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Foreword

"I feel I grew up in a different century than I live in. I think most of them are changes for the good". (John McGahern)

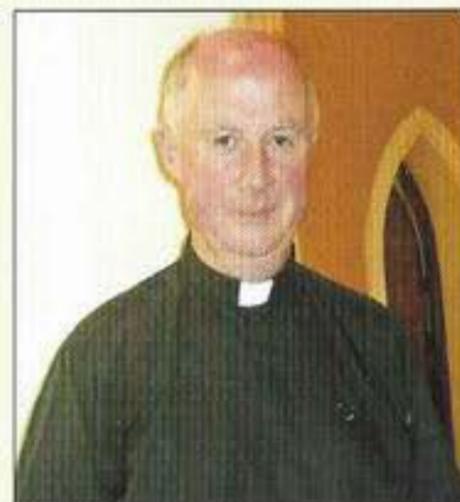
Reading the above quote recently I found myself reflecting and agreeing with its sentiments. As someone born in the middle of the twentieth century there is a part of me that, from time to time, is not entirely comfortable with this present age. I am not sure if this has to do with growing old, nostalgia for the past or just coping with the landscape that is present day Ireland. McGahern is right when he says most of the changes have been good and yet there is within me, as there was in his life, a reflective longing for something that I once knew but is now no more. What that "something" is is difficult to describe or explain but it has to do with a way of life that was simpler, slower, more innocent and emphasised the importance of having time for the people around me.

As you read these few words of introduction you might ask yourself what is it you long for in life that was once part of your experience but is now no more. Is it possible to recapture something of another era and use it to enhance the lives of those around us today?

Many articles in past editions of *Gréan* recalled lived experiences from times past. I have, over the years, found these accounts uplifting and very entertaining. They remind me of a time that was less complicated, a country that was far from perfect but was not the dark and gloomy place many commentators would have us believe today.

Coming back to the present it is always a pleasure to thank those involved with the publication of *Gréan* especially its editor, Ger O'Connell, along with Siobhan English, chairperson of Pallasgreen & Templebraden Historical Society, and her hard working committee. Congratulations to all on bringing *Gréan* 2017 to fruition. Finally let me take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant journey through this Advent season and every blessing over the Christmas period.

Fr. Pat Burns



Editorial

Welcome to the 2017 edition of Grean and the 23rd since it was first produced in 1980. 2017 will be remembered as a year of pride as our younger generation claimed national honours and proved wonderful ambassadors for our community. Pride of place also goes to our centenarian Bridget Harding who celebrated her 100th birthday on the eight of August 2017. Grean 2017 is packed with amazing stories, pictures, sport, education, history and local organisations and definitely something for everyone. The parish of Pallasgrean and Templebraden is a vibrant place with so many talented people we are often the envy of many communities. The future looks very bright and exciting and with the Community Council in its early foundation leading the way to ensure that facilities are in place for all sectors of the community to enjoy. Another milestone in 2017 was the 50th anniversary of Foinavon, the horse bred in Cross, Pallasgreen who went on to win the greatest steeplechase in the world, The Grand National. This was celebrated in April and his trainer made the trip from England to Pallasgreen to see the stone in the community park. Also another milestone this year was the official re-opening of Barna National School. The historical Society made a trip to the medieval town of Askeaton and the Flying Boat museum in Foynes and this was a most interesting and informative trip. Grean 2017 has again chronicled valuable aspects of life in the parish of Pallasgrean and Templebraden which in years to come will prove another chapter of history to this great community.

For this publication we are very grateful to all our contributors and all who have advertised, a special thanks to our main Sponsor St Ailbe's Credit Union who has a long association with Grean and we appreciate their continued and valuable support. Sincere thanks to our committee for their input. We are indebted to our local photographer Michael Riordan for his contribution, he is always there for many events and without doubt this publication would be all the poorer without his contribution. His cover photo of The Galtees, St Brigid's Church and Sarsfield Rock is a masterpiece. Finally to Mossy Kirby of Mulcair Print and Design for his professionalism and patience and who produces a first class production every year.

We hope you enjoy the 2017 edition of Grean and may you have many hours of enjoyment.

Each of us must rededicate ourselves to serving the common good. We are a community. Our individual fates are linked; our futures intertwined; and if we act in that knowledge and in that spirit together, as the Bible says: "We can move mountains."

Jimmy Carter

Ger O'Connell
Editor

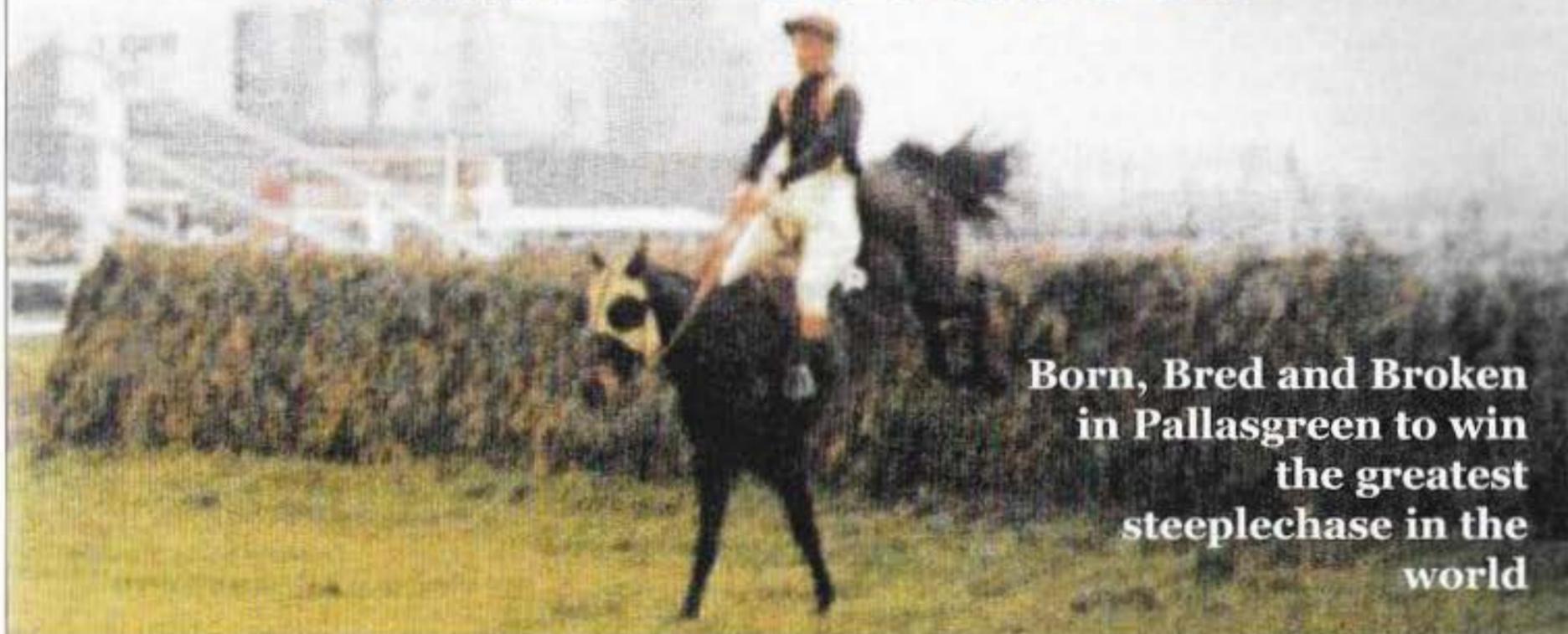
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Every effort has been made to ensure that all details names, dates etc in this publication are correct. Omissions and errors are sincerely regrettable and not intentional, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

FOINAVON- 50 YEARS ON



**Born, Bred and Broken
in Pallasgreen to win
the greatest
steeplechase in the
world**

Pallasgreen saw a bit of history recalled on Friday evening April 14th 2017 when a plaque of Foinavon was unveiled in the Community Park before a big crowd. Proceedings got underway when Piper Michael Egan led two magnificent hunting horses ridden by Brian Fanning and Lua McCarthy into the site of the Community Park. Jockey Lua then presented Sean McCormack grandson of Ted Ryan with the Foinavon colours to be laid on the stone, a beautiful stone which was kindly donated by the Fennessy family of Kilduff. Following this MC Tom O'Connor aired out the final moments of the famous race to the crowd. Foinavon caused one of the greatest upsets in Horse Racing on Saturday April 8 1967 when the local bred horse won the English Grand National at odds of 100/1. Pallasgreen had a major input into this race which captured the attention worldwide as the horse was bred by Timothy (Ted) Ryan of Cross. Foinavon was also broken-in by Gus McCarthy Reask, Willie Harding Newtown and Dan Kavanagh of Oola. Mary Hourigan, Jimmy Harding and Willie Ryan all connections of the three men laid equine symbols on the stone. A few short speeches were made by Michael Ryan chairman Pallasgreen-Templebraden Community Council and Siobhan English Chairperson of the Pallasgreen - Templebraden Hist-

orical Society and Ger O'Connell of the organising committee. Then the big moment came when Jill McCormack Daughter of Ted Ryan and members of her family lifted the beautiful equine exercise (quarter) sheet to unveil an eye catching plaque depicting Foinavon in action over a fence in the Grand National. The last act was left to Piper Michael Egan who played the National Anthem. Later that evening the 1967 Grand National was shown on screen in O'Dwyer's Bar. Many thanks to the committee, John O'Dwyer, Mike O'Donoghue, Mike Delaney, Ann Fanning, Mike O'Riordan, Ger O'Connell and Ann O'Reilly and to the MC Tom O'Connor, A special thanks to the Pallasgreen-Templebraden

Community Council, Pallasgreen-Templebraden Historical Society and The Combined Residents Association for their co-oration.



Proud daughter Jill McCormack stands beside the monument



Foinavon Committee; from Left; Mike O'Donoghue, John O'Dwyer, Ann Fanning, Michael Delaney, Mike O'Riordan, Jill McCormack, Ann O'Reilly, Ger O'Connell.

Limerick Leader on Foinavon's Trainer visit to Pallasgreen

Donal O'Regan, Limerick Leader

THE STORY of Foinavon is one of luck, perseverance and coincidence – and it continued in Pallasgreen.

In April, a plaque was unveiled to the horse that won the Aintree Grand National 50 years ago at odds of 100/1. It famously avoided a pile-up at a fence because it was so far back. Foinavon was bred by Ted Ryan, of Cross Pallasgreen, and broken in by local men Gus McCarthy, Dan Kavanagh, Willie Harding. Only keen racing fans could remember who won the race this year but everyone knows the name of the horse that won it 50 years ago. The Leader did a story on the ceremony in April and it was spotted by David Owen, author of Foinavon, The Story of the National's Biggest Upset. He told Foinavon's trainer John Kempton, who emailed this reporter that he would like to see the plaque. Ger O'Connell, whose idea it was to honour the area's link to the famous horse, was the man for the job.

John and wife Trish flew to Cork in their plane on Friday and landed in Pallasgreen on Saturday. The sprightly 79-year-old remembers every detail about how he acquired the animal like it was yesterday. "I was very lucky, I had an owner who desperately wanted a horse to run in the National. Cyril Watkins and his partner McIntyre Benellick put up the money. They said, 'We will go up to 2,000 guineas', which was a lot of money and especially to a small yard like mine. We were used to spending 300, 400, 500 guineas on a horse. "And this is a very lucky thing that quite a few don't know about," said John, who gave the exclusive to the Leader as he looked over the beautiful plaque set in stone under a leaden Limerick sky.

"I started looking and the Doncaster sales were coming up. There was an ex-horse of Anne Grosvenor, Duchess of Westminster called Foinavon. It had won a qualifying race for the National so my ears pricked up. "We

went to Doncaster, checked the horse over and it was sound. Bidding started and we got it for 2,000 guineas bang on the money. If it had gone to 2,100 guineas I couldn't have bought it. Isn't that the luck of Joab?" laughed John. He praised the Limerick men who bred and broke the horse

"They did a wonderful job. He was an absolute gentleman of a horse and a lovely ride." As Foinavon had fallen four times in successive races in Ireland and as the Duchess already had the supreme Arkle and Ben Stack, Foinavon was surplus to requirements. All three were named after mountains in her estate. The young trainer got to work. He went hunting on Foinavon and schooled him every day. "His whole life was jumping. I rode him myself in races and we never had him fall, ever." Part of the media spin on Foinavon is that he was such a no-hoper, neither his trainer or owner bothered to go to Aintree in 1967. "It is wonderful folklore and may it continue," smiled John.

But the truth is that Cyril Watkins – McIntyre Benellick pulled out of the ownership partnership in 1966 – worked every Saturday. He was a Littlewoods football pools concessionaire, collected the tickets from factories and looked after the vast sums of cash. Foinavon rarely ran on a Saturday as his owner could never go racing. And John couldn't ride the horse in the National because the 10 stone weight was too low for him. Instead, he went to Worcester where one of his charges was a sure thing and it duly obliged with John onboard. "I watched the National in the jockeys' room in Worcester. They had a little tiny 12 inch television.

"When the pile-up did happen and Foinavon came through, I probably spotted it before anyone else because I recognised the colours and he had yellow blinkers on. "John [Buckingham] popped him over the fence and I screamed out loud. I leapt on the table where all the saddles



John Kempton trainer of Foinavon with his wife Trish at the Foinavon monument in the Community Park Pallasgreen

were, the jockeys were shouting 'John, that's your horse!' I knew he would just carry on jumping, he was a magnificent jumper. How he did fall in Ireland, I don't know. It was all so exciting. I rushed out of the jockeys' room and threw my hat in the air. Then I started to think have I just had a dream because this doesn't happen." But crates of Moët & Chandon weren't ordered as he and his wife had to rush back to the yard to look after the horses. Fast forward 50 years and John is standing in Pallasgreen after a visit to Coolmore organised by Ann Fanning.

"I can't believe the plaque is so big and it is so well done. It is fantastic. It is a wonderful legacy," said John before he and Trish headed back to their accommodation in the appropriately named Bit and Bridle Inn. Yet another coincidence in the remarkable story of Foinavon.



John Kempton trainer of Foinavon and his wife Trish at Coolmore with Galileo, the world's leading sire.



Grand National Winner...Mr. Timothy H. Ryan, Cross, Mallescross, Co. Limerick (on left) along his wife Claire, and his three children, Jill, Richard and Helen, a shawl which was worn by Polraven, Winner of the 1967 Aintree Grand National.



The McCormack family unveiling the monument



Horsemen Brian Fanning and cousin Lua McCarthy led by piper Michael Egan.



Mary Hourigan, Jimmy Harding and Willie Ryan.



Section of the large crowd attending the unveiling ceremony - photos by Mike O'Riordan

Time to stand up:

Bell tolls for rural post office but community fights back

THE PARISH of Pallasgreen-Templebraden has delivered a strong message to An Post – do not close their office in Old Pallas. Up to 200 people turned out on a Tuesday morning for the Leader photographer to show their support. Over 600 have signed a petition to save Old Pallas post office. The issue has been raised by politicians in meetings from Kilmallock to Brussels. The post office has been in the O'Dwyer family for over 100 years and locals want to keep it that way.

The huge response follows a customer notice from An Post which reads that they are “considering the future service provision needs at Old Pallas which could include the closure of the office”. Michael Ryan, chairperson of Pallasgreen/Templebraden Community Council, issued a strongly worded statement to the Leader. “We are horrified by this attempt by An Post to remove one of the last services left in the central village of Old Pallas.

This post office has been serving the public for over 100 years and is situated in a thriving enterprise, which together with the adjacent co-op store, serves the needs of the agricultural and business hinterland. Has not this co-location with a busy shop been an objective of An Post in recent times, and a salient reason not to close this particular post office?”

He said the post office also cares for hundreds of older people from neighbouring parishes of Herbertstown, Kiltely and Knockane. “All of whom have had their post offices closed in recent years in the understanding that they would be able to transfer their business to the nearby Old Pallas post office. This proposed closure will upset, and discommode, the many older people who have found a warm and welcoming service in Old Pallas. We urge An Post to work with the local community to build up this post office as part of a thriving village. This

community will work hand in hand with An Post and the O'Dwyer family to ensure that it will thrive and build on its 100 year tradition.” Mr Ryan asks is An Post ready to take up the challenge to work closely with this community in the interests of building up the fabric of rural life and employment?

“Or has it always to be just about the bottom line?” concluded Mr Ryan. A number of politicians have also lent their support. Cllr Brigid Teeffy raised the matter at Thursday's Cappamore-Kilmallock municipal meeting and all councillors supported her call to keep it open. Cllr Teeffy said if it closed it would be another “dagger in the heart” of rural County Limerick. “It is a very busy post office in an excellent hub,” said Cllr Teeffy. Before An Post makes any decision, interested parties are invited to submit their views no later than October 6. In his submission, Deputy Niall Collins said Old Pallas post office recently took on



The large crowd who turned out in protest of the impending closure of Old Pallas Post Office

the customers of Killeely and Herbertstown post offices when they closed.

"It would not be fair on these customers who were transferred to be disrupted again and a further journey put on them to access services. Nor would it be acceptable to the existing customers of Old Pallas post office. In addition to this the present Old Pallas post office is part of a bigger business operated by the O'Dwyers and as such it is not a stand alone post office. This should be viewed by An Post as positive in confirming its future viability and as such should not be considered for closure," said Deputy Collins. Deputy Tom Neville said he attended to show his solidarity with and support of the people of Old Pallas and the retention of their post office. "The bottom line is it needs to be retained for the people of Old Pallas and surrounding areas, particularly the elderly. It also complements the village in that it is part of an overall business - grocers and petrol station. The post office is an integral part of that. I am stressing that the continuation of that service is required," said Deputy Neville. David Thompson, who made the sign on page 1, said if it closed "it will be another nail in the coffin of rural Ireland".

Locals voice their anger and annoyance at the mooted closure of Old Pallas post office

Fr Pat Burns, parish priest: "I worked as a post office clerk for seven years. I know how much it means to people from that experience, particularly older people but all ages. I would always have had a great grá for it and do my business through the post office. It would be a huge social loss, outside of the people that are obviously employed here whose jobs might be in danger. It would be massive loss in terms of people meeting neighbours, chatting and just the convenience of it - collecting their pension etc. There is a huge crowd here today. I saw a number of people who took time off work to come out. There is a very strong feeling."

Martina Doherty, Barna: "I'm old school, I pay all my bills here. I have a lot of friends living in Australia so I post all of my parcels here. I wouldn't

go anywhere else. It's not just for the post, it's for the social aspect as well. It's family run, they're always so friendly. I'd be devastated, absolutely devastated [if it closed]. They're talking about cutting down the dole queue, if they close the post office they're adding to the dole queue."

Carmel O'Keeffe, Old Pallas: "It's a very serious situation. We are in a small rural area, the post office is a vital part of the community and for all age groups, but especially the elderly. What kind of a country doesn't look after its own? I use the post office all the time - it is very, very, very important here. Bridie O'Dwyer was the postmistress for years. She is recently deceased and she would actually turn in her grave if she knew what was happening. She was a wonderful lady and the O'Dwyer family are lovely too. It is very callous what they want to do after Bridie passing away so recently."

Margaret Moroney, Old Pallas: "It was an awful shock when we heard there was talk of it closing. I am 75, we have our pension here, myself and my husband, Henry. We are not driving so we are really stuck if the post office closes. Our daughter, Noreen, uses it too - she is our carer. It would be a massive loss to us. It's so awkward to get to places when you are not driving."

Bill Gammell, Nicker: "I'm 83 and I've been using it all my life. All of the family goes here. You have people coming from Killeely and over near Oola. I don't know where we are going to go if it closed."

John O'Dwyer, Old Pallas: "I do all my business there. It would be an awful loss. I have a post office book that Mick O'Dwyer used to sign whenever the children's allowance came in and I used to get a half crown. That went into the post office book, it was Mick used to sign it and you can see then exactly when Bridie took over. There is great spirit here. The whole parish turned out, and from surrounding parishes."

Annette Fleming-McNamara, Old Pallas: "I'm a disabled driver. I moved here to Pallas

because of the access for the post office and the shop. I can't walk far at all and I have a mobility scooter. For me to have to try to find another post office is going to be impossible. The nearest one is a no go for me because I can't park there. If I get parking I'm not able to cross the road. Here there is plenty of parking and I am safe. For older people as well, who are not steady on their feet, this is ideal for them. It would be devastating for me personally and for the community."

Joe Cosgrave, Nicker: "I'm 73 and I'm going here all my life. I get the pension every week, it would be a huge loss. You have everything here in the shop. They are brilliant to sponsor local causes."

Maurice Barrett: "I work locally and I lodge my wages every week. I am involved with Cashel and Emly Lourdes pilgrimage and throughout the year we would do church gate collections, dances, draws, fundraisers that is all cash and I use the post office to lodge the cash. I wouldn't be near a bank in Limerick or Tipp so it is very handy to lodge cash straight away."

P.S. An Post has decided to keep the Post Office open for 12 months and then review the situation.

Donal O'Regan Limerick Leader

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MRS BRIDGET HARDING 100 YEARS YOUNG

A Community Celebration

This remarkable lady was born on the eighth of August 1917 in the townland of Dromlara to the parents of Martin Ryan and Bridget O'Dwyer. She was the sixth youngest of a family of fourteen. She attended Brackile National School making the journey barefoot to and fro. She received the sacrament of Confirmation in Nicker Church in 1929 at the age of twelve also confirmed that day were her brothers Michael and John. Bridget stayed in fulltime primary education in Brackile N.S. until she was 18 years of age. In 1935 she went to work as a housekeeper for a grocer's shop in Tipperary Town. Around this time she attended local dances and was to meet her future husband Paddy Harding from Oola. Bridget went to London in search of work in 1942, she began work as a housekeeper in the Presbytery of St Agnes Church, Cricklewood. Six years later she married Paddy Harding on February 7 1948 in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes /St Vincent De Paul in London. In 1954 she returned to Dromlara and reared a family of six children, Patrick, Bernadette, Joan, Marian, Seamus and Breda. Her husband Paddy continued to work in England until 1972 when he returned home. Sadly six years later her husband passed away at the age of 54. Following this blow she continued to make the most of it but another blow struck her in 2004 at the age of 87 when her son Seamus passed away at another young age. She has lived in Dromlara over sixty years and lived life to the full, she has been the life and soul of weddings, christenings, and anniversaries, she is adored by her family and her 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Bridget joined the Legion of Mary in 1972 and still attends the Monday afternoon meetings in the community centre. She also attends the Day Centre in Cappamore each Tuesday and weekly Bingo sessions in Oola, Cappamore, Pallasgreen and Tipperary. She says that her secret for her long life is that "The man Above has no room for me yet" also she never smoked and has led a good clean life comprising of faith in the man above, helpful to all, content and taken everything life has to offer, good and bad, happy and sad. We congratulate Bridget on her incredible milestone but also to an incredible lady, She has lived 100 years and 10 decades of great memories. Mass was celebrated by Fr Pat Burns and Canon Liam McNamara and later a reception in the Community Centre.

Bridget Harding in numbers

100 years, 36,525 days, 876,600 hours, 52,596,000 minutes,

1 blessed family, 6 amazing children, 15 beautiful grandchildren,

17 great grandchildren

Born 8th August 1917, celebrated 100th Birthday
8th August 2017



Ready to cut the beautiful cake



Ready to blow out the candles



Bridget at Pallasgreen Bingo



*Joan,
Michael
Ryan,
Breda and
Bernadette*



Altar servers; Sara Dillon, Aine Dillon, Catriona Dillon, Fr Pt Burns and Canon Liam McNamara.



Family gathering; Patrick, Bernadette, Joan, Breda and Marian.



Attendance at her Mass of Thanksgiving.



Golden girls; Bridget with her sister Kathleen Bradley of Schull, Co Cork.



The large crowd at the reception in the Community Centre - photos by Mike O'Riordan

ALL IRELAND GLORY FOR COLIN AND DARRAGH

Two local lads wrote themselves into the annals of the club and Limerick GAA history as they claimed All Ireland glory on Saturday September 9th 2017 in Semple Stadium Thurles.

Colin Ryan of Lough and Darragh Fanning of Deerpark were members of the Limerick U-21 hurling team that had to do it the hard way by beating the top hurling counties in the country to get their hands on the James Nowlan cup. On their way they racked up some pretty high scores in the early rounds to Tipperary and Clare but Cork proved stiff opposition in the Munster final. Galway were similar in the All Ireland semi final and only a strong finish saw Limerick through to the decider. The Final in Thurles Limerick never looked in trouble and took the title in front of the majority of jubilant spectators to claim their second title in three years.

Congratulations to Both Colin and Darragh and the Limerick team and management that brought great joy and pride to Pallasgreen and Limerick. Luimneach Abu.

Colin and Darragh's path to All Ireland U-21 Hurling Glory

Thursday June 22nd 2017

Limerick defeated Tipperary by 2-24 to 0-19 in the Bord Gais Energy Munster Under 21 Hurling Championship Quarter-Final on Thursday June 22nd at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick.

Limerick 2-24 Tipperary 0-19

Pat Donnelly's Limerick produced a powerful performance against an inexperienced Tipperary side to book a place in the semi-finals of the Bord Gáis Energy Munster U21 hurling championship. In front of 3,076 spectators at the Gaelic Grounds, the Shannonsiders avenged last year's defeat against their neighbours to justify a heavy pre-match favourites tag.



Colin and Darragh with the Munster U21 Cup

Wednesday 12th July 2017

Comfortable win sees Limerick into Munster U-21 final

A blistering opening half display provided the foundation for Limerick to ease their way into the Munster Under-21 final by a 13-point margin 1-28 to 1-15

Wednesday 26th July 2017

Limerick edge Cork in tight battle to claim Munster -21 Hurling title

Limerick are Munster u-21 champions for the eighth time, after victory over Cork this evening in the Gaelic Grounds. The Treaty has swatted aside Tipperary and Clare en route to the decider, but came up against a sterner test in the form of the Rebels.

Cork weren't expected to mount much of a challenge without senior stars Luke Meade and Darragh Fitzgibbon, and things weren't looking good for them when Limerick raced into a seven-point lead. However, the Rebels fought hard to make a game of it, eventually losing by two points, on a scoreline of 0-16 to 0-11.

Saturday 19th August 2017

Limerick edge Galway out in cracking U-21 semi final

Red-hot favourites Limerick came with a strong finish to finally see off the challenge of a brave Galway side by 2-23 to 2-19 in a cracking All-Ireland U-21 semi-final at Semple Stadium in Thurles in an entertaining contest in front of a crowd of 6,524.

Saturday 9th September 2017

Limerick too good for Kilkenny in Under- 21 hurling final

Limerick secured their second All-Ireland U-21 hurling title in the last three years and their sixth win from six finals as Aaron Gillane and Peter Casey fired them to victory at Semple Stadium.

In front of 15,485 supporters, Limerick dominated entirely with a strong wind advantage in the first-half and matched Kilkenny after the break to wrap up a memorable campaign for Pat Donnelly's side. Remarkably, with 16 All-Ireland titles between them at the grade before today, the teams had never met in a

final, but with wins over Galway, Clare, Cork and Tipperary en route to the decider there is no arguing Limerick were deserving champions.

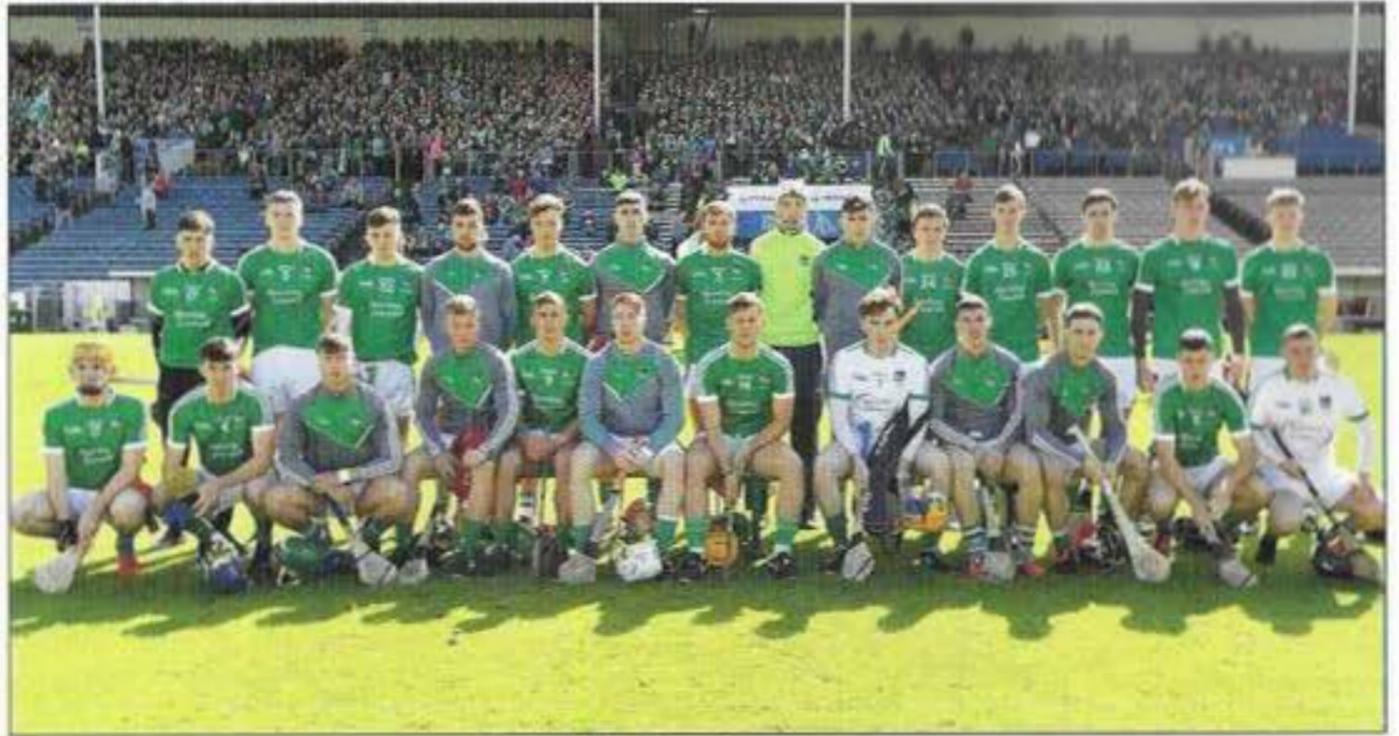
Limerick: E McNamara; S Finn, Darragh Fanning, D Joy; R Lynch (0-03, 0-03f), K Hayes, T Grimes; Colin Ryan, R Hanley; T Morrissey (c), B Nash (0-01), C Lynch (0-01); P Casey (0-03), A Gillane (0-07, 0-02f), B Murphy. Subs used: C Boylan (0-01) for C Lynch (39 mins), A La Touche Cosgrave for Morrissey (48), O O'Reilly (0-01) for Murphy (53), L Lyons for Nash (63).

Kilkenny: D Brennan; M Cody, C Delaney, N McMahon; H Lawlor, J Cleere, T Walsh; L Scanlon, R Leahy; B Ryan (0-01), S Morrissey, L Blanchfield (0-01); J Walsh, J

Donnelly (0-01), S Walsh (0-03, 0-02f). Subs used: A Murphy (0-05, 0-04f, 0-01'65) for Morrissey (25 mins), P Lyng (c) for J Walsh (h-t), E Kenny for S Walsh (40), M Keoghan

for Ryan (41), D Mullen for Leahy (45).

Referee: Paud O'Dwyer (Carlow).



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By Sara Dillon and Tara Campbell



Friday the 24th of March 2017 will always remain with us for years to come. We were so glad we volunteered to help out at this event which took place at the home of Mike O'Donoghue, Dromlara, Pallasgreen.

The day kicked off at 8.30am and finished at 11.40pm. during that time two hundred and twenty seven people passed through the doors. This amounted to a lot of cups of tea and coffee an also a lot of washing and drying of cups.

During the day a very special presentation was made to Mrs Bridget Harding of Dromlara to mark her 100th year. A bouquet of flowers was presented to her by Tara and Mike, also present for the occasion was Lorraine Toner from the Irish Cancer Society. This was the third year of this event to take place . In 2015 we raised €3100, in 2016 we raised 3145 and this year we raised a fantastic amount of €3820, bringing the total from the three years to a whopping €10,065. This was handed over to Lorraine from the Irish Cancer Society. This event would never have taken place without the generosity of the people who came, brought food and contributed in any way. A special word of thanks to Sue Wykes of Garrydoolis who donated a fabulous cake. For us it was a privilege to be part of history, as this is the only private dwelling in Ireland where a coffee day was hosted for 15 hours straight. To sum up the day, it was an experience we won't forget and both of us have volunteered to do it all over again in 2018, and looking forward to a bigger response.



Tata Campbell, Lorraine Toner, Mike O'Donoghue and Sara Dillon.



Cake by Sue Wykes, Garrydoolis



Mike O'Donoghue, Lorraine Toner, Cancer Society, Tara Campbell.
Front: Bridget Harding

LIMERICK'S FITTEST SUPERSTARS

"Limerick's Fittest Superstars", an event in aid of the local children's playground, took place in the South Court Hotel on Saturday October 14th. It was a star studded event with a wide variety of teams (10 in total!) taking up the challenge. Teams from Pallasgreen GAA Club, Pallas United AFC, Knockane GAA Club, St. Ailbe's Ladies Football Club, Cappamore Fire Brigade, Piers Motors Tipperary, AS Fitness Limerick and a team comprised of the Pharmacy, Bistro and Centra of Caherconlish will participate.

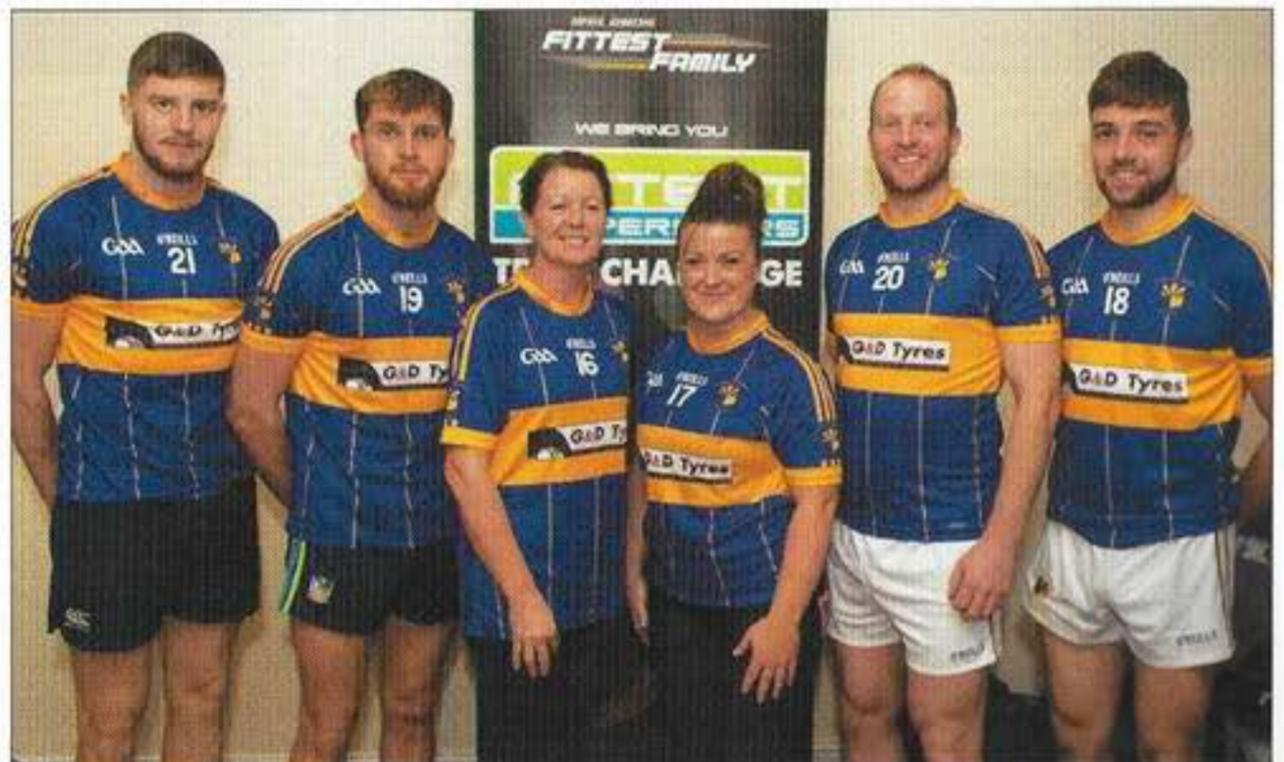
This was Limerick's first and newest fundraiser "Limerick's Fittest Superstars". The concept is from the creators of the popular TV series, "Ireland's Fittest Family", and this will be the first time it was staged in Limerick.

A number of local celebrities took part, including Operation Transformation leader Marie Grace. Also participating was a Celebrity Team comprising of Aidan O'Mahony (former Kerry footballer and "Dancing with the Stars" winner), Aislinn Desmond Kerry Ladies footballer and Lidl senior player of the year 2016, Joe O'Connor (Limerick Senior Hurling coach, Ireland's Fittest Family referee and well known nutritionist) and Aislinn Connolly (Galway Camogie Star) and John Kiely Limerick SH Manager. Well known GAA coach and Ireland's Fittest Family coach Davy Fitzgerald was there on the night doing what he does best!

It was a case of survival of the fittest and that proved the case for The Cappamore Fire Brigade who were crowned The O'Dwyer Oil Sponsored Limerick's Fittest Superstars 2017. It was most entertaining show with lights, music, muscle and athletes flexing their bodies for the various challenges. After the teams were introduced it was mad pedalling, hanging tough and box jumping in the

time decided events. After these challenges were over five teams had to leave the competition and hadn't survived to the final, Piers Motors 1 and 2, Pallas United AFC, Knockane GAA and D'unbelievables all were gallant in their pursuit. The remaining teams Cappamore Fire Brigade, Pallas GAA, St Ailbes Ladies Football Club, A/S Fitness and the Celebrity team all went through to the final challenge obstacle course where they had to contend with the infamous 10ft wall. This was a closely fought affair with only five seconds separating the top three teams to an exciting finish in a very entertaining night. With the result been announced to the sound of the heartbeat the two teams fighting for the crown were Cappamore Fire Brigade and the Celebrity team. The tension was mounting and when the Impressive MC James Sexton announced the winner Cappamore Fire Brigade, there was a crescendo of noise that hit the South Court convention centre. They won the contest by a mere three seconds to claim the €1000 first prize. The audience weren't left out and a very lucrative prize kindly courtesy of Joanne Beary and kindly sponsored by the FAI of 4 VIP Tickets to an

international soccer game was won by one lucky person Robert Creamer. Special thanks to the Woodlands House Hotel, O'Dwyer Oil, Wine Lab, Limerick Golf Club and for sponsoring the other wonderful raffle prizes. The committee wish to thank St Ailbes Credit Union, John O'Connor Building Contractor and Plant hire, Cube Printing and Ryan's Undertakers as the Challenge Sponsors. A special thanks also all our programme sponsors your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the sub-committee who worked hard over the past number of weeks and also to the Community Council committee for their help ensuring the event would be an entertaining one for all. Of course the big winner of the night is that all proceeds will go towards the Children's playground which we hope will start in 2018 and will be a place of recreation and focal point for families of the community. Thanks to all the teams who took part and to our Celebrity team who gave up their valuable time to support our cause. Well done to all and to all who came along to support what was a great family night out and wonderful spectacle.



Pallasgreen GAA Team



Cappamore Fire Brigade



Pallas United AFC



St Ailbes Ladies Football Team



AS Fitness Limerick



Pierse Motors Tipperary



D'unbelievables



Celebrity Team



Knockane GAA Team



Pierse Motors Tipperary



Winners; Cappamore Fire Brigade being presented with their prize from Diarmuid O'Dwyer of O'Dwyer Oil main sponsor.



Legends together; Front Row, Brid Condon, Siobhan Condon. Second Row; Aislinn Connolly. Third Row; Davy Fitzgerald, Marie Grace, Aidan O'Mahony, Aislinn Desmond. Back Row; Colin Ryan, Darragh Fanning, Joe O'Connor, John Kiely. This group of people between them have accumulated over 18 All Ireland medals.



Job well done! Organisers Ger O'Connell, Dara Fraher and Susie O'Kelly.

Photos by Mike O'Riordan



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Operation Transformation

by Marie Grace

I saw an ad for the programme, and applied, telling no-one except my husband. The process after applying went quickly, and I knew within a few weeks that I had been accepted. I honestly think now that it was the best decision that I ever made. I needed the help, my motivation was non-existent and I just wanted to gain knowledge as to what I could do diet and exercise wise, and follow a properly tailored plan for me.

Health wise when I started I was ticking all the wrong boxes. The fear of the unknown regarding my health was what spurred me on. I have 2 beautiful little girls that needed their mother to be fit and healthy for them. Operation Transformation is a long process, and it enforces a period of reflection on your life as a whole, but coming out the other side can only be described as "life changing". The food and exercise plan that I have followed is built for everyone. I do not consider that I was on a diet, it was a lifestyle change.

The whole community got involved in the programme, from the first walk in January with Karl Henry when over 400 people turned up at Knockane GAA field to do a 5km walk. 3 times a week we met up at the field, in the dark, rain and wind to walk, jog or run the route and this really helped me stay motivated. Young and old were decked out in hi-vis clothes and torches and it was a great social event. We are continuing this walk every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night at 8pm throughout the winter for anyone who want to get out of the house and get active.

I want to thank everyone in the community for all their messages of



support throughout the show and afterwards. I recently participated in Limerick's Fittest Superstars night in aid of the Pallasgreen playground project and felt very privileged to be involved. I hope my story inspired people to get more active and be more open to the help that is around them. You can continue to follow my journey on Facebook, and please feel free to contact me if you want to join us at the walks every week or just show up at Knockane GAA field and have some fun getting out and getting active.



Brid and Siobhan help Tipperary Ladies Football Team to All-Ireland Championship Glory

On the 24th Sept 2017 Brid and Siobhan Condon of Garrydoolis donned the Tipperary blue and gold jersey in Croke Park to claim the TG4 All Ireland Ladies Football Intermediate Championship by defeating Tyrone 1-13 to 1-10 in a thriller of a contest. Having already secured the National league title early in the year the two Aherlow club players had played a sapping sixteen games for Tipperary to secure the historic double. Congratulations to Brid and Siobhan on a long and joyous road to glory in 2017.

