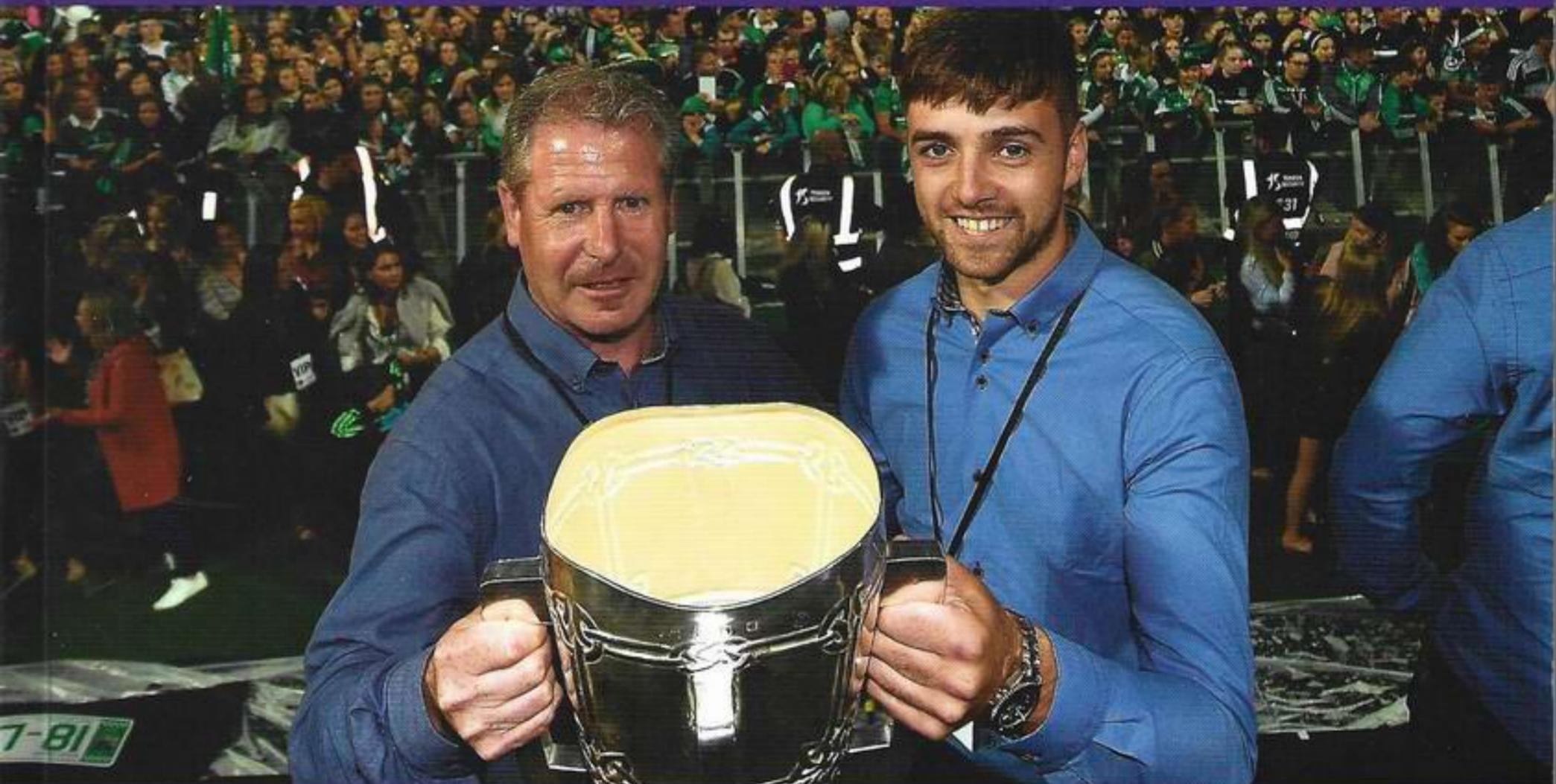


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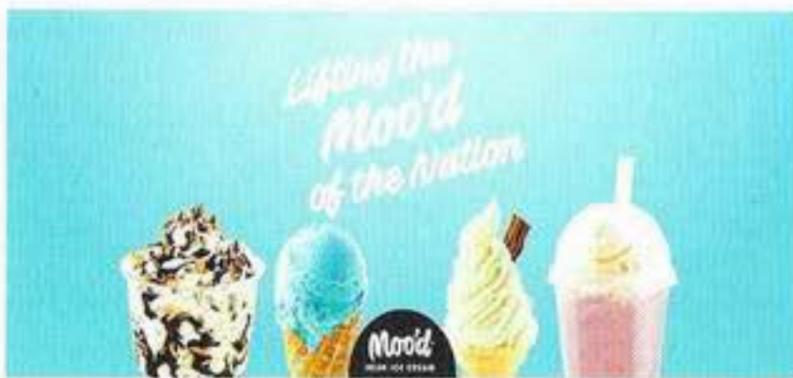
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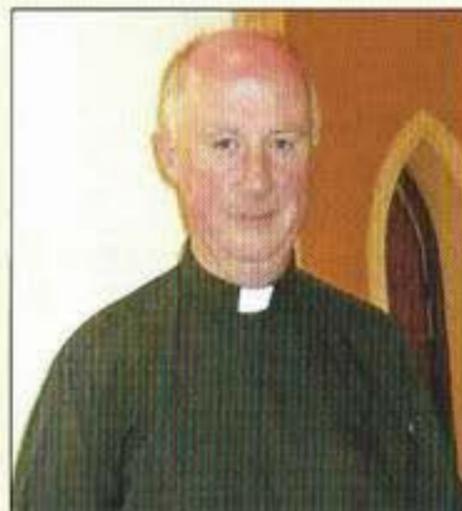
# Foreword

**Fr. Pat Burns**

November crept up on us very quickly this year after a wonderful summer and autumn. As I write this introduction I am conscious of how quickly another year is slipping from us. Twenty eighteen will be remembered for many different reasons. For some it will recall the birth of a child, for others the death of a precious loved one. Here in our community it saw the opening of a wonderful playground. It also witnessed the historic visit of Pope Francis to our shores and his presence among us will long live on in our memories. For Limerick people across the world 2018 will forever be recalled as the year when the great hurling famine ended, the year when Liam McCarthy came home to the Treaty City.

I attended my first All Ireland Hurling Final in 1973 and duly shouted for Limerick. Mind you I was encouraged by the Limerick lady with whom I attended the match! Looking back now I marvel at how quickly the intervening years have slipped by. Four years after that Limerick success I entered the seminary and thank God that for me it was the right choice. The years that followed, spent in different parishes and in the seminary in Thurles, have left me with so many happy memories. As with every life mine is punctuated with regret and sadness too but taken as one piece the overriding emotion is one of gratitude. I hope that as you browse through this year's *Gréan* publication and reflect back, not just on 2018, but on all the years that make up your life you too feel a deep sense of thankfulness.

Once again I congratulate all involved with this year's publication especially the editor of *Gréan* and the chairperson and members of Pallasgreen Templebraden Historical Society. I wish them and you, dear reader, and all your loved ones, every joy and happiness this Christmas and every blessing in 2019.



# Editorial

Welcome readers to the 24th edition of *Gréan*.

2018 saw a number of firsts for the community which has captivated, entertained and provide survival technology to the Parish of Pallasgreen and Templebaden.

