee Meehan of Mulally Lawn Cappamore
and formerly of Old Pallas
Judy Ryan née Moloney of Drombane
Pa Joe Flynn of Drombane

MAY

Tommy Hayes, Race, Old Pallas
Derry Creed, Garranemore
Seamus Foley, Garranemore
Liam Bourke, Dromlara

JUNE

Pauline O'Malley nee Leahy, Garranemore,
Patrick (Pat) Cosgrave, Nicker Pallasgreen

JULY

Patrick Grace, Plaukarauka, Barna
Nancy Riordan nee Fitzgerald, Dromkeen

SEPTEMBER

Mary Darmody nee O'Donnell of Preston England and
late of Garrydoolis, Pallasgreen
Tom Kennedy, Wolverhampton, England late of Barna
Annie Moloney nee Crowe, Newtown, Pallasgreen

NOVEMBER

Catherine (Kitty) Quinn nee O'Neill, Garrydoolis,
Pallasgreen.
Michael (Mick) McCormack of Charleville, Co Cork and
formerly of Pallas House, Old Pallas.
Nancy Harty of Cashel, Co. Tipperary also Goatstown,
Dublin and the Grotto, Nicker.

DERRY CREED

**Jeremiah (Derry) Creed born 11th February
1949 - died 29th April 2016.**



The village of Pallas was greatly saddened by the death of Derry Creed on the 29th of April following a fairly short illness. His passing left the community all the poorer, as it lost one of its great characters. He will be remembered as a man of intelligence who led a simple but enriched life. He had a passion for gaelic games and would attend many a game both near and far.

After a prolonged stay in Hospital in the early part of 2016, Derry spent the last five weeks of his life at his home in Pallas. As his condition declined, his care needs were coordinated by his brother Pat, who was with him throughout. Home help services were provided by Michelle and her team from Carebright, supported by the Professionals from Milford Hospice, who attended frequently as well. He remained calm and lucid to the end. As his mobility deserted him, he faced his situation with great fortitude and acceptance. He passed away very peacefully on Friday 29th of April, in the presence of his family and closest friends. His removal was with Thompsons in Limerick and he was buried with his parents, Bill and Judy, in Old Pallas cemetery, following requiem Mass in Nicker Church, on Monday the 2nd of May.

Eddie Harty

27th January 1962 - 10th December 2015



His ability to sing, play and speak are simply his tools. What makes him so extraordinary, inspiring is the way he chose to utilize his talents. Eddie has used his gifts passionately and he is a great example to adults and children. He didn't let his disability stop him from reaching his goals. He never complained about being blind; he found new ways to succeed in being a musician and singer. His is an

inspiring story that people should really live by which is, "don't let anything stop you from reaching your dreams."

Eddie Harty was born on the 27th January 1962 in Hampshire, England. He went to school for the blind at the age of five. He was a boarding pupil until the age of seventeen, he continued with his studies in England until he came to live in Nicker with his mother Kathleen in 1986. He never allowed his blindness to hinder his daily life or his social activities. He loved interacting with people in Harty's pub which was managed by his mother. He had a great love for music and song and some which he played for every occasion. Everybody in the community had a very deep appreciation for Eddie and most especially when he played such wonderful music on his program on East Limerick Community Radio. It was one of the highlights of his weekend on Saturday mornings and Sunday Afternoons. He was also very skilled on the computer and achieved 100% in his exams.

Eddie was an annual visitor to Lourdes since he first won a free trip from the parish. Over there he was the groups entertainer lashing out many songs and was very popular by so many including the youth and senior helpers. A funny story is often recalled when Eddie and all the assisted pilgrims were getting ready for bed, Eddie decided to sit up on the bed and cross his legs with the guitar in hand started playing and singing. This had attracted the other assisted pilgrims and a large crowd congregated into the ward in their pyjamas to join in. One of his highlights was his reading at the closing Mass and for people who didn't know him were astounded at his ability to read so eloquently and beautifully.

In the 2016 trip there was a special candle lit for him by the Pallasgreen and Templebraden Friends of Lourdes and his great friend Patsy Hennessy of Emly did the honours. His funeral to the Church in Nicker was carried by the senior Lourdes helpers from all parts of the diocese of Cashel and Emly which showed the esteem in which he was held. Eddie was also a member of the local Friends of Lourdes committee.