Below we look back at this momentous year for the Condon sisters!

The Tipperary ladies football team were crowned All-Ireland champions at Croke Park, Dublin on Sunday afternoon - the Premier County completed the 2017 season undefeated in competitive action when seeing off Tyrone in the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Intermediate Championship final (1-13 to 1-10).

Tipperary won the division three league title and followed up that national honour when registering a 34-point Munster championship win (8-16 to 1-3) over Limerick before beating Clare in the provincial final (4-9 to 0-14). Following the Munster



campaign Tipperary took on an outstanding Wexford side and prevailed after extra-time (2-15 to 3-11) at the quarter-final stage of the competition before seeing off Meath in the last four (3-19 to 2-19).

Tipperary Team

1. Lauren Fitzpatrick, Ballymacarbry
2. Siobhan Condon, Aherlow
3. Maria Curley, Templemore
4. Emma Buckley, Cahir
5. Bríd Condon, Aherlow
6. Samantha Lambert, Ardfinnan
7. Laura Dillon, Ardfinnan
8. Aisling McCarthy, Cahir
9. Jennifer Grant, Brian Borus
10. Niamh Lonergan, Moyle Rovers
- 11.

Mairead Morrissey, Brian Borus 12. Aishling Moloney, Cahir 13. Roisin Howard, Cahir 14. Gillian O'Brien, Moyle Rovers 15. Orla O'Dwyer, Boherlahan.

2017 CAMPAIGN

Lidl National Ladies Football League Division Three

Tipperary 4-10 Wexford 2-10

Tipperary 0-21 Roscommon 1-10

Tipperary 5-14 Down 0-3

Tipperary 5-10 Meath 2-10

Tipperary 5-7 Offaly 0-7

Tipperary 4-13 Leitrim 2-12

Tipperary 4-16 Limerick 0-6

League Semi-Final

Tipperary 7-17 Offaly 2-6

League Final

Tipperary 0-12 Wexford 2-6

League Final Replay

Tipperary 0-15 Wexford 1-10

Munster Intermediate Ladies Football Championship Semi-Final

Tipperary 8-16 Limerick 1-3

Munster Final

Tipperary 4-9 Clare 1-14

TG4 All-Ireland Intermediate Ladies Football Championship Quarter-Final

Tipperary 2-15 Wexford 3-11

Semi-Final

Tipperary 3-19 Meath 2-19

All-Ireland Final

Tipperary 1-13 Tyrone 1-10



Tipperary Ladies Football Team All Ireland Intermediate Champions 2017

Lourdes Trip 2017

At the end of April two people from the Parish of Pallasgreen and Templebraden were picked to go to Lourdes, These were Roisin O'Connell and John O'Donnell, another who represented the Abbey CBS Tipperary and also from the parish was Donnocha Looby.

Our first meeting was on the 7th of May in Golden Co Tipperary where we got to know the other youth helpers and leaders. We were interviewed in groups of six and were put into groups where we engaged and did some bonding activities. This was the start of new friendships. Our final meeting was again in Golden on the 4th of June, we got a run down on what we would be doing each day and given our plane ticket, ID Badges and timetable. We were then given our t shirts and also had a look at pictures from other pilgrims. On the 16th of June at 4.30am we all assembled at Regan's Centra, Pallasgreen where we waited for the bus to which our long journey to Lourdes would begin. When we arrived at Shannon Airport we checked in our luggage and arrived in Tarbes Airport two hours later. We then made our way to the hotel Mediterranee and assigned to our rooms with another youth helper. We went to the hospital that evening where we were shown how to use the chariots.

Every morning we were called at 7.00am for breakfast, after this we assembled into our groups and made our way to the hospital where we met the assisted pilgrims and bring them to the grotto for morning Mass. We then made our way to the steps of the Basilica for the group photo. We brought the assisted pilgrims back to the hospital for tea where we interacted with them and helped give out refreshments and also got to meet the local helpers.

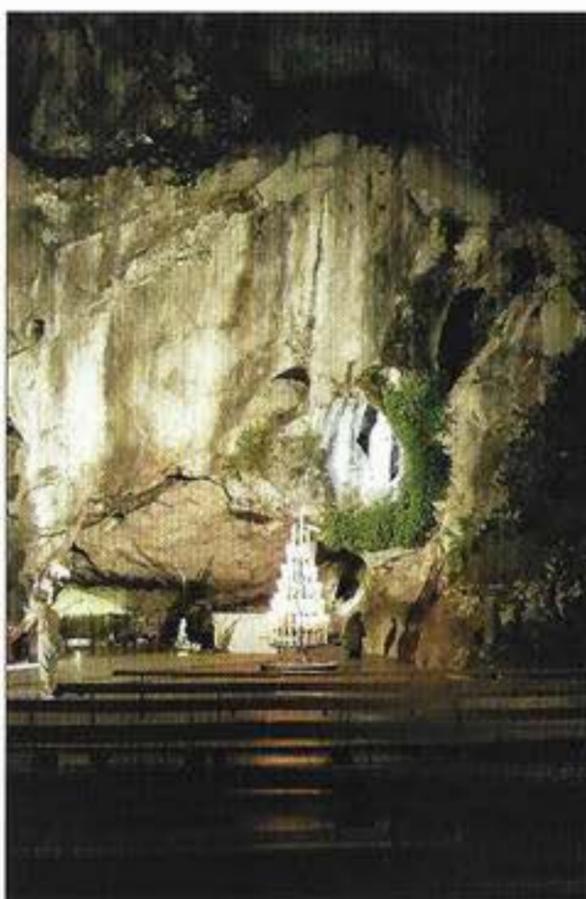
Over the course of the five days we had many ceremonies which included the Anointing of the sick, Torch light Procession, The Baths, International Mass (in the underground Basilica which holds 25,000 people). Some of the activities the youth helpers took

part include the concert for the assisted pilgrims, shopping in the town of Lourdes and a walk from Lourdes to Bartres a distance of 14km where we received letters from home, this walk was led by The Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly. 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. The following morning at 6.00am we gathered our luggage and departed for our flight back to Shannon. This trip was one of the most memorable and unforgettable experiences of our lives and without doubt we would return as senior helpers in time to come. We would recommend it to everyone.

Roisin, John & Donnocha

"Probably the first time I left Italy was to travel by train to Lourdes. I went with my mother and my grandmother who was a very religious person, so it was a pilgrimage of sorts. I remember it was very intense, but beautiful experience".

Andrea Bocelli



Grotto in Lourdes



Maurice Barrett lighting the Pallasgreen Lourdes Candle



Roisin O'Connell Pallasgreen carrying the Cashel & Emly Flag



Maurice Barrett, Triona O'Dwyer and Mike O'Donoghue with Parish Candle.



Mairead, Tommy & Sean O'Connor Pallasgreen with Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly.



Youth helpers, John O'Donnell, Roisin O'Connell and Donnocha Looby.

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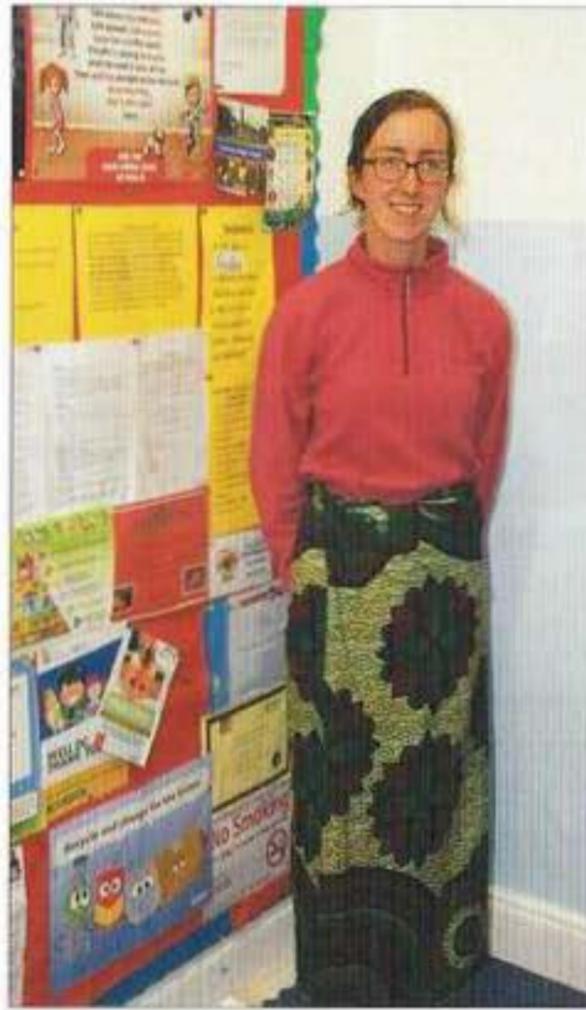
LAY MISSIONARY WORK IN ZAMBIA

BY KATIE CONDON

From July to October this year I was volunteering in a school and an orphanage in Zambia run by the Salesian nuns and under the umbrella of Vides. VIDES is an important element of the work of the Salesian Sisters. It asks us to be God-bearers by promoting social justice, solidarity, generosity in sharing and. Zambia is the perfect country for someone who is travelling solo for the first time to Africa, it is peaceful, the people are very friendly and the food is delicious. Zambia has many attractions that are world famous and also very 'African', the national parks, waterfalls, music and weather together makes a trip here unforgettable and well worth it.

I volunteered in The City of Hope, which is a large compound maintained by Salesian sisters. Within the high walls of the compound, the flowering fruit trees, shrubs and gardens make it an oasis of greenery. There is a primary and secondary school (called the City of Hope), an orphanage, an auxiliim/skills centre and other houses for the sisters, volunteers and families of the employees. Throughout the duration of my stay my duties varied because of the time of year I arrived. I arrived in July which is the end of the school year and left in October when the school has reopened again. There were other young volunteers there too from other organisations from Poland, Germany and Czech Republic who all had their own responsibilities set out by the sisters.

The timetable for the volunteers is divided into school and study time in the afternoons. We are expected to assist in school with correcting and sometimes help out with teaching. I was guided to work as an invigilator in the school during the remaining weeks in July. From there I found my own niche teaching a girl from the orphanage and two boys aged 9 and 13. During the summer holidays in August I was mostly teaching some



girls computers and assisting them with their study before exams in September. Because of my food science background I was asked to help in home economics in August during mock practicals which was a fantastic opportunity to taste traditional Zambian dishes. I balanced my work in school and teaching with the boys with some shopping or travelling at weekends. I also maintained a garden of peas, beans, spinach and tomatoes which was very rewarding to see grow and eat!

When my time was nearly up to go home in August I rescheduled my flights to stay until mid October (thats how long my tourist visa would last, 3 months). I felt I was just getting to know myself there and it was too soon – I had just found my routine and the work I was doing I could see was making a difference. The thoughts of returning to rainy Ireland were not enough to entice me home!

September came around very fast and the temperature was rising steadily too. October is known as 'suicide

month' because of the high tropical temperatures in Zambia. Luckily I was indoors for most of the heat as school had reopened again and I was given 2 grades to teach. Grade 5 had as many as 40 pupils of about 9 or 10 and grade 8 pupils were aged around 14 in the secondary school. I taught grade 8 English who were a very polite and easy to teach. The grade 5 were more challenging as alot of patience was needed to control and discipline a class that size and try engage everyone in the lesson you were asked to teach. At the end of the day I felt exhausted from just teaching one lesson and taking pupils one on one teaching them maths. I had alot of admiration and respect for the teacher who taught them everyday with no help from anyone and very little resources to teach with. On my last day with the class they presented me with a chitenge – a colourful cloth that has many uses for Zambian women, as a skirt or a baby sling.

Since I travelled solo to Zambia I was slightly nervous of some things not working out. However I really found my feet very quickly and settled in very well because of the warm hospitality the family of girls and sisters gave me when I arrived and throughout my stay. I was so glad to have finally made the decision to book flights and go, looking back I wish I had done this sooner and not hesitated so much about something I really knew very little about. The unknown is sometimes scary but when you face your fear you make yourself bigger than the fear itself. I look back now at everything I have learned, grateful to have a family and warm home to live in, thankful for the safe trip and the positive difference I made to the lives of people I met in Zambia.

Katie Condon is from Longstone, Cullen, Co Tipperary and her grandmother Kittie Condon lived in the Parish of Pallasgreen and Templebraden.



“Jack the Bee”



Jack Ryan 1931-2017

On an unremarkable muggy day in June an extraordinary life came to an end. Jack Ryan, or “Jack the Bee” as he was known lived an adventurous and colourful life that took him from Knockaun to Nigeria, Canada, Kenya and back again over the course of his 86 years.

Jack was born into the Ryan family of Garrydoolis on the 8th June 1931. He was the son of Dick and Josephine and the brother of Lance. He took up bee keeping at a young age and won prizes for his bees and honey while still a small boy. He grew up with a love of GAA and was a fine football player until a higher calling took him to the Kiltteegan Fathers. After religious instruction and ordination it was on to a missionary’s life in far flung Africa.

Jack’s first port of call was Nigeria where he undertook the opening of a turkey farm in a tribal area. He took lodgings with the local African-born bishop and partook of the local food, particularly a delicacy called palm oil chop with no ill effects. While other young missionaries pined for familiar food or got quite ill Jack adapted well, aided in his own words by his “iron stomach”. He took to missionary work with great zeal persuading local chiefs to abandon multiple wives and forsake ancestral idols in favour of Catholicism. He often said he was heartened to see that the chiefs who did convert gave up all subsequent wives in favour of wife No1.

He then went to Canada and spent almost a year in Nova Scotia. It was on this trip that he made the university contacts that would eventually put him in contact with the international education agency that partly grant aided the building of what would become his agricultural college in Kenya.

Kenya in the 1960’s was a colourful ex-British colony with a cast of



characters that included mining engineers, expats, local people and religious missionaries. Jack arrived and immediately made himself at home. Being a practical man by nature he first managed a 100 acre farm where he oversaw a breeding programme which involved introducing and cross-breeding European livestock with African (much like the charity Boher do today). He then went on to found an agricultural college from which local food security might come. It became a great success and Jack added sheep farming to the other colourful feathers already in his cap.

Having achieved his goals in Kenya Jack returned to Ireland. He bade the Kiltteegan Fathers farewell and returned to Knockaun to marry Mary and set up home. Breaking with the tradition of livestock farming favoured by his forbearers he began farming honey bees instead. Jack would often take his children Karen and Richard on Sunday drives looking for new locations where he might site

his bees. This led him to meet colourful characters none more so than a secretive group of local brewers who exchanged bee sites for Jack’s agreement to do some driving for them at certain times of the year. Card games at Christmas would often end with a discreet tap on Jack’s shoulder and an enquiry if he had a certain remedy for a “sick bullock”. It is unknown even to this day how many ailing cattle Jack saved.

On his 2 acre site Jack set about creating a wildlife sanctuary and a well-stocked larder for his honey bees. His interest in wildlife brought him into contact with many different groups; from local national schools to overseas agricultural students, wildlife researchers and documentary makers. He also took an active role in the community. He was the workplace supervisor on a local community employment scheme. He undertook putting up a poly tunnel with Ballyhoura development as a local enterprise initiative. He hosted mothers, daughters, students, and

strangers. He welcomed everyone with an embrace and a twinkle in his eye. He advised anyone contemplating a plant in the garden centre to first ask "Will it feed the bees and the birds? Does it have flowers and fruit?"

If Jack's farming methods were unusual then his housing arrangements were equally interesting. Jack's house built to his own design incorporated two self-catering apartments on the upper floor. These accommodated guests who soon filled the Idler bar with a plethora of European and American voices. From these first visitors many more were to come, some to return each year delighted with the tranquil

piece of east Limerick they had found and their gregarious entertaining host. Some began friendships that lasted throughout Jack's life.

Jack did eventually return to Kenya after much persuading appearing as a guest speaker at the Conferring of the 25th class to graduate from Baraka Agricultural College –the college he had founded many years before. He maintained a long and warm friendship with the Kiltegan fathers many of whom were his lifelong personal friends. Right up until Jack's illness he remained involved in his local community contributing advice and instruction for a community walkway in Knockaun's GAA grounds down the road from where he lived.

He found great sport in the intrigue of his own neighbourhood and enjoyed enormously the funny side of life. He was immediately interested in anyone who needed help or support and was very sincere in his commitment to help them.

Jack departed this life on Sunday June 25th 2017 after a short illness and a uniquely wonderful time spent with his family. He leaves Garrydoolis/Knockane a bit poorer for his loss but richer for his service to his community and his profound love and interest in people especially in his neighbours and friends.

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GLASGOW PROJECT

BY COLMAN O'DRISCOLL

A group of 10 Legionaries worked in Fr Ambrose Ohene's parish of St. Colomba's in Hopehill Rd., Glasgow from 1- 8 July 2017.

The area was predominantly made up of high rise blocks of flats or as they call them there tenement housing. Some of the high rise blocks of flats would have been in poor condition, some just recently done up and some new. The parish consisted of 20,000 residents and of that there were approximately 2,000 Catholics of which fewer than 200 practising. We met a mix of Catholic both lapsed and practising with a small mix of other religions and probably a larger mix of Church of Scotland mainly lapsed as well.

Of the 10 Legionaries on the team we had a husband and wife Michael and Brigid, a mother and her son. Some of the team knew each other from previous PPC's and the rest of the team it our first time meeting. It was good to have our Spiritual Director for the week Fr Robert Coffey from Caherdavin Parish in Limerick City and it made my job as Team Leader much easier as it was my first time as Leader and was indeed very pleasant and a great experience.

The teams were divided up in 5 areas and Fr. Ambrose had maps ready for us along with an introduction letter for the homes where we encountered no replies. As we got the flats around the Church finished on the Wednesday evening Fr. gave us a revised map and we extended our calls to a new area.

One of our main jobs was to recruit for the local Legion of Mary as the Legion was in the process of being started in the Parish.

Our day started at 8.45 am with our Legion Meeting followed by Mass at 10 am. After a fast cup of tea we embarked on our days work at 11 am. We met parishioners after the weekend Masses and the Legion team were introduced at the Masses and Fr. Robbie spoke about the Legion of

Mary and its origins and development over the years.

We were received fairly well in most flats and got an opportunity of speaking with the residents. A few were not interested so in this instance we tried to give them a gift of the Miraculous Medal and some would have closed the doors before we got an opportunity of doing this.

Our approach for the week was to propose the truths of the Catholic Church, especially the Eucharist and the Mystical Body of Christ and of the place of Mary the Mother of Jesus. We all found that the power of the Miraculous Medals opens door and hearts. It is naturally disappointing if a home gets nothing but we just have to say a little prayer that all will be well with the residents and move on.

Fr. Coffey, Ray and I (Colman) stayed with Fr. Ambrose in the Presbytery and the rest of the team stayed in different accommodation in the area. Some of the owners let us have the use of their home for the week and moved out themselves to allow for this which was very much appreciated.

Dinner was provided for us each day by Fr. Ambrose's resident chef and ably assisted by Jack (a young 15 year old student who has his sights set on the Priesthood) and Malcolm who help Fr. in the Parish. Jack and Malcolm were a great team and we all had good fun with them. Jack and Malcolm were good singers and sang farewell songs for us on the Fri. evening in the parish hall. We all sang a mix of Irish and Scottish songs and some local girls came to perform some of their Irish dancing gigs and reels. A large cake with a big "thank you" to the Irish Legion of Mary team was enjoyed by all.

Our half day was spent touring the city and sights of Glasgow city. One of the helpers in the parish Craig hired a mini bus and took us to dinner in one of the city restaurants and this was followed by a visit to St. Andrews Catholic Cathedral in the city centre.

Some of the team went shopping while Michael and Brigid went to visit their friend Fr. Hennessy.

SOME SPECIAL CASES

1st Case

Legionaries had a very interesting case in the afternoon session. We rang the doorbell, there was no reply, we rang the doorbell of Flat 2 and a Polish lady answered. The minute we invited her back to Mass, she slammed the door in our faces. The other door opened and a lady in her thirties and an older man came to the door. She said they were Catholic but not practising. We invited her back but she said she had done too much and had too many problems to be seen in Church. I asked could we go in for a moment, she said yes, she was very open and told us she had a drug problem and that she used prostitution to finance it. After a while we asked her if she would like to go to Confession, she said yes, but not now. We invited them to Mass on the Friday evening and they said yes. The man said that he studied for the priesthood for two years and it hadn't worked out and had been homeless, he began to drink a lot and used drugs, he looked very dishevelled. We hope they will return to the practise of their faith. The couple are not partners.

2nd Case

We met a man originally from Ireland and now living in Glasgow. He is a lapsed Catholic. Growing up in the family he was always made go to Mass every weekend and felt under pressure to do so. He did not understand how the Church felt about same sex attraction and told us that he himself is gay. He felt a bit isolated. His brother died when he was young and every year on the Anniversary of his brother's death it brings back a lot of memories. His mother visits him from Ireland and she is a practising catholic. She often asked him what time the Masses were at and where

the Catholic Church was located. He will now be able to tell her as all that information was on our introductory letter from the priest. We told him that it is possible that his mother's prayers have brought us to him today. We gave him a number of leaflets to read about Confession and the story of the Miraculous Medal. We welcomed him back to the Catholic faith and told him that it would be wonderful if he could go and talk to Father Ambrose and maybe have confession. He told us that he did not like going into the Confession box but seemed open to sit down and talk with a priest. He believes in helping people, and he also felt that religion and one's faith could be a good thing for young people growing up, to give them a sense of purpose and direction and hopefully good values.

3rd Case

Legionaries met this young woman at the door and she told us that she is a Catholic but has been lapsed for over 20 years. She is Italian and living in Scotland and has an Italian boyfriend who is also a lapsed Catholic. She invited us in and offered us refreshments. We invited and encouraged her to return to her faith. Then she said "I need to make a change". We told her the first step is confession and to chat with the priest and that Fr Ambrose is very understanding and helpful. We offered to take her to the priest. This she agreed to do there and then and she came to confession at 5 pm. It was very emotional for her and she kept crying. She thanked us for visiting her and giving her hope. She came to Mass the next morning and she was still crying. She joined us for tea in the Presbytery and gave her name for the Legion of Mary that will start in the parish soon. We encouraged her to invite her boyfriend back as well and she agreed to do this.

4th Case

We met a man from Zimbabwe and he invited us in and told us he was Catholic. He hadn't been to Church in a long time as he could not find a Church near enough to his house. When we told him the Church was

close by he was delighted. He wanted to get his children baptised as it had been on his mind and he felt the Legionaries calling was a sign from God to return to Mass and sort the children's baptisms.

5th Case

A cursory visit to a cafe run by a husband and wife who belong to the Sheik religion. She was born and raised in Glasgow and attended Catholic schools. A miraculous medal was offered to both and accepted. She recounted an incident in their previous business which was an off-licence. She picked up a miraculous medal from the floor of the shop and put it on the counter. A fire broke out in the shop which was put under control. Later that night she was somewhat uneasy and got up to discover that the fire was re-igniting. She noticed that the medal lay undisturbed on the counter, and that part of the shop was not damaged by the fire. She attributes the limitation of the damage to the shop to the medal.

STATISTICS FOR THE WEEK

HOMES VISITED - 2,911

NO REPLIES - 2,027

PRACTISING CATHOLICS - 95

LAPSED CATHOLICS - 159

INTERESTED IN CATHOLIC FAITH - 23

ACTIVE LEGION MEMBERSHIP - 9

AUXILLIARY LEGION MEMBERSHIP - 11

SPECIAL CASES - 24

MIRACULOUS MEDALS TOTAL DISTRIBUTION: 1,800



Our Team outside St. Andrew's Cathedral in the centre of Glasgow City.

Back row: Michael O'Donoghue, Colman O'Driscoll, Michael Haugh

Front row: Brigid O'Driscoll, Mary Boyce, Fr. Robert Coffey, Brigid Haugh, Ray Heffernan, Martin Ward and Anthony Kirstein.

My time with the Badjao Community

Leonie O'Donnell

This July 2017, I and 12 others, spent a month in Cebu, Philippines volunteering with the development and volunteering organisation 'SERVE', who are based in Cork. The project, which is run in partnership with the Presentation Sisters in the Philippines, is focused mainly on education and capacity building within the wonderful Badjao Tribe.

SERVE has been sending volunteers overseas for 15 years, with the Philippines, India, Mozambique, and a new project for 2018, Vietnam, making up the summer placement locations. They have a clear commitment to tackling poverty, stereotypes and promoting sustainable development goals in communities overseas, while educating their volunteers on each of these issues also. They work in solidarity with their respective partners in the host countries, making it clear that our role as volunteers is to offer the skills, support, and assistance that our partners require to continue their development and progress within the community.



SERVE Volunteers with the Tribes Chieftain and some High School students

As mentioned above, I did my placement on the Philippines project where we volunteered in the Nano Nagle Childcare and Learning centre for the Badjao community. The Badjao community are a sea-nomadic tribe who traditionally make their living by fishing and deep-sea diving for pearls. Their traditional housing is that of a wooden structure suspended above the shoreline on stilts. They have great craftsmanship, building their own houses, boats and making clothes, jewellery, etc. The Badjao have an extremely rich culture, with their own language, rituals, and beliefs. They are considered one of the most peaceful tribes in the world and consider themselves a non-aggressive tribe. Certainly, their joyous, welcoming, and engaging spirits stole the hearts of all us during our time with them. Unfortunately, the Badjao people are also amongst the most marginalised in Filipino society, and are not recognised as being Filipino on their

death certs. They face challenges every day, none more so than gaining the acceptance of the wider Filipino community. When the Presentation Sisters first came to the tribe in the late 1990's, the Chieftain asked them to 'educate our children'. Since then, more and more Badjao people have received a formal education with 14 graduating from third level education, a great inspiration for the younger members of the tribe. SERVE's main objectives for their project in the Badjao community today are to; 1. Improve community leadership, 2. Develop member's capacity building and livelihood, and 3. To deliver basic social and infrastructure support. Through the contributions of countless Irish supporters, SERVE, with input from institutional donators, have been able to build safer, more secure housing for the community, build a concrete school structure that is the Nano Nagle centre we see today, support them in their mission to become educated and offer support in other areas of development that empower the community. As part of our volunteering commitment we were required to fundraise money. It was great to see first-hand where such donations had gone, and what they have achieved. Peoples generosity in donating towards the programme was overwhelming and it was enriching to see the money put to such good use.



The first Badjao School



The Nano Nagle School today

In order to describe the work we did while in the Philippines I will describe a typical day spent with the tribe:

Morning/After lunch

The volunteers would break into pairs and be sent to do one of the following;

1. Montessori classes. Here, we provided learning support to the wonderful teachers in classes aged from 3-6. As the programme progressed we began to lead the class, giving teachers the opportunity to attend meetings and plan etc.
2. Adult-development classes. Similar to the above, we provided learning support to the teacher, Junri.
3. Community work. During our time, we cleaned up and painted a building which is to be used as a livelihood centre in the community. We also planted some spring onions as the community look to start their own vegetable garden.
4. Computer tutorials/Assignment support. We assisted the older high-school/college students with their assignments and offered tutorials on how to use some computer programmes such as excel.
5. Accounting. We provided a group of women in the tribe with two tutorials on how to record their day-to-day income and expenditure.
6. Teacher training. Every Friday after lunch we would sit with the teachers and present ideas for activities they could try in the classroom. We mainly focused on the areas of art, drama, music, and dance while the student primary school teachers in the group offered ideas on activities specific for the Montessori classes.

Afternoon Workshops

In the afternoons we would spend roughly an hour giving workshops to the high-school students in the tribe. For this we were split into teams focusing on either art, drama, music, or dance. I was part of the dance group where we taught the students four contemporary dances as well as some Irish dances. We also incorporated their traditional Badjao dance into one of the dances and got students to come up with their own dance moves which were added to a routine. The art group made flower pots from recycled plastic bottles and the students planted flowers in these. They also made posters expressing why the students are proud to be Badjao. The drama group used drama to tackle issues the teens may face day-to-day such as peer pressure and bullying. They also composed a drama piece, which combined Irish and Badjao culture, on 'When the Badjao people met Cú Chulainn'. The music group took popular songs from the charts and helped the students come up



The freshly painted livelihood centre

with their own lyrics which all celebrated the Badjao culture. They also went through numerous activities which would help students to improve their singing techniques.



Picture with our final dance group

Saturdays

Saturdays generally involved a day-long activity with a group in the tribe. We had a 'Parent's Day' where we conducted a workshop with the students' parents on the right to a name. We took part in a 'Youth Project Day' with the high-school students which celebrated Badjao culture and how they have progressed over the years. We also conducted a Sports Day with the high-school students where they travelled to the grounds of the Holy Family Retreat House and we had different stations and activities for them to take part in.

Development Education

Throughout our experience we were also given a number of challenges which encouraged us to ask questions and learn more about the development issues the Badjao and wider Filipino society face. We had regular meetings where we discussed what we learned and other topics surrounding development education. We also had to write blogs and put together a video on the Millennial Development Goal of Gender Equality. To complete this, we conducted a number of interviews with members of the tribe, teachers in the Nano Nagle school, and Sr. Evelyn of the Presentation Sisters. The blogs and video can now be viewed on either the SERVE website, Facebook and YouTube pages.

It's very difficult to put into words the impact volunteering with SERVE has had on me personally. What I can say without a hint of doubt is that it has been the most incredible, enriching, and empowering experience of my life bar none. The welcome we received from the Badjao community was a testament to their kind, trusting and peaceful nature, and seeing how much us being there meant to them all was the best, most fulfilling feeling I have ever experienced. Before starting I admit I had my doubts. Sure, I thought, we will go over for a month and

work with the community, but what difference can this really make, what will happen when we leave again? Upon my return I realise now that despite all the work we do while with them, it's simply the being there that makes the biggest impact. The teachers told us, and it was made obvious by the community, that the fact that a group of Irish people choose to come and spend time with them, and work in solidarity with them, empowers them and fills them with confidence and pride in their community and identity. The Badjao are often ostracised and looked down upon by their peers in Filipino society. The fact that we want to spend time with them and help them to develop skills is the key contribution we give towards their empowerment. Also, it is great for the students to see people come in who have completed their education, and now have skills to pass on to others, and to find out about different career routes and possibilities. So many of the students would tell us about their ambitions to become teachers, businesswomen, engineers, and their goals of

travelling in the future. Their appreciation for school was amazing and their appreciation of our volunteer programme and the many Irish donations was so lovely. They do not take the kindness of your donations for granted nor do they waste them. The Badjao students we worked with are the most goal-driven, determined group of students I have ever come across and I have no doubt that as the generations continue to get educated and find work, the Badjao community will come to prosper. To help make this happen I would encourage everyone to contribute towards the work of SERVE, be it through contributing financially towards a volunteer placement, directly to SERVE or if possible, by getting involved as a volunteer in one of the projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who contributed towards the programme, the support from the community was overwhelming, thankfully your donations are going a long way for the Badjao people in Cebu.

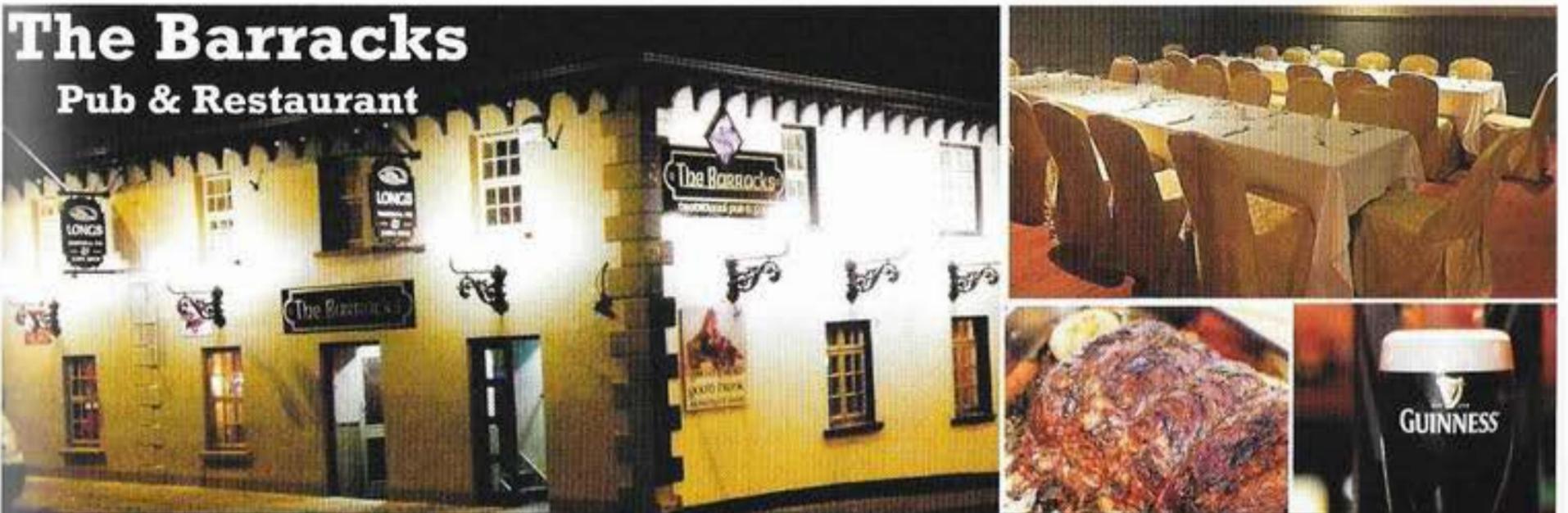


With some of the Badjao Children



Teaching in a Montessori Class

The Barracks Pub & Restaurant



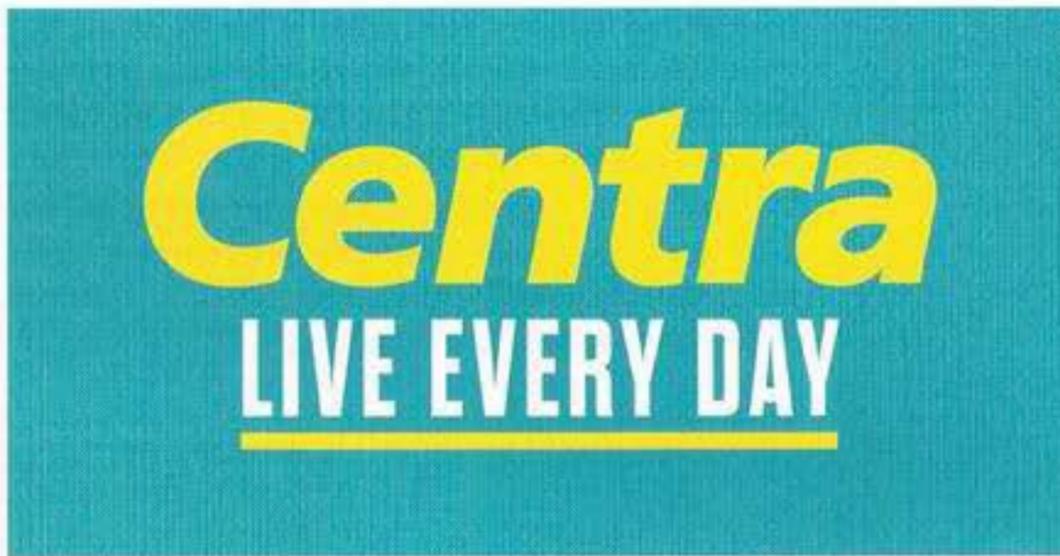
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Clubs and Organisations

More than a Flying Visit to Foynes and Askeaton

An early morning start to our day trip to Foynes and Askeaton meant that our first stop, on arrival, was the coffee shop. Having refreshed ourselves, we were ready to embark with enthusiasm on our guided tour of Foynes Flying Boat Museum.

A most interesting audio visual display laid the foundation for the tour of the museum which followed.

Our guide explained that the Flying Boats became a popular mode of transport across the Atlantic for passengers wealthy enough to afford the fare. As they could land on any clear stretch of water, they could be bigger and heavier than other aircraft and, consequently, more luxurious. They could serve most of the world's largest cities, which were located on the coast or near large waterways.

In 1933, Charles Lindbergh had attempted to identify a suitable location for a European Pan Am Atlantic terminal. He later endorsed the decision of the Board of Works to build a terminal for Flying Boats and

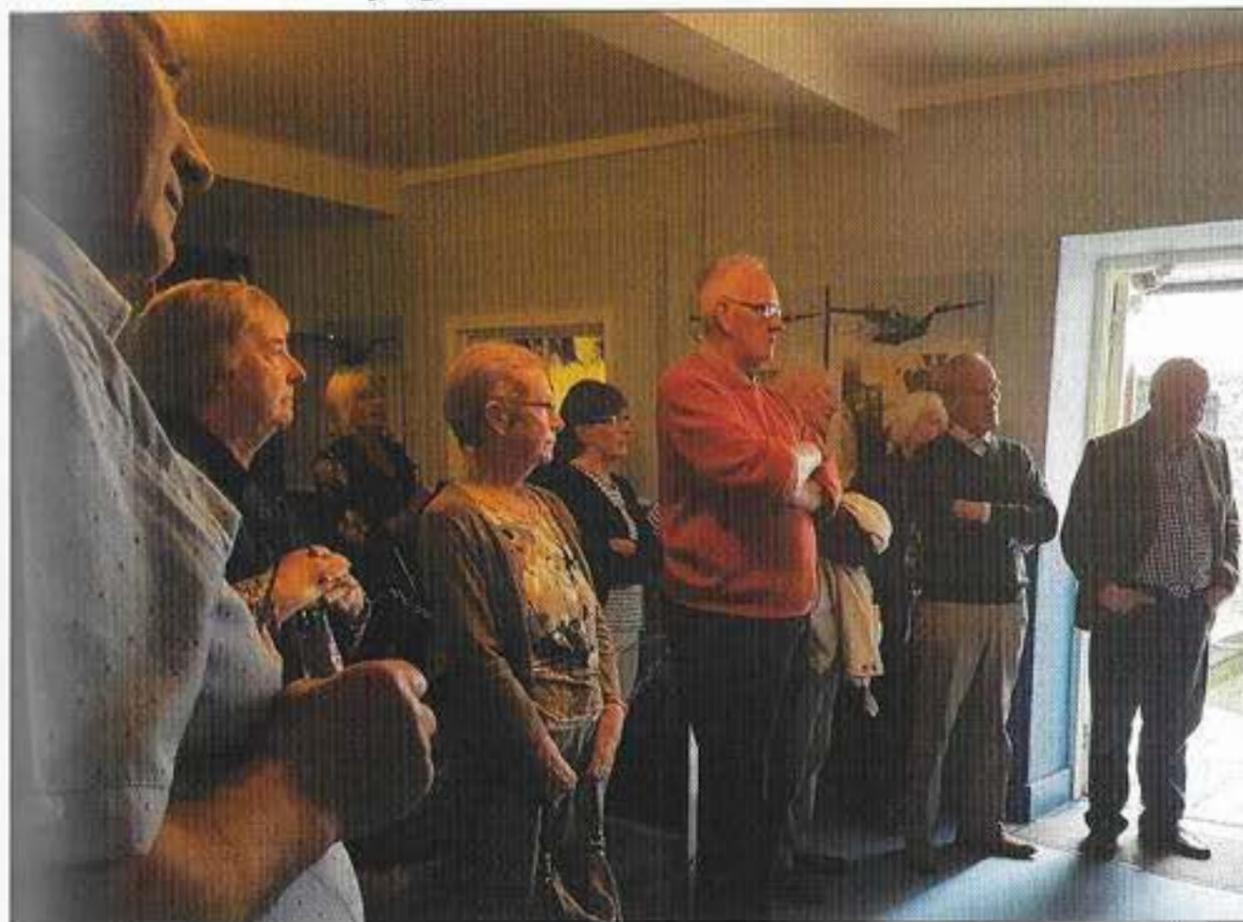
aeroplanes at Rineanna in Co. Clare. It would take some time, however, before a maritime air terminal could be built and an interim solution was needed. On Monday, December 16th 1935, The Irish Times announced that Foynes would be the European Terminal for the Transatlantic Air Services. Foynes was an ideal location, situated on the Shannon and easily visible from the air. The lower part of the Shannon, near Foynes is sheltered from Atlantic winds and waves. The town was served by a railway station, was close to Shannon Airport and was located on a main road to Limerick. Having operated as a port since 1846, it had many facilities necessary for the Flying Boats. Boats would be available to ferry passengers and patrol landing areas. Refuelling of Flying Boats would be more convenient due to the location, nearby, of two large oil and petrol companies.

In July 1936, Pan Am signed a contract with Boeing for the first transatlantic passenger aircraft, the

B314 Flying Boat. The era of the Flying Boats was well under way. Memorabilia from this glamorous era lined the walls of the Flying Boat Museum; posters of exotic destinations, radio receivers and transmitters, staff uniforms and equipment from the Flying Boats, as well as information on some of the Flying Boats more famous passengers, including Maureen O'Hara, Gracie Fields and Humphrey Bogart.

Placing the Flying Boat Museum in its wider context, is an exhibition on the history of the port of Foynes and on the influential families of the surrounding area; the Spring Rice, De Vere and O'Brien families.

Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of the museum for many of us was the model of the Flying Boat, The Yankee Clipper. Exploring this model brought the luxurious era of the Flying Boats to life for us. Indeed, while trying out the flight simulator, many of us allowed our imagination, if not the actual Flying Boat, to take flight.



Ann O'Dwyer at the controls of the Flying Boat

The well appointed cabin of the Flying Boat could not, however, hide the fact that these early flights were fraught with danger. On display at the museum was the wreckage of the Sunderland Flying Boat which crashed on Mount Brandon Co.Kerry on 28th July 1943. The Captain, Tom Allitt, and nine passengers were killed, while the remaining nine passengers and six crew had a miraculous escape. Adverse weather conditions often meant that Flying Boats had to turn back to Foynes. The "point of no return" was the point after which the Flying Boat would no longer have enough fuel to turn back. One anecdote recalls how a bemused passenger on one such Flying Boat which had to return to Foynes, driven back by inclement weather, had slept through the Flying Boat's twelve hour flight and thought he had reached his intended destination. On seeing the BOAC traffic officer he exclaimed; "Good heavens, there's a chap exactly like you who saw us off at Foynes."

Interestingly, it was such a group of weary and dishevelled passengers who were responsible for the invention of the first Irish Coffee. They had left Foynes for Borwood, but had to return due to bad weather and their ten hour journey in such miserable conditions had taken its toll on the group. Returning to Foynes, they had asked for coffee, but Chef Joe Sheridan thought that they might need a little drop of something in the coffee, for extra sustenance. One American passenger enquired if he were drinking Brazilian coffee, to be told that he was, in fact, drinking Irish coffee.

Not to be out done, members of Pallasgrean and Templebraden Historical Society enjoyed a demonstration of the art of making an Irish Coffee. Margaret Ryan was awarded a medal for her mastery of the craft and many of our members enjoyed the opportunity to sample her handiwork.

Fortified by the wonderful visit and the Irish Coffee, the group headed to Askeaton to experience a much earlier time in our history. Askeaton has much to offer. Our first stop was the Franciscan Friary and here we met



our guide Anthony Sheehy. Situated on the banks of the Deel about five minutes walk from the centre of the town, the Abbey is an impressive site and considering its proximity to the castle, makes one realise how important Askeaton was during the 14th – 16th centuries. Much of the present building dates from 1420 - 1440. While it is uncertain which of the Fitzgeralds of Desmond founded the abbey, both it and the castle are associated with that family. Our guide led us into the ground floor of the east range and the large fireplace and chimney indicate that it was probably used as a kitchen. From here we entered the impressive, well preserved cloister.

The cloister is intact; the arches are delicately carved and in the north east corner we passed a carved statue of St. Francis showing the stigmata. (3638 - statue of St. Francis) We then entered the chancel which would have been very brightly lit by the large east window. Here were the sedilia, the altar and a carving of St. Patrick. In the Nave, where the congregation gathered to hear sermons and to attend mass, are elaborate tomb niches. Another detail observed was the piscina; a stone basin near the altar in Catholic and pre-Reformation churches for draining water used in the mass.

The Friary was attacked by Sir

Nicholas Malby, President of Connacht, in 1579 during the Desmond Wars. The friars were expelled and a number of them were killed. In 1627 the Friary was revived and continued to be used until 1714.

As there is restoration work being carried out at the Castle and the viewing area is confined due to protective railings, we split into two groups. The first group followed Anthony to the castle and the second were well looked after in the reception area of the swimming pool complex with tea and coffee.

It is believed that the Castle was founded on an island in the river Deel around 1199 by William de Burgo. The 15th century tower on the rock replaced an older tower on the site. In 1348 it passed to the Earl of Desmond who held it for over two centuries. The Banqueting Hall was erected by the 7th Earl of Desmond between 1440 and 1459. In the Desmond Rebellion of 1579 the Earl defended it against the aforementioned Sir Nicholas Malby but it fell in 1580. It was eventually rendered harmless in 1652. Nearby the rather incongruous early 18th century building constructed of red brick and stone was reputed to be Limerick's Hellfire Club. Scaltheen, a drink associated with the Hellfire clubs was a mixture of whiskey, cream and butter mulled by a red hot poker.

A short walk up the town is the Church of Ireland grounds and here lies the remains of the poet Aubrey de Vere whose family lived at Curraghchase.

Leaving Askeaton, we paused to admire the Catholic church and adjacent sensory garden. Our final destination was The Arches Restaurant, Adare, where we dined in style and enjoyed a chat after a most

enjoyable day. Our thanks to Ann O'Dwyer and Breda O'Dwyer for organizing such an interesting trip.

Gillian Hickie and Siobhán English

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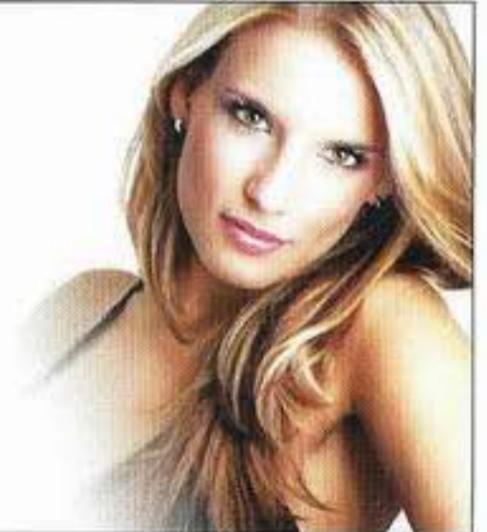
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Pallasgreen GAA Senior Club

Michael Lawton- Secretary

Saturday, September 9th was a very proud day for Pallasgreen GAA Club when two of our players, Colin Ryan and Darragh Fanning, were part of a victorious Limerick Hurling Team which won the All – Ireland Under 21 Championship. This was Limericks sixth Under 21 Hurling title and Colin has now been part of two of those wins. Both Colin and Darragh were nominated on the Under 21 Hurling Team of the year. It was a great achievement for Colin and Darragh and they have done their families, club, parish and county proud as well as being source of inspiration to all the young players in our club.

On the field of play our Premier Intermediate Hurling Team drew the first game with Blackrock. In the second game they also drew with Feohanagh when they were unlucky to concede a last minute goal. Next up was Garryspillane when we were defeated following our poorest display to let us with just 2 points after 3 games. In our next game we put up a very good display to beat Mungret despite being short some players. In the next game we beat Effin and then Murroe beat us by two points heading into the last group game which we had to win. In that last game we managed to beat Bruree by 2 points when we scored a last minute goal to qualify for the semi – final. In the semi – final, before a fine crowd in Caherconlish, the eventual winners, Murroe, just pulled clear in the last 5 minutes to win by 3 points.

In the Intermediate Football, we lost our first game against Gerald Griffins but then we went on to beat Castlemahon, Athea and Cappamore. Despite losing the last group game to Mountcollins we had qualified for the Quarter Final. In the Quarter Final, on a very bad evening in Martinstown, we were beaten by 1 point by Galbally in a game which we could have won.

In the Junior B. Hurling Championship we beat Doon, Fedamore and South Liberties before being beaten by Fedamore in the semi

– final in a game which did not go well for us.

In the Junior A Football League we got to the County Semi – Final when we were beaten by Fr. Caseys in a fairly close game and they went on to win the Final very easily. In the Junior A Football Championship we were beaten by Ahane in the East Semi Final.

In the Under 21 Hurling we competed in the Premier Grade for the first time in a number of years. In our first game we had a very good win against Ballybrown. In the other game we were beaten by Kilmallock in terrible conditions in Knocklong, Kilmallock went on to be narrowly defeated in the Final. In the Under 21 Football we beat Cappamore in the East Semi – Final and at the time of going to press we have qualified for the East Final against Ballybricken.

Pride of place goes to our Minor Hurling Team, in the East Final they beat Kiltely by 4 points. They then beat Granagh Ballingarry in the County Semi – Final with a fantastic second half performance despite having our panel reduced to 15 players because of injury. In the County Final in Bruff Pallasgreen put

up a great performance to beat Ballybrown by 2 points which should have been much more to crown a great year for a very determined and hard working team. Our Minor Football Team were beaten by Cappamore in the East Final.

We would like to congratulate any of our players who represented Limerick this year. As I have already mentioned Colin and Darragh, I would also like to congratulate Brian Fanning who was ever present on the Limerick Senior Football Team throughout the League and the Championship.

Congratulations to our Juvenile Section for the hard work, coaching and training they have put in throughout to year to ensure that our games continue to play a major part in the Parish and also for the success they have achieved. I would also like to congratulate the 3 schools in the parish for the work they do to nurture our games.

I would like to thank our lotto committee for the commitment they give to ensure we can continue to operate. I would also like to thank the bingo committee for the work they put in to support our development, especially the astro – turf which has



Pallasgreen Minor Hurling Team East Champions 2017

Front Row L to R; Conor Linnane, Adam Lynn, Cian Lonergan, Michael O'Connell, David Ryan, John O'Donnell, Alex Murphy Ryan, Collum Cosgrave

Back Row L to R; Pat Roche, Trevor McMahon, Donnocha Looby, Colin McMahon, Alan Hanley, Shane Bradshaw, Kyran O'Donnell, Kyle O'Connell, Aidan McNamara, Aaron Greene, JJ Looby, Tony McMahon

been a fantastic addition to the Club this year. I would like to thank our sponsors who support the Club throughout the year.

I would like to thank all our selectors and coaches who put in so much effort to prepare our various teams throughout the year. A special word for our players who performed with distinction on our various teams to make us a force to be reckoned in whatever competition we compete in.

The Club extends its condolences and deepest sympathies to all who suffered bereavements during the year.

Finally I would like to thank all who helped out the club during the year and anyone who supported our teams in their various games.



Pallasgreen County Minor Hurling Champions 2017

Front Row L to R; Adam Lynn, Alex Murphy Ryan, Michael O'Connell, Kyran O'Donnell, Shane Bradshaw, Conor Linnane

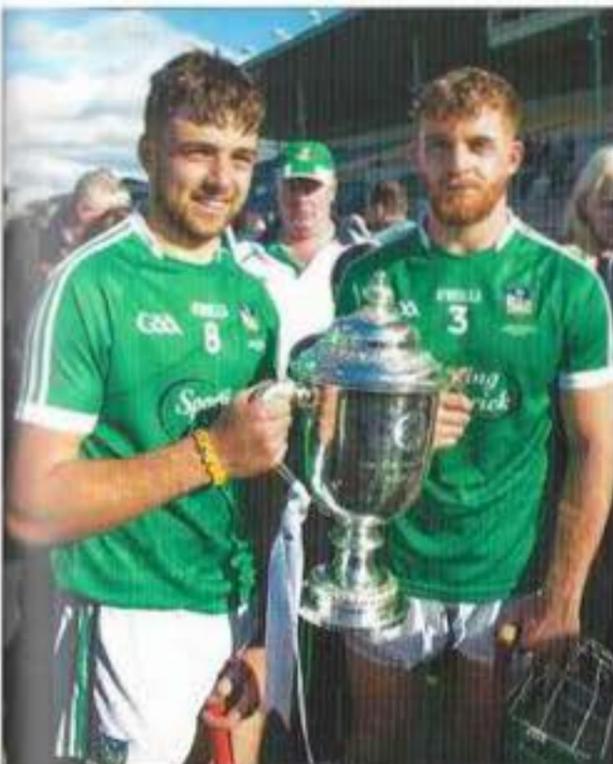
Back Row L to R; John O'Donnell, Michael Fitzgerald, John Hickey, Aidan McNamara, Collum Cosgrave, Aaron Greene, Alex Hanley, Colin McMahon, Donnocha Looby, JJ Looby, Kyle O'Connell.



Colin Ryan and Darragh Fanning celebrate Munster Final victory.



Jimmy Fanning, Paddy Greene, Colin Ryan, Mary Ryan, Denis Ryan and Darragh after the Munster U21 Hurling Final.



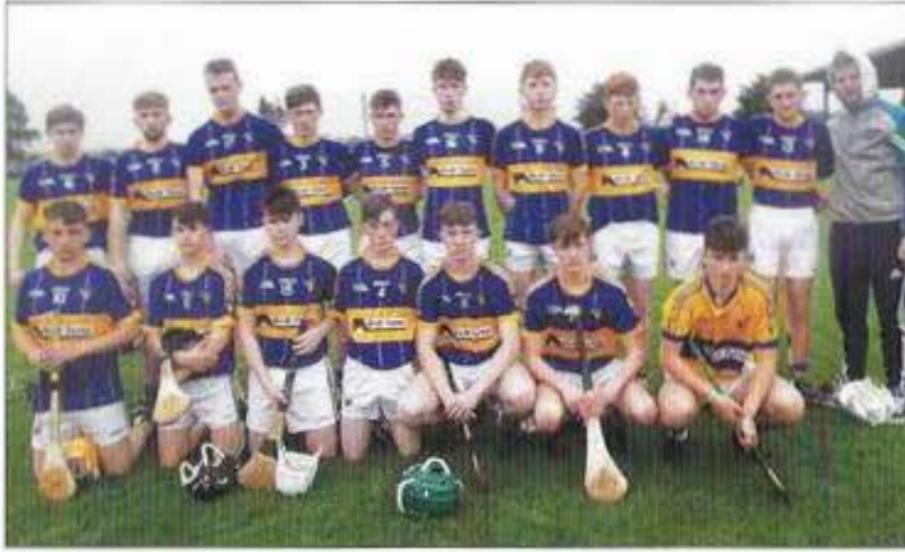
Colin Ryan and Darragh Fanning with the All Ireland U21 Hurling Cup



Pallasgreen JB Football Team East League Champions 2017

Front Row L to R; Diarmuid Murnane John O'Connell, Pierce O'Dwyer, Declan O'Connor, Alan Cosgrave, Conor Roche, Willie Ryan, Darren Roche.

Back Row L to R; Pdraig O'Dwyer, Luke O'Dwyer, Brian McCarthy, Denis O'Dea, Trevor McMahon, Mike Moloney, Joe Keogh, Michael Gammell



U21 Football East Champions 2017

Front Row L to R; Brian Fanning, PJ Butler, Conor Roche, Noah Deere, Pierce O'Dwyer, Aaron O'Sullivan, Brian McCarthy, Joe Keogh, Colin Ryan, Darren Roche

Back Row L to R; Adam Ryan, Robert Laffan, Christian O'Dwyer, Alan Hanley, Alan Cosgrave, Denis O'Dea, Sean Looby, Shane Murphy, Luke O'Dwyer, John O'Donnell, Collum Cosgrave.



Intermediate Hurling Team County Semi Finalists

Front Row L to R; Trevor McMahon, Darragh Fanning, Kevin Barry, Brian McCarthy, Jonathon Deere, Lorcan O'Dwyer, Tony McMahon, Chris McMahon.

Back Row L to R; Thomas Franklin, Eddie Mulcahy, Pat Roche, Conor Roche, Brian Fanning, Seamus Mulcahy, Colin Ryan.

Pic. Seamus McElligott



St Brigid's Ladies Football Team County Intermediate Champions 2017.

Leonie O'Donnell Garrydoolis 5th from left front row. Margaret Ryan 4th from left back row.

Pic. Seamus McElligott

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As the opening lines of the GAA's Official Guide state, the active support of the Irish language and culture is central to the GAA's business.

Pallasgreen GAA club has always been very supportive of this core tenet of the GAA's ethos and are committed to ensuring that our culture and heritage is kept alive in our club.

As part of this commitment in 2017 Pallasgreen GAA began working with Glór na nGael to obtain the "Joe McDonagh Medal".

The Joe McDonagh Medal is an initiative promoted by Glór na nGael and The GAA in clubs wishing to further the use of the Irish language in their community.

To be awarded the medal clubs are given a list of 70 realistic, attainable targets which will have a positive impact on the status, learning and use of the Irish language in the club.

Gold medals will be awarded to clubs on completion of 80% of the list. Clubs that complete 50% of the list are awarded the silver medal, with a bronze medal being awarded to clubs on completion of 25% of the targets.

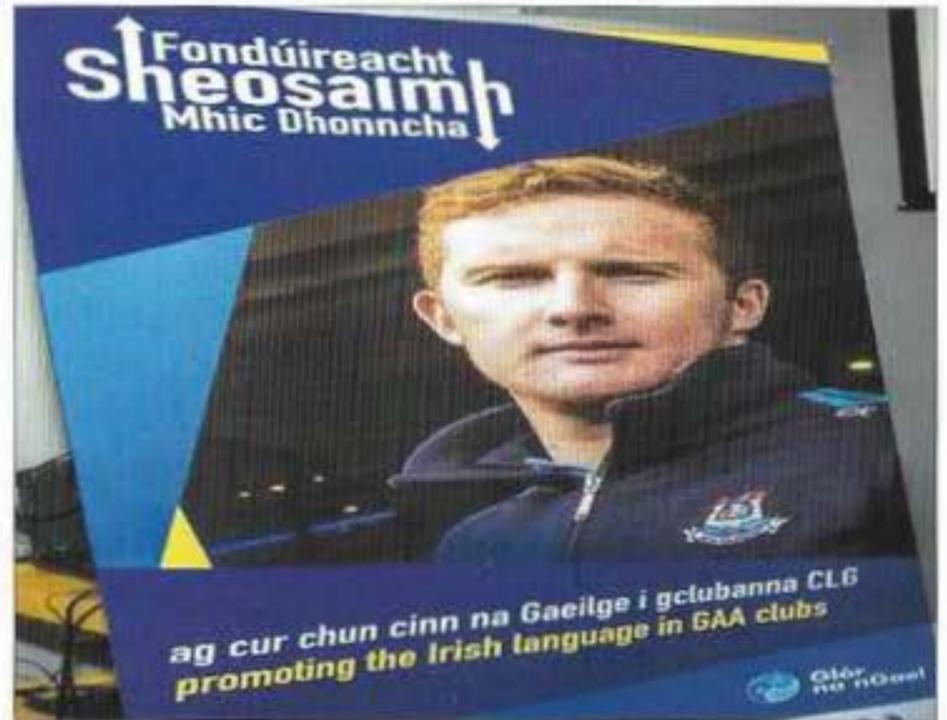
The medal provides both the inspiration to and the recognition of making a big difference in the club.

As every great adventure begins with the first step, the club have decided to pursue the bronze medal in 2017/2018.

By taking such simple steps as appointing an Irish Language Officer, using the Irish language on club stationary and as part of the official club name and logo, our Irish Language Noticeboard and by sending club correspondence bi-lingually Pallasgreen GAA club are well on the way to bronze medal accreditation.

In the coming months some initiatives we will be undertaking to further enhance our commitment to the promotion of the Irish language in our club and community include:

- Continuing our initiative to encourage coaches and mentors to use some simple Irish language phrases during coaching sessions (See our facebook page for more details);
- Continuing to include our Irish language updates in the Club and Parish Notes in The Limerick Leader;
- Include the Irish language on the agenda at club meetings;
- Install Irish language signage for the dressing rooms, toilets, and referees' rooms etc;



- Make the Irish language a part of our club fundraisers;
- Establish a working group to further the development of the Irish language in our club;
- Bilingual posters;
- Hosting a monthly conversational group – grúpa comhrá on the second Saturday of the month from 5-6pm in the High Nelly Café.

We would encourage all club members, coaches and players to get behind these initiatives and support our pursuit of the Joe McDonagh Medal.

To find out more about how Pallasgreen GAA are supporting the Irish language and the "Joe McDonagh Medal" please visit our Facebook page or www.glornangael.ie. Contact the club's Oifigeach Gaeilge at o.g.clg.pailisghreine@gmail.com with your suggestions, comments and or queries.

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Éilín de Grás

"CONTAE LUIMNIGH AG COMHRÁ"

Ar an g14ú Deireadh Fómhair, ghlac slua breá, páirt sa churiarracht domhanda "Comhrá 2017" anseo i bPailís Ghréine. Is sa chaife "High Nelly" a bhuaileamar le chéile. Tháinig daoine ó chian is ó chongar, ón gCeapach Mhór, ó Imleach, ó Ghallbhaile, ó Dún Bleisce, ó Pháirc na Seamróg, ó Cathair Chinn Lis, ó Áthán agus ó Phailís Ghréine agus an ceantar máguaird, ar ndóigh. Bhí fear amháin ann ó chontae na Míche!



Cuid den slua ag an High Nelly le déanaí

Bhí deis ag seancháirde bualadh le chéile arís. Chomh maith le sin, cuireamar aithne ar dhaoine nua leis an suim chéanna in ár dteanga dúchais. Cuid desna daoine a bhí ann bhíodar líofa, cuid eile ba foghlaimeoirí iad, ach gach duine ag iarriadh spáis agus comhlúadar chun cleachtadh le. Suíomh iontach a bhí sa chaife, áit a bhí oiriúnach dosna páistí a bhí i láthair.

I measc an grúpa seo, bhí 3 chlann áitiúil ann le páistí óga. Tugann sé sin dóchas dúinn don todhchaí. Beidh an Ghaeilge ag na páistí siúd. Beidh an Ghaeilge beo.

Le cúnamh Dé, beimid ar ais arís an bhliain seo chugainn chun cur leis an éacht seo – 172 uair de chomhrá leanúnach trí Ghaeilge, lunaithe in áiteanna éagsúla ar fud an domhain. Idir an dá linn, beimid ag cleachtadh!

Cuige sin, beimid ag bualadh le chéile ar an dara Satharn de gach mhí sa chaife céanna – High Nelly, ar an N24, idir Pailís Ghréine agus Úlla, ag tosú ag 5 iarnóin.

Ar ndóigh, tá fáilte roimh chách, idir óg agus aosta. An duine is óige a bhí ann ag ár gcéad ócáid ná Sailóg agus í 3 sheachtain ar an saoll



Bhí an ócáid seo eagraithe ag an gCLG: Craobh Pailís Ghréine i gcomhpháirt le Comhaltas: An Cheapach Mhór-Maigh Rua mar chuid den churiarracht domhanda "Comhrá 2017". Sé seo daoine ar fud an domhain, ag comhrá lena chéile trí Ghaeilge amháin. Mar shampla, idir 4 agus 5 bhí an



grúpa i bPáras "An Ghaeltacht-sur-Seine" ag craoladh beo ar an idirlín. Ansin bhíomar, i bPailís Ghréine, beo ó 5 go 6. In ár ndiaidh, tháinig grúpa ó Ráth Garbh i mBaile Átha Cliath ar líne. Thosaigh an dúshlán seo maidin Dé Luain ag 9, 09/10 agus chríochnaigh sé ag meanlae 16/10/2017. Sé sin 171 uair de Chomhra leanúnach trí Ghaeilge – níos mó ná seachtain.

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Gráinne Colbáird

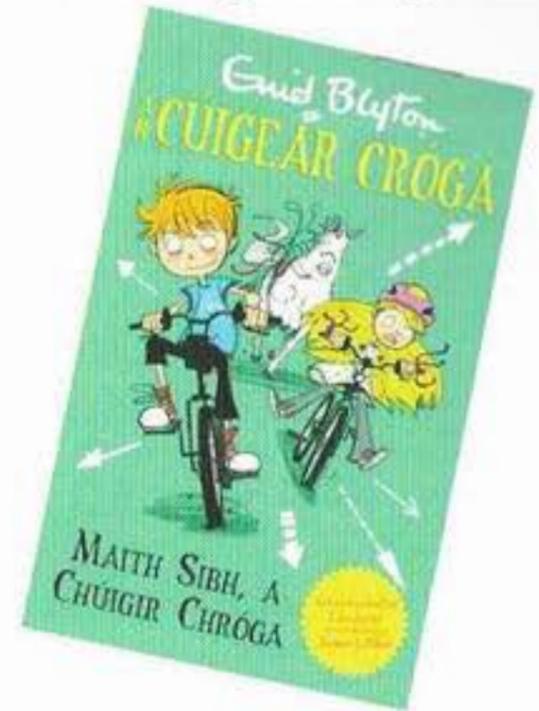
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Pallasgreen Juvenile G.A.A. Club

Margo Greene

2017 saw further progress and increases in both members and coaches within Pallasgreen Juvenile G.A.A. Club. The Juvenile club believes that participation in such sports develops so many skills and aptitudes among players. Children can become members as young as 4 or 5. We invite new or returning members from around the entire parish of Pallasgreen and Templebraden. We have 170 registered Juvenile members. As well as committing to weekly training and scheduled matches, these members also partook in various activities over the season including a club mass in March, the sponsored walk in May, Cul Camp in July, end of season day trips in September as well as a very enjoyable family table quiz in October.

While the season ended at end of October, we will resume training early in the New Year and would welcome new members, coaches, committee members as well as help and support 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 2017 season. Throughout the season, we have had consistently big numbers at the training sessions every Wednesday evening (Hurling) and Sunday morning (Football). We are delighted to have 4-6 coaches working with each of these age groups. This allows the children to get more individualised attention and support to develop their skills. We thank each of these for their willingness to commit their time and energy to the children of the parish. Our new all-weather pitch continues to be a fantastic resource, particularly to the younger children and their coaches.

The U8 and U10 teams participated in fortnightly Regional blitzes. We were also invited to a number of additional blitzes in venues including Caherline, Cappawhite and Kiltelly. The U10 team also attended a number of regional blitzes where they competed against teams from counties across Munster. The U6 teams played in some friendly blitzes this season against teams from Cappawhite, Doon, and Hospital and are making great strides.

Towards the end of the season, we organised a very enjoyable and successful day trip for the U6, 8, and 10 teams to Burgess Juvenile GAA club. Almost 80 players (girls and boys), along with their coaches and families travelled by bus. All players were treated to a meal on route home as a reward for their hard work!!

Under 12 - 16

The Under 12 and Under 14 players trained together each week and there was a substantial development of skill and ability over the season.

The Under 12 team had a very busy year and played hurling and football matches in the 11-a-side competition against teams from across the county. The season came to a close with football finals day in Rathkeale on Saturday, September 2nd and hurling finals day in UL on Friday, September 15th. On both days, we had a full panel of 20

players. In football, we played and defeated Cappagh in the semi-final and Cappamore in the final. In hurling we played and defeated Blackrock in the semi-final and Murroe-Boher in the final. Throughout the season, each player played their part and showed great skill and determination. Both finals were close and exciting matches.

Our Under 14 team competed in both hurling and football 15-a-side competitions. As we were an extremely young team, it proved to be a tough season. While we worked hard to carve out victories in some of these games, it was positive to see that the team demonstrated a 'never say die' attitude which will stand to them in the future.

Our U16 team competed in the 13-a-side competition given that numbers are tight in this age group, we played 6 group games in both hurling and football ending up in the championship final in hurling, where we were defeated by Kiltelly/Dromkeen but were successful in the shield final in football versus Galtee Gaels.

2017 was also a very busy year for Pallasgreen Juvenile Club's LGFA girls U10, U12, U13, U14 and U16 teams. Players registered with LGFA increased from 20 girls in 2015 to 61 in 2017. Many thanks to players, coaches, parents and supporters for the great support for the girls during the year and in particular thanks to Pallasgreen GAA and Juvenile club.

The club hosted an U10 blitz with local teams in June and took part in the Munster blitz hosted in the Silvermines in August and the blitz in Ahane in October.

The U12 team took part in the non competitive league in the Spring and competed in the Autumn championship. They were runner's up in the U12D Cup Final. They took part in the U12 Munster blitz in Tipperary in August.

The U14 team took part in the U14 championship and Summer League, taking the the Novice A champions title in May and runners up in the Division 3 Final in September. The team took part in the U14 blitz in Hospital in September. Congratulations to the girls who represented their club on the U14 County team, Clíodhna Ryan and Aoife Fealy.

The U13 took part in the U13 development league during the Summer.

The club will take part in the U11 County Club blitz at the end of October.

The U16 team were U16 Novice champions of the League in April and of the championship in October.

In August many players took part in the challenge match V Murroe Boher as part of the Knockane GAA Club festival. The match was enjoyed by all with medals provided for both teams. Many thanks to Knockane Gaa Club. Following the match some of the girls involved with Comhaltas music group exchanged the football gear for their musical instruments and played at the unveiling of the bench in memory of John Alymer.

Good luck to all the players taking part in the U15 and U13 County Development squads.

Well done to the girls who were selected for the Primary School's team.

Given the fantastic achievement of having two Pallasgreen players Colin Ryan and Darragh Fanning on the Limerick U21 hurling team, there was consensus among the committee that the end of season trip should be to the All-Ireland final in Thurles on September 9th. A total of 65 juvenile players (girls and boys u12-u16) travelled with 7 coaches to Semple Stadium. It was a fantastic day watching their heroes win so convincingly with the two local boys leading the charge. The highlight was getting a group photo alongside Colin and Darragh with the cup on the pitch after the game! Days like this will no doubt inspire some of these players that they could also proudly represent their families and club on a county and national stage. Congratulations to Darragh, Colin and all the Limerick U21 All-Ireland champions!!

County Representation

A number of Pallasgreen Juvenile GAA players have represented the club at various age groups and competitions over the season. Aidan McNamara and Conor Linnane were on the U15 Limerick hurling panel, Kyran O'Donnell and Colm McMahon on the U16 hurling team and Shane Bradshaw on the U16 football team.

In Spring, juvenile players who made the East Primary Schools Hurling Teams 2017 include Robert Corbett, Tadgh Hourigan. In late October a number of Pallasgreen Juvenile players were successful in being selected to play on the East Primary School Football Teams 2017 including Edward Franklin and Tadgh Hourigan.

Sincere Thanks

Like all voluntary organisations, it is only possible for the club to progress as a result of the contributions of so many people. Each age group has a number of coaches involved. We would like to thank all our coaches. They have all made a massive commitment and given so generously of their time and energy. Each coach works to help players to develop their skills and confidence. We always welcome new volunteers. Regardless of previous experience in playing, each volunteer enhances the club. We would also like to thank committee members, parents, players, parishioners and senior club members who supported the work of the Juvenile club during the season.

With limited opportunities for fundraising, we would like to thank those who sponsored the club at various stages over the season. A particular word of thanks to G&D Tyres who sponsored jerseys this year as well as John Kirby Electrical who sponsored prizes for the family table quiz. Thanks also to all families who supported our fundraisers.

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



U6 Boys and Girls



U8 Boys



U8 Boys and Girls



U10 Boys



U14 Girls



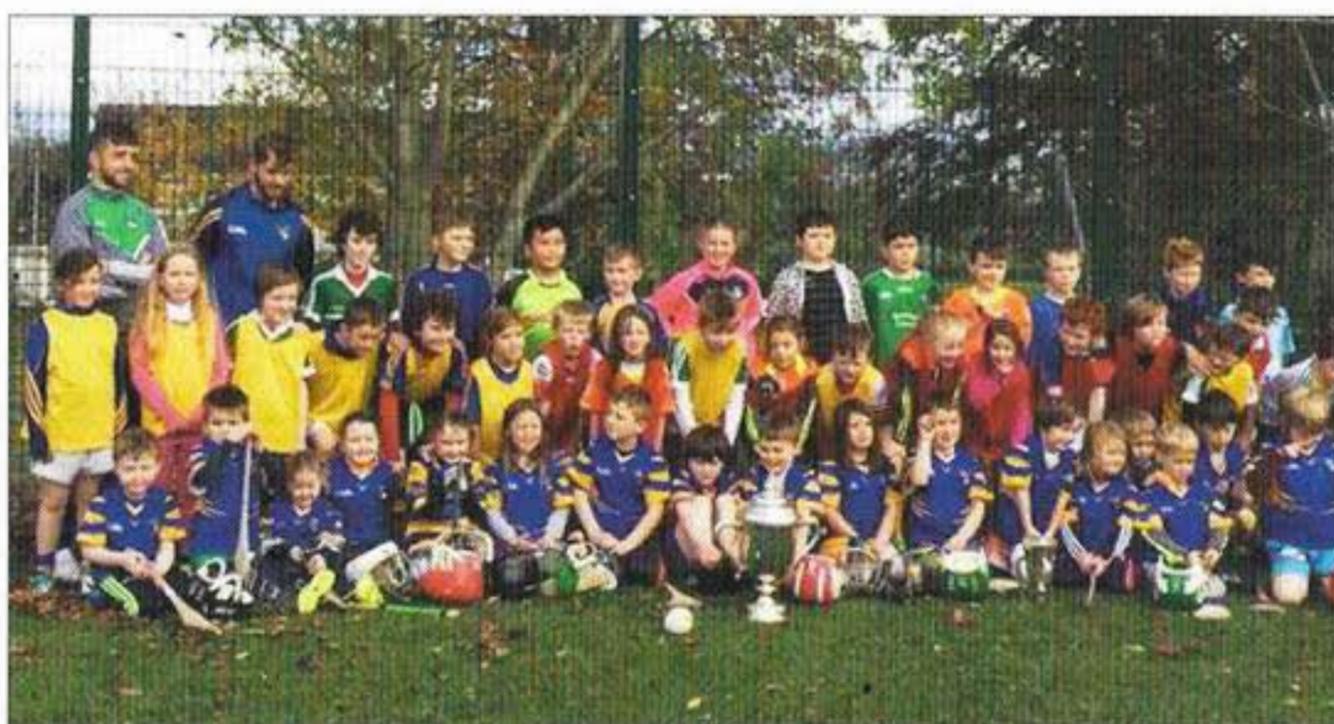
U10 Girls



U12 Girls



U12 Girls



All Ireland U21 Hurling Cup at training

In recent seasons, Pallasgreen Juvenile club has organised a day trip for Juvenile players towards the end of the season. This year, given the fantastic achievement of having two Pallasgreen players Colin Ryan and Darragh Fanning on the U21 Limerick team, there was no question that the club would travel en masse to the All-Ireland in Thurles on September 9th. A total of 64 juvenile players (girls and boys U12-U16) travelled with 9 coaches to Semple Stadium. Much fun was had on route and in the lead up to the throw in. It was a fantastic day watching Limerick win so convincingly with their two local heroes and role models leading the charge. There was great excitement when the final whistle blew with Pallasgreen players seen on TV and in many official photo! The highlight was experiencing the atmosphere on the pitch afterwards and getting a group photo with Colin and Darragh with the cup! Days like this will no doubt inspire these players that they could also proudly represent their families and club on a county and national stage. Congratulations to Darragh, Colin and all the Limerick U21 All-Ireland champions!!

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Laying Solid Foundations for the Future

Michael Ryan, Moymore (Chairperson)

What a year it has been since this Council began its work in late 2016! Last March we submitted 2 Expression of Interest applications to Ballyhoura Community Development Association as part of the LEADER funding programme. The first EOI was for funding for the proposed building of a playground on the site adjacent to the St Ailbe's Credit Union. The second was for the upgrade and further development of the existing Community Centre in Pallasgrean. We were delighted when we got news that both EOIs were successful and we were invited to provide a full submission for both projects. The final submission date for both applications was the 31st July 2017.

The Community Playground

The PTDA had previously acquired drawings and secured planning permission for the proposed playground. We consulted widely about the best site for the playground and the members of the Community Council decided to use one of the old tennis sites. We applied for, and got, a minor amendment to the original planning permission. The submission for both projects required detailed drawings and planning permissions, audited accounts, a new constitution, proposed fundraising events, insurance details, charity number, bank account statements, to name but only a few statutory requirements. The E tendering process, together with the selection of the winning project and the awarding of the contract, were all required to be completed by the deadline of the 31st July.

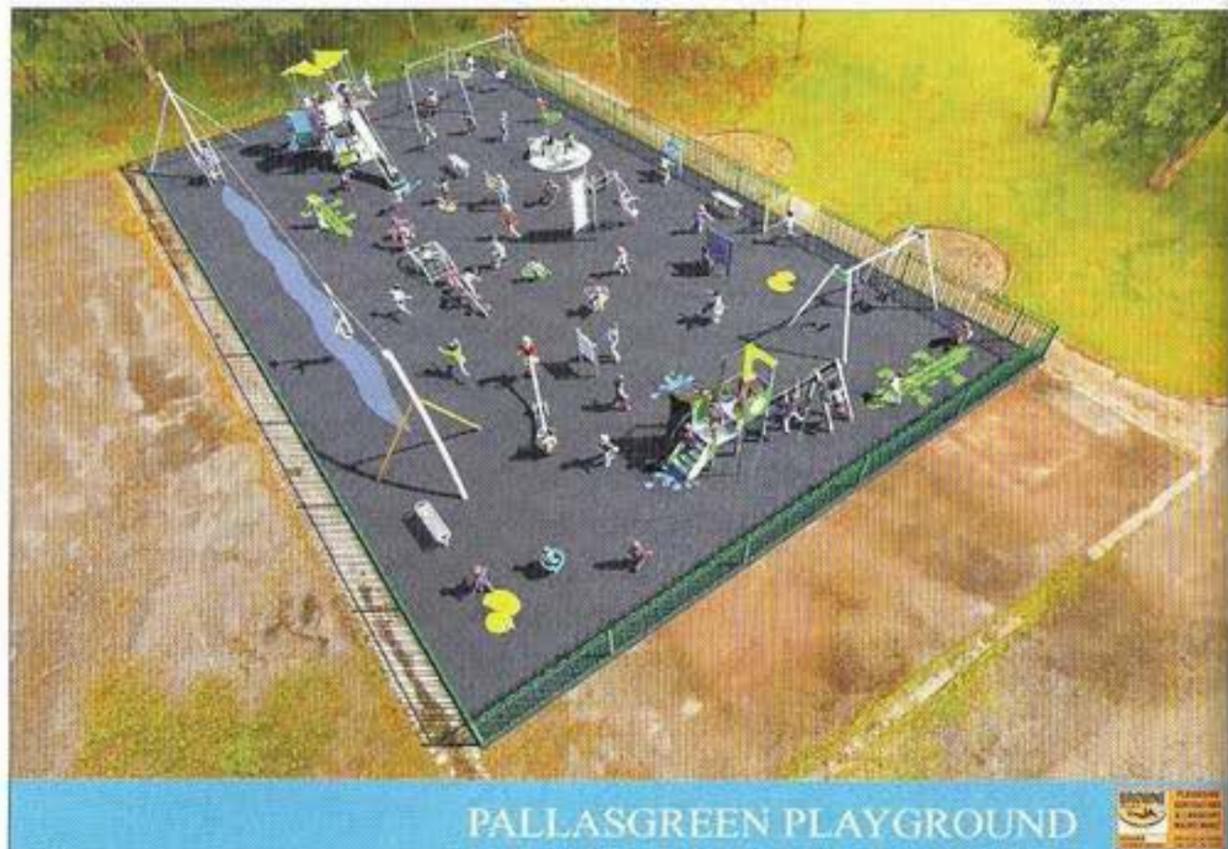
Having discussed these issues at a number of committee meetings, the officers set to work on providing the required documents for both projects. It quickly became apparent that it would be impossible to bring both projects to e tender and contract stage for the 31st July deadline. As we

already had planning permission for the playground by this stage, we made a decision to concentrate on bringing the playground to final fruition. It is important to point out, however, that the list of requirements, outlined above, and, in particular, the financial arrangements, are a prerequisite for applying to any statutory or voluntary agency for project funding, including Ballyhoura Development, Limerick City and County Council, or the National Lottery. They are the important building blocks to which we refer in our sub-title. We are now in a much stronger position to make the necessary applications as they arise. This work took several months, mainly June and July, and many officer meetings, and I will be forgiven for praising our Secretary, Joanne Beary, our treasurer, Joanna Bailey and our asst. Secretary, Stephen O Neill, as they did the lion's share of the tedious, painstaking work required to get us over the line.

Our architect, Liam Gleeson, made himself available to us immediately whenever he was required. This became highly important when it came to e tendering, receiving the tenders, and preparing them for our consideration under severe time

restraints. For this, and for his sound advice, we thank him. In the event, we received four tenders; we studied them carefully, compared and contrasted; marked each one on its merits and, unanimously thankfully, chose the successful tender. It came from Browne Brothers of Ennis and Cork: an image is printed here but a larger drawing is on public display in the Community Centre.

Our Secretary, Joanne Beary, delivered our submission to Ballyhoura Development in their main offices in Kilfinane a few hours in advance of the deadline. Our application for the playground ran to 600 pages of documents, forms, financial statements, drawings, photographs, and letters of support. The officials of Ballyhoura Development were extremely helpful to us, before and after the submission date, in helping us to fine tune the documentation. As I write in the first days of November 2017, our submission is about to go before a meeting of who make the final decision regarding our grant application. We should know our fate prior to Christmas. If we are successful, the playground will be erected in 2018. Let's hope so.



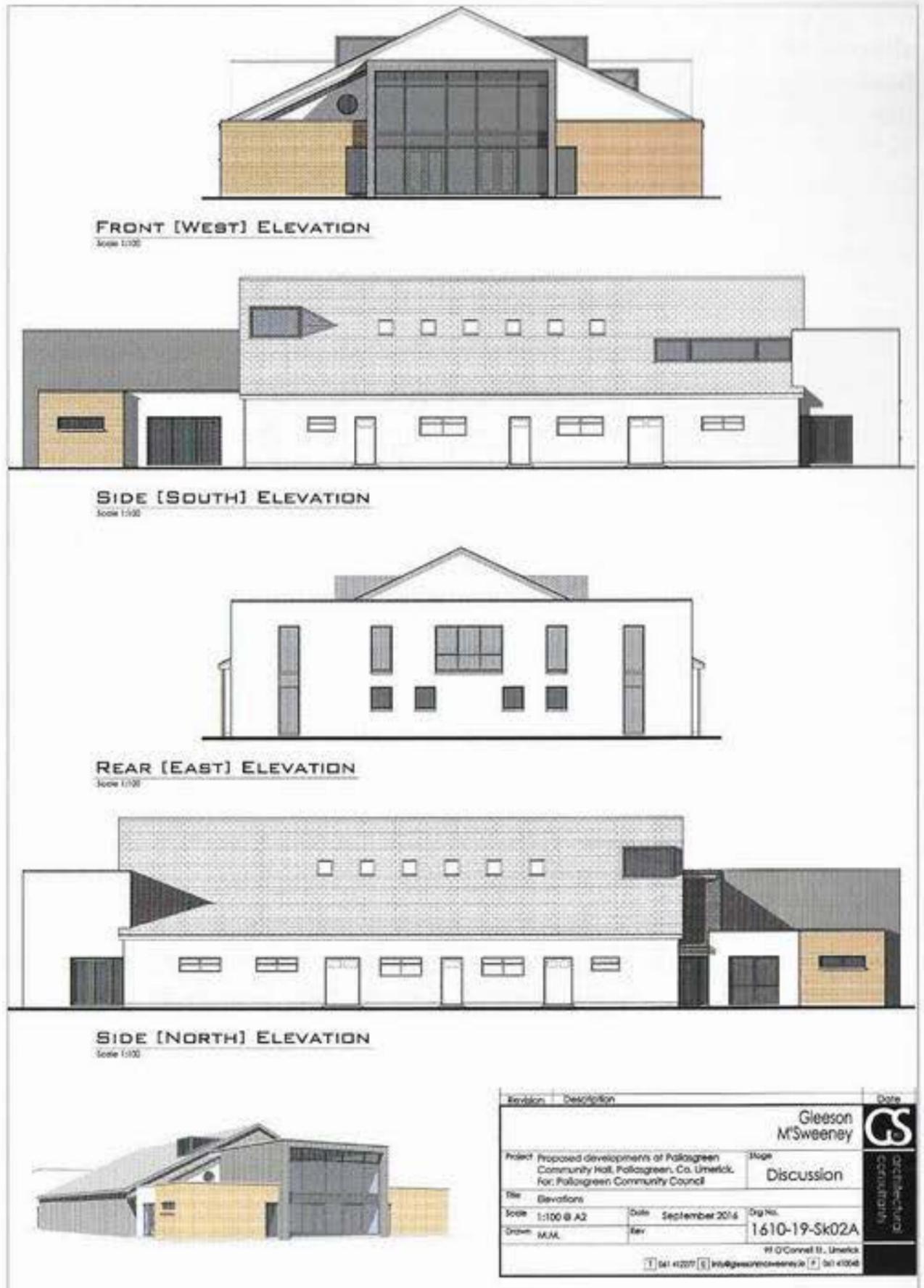
PALLASGREEN PLAYGROUND



The Community Centre

We have advanced our second priority a little during 2017. From Winter 2016 into Springtime 2017, the Council discussed, in great detail, the requirements for a revamped Community Centre, to fulfil the needs of present and future generations as best we could imagine. The main requirements were identified as follows; firstly, to modernise the main Hall, balcony and stage areas, all of which were considered to have been very well designed originally and still perfectly ideal for the purposes for which they were built. Secondly, it was considered that the following now needed to be added : a designated space for young people; a designated space for older people; a large , properly equipped meeting and education room; a welcoming reception/ticket/shop area; a larger and well equipped kitchen to cater for small-medium sized functions like birthday parties or post funeral functions; greater dressing room space behind the stage. We chose an architect, Liam Gleeson, through a tender process, and tasked him with producing drawings based on the agreed requirements above. We received the drawings in late Spring 2017 and considered them carefully as a Council. In general, we were very pleased with the proposed plans and we presented them to the public at an open meeting in the Community Centre on . At this stage, as we wished to apply for funding from Ballyhoura Development, we submitted the plans for planning permission. This was duly granted in early July, and the planners expressed complete satisfaction with all aspects of the design and layout. As explained earlier, we could not progress any further with this priority for the moment.