His talents were always sought and none more so than the Pallasgreen Variety show. This show a calendar event for over twenty years and Eddie had starred in the majority of them. The show run over a weekend to capacity audiences had many highlights, Eddie will be best remembered for

his performance of "The Little Red Bull" another popular song Eddie will be remembered for is "Your my Best Friend" a song sung by Eddie on many a social occasion. He was also a regular singer on the Tipperary Mid West Radio station.

His funeral was from Ryan's Funeral home to Nicker Church. Following requiem Mass his internment took place in Old Pallas cemetery. The last performance was left to Brian O'Neill at the graveside when he sang "Your My Best Friend"

Sympathies to his mother Kathleen, relatives and friends.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.
Helen Keller

His friends in the parish of Pallasgreen

Tessie Carr



Tessie Carr passed away suddenly on the 8th December, 2015 on the 49th Anniversary of her mother's death. Tessie was a half-twin to her sister Rose and one of a family of eight. She was born on the 6th August 1937 and was educated at Brackyle National School and Convent of Mercy, Doon. She spent most of her working life employed by C.I.E. in Dublin

and in Waterford and returned to her home in Garranemore in 1974.

Almost immediately Tessie became totally immersed in the lives of her brother Brendan's family. They were to all intents and purposes her children and she took great pleasure in their successes which really became her successes. Likewise their worries became her worries. She loved them dearly and they in turn thought the world of her. Right up to the end they were still very much involved in her life.

She was instrumental in the formation of The Brownies in Pallasgreen and she continued to lead the local group for many years. She loved children and had a special way of communicating with them and right up to her death she enjoyed visits from grand-nieces and nephews and her neighbours' children.

Some of her many hobbies included fishing, knitting and playing bingo. She could be seen regularly walking down to the Mulcair River with her fishing rod and often times her catch could have been a little exaggerated.

Through the ICA and the GAA she became involved in Variety Concerts and Drama. Indeed, when she took to the stage she excelled in dancing, singing and comedy. Her most memorable performance was her portraying Noel Purcell singing "Dublin can be Heaven".

She loved the GAA and would never miss a hurling or football match on TV. Flags indicating her support for Limerick, Tipperary, Cork and Mayo would always be on full show for each of her favourite counties. Her loyalties were evenly divided between all of these counties. She had a great love of all sports.

We extend our sincere sympathies to her surviving sisters Rose, Eileen, Pearl and Agnes and to Jim, Sinead, Deirdre and Brenda and her relatives, neighbours and friends.

Born the 6th August, 1937 and died the 8th December, 2015. May she rest in peace.

Helen Carr-Gleeson



PAULINE O'MALLEY

Born 29th June, 1923

Died 10th June, 2016

The passing of the well known Pauline O'Malley nee Leahy of Garranemore, has occasioned great sadness throughout Pallasgreen and surrounding areas and among her beloved family and friends. A month away from her 93rd birthday she passed away peacefully in Roseville Nursing Home. The late Pauline is predeceased by her Husband Denis and daughter Kay. She was one of life's genial and kind hearted people. A true family woman Pauline loved nothing more than spending time with her children and later her grandchildren who she thoroughly enjoyed. She loved being involved in the community and especially playing her beloved 45 card game with her many neighbours and friends. The large crowd who attended the funeral testified the esteem in which Pauline was held in. Funeral was from Ryan's Funeral home to Nicker Church. Following requiem Mass internment took place in Old Pallas cemetery. Sympathies are extended to her daughter Mairead, son Sean, daughter in law, son in law, sisters in law, brothers in law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

PATRICK (Pat) COSGRAVE



Born 16th January, 1927

Died 21st June, 2016

The community of Nicker, Pallasgreen and surrounding areas were saddened on hearing of the death of one of its best known residents Patrick (Pat) Cosgrave, who passed away peacefully at University Hospital Limerick. The late Pat Cosgrave of 6 Nicker, Pallasgreen was predeceased by his wife Hannah. He was well known throughout his beloved Nicker, Pallasgreen and surrounding areas and one of life's gentlemen. Settled in Nicker village nestled under the shadow of Knockgrean Hill Pat and his wife Hannah reared a family of seven boys and three daughters. He was a very religious person and a devout Catholic and