We, the members of Pallasgrean/ Templebraden Community Council, have learned much from the application process as described above. We are now better prepared for further funding applications. In hindsight, irrespective of the requirements, an application for funding for the entire Community Centre Project, would have been premature and foolhardy. Financially,



we need to be in a much stronger position ourselves before we commit to any application which involves E tendering, leading to commitments with builders. It is likely that we will proceed in manageable phases, beginning with necessary repairs to the roof and the modernisation of the existing building. We will proceed as quickly as we can, but we cannot 'bite off more than we can chew'. On your behalf, the Council will consider carefully all the options in early 2018, and plan accordingly.

Fundraising

We held two fundraisers over the past year. Our main fundraiser was the tin collection. I recommended this fundraiser to the Council members

and they accepted my reasons for doing so. This was a genuine attempt to allow parishioners to contribute to proposed Community projects their own pace and in their own time, rather than door stepping people looking for much larger contributions all at once or monthly, as we did for the Church Renovation Fund. All of us realise that Community projects of this nature will require a high level of local support over the number of years it takes to complete the projects. At the time of writing, the boxes have not yet been collected and we have no idea of the level of support. One way or another, we thank you sincerely for your contributions. If it is considered successful, and if people think that it a

reasonable (and less painful!) alternative to other methods of fundraising, then we are likely to repeat it in 2018. Let us know your views.

Our second fundraiser in October saw the showcasing of "Limerick's Fittest Superstars". This fundraiser was organised for us by the same group of people who collected huge amounts of money for charity in "Strictly Care to Dance" a couple of years ago- Ger O'Connell of Corelish, Susie O'Kelly (formerly Susie Ryan of Brackayle but now resident in Caherline) and Dara Fraher of Moymore, together with a small committee of dedicated locals. As your Chairperson, I was so astonished, and humbled, that such a small group would work so hard on the Community's behalf, to raise funds for our playground. This gives us all great heart! It was a wonderful night of fun and wholehearted effort. A big thank you to all who supported and participated on the night. The teams were Pallasgrean G.A.A., Pallas Utd., Knockane G.A.A (which included our own Marie Grace of Operation Transformation); Cappamore Fire Brigade, 2 teams from Pearse Motors, Tipperary Town; A.S. Fitness; St. Ailbe's Ladies Football Club, D'Unbelievables from Caherconlish (comprising Caherconlish Pharmacy, Stone Oven Bistro and O'Sullivan's Centra); and a celebrity team which included Galway camogie star, Aishlinn Connolly, John Kiely, Limerick Senior Hurling Manager; Kerry's Aidan O'Mahony;

Aislinn Desmond Kerry ladies football star and Joe O'Connor Limerick strength & Conditioning coach. Well done to The Cappamore Fire Brigade Team who were the winning team on the night and received their cheque of €1,000 from Diarmuid O'Dwyer representing the main sponsor, O'Dwyer Oil of Old Pallas. Many thanks to all our generous sponsors. Congratulations to Robbie Creamer on winning the 4 VIP tickets to the Ireland V Denmark qualifier match and the overnight stay in the Radison Blu, St Helen's in Stillorgan. This night raised over €10,000 for the playground fund, which is a real credit to the organisers. Thank you each and every person who played a part in this fundraiser.

Our Plans For 2018

Hopefully we will complete the playground and formulate plans for the Community Centre, as outlined above. We will invite all parishioners to contribute ideas towards a long term Development plan (Perhaps 2018-2028) for all aspects of Community Development in the entire Parish of Pallasgrean and Templebraden. It will be an integrated plan, to include the facilities and services we envisage for our parish over the next decade. We will welcome all ideas, big or small, and it will be the task of the Community Council members to agree on the items to be included in this plan. Our aim should be to formulate this plan by Summer 2018 but it is vital to get it right and agreed.

The Development Plan can then be presented to likely future funders and decision makers like Ballyhoura Development, Limerick City and County Councils, Government agencies, National Lotto, and private Benefactors. It should also include a consultative role for the Community Council in any future housing developments which should be planned and integrated into our overall development Plan. We will provide a number of opportunities for all parishioners and groups to contribute to this important piece of work.

Buíochas

Buíochas ó chroí le gach duine a chabhraigh linn i gcaitheamh na bliana seo d'imigh tharainn, go háirithe, gach uile duine ar Chomhairle Pobal an Pharóiste. Each and every member of the Community Council has contributed greatly to any progress we have made. Guím gach rath ar Phobal an Pharóiste atá lách agus flaithiúil linn i gcónaí. Thanks to all parishioners who have encouraged us and contributed, financially and otherwise, to our efforts. Bíodh sláinte agus sonas ag gach éinne um Nollag agus ar feadh na hAthbliana.

A special word of praise and thanks to the Combined Residents Association whose ongoing work contributes greatly to the Community and complements our efforts. Thanks to all the officers of the Council and to Joanne Beary, our secretary, for supplying me with the information on which this article is based.

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Launch Night of Plans for Community Centre



Attendance at the launch plans for the Community Centre



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Front Row L/R: Liam Gleeson (Architect), Ann O'Dwyer, Johanna Bailey, Joanne Beary, Michael Ryan, Bernie O'Sullivan, Nancy Ryan*



Michael Delaney, John O'Dwyer, PP O'Sullivan.



Liam Gleeson (Architect), Johanna Bailey (Treasurer), Joanne Beary (Secretary), Michael Ryan (Chairperson)

Community Awards

Pallasgrean-Templebraden Community Council in supporting local achievements honoured six local individuals who have enhanced the community through their endeavours in January 2017 in the Community Centre before a large crowd. This is new initiative by the PTCC saw a presentation to Diarmuid Greene Irish Press Photograph National Award. Marie Grace Operation Transformation Team Leader; Kyran O'Donnell All Ireland Schools Hurling Championship; John O'Donnell All Ireland Schools Hurling Championship; Grainne Condon All Ireland Schools Ladies Football Championship and Molly Horan All Ireland Schools Ladies Football Championship. The All Ireland schools champions were presented with sports vouchers and both Diarmuid and Marie were presented with a framed photograph depicting beautiful landscapes of both Templebraden and Nicker. These wonderful photos were taken by local photographer Michael O'Riordan. After the ceremony Diarmuid Greene presented Chairman of the Pallasgreen-Templebraden Community Council Michael Ryan with his award winning sports photograph which he took at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janerio, this picture will take pride of place in the Community Centre.



Back Row; Pakie Deere, Maurice Gleeson, Brian O'Neill, Joanne Beary (Secretary Community Council), Bernie O'Sullivan, PP O'Sullivan, Tom Ryan, Fr Pat Burns, Ger O'Connell, Stephen O'Neill
Front Row; Ann O'Dwyer, Molly Horan (Recipient), Grainne Condon (Recipient), John O'Donnell (Recipient), Marie Grace (Recipient), Diarmuid Greene (Recipient), Mary Dillon, Michael Ryan Chairperson (Community Council). Missing from photograph John O'Donnell (Recipient)

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE YEAR:

Diarmuid Greene formerly of Kilduff and an employee of the renowned Sportsfile Ireland's Largest Sports Photo Agency Ltd who received an award by the Irish Press Photograph National Award at a gala ceremony in Dublin early 2017. He won the National Award for his photo during the Paralympics in Rio of de Janerio, Brazil of Juan Jose Mendez Fernandez 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. A truly remarkable photo; Diarmuid presented his award winning photo to the Pallasgrean Templebraden Community Council at the Community Awards ceremony for display for the new community Hall.



Diarmuid and Niamh Greene with his winning photograph at the Irish Press Photograph National Awards.

Knockane GAA Club - 2017



Our season began in April with a win over Ahane in the football league, followed by a defeat to Ballybricken/Bohermore and a draw with Pallasgreen. We reached the league final against Ballybricken/Bohermore and despite a slow start to the game, we were within touching distance of the opposition right until the final whistle. In the end Ballybricken's ability to put scores on the board saw them run out winners by 3 points.

In preparation for the championship we played a number of challenge matches right around the county. Ballybricken/Bohermore were again

the opposition in the final. They ran out winners by a single goal. We had chances to level entering the final quarter but we were to be thwarted by some last ditch goal line heroics. The season finished in disappointment with a heavy defeat to West champions Dromcollogher/Broadford in Kilmallock. We drew with them earlier in the year in a challenge match, but on the day we had to give second best.

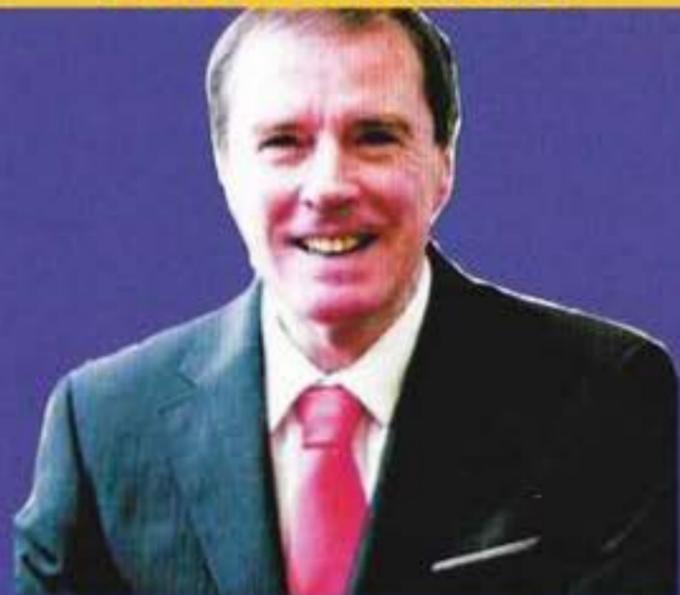
Overall, it has to be seen as a disappointing year, despite 2 final appearances we just couldn't reach the levels required to make the break though. Manager Anthony McCarthy and his selectors worked hard on improving our overall game plan, and young players like John Ryan and John O'Donnell made a big impact at vital stages in the year. More effort is needed in 2018 to compete and win against sides with greater player resources.

In fact, we are already in the process

of planning for next Year, and with the great united spirit within the community at the moment, generated by more interaction with local people and organisations, through our new facilities, such as the walkway and also aided by the events organised through Marie's participation in Operation Transformation, we are optimistic of recruiting more volunteers to help further the Club's ambitions. We always welcome new (or returning) Members or Players, but, this year in particular, we would like to grow our membership and subsequently our annual festival, which is aimed at being a real family occasion. We thank You for Your support throughout the Year and with Your help, let's make next Year even better and brighter for the Knockane Club and all who are openly invited to be part of it.

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John Alymer – ‘A Community Man’



The Alymer family, following the unveiling of a seat on the Community Walkway at Knockane GAA in memory of the late John Alymer – ‘A Community Man’.

*Back: Sharon O'Connor, Mary Alymer, Liz Alymer, John Alymer
Front: Ashling O'Connor, Jessica O'Connor*



The job is done!



The Pallas Comhaltas Group at the Alymer seat unveiling



William Ryan with PP O'Sullivan at the Alymer seat unveiling



Heidi O'Sullivan, Principal Garrydoolis NS, with William Ryan, Knockane GAA, and Garrydoolis NS pupils on National Tree Week on the Community Walkway.



Come on Knockane – the morning after!

My Creed by Edgar A. Guest

To live as gently as I can;
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill,
And cling to faith and honor still;
To do my best, and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory.
To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known;
To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretense or sham
Exactly what men think I am.
To leave some simple work behind
To keep my having lived in mind;
If enmity to aught I show,
To be an honest, generous foe;
To play my little part, nor whine
That greater honors are not mine.
This I believe is all I need
For my philosophy and my creed.

The Final Curtain

Pallasgreen Variety Show

The show of the weekend 17,18, & 19th of March 2017 was a poignant one not alone for being the last one for its renowned producer and some cast members, it was dedicated to the memory of all the people who have participated in any of the previous shows but sadly have now gone to their eternal rest. Since the Variety Group was formed in 1989 (in conjunction with the local Youth Club in the early days) the group have been lucky to have been able to call on these people whenever they were organising the shows. Some of them were with the show 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 or manned the car park their contribution was invaluable in ensuring the success of that's year's show. To jog your memory we can recall shows such as; Sounds of the Musicals, Music Magical Moments, On Broadway, Capital Hits, We Thank them For the Music, Scenes That Are Brightest, Pick N Mix, just to mention a few. The group are indebted to its fantastic producer for her vision, choreography, patience and for being Maureen an extraordinary person who have touched us, a producer who made us feel seen and helped us believe in our dreams, a friend who was inspirational to us all. The weekend of March 17, 18 & 19th brought down the curtain for Maureen Fitzgerald who has been at the helm since 1989 producing some memorable shows, the first show being "The Good Old Days" leading to this weekend show "Be Our Guest". A native of Murroe, Maureen went further back as she assisted the local ICA in 1982 when they were putting their shows together and the rest is history. In this her finale she will be fondly remembered by all who took to



the stage and audiences for her professionalism and plotting some real gems along with the drama, comedy and iconic songs. Pallasgreen Variety Group would like to thank you for and extraordinary twenty five or so seasons of support, encouragement and commitment to the show. To say that we could not have done this without you is an understatement.

The Cast and Crew of "Be Our Guest" 2017

Producer; Maureen Fitzgerald, Musicians; Tina Ronan Hines, Anna Jane Ryan, Karen Franklin, Michael Bourke, Michael O'Brien, Tara Campbell, Sound; Star Systems Thurles, Lighting; Colin Kinnane, Stage Manager; Michael Delaney, Back Stage Crew; Michael English, Garry Fraher, Annette Stokes, Colin Kinnane, Helen Ryan, Ellen Holmes, Mary Fitzgibbon, Costumes; Nell O'Neill, Annette Delaney, Props; Brian O'Neill

Cast; Ann O'Dwyer, Bernie Flynn, Joe Franklin, Ted Horan, Michael Ryan, Laura Flynn, Brian O'Neill, Terry Fennessy, Teresa Ryan, Riona Ryan, Mike O'Donoghue, Annette Delaney, Noreen Ahern, Majella Diggins, Joan McCarthy, Sarah Dillon, Aine Dillon,

Annie Hourigan, Katlyen O'Connor, Leah Ward, Johnny Kirby, Nell O'Neill, Jimmy Stokes, Siobhan English, Maria Campbell, Tom Ryan, Willie Ryan, Aine Looby, Gemma O'Riordan, Ailish Hayes, Imreasc Musical Group

To those who have gone to the other stage, the stage of Eternal Rest;

Tessie 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), Margaret Long.

*Thank you for the music, the songs I'm singing
Thanks for all the joy they're bringing
Who can live without it, I ask in all honesty
What would life be?
Without a song or a dance what are we?
So I say thank you for the music for giving it to me.*
ABBA



GREAN DRAMA GROUP

My name is William Ryan, and I am a member of Grean Drama Group in Pallasgreen. I suppose it all started for me when I joined the Group back in 2014, with the re-enacting of *The Passion*, directed by Eamonn Harty, when I grew in confidence for the first time, and discovering, the actor I am today. Sure, I was nervous – who wouldn't be, but with every play I performed in, I took it on the chin, and grew into the person I am today. I am enthusiastic and eager now to always learn by taking on different roles my director gives me. I have performed in many plays throughout the years. My first was in *The Little Prince*, directed by Paolo Trisoldi. That was a head wrecker at first, as I have to admit that I found it difficult to connect with my character, but with the help of my friends in the Group, I managed the finest, and pulled through. My second play was the *Odd Couple – Female Version*, directed by the lovely Ann O'Dwyer. This was my first lead male role in acting and I wasn't going to let her down, as she had trusted me with this major part. We got a standing ovation every night. My next performance was *The Kings of Kilburn High Road*, directed by none other than Eamonn Harty. This was performed in Pallasgreen in O'Dwyer's Bar, and *The Barracks*, and also in *The Idler*, Knockane. For this play, I had to really

knuckle down with six weeks of hard work that again paid off with standing ovations on each night. We were even offered the chance to go abroad to England with it – I'd say that was a job well done. Look, I could go on for the night about the plays I have done but I won't. I am here to tell you about how joining Grean Drama Group was one the greatest things I have done in my life, how, I would never look back, even to explore myself to what I can do and try to push myself more. It's not a Group, it's a family. With the right people, you'll get on like a house on fire. I would urge and invite anyone to join Grean Drama Group and explore yourself. It's the best thing I did. The Group even sponsored me to partake in the DLI Summer School, held in the University of Limerick. What I learned and brought back to the Group was astounding, things I never knew I was capable of. I was overwhelmed. Grean is a very good group to be in, working with fellow actors, and learning new things from different directors.

I would like to thank the Group for their support through all the years, male and



female actors, and the same goes for the directors. It was a privilege to be welcomed. If you are reading this, and you haven't acted before, and would like to, this is the place to start. In acting, you have to start at the bottom of the ladder, and climb your way up. I'm on my way up anyway, in acting, and hopefully you will too. Thanks for reading my article in promoting Grean Drama, as I have been asked so kindly to do. This is William Ryan saying *That's a Wrap!!*

William Ryan

*Watch out for Grean Drama Group's next production – **Big Maggie** by **John B Keane** – to be staged end of Jan 2018!*



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Garrydoolis N.S. 2017

We are delighted to announce that 2017 was yet again a most happy, productive and indeed successful year at Garrydoolis N.S. We welcomed six new junior infants who have settled into life at big school extremely well and we currently boast an enrolment of forty two pupils. Our new entrants this year were Daniel McGrath, Daniel Leaden, Seán Poff, Ciara Carroll, Róisín Grace and Éadaoin Butler.

On Thursday the 19th of January, Ms. Jordan's pupils travelled to Mary Immaculate College in Limerick in order to exhibit their project, "How can we attract more wildlife into our school environment?" at the 2017 RDS Primary Science Fair. Pupils prepared an exciting project based around the theme of biodiversity; also our next Green Schools' theme. Bird feeders and a bug hotel were constructed and observations were taken before and after installation in an effort to ascertain an increase in visible wildlife. A most enjoyable day was had by all involved at the Science Fair, whereby pupils were offered the chance not only to exhibit their work, but also to view the projects of other schools, to attend the workshops being held and to marvel the scientific wonders on display. Our project was very highly commended on the day.

We sent best wishes to past pupil, Marie Grace, who was an "Operation Transformation" leader in 2017. Many of our pupils turned out to join Marie on her first "Operation Transformation" walk which departed from Knockane GAA Grounds on Saturday the 7th of January. The walk itself, combined with local media attention, created a great buzz of excitement amongst our pupils. In line with our Active School Flag and in support of Marie, we took part in Operation Transformation's "10@10," whereby every primary school in the country was invited to take part in the largest junior group exercise session to ever take place in Ireland. On Friday the 10th of February at 10am, we engaged in a physical activity

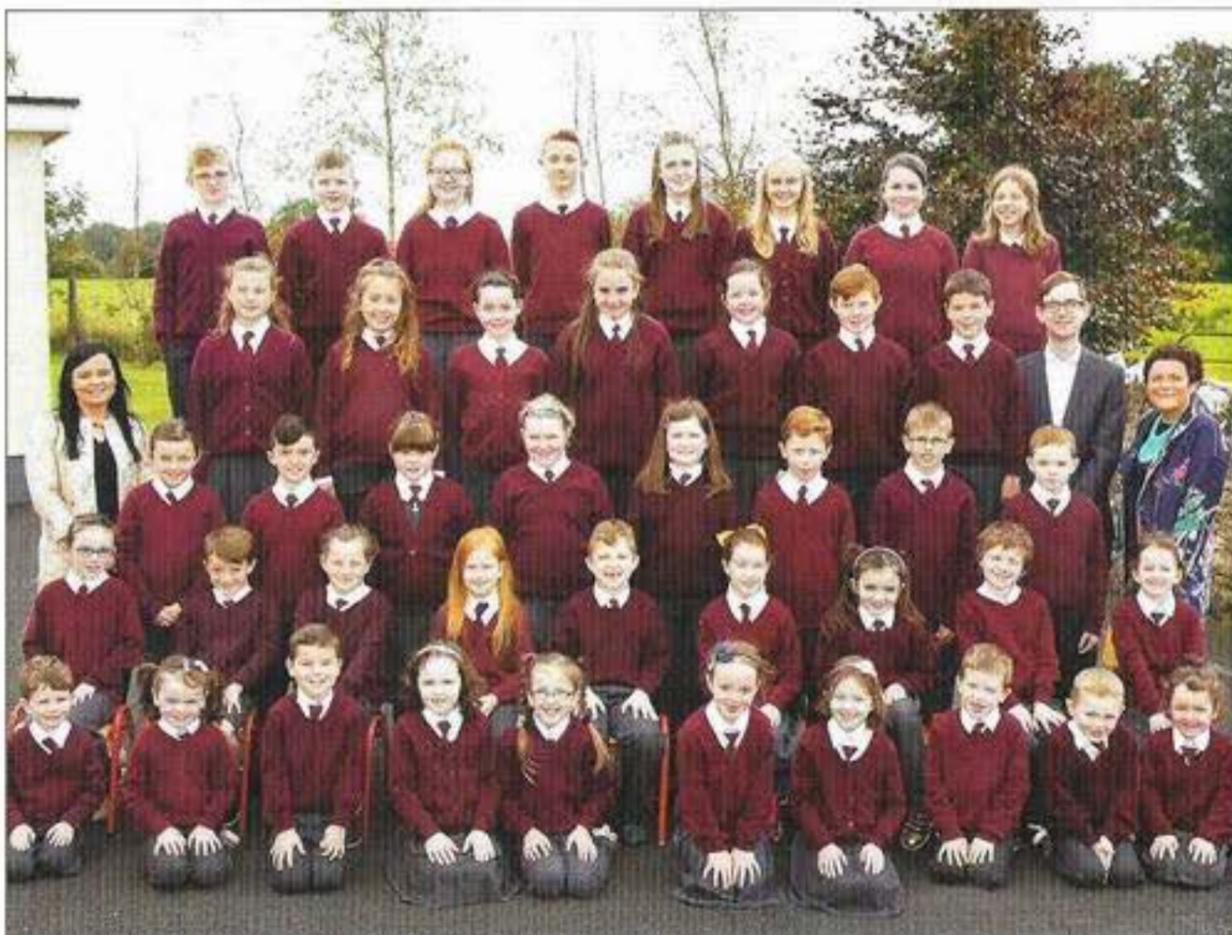
break for ten minutes and completed a set of specially devised circuits in the yard.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated in our school from the 30th of January to the 3rd of February. The theme for Catholic Schools' Week was "Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for our Common Home." During the week, there was a thought for each day and pupils took part in related activities and hosted Grandparents' Day on Tuesday the 31st of January. This celebration provided an opportunity for us to thank our grandparents during a beautiful ceremony led by Fr. Burns. Refreshments and a chat were enjoyed afterwards.

On the 6th of March, our second class pupils, Conor O'Dwyer, Jack Dillon, James Carroll, Martha Hogan, Sarah Ryan, Ava Mulcahy, Saoirse Aylmer and Aisling O'Connor celebrated their First Penance in Templebraden Church. Their participation in the ceremony through readings and song was excellent and they made their teacher, Ms. Hickey, very proud. As a special treat, they enjoyed fruit skewers and a chocolate fountain in school the following day!

We enjoyed a number of Community Games successes during the year. Micheál O'Dwyer, Aisling O'Connor, Róisín Lee-Barrett, Alex Fox and Caoimhe Butler all won medals for their artwork. Lillian Houlihan progressed in the solo singing category, Sinéad McGuinness progressed in solo recitation and Matthew Looby progressed in solo music, while Claire Wolfe won a medal in the latter category.

Senior pupils enjoyed a trip to John the Baptist Community School in early March to see "The Addams Family", as performed superbly by transition year students. We were particularly proud of our past pupils involved in this excellent performance. National Tree Day was also celebrated around this time, whereby trees which we received from An Taisce were donated to Knockane GAA Club. All pupils enjoyed a trip to the Knockane Community Walking Route where we planted the trees with the help of William and Chris Ryan. With Sally-Anne Burniston's help, we also constructed a willow tunnel in our school field. We have enjoyed observing it grow and strengthen since.



Teaching staff and pupils. Photo Eamonn Andrews Photography

Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated during March. There was an even greater focus on Gaeilge throughout that week through engagement with scéalta, drámaíocht, amhráin, ealaín, dánta, cómhra agus cluichí. "Green, White and Gold Day" took place on the 16th of March, whereby all children wore an array of our national colours and our Céilí Mór was enjoyed. Our Student Council also hosted our Bake Sale in the "Shamrock Bakery" on that day.

Our fifth and sixth class pupils were confirmed in Nicker Church on Wednesday the 29th of March. James Ryan, Matthew Looby, Peter Savage, Paddy Hourigan, Grace Leaden, Sinéad McGuinness, Claire Wolfe, Chloe O'Sullivan, Lillian Houlihan, Róisín Lee-Barrett, Caoimhe Butler and Aoife Lee all represented the school in an exemplary manner, both in their preparations and on the big day, as they were confirmed by Bishop Kieran O'Reilly. The children were very kindly presented with a holly tree by Bishop O'Reilly on the morning and it now takes pride of place in our school garden.

Both pupils and teachers were delighted and excited to view our new-look front hall after the Easter break. All contractors involved worked hard to complete the job before our return to school. We were just delighted with our new letterbox, insulation, painting, coat hooks, front radiator, flooring and our new door to the support room. Our bright, fresh front hall continues to be most pleasing to all who enter the school.

Very luckily, we were invited by An Taisce to pilot the L.E.A.F. Programme (Learning About Forests) during last school year. Our school benefitted from direct on the ground support from the L.E.A.F. team, in the form of seminars and workshops, and we enjoyed a fabulous whole-school visit to Curragh Chase Forest Park on Monday the 3rd of April. Despite the wet weather, children enjoyed a guided tour around the park, learning about the history of the site, exploring the flora and fauna and partaking in associated trails and games.

We also recently earned the Plaque of S.T.E.M. Excellence (Science, Tech-



Confirmation 2017

nology, Engineering and Maths). The science element involved all classes partaking in Science Week through daily investigations and experimentation, which finished with a Science Showcase for our parents. In relation to technology, we celebrated "Safer Science Day" on the 7th of February. Both the junior and senior classes engaged in interactive lessons before senior pupils buddied with juniors to reinforce the internet safety messages. In celebration of Engineering Week, senior pupils completed a set of experiments focussed on land and sea ice in the North and South Poles and studied satellite images showing evidence of this ice melting over a period of time. Experiments were completed to investigate whether or not melting land and sea ice will change sea levels, to investigate insulators and to build successful flood defences. The final step in our journey towards the Plaque of S.T.E.M. Excellence involved maths trails around the school and required the children to employ maths skills whilst engaging in scientific investigations. Senior pupils also studied nanotechnology. Our digital log of evidence was completed and we were thrilled to be awarded our Plaque of Excellence.

At the end of April, we welcomed first aid trainer, Maggie O'Brien, to our school. Junior pupils learned about blood injuries, bandaged and what to do/ who to call in the case of an emergency, while senior pupils

completed training in C.P.R. The experience proved to be most beneficial to and enjoyable for pupils.

On the 16th of May, we took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil 7-a-side hurling blitz for two-teacher schools which was held in Killeely. We were delighted to welcome Breda McGuinness and Ollie Coffey back to school to help train our team. After a good performance in Killeely, we progressed to the final which was held on the 7th of June in the Gaelic Grounds. Unfortunately, our opponents proved too strong on the day but we came away with heads held high and a sense of great satisfaction regarding how far our hurling skills had come during a relatively short period. Garrydoolis N.S. was also represented at the East Limerick hurling trails by Matthew Looby, Paddy Hourigan, Barnaby Hartley, Caoimhe Butler, Sinéad McGuinness and Grace Leaden.

Our annual school tour took place on Friday the 9th of June. Pupils travelled to "Recipe for Success" in Annacotty where they learned how to make home-made pizzas and muffins and enjoyed a lesson in cake decoration. They also went bowling before savouring refreshments in Supermacs. Active Week then took place shortly afterwards. Pupils enjoyed activities hosted by Limerick Sports Partnership, rugby coaching with a Clanwilliam coach, soccer training with Cullen-Lattin soccer coaches and GAA coaching with Ollie

and Breda. They also enjoyed a stroll around the community walking route at Knockane GAA Grounds. Sports Day was held on Friday the 16th of June.

Our End of Year Liturgy and Graduation took place on Tuesday the 20th of June in the senior classroom. This occasion presented an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past academic year and to send good wishes to our eight second class pupils who were "Stepping Up" to the senior room and to our five sixth class pupils who were "Stepping On" to secondary school. We were also joined by our six incoming junior infants; our special guests; on this occasion. It was with a great sense of pride that we reflected on the achievements of the past academic year as an array of plaques and awards were offered. These included our Two Teacher Schools' Football and Girls' 7-A-Side Football awards, Our RDS Primary Science Fair award, our Certificate of Completion of the L.E.A.F. Programme and our Plaque of S.T.E.M. Excellence. This gathering also provided the perfect opportunity for Ms. Jordan to share the news that the school had been granted a third permanent teaching post.

Mr. Séamus Heffernan was appointed to the position of third teacher and took over in the senior classroom on the 30th of August. Ms. Jordan moved to the role of special education teacher, while Ms. Hickey remains in the junior classroom.

We will renew our Active Flag during the current academic year. This initiative is being led by Mr. Heffernan, along with James Ryan, Caoimhe Ryan and Stephen Lee who form the Active Committee. In line with our Active Schools' Project, spike ball has recently been introduced in our school and we hope to enter a senior mixed team into the divisional competitions which will commence in January. In order to fund our investment in spike ball equipment, the Student Council organised a Crazy Colours Sponsored Walk on Friday the 6th of October. Pupils were invited to wear an array of bright colours on the day. Infants and first class pupils walked down to the



Knockane Community Walking Route, while all other classes walked the Ring of Knockane. The event was most enjoyable and great support for the school was shown, as always. Pupils additionally took part in the "Walk Around Europe Challenge." This was a week-long activity which saw pupils and teachers walking laps of the school for ten minutes each day. These laps were converted to kilometres by senior pupils and our final destination determined. We reached Valletta in Malta!

We also look forward to renewing our Green Flag this year based on all the work which we have completed around the theme of biodiversity. Ms. Jordan leads the Green Schools' Programme, along with Sinéad McGuinness, Conor O'Dwyer and Donnagh Ryan who make up our Green Schools' Committee. This renewal will be our fifth theme completed in the Green Schools' Programme. Additionally, our Student Council 2017/18 is made up by Saoirse Lee-Barrett, Stephen Lee, Sinéad McGuinness, James Ryan and Alex Fox. They have many exciting plans for the year ahead!

The Amber Flag is a new focus this year. Its aim is to encourage schools, colleges, clubs, societies and organisations to promote and actively bring about a cultural change in the promotion of positive mental health. This topic will be approached at an age-appropriate level for our pupils. We will focus on the importance of looking after our minds and feelings as carefully as we look after our bodies, being good to each other, the



importance of being in a positive environment and being able to ask if we need help. Grace Leaden, Conor O'Dwyer and Martha Hogan form the Amber Flag Committee. This project is being jointly led by Ms. Hickey and Ms. Jordan.

In September, we welcomed Ollie Coffey and Breda McGuinness back to help coach our footballers. We eagerly anticipated the football blitzes as we were reigning champions. The boys' blitz took place at Killeely GAA Grounds on Tuesday the 10th of October, while the girls' competition took place at Doon GAA Grounds on Wednesday the 11th of October. We were delighted that on both days we won all three of our matches, and therefore progressed to the finals which were held at The Gaelic

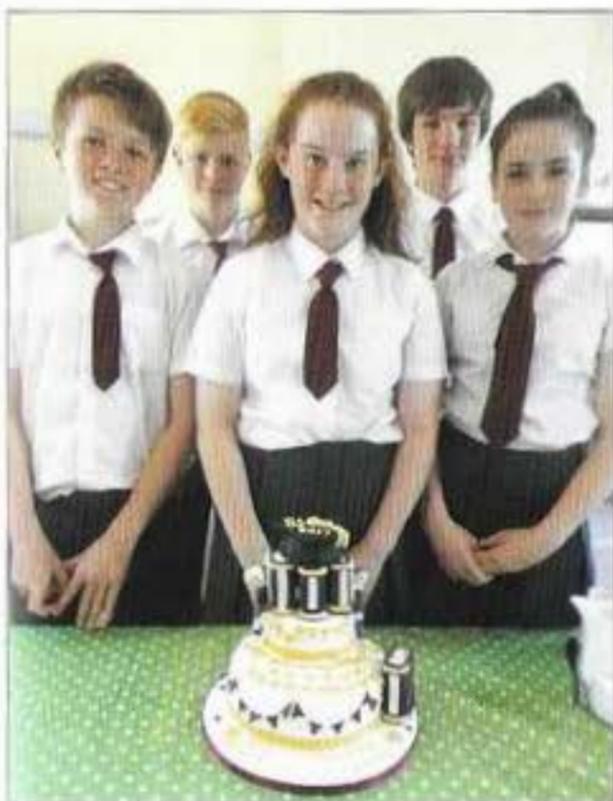
Grounds on Wednesday the 25th of October. Unfortunately, the 25th just wasn't our day but we are extremely proud of the effort put in by our pupils and by their graciousness in both victory and defeat. Good news did come our way later that week however when Grace Leaden secured her place on the Larkin Shield squad.

As this article goes to print, pupils are busy preparing gifts for the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal, while Science Week and Anti-Bullying Week are also fast approaching. We look forward to commencing preparations for our Christmas Show which will take place on Friday the 15th of December and also to our annual trip to The University Concert Hall where we will enjoy a performance of "Cinderella." Senior

pupils will put their entrepreneurial skills to the test as they commence their J.E.P. project in January. We send best wishes to our five second class pupils, David Hogan, Gerard Grace, Caoimhe Ryan, Aisling Butler and Holly O'Sullivan who are busy preparing to celebrate their First Penance on the 26th of February, followed by their First Holy Communion on the 12th of May.

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.

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Members are re-certified every two years with a refresher training undertaken every year. We run two fundraising initiatives during the year to raise funds for the running costs of the units and to provide ongoing training.

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.

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Pallasgreen Branch I.F.A. 2016-2017 Report

By David Thompson

Last year's Pallasgreen I.F.A. report concluded with a very optimistic comment in that Irish farmers had a "new" Minister, "new" politics and a "new" I.F.A. team which had the opportunity to use brains and ground support to deliver an acceptable income for food producers. Well, what happened? Very little change!

We start with the Pallasgreen I.F.A. Branch A.G.M. on the 14th November 2016. The Chairman, Mark Fennessy introduced the two speakers and then had the Secretary, John Leonard, read the minutes of last year's A.G.M.

The first speaker- Martin Stapleton, the National Chairman of the I.F.A. Farm Business Committee. Martin informed us that the I.F.A. had got a government backed €150 million loan scheme to be handled by the banks for a maximum time of six years in order to clear farm debts, but not for buying land. He explained the operations of banking, pillar and traditional banks, repayment capacity, volatility, security, etc. The tax system – income averaging, co-op loans (some are very costly.) Ruthless Vulture Funds a danger. No-one knows what Brexit will bring. €1 billion of beef and milk products go to the U.K. A tariff could be put on this if the U.K. goes for a hard Brexit. €20 million extra has been given to Bord Bia to get new markets outside the E.U. The C.A.P. budget will be under pressure. 2020 could bring costly changes to Environmental measures on farms for the future.

Pat Blackwell –Teagasc, told us of the changes in Glas III and where it may help improve farm income which is very low at present. The average annual payment is €3,700 for 5 years. This must be balanced by the cost of compliance with the chosen activities. He discussed TAMS and Farm Safety. Jack Cahill of Dairygold Co-Op said milk supply was down due to a bad milk price and weather. The milk price was now (Nov) way up at 32c/litre. Every effort must be made to keep it up but the exchange rate due to the U.K. Brexit discussion will not help.

Farmers are told to produce 50% more



by government in spite of being paid below production cost, said David Thompson who pointed out that the main discussion here should (as requested by the County Executive) be on our views on the future of the "new" IFA. He pointed out that us farmers have "no power" as we fail to stand together, with an average family farm income being €25,000 (some enterprises below €18,000) while the average industrial wage is €37,000 and increasing. Farmers are hit by unsuitable EU directives, such as the Nitrates directive which is ruining our soil fertility and courses on how to work a knapsack sprayer. What next? Teagasc not including the farmers own labour cost in the cost of producing a litre of milk is causing a lot of harm to milk prices, encouraging supermarkets to pay producers lower prices.

There are communication and cost problems in the I.F.A. This must be put right if we are to be effective. A full discussion followed on the I.F.A. as an organisation.

There are two candidates for the Limerick County Executive Chairman; Shay Galvin and Donal O'Brien. Voting will take place at the County A.G.M.

The following branch officers were elected;

Chairman – Mark Fennessy

Secretary – John Leonard

Registrar – Peter Thompson

4th Delegate – Helen Thompson

The Chairman thanked Hazel Thompson for her four years as 4th Delegate. He wished all branch members a better year in 2017.

Following the meeting, a letter

summarising the issues discussed concerning what we wanted as the future of the I.F.A. was sent to the Executive, in which the following points were made;

1. Agriculture is the most important industry in Ireland and its future must be protected, with farmers achieving a realistic income.
2. We look to the I.F.A. to deliver this for the rural community and national employment. Issues include; rural crime, broadband, transport costs and above all, product prices.

The three resolutions summary.

1. I.F.A. take action on Rules, especially Section C to H and add full transparency of actions and costings of the association, targeting to deliver farm incomes comparable to others.
2. The position of a County Representative to council and the Annual Health Committee should be restored.
3. A PR system set up to improve "farmer image" to the urban population. Teagasc and others' misleading and derogatory statements should be put right to prevent them harming our industry.

The County Limerick I.F.A. A.G.M. took place on 8th February. Shay Galvin was voted as the new Chairman. The past Chairman continued to chair the meeting and pronounced himself the Vice Chairman. David Thompson questioned this as contrary to the I.F.A. rules. To make matters worse it was

alleged that a smear campaign had been operated against Donal O'Brien to prevent his election as Chairman. He read a statement at the next executive meeting to clear his name. He received a full apology from the I.F.A. Deputy President, Richard Kennedy, which helped the situation.

Many who attended the A.G.M. sent an agreed letter signed by David Thompson to the recently appointed Director General of I.F.A., Damien McDonald, pointing out that I.F.A. rules 14D and 15A prevent a past Chairman from becoming Vice Chairman as he is precluded from attending Council meetings (his job if the Chairman can't attend.) Another case of ignoring I.F.A. rules as happened a few years ago when a national Commodity Chairman instructed Co-op members to vote against "independent milk testing," which was and is I.F.A. policy. The reply re the Vice Chairman was that the rules were not explicit enough for "exclusion." It was pointed out in a reply to this that Rule 13B contradicts Rule 38 B and "new" I.F.A. should review their rules.

Limerick I.F.A. organised a strong campaign against the closure of the Limerick Veterinary laboratory in Knocknasheen and on the ANC (formally disadvantaged area) review. 48% of Limerick is included in the scheme at present (2,800 farmers.) It is critical that this acreage is retained and the payment rates increased.

I.F.A. held a national meeting on Brexit in Goffs, Co. Kildare (24th April) Seven hundred farmers attended and heard the high profile speakers in summary

saying that while they did not know what would happen but they would do their best to minimise the loss to farmers whose average income was €24,000 per year (average industrial wage is €37,000) 35% less than those in industry. I.F.A. are prioritising farm incomes, targeting product prices, increasing live cattle exports (up 45%), low cost loans, ANC, BDGP, TAMS, GLAS and all support payments to be made on time. The Fair Deal for the care of elderly farmers at present is very dangerous. Tax credits, Stamp Duty, Farm Partnership, V.A.T on animal vaccines, sheep welfare payments, Glycophosphate retention, to mention some of the issues involved.

The nitrates directive badly needs changing as it is rapidly reducing our soil fertility. Do the E.U. officials even know this?

Rural Crime must be tackled by politicians and Gardaí, who must be given sufficient numbers, squad cars, updated I.T. support, backed up by effective laws and court judgements. Many Garda stations need re-opening to supply local knowledge for crime prevention. Farmer victims must not be left afraid to sleep at night. The intended closure of Old Pallas Post Office is a disgrace and must be given full support for its retention.

It was amazing that the Minister for

Agriculture (Creed) was so wrong about the tripling of land transfer stamp duty in the budget. Add the unconsulted (promised) introduction of fast-tractor NCT law by Minister Ross. This was not even admitted at a meeting with the I.F.A. by the R.S.A. which will necessitate up to 850 items to be examined on each tractor.

Our Chairman, Mark Fennessy, suggested I include farm and local shop prices of food and make comparisons with the past for historical record. (I will prepare this for next year. A few prices for food this month comparing farm and Pallasgreen approximate prices.

Farm Product	Price	Food Shop	Price
Milk 1 litre	35.5c	Pack 1 litre	€1.80
Heifer Beef 1kg	€3.85	Sirloin Roast	€11.00
Lamb 1kg	€4.72	Leg	€8.00
Pork 1kg	€1.58	Loin	€4.00
Potatoes 1kg	32c	Roosters	50c
Wheat 1kg	17.5c	Wholemeal bread 57%	€2.00
Oats 1kg	18c	Porridge (own brand)	€1.20

The increase in milk price late in 2016 was a saviour and everything must be done to keep it rising for 2017. We would like to congratulate Mary Breen (Oola branch) on being elected chairperson of the national far family committee of I.F.A.

We wish all farmers a quick recovery from Hurricane Ophelia, a stress-free and successful 2018.



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An Interesting School Trip

On Wednesday, 13th September, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class travelled to St. Ailbe's church, Emly, to view the Icon of the Holy Family. The icon had begun its journey around the dioceses of Ireland in Knock Co. Mayo a couple of weeks previously. Fr. Kennedy greeted us and told us about the icon.

The large panel in the middle depicted Jesus, as a young man, with his mother Mary and with Joseph. Fr. Kennedy guided us to reflect on the story of The Finding of Jesus in the Temple. On the side panels, we observed the image of The Wedding Feast at Cana and the healing of The Daughter of Jairus. We know that the artist would have prayed before beginning to paint. He may have been looking for inspiration so that his painting could bring people closer to God. We were encouraged to look closely at the painting and to find our own meaning.

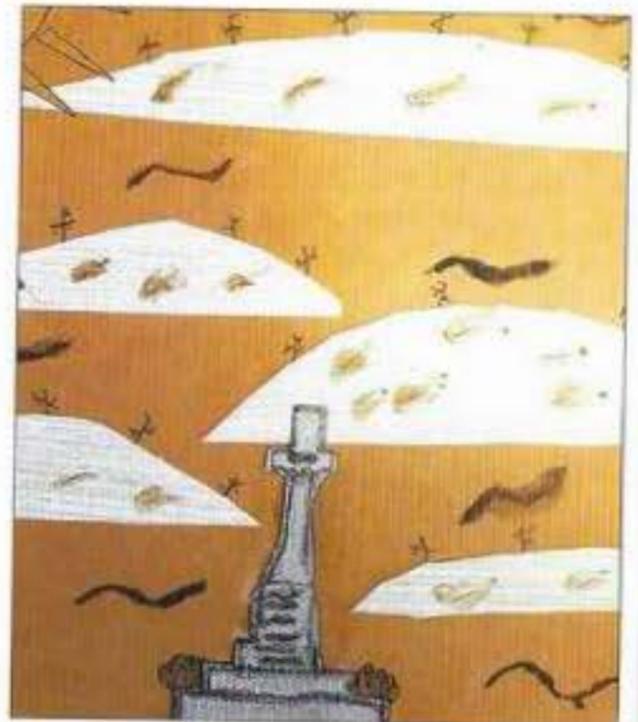
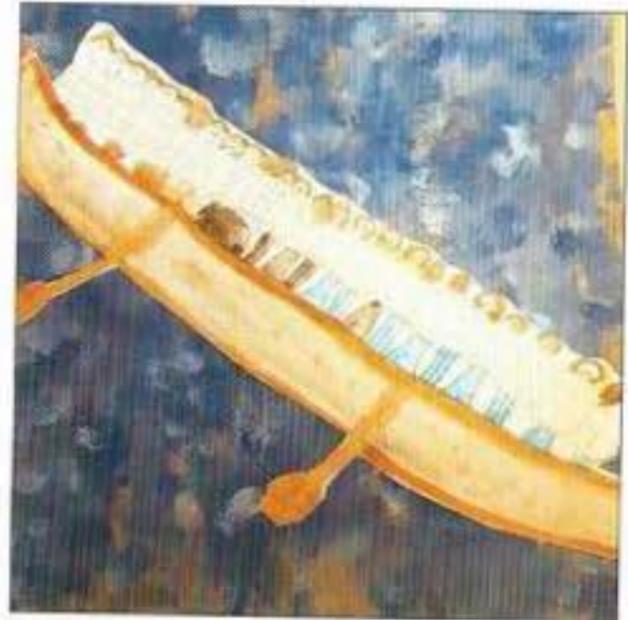
Next we went to the graveyard to see St. Ailbe's Cross and St. Ailbe's Well. We know that St. Ailbe is the patron saint of our diocese. He lived during late 5th or even early 6th century. He established a monastery and a school at Emly. He was a friend of St. Patrick, St. Declan and also St. Enda. St. Ailbe asked the King of Munster for some land on which St. Enda could build a monastery. The King of Munster dreamt of the islands in his kingdom and granted them to St. Enda. St. Ailbe was called the St. Patrick of Munster such was the respect they had for him. It is thought that the Monastery was located in the present day graveyard. Legend has it that St. Ailbe's Cross marks the place where the saint is buried. People have often come to the Cross to make the sign of the cross with stones and to say a prayer. Sometimes they placed a stone in a hollow on top of the cross to leave a prayer when they had gone. There is no other stone in the graveyard like this particular cross. Long ago people used to swear by the

Holy stone at Emly. A cure for back pain was to stand against the stone and rub ones back against it. A person who was well could do this also to make his/her back stronger. A person had to recite a prayer to St. Ailbe to heal his/her back.

It is said that St. Ailbe jumped from the hill of Knockarron to the spot where the well is now located. Another legend tell us that a man with a bundle of straw sat on the side of the well and fell in! The water rose up and carried him out of the well. On 12th September, St. Ailbe's feast day, many people would go to the well and pray. This was called a Pattern Day in honour of St. Ailbe.

Our next stop was Sarsfield's Rock and Templebraden Church. As we disembarked from the bus at Templebraden, the rain began to pour. Needless to say we did not delay on Sarsfield's Rock. However we reminded ourselves of the events at Ballyneety in 1690. Sarsfield set out from Limerick on August 12th. He wanted to stop the Williamite siege train coming from Dublin with its big guns and ammunition. If it reached Limerick it would bombard the city and pound the walls to pieces. Six hundred horsemen rode with Sarsfield, guided over hill and dale by the raparee Galloping Hogan. They journeyed on in the direction of Killaloe, avoiding O'Brien's bridge but crossing the river at Ballyvalley. They made for Ballyhourigan Wood near Keeper Hill, on towards Glengar near Doon, proceeding on towards Monard and Cullen. Legend tells us that on their way Sarsfield's scouts met a woman of King William's camp, washing her feet in a stream near Cullen. They brought her to a local inn and plied her with whiskey encouraging her to talk! She told them that the password was 'Sarsfield.' While historians tell us that this is possibly mere speculation, we are reminded of Sarsfield's fame among the people of his time and later years. Sarsfield and his men stormed into the camp, using the element of surprise! They blew up some of the

big guns by placing the muzzles into the ground and lighting a fuse. The explosion could be seen for miles around. Sarsfield's troops collected the ammunition and escaped. They knew William's troops in Limerick and Caherconlish would have been alerted by the blaze. Sarsfield did not return to Limerick immediately, he headed towards Offaly. Sarsfield had won a temporary respite for Limerick, until the following year.



At this point, we needed a respite from the rain! We continued our study of local history in St. Brigid's church Templebraden. The church was built the same year as the establishment of the GAA -1884. Before that time, the church was located at Sarsfield's creamery. We learned that Padraig Pearse's father's firm had sculpted the reredos behind the altar. We carefully examined the different features of the church, including the Baptistal Font, the Tabernacle, the choir gallery and the stained glass windows. Venturing outside once more, we noted the stone work and the octagonal tower. We thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to learn about our local area. In class, we are now exploring and following up on our new knowledge and we hope such trips help to ignite our interest and curiosity about our local past.

Book Launch at Nicker N.S

Across an Open Field

On 12th December 2017, our school enjoyed a very special occasion, the launch of the book *Across an Open Field*. This book contains our research into the history of our area during the years 1912-1922, as well as the work of seven other participating schools.

The 100-Year History Project began in 2014, in Third and Fourth Class, as a creative commemoration project. Our school was one of eight schools in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland which took part. We worked with Kidsown Publications writer Mary Branley and Anne Holm, as well as Ms. English and Miss Franklin. We conducted our own research, asking general question of our parents or grandparents, as to what our relatives had been doing between the years 1912-1922.

We further explored the events of this era through History, English and Irish

poetry, Drama, Aisual Arts and Music. We read class novels linked to the time periods in question, recorded the results of our research, in writing, and on camera, summarising and organising information, as well as presenting it, in our own words, to the class, to Mary and Ann.

Once the initial stories had been uncovered, and the wider events explored, we were asked to delve a little deeper and try to put a little more flesh on the bones of our stories, - literally bringing the people to life. Being questioned about our stories by our teachers and by Ann and Mary, helped us to really know the stories inside out.

We began to really question our stories, rather than just accept the early, sometimes very concise version of it. It made history come alive to make connections between national events and the lives of our family members. We had to find photographic or documentary evidence as well as artefacts relating to their personal histories.

Among the sources which we used were; oral interviews, books and documents, BMH witness statements, online resources, such as the 1901 and 1911 Census, family photos and artefacts such as an old fisherman's pouch and a shop sign.

We checked and re-checked our stories for accuracy and completeness, added further details and context. Once agreement had been reached on the final draft of the

written story, we decided on the images or aspects of the story which we wanted to illustrate, and enjoyed using different techniques to achieve the desired effect. We especially enjoyed two full-day art workshops with Anne Holm.

We worked collectively, sharing our knowledge and our artistic talents. We felt that everybody's story became part of the class story and we all feel proud of and connected to the finished book, although not every single story could be included. Among the stories included in the final book were those of Paddy Ryan, Thomas and Hannah O'Brien's Titanic Voyage, The Dromkeen Ambush, Margaret Gould and Hugh O'Donnell.

As a class, we found it fascinating to make the events of the Decade of Centenaries come to life, peopled by our relatives and neighbours. We were really interested in exploring the links between our little classroom in Limerick with the major national and international events of 1912-1922, through our relatives involved in the Great War, in the Olympic Games, in the 1916 Rising, War of Independence and Civil War, as well as those who formed the fabric of community life, at the time. We look forward now to examining more closely the stories of the boys and girls in the other nine schools, across the island of Ireland, to explore the links between us and our shared experience of participating in this project.



Gaoth an Fhómhair

Ní raibh aon scoil againn Dé Luain, Dé Máirt agus Dé Céadaoin seo caite, an 16ú –an 18ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2017. Bhí stoirm mhór ann ar an Luan. Spéirling a bhí ann - An Stoirm Ophelia.

Thosaigh an gaoth ag séideadh go luath ar maidin. D'eirigh sé níos láidre i lár an lae. Bhí sé an-ghaofar ar fad agus bhí sé an-dháinséarach. Thit crainn ar na bóithre. Tharraing siad síos línte leictreachais. Bhí sé fluuch freisin. Ní raibh éinne ar na bóithre. Ní raibh mórán daoine ag obair. D'fhan daoine sa bhaile. Bhí an gaoth ag búiríl timpeall an tí. Bhí

siopaí dúnta i Luimneach agus i dTiobraid Árann. Bhí óstán Ballykisteen dúnta. Bhí an t-ollmhargadh i bPailís Ghréine dúnta freisin mar ní raibh aon leictreachas ann. Oíche Dé Luain, bhí coinnle, lampaí agus tóirsí ar lasadh againn. D'fhan gach duine istigh, ós comhair na tine, ag léamh, ag caint agus ag éisteacht leis an raidió.

Bhí an aimsir níos fearr ar an Mháirt, ach ní raibh aon leictreachas, ná aon uisce ag a lán teaghlaigh faoin tuath. Ní raibh na fóin agus an t-idirlíon ag obair i gceart. Bhíomar go léir bréan de! Bhí sé leadránach. Bhí a lán siopaí fós dúnta.

Níor tháinig an leictreachas agus an t-uisce ar ais go dtí an Chéadaoin in áiteanna. Bhí áthas an domhain

orainn go léir.

Bhí Stoirm Bhriain ann ag an deireadh seachtaine. Cé go raibh tuilte i gCathair Luimnigh, ní raibh Stoirm Bhriain chomh hola le Stoirm Ophelia. Bhí an t-ádh linn i bPailís Ghréine. Seachtain i ndiaidh Stoirm Ophelia, bhí go leor daoine, ar fud na tíre, fós gan leictreachas.

Táimid ar ais ar scoil anois agus tá gach rud ceart go leor arís, buíochas le Dia. Tá dán á fhoghlaim againn, Gaoth an Fhómhair. Bhí a lán daoine ag caint faoi Oíche na Gaoithe Móire, 6ú Eanáir 1839, Stoirm Debbie, 16ú Meán Fómhair 1961 agus Spéirling Charley, 25ú Lúnasa, 1986. Amach anseo, is dócha go mbeidh daoine ag caint faoi Stoirm Ophelia.



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Community Games - Riah Hogan

2017 was a hugely successful year for many children from Pallasgreen who were medal winners at the Community Games National Finals. These were Leon Horan and Jason Henley; Judo, Patrick Bailey; Spikeball, Malachy McKenna; Hurdles, Jimmy Stokes; Recitation; Lee Kirsh; Model Making. Tadhg Hourigan represented Limerick at the National Finals as part of the Cross Country team. Several others were medal winners at county level.

Community Games was set up in the Kiltely Dromkeen Garrydoolis area in February, 2002. The first chairperson was Robert O'Dea of Ballyphilip, Kiltely and the very able secretary was Mariette O'Riordan, Deerpark.

At the start of the 2016/17 year it was agreed to extend the area to include all of Pallasgreen parish as there were several children interested in becoming involved in Community Games activities who didn't live within a Community Games area.

The Limerick CG Executive approved the idea and the boundary lines were redrawn to include all Pallasgreen addresses. Great effort was made to spread the word and encourage participation and visits were made to local primary schools who have always been very supportive in encouraging children's participation in the wide variety of activities and events provided by the area.

During the past year KDGC has had great success in several areas at local, county, Munster and National level. It has been great to have so many new families involved and new volunteers have given of their time and talents to give children the opportunity to participate in individual and team events. Activities which children have been involved in during the 2016/17 season include Art, Model Making, Handwriting, Judo, Drama, Recitation, Singing, Music, Dance, Futsal, Indoor Soccer, Cross Country, Draughts, Quizzes, Gaelic Football, Spikeball, Athletics, Skittles. We held a very successful Sports Day and were delighted to hold it in Pallasgreen

Community Field for the first time. Many thanks to Centra, Pallasgreen who sponsored water for all on the day!

We strongly encourage everyone to become involved in helping out with CG activities. Youth volunteers are always needed and welcomed, and this includes those engaged in the Gaisce awards, as many Transition Year students in the area are.

We look forward to another successful year of Community Games.



Lee Kirsh County Champion Solo Dancing



Lee Kirsh (National Community Games Silver Medal - Model Making)



Malachy McKenna (National Community Games Gold Medal U10 Hurdles)



Pallasgreen's National Community Games Champions; from left; Jimmy Stokes (Recitation), Malachy McKenna (U10 Hurdles), Lee Kirsh (Model Making), Leon Horan (Judo), Patrick Bailey (Spikeball).

The Pallasgreen and Templebraden Historical Society Field Names Project Report 2017

By David Thompson

Last year we got support from the Taoiseach's Office through the local Diaspora Engagement Fund. Due to a communication hiccup which prevented us from starting the work in time to complete our Project, it was carried forward into 2017.

Last December, we published Report No.1 on the Parish of Grean – available in Pallasgreen and Old Pallas Post Offices and Dairygold Co-Op, Old Pallas for only €2! It covers the field names, available history, mythology and present features of 43 townlands, covering 1,233 fields with nearly half of them named. It is well worth a good read.

We had hoped to have completed Ballinaclough, Dromkeen, Kiltely, Tuogh, Tuoghcluggin, Aglishcormack, Doon and Templebraden parishes. Unfortunately this is not complete, in spite of the great voluntary help we got from many members mentioned in last year's report.

The Diaspora funding was requested to complete the area to the Tipperary border, thus including the parishes of Oola and Castletown.

The present position is as follows concerning the first project parishes.

Parish	Townlands	Completed
Aglishcormack	8	7
Ballinaclough	10	10
Dromkeen	5	5
Kiltely	9	9
Templebraden	12	6
Tuogh	10	7
Tuoghcluggin	12	10
Total	66	54

Twelve townlands remain to be completed.

The Diaspora Project Parishes

Oola has 42 townlands, with 29 completed and Castletown has 5 parishes, with 3 completed – a total of 15 remain almost complete.

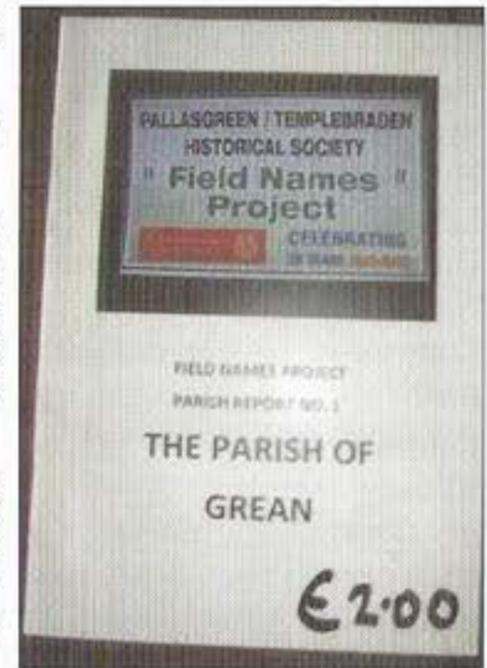
The difficult parish is Doon, having 53 townlands with only 14 completed and 39 more to do. We badly need help with this area.

Practically everyone in the area and everyone in the rest of the country praises our efforts to preserve our history and only wish that we could do the research in their area. It would be wonderful to expand the area here even in East Limerick.

Very many thanks to all our volunteer helpers. To those named in last year's report, we would like to add John Joe Fahy, who completed many townlands in Oola Parish, with John Breen and Michael Lonergan continuing their good work.

Pat Kelly, John O'Dwyer and Jill Mc Cormack helped again to try and complete the original parishes. There is, however, a bit to go and it would be wonderful if anyone wishing to complete the areas, especially in the Parish of Doon, could contact us. Together we will preserve our heritage which is being rapidly lost forever. Let's do it!

Chairman – David Thompson, Committee – Siobhán English, Jill Mc Cormack, Breda O'Dwyer, John O'Dwyer, Pat Kelly and Tom Ryan.



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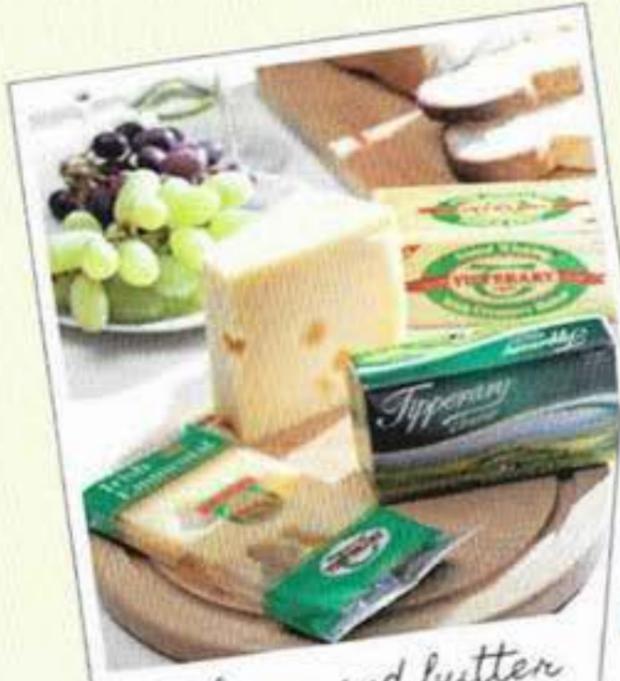
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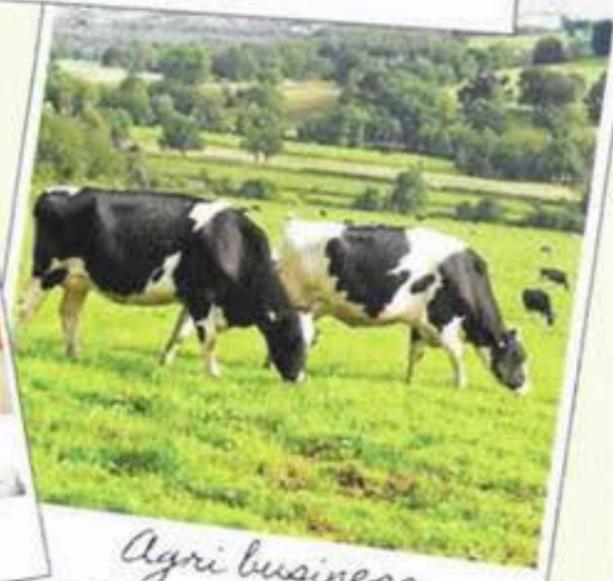
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Barna National School 2016/2017

2016 has been a great and a memorable school year for Barna NS with many new memories and exciting achievements. In September, we welcomed five new Junior Infants as we all settled back into our new school.

We are currently renewing our Active School Flag which we achieved back in 2013 and our Active School Pupils' Committee worked diligently throughout the school year co-ordinating school games and activities and also our Active School Week. We continue our great work in promoting physical activity and with this in mind, and as part of our Active School renewal, we launched our "Running Initiative 2016" this year. The pupils ran from Thomond Park to Croke Park, that's 221km!! The pupils measured the school yard and worked out that the entire school would have to run approx 2,500 laps to make 221km and so we did!! We ran in the mornings, afternoons, evenings, during playtime and even during class when the teacher called out "Drop Everything and Run!!"



Barna NS Running Initiative 2016 - Thomond Park to Croke Park.

This year, we were invited by Coillte, in association with An Taisce, to take part in the LEAF Initiative (Learning About Forests). This programme was most enjoyable and a wonderful hands on learning experience. On a sunny frosty December morning, the pupils wrapped up well and went on a local nature walk around Barna. They explored their local environment and observed the local native trees, fruits, leaves, berries, insects, the natural local habitats and local wildlife. In March, the LEAF programme continued with a school trip to the Curragh Chase Forest. Here the pupils learned all about forest life. An Taisce teamed up with the Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte to provide native saplings for the Limerick schools participating on the LEAF programme and Barna NS were honoured to take part in a tree planting ceremony at Coillte's Curragh Chase forest park to celebrate Tree Week. In December, the pupils were invited to St Anthony's Nursing Home to play music and sing some Christmas Carols for the residents there. We brought along our school musical group of concertinas, accordions, guitar and tin-whistles and played a few polkas and some old

time waltzes finishing with some Christmas carols. December was a festive month of entertaining as parents enjoyed the annual Christmas concert. The Junior Room performed "The Sleepy Shepherd" and the Senior Room gave their own very funny take on "The X-mas Factor". And, we all enjoyed our annual trip to the Panto in UL before breaking for the Christmas holidays and Santa dropped in to say hello to all the boys and girls!



LEAF - Learning About Forests visit to Curragh Chase Forest.



Carol Singing at St Anthony's Nursing Home

In January, the pupils entered the RDS Primary Science Fair with their project entitled "Do some objects float better in Salt Water than Fresh Water? Their project was on display in Mary Immaculate College during the Science Fair and there was great excitement when George Hook dropped by to chat to the pupils!

As part of Catholic Schools Week, we celebrated Grandparents' Day. The pupils invited their grandparents into school to share this special day. Fr Burns joined us in prayer and we had tea and cake followed by Bingo!! Grandparents' day has become a strong tradition in Barna School and is much loved our grandparent, staff and pupils. March saw 5th & 6th class prepare for their Confirmation which was celebrated by Archbishop Kieran

O'Rielly on Wednesday 29th March 2017. Thanks to Fr Burns for his wonderful help in preparing the children for their special day. Ten pupils from Barna NS made their confirmation; Evan and Leon Horan, Daire O'Connor, Ciara McNamara, Charlie Looby, Mark Ryan, Mikey O'Dwyer, Bree O' Dwyer, Emma Kennedy and Eoin Power. Congratulations to all and congratulations also to our 2nd class (Emily Franklin, Kate O'Dwyer, Paddy O'Dwyer, Dwaine Hayes and Joe McConnell) who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May.

May also brought a special visitor to Barna N.S. The Mayor of Limerick, Kieran O'Hanlon, came to visit the pupils. He told the children all about his role as Lord Mayor of Limerick City and County and he told the pupils all about his gold chain! The pupils played Irish Music and the Mayor, a Comhaltas musician himself, joined in with the accordion.

The year ended on a high with the official opening of our new school extension and refurbishment. We were joined by pupils & parents, Staff & Board of Management, past pupils and the local community. Also present on the night were former staff & BOM members, Councillor Brigid Teefy and Niall Collins TD. It was a lovely occasion- Fr Burns blessed the school and past pupil and neighbour, Pat Rahilly, who attended Barna School over 80 years ago was joined by the youngest pupil in the school, Emma



Mayor of Limerick, Kieran O'Hanlon visits Barna NS

Morgan (Junior Infants), to officially cut the ribbon of the new extension. There was a great buzz and lots of friendly chats around the school as the wider school community of Barna NS enjoyed a cup of tea and a tour around the new school. We are privileged to have a beautiful school and pupils are given many and various opportunities to develop educationally and holistically. Visitors and friends are always welcome to Barna N.S. and our school news can be followed on our website www.barnans.com



The Junior Room Christmas Play 2016 - The Sleepy Shepherd



5th & 6th Class Pupils at the RDS Science Fair, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.



First Holy Communion Saturday 13th May 2017, Templebraden Church



Barna NS pupils from Junior Infants - 6th class with GAA coach, Ollie Coffey



Noel Hartigan, Cumann na mBunscol, presents the winning trophy to Eoin Power, captain of the Barna NS football team after their victory in the Allianz East Limerick Cumann na mBunscol Two Teacher School.



Barna NS
Confirmation Day
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BARNA NATIONAL SCHOOL OFFICIAL OPENING:

Barna National School built in 1929 had its official re-opening and blessing last Friday evening before a big crowd. Past and present pupils and guests turned out to see a beautiful and fabulous building which no doubt will be a wonderful place of learning for the children of the area. Principal Sandra O'Dwyer opened the proceedings and thanked all involved in the project from day one. She also thanked the cooperation of the parents for the logistical inconvenience during the redevelopment and also to the management of the Pallasgreen Community Centre for the use of the Hall during the refurbishment. A

special mention was given to the builder Martin Hartnett and Eamonn Cronin Architects for their courtesy and cooperation in which we a building to create a positive learning environment. She thanked the Board of Management and Fr Pat Burns for his leadership in getting the development which began in 2014 on course to where it is today. Fr Pat Burns on behalf of the Board of Management acknowledged the Parents association in their valuable input during the development, He thanked the Department of Education and Skills for their courtesy and cooperation and also to the local public representatives for their

assistance. He mentioned the steering committee of Tony O'Mahoney and Brian O'Neill which proved very beneficial also to Tom Power and Leo Horan whose assistance was greatly appreciated. The official opening was left to Emma Morgan the youngest pupil in the school and to Pat Rahilly past pupil and senior resident to cut the ribbon. Pallasgreen GAA Club made a presentation to the school with a framed scroll for the occasion and wishing the school well in the future. Refreshments and a cuppa were served to round off a special occasion.



Large crowd in attendance



Fr Pat Burns blessing the school



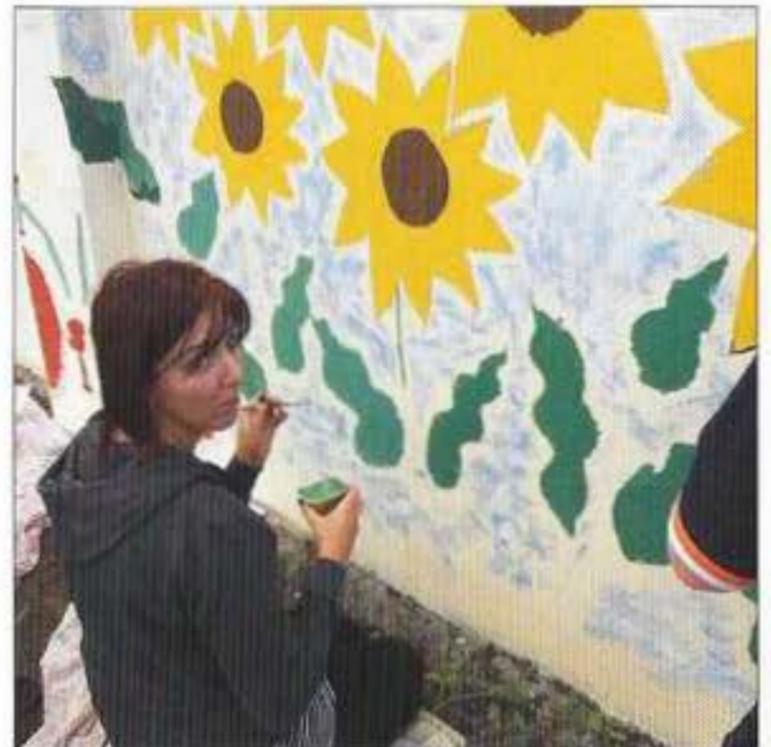
Cutting the ribbon; Mary Rahilly, Pat Rahilly and Emma Morgan



School Staff from left; Karen Fitzgerald, Tracy Ryan, Siobhan Ryan, Denise Fletcher, Sandra O'Dwyer (Principal), Noreen Higgins, Mary Hayes.

Park Grove Residents Association

The Welcome Wall in Canon Lee Park funded by the Park Grove Residents Association. The children and adults of both Canon Lee Park and the Grove helped out to complete the wall with the assistance of artist Rose Hanley.



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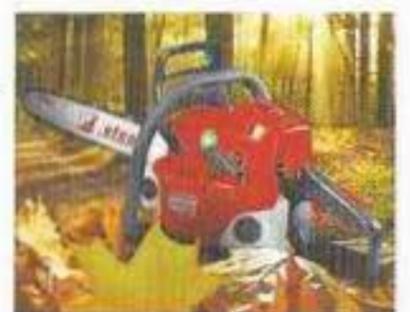
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Our First 100th Birthday

St. Anthony's Nursing Home

Cheers and celebrations rang out for Elizabeth (Bess) O'Neill, one of our residents, at St. Anthony's Nursing Home who turned 100 years young on Friday, 6th October, 2017.

There was great planning in anticipation in the lead up to this milestone event. Any lady can have one dress for a party, Bess, had the choice of three dresses! Bess's daughters and sons travelled from far and wide. Three of her sons arrived from England and a cousin travelled from America. We were honoured to stand with our colleagues at St. Anthony's who arranged a guard of honour singing 'Happy Birthday' as Bess finally made her grand entrance to her awaiting party.

A special afternoon of food and drink was organised by Elizabeth's family to honour this happy occasion, which took place in 'The Parlour' in St. Anthony's Nursing Home. We all know how good their cakes are as they treat us weekly.

Friends from far and wide came to join in Bess's afternoon celebration which started off with Mass by four of her sons. The VIP guest of the day – Mary Catherine Buckley, at the grand age of 103 arrived in celebration.

Bouquets of flowers started to arrive on the previous evening continuing through the weekend. Up to 30 bouquets later, delivery finished on Monday afternoon!

The celebration ended late with slices of birthday cake for all. Of course, Elizabeth received a special congratulatory letter from the President – Michael D Higgins, together with a big cheque as is the tradition when someone reaches 100 years old.

Since Catherine and Paddy Dillon started the Nursing Home in 1969, this is the first occasion of having the honour of caring for somebody at this great milestone.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents, staff and community a happy and healthy New Year.

Terry & Sean



Our birthday lady with the youngest staff member, Leo Fennessy

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PALLAS UNITED A.F.C.

Since the official opening of the Soccer Field in March 2015, Pallas United Soccer Club have been busier than ever, there is a good turnout of underage teams for training and matches in weather of all sorts. There are underage teams ranging from U8 to U14. This year the Club were shortlisted for a Limerick PPN Award and they came 2nd in their category. This was the first time these awards have been awarded and the Club were delighted to receive their plaque and cheque for €150 on the 12th of October at a function held in the Woodlands Adare.

On the same weekend six people represented the Club and participated in Limericks Fittest Superstars, this was hard work but the competitors enjoyed it immensely even though they did not win.

At time of going to print I have no update on underage matches. The Club would like to thank everyone who sponsored us during the year and who supported any fundraisers we had, we have applied for a grant to help us build new dressing room but we will have to wait and see if we are lucky. We look forward to working with you all in the coming year.



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LEGION OF MARY PROMOTES THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA IN PALLASGREEN/TEMPLEBRADEN

The 13th May 2017 marked the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance to the 3 little children of Fatima. However, to prepare the way for Our Lady's appearance on the above date the Angel of Peace appeared to them and asked them to pray and make sacrifices for peace in their country which was torn by the ravages of the First World War. We know that Angels appear to give messages e.g. the Angel Gabriel to bring good news to Our Lady and now the Angel of Peace came to the 3 children in 1916 to prepare the way for Our Lady the following year as it would have been too much for them to behold Our Lady without preparing the way.

Fatima at that time was only a little village and because of Our Lady's appearance it is now a world famous place of pilgrimage and since then the place and the people have prospered. During the time of the war Pope Benedict XV asked Our Lady to bring peace. Our Lady appeared in Fatima very soon after. She was to appear on the 13th of every month for the next 6 months from May 13th up to October 13th 1917 when she would perform a miracle for all the people to see. Over 70,000 people made their way on foot to Fatima to witness the miracle some travelling all day and night to arrive by the 13th. Some reports at the time suggested that the number of people who converged at Fatima was closer to 100,000. The soldiers tried their best to stop them but failed dismally. Around lunch hour on that date the weather was stormy and the people got soaked as they waited. Black clouds parted and the crowds could see the sun. "It turned different colours, yellow, blue, white, and it shook and trembled; it seemed like a wheel of fire which was going to fall on the people. They cried out: 'We shall all be killed, we shall all be killed! Many of the people thought that it was the end of the world and begged for forgiveness and that they would amend their ways. One witness recounted what happened "at last the

sun stopped moving and we all breathed a sigh of relief. We were still alive and the miracle which the children had foretold had taken place." One of our own Legionaries in Templebraden recounted what her father said of the day "the sun looked different that day". Another relative of parishioner Mary Slattery was also present that day and Mary tells us that she said very little about it. She later became a nun.

Even miles away people saw the sun "dance" in the sky. Also remarkable was that the people who had been soaked in the muddy field were completely dry in a few minutes. This event has come to be known as the "miracle of the sun". Many years later many witnesses were interviewed and basically they all said the same thing about the events but with perhaps varying different ways of describing the events. Many witnesses would have been interviewed over 40 years after the event but all would say that it is as vivid in their minds now as on the day it happened and those

interviewed for the book on the "Miracle of the Sun" would have said that it changed their lives forever and they became much better people.

Our Lady's message was always the same e.g. to pray the Rosary and make sacrifices for sinners. The oldest of the 3 was Lucia and she asked Our Lady if they would go to heaven. Our Lady said that Lucia and Jacinta would go, but Francisco would have to say many Rosaries first. It seems as if he had enough said before he died as he and Jacinta both fell ill in 1918 the year after they had seen Our Lady. Francisco offered up all his sufferings as a way of consoling God. He received his first communion and on the next day 4th April 1919 he died. The following year on the evening of February 20th 1920 the priest called to Jacinta to hear her Confession. He said he would call back the next day to give her Holy Communion but she protested at this because she felt so ill and knew she was dying. She passed away that night. Lucia in time became a Carmelite nun and learned how to



Legion of Mary members involved in bringing the Pilgrim Statue to the homes in the parish

Back row L/R: Ned Breen, Michael Hayes, Kathleen Condon, Marian O'Donnell, Chris Ryan, Mai Grace, Pat Kelly, Pdraig Ryan, Fr. Denis O'Brien on holidays from Colombia, Joan Ryan and Eileen McCormack.

Front row L/R: Brigid O'Driscoll, Eileen Egan, Margaret Ryan and Kathy Condon

read and write and also in time learned how to interpret the message of Fatima more fully. She died on February 13th 2005 aged 97. We know that the process for her canonisation is at an advanced stage. Jacinta and Francisco were canonised on 13th May this year by Pope Francis on the 100th Anniversary of the first Apparition. In honour of all of the above happenings the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is been taken to all the homes in the Parish of Pallasgreen/Templebraden by the local branches of the Legion of Mary having started in 2016 and hopefully will conclude before the year end. Families are encouraged to say the Rosary and especially with the children as Our Lady showed her love for little children having appeared to the 3 little shepherd children aged 7, 8 and 10 who could not read nor write and did not have any formal schooling. Apart from saying the Rosary and making sacrifices Our

Lady asked people to do the First Saturdays while meditating on the Mysteries and to wear the Brown Scapular. To honour this message the First Saturdays are held in Nicker Church each month at 6 pm. Also on the 13th of each month from May until Oct special devotions were held in both Churches. On 13 Oct the special devotions were held in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in Templebraden church which started with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Mass, Rosary and prayers to Our Lady of Fatima.

Our Lady said: "I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary." However her message was "do not

offend Our Lord God anymore, because He is already so much offended" these were her last words spoken on the 13th October 1917.

St Lucia states in her book "Calls from the Message of Fatima" that this was one of the chief messages of Fatima.

It may take time for the message of Fatima to be fully understood and the importance of the events that took place. Indeed it also took time for the 3 Shepherd children to comprehend the events that unfolded for them. As we celebrate the Centenary and the Canonisation of Jacinta and Francisco on 13th May last by his Holiness Pope Francis it would be nice to take on board the message as we embark into an era of turmoil and unrest in today's world. "Our Lady of Fatima pray for us".

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PALLASGREAN LADIES CLUB

As in previous years December 2016 saw the first of Pallasgrean Ladies Club's activities, when we helped serve teas, coffees, mince pies etc. at the Annual Christmas Fair. This was appreciated by all and it created a lovely festive atmosphere, when our community availed of the refreshments provided.

Early in 2017 we set about planning our year ahead. Members suggested that we organise demonstrations and talks and with our membership on the increase we had many and varied suggestions: from health issues to millinery advice we enjoyed a great variety of topics.

Our annual outing in June took us to Lismore Castle via Dove Hill for shopping and refreshments. We spent a couple of very pleasant hours walking through the beautiful gardens in the Castle grounds. Then we travelled to Dungarvan and we were pleasantly surprised with the beauty and vibrancy of that lovely town. Again as in Dove hill we spent some time shopping. Our day ended with a delicious meal in "The Tannery".

We are again planning to fill shoe boxes for the "Team Hope Appeal". Last year we had a large number of boxes and, no doubt, we will do so again this year. We are also planning to support "Adapt House".

We hope that 2018 will prove to be as enjoyable as 2017.

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On the occasion of Dolores Redpath's 80th Birthday
L/R: Bernie Kirby, Phil Kennedy, Breda O'Connor, Mary Breen, Kitty Franklin, Dolores Redpath, Breda Deere, Lou Ryan, Ann O'Dwyer and Marie Greene.



Summer Outing 10th June 2016
L/R: Mary Dillon, Ann O'Dwyer, Mary Breen, Lou Ryan, Mary Hayes, Phil Kennedy, Breda O'Connor, Paul Flynn (Proprietor of "The Tannery"), Breda Deere, Marie Greene, Breda O'Dwyer (Old Pallas), Breda O'Dwyer (Dromineen), Dolores Redpath.



Christmas Fair 2016
L/R: Mary Weatherfield, Mary Dillon, Margaret Ryan, Breda O'Dwyer and Bernie Kirby.

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

Tom O'Dea

2017 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 2017 were to the following Golf Clubs, Nenagh, Thurles, Cahir, Tipperary, Ballykisteen, Tipperary.

Our three Major outings this year were Ned Gammells Captain's prize, James McMahon Vice Captain's prize, and Dermot O'Dwyer's Presidents prize. There was good support for these outings. Ned's



Ned Gammell, Captain presenting Golfer of the Year Trophy to Mike O'Brien.

Captain Prize was played at Ballykisteen Golf Club, the winner was Mike Barry. James's Vice Captains prize took place at Tipperary Golf Club the winner was Ned Gammell. Dermot's Presidents prize was held at Tipperary Golf Club the winner here was Mossy Kirby. The Prize for Golfer of the Year after close competition with several other society members this year's winner was Mike O'Brien.

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 2018. On behalf of the Society I would like to wish our incoming Captain James McMahon and Vice Captain and President continued success for 2018.