a regular mass goer in St John The Baptist Church Nicker a few yards from his home. He was a former employee of CIE but it was his many years spent in the famous Oyster Ballroom Dromkeen he was better known. There he was in touch with many iconic ballroom bands and people of all walks in life. His wit, humour and humanity will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him. Gone with him is a wealth of local knowledge and history. Pat's funeral mass was celebrated by Fr. Pat Burns assisted by several priests and former priests of Pallasgreen-Templebraden Parish which was attended by a large crowd who turned out to pay their last respects. During his homily Fr Burns paid a glowing tribute to a man who was a great family man, true gentleman and who had a great community spirit. The Mass was enriched by the beautiful music and singing by Michael Ryan and particularly by the appropriate communion reflection song, "the Auld Man" which was very moving and shed many a tear among the congregation. The large and extended attendance at both the removal and requiem Mass was testament to the respect of both the deceased and his family. Funeral was from Ryan's funeral home to Nicker Church. Following requiem Mass internment took place in Old Pallas Cemetery. Sympathies are extended to his sons James, Launey, Mike-John, Patrick, Martin, Tom & Anthony, daughters Nancy, Bernadette & Lilly, brothers, sisters, sisters in law, brothers in law, sons in law, daughters in law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews relatives and friends.

SÉAMUS FOLEY



Many people were saddened when the death of Séamus Foley of Garranemore was announced on the 11th May 2016. The late Séamus died peacefully in the loving care of the staff at Milford Hospice after a short illness. Séamus was a native of Ballinahinch, Newport and the third son of John and Hanorah Foley. He received his primary education in Ballinahinch N.S. and later followed his two brothers as a boarder to Mt. St. Joseph's College Roscrea, eventually returning home to help manage the family farm.

In 1965 Séamus married and came to live in Pallasgreen with his wife Margaret. They very quickly became part of the community and they spent their lives happily raising their three daughters and one son. They had many wonderful friends and neighbours. Séamus was a true Tipperary man and enjoyed great banter with his grandsons when they started hurling for Limerick, and only last year his grandson James donned the Clare jersey. When Séamus retired from farming and Margaret from teaching they travelled extensively throughout Europe and the U.S. Last year Séamus and Margaret celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family, neighbours and friends at their home. The Mass of thanksgiving was

celebrated by his brothers Fr. Denis and Fr. Jack and Fr. Pat Burns P.P. Following the ceremony, a party of music, song and dance rounded off a memorable occasion. On that night Séamus almost outshone John Dillon on the dance floor!

Seamus loved tracing and visiting the neighbours for a chat and a cuppa. He will be remembered by all that knew him as a gentle soul, a kind and religious man and above all a devoted family man. The respect in which Séamus was held was reflected in the large attendance who paid their respects at his home and at his requiem Mass. He was removed from his home in Garranemore to St. John the Baptist Church Nicker for funeral Mass. His Mass was celebrated by his brother Fr. Denis assisted by Fr. Pat Burns P.P., Fr. William Fennelly, Glenstal and Canon Liam McNamara with a large number of priests in attendance. The beautiful singing of the Sliabh Féilim Singers with Karen and Nyle enriched the ceremony.

Sympathies are extended to his wife Margaret, daughters Cora, Eithne, Fiona and son John, son-in-law David, daughter-in-law Karen, his beloved grandchildren Ronan, Darragh, Séamus, Colum, James, Aoife and Clodagh. Brothers Fr. Denis, Dublin, Fr. Jack, L.A. sister Maura, brother-in-law Gus, sisters-in-law Josephine and Maura, nephews, nieces, Godchildren, dear neighbours and friends. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Go buan in ár gcroithe agus in ár smaointe.

Con O'Dwyer

Monsignor Tobias English



THE unexpected death of his mother Gertie, when he was just six years old, brought Toby (Tobias Patrick) English back to his father's home place of Templebraden, Co Limerick. The year was 1935 and the family had been living in Abbeyside, Dungarvan but when his six children were left without a mother, Pakie English returned to his

native place. His own mother was still alive and the English family rallied round him at a difficult time.