To all we wish you a Holy and Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



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

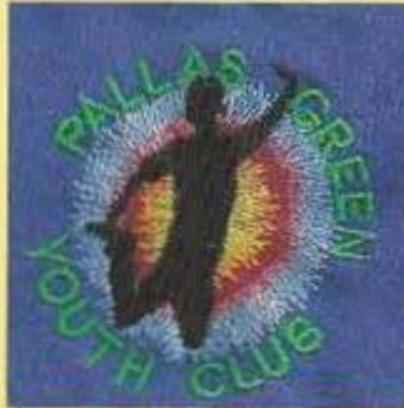
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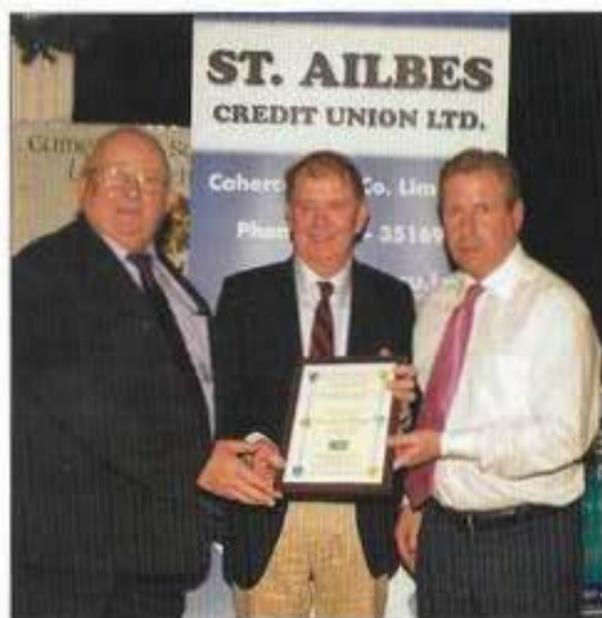
Pallasgreen Youth Club



Cumann na Sean Ghaeil

Cumann na Sean Ghaeil Luimneach Thoir Is an organisation founded in 2003 to acknowledge the contributions of gaeils in the division who have given lifelong, voluntary and dedicated service to the Gaelic Athletic Association in various capacities over the years. Many of these people worked quietly in the background in areas like administration, fundraising, field maintenance, refereeing and endless other important chores. Others have excelled on the field of play and brought honours to their clubs, division and county. Tonight however, our business is to look back and thank people mostly now retired, who have contributed greatly to the promotion of our games in the Eastern division over the years. On Friday 30th December 2016 Dermot O'Dwyer and Joe Ryan were honoured at a capacity attendance in The Millennium Centre Caherconlish.

Dermot O'Dwyer, Pallasgreen GAA



Dermot O'Dwyer (middle) presented with his award by John O'Connor (St Ailbes Credit Union Sponsor) and Ger O'Connell Committee.

Dermot O'Dwyer, the second born child to Eddie and Connie O'Dwyer, New Pallas on the 2nd February 1947. He grew up in the village with his four sisters: Selina, Rosaleen, Connie, Mary and his two brothers Pat and Eddie. In 1973 he married Cora Quinlan from Cappamore. They were to have one daughter Orleigh, who is

married to John Collins and they live in Dublin. Dermot and Cora have three grandchildren: Dermot, Jill and Jennifer.

He received his primary education in Nicker N.S. and later in the C.B.S. Moastery in Tipperary Town, before going on as a boarder to St. Flannan's College, Ennis, where he received his secondary education between 1960-65. While there he played hurling and was fast to make it on to the Dean Ryan cup team. He played on the Harty Cup team, which was defeated in the 1964 Munster Colleges Final by a very strong Limerick C.B.S. team, which included the young Eamon Cregan, Eamon Grimes etc. The following year they lost the semi-final to St. Colemans of Fermoy.

Dermot won an East Juvenile Football Championship medal, playing with Knockane in 1961. He played minor and under twenty-one hurling and football with Pallas in the mid to late sixties and got on the Limerick U-21 hurling team. He played intermediate hurling with Limerick in 1969. He was only sixteen when he played his first match at adult level, which was in the 1963 Limerick County Junior Hurling Championship Final replay, in Kilmallock, where Pallas were defeated by a very good Dromcollogher team. He played on the Pallas junior hurling team, which won the County Championship in 1968. He was very prominent the following year, when Pallas reached the 1969 Limerick County Senior Hurling Championship Final only to be defeated by an emerging powerful Patrickswell team, which included the Bennis brothers, Frankie Nolan, Sean Foley and Tony O'Brien etc. Patrickswell dominated the Senior Championship for the next two decades and backboned the great Limerick 1973 All Ireland winning team.

Dermot played inter-firm hurling with Gortdrum Mines and Wyeth Ireland. He undertook the very demanding role of Club Secretary for

Pallas in the mid 1960s. His minutes were, unfortunately, devoured by his pet dog many years later. His favourite hurler of all time was the great Tipperary Centre Back of the sixties, Mick Roche, who was such a skilful and sportsmanlike figure. Mick has only recently passed to his eternal reward R.I.P.

Dermot's inspiration at club level is equally divided between Connie O'Dwyer and Jimmy Howard, who were two of Dermot's team mates on the great Pallas teams of the sixties and seventies. They were both blessed with skills, which any budding hurler could learn from. He was a fast learner and developed some of their techniques, which in turn made him a player of great ability.

Over the years Dermot worked with Gortdrum Mines, Rafferty Travel, Atari and Wyeth Ireland. Together with his wife Cora they took over the family pub in Pallasgreen way back in 1981. They continue to run a most successful and comfortable establishment.

His hobbies include; golf, walking on Nicker Hill, sailing, fishing and cycling. He has a lake boat in Ogonneloe since 1967, where he fishes the May-fly in Lough Derg.

Dermot's athleticism does not come out of the blue. His uncle Frank P. Mulvihill representing Ireland in the Mens Marathon was placed twenty-sixth at the 1948 London Olympics. Dermot himself ran in the Cork Marathon in 1984.

Dermot and his friend Mick O'Dwyer have cycled the Ring of Kerry many times. They have also participated on a number of occasions in the 200 mile Maracycle Border Trek arranged by Co-operation North.

To show the versatility and fitness of this man, on November 27th 2015 before a capacity attendance of 1,300 people in The South Court Hotel Limerick a fundraiser in aid of three worthy charities took place. It was called "Strictly Care to Dance" and required that the participants should

practice ballroom dancing for a few months before the event. Dermot with his dance partner Sinead Ryan gave a fantastic display, which brought the crowd to their feet.

His hope for the future is to have good health and be able to remain active. He is very appreciative and honoured that the East Limerick Sean Gael committee should consider him for this award and he most certainly is delighted to accept it.

Tom Ryan (W)

Joe Ryan, Knockane GAA



Joe Ryan (Middle) presented with his award by John O'Connor (St Ailbes Credit Union Sponsor) and Danny Beary (Committee).

From a very young age, I loved playing football. Played from a very young age with Knockane, a small club with a proud history, where losing was the norm and every win was like winning an All-Ireland. Won East Championship in Under 16 football with Knockane and East minor football with a joint Knockane-Pallasgrean team, under the name St Bridget's, a welcome neighbourly collaboration for which the late Jimmy Carr and many others must be especially thanked. Played junior



Back Row L/R; Haulie Connolly, Mick Lawton, Tom Ryan (W), Tony McMahon, Dave McGuinness, Joe Franklin.

Front Row L/R; John O'Connor, Eddie O'Dwyer, Dermot O'Dwyer, Pat O'Dwyer, John Kiely (Limerick SH Manager), Ger O'Connell, Joan McCarthy, Eileen Hayes.

football with Knockane for some years. Hardly ever held a hurley before going to St Kierans in Kilkenny, where I had the privilege of playing with a lot of people who were to become well known later, Nicky Brennan, Brian Cody, and especially Billy Fitzpatrick, who was a true hurling artist and gentleman. Won several colleges competitions, culminating in an All Ireland Colleges hurling final in 1971. But in truth, my role in colleges hurling was a lot more muscle than magic.

Played minor football for Limerick in 1971 and minor hurling for Limerick in 1973 when we were beaten in a Munster Final by Tipperary in Thurles; the same day that Limerick beat Tipperary in the senior hurling final. The day that Richie Bennis paid Tipperary back, in full, for the 'wet day and the dry ball'; and despite the best efforts of Babs Keating, scored the winning point for Limerick. That great Limerick team went on to win

the final in 1973.

Thanks to: My family and the people and players of Knockane and Pallasgrean for the wonderful youth I had playing the game I loved with them.

Message to young people and coaches: It's not all about winning; concentrate on the skills of the game; and let as many young people as possible enjoy playing, for the sake of playing, not for the sake of winning.

Hope it won't happen: Hope that we never see the so-called mixed martial arts (Conor McGregor's 'sport') in any GAA venue. It's not sport, it's closer to barbarity, and we owe our children better.

Hope to see it happen: To see hand passing completely removed from football; to live to see Limerick win an All-Ireland Senior Hurling title and, at an aging stretch, to live to see Knockane win an East junior football championship.



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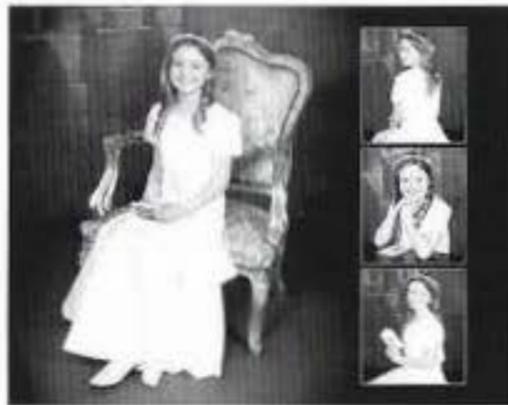
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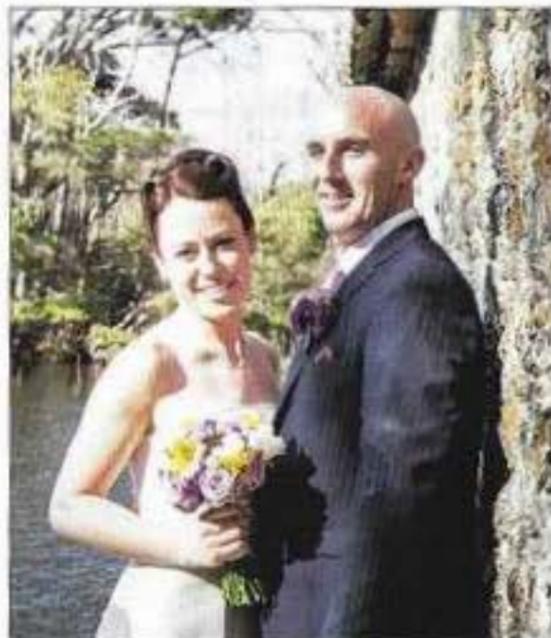
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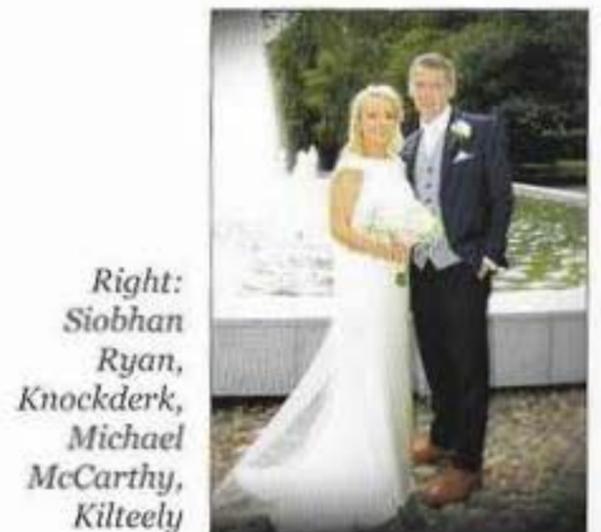
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*Left:
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Young at Heart Christmas Party



Nora Stokes and Joe Hand with MEP Sean Kelly on a recent tour of the European parliament organised by Mr. Kelly.



"Kings of the Kilburn High Road", Eamonn Harty, Garry Fraher, Bill Bourke, Willie Ryan, Philip Cosgrave



Ready for the hunt, Scarteens Garranemore



Jack Fraher Moymore with his father Garry and grandfather Eddie pictured with Limerick Hurling star Colin Ryan at a Limerick Senior Hurling training session in the Gaelic Grounds 2017.



Pallas-Sarsfields U16 Football Team County Champions 2017
 Back Row L to r: Eilis Phelan, Kelly Murphy, Sophie Roche, Cliodhna Ryan, Leah Butler, Jordan Mawdsley, Ellie Phelan, Rebecca Harty, Sophie Houlihan, Lisa McGuinness, Aine Looby, Frank Roche.
 Front Row L to R: Aoife Fealy, Emma Martin, Katlyn Casey, Emily Hayes, Ailbhe O'Connell, Melanie O'Sullivan.



Jack Fanklin, Munster U16 Puc Fada.



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Maria Ryan was conferred with her Masters in Music, 1st Class Honours, in the Cork School of Music.



Gréan Launch 2016 - pictured L/R: Jill McCormack, Ger O'Connell, Siobhán English, John O'Connor, Harry Kennedy, Aine Commons, Con O'Dwyer and Breda O'Dwyer.



U16 Novice Final Winners Team: Rebecca Harty, Emma Martin, Kaitlin Casey, Ailbhe O'Connell, Emily Hayes, Jordan Mawdsley, Molly Delaney, Clíodhna Ryan, Leah Butler, Aoife Fealy, Aine Looby, Lisa McGuinness, Shauna Murphy, Melanie O'Sullivan.



Limerick Primary Game Girls Peil 2017. Fiona Keogh right of front row.



Emma Harding, 3rd Class, Nicker NS with her craft work.



3 photos by Anita Gleeson, Brackile: 'Red Red Rose', 'Wasp up to his nectar' and 'Pure gold at the end of the rainbow'.



Mulcair Riverdance Group

*Front; Leah Ward, Katlyen O'Connor, Aine Dillon, Annie Hourigan
Middle; Ger O'Connell, Mary Cosgrave, Caroline Kennedy, Joan McCarthy, Liz Moore
Back; Alan Kennedy, Paddy Kennedy, Maria Kennedy, Joe Franklin*



Joe O'Rahilly, Barna, being presented with his award as Tipperary Racecourse Supporters' Club Personality of the Year at Tipperary Racecourse on Sunday 1st October 2017



Darkness Into Light Murroe 2017 from left Emily Hayes Capamore, Ailbhe O'Connell, Eadaoin O'Connell, Katie Hayes Cappamore and Roisin O'Connell



Tracy Hourigan and Mary O'Connell were conferred with first class honours with Certificate in Leadership for Inclusion in the Early Years in MIC.



A group of parishioners from Pallasgreen/ Templebraden who participated in a Novena of Rosaries for 7 nights at the Grotto in Barna to mark the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima.

Left to right: Brigid O'Driscoll, Kathleen Condon, Colman O'Driscoll, John O'Driscoll, Michael Hayes, Eileen Egan, Pat Kelly, Patricia McMahon, Marian O'Donnell, Maeve Lawton, Joan and Chris Ryan and Eileen Condon.

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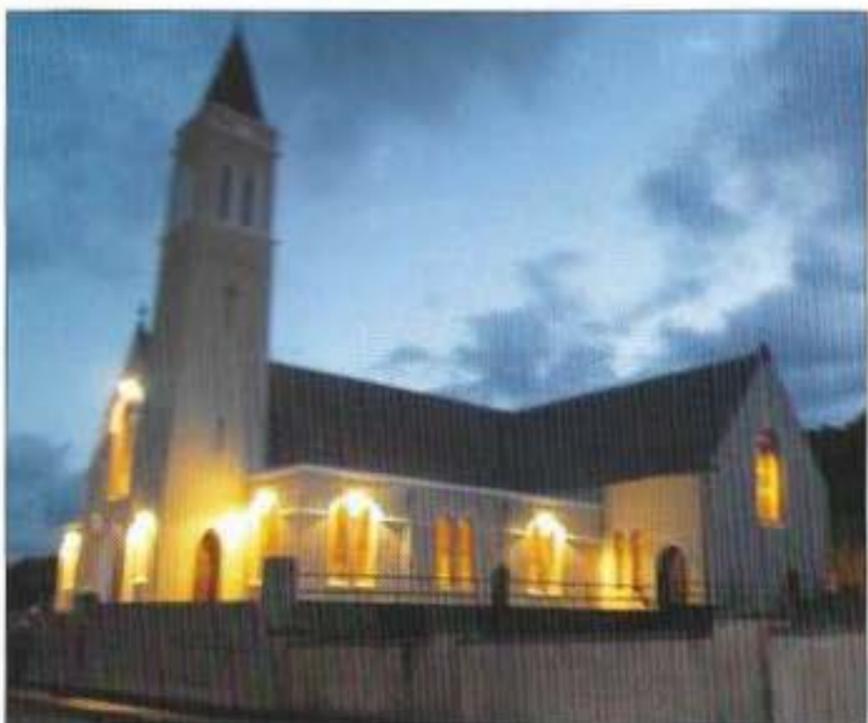


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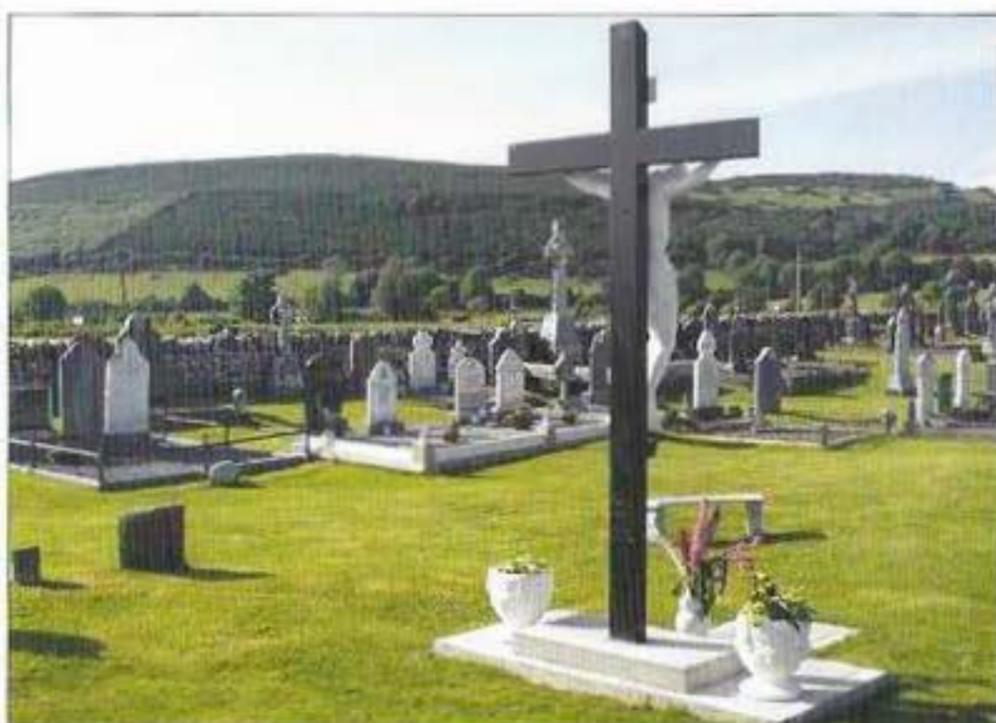
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Evening scene at Nicker Church



Old Pallas Cemetery in summer



Santa arrives at Pallasgreen Christmas Fair



Grotto at Nicker getting ready for Passion 2014



'Watching' - the High Priests keeping an eye on proceedings.

History Section

THE NEW PALLAS FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE

The New Pallas Relief Committee was under the chairmanship of James Considine of Derk. Fr Mahony, Parish Priest, was treasurer and was in a position to ensure that any money collected would not be used for proselytising activities. John L. Keys, who was secretary, wrote to the Poor Law committee in Dublin Castle requesting that the committee be furnished with Act of Parliament books and other documents. The committee had its first meeting in April 1846 and the letter stated that they intended to use every means possible to provide work and food for the unemployed necessitous labourers of the locality who were suffering severe hardships from scarcity of potatoes. J. Ball P.L.G. carried out an inspection of the baronies of Owenbeg and Coonagh and reported that the district had suffered less than those immediately surrounding it and had but a moderate amount of distress. He was convinced that writing to the relief would be utterly useless, as nobody on the committee would support his propositions. There were fifteen vacancies in the workhouse on 26 May 1846. In July 1846, a letter from the Office of Public works to the New Pallas Relief Committee expressed the view that the government could not

grant any extra funds. Except for the long footpath there was no work available. It was recommended that the committee, the proprietors and the farmers should assist and cooperate with the board and not be putting all the unemployed on the government works.

The cottiers and landless labourers suffered severe hardship. As early as 1836 Fr. Mahony described their wretched cabins and hovels which illustrated the grim reality of their lives. He stated that they had no furniture or bedclothes and explained that they shook a small portion of straw on the floor at bedtime, over which they placed something like a winnowing sheet. This was in many instances the only covering for the whole family. Darby O'Grady J.P. gave a similar account of the cabins in the parish. He too described them as miserable and noted that the entire family of both sexes slept in a corner on rotten hay or straw. There was no ventilation, the smell dreadful and he had seldom seen any covering or a bed. He also noted that the pigs generally slept in the same apartment. Fr. Mahony also stated that in many instances the cabins were shared by more than one family. The winter of 1846-47 was one of the severest in living memory. It snowed early in

November with almost continuous frost throughout the winter. Lieutenant English, an inspector of relief schemes for county Limerick, described how desperate the situation was in the neighbouring parish of Killeely. He found a population reduced to utter and extreme destitution. He described the inadequacy of the public works to support the families. He described his visit to a hungry family and believed that eight human beings would have died before nightfall had he not arrived on the scene. Some such cases reveal that there were extreme cases of destitution in this area.

There is an account of the famine in the area that refers to a temporary mortuary in Old Pallas and the cholera epidemic. While references to the famine are scant in the folk memory of the parish it is significant that they usually refer to famine graves. Fr. Ryan, parish priest, stated that that from his own knowledge not less than four hundred had died in the parish during the famine. He also stated that deaths from his parish in the Tipperary work house were twenty-five per week.

The following residents of the parish and landowners made significant contributions to the relief committee.

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It Said in the Papers

Compiled by Siobhán English

The following newspaper articles paint a dramatic picture of the events of Thursday 29th to Saturday 31st August 1920, centred around Pallasgreen and its locality. The extracts further illustrate the aftermath of the events of that fateful weekend. Brigadier General Lucas was one of the most senior British officers to have been taken captive by the I.R.A. In late June 1920, while fishing on the River Blackwater near Fermoy in County Cork, Lucas was arrested by IRA Volunteers led by Liam Lynch.

Battle on the Roadway

Startling and Tragic Incidents

(Skibbereen Eagle, Saturday July 31 1920)

Tipperary Friday – General Lucas escaped last night and is at present in Tipperary Military Barracks. He was captured by the Irish Republican Volunteers some months ago, at a fishing village near Fermoy, Co Cork and since then his whereabouts has been a mystery. The circumstances of his capture, dramatic as they were, are totally eclipsed by the thrilling and tragic events following his escape. The exact location of his place of captivity is not known at present, possibly not even the General himself, hurrying away, as he did in the darkness of night, from a place in which he was doubtless an utter stranger.

The military authorities at Tipperary refuse absolutely to give one word of information to the press about the

General. The fact is, however, definitely established that General Lucas is in Tipperary and that he is little the worse for his term of captivity or of his exciting experience this morning. It appears that he managed to shift or move the bars guarding the window of his room and getting away in the darkness, he seems to have wandered for hours, through the night, across the countryside.

About 9 o'clock on Friday morning, General Lucas, who was in civilian attire, wearing a soft brown hat, hailed a lorry passing along the main road from Limerick to Limerick Junction. The place where he met the lorry was near the village of New Pallas, about mid-way between Limerick and Tipperary. The lorry stopped and the soldiers were immensely surprised to find encountering them in this strange fashion, the missing General. He was taken aboard and the lorry continued its journey.

Passing through the little village of Oola, four miles on and six miles from Tipperary, about half a mile on the Tipperary side of Oola, and close by a roadside gate leading to the place of a farmer called Hewitt, the car found its further progress stopped by a felled tree. As it pulled up in front of this tree, a volley of shots rang out from each side of the road. The soldiers jumped down from the lorry and returned the fire.

A desperate battle lasting about half an hour ensued. Two soldiers were shot dead and three wounded. The military stated that three or more of the Irish Republican Volunteer attackers were hit, but of this, at present, there is no confirmation. While the battle was in progress, a second military motor lorry, coming from Limerick, arrived, followed shortly afterwards by half-a-dozen policemen from Oola station, armed with rifles, who hearing the shots, hurried to the scene. Amidst a heavy

interchange of firing, the raiders then retreated across the fields, and in a very short time, had disappeared. The dead bodies of the two soldiers were put into the lorries and the two cars travelled on to Tipperary. When the news leaked out that General Lucas had escaped, it created tremendous excitement, overshadowing even the tragic affair near Oola.

The General is looking fit and well and has no complaints to make of the manner in which he was treated by his captors. He has a slight scratch over one of his eyes, apparently from a slug in the fighting near Oola. Beyond this, nothing can be learned concerning him, owing to the military reticence. The spot on the road where the two dead soldiers lay, is marked by two large pools of blood. Their names are Lance Corporal Parker and Private Bayliss. They had been stationed at Limerick and are said to have belonged to the Bucks and Essex Regiments.

One of the three wounded soldiers was shot through the neck. Dr. Dowling extracted the bullet at Tipperary Military Hospital. The other two soldiers sustained slight injuries – one in the hand, the other in the eye. Following the attack at Oola, large parties of military hurried to the scene and the sound of firing was heard repeatedly for a considerable time afterwards. It is impossible at present to say what is happening. There are rumours of houses burnt down in Pallas Village. The one certain is the intense anxiety and alarm in the district in view of possible reprisals.

Mr. John Lynch, a pump sinker of Cappamore, Co. Limerick, gave a graphic account of the fight at Oola, of which he was an eye-witness. I was coming to Tipperary this morning, he said, with a cartload of timber, in company with my brother Tom. It was about half past nine o'clock and we were about a quarter of a mile on the Tipperary side of Oola when we

BATTLE ON THE ROADWAY

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heard shots in front of us. We proceeded on our way when a short distance further on, the wife of a farmer named David O'Donnell, ran out in a very excited state on the road and, putting up her hands, shouted to us not to go any farther, that there was a raid on near Hewitt's gate. We continued on our way, however, and about thirty yards further on a policeman met us, putting up his hands and warning us to stop. We then left the horse and cart in the middle of the road and went in behind the hedge on the roadside. Looking through the hedge, he saw a motor lorry some distance down the road, about half a dozen soldiers had got down from the lorry and were replying with their rifles to shots which came from both sides of the road. Two soldiers lay motionless in the middle of the road, apparently dead. From behind a shed with a corrugated iron roof, a heavy and continuous fusillade was directed on the soldiers. I could not say how many men were in the attacking party, but there appeared to be a good number. When the fight had been in progress about twenty minutes or half an hour a second motor lorry full of soldiers coming from Limerick raced up to the spot. Following them rushed five or six policemen, rifles in hand, the attackers then dispersed through the fields, firing as they ran, the military firing after them. When the fight was over the two dead men and three others who appeared to be wounded were placed in the lorry and the two lorries went on to Tipperary. My brother and I went back for a while to Oola, where the inhabitants were in a terrible state of excitement. On our way to Tipperary subsequently we saw two big pools of blood where the bodies of the soldiers had lain.

There is a strong rumour in Tipperary that the attackers were not aware that General Lucas was in the military lorry and that the purpose of the attack was to secure military mails which, it appears, this car carried. The coincidence in that case would be extraordinary. The general impression appears to be that, on the General's escape being discovered, hasty steps were taken to intercept him in the manner described. A later

report states that General Lucas arrived in the small hours this morning at Pallas village police barracks where, on informing the garrison who he was, he was taken in and kept there. The military mail motor from Limerick to Limerick Junction, on passing through Pallas, was hailed by police and General Lucas taken on board. Rain fell in torrents all night and General Lucas had great difficulty in making his way through the fields and across hedges. His tattered clothing and bedraggled appearance bore eloquent testimony to the ordeal that he had undergone. He is stated to have expressed the belief his place of captivity was east of New Pallas.

The following accounts recall an incident which took place on Saturday night, 31st July 1920.

The Shooting at Nicker

*(Limerick Chronicle
- 10th August 1920)*

An inquest was held by Dr. M.R. Cleary in the village of Nicker, near Newpallas, East Limerick, last evening, on James Mulcahy, aged 40, a labourer and an ex-soldier of seventeen years' service, who was shot in the village on the night of 31st July on the occasion of a military patrol. Mulcahy died shortly afterwards.

Mr. James H. Moran, solr, Limerick, appeared for the next-of-kin, and Mr. Blood-Smyth, solr, Limerick, for the military authorities. None of the military put in an

appearance.

Evidence was called to show that while Mulcahy and the other men were in the public house a knock came to the door, and all in the bar rushed into the yard. Shots were fired and Mulcahy was shot in the body. Soldiers afterwards carried him into the shop where he died in a few minutes. The witnesses said that no shots had been fired at the military, who numbered at least six and were not in charge of an officer. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased man was wilfully and foully murdered without provocation by the military, and that the crime was the more heinous as the deceased had served with distinction in the war. They strongly condemned this attack on unoffending and innocent people, and sympathised with the relatives of the deceased man, who, to their knowledge, was an upright, straightforward man.

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Publican's Story of Missing Money and Drink

(Freeman's Journal Tuesday August 10th 1920)

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The jury returned the following verdict; - "That the deceased was wilfully and foully murdered without provocation by the military. The crime is the more heinous, as the deceased served with distinction in the war, which the instigators of his murder say was waged for the principles which they deny his fellow-countrymen. We strongly condemn this murderous attack on unoffending and innocent people and condemn also the authorities for allowing outrageous acts of murder and robbery by military. We tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives of deceased who was an upright straightforward man.

The Coroner said the verdict certainly was strong but not too strong and he fully endorsed it.

Jeremiah Tracey, Bunaboy, was the first witness. Examined by Mr. James H.Moran, solr., Limerick, who appeared for the next-of-kin, he stated that about half past 10 on the night of the tragedy, he was in company with Edward Maloney, a neighbour, at Nicker. Both went into Miss Gleeson's publichouse. Deceased with others were there. Witness got into conversation with deceased, until about ten minutes past 11 when he heard a rush at the front door, and a noise as if the door had been struck by the butts of guns. There were shouts of "Open" from outside and those inside rushed out at the back door, including the deceased.

Witness soon after heard six or seven shots ring out and saw a man lying on his back beside the porch. A soldier pointed at the man with his boot, and said, "Who's this bloke?" Witness

recognised the body as that of James Mulcahy.

"I got excited," continued witness and said, "He fought for ye, and this was his thanks." A soldier told me to slip away quietly, but having my suspicions, I decided to remain. I then heard more shots and saw about four soldiers in the yard. I said that for humanity's sake, the wounded man, who was moaning, should be attended to.

Mr. Moran - Had any of you said or done a single thing to provoke what occurred? We had not

Were any of you armed? No.

This appeared to be a cold-blooded murder? Yes.

Witness added that he was with Mulcahy when he died which was about a minute after he was brought into the shop. Before he died a soldier bandaged the wound which was on the left side, underneath the ribs. He bled freely from the wound. Witness was certain that Mulcahy died as a result of a bullet wound from a shot fired by the military.

Miss Elizabeth Gleeson, owner of the publichouse in Nicker stated that soldiers came in on the night in question and asked for drink. She ran out frightened, and as she left, she saw them approaching the till. Afterwards she missed two dozen bottles of beer and thirty shillings in cash out of the till. There were children in the house, and the witness afterwards saw a hole in the wall caused by a bullet fired through the window over the children's bed.

Letter From Archbishop of Cashel on Pallasgreen Outrage

(Irish Examiner Saturday August 14th 1920

Limerick Leader Wednesday August 18th 1920)

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Admin. Pallasgreen:-

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What Pallasgreen Notes said in the Limerick Leader on the 16th Jan. 1932

By Nora Stokes

In 1932 the parish notes for Pallasgreen were known as Pallas and District - no name was given for the correspondent.

Cottage Tenants Association

Mr. Michael Ryan, Pallasgreen one of the Limerick delegates to the National Conference of cottage tenants and rural workers, held in Dublin last presided over a well-attended meeting of the local branch of the Cottage Tenants Association in Nicker on Sunday last

A Representative Convention

The Chairman gave a detailed and interesting account of the convention proceedings. Eighteen counties were represented and the attendance include three Dáil members in addition to a member of the Seanad. The principle of Tenants of cottages

becoming owners was unanimously agreed; the terms of purchase to be partly on the same lines as land purchase.

Interview with Labour Leader

On the day following the convention Mr. R. Mansfield, Cullen, accompanied him to an interview obtained with the Labour Leader Mr. T. J. O'Connell T.D. and Senator Johnson, both of whom promised their movement every support. He felt confident that in due course the scheme would materialise

To Circularise T.D's

It was intimated that T.D's of all shades of political opinion would be circularised at once with a view to ascertaining their views on the proposed purchase scheme. At the forth coming general election the cottiers would take into

consideration the measures of support promised them

Levy Agreed On

In order to meet expenses already incurred and to provide a fund for any future disbursements which may be necessary a levy of one shilling per cottier was proposed and agreed. A further meeting will be held Sunday the 17th

Flood Aftermath

It is only during the past few days that many of the residents of the flooded area of Cappamore have been able to return to their homes. In such a town where sanitary and water schemes are lacking, the aftermath of a flood, such as that experienced last week, is more dreaded than the actual flooding itself.



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What Pallasgreen notes said in the Limerick Leader on the 23rd January 1932

Election Activities

The two big political parties have already began their election campaign in the district. Fianna Fáil opened with a meeting in Killeely, while the Government Party meetings have been held at Murroe and Cappamore. It is stated that the Minister for Agriculture will address a further meeting in Cappamore in the very near future.

Winning Racer Bred Locally

Mr. Thomas Hayes Railway Hotel Pallasgreen who for some years has been a successful breeder of bloodstock recently added yet another success to his sporting enterprise when "Sir Michael" sold as a colt at the Dublin Show Sales four years ago, won his first time out at Baldoy for his owner Mr. W. W. Ashe. Sir Michael who is by Sir Roland, out of a mare by Marten, from a daughter of Toussaint - Teacher, was only in training four months prior to winning. He is described as a first class stayer and gives every promise of developing into a good chaser

Pallasgreen Coursing Club

At a recent meeting congratulations were extended to the popular

members Mr. Dick Quinn and Mr. Johnny Nash of Knockane, on the signal success of their nominations at the Cappamore meeting. Thanks was gratefully to Mr. J. Nunan, N.T. Garrydoolis, for returning to the club funds a cash prize won in a recent raffle

Stocking of Preserves

It was decided to purchase 50 hares for the stocking of the club's preserves. The secretary was instructed to obtain quotations for the supply and a special Committee was appointed to deal with the matter. In future this Committee will also deal with game keeper's reports

Next Sundays Meet

Knockane cross is the venue for next Sundays meet which will take place at 1.15p.m. The Sunday coursing meetings have become very enjoyable of late, and the necessity for averse criticism of the conduct of some of the followers no longer exists. When

the season comes around again things will have assumed better shape from every angle and judging by the present rate of progress the club will be amongst the best in the South

Sheep Worrying

Mr. J. Hogan Deerpark, Dromkeen has again suffered considerably as a result of sheep worrying on his lands. Last week ten of his sheep were seriously injured that they all had to be destroyed. The trouble has become very prevalent of late, and it is stated that the Dog Regulations will now be strictly enforced

I hope you enjoyed reading these notes from 1932 and see how different they are from the parish notes of 2017.



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A Native Irish Spindle Tree

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This tree is located in Tullabeg near the Fox cover. The timber I understand was used to make spindles which were used for spinning wool. This is the first one I have seen in the area.

John Dillon



Article 6 - The mystery of Castlegarde ownership A.D. 1764 to A.D. 1820

by David Thompson & Daniel Grace

Another year of research has taken place, and while in that time we have found some pertinent information, we have not been able to solve the ownership question of Castlegarde from A.D. 1764 to A.D. 1820.

We finished Article 5 by describing how in A.D. 1764 Castlegarde was owned by the Baron of Offaly (later 1st and last Earl of Charleville in the first creation) Charles Moore following his marriage to Hester Coghill. Lord Charleville died in A.D. 1764 without issue, and leaving us the present day mystery of who inherited Castlegarde upon his demise.

During this period Castlegarde, sitting atop its three hundred and fifty million year old crinoidal limestone foundation (created from coral when Ireland was sub-tropical!) changed hands in a rather uncertain fashion.

Charles Moore bequeathed his estates to his nephew John Bury of Shannon Grove in County Limerick. John Bury died suddenly in a swimming accident in May 1764 a few months after inheriting the Earl of Charleville's estates. His son, named Charles William Bury (later 1st Earl of Charleville in the second creation) was born posthumously on the 30th of June 1764.

It is from this point between 1764 and the sale of the Castlegarde estate by the exchequer to Waller O'Grady following an 1820-1823 court case that there is uncertainty as to who was the owner of Castlegarde. We are going to examine this over the rest of the article in three strands (1) Hester Coghill's (Lady Charleville) second marriage, (2) the inheritance of John Bury, and (3) what we can ascertain from the documents of the exchequers court case in 1820. Here we can only present the facts as we find them to date (we are still researching), no conclusion will be drawn with certainty as to ownership during this period.

(1) Lady Charleville's 2nd Marriage

Lady Charleville, Hester Moore (nee Coghill) married again following the death of her first husband in 1764. She married her second spouse Major John Mayne in 1767, who changed his surname to Coghill. We know that Mayne received a large fortune that Hester brought to the marriage and he lived extravagantly, and we know that Hester inherited the Coghill estates of her father James Coghill. Hester outlived her second husband who died in 1785 with no issue from this marriage.

What we don't know is whether or not Castlegarde remained in the estates of the Earl of Charleville where it had been given by way of marriage settlement upon Hester's marriage to Charles Moore, or did Hester take it with her upon the death of her first husband. If she did it most likely would have been inherited by John Cramer on her death in 1789, whereupon Cramer changed his surname to Coghill and is the ancestor of the later Coghill baronet's. Cramer was either a third cousin or a second cousin once removed of Hesters on her grandmothers side.

It is doubtful that Hester retained ownership of Castlegarde the reason being that at the time of the 1820 to 1823 court case there is no mention of the Cramer-Coghill baronets who were extant at this time and still are today; Vice Admiral Sir Josiah Coghill being the 3rd Baronet at this point (A.D. 1823). The only possibility of Castlegarde being in their ownership at this time would be if it had been given to revenue as an inheritance payment, as Sir Josiah only inherited in 1817, however we would still have expected some mention of his name in connection with the estate during the court case. We are still researching the Coghills and further information might yet turn up.



Hester Coghill

(2) John Bury's inheritance

Charles Moore's sister, Jane, married William Bury of Shannon Grove, Co. Limerick. Their eldest son John Bury was born in 1725 and married Catherine Dunally in 1761. John succeeded to the Charleville estates in 1764.

As already stated John Bury died in a tragic drowning accident shortly after inheriting the Earl of Charleville's estates in May 1764, his son Charles William was born posthumously on the 30th of June 1764. Charles William then being a minor was unable to succeed in his tenure until he was 21. Thomas Johnston would appear to have managed the estates totally 23,000 acres on his behalf while he and his mother went to live in Tullamore.

In 1785 Charles William Bury took control of the estates and in 1798 he married Catherine Maria Tisdall. He was raised to the peerage as The Lord Tullamore in 1797 and in 1800 as The Viscount Charleville, in 1806 he was made 1st Earl of Charleville (in the Second Creation). We do know he built Charleville castle in the 1790s and continued to put investment into

it by way of additions until about 1805. His son, also named Charles William was born in 1801. He also built the courthouse, the gaol and brought the canal to Tullamore.

Charles William Bury prior to his elevation to the peerage served as MP for Kilmallock in Co. Limerick in 1790 and again from 1792 to 1797.

This building work seems to have considerably depleted his finances. We cannot say for certain that he sold Castlegarde at this time, or that he gave it to revenue to settle debts owed to the exchequer. We do know that later the Bury family had to sell all their Limerick estates, which had been managed by their cousin the Reverend Bury of Cork.

The 2nd Earl married Lady Harriot Charlotte Beaujolais in 1821, which coincidentally is very close to the period in which the exchequer sold Castlegarde. We know Lady Beaujolais brought no inheritance with her into the marriage but was a profligate spender and interior designer (responsible for some of the beautiful designs within Charleville Castle).

The completion of the sale of the Limerick estates took place in 1844, seven years after the death of Charles William Bury, 1st Earl of Charleville in the second creation and during the lifetime of Charles William Bury, 2nd Earl of Charleville who also needed money for election costs and a lavish lifestyle much of which he spent travelling on the continent.

It is possible that Castlegarde had to be sold due to the spending by both the 1st and 2nd Earls of Charleville in the second creation or offered by them to the revenue to settle outstanding debts. We cannot say for certain, but of the two main possibilities this looks the more likely reason for it ending up being sold by the state.

(3) The 1820 – 1823 Court Case

There are records of a settlement awarded to various parties from the estate of Castlegarde which are in existence as a result of a court case from 1820 – 1823.

We have no idea as to who the owner of Castlegarde was at this time. It

would appear that monies with owing to His Majesties Revenue. Who owed these monies is uncertain.

What we don't know is did one of the parties sell Castlegarde or offer it up to the revenue as means of paying their debts. Again they are not mentioned in the court case which indicates that by then revenue had taken full possession of this estate, of course this comes back to our earlier difficulty in that Hester Coghills heirs are given no mention either. Unless the estate was sold somewhere in between to an unknown buyer we are still none the wiser as to whether it was Hester Coghill or the Bury Family who were the owners at this time.

From the records of the court case we know that eight named people received five shillings each by way of compensation for claims upon the estate. We do not know the nature of the various claims, however we can surmise that with the estate falling into the exchequers hands the Bailey tenure as tenants came to an end, and they were paid five shillings by way of compensation. Others who were paid compensation included Lord Northland, we can only assume that debts were owed to them from the estate, but that as is the case in Irish law today the exchequers debt took precedence over all others and the five shillings paid to each of these was the residual left over when revenue had received their pound of flesh.

The list of those compensated (at a rate of five shillings each) were:

- (1) Thomas Bailie (also spelt Bailey);
- (2) Christopher Delmage;
- (3) William Thomas Monsel;
- (4) Frances Calvet and his wife;
- (5) Nicolas Calvert;
- (6) Thomas Lord Viscount Northland and his wife Diana Jane;
- (7) Jane Bailie.

It would seem that up to this point the

Bailie family (also referred to in other documents as Bailey) had enjoyed some form of long term lease on the property of Castlegarde from the owners and that this had continued through various changes in ownership. The loss of this lease upon the exchequer obtaining ownership of Castlegarde must have been a financial blow to the Bailie family. From records we know that the residual income from the lease after the previous owners were paid their rent was sufficient for the Bailey family to leave a provision of £300 from the lands at Castlegarde for the education of their daughters children in 1706.