Toby, who died recently aged 87, went on to become a monsignor in Los Angeles. He was third in the family and attended Garrydoolis National School, close to the family home. When he finished his education, he had to stay at home and look after his father, who had got into bad health. His brother Francie died very young. When Toby's father died in 1947, his uncle, Fr Tom English, invited him out to Los Angeles. The Korean War had just begun and like all new US emigrants Toby was conscripted to serve, joining the US Air Force. He did not go to Korea but served at bases in the US and Germany. Recruits to the Air Force were able to follow further education, which Toby availed of. After the Korean War ended Toby returned to Pomona, Los Angeles, where he worked for some time.

He decided to go on for the priesthood, and entered the seminary of St John's Camarillo in Los Angeles. There he studied with a number of other Irishmen until his ordination in May 1963. Among these priests were Fr Coughlan from Kilrush, Fr O' Toole from Mayo and Fr Murray from Cork. They were great friends and travelled home to Ireland every summer for years. When he was back home, Toby looked forward to celebrating Mass in Templebraden Church every morning. He loved to visit all the relations and, as many said: "He was the same Toby, always generous and good humoured."

It was such a joy for his brother Michael and his sisters Mary and Teresa when he and their sister Kathleen, who had also emigrated to the US, came home.

Fr Toby said his first Mass in Ireland at the Convent of Mercy, Doon, where Teresa had joined the Order. He loved to go to the races at Limerick Junction and the Curragh when he was home. It was a great joy, too, for him when his brother Michael in Templebraden got engaged to Rose from Sligo and he was delighted to officiate at their wedding in 1970.

Fr Toby served in a number of parishes in the Diocese of Los Angeles and was appointed to St Andrew's, Pasadena in 1977 as Associate Pastor to a West Cork priest, Monsignor James Hourihan from Dunmanway. In 1982 he succeeded him as Pastor until 1999, when he stepped down as Pastor Emeritus. A Mass and reception attended by the local community marked his retirement. He was thanked for decades of dedication to bringing people of religious, ethnic and economic diversity together.

He was made a Prelate of Honour by Pope John Paul II in December 1984, which gave him the title of monsignor. All of his Limerick family were present at his joyful investiture.

When the Holy Father visited Los Angeles Fr Toby was on national television, because St Andrew's Church had a large number of emigrants from Mexico who spoke Spanish and he had Masses and the sacraments in Spanish for them

In February 2000 his brother Michael died, and Fr Toby and sister Kathleen travelled home for the funeral, and to be with Rose and their son Michael in Templebraden. He made the journey home for a few more years after that, but then it got too much for him.

His later years were spent in two retirement homes. His family from Ireland visited him there and the Nazareth Sisters and staff were extremely good to him.

He was so fortunate to have the friendship of his cousin, Fr Michael Reardon from Lackelly, in the parish of Emly, a priest serving in Long Beach, who cared for him and kept in touch with the family in Ireland.

Fr Toby died peacefully in the Huntington Memorial hospital in Pasadena, on April 21. His funeral was attended by more than 60 priests, the Archbishop of Los Angeles, and the retired Cardinal of the diocese, as well as many parishioners.

He was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles, right beside his uncle, Monsignor Tom English. May he rest in peace.