What we know with certainty is that following this court case the Castlegarde estate was purchased for the sum of £3,050 by Waller O'Grady in 1823. This money was paid to the exchequers account in the bank of Ireland. Our next article will deal with the O'Grady family ownership and their renovation of the existing keep with a Payne Brothers designed extension.

We will also continue to research the A. D. 1764 to A.D. 1820 period of ownership, and perhaps we may find more interest from other documents we are hoping to access.

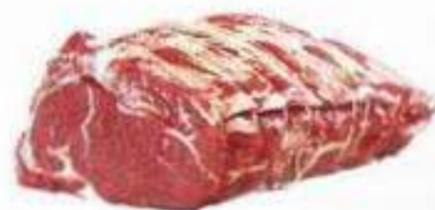
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Schools Collection of Folklore

By Kathleen Shanahan

In 1937 the Irish Folklore Commission, with the cooperation of the Department of Education and the Irish National Teacher's Organisation, instigated a plan for national schoolchildren who were encouraged to collect and document folklore and local history. The scheme was to run from 1937 to 1938 but it was extended to 1939 in specific cases. Children in 5,000 schools in the Irish Free State were enlisted to collect folklore material in their home districts. The topics researched included local history, local monuments, legends, riddles, proverbs, games, superstitions, pastimes, traditional work practices and crafts, customs prayers and beliefs etc. This material was collected by the children from their own immediate family and from other older members of their community. The collection is now known as the Schools' Manuscript Collection and it has resulted in more than half a million manuscript pages of valuable material. The material is digitised and is available on the net <http://www.duchas.ie>.

This collection of stories is especially significant to the descendants of the children who participated in the scheme. It enables them to observe and appreciate the excellent work and enterprise of their antecedents and possibly gain some knowledge of their own history. The project encapsulates the customs lifestyle and beliefs of a people who lived eighty years ago. Consequently, it is also an invaluable source of material for local historians to analyse the history, features and facts about their locality and its inhabitants of an earlier period. It appears from the records that several members of each parish were involved in the project and they discussed the traditions and the stories of their locality with the school children involved in the assignment.

The script, the language and the

grammar of those far off children is of exceptional quality and demonstrates the excellence and depth of the national education of that time. It should be kept in mind that during this period in Ireland many children completed their education at national school level, but judging by their work it would have been sufficient to hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Copies of material from Garrydoolis, Barna, Brackile, and Nicker Boys and Girls schools are included and discussed in this article. A total of one hundred and ninety two stories were collected and published. The following is a random selection of the material from the five schools.

Garrydoolis National School (Garradha Dubhlios)

Located in the Barony of Coonagh in the parish of Templebraden.

The school principal: Ss. O'Nuanain.

The project commenced on 1st September 1937 and ended on 16th December 1938. The total number of stories which were recorded and published was 87 titles. Seven students from the school contributed to this assignment and the stories and essays that they transcribed were told to them by members of their community or their relatives. The names of the students were: Martin Comans, Clogaready, Co. Tipperary. Hugh Hogan, Ballyneety. Bridget Buckley, Garrydoolis. John Donoghue, Scrag, Garrydoolis. James Ryan, Clogaready. Bridget Looby, Kilcornan. Cullen. Margaret Ryan, Ballynagreanagh.

The most prolific writer was Martin Comans from Cloghaready who compiled forty three essays relating to a wide variety of subjects. He told one notorious tale of a gallows which was erected on the roadside between Knockane and Emly during the penal times, 'where many a poor peasant was strangled by the "bandogs" of the

law' but after 1798 this 'cruel work was done away with'. He continued the story saying that many years later a horseman who was passing past the site became terrified by the sight of 'big bloodhounds breathing flames and fire out of their mouths and nostrils'. The horse bolted and threw the man on the ground but he was able to find shelter in a nearby farm house. The informant of this tale was John O'Connor, aged 75, who lived in Garrydoolis all his life.

In another essay Martin spoke of the Hill of Derk and the mass rock that is located there where Mass was said during the Penal times. This is copy of his essay.

'In this district there is a hill called the "hill of Derk". The word "Derk" is got from "Dearg" the Irish word for red because the country around is very bare. It is a hill about 1500 feet high. Old people say that in the Penal Days Mass was celebrated there. Two holes cut into the stones show where the candles were put. A few years ago a man named Denis Harty found a big crucifix there when digging a trench.

In the immediate neighbourhood of the hill there is a townland called "Firmanagh" which means the "Country of the Monks".'

Bridget Looby had a strange tale to tell about the customs that were associated with May Eve.

'There are many strange customs connected with May Eve. The ancient May Eve customs are now dying away. Long ago the young children especially girls used to go around from house to house dressed in beautiful flowers. These youngsters used to sing a song at each house and get a few pence in exchange. In former times May Eve was regarded as a great festival. The following were the principal customs connected with May Eve in ancient times. First sweep the threshold clean, sprinkle ashes over it and watch for the first footprints.

If it is turned inwards it means a marriage and if it is turned outwards it means a death. Secondly May Eve pick it up and put it on a plate, sprinkle with flour and at sunset you would see the initials of your true love's name. Thirdly light a bush before the house on May Eve and it is considered to keep away thunder and lightning. Another old custom was to go out May Eve and gather armful of yellow flowers known as May Flowers. These are strewn at the gate of every field, outside the doors of homes and out-houses and even on the housetops. It is considered that these would keep away ill-luck, evil spirits and disease.'

Barna (Bearna) National School

Situated in the Barony of Coonagh in the parish of Pallasgreen .

School Principal: Maire Ni Chathbhuidh

The names of the students who took part in the project were Christy Grace. Una Quirke. Bridget Kennedy. Mary Cahill. Kitty Coleman. Stephen Kennedy. (there are no addresses for any of the students).

The pupils transcribed seventeen stories in total; their principal narrative subject was folklore and in addition there were two essay 'as Gaeilge'.

Horses and hounds featured in a lot of the stories of myths and legends. Mary Cahill wrote a very descriptive piece about a man who was out walking one night when he suddenly heard *'the galloping of horses and the crying of hounds'*. *He raced home as fast as he could and 'did not spare time to take off his clothes but jumped into bed'*.

One of the stories told by Bridget Kennedy had a historical context since it was set in the time of the war of independence when the black and tans were on the rampage and there was a curfew in force throughout the land. This period of hostilities and general unrest, as Bridget described, would have been within the life time of the majority of the members of her community

This is Bridget's story:

'In the years 1920/21 when there was a curfew in Ireland and every man was supposed to be in his own house at eight o'clock. There were two men who used to go gambling to a neighbours house and they generally went across the fields in order to avoid the black and tans. The gambling used end about ten oclock and the men used go home across the fields. At a certain field every night they separated from each other and went their own way. This night just and they after separating when one of them was climbing a rock a light came around him and he was caught and turned. The light led him through fields and ditches and when he would sit down it would go away but when he would stand up it would come back again. This time he got out his beads and said his prayers thinking it would go away but it only took him further. It left him at the break of day where he found himself at the graveyard of Ballinaclough. Others besides this man have seen this light and it is referred to as "Jackie the Lantern".'

Brackile N.S.

Brackyle, Pallasgreen. Barony of Coonagh. Parish of Nicker

Principle Teacher; Liam Ó Cinneide

There were seven collectors who transcribed thirteen stories. One collector was eighty two years old and he used to sing the "The siege of Castletown", which he set down for the project. Among the thirteen titles which were collected were: "St Patrick's Rock", "A Fair in Cluggin and Faction Fights", "An Old Hedge-School - Brackyle", "Siege of Castletown Doon, Co. Limerick", "Candle-Making Long Ago", and "How Butter Was Made Long Ago".

The collectors were: Thomas Harty, Nicker. Michael O'Donovan, Bunavoy. Pat Ryan, Brackyle N.S. Aine Ni Riain, Brackyle N.S. Maura O'Kennedy, Brackyle. Maureen Ryan, Nicker. Owen Doherty, Brackyle, eighty two years old.

One story about a hurling match which was played between Doon and

Pallas was told by Thomas Harty of Nicker, his informant was his grandmother Mrs Dillon of Killuragh.

'Long ago there was a hurling match between Doon and Pallas. The Hurley's were made of a straight stick and a cow's horn on the end for a turn!

The ball was thrown in at the Old Bridge. The Ball had to be taken to Doon or to Pallas and the team that would take home the ball were the winners. Those hurlers were called 'abhailles'. There was no referee or no rules. It is said that the Pallas team brought home the ball to Pallasgreen'.

A description of the game of hurling was also narrated by John O'Neill, Garrison of Nicker Boys School

'Hurling matches were often played in olden times. These were played between parishes. The ball that was used in those hurling matches was about the size of a man's fist.

The ball was made of thread and corks. The people got an old stocking and ripped it. Then they got corks and wound the thread around them and sewed it with a packing needle and cord.

Shopkeepers sold no hurleys because there were none to be sold. The only thing the people had to do then was to go along by the sides of ditches looking for a nicely turned ash branch. The reason people fancied ash at that time was because it was the toughest and lightest timber.'

He added in another essay that:

'the men who were picked long ago for hurling or football matches were the strongest and liveliest men of each parish. This was because the games used to be won by getting the ball inside their own boundary and a weak or bad running man was useless'

And to return to the pupils of Brackyle School, Pat Ryan described the fair of Cluggin which included an account of a faction fight which began at the fair. This fair was held on the 13th of May each year and one year an argument arose as to whether a bull for sale there was three or four years old. Men and women took sides in the

disagreement and each side became known as the followers of the four year olds or the followers of the three years old. This quarrel developed into a faction fight with serious and tragic consequences when a man was killed in the fight.

At the time there was a mission in Nicker and the priests succeeded in making peace between the two groups. After that, the G.A. A. was established in the area and a football team was formed which included members of both warring factions on the team and this ended the feud.

The siege of Castletown, tells the story of a standoff between the tenants of the castle and the sheriff and his bailiffs. In July 1881 the Quinlans, who were the tenants, got notice that they were to be evicted from their home. They prepared to resist and were supported in their struggle by the local people. On the day of the eviction the sheriff, accompanied by his bailiffs and 200 policemen approached the castle but they had to retreat when they were bombarded with stones and other missiles. A poet, Peter Horgan from Cappawhite, who was present on that day, was asked to compose song about the siege. Because he was not able to write, he sang the twelve verses which made up the song. It was later sung by Owen Doherty of Brackile who recited the song for the school's project. Below are three of the verses.

*'Our powers did not fail in the battle
The English red flag we pulled down
Proclaiming our full independence
In freedom at famed Castletown.*

*When they entered that ancient old building
The limestone came showering like hail,
Like Wallace at famed Stirling
Castle,
Our courage at least did not fail.'*

*The shout for old Erin was
screaming
And cheers for that noble Parnell
Crying "down with those rack
renting tyrants
Like Bradell* we will send them to
hell'*

*Bradell was shot by Hayes in Tipperary Town.

But a second attempt to secure an eviction was made and on this occasion the sheriff was accompanied by a company of the Cold Stream Guards and, sad to say, the tenants were evicted.

*'The Sheriff again and his agent,
A nephew of the old bucking Hare,
Came to strip off the roofs of our
homesteads,*

And lave us quite naked and bare.'
Maura O'Kennedy wrote about the hedge school in Lough which was located at the top of the hill. There was a galvanised roof on the building and children had to use sods of turf for seats. The teacher taught English, Arithmetic and Writing. Maura was told about the school by her grandmother Mrs Ryan.

Coinceir, Nicker Pallasgreen. (Nicker Boys School)

Barony of Coonagh. Parish of Nicker

Head Master: Sean Beaumont

Five students were involved in the project: Philip Gleeson, Linfield. Michael O'Brien, Moymore. Eamonn Ryan, Nicker. John O'Neill, Garrison. William Carroll, Knockgreana.

There are twenty nine titles in all and the essays covered a wide range of topics.

An interesting essay by Philip Gleeson of Linfield dealt with the harsher climate that existed in the Ireland of nearly one hundred years ago. In November 1932 there was a huge snowstorm which lasted for three days and covered the ground to a depth of five feet. He wrote that many people lost their lives in the storm and quite a lot of animals also perished. The wind stripped the roofs off the houses and trees fell and damaged them and blocked the roads.

In another essay Philip listed the four blacksmiths who had forges in the Parish - Thomas Buckley, John Collins, Michael O'Brien and Martin McInerney. He specified all the tools they used in their work.

The following story told by Michael O'Brien of Moymore explained why

there were so many strong men in Ireland and related this story of the three strong men who were native to the district.

'Long ago when Ireland was under water millions of shellfish were in it. After a while these fish were killed by the churning of the earth and then they formed limestone. It is limestone that gave Ireland its big strong men.

Since then Ireland is noted for strong brave men. There were three very strong men living in this district. Two of them are dead. One of their names was William Real. He was a champion in weight throwing and in throwing the sixteen pound shot. He died on the seventh of August eighteen ninety four.

The next of these men is John O'Grady. He was a champion in weight throwing also. He did not practice very much. On last Sunday a monument was unveiled to him.

The greatest one of all is Patrick Ryan. He is living about two hundred yards from this school. He threw the fifty six pound hammer hone hundred and eighty nine feet six and a half inches. There is no other man in the world who is able to break his record.'

Michael expands on the subject in another essay which is worth reprinting.

'In the graveyard in Old Pallas there is a large Celtic cross erected by the people of the district to the memory of William Real of Pallasgreen.

William Real was a farmer who lived in the townland of Ballinaclough. He was born in 1861 and died in 1894. When he was only eighteen years of age he took up weight throwing. and so great was his strength that before he died he had made many Worlds' records.

He was a very quiet man and it is said that he never stripped in a Athletic contest as athletes do now. He only took off his coat when he went to throw a weight. He never trained for weight throwing events as athletes do now, and he only took up the sport as a means of passing a Sunday evening.



William Rael Monument - Local Hero



Paddy Ryan Monument - Local Hero

He travelled far to a sports meeting and most of his records were made at local sports. His first championship was won in eighteen eighty four when he threw the forty two lb weight twenty seven feet eight inches. He was only twenty three years of age then, and four years later he threw the twenty eight pound weight thirty three feet four and three quarter inches, and the fifty six pound twenty three feet nine and a half inches. This throw with the fifty six pounds remained a World's record until nineteen twenty three when John O'Grady beat it.

In eighteen eighty eight at Limerick he threw the twenty eight lb weight thirty four feet and a half inch, and in this year he went (to) with the Gaelic team to America. He found no one there to beat him and some of his throws there remained records for many years. Some of his records were not beaten until another Pallasgreen man named Paddy Ryan did so in nineteen thirteen.

William Real made many more records but he never claimed them as he was too modest.'

Another well-known athlete of the parish was

'A great jumper named Darby Keogh lived in New Pallas. He jumped from platform to platform at the railway station with two

standing jumps and wearing strong hob nailed shoes. He went to America with his family,'

Eamon Ryan, Nicker wrote of his forebears who were evicted in the year eighteen eighty four.

'When Cromwell was dividing the land he gave very big farms to each person. They were so big that they were called estates. The owners of these estates were called Landlords. These Landlords were hard, cruel men, and often evicted people for scarcely any reason at all. Many of our ancestors were thrown out on the road side to go where they liked.

My ancestors were evicted in the year eighteen eighty four. They joined the Land League and on that account the Landlord, whose name was Apjohn evicted them. Several bailiffs came, and threw all their belongings out on the side of the road.

Other farmers built a land league hut for them near Thomas Ryans. They lived there until they got their farm back again.

The rent had to be paid twice each year. The days on which it was collected were called gale days. The great house in Linfield was one of the places where the farmers assembled to pay their rent. The landlords were steadily put down because the Irish people united and

in several cases landlords were shot. A landlord was shot dead, from behind a tree down at Carney's cross.

In the townland of Bunavoy the Landlord whose name was Leconfield was not as cruel as Apjohn. His agent's name was Scott and he 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 all the large estates, Many of these can be seen at the present day

Tithes were collected in this district. The money which was got was given to the Protestant Parson.'

William Carroll of Knockgreana listed the coins of long ago which were:

'the sovereign, the half sovereign, the four shilling piece and the four penny piece. These coins are not there now'.

'A great many children go barefooted during summer which is very healthy. It makes the feet hardy and thickens the skin'.

Michael O'Brien, Moymore.

Nicker (C) Pallasgreen

Teacher Miss Annie Kelly.

Students were; Margaret McMahon, Linfield. Teresa O'Neill, Garrison. Eileen Ryan, Brook Hall. Margaret Donovan, Bunavoy.

Miss A Kelly, Teacher transcribed information provided by Patrick Ryan Bunavoy, James O'Shea and Thomas Finnan.

The following information was transcribed by Margaret McMahon and told to her by her father James McMahon.

'There are nine forts in my district. There are two in Corelish, two in Ballytrasna, one in Lisheen, one in Nicker one in Bunavoy one in Ballinaclough and one in Garranmore.

The two forts in Corelish are within view of one another. The forts are circular in shape. The forts are big mounds of earth surrounded by trees and bushes. There is a well in the middle of the fort in Lisheen.

The Danes are supposed to have built the forts. It is said that fairy people used to live in them and that people were afraid to interfere with the forts.

Long ago lights were seen in the fort and music was heard in them'.

It appears that superstitious customs were common in the districts. When Maureen O'Connell's uncle went to war he was sprinkled with water from the forge and as a consequence of this he came back from the conflict unharmed.

The month of May was considered to be an unlucky time to get married whereas the months of June and September were the luckiest.



Site of Hedge School in Lough

There are detailed accounts of the many games and the accompanying rhymes that were played by the children. On chalk Sunday little boys and girls chalked young unmarried people and sang the following rhyme.

*'Chalk, chalk Sunday
You'll be married on
Monday,
I'll be laughing
You'll be crying 'Chalk,
chalk, Sunday.'*

Local Place names

'Knockgrean (Cnoc Greine) is a hill situated in the townland of Knockgrean above the village of Old Pallas.

The word Pailis means a moat of fortress. About a quarter of a mile from this village is a large moat. This was the original side or fairy mansion of the Lady "Grian".

The hill Knockgrean which before her time was called Cnoc-na-gCurrad (the hill of the champions) was her favourite haunt.

Sarsfield's Rock situated in the townland of Ballyneety is but a short distance from Cnocgreine. Here Patrick Sarsfield, after his long night ride, attacked and destroyed King William's siege train, then on its way from Waterford to the Siege of Limerick. The old road on which it was travelling and along which William some time earlier had marched his army to Limerick passed along the side of Cnoc Greine and traces of it can be marked.

Knockseefin (Suide Finn) the seat of Finn is the highest point of Cnoc Greine.

Carraig-an-Aifrin- the Mass Rock is hidden away in a secluded little valley at the foot of Suide Finn. Here Holy Mass was celebrated in the Penal Days.

The above information was obtained from different people in Pallasgreen.'

The schools collection provides an informative and interesting glimpse of life in Ireland in 1937/38. It was a

*I got the following story from John McCarthy
Gaoydoobla Pallasgreen. age 10 yrs born in New
Pallas spent his life in Gaoydoobla
Not far from bullen. he testified
there is a hill called Longstone. Some
time ago I heard how this hill got
its name.
When St Patrick visited bullen
there was a king living there whose
son was very ill. During his visit
St Patrick called to the kings palace
preaching the faith. He promised
to cure the son if everybody in the
house turned catholic. The king
agreed, so the saint cured the boy.
As the saint was about to go the
king offered him some money. He did
accept it but he asked the king to
erect four stones on the nearest hill
There is only one of these stones
standing now and that is the one
on the hill of Longstone*

This a sample of one of the pupil's writing

world of lighting lamps and candles and taking shortcuts through the fields to a neighbour's house or to the nearest village. The children had their own games, riddles, made their own amusements and were familiar with nature and country lore.

This project was a marvellous achievement for all involved who completed a mighty task in a short period of time. These were pupils of four small rural schools yet the tales transcribed by them were full of imagery, descriptive and exceptionally well written. Since there are 192 titles included in the collection from the schools of Nicker and Templebraden parish, there is still a lot of reading to be done and this article is but the tip of an iceberg. If anyone is interested in reading further or researching past members of their own family or their locality, the information can be assessed easily on the internet.

The copies of the transcriptions of the pupils are true copies of their work and were not corrected or adjusted in any way.

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Rev. Thomas Mahony

By Chris Ryan

Rev. Thomas Mahony

Father Thomas Mahony served as Parish Priest for Pallasgrean and Templebraden from 1812 until his death in 1849 and is one of the earliest pastors in the parish for which some records exist. He was a great leader of the people in challenging times and an active supporter of Daniel O'Connell. He was born in Elton in 1777, ordained in Kilkenny in 1806 and served as C.C. in Tipperary from 1808 to 1812. In 1833, he was one of the candidates for the position of Archbishop of Cashel and Emly – this is a measure of his status within the diocese. He died on the 4th November 1849 and is buried within the church of St. John the Baptist, Nicker – the only priest to be afforded this honour.

Fr. Mahony was a farming priest as his name appears as a Tithe payer – he rented just over 30 acres, in two lots, in the townland of Ballyneety and paid £2 12s 7 1/4 d in tithes. Tithes were a charge on the produce of land for the support of Church of Ireland (the Established Church) clergy and greatly resented by the mostly Catholic population. In the census of Templebraden which he undertook in 1834, Fr. Mahony is recorded as residing at Ballyneety with a household of 6 males and 3 females.

Tithe Applotment Book for the Townland of Ballyneety, Barony of Coonagh, County Limerick, dated 1826, including the record for Rev. Thos. Mahony, no. 7 and no. 9 above. The observation at the side states that *This townland is the property of Roger Sheehy Keating, Esq. and let by him to Morgan Dwyer Esq. who let to the different tenants*.

It is believed that Fr. Mahony resided at Ballyneety House where later priests are also recorded as residing. Ballyneety was later to be divided into 3 townlands – Ballyneety North,

Townland of Ballyneety, Barony of Coonagh, County Limerick

Name	Acres	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
Rev. Thos. Mahony	28	17	2 12	7 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/2
John Keating	1 1/2	1	1 1/2	1	1	1 1/2
John Keating	9	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2

7. Rev. Thos. Mahony	15	3	25	15	2	15	11	1	15		
8. Rev. Thos. Mahony	15	3	4	21	17	2	23	17	2	23	
9. Rev. Thos. Mahony	14	2	11	27	14	1	24	14	1	24	
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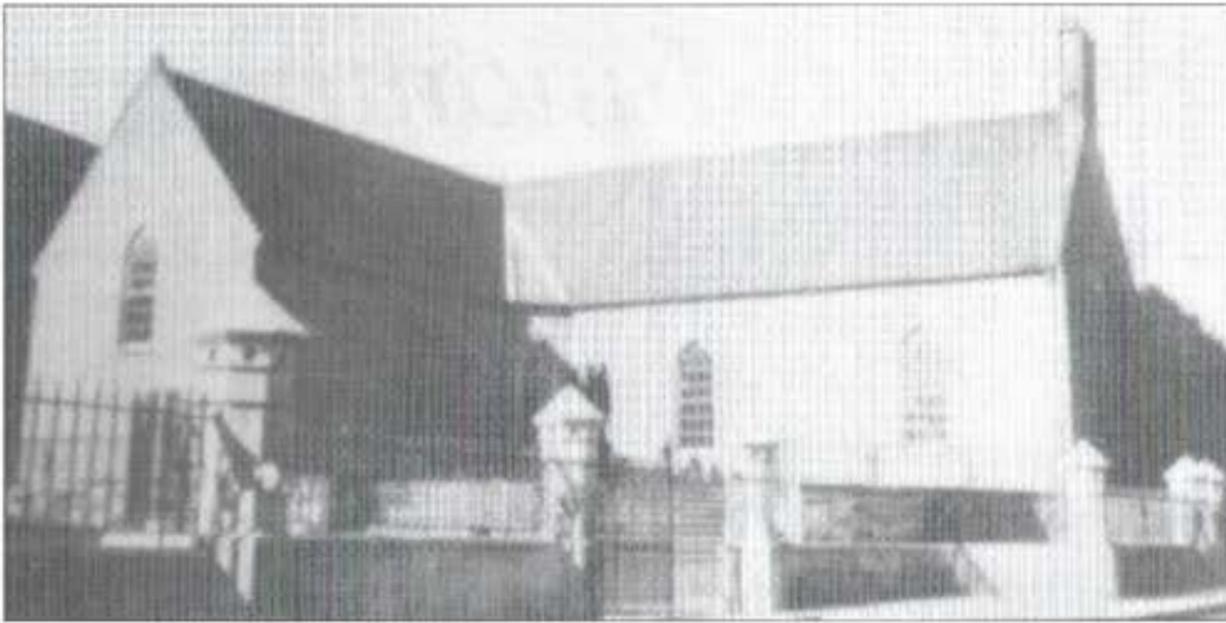
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Ballyneety South and Ballyneety. Interestingly, Ballyneety was located in the civil (Church of Ireland) parish of Oola while Ballyneety North and South remained in Templebraden.

Fr. Mahony built a church in Nicker in 1820 at a reputed cost of £1500 and a church in Templebraden for £800 in 1834 – this church continued to serve the parish until 1884 when it was replaced by the striking church of St. Brigid at Ballyneety. This church building was subsequently bought by Maypoles Dairies in 1891 for £125 and operated as a creamery. In 1902, the creamery was taken over by Sarsfield Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society and operated until 1982.

Dr. Patrick Everard, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, died in 1821 and the See was vacant until 1823. Selection

of Bishops and Archbishops then involved elections - the politics of these elections can only be guessed at, but a letter written by Fr. Mahony and Fr. James English, PP, Caherconlish in 1823 to the Cardinals of Propaganda strongly advocating Dr. Robert Laffan be promoted to the See of Cashel gives a good hint. Their comments on the other candidates in 1823 are interesting: *Collins is suspect in matters of Faith, versed in Parisian delights and indulged in its pleasures, mixes with freemasons and had a school in London attended by Protestants etc. Rev. Michael Slattery lacks experience; pp in a rural parish for only 5 years, not to be compared with John Ryan, Dean of Cashel or John Ryan pp of Doon. If Slattery could snatch the See everything would be for sale.*



Nicker Church, before the major additions and changes in the late 1920's

Dr. Laffan was indeed elected Archbishop and served from 1823 to 1833.

Following his death on the 3rd July 1833 and Months Mind on 25 November – another election was held for the new Archbishop under the supervision of the Right Rev. Dr. John Murphy of Cork. The election was undertaken on the principle of the ballot with three scrutineers. The report of the election was carried in the Freeman's Journal: *The election of an Archbishop for the diocese of Cashel and Emly took place on Friday (elected 26 November 1833, approved 5 December 1833) in Thurles when Dr. Michael Slattery, President of Maynooth College, having the greatest number of votes was adjudged 'Dignissimus' (most or very appropriate, fitting), Right Rev. Dr. Ryan, Bishop of Limerick adjudged 'Dignior' (more appropriate, fitting, worthy), Rev. Mr. Mahony, PP Pallasgreen adjudged "Dignus' (appropriate, fitting, worthy).*

Dr. Slattery visited the parish in 1848 and was told by Fr. Mahony that there was a lease for the ground on which the chapel, chapel-yard, school and school-yard of Nicker stood given him in 1828 by Michael Lloyd of Linfield for 31 years at a yearly rent of sixpence. There was no lease for the ground on which the church of Templebraden stood. There were no National Schools – the children, totalling 596, were catered for in 6 private schools taught by Wm Tuohy (60), John Harting (130), Ned Redmond (210), John O'Connor (80),

Michael Toomey (56) and Denis Fennessey (60).

In 1833, a Royal Commission on the Poorer Class in Ireland was set up as an initiative to investigate the causes of widespread destitution in Ireland and conducted between 1833 and 1836. Fr. Mahony gave evidence to the inquiry and presented a very grim picture of the life of the labourer in the parish: *Having no resident gentry, the farmers are the only persons to employ labourers. Dry potatoes are often the diet, and clothing was of the worst description, in many cases not deserving that name. Their cabins, without any land, were set from £1 to £2 per year; with land the average was from £5 to £6 per acre. The cabins are in general of the worst description, and not at all furnished. They are not (with few exceptions) supplied with beadsteads, or anything like bedding or bed-clothes; the way they manage in this respect is to shake a small portion of straw on the ground at bed time, over which there is something like a winnowing sheet which, in many instances, is the only covering the whole family, be it large or small, male or female, will have in summer or winter, unless they add thereto the shreds they had on during the day. The condition of the poorer classes had deteriorated since the 1815 peace. The post Napoleonic Wars depression affected the people acutely as they had less employment; for during the war, butter, beef, pork and corn, rated so high that the farmers could and did employ the poor labourers more constantly than at present. As regards conacre for*

potato growing, the rents ranged from £10 10s to £12 12s per acre, Pasture land, generally taken by the poor and usually by the quarter acre, cost £1 1s per quarter acre 'before the ground is dug'. Stubble cost £6 per acre but it had to be manured as well. Despite the stark poverty and the increase in population, emigration had not occurred. Fr. Mahony also stated that there were 13 licenced premises in the parish of Grean and Templebraden and other unlicenced premises.

A further Commission of Enquiry into the state of religion and other instruction was set up under the royal seal in May 1834 and had as one of its objectives the computation of the number of persons belonging to the different denominations in the country. Because of the religious tensions of the time and the activities of various proselytising bodies, there was considerable apprehension among Catholic leaders lest the proportion of Protestants to Catholics should be exaggerated in these returns. The suggestion that the Catholic clergy should compile their own census commended itself to many and on September 16, Dr. John Ryan, Bishop of Limerick issued a circular to his parish priests urging them to undertake such a work. Four days later, Daniel O'Connell brought the plan a stage further with details and organisation. Fr. Mahony undertook a census for Templebraden in August 1834 and these records survive.

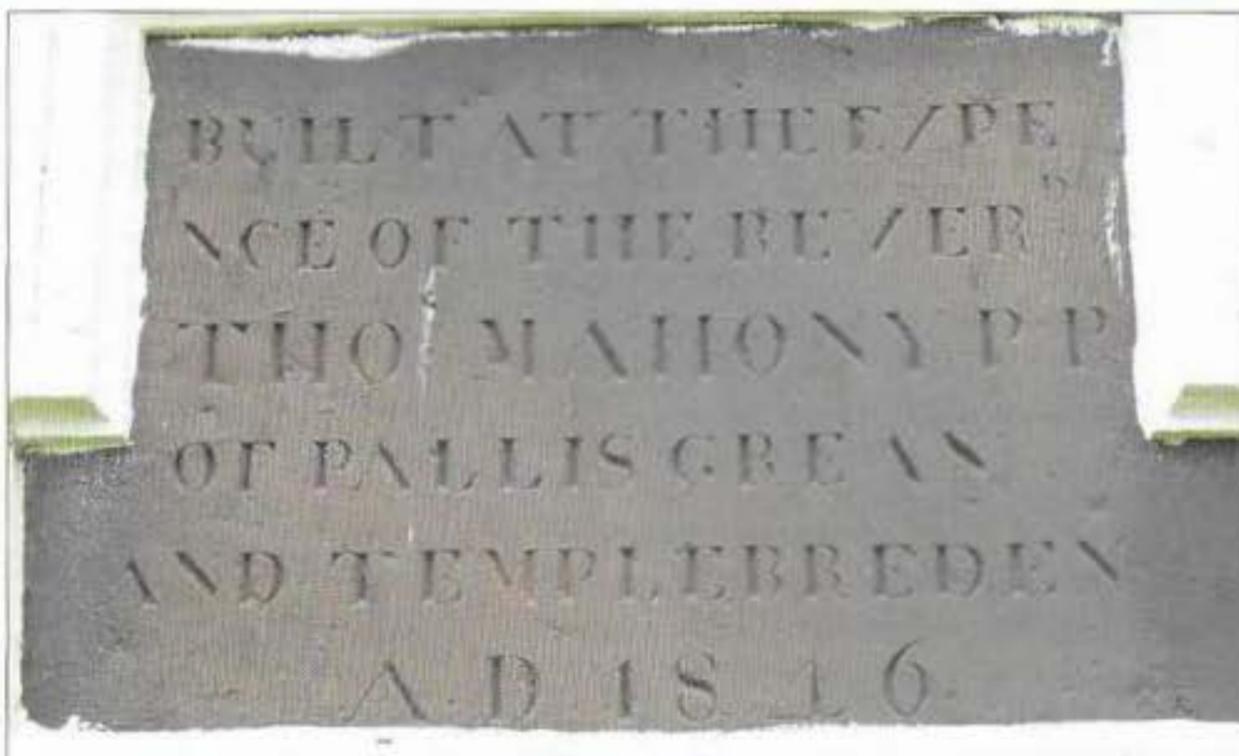
He comments at the end of the census *'It will be seen from this return that the total number of Catholics, Male and Female, in this parish, amounts to one thousand four hundred and eighty eight and only two Protestants – there has been no Protestant Clergyman of any description residing in this parish, no Church or Protestant service performed herein within the memory of its oldest inhabitant. This parish contains 1504 acres 1 rood 35 perches and is under the composition since October 1826. Composition amounts to £124 - 12s - 4d which sum (when tithes were paid) was received by a Revd. Mr. Hewson residing somewhere in the Kingdom of Kerry. There is besides*

this amount of composition, another Lay impropiator called a Mr. Freeman Dane claiming the sum of £18 a year since 1833, though previously he never received more out of this parish than half this sum'.

Returns continued until May 1835 but it would seem that only a small number of parish priests compiled censuses as requested and thus the venture was unsuccessful. Nevertheless, this census is a unique and valuable record of Templebraden in 1834.

A nephew of Fr. Mahony, also named Thomas Mahony, entered Maynooth on the 25th April 1831 and was ordained there in 1838. He was appointed to Kilcommon where he remained until 1841 when he was transferred to Oola. The life of a curate, then, was challenging but always with the hope of a parish. He was lucky then, believed to be on the recommendation of his uncle, that he was appointed chaplain to the Tipperary Workhouse with an annual stipend of £20. He was appointed P.P. of Oola and Solohead in April 1866 and died in 1872.

Fr. Mahony was responsible for the establishment of a school in the church grounds at Nicker in 1830. This was before the National School system was inaugurated in 1831 and the school had neither financial or other state support. An application for state funds was made in 1833 but was refused by the Board of Education. The next application was made in 1835 and Fr. Mahony described the school 'the walls are of stone and mortar and the roof was thatched. It measures 34ft x 27ft and is part of the old chapel but is now exclusively used by scholars. The walls and roof were sound being well thatched but have neither desks nor seats'. Aid was refused because it was a single denomination request. Support was again sought in 1838 and this time the application was signed by a number of local Protestants. This application was successful in the sum of £9 7s 9d. A further application for £42 12s 6d for repair of the building and £9 18s 0d for furnishings was granted in 1839. Fr. Mahony together with his curate Fr. J. Kinnidy were instrumental in the development of



Fr. Mahony plaque on Nicker School

education in the parish and all these applications for state support and recognition.

1856 saw the scandal of the Tipperary Joint Stock Bank with the suicide of John Sadleir, a solicitor, financier and politician. Shareholders became liable for the sudden collapse of the bank. One shareholder in this bank

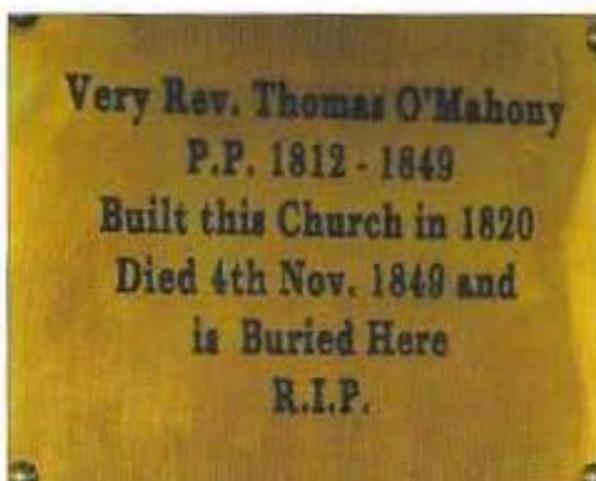
was Fr. Mahony, although it is not known whether his funds remained in the bank after his death in 1849. Another shareholder was Mrs. Mansergh (nee Ellard), a major landowner with 227 acres in Ballyneety, who suffered substantial losses. The Sadleirs were landlords in Templebraden – townlands of Coolnadow, Cloghaready North and Cloghaready South.

In 1845, the famine broke out across Ireland, including the parish of Pallasgreen/Templebraden. A Relief Committee was formed in New Pallas with James Considine as chairman, John L. Keys as secretary and Fr. Mahony as treasurer. He was then in a position to ensure that any money collected would not be used for proselytising activities.

Very Reverend Thomas Mahony oversaw significant changes in the parish of Pallasgreen/Templebraden during his stewardship from 1812 and 1849. He made outstanding contributions in the religious and educational spheres in addition to his general leadership in times of major challenge, including the famine at the end of his life.

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Fr. Mahony grave marker and plaque within Nicker Church.

The case of James Hogan Headmaster Kilteely National School 1812 – 1881

James Hogan was born in Kilteely in 1812, we know very little of his early years and where he got his education. Based on the 1826 report of the Commissioners of Education there were two schools in the village. One was taught by a Cornelius Henley, a catholic, it was a mud walled and thatched cabin originally costing £12.00. The teacher was paid £20.00 per year and there were 24 male and 36 female pupils. The other school was taught by William Shedy, a catholic. His school was a mud walled cabin erected for about £10.00. There were 100 male and 30 females pupils attending Mr. Shedy in 1826ⁱ. It is likely that James was attending one of these school in 1826 as he would have been aged 14 years at this time. When James was twenty seven years old the new school was built (1839) in Kilteely under the National Education Act passed by Lord Stanley. In this new school the boys section was on the ground floor and the girls on the first floor.

In 1838 James married Catherine O'Donnell most likely of Carrickittle and together they had seven children, Michael born circa 1839, Patrick born 1840, Timothy, born 1842, Margaret born 1845, Mary born 1852, Bridget born 1854, Honora born 1856. He



James Hogan NT Kilteely²

trained as a teacher in 1841ⁱⁱ and worked as a teacher from that time. We have evidence that during the visit of Archbishop Slatteryⁱⁱⁱ to Kilteely in 1848 James was a teacher in Kilteely Boys School and Kate Ryan was a teacher in the girl's school. At this time he was paid £8.00 by the Board of Education and the pupils paid a further £12.00 per year. According to the Department of Education Records in July 1863 James Hogan's salary was raised to £11.00 per week.

The school records note that in February 1858 his son Timothy was

employed as a monitorⁱ in the school he was sixteen years old at the time. His father James was granted one pound for the training of Timothy. In December that year James's son Patrick Hogan was employed as an Assistant Teacher in the School and in June 1859 his son Michael Hogan now aged twenty years was employed as a Senior Monitor^{iv}.

James worked as Principal Teacher during the year 1865 and 1867 in Lowtown National School in the parish of Galbally returning to Kilteely national school on January 1st 1867 due to illness attributed to the pressure of travelling eighteen miles each day to Lowtown school^v. James's daughter Margaret married Denis Kelly in Kilteely church on May 1st 1865, Denis Kelly was born to Michael Kelly in Kilteely in 1844. He was an RIC officer stationed in Kilteely and in April 1865 they had a daughter Margaret Kelly. The other teacher in Kilteely Boy's School at the time of the Fenian Rising were James's son Patrick R. Hogan. At this time Mary Murphy (nee Jennings)⁴ the wife of Constable Malachy Murphy stationed in New Pallas was the Principal Teacher in the Girls School in Kilteely. She was lodging in John Ryan's House in Kilteely at time of the Fenian Rising. The other teachers in the girl's school were Miss Annie Managhan⁴, Miss Margaret Gilhooley⁵ and Miss Anne Kinkead⁶.

An active cell of the Fenian Brotherhood was formed in Kilteely in the early 1860's and preparations were made to take part in the Rising which was aborted in 1865 and re-planned planned for March 1867 locals were being sworn into the Fenians in 1863 and drilling was ongoing in the Glen of Cromhill, Knockgreana and Derk up until the Rising in 1867. Pikes were forged locally by Murnane (Blacksmith) and by Matt Ryan Kilduff Pallasgrean (Carpenter). These pikes were hidden locally and one of the hiding spots was



Kilteely National School, later to become the parish Hall

The person in charge of the Fenian Brotherhood in the Kiltely area was John Carroll of Cromhill⁷ others in authority included Michael Grogan⁸, Edmond⁹ and Richard Cahill¹⁰ from Ballinlough. William Lundon¹¹ was also a member but had to escape to the USA in 1866 returning a short while before the Rising. Thomas Dixon¹², Thomas Keogh¹³, Edmond Bourke Ballinlough¹⁴, Rody McCormack Ballinagrana¹⁵, James Connell¹⁶ and Patrick McNamara¹⁷ were all involved in the Fenian Rising and were arrested for their involvement.

Thomas Dixon who turned state witness gave evidence at the Special Commission trial of Michael Grogan and John Carroll. Dixon reported that he had spoken to Patrick Hogan Assistant Teacher on the days leading up to the rising and Hogan had informed him about the events to take place on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. He also said that Patrick Hogan was fully aware of the events and that he was a member of the Fenian confederation and conspiracy. In addition Mary Murphy School Principal Kiltely National School gave evidence at the trial of Grogan and Carroll that she saw Michael Hogan Assistant National School Master among the insurgents who were at O'Sullivan house forcibly removing Con O'Sullivan¹⁸ from his home and family.

James Hogan was arrested on the 22nd May 1867 and imprisoned in Limerick Gaol under the Lord Lieutenants warrant¹⁹. It appears from this newspaper report that James's son Michael returned from Mount Melleray Seminary where he had been a student to take charge of the school while his father was in Gaol. James was arrested on suspicion of "being involved in treasonable action" based on the single statement of Police Constable Malachy Murphy of New Pallas Station.

On the 13th June 1867 the National Board of Education wrote to the Major General in Dublin Castle requesting the names of national school teachers arrested for alleged Fenianism. The following list was provided on 14th June 1867.

Name of School	Name of Teacher	Discharged or bail
Cross, Co Mayo	James Hyland	July 1866 – Feb 1867
Crowenstown, Westmeath	Patrick McGuinness	23rd July 1866
Tipperary	John Dwyer	18th Feb 1866
Lisheen, Cork	James Lehane	5th May 1866, discharged April 1867
Schull, Cork	Declan Monsell	Not Stated
Cooscroneen, Cork	Bartholomew Brien	25th September 1866
Blarney Village, Cork	Cornelius Sullivan	16th May 1866
Malahide, Dublin	Charles Rogers	Not Stated
Passage West Cork	John Locke ²⁰	Still in Custody
	Michael O'Sullivan	Still in Custody
Knockane, Clare	James Rockford	Not stated
Kiltely, Limerick	James Hogan	Still in Custody
Buree, Limerick	Patrick Kinnelly	Not stated
Ennis Poor Law Union, Clare	Michael Hassett	Not stated

In July 1867 The National Board of Education set up an investigation into the happenings at Kiltely National School. The investigators appointed were James Patterson and Mr. Sherridan Head Inspectors of National Schools. On the 13th of July 1867 they issued a summons to the following teachers at Kiltely National School to attend the inquiry and set out summary charges against the teachers as detailed below:

Name of Teacher	Summary Charge brought by Constable Malachy Murphy	Date requested to attend Inquiry
James, Patrick & Michael Hogan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The late teacher of the male National School of Kiltely James Hogan, is at present in gaol under the Lord Lieutenant's warrant. The Insurgents were in and out of his house on the morning of the rising, and he was encouraging them to action. His eldest son (Patrick), who was assistant in the national school took a prominent part in the outbreak, Michael Hogan (James Hogan Youngest son) spent a great part of his time previous to the rising making pike handles, ball cartridges, and composing Fenian songs. In addition for attempting to swear in Fenians. 	Thursday 18 th July 1867
Miss Anne Manahan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Anne Manahan during an investigation by C. DeGerson, Esq., R.M. falsely swore that she knew none of the parties who took part in the Fenian outbreak at Kiltely, although Constable Murphy's wife identified all the prisoners at the Special Commission, and Anne Manahan having actually called Constable Murphy's wife to the window to look at them. That, being Crown summoned to the Special Commission, during her stay in Limerick, she kept company with wife and friends of Michael Grogan, one of the Fenian leaders at Kiltely, and the relatives of other unknown Fenians. That Anne Manahan is exalting in the fact that although she perjured herself to save Fenians, she can still keep a government situation 	Thursday 18 th July 1867 at 11am
Margaret Gilhooley	That Margaret Gilhooley swore that she did not hear of armed men being in the village of Kiltely at the time of the Fenian outbreak there, and that she is exalting in the fact that although she perjured herself to save Fenians, she can still keep a government situation.	Thursday 18 th July 1867 at 11am

James Hogan was in gaol at the time of the above enquiry however he wrote a statement on August 31st 1867 from his prison cell to put forward his defense. This statement was printed on Tuesday 3rd September 1867 in the Tipperary Vindicator and Limerick Reporter among the points highlighted in his statement were:

1. *That he has been arrested in his school room, during school hours, by virtue of the Lord Lieutenant's warrant and lodged in Limerick county Jail, since 22nd May last, no charge being preferred against him.*
2. *That in consequence of his arrest an investigation of his conduct is to be held on the 3rd September next, the results of which, if unfavourable to him, deprives him of his character and position.*
3. *That his school room is not separated from the police barracks at Kiltely by a distance greater than four foot, and of course, if he were guilty of any violation of the law that would warrant his arrest on suspicion, the police of that station should have a knowledge of it; yet, the New Pallas police were the acting party on this occasion.*
4. *That he is strongly of the opinion he has been arrested on the assertion of one individual of one individual, by no means kindly disposed towards him, and that, perhaps, on the bare assertion of this individual, at the inquiry, or of one most intimately connected with the same, depends the welfare or ruin of James Hogan and his family, as he (James Hogan) is confident no third person can be found to corroborate this vile accusation.*
5. *That he deplores it not in his power to be present on so important and (to him) trying occasion, where he thinks he would be able, in the presence of the presiding gentlemen at the inquiry, to establish his innocence, and show how*
6. *unjustly he has been imprisoned.*
6. *That he has devoted twenty-eight years and six months to the service of his country, under the guidance of the Commissioners of Education, and that during this long period he has received many acknowledgments of their good opinion of him for his assiduity, untiring attention, and strict adherence to morality.*
7. *That in 1841, during training, with eighty six others, he swore allegiance to her present majesty and firmly believed he has not violated this in his 55th year of age.*
8. *That he has received credentials from the commissioners of National Education that would reflect credit on a man in a higher sphere of life and valued these too dearly to forfeit the character they had gained for him by in any way giving countenance to Fenianism, the ides of which he always disregarded; and he was of opinion, if he had need to call on the commissioners for a certificate of his good character, they would willingly grant it. Therefore, he feels surprised that the complaint of any individual not at present connected with the Board of Education should be attended to his disadvantage.*
9. *That the commissioners, in appreciation of his service, have been pleased to grant him good service salary to the value of £11.00 annually.*
10. *That during his time under the board he has not violated a single rule of the commissioners nor is it to be said against him that, during all that period, he has received the slightest reprimand.*
11. *That a memorial has been sent to the commissioners in his favor, signed by the landholders in the parish of Kiltely, without exception, by*
- local gentlemen, and by the manager of the school, bearing testimony to his good and loyal character on all occasions (being a native of the parish, and resident in it since his birth), and requesting not to have him deprived of his situation, nor them of his service.
12. *That he can be held responsible for no other person's words or actions but his own, as he had been principal teacher in the Loughton national School, parish of Galbally, during the years 1865 and 1866, a distance of nine miles from his residence at Kiltely, to which he did not return until Jan1867, and then on account of sickness as is certified by a medical doctor at Galbally.*
13. *Lastly he begs leave to request that any witnesses needed at the inquiry in his case will be full and impartially heard; for if wrong accusations take place, he and his family she be financially impoverished.*

James Hogan, Limerick County Jail

The Limerick Reporter and Tipperary Vindicator reported on July 23rd 1867 that a memorial had gone to the National Board of Education requesting "that he be reinstated in his situation". A further memorial was send to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland this memorial requested that he be "sent out of gaol and enabled to resume his qualifications". These memorials it reported were signed by "the respectable parishioners of Kiltely without exception" and the one to the Lord Lieutenant was also signed by the neighbouring resident magistrate.

James Hogan was found not guilty of Fenianism and released from Limerick gaol in March 1868. A note in the Kiltely school records held in the National Archive report that Patrick Hogan James's son who had been charged with "Taking Part in the Fenian Rising on 5th March" had not returned to the school and most likely had left the country.

The National Board of Education Enquiry was held over three days in 16th, 17th & 18th July 1867, four inspectors of National Schools along with two Magistrates and the School Manager²¹ who was not allowed interfere in the proceedings. James Hogan was not in attendance as he was in Limerick gaol at this time. The report of the enquiry was forwarded to the Education Commission in May 1868. We do not have an official report of the findings of the enquiry however we do know that following his release James Hogan fought to have his position as Principal Teacher restored to him. A note recorded in the Commission of Education dated 28th April 1868 report that the "Lord Lieutenant was not of the opinion that it would be proper to re-employ James Hogan as a National Teacher." It appears that with the assistance of the school manager he was granted his pension however he had to accept it on condition that his qualification as a teacher would not be recognized. He challenged this decision and a note dated June 1869 states that following the Commission of Education re-considering his case ordered that he may again be recognized as a teacher. However if he should return to employment as a teacher all retirement grants paid to him would have to be refunded as a condition of his re-admittance to their service. Should he re-enter and after some time again seek a retirement grant his application for same would have to be dealt with as a new case.

James Hogan never worked as a teacher again. He got cancer of the stomach in February 1881 and died in Kiltely on 14th May 1881, aged sixty nine years, his wife Catherine died two months later on 20th July 1881. We have no record of what happened to his sons Michael and Patrick. It appears that they may have emigrated to the USA. His son Timothy became a priest and labored in the diocese of Trenton, USA from 1878 until his death in 1918. He was appointed to the dignity of Monsignor during his time in Trenton. At his graveside he was described as a man of handsome presence, of splendid intellectual, and of a deeply spiritual nature, a powerful preacher and an

enthusiastic exponent of the rights of Ireland. Bridget and Mary both become nuns in the USA. Margaret as mentioned earlier married an RIC officer Denis Kelly who was stationed at the time of their marriage in 1865 in Kiltely. James's youngest daughter Honora married a John Hogan of Kiltely Village in 1883 and their daughter Maryanne Hogan married John Garvey Kiltely. Maryanne Garvey operated a grocers shop situated across from the new school in Kiltely up until the 1970's.

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Footnotes:

- 1 The National Education Board opted to use the system already in use by the Kildare Place Society whose method was based on the Lancastrian model of using older pupils as monitors to 'teach' younger pupils. These monitors were selected on the basis of an examination by district inspectors and then became apprentice teachers. As the system expanded, the monitors, who were paid, completed a four-year 'Programme of Examination and Course of Study for Paid Monitors'. This involved examinations on course content, and the demonstration by monitors of practical teaching skills (Commissioners of the National Board of Education in Ireland, 1848). On successful completion of the programme, monitors were deemed to be 'teachers'. This model of teacher training is based very much on an apprenticeship model of training; pupils who were identified as good students were chosen to be monitors and then learned their 'trade' as they worked. (Primary School Teachers' Understanding of Themselves as Professionals Doctor of Education Dublin City University Supervisor: Dr. James O'Higgins Norman School of Education Studies Bernadette O'Donovan B.Ed., M.Ed.2013)
- 2 This Photo was copied from the Fenian file (1867) in the National Archive in Ireland, on his arrest sheet James was described as a 55 years old married man with seven children, his height was recorded as 5ft 10 inches, he is described as a stout man having nearly grey hair with hazel eyes and a large nose and pale complexion.
- 3 Mary Jennings married Malachy Murphy on 25th April 1860, and the couple had four children Mary born 1862, Margaret born 1868, Agnes Born 1870, and John Francis born 1873.
- 4 Annie Manahan was born in Wonderhill Kiltely in November 1841 to John

Manahan and Sarah O'Grady. She married Michael Fitzgerald in July 1871. Michael was a national School teacher and was Principal of Kiltely National School from 1890 to 1910. This couple had nine children. Their sons James, John and Peter Paul were monitors in the school around the 1880's. James later became a priest of the Archdiocese of Cashel, John became Creamery manager, and Peter Paul became Principal Teacher in Caherconlish Co. Limerick. Their daughter Mary was Principal Teacher in Kiltely National School as Mrs. William O'Hara from 1915-1937, her husband William O'Hara was Principal of Kiltely Boy's school from 1905-1939. Anne also became a teacher and thought as Mrs. Hayes in Caherconlish School.

- 5 Margaret Gilhooley was most likely the daughter of John Gilhooley and Mary English, Boherroe Kiltely.
- 6 Anne Kinkead was born circa 1845 to Thomas Kinkead and Hanora Lynch of Boherroe, Kiltely. She Married Timothy Daly on 27th May 1871.
- 7 John Carroll was born in Cromhill in 1847 to John Carroll and Ellen Guerin.
- 8 Michael Grogan was born on 1st July 1838 to Jeremiah Grogan Kiltely and Johanna Murphy Barnacolea Ballinlough, he married Honora Fogarty of Ballinlough on the night before the rising Tuesday 5th March.
- 9 Edmond Cahill born Ballinlough, Kiltely, 1841 to Edmond Cahill and Bridget Carroll, In 1888 he was elected chairman of the GAA Limerick County Board. Died in 1895 in Brooklyn, Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, USA.
- 10 Richard Cahill brother to Edmond Born in Ballinlough, Kiltely, 1846
- 11 William Landon was born in Ballinlough, Kiltely in 1849 to Michael Landon and Alice Moloney.
- 12 Thomas Dixon was born in 1838 Nicker, Pallasgrean, he later gave evidence for the state and reported that he was signed into the Fenians in Kiltely by William Carroll Cromhill in September 1863
- 13 Thomas Keogh born 1850 Wonderhill, Kiltely, Son of Thomas Keogh and Mary Neill.
- 14 Edmond Bourke was born 1847 son of Edmond Bourke and Bridget Doolan Ballinlough.
- 15 Rodger McCormack was born circa 1837 in Cullen, he married firstly Mary Osborn in 1865 and following her death in 1869, he married secondly Mary Laffan Boherroe in 1870, and was living in Ballinagranagh in 1911 with his son John and Edmond.
- 16 James Connell was married to Margaret Callaghan in 1856 and lived for some time in Cloverfield.
- 17 This Patrick appears to have been the son of Daniel McNamara and Nora Mullins, this family lived in Cloverfield.
- 18 Con O'Sullivan was born in 1845 in Ballyvouden Kiltely to Timothy O'Sullivan and Margaret Fitzgerald. He married Ellen Bourke from Corlish, Pallasgrean on 12th February 1872.

- 19 Francis Blackburne PC (Ire) KS (11 November 1782 – 17 September 1867) was an Irish judge and eventually became Lord Chancellor of Ireland.
- 20 John Locke (1847-1889) poet, novelist and journalist was born in the Minauns, Callan on July 26th 1847. His father was Thomas Locke – an accountant in the leather firm of Patrick Cody and his mother was Mary Ryan a Tipperary woman.
- 21 Paul Henry, P.P. was the Parish Priest of Killeely and School Manager at this time, he was a native of Killenaule, Co. Tipperary
- i London, Thomas, 1982, A History of Killeely- Dromkeen, page 57.
 - ii Tipperary Vindicator and Limerick Reporter, Tuesday Evening, September 3, 1867
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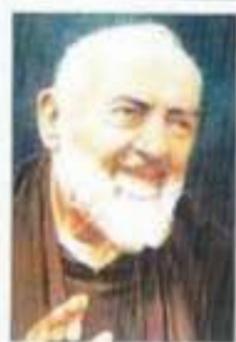
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Pilgrimage to Benevento and San Giovanni Rotondo, September 2014

Eileen McCormack

18th September 2014

In 2014 I went on my first pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo and Benevento. Our group leader was Helen English, Tipperary. Our Spiritual Director was Fr. Henry Mc Namara and the Tour Operator was Joe Walsh Tours. Ours was a direct return flight from Dublin to Naples. We were met in Naples by the tour representative and went by coach to Benevento where we stayed in the Grand Hotel Italiano and had lunch.

After lunch, we visited the Benevento Cathedral. It was in this Cathedral that Brother Pio of Pietrelcina was ordained a priest on 10th August 1910 and, four days later, 14th August 1910, in the Parish Church of his home town, Padre Pio sang his first Solemn Mass.

Benevento Chapel is small. There's a statue of Padre Pio kneeling – with a statue of Pope Paul II standing over him. The Pope has his hands on Padre Pio's shoulders. There is a relic of the mitten or glove of Padre Pio encased under glass in his hand and you can put your hand into his hand.

After lunch, we visited Pietrelcina, the birthplace of Saint Pio. We saw the friary built on the exact spot where Padre Pio prophesied it would one day stand. We visit St. Pio's family home and the Church of St. Anna where Padre Pio was baptised and received his First Holy Communion. In the Holy Family Church, there is a relic of bone from Padre Pio's body, donated by John Paul II.

Fr. Henry Mc Namara, (who is from Kanturk and is working in Rome) celebrated Mass. It was beautiful. We had dinner and stayed overnight in the Grand Hotel Italiano in Benevento.

19th September

We travelled on to San Giovanni

Rotondo where we stayed at the Parco delle Rose hotel for four nights.

20th September

We visited the Church in San Giovanni and the Capuchin Friary. We saw the Crucifix before which St. Pio prayed when he got the visible stigmata. We prayed at his tomb for all our friends and for priests, for Padre Pio's healing and God's healing and blessing. It's heaven on earth there. May Padre Pio grant us all our healings. We visited the tomb where he was interred firstly and then we visited his mortal remains and prayed in the church there.

We saw the Church of Our Lady of Grace. It's beautiful. We saw the photographs of all his family and friends and numerous statues of Padre Pio. We had Holy Mass in the church where his coffin is - when he was first interred. Father Henry Newman celebrated the Mass.

21st September

Sunday was the Day of Peace. We visited the Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel. Liam O'Reilly, Fedamore, sang a Padre Pio hymn on the bus. We bought rosary beads and a tapestry of St. Michael Archangel and some souvenirs. A long list of Popes and Saints have visited the cave, among them St. Francis and Padre Pio. On our way back we called to the shrine of St. Matthew and got holy oils and were blessed with a relic of St. Matthew. We were at the highest point of the Gargano Mountains, 850 metres. The scenery was beautiful, all almond trees. We passed Foggia city on the way to San Giovanni. When getting nearer to San Giovanni Rotondo, we could see the Gargano mountains. As we were nearing our destination, we saw olive trees, about 7 years old or more and as we went further, it was just almond trees.

Olive tree means tree of light. As we continued up Gargano on the Adriatic Coast, there was a steep climb with beautiful olive trees and scenery. The Archangel Michael appeared in the 5th Century, on three occasions. The Archangel Michael is guardian of the Blessed Sacrament. It is one of the most important shrines in the Western world. St. John Paul visited in 1982 on a Padre Pio pilgrimage to do penance and pray. The Polish order, the Michaelites, look after the shrine. When we entered the St. Michael the Archangel cave, we went down over 40 steps. We found the footsteps under the main altar. We had Mass there. What we ask in prayer will be granted. Our guide, Lorna, told us that the beauty of the towns is because of Padre Pio's presence.

On Monday 22nd September, we had Mass in the old church of Our Lady of Grace. We knelt at the old tomb of Padre Pio and prayed and lit candles at Our Lady of Grace Shrine for all those who asked for our prayers.

On Tuesday 23rd September we had Mass in Padre Pio's hospital. It was his feast day. After breakfast, we departed for our return flight from Naples to Dublin.

This pilgrimage gave great insight into the life of Padre Pio.

It was Blessed Paul VI who described Padre Pio during an audience with the Capuchin Friars at the end of their General Chapter in 1971, as "a representative of Our Lord, marked with the imprint of his wounds." This was an off the cuff description, not found at all in the Holy Pontiff's official text, but a description that summed up well the person, mission and exceptionality of this simple Capuchin friar who marked in such a profound way his times. This year we recall the one hundredth anniversary of Padre Pio's receiving of the

Stigmata – (September 1918 - September 2018) and the fiftieth of his death September 1968 to September 2018.

Padre Pio was born on 25th May 1887, the son of Grazio Maria Forgione and Giuseppe de Nunzio. He was baptised on 25th May 1887 by Don Nicolantino Orlando in the Church of St. Anne of Pietrelcina and he was confirmed on 27th September 1899. Grazio and Giuseppe lived with their five children and were a farming family. They could not be described as poor. They lived modestly but on a level with their neighbours. Padre Pio spoke of the difficulty of finding cash in his childhood home, but added that they had never gone without the essentials.

As a young man, Francisco, as he was then known, entered a Franciscan monastery. He is reputed to have said; "Where better can I serve you, Lord, if not in the cloisters of St. Francis of Assisi. May Jesus give me the grace to be a son less unworthy of St. Francis, that I might be an example to my fellow monks, that my fervour never diminish and make of me a perfect Capuchin." With these intentions, Francisco, on 6th January 1903, not yet 16 years old, entered the Capuchin Monastery of Morcone, about 30 km from his hometown. On that feast of the Epiphany, Francisco attended 7 o'clock Mass and then set out for home where numerous friends and relatives had gathered. His mother, although she never objected to his vocation and could not hide her broken heart at seeing her son leave.

The seminary of the Capuchin fathers at Pietrelcina, completed in 1928, was built on the spot where St. Pio, during his evening walks, heard choirs of angels and bells. Annexed to the monastery complex is the Church of the Sacred Family, consecrated in 1951 and the Mary Pyle Pilgrims' Home which can accommodate more than 300 pilgrims. Mary Pyle came from the wealthy Alpine Pine family, who were related to the Rockefeller family. Disinherited by her family, having converted to the Catholic faith, she built a house in Pietrelcina where she looked after the poor. She stayed next door to the Po family and looked after Francisco's parents.

Padre Pio lived for some years in

Pietrelcina before transferring to Foggia. His brother, Michele and his father, Grazio, left this house to emigrate to America.

On 10th August 1910, Brother Pio of Pietrelcina was ordained a priest in the Cathedral of Benevento by Mgr Paolo Schinosi, the Archbishop of Marcianopoli. Four days later, 14th August 1910, in the parish church, St. Mary of the Angels, in his home town, Padre Pio sang his first solemn Mass.

To those present, the newly ordained priest donated a commemorative card with words of his which were also his life's plan; "Jesus, - may I be with you for the world - the Way, Truth and Life - and for you, a holy priest - a perfect victim." This offering of himself to the Lord as a victim was on behalf of "sinners and the souls in Purgatory."

Shortly after his ordination, Padre Pio had first experienced a vision and the stigmata and had endured their pain but not their outward appearance, from then on. Indeed, he shared the suffering of the Lord in mind and in body, dealing with his own dark night of the soul.

On 20th September, 1918, while he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, in the choir of the San Giovanni Rotondo Friary, he was overcome with a languor "similar to a gentle sleep." Following this vision, Padre Pio had, on his body, the four wounds of the crucifixion, the wound from the centurion's lance and the transverberation, as well as a seventh wound, on his right shoulder from the carrying of the cross. It was Bro. Modestino Fucci who discovered this, after the saintly friar's death when putting order in his cell and found a vest with a stain of blood in the position of the collar bone. Padre Pio, during his lifetime, told no-one of this wound, with the exception of Karol Wotyla, on his visit in 1948, as a young priest.

On the night of 22nd/23rd September, 1968, Padre Pio called his assistant friar, Father Pellegrino Funicelli. He asked him if he would hear his confession and after that he said; "If the Lord should call me to Him today, ask my fellow friars and spiritual children to say a prayer for my soul." Then he asked to make a

renewal of his religious profession. His lips began slowly "to turn blue" and he repeated continuously, with an always weakening voice, "Jesus, Mary." Around 2.30, he gently bowed his head on his chest and gave up his soul.

Doctor Giuseppe Sala examined the body of Padre Pio after his death and he verified that the wounds of the stigmata had vanished without leaving any scar. The doctor understood that he had before him a phenomenon that was inexplicable to science and he asked Father Giacomo Marie Picirello to photograph the deceased friar's hands, feet and side. Padre Pio's mission had been fulfilled and those signs served no more. For Cardinal Leonardo Ursi, in fact, those wounds were; "instruments of Providence to draw countless sinners to purify their souls."

Padre Pio was 81 years of age when he died. The process of beatification was officially begun on 20th March 1983. The results were compiled in about a hundred volumes of depositions from direct witnesses. It took many years before the commissions nominated by the Pope could carefully examine all the materials and reach the conclusion awaited by millions of people. Thus it was that on 18th December, 1997, Padre Pio was named "Venerable." The beatification process was not easy and was subject to long delays, but against the irreproachable witnesses and exhaustive documentation, no other result was possible. After years spent researching and selecting the evidence considered most reliable concerning Padre Pio's life, the first sign of willingness to open beatification procedures were on the 29th November 1982, when Pope John Paul II read and approved the decrees of the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. This then led to the setting up of an ecclesiastical tribunal which sat in San Giovanni Rotondo from 1983 to 1990 and gathered 104 volumes of documentation in addition to the sworn depositions of 75 reliable witnesses. The documentation was examined and approved by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in 1990.

Pope John Paul II visited San Giovanni Rotondo in 1987, stopping at Padre Pio's tomb, just when the ecclesiastical tribunal was solemnising the proceedings. On 21st December 1998, a Vatican spokesman and Press Officer Joaquim Navasso announced; "The ceremony beatifying Padre Pio will take place on Sunday 2 May 1999 in St. Peter's Square. In Rome, on that day, just before the Jubilee 2000 celebrations, the ceremony was attended by tens and tens of thousands of jubilant devotees. Padre Pio would be canonised following the miraculous healing of a 7 year old

child, Matteo Collela, struck by fulminating meningitis, a desperate case, which held no prospects of recovery. When the physicians felt that further attempts to revive the child would only prolong his suffering, he was moved to Padre Pio's Cell, to be watched over in prayer.

One evening a man with a white beard and a long brown robe appeared beside his bed and said; "Don't worry, you'll get better." Afterwards, Matteo Collela came out of his coma. His condition improved steadily. Immediate examinations showed he suffered no permanent damage,

cerebral, cardiac, respiratory or renal. The cure was attributed to a miraculous intercession by Padre Pio and scrupulously investigated by a team of doctors, as stipulated by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The results of their investigation were such as to allow Pope John Paul II to canonise the already beatified Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

On 16 June 2002, before devoted and jubilant crowds, in St. Peter's Square, the Pope proclaimed the humble monk from Gargano to be a saint - St. Pio of Pietrelcina. His feast day is celebrated on 23rd September.

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THE ROSE OF KILTEELY

*Ah, what a change long years make on men,
No matter how grand or intrepid?
For when they are verging on three score ad ten
They're either senile of deceptive
Ah look at me now once a fine hearty boy
Who's step through the meadow swung freely
When speeding to meet sweet Bessie Molloy
The pride and the Rose of Killeely*

*And she was a Rose without any mistake
A typical fair Irish maiden
While I by my friends was counted a rake
Round my own native spot Temlebraden
Her father had money and cattle and land
And brought up his children genteelly
He never suspected we often held hands
My self and the Rose of Killeely*

*Ant though I was poor I was whispered about
That I among men was a leader
And when the false Saxon was put to defeat
Our land would reward those who freed her
And so I was the target of many bright eyes
Tess Kelly, Jane Hayes, and Kate Healy
But neither acknowledged or tried to disguise
That my choice was the Rose of Killeely*

*But all the high hopes that I had for my land
Went up in the air like a bubble
The Saxon came down with a strong iron hand
And sent me to jail for my trouble
And while the Queen gave me free lodgings and board
And used me of course most genteelly
To add to my luck I was shunned and ignored
By my Bessie the Rose of Killeely*

*For while I was serving my three years or more
She married a crusty old geezer
With cattle and farms and money galore
Whose nose was as sharp as a razor
You know him of course, for he is still the same
The self-same old scrooge Tim Keneally
But is she as pleased and as proud of his name
As when she was Rose of Killeely*

*My failure in love and my failure in war
Made me for a time down hearted
For when I got free like a ship wrecked old tar,
Again on life's journey I started
And when I had shrouded and buried my grief
The question I popped to Kate Healy
She answered me yes and I felt a relief
In loosing the Rose of Killeely.*

*Father Matt our good Priest in a wink made us one
While the bells of the Church went pealing
Then I took my dear bride like a dutiful son
Home to my father's thatched sheeling
Where since we have prospered and lived in content
And often helped the poor and the needy
As the days passed along I was blessed with a son
And the love of a good wife in Kate Healy
Ah why should I begrudge old Kenneally that won
False Bessie, the Rose of Killeely?.*

No author of poem identified. It was written by an ancestor of Michael Kennedy back in the 1840's.

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Pictorial Past



John Franklin, (Pallasgreen) and Jimmy Byrnes (Ballybrown) in the 1966 County Junior Hurling Championship Semi-Final. In the background is Joe Franklin holding a hurley. Can you name any of the spectators in the background?



All glammed up Tessie Carr, Margaret Ryan (W) and Maureen Carr all Garranemore in 2004.

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With the Ford car 100 years old in 2017, this fabulous picture was taken in Dromlara with one of the first cars in Pallasgreen, Model T Ford. Standing left Tim O'Dwyer, in car Jack O'Dwyer, Tom Hayes, Noel O'Dwyer, Mrs Kathleen O'Dwyer, Annie Ryan G (Dromlara), Standing right Paddy Maher.



Feile naGael match in Pallasgreen 1986: Philly Lonergan and Willie Shanahan lending their expertise.



A march through Birmingham City circa 1950, of Irish social, cultural and sporting organisations under the banner of The United Irish Societies. On the front left carrying one of the leading flags is Paddy Ryan (Will), Brackayle.

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Included in this photo are: Tom McNamara, Jackie O'Dwyer, Miss English, Eddie O'Dwyer (Snr.) and Eddie O'Dwyer (Jnr.)

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Obituaries



It is with great sadness that we record the passing of beloved members of our community since the last edition.

JANUARY 2017

Josephine McGrath (née Gammell) of Old Pallas.

MARCH 2017

Peggy O'Leary (nee O'Connor) of Reask

MAY 2017

Nora Harty nee Egan of Ballinacurra Gardens Limerick and late of Knockderk, Old Pallas.

JUNE 2017

Mary McGrath (Nee Comber) Ballinagreena, Garrydoolis, Kiltely, and late of Bruff Service Station, Co Limerick, Jack Ryan, Honeyfarm, Garrydoolis, Pallasgreen
Teresa Bourke (nee Ryan) of Dromlara.

JULY 2017

Bridie O'Dwyer (nee Bresnan) Old Pallas Post Office, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick..
Edward (Eddie) Harty, Dundrum, Dublin / Pallasgreen, Limerick

OCTOBER 2017

Marie Hayes (née O'Donnell) of Lough, Pallasgreen.
Maurice Ryan (Dan) of London and late of Corelish, Pallasgreen
Kathleen Cosgrave (nee Ryan Goold) of 10 Nicker, Pallasgreen.
Noel Kelly, Ballinacloyh, Pallasgreen

NOVEMBER 2017

Michael Franklin, Dromlara, Pallasgreen
Josephine Ryan (nee Nash), Sunglen, Old Pallas
Denis Humphries, Brackile, Pallasgreen

Alice Teresa Heneghan



Alice Teresa Heneghan nee O'Connor was born on the 8th August 1927 in Old Pallas. She was daughter to the late Jack O'Connor and Alice O'Connor (nee Finnan). She went to London in 1948 where she met William Heneghan a native of Westport. They married in London 1956 and returned to Old Pallas in 1963 and then moved to Tipperary town in 1965 where she ran a fish and chip shop in Bank Place. She had 2 Daughters, Alice Christine and Dolores and in May 1977 they moved to Westport. She was predeceased by her brothers Michael, Paddy and Tommy and Sisters Mary, Bridie, Josie Nonie and Eileen. Alice known to her family and friends as Allie passed away after a short illness in Castlebar Hospital on the 31st December 2016. She was 89 years old. She was laid to rest in Coughlough graveyard near Westport with her loving husband. Sadly missed by her daughters Alice Christine, Dolores and her partner Alan, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and a wide circle of friends. May She Rest In Peace.

Nora Stokes

Deborah (Hett) Franklin (nee O'Dwyer), Garrydoolis, Pallasgreen



The passing of well known Deborah Franklin nee O'Dwyer of Garrydoolis on the 12th of December 2016 occasioned great sadness throughout the community and beyond and among her beloved family and friends.

Affectionately known as Hett she died peacefully in the University Hospital Limerick is survived by her five Sons George, John, Pat, Jim & Joe and Sister Sr. Una. Her life was relived a few years ago in an article in 2011 edition of Grean and the following is an extract.

Born in Greenane, on the Dundrum Road just outside Tipperary Town in 1928, Deborah spent only three years of her childhood in Tipperary before moving to Templebraden. Her earliest childhood memories were of days spent outside playing on the farm - Hide and Seek, skipping and going from house to house. The neighbours would also regularly call in for the chat. Better known in these parts as Hett, she explains that she got this name from a neighbour whose wife was known as Hett and for some unknown reason had started calling her Hett - and it has stuck ever since. She recalls that farming in those days

was pretty tough, with hardly any machinery and everything being done mainly by hand. You had men who moved from farm to farm, giving the farmers a hand with the work, and at night they would provide great entertainment - be it playing cards or telling yarns. The late Jack Lonergan was one such of these workers.

Gardening was one of the fine traditions the people had where you grew your own vegetables. Turf cutting was another tradition which was very prominent and this was ever so evident during the War years.

Templebraden was a busy place then - local farmers were very busy and people were always about. When compared to life today, it's a very different life altogether with massive changes. The creamery was the focal point of the community and alongside it the Post Office, where the farmers would collect their post after delivering their milk. There was also a shop across the road, and a public house nearby. The creamery created a lot of work and there were two branches - one at Ballvitea and one at Race. The milk was brought every morning on horse and cart. Butter was made on the premises but it wasn't sold in the shops, you had to buy it at the creamery. Boxes of butter were taken to the railway station and dispatched to different parts of the country. Coal was also brought to the railway stations on horse on cart to keep the engines working. For such a small place, Templebraden was a thriving area with public houses, sweet shops and a tailor shop where three to four people worked. This was known as Nash's and it comprised of a drapery shop where materials were sold by the yard, also sold were jumpers, socks etc. Up the road towards Emly you had a dressmaker (Mary McCarthy) and a shoemaker Paddy Commons who was busy mending and selling shoes. The forge which was run by the McInerneys was a big industry. The horses who did mainly all the farm work had their shoes needing regular attention, and of course making and repairing any iron materials needed for the farm. Road repairs were carried out by men with a shovel, accompanied by a horse and cart to transport the tar. Life was simple then, there was no running around, racing here and there like these days with people too busy to stop and chat.

"When I finished Primary School my older sister had gone on to the convent and I stayed at home to look after my mother. Later on in years I got employment at the local Post Office answering phones/telegrams etc." "There was a social life through the dance halls in places like Dromkeen, Kiltely, Cullen and The Brook Hall just to mention a few and to get to these places you either had to cycle or walk. It was at one of these dances in Kiltely that I met my future husband Pat Franklin. We got married in 1965 and lived at the home-house in Ballyneety. Weddings those days held no fuss. The ceremony took place in the morning and then it was back that evening to milk the cows." From then on Hetti dedicated herself to being a mother and a homemaker, and she reared a family of five boys George, John, Pat, Jim and Joe.

The local GAA matches were the big occasions, if you wanted to know what was coming up and who was playing, the creamery was the place to find out. The world had some great people at that time and none more so than

John F Kennedy who was very popular here in Ireland. "I remember when he was assassinated; it came off the radio to terrible disbelief. The Rosary was said and yet nobody wanted to believe it!". Unfortunately Hett received a setback in 1982 when her husband and great friend Pat passed to his eternal reward. A great void was created in the family, but being a strong woman and of great belief, she was determined to pick up the pieces and get on with life looking after the needs of her family.

"People ask me what is the secret to my longevity is, the only answer to that is, its all down to natural living, no smoking eating plenty cake bread and no drinking. I go to the Day-care centre in Cappamore one day a week and it's a lovely place to meet friends and we have a great time. You are well looked after and can have yourself pampered by a nurse, hairdresser or a chiropodist- sure what more could you ask for?" Hett's interests still include gardening, and reading daily newspapers, and she loved a game of Bingo. She was a woman of great faith and a regular Mass goer- in fact she dedicated a lot of her time to the Church having been Sacristan in St Bridgid's Church for forty five years. She was an extremely popular and kind neighbour; her home in Ballyneety is a place of welcome, and especially for her grandchildren. She enjoys being with people and is well known for her personality and for the fact that she never let a person leave her home without a cup of tea. She was an inspiration her family and extended family with her wonderful outlook on life. Many tributes were paid to her over the past week and the large crowd at her removal and requiem paid testament to the esteem in which she and her family are held. Funeral was from Ryan's funeral to Templebraden Church. Her requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr Pat Burns assisted by Canon McNamara, Fr Browne, Fr Morris and Fr Egan. Following requiem Mass her final resting place was in Old Pallas cemetery. Symapthies are extended to her Sons George, John, Pat, Jim & Joe, Sister Sr. Una, daughters in Law, brother in Law, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, Nephews, Nieces, Cousins, relatives, kind neighbour's & friends.

Born 1928, died 12th December 2016

Ger O'Connell

Bridie O'Dwyer, Old Pallas



The Postmaster in Old Pallas Post Office Bridie O'Dwyer sadly passed away this July in St Anthony's nursing home surrounded by her loving family. The sadness of her passing was countered by the long and full life she led exemplified by work ethic, community spirit, kindness and generosity to everyone.

Bridie was born on 8th April 1927, in Ballingaddy, Kilmallock. She is predeceased by her husband Denis, her son Jerry and daughter Mary who died in 1978, 2014 and 1959 respectively. She took over as Postmaster in Old Pallas in 1954 at 27 years of age. As a young woman rearing a young family, she milked her cows every morning and evening, before and after work in the Post Office. The work ethic at a young age was to follow her fastidiously through her life. Bridie led a remarkable life as mother, provider, businesswoman, grandmother, great-grandmother, counsellor and friend. She had some stand out qualities foremost of which are Humility and Thanksgiving. She worked very hard but was thankful for her blessings too. She treated the impostors of triumph and adversity just the same, as Rudyard Kipling famously taught us.

Bridie would want to reserve a very special mention to the most important man on the planet affectionately known as Fr. Mac who whenever there was sickness or troubles the first words out of Bridie's mouth was "Ill ring Fr. Mac!" A true disciple of the life of Christ, and his wise and gentle influence and counsel was something that she frequently called upon. Sometimes we don't give enough credit or appreciation to the living. In particular, Bridie especially loved little children. There are so many stories where her family were repeatedly advised in the Shop to never to refuse anybody who needed essentials, especially in houses where there were very young children, or very old people.

Observers would note there was a light and a glee in her eyes when she would observe the antics and capers of young children, she really did get extra life when they were around. In addition to humility and thanksgiving, her other outstanding qualities which she showed every day of her 90 years are Generosity, Selflessness and Resilience. Generosity and Selflessness are attested to by the swathes of people she came into contact with daily throughout her life. Typically, people say she never stopped 'going' and the pot was always full. It was like the loaves and the fishes in that little kitchen in Old Pallas, and the kettle was always on. The tea flowed in Old Pallas like the wine did at Cana. And if you missed the dinner, Bridie would cut a few slices of ham for a sandwich with a cuppa for you.

One would never be short of generosity and kindness in her presence. She never lost her temper, and she never raised her voice, preferring to deal with adversity with a roll of the eyes, a shrug of her shoulders and then a prayer.

May she rest in peace.

Born 8th April 1927, died 15th July 2017.

An Appreciation by The O'Dwyer Family

Michael Franklin, Dromlara



The Parish of Pallasgrea & Templebraden lost one of its finest gentlemen when Michael Franklin of Dromlara passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday 2nd of November 2017 surrounded by his family.

Affectionately known as Mike, he was a kind and caring man. He was born in

Corelish in 1931 and went to school in Cloverfield. When he left there he went on to work as a lorry driver for the Chocolate Crumb Factory in Dromkeen. He then moved to Dromlara where he lived and farmed with Hugh and Bridget Mulcahy. After Hugh and Bridget's passing Mike continued to farm. A man with great hands he turned his attention to wiring houses for his late father who was a builder. He started installing and servicing televisions and this led him to the milking machine industry where he became very well known in Limerick, Tipperary, Clare and Cork for well over 40 years.

He was on call 24/7 and there was many a morning when he would leave milking his own cows until he came back from a breakdown. His door was open early till late for farmers to get parts - the best neighbour one could have, he would give you the shirt off his back.

He married the love of his life Una Danaher of Doon in 1964. They went onto to rear a family of five girls and one boy and celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2014 - 50 years without a cross word!

His reposal and Requiem Mass in St John The Baptist Church Nicker was one of the largest in the parish for many years which showed the esteem in which he and his family are held. Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr Pat Burns along with Fr Dick Browne, Fr Jimmy Donnelly and Fr John Egan. After Mass his final journey was to Doon Cemetery, passing his own house on the way. May the sod of Doon cemetery rest lightly on his gentle soul. A special word of thanks to Dr John O'Brien, Fr Burns, all his carers especially his live-in helper for the past fourteen months, Tito, and to White's Undertakers of Doon.

May He Rest in Peace

Mike O'Donoghue

Liam Grace

There is an old African proverb that reads "When an old man dies, a library burns". Since Liam Grace's passing, it truly feels like a vast archive is in flames. Liam, who passed to his eternal reward in February of 2016 was fortunate to spend the vast majority of his long life on his farm in Garrydoolis, and he was well known in the County and beyond, for being an expert on the local history and a great raconteur. There was nothing he enjoyed more than spending an evening conversing, entertaining and storytelling in his own kitchen. Whether it was discussing sport, history or politics, tracing the local genealogy or regaling guests with yarns passed down from previous generations, he always revelled in being in the company of others. His only passion greater than his great thirst for knowledge and his deep devotion to his faith, was his family. His love for his wife and children was his life force and this, I believe, sustained him for many of his later Years. Added to this, the outstanding care that his wife Síle, his son Daniel and his daughter Noirín gave him, ensured that he lived a life of great quality, right up until his passing, at home, in his 88th Year. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Peggy O'Leary, Reask



The passing of Peggy O'Leary (nee O'Connor) of Reask on the 11th of March 2017 left a huge void in her family and community. She died peacefully in the University of Limerick following a short illness. She was a devoted wife, mother and reared a family of eight children. She loved children and looking after them was all she wanted to do, she was such a loving and caring person. Her memory will live long by every family member and she will be sorely missed by her loving husband Mike, Son's John, Mike, Tom, Patrick, David & Brian, Daughter's Margaret & Caroline. Brother Denny, Daughter's in Law, Son in Law, Grandchildren, Sister's in Law, Brother's in Law, Aunt's, Uncle, Nephews Nieces relatives & friends. Her funeral was from Ryan's funeral home to St John The Baptist Church Nicker. Following Requiem Mass she was laid to rest in St Columba's Cemetery.

Times Gone By

By Belinda Stotler

Graves of those once loved in times gone by,
Quietly lying in rows beneath the Earth's sky;
Such a peaceful place of many deep sorrows,
Where the living walk among solemn rows,
Looking for the grave where memories lie,
As they recall the day of the final goodbye.

The dead bring memories of joy and sorrows
For loved ones walking among the silent rows;
Some stand by graves in hushed reflection,
Others speak aloud of heartbreak and affection;
Some visit for just a moment and others for a while,
Then walk away with a tear or memory's fond smile.

Many graves have mementos or lovely flowers,
Some with new sod needing nature's showers,
While others have clearly fallen out of memory,
With only stones showing a brief life's summary,
Until they fade and crumble over the long years,
When no one is left to care or shed grief's tears.

Each grave has a life story once known,
Stories created as life's seeds were sown.
Some stories live on in family histories,
While others wane into unknown mysteries;
All eventually forgotten as time passes by,
When all those memories grow old and die.

Such a peaceful place of many deep sorrows,
Where the living walk among solemn rows,
Looking for the grave where memories lie,
Sadly mourning until their own final goodbye,
When they too will quietly lie beneath the sky,
As their loved ones mourn for times gone by.

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