Donal O'Regan, Limerick Leader



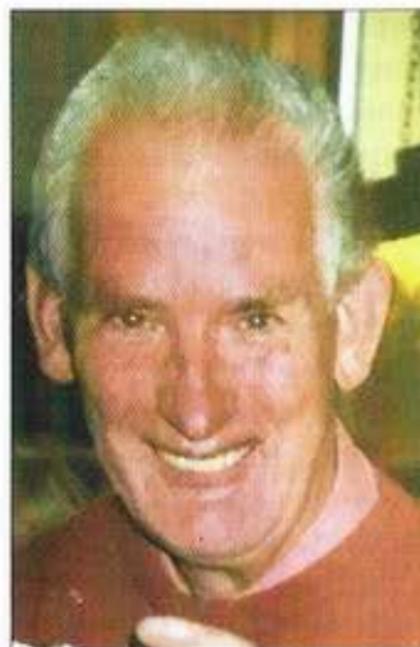
NANCY RIORDAN

**Born 12th September, 1926
Died 7th July, 2016**

The communities of Dromkeen, Pallasgreen and surrounding areas were saddened on hearing of the death of one of its best known residents Nancy Riordan nee Fitzgerald of Dromkeen who passed away peacefully at St Anthony's Nursing Home on July 7th 2016. Three words summed up Nancy "Warmth, Friendship and Kindness". She was born in 1926 and lived in the shadow of Dromkeen Church to where she devoted much time to. She served as sacristan to Dromkeen Church for over fifty years and its many priests that came to Dromkeen. She married Mikie Riordan in 1957 and they reared one son Michael and daughter Anna. Nancy touched many people for her gift of hospitality, Warmth, friendship and was a great conversationalist. Her funeral was from her home and her removal was shouldered just a few yards to the church she had served for many years. At her requiem Mass celebrated by Fr Hayes who was assisted by former priests she served Canon Ryan and Fr Tom Egan along with Fr Pat Burns P.P. Pallasgreen & Templebraden. Before Mass symbols of her life were brought to the altar, including family photo, basket of scones, Rosary beads and a Benemerenti Medal (an honour awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church). An emotional Fr Hayes in his homily paid a glowing tribute to a woman who served the house of God so well and which was very important to her. She had reached and touched so many people by her warmth and friendship. He also mentioned that her husband Mikie since her illness almost 12 months ago spent every day at her bedside. The powerful and spine tingling singing by her granddaughter Gemma Riordan who was accompanied on keyboard by Cliona Buckley captured all the emotion and sadness of the moment but also celebrated the joy and happiness she brought to so many people. Following requiem Mass her final journey took her to Kiltelly cemetery to her resting place alongside her parents. Sympathies to her husband Mikie, Son Michael, Daughter Anna, Daughter in Law Mariette, Son in Law Eddie, Grandchildren, Nephews, Nieces, Sisters in Law, Brother in Law Relatives & Friends.

"The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole, but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she knows."
Audrey Hepburn

Gerard O'Connell



Liam Bourke

January 8th 1940 - May 24th 2016

Liam Bourke was born in the Railway Hotel, Dromlara, Pallasgreen (now Mulcair Inn) the third son of Michael and Christina (née Hayes) Bourke. His was a happy childhood, growing up with his older brother Michael and his three younger sisters

Nuala, Mary and Frances (His brother Paddy died young, the result of a tragic accident) Liam attended Brackile National School with his siblings and was also tutored locally by Miss Coffey. At the age of sixteen, Liam went to St John of God in Celbridge, Co Kildare to complete his education and training and it was there that Liam lived and worked for the next twenty three years. From there, Liam moved to Peamount in Newcastle, Co. Dublin where he resided for thirty seven years until his peaceful death.

Although Liam left New Pallas in the late 1950s, he returned home every Christmas and summer to spend his holidays with his family. This tradition continued after the death of his parents and the marriage of his sisters and brother and he continued to have a home in Dromlara. Liam was a well-known figure around the village who loved his regular returns to Pallas to spend time visiting his relatives and friends in the locality. His time in the countryside of Co. Limerick inspired a great love of animals and nature which was an inspiration for his gardening work at Peamount.

During his retirement in Peamount, Liam had the opportunity to visit Knock and Lourdes and also enjoyed his regular visits to his sisters' homes and visits from his family. His final days were spent in the excellent care of the kind and dedicated staff of Peamount Hospital and it was there that Liam died in his own bed on May 24th. He is survived by his sisters Nuala (Hempenstall), Mary (Cassells) and Frances (O'Brien), his brother-in law John Cassells, his sister-in-law Nora Bourke, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, relatives and friends.

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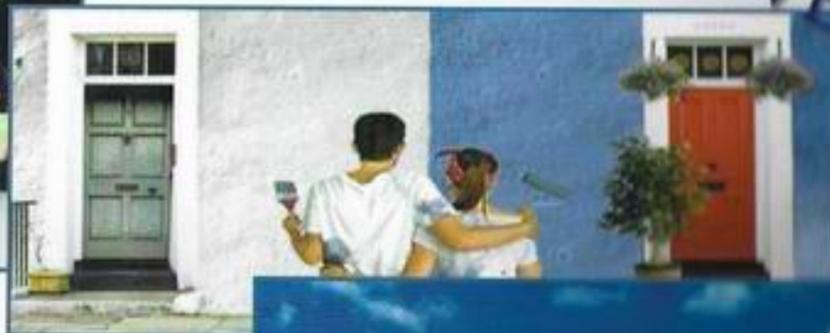
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