Liam MacCarthy was brought to Pallasgreen after an absence of forty five years and what an occasion that damp evening in the GAA field proved to be. With two representatives involved in the team of that marvellous and emotional occasion on the 19th of August in Croke Park, Colin Ryan and Ger O'Connell. Its ironic that 100 years ago when Limerick won the All Ireland defeating Wexford, Pallasgreen had four representatives on the team; Mick Bourke, Paddy Kennedy, Dick and Chris Ryan.

Pallasgreen Community Playground opened in September and this hub in the community park off the N24 of the village will have many benefits. This welcomed addition has seen youngsters having loads of enjoyment while their parents mingle and forge friendships in a fun filled environment. This is the first phase of the Community Council's many ambitions to improve and enhance our beautiful community and as they say "a lot done more to do".

A very important introduction to the community was the life saving equipment AED which is now located in the villages of New Pallas, Old Pallas, Nicker and recently Barna. Garrydoolis were first to have it installed a few years back but now with all villages equipped this is certainly a move in the right direction and to increase access to early defibrillation. Public Access refers to accessibility for trained users to use AEDs in public places. While AEDs are now very simple to use and many untrained laypersons have used them successfully, it is best to assure that trained personnel are always on site (at locations where this is feasible).

This edition will see many of our clubs and organizations activities during the year and continue to give to this proud and beautiful community. It is a community that has so much to offer and with more people getting involved we can make it better. Congratulations to our Combined Residents Association who continue to enhance our villages with very little resources and personnel, and with more help these places will prosper. Tidy towns is on the horizon for 2019 and we wish all involved every success to make our community a better place to live in and visit

With St John the Baptist Church Nicker nearing its 200 year anniversary in 2020, plans for the celebrations will begin in earnest. What a milestone for the community and should be celebrated and make it an occasion for

everyone to remember.

A special thanks to all who contributed to this edition, by way of articles, photos etc, your contribution is greatly appreciated. Once again we thank our main Sponsor St Ailbe's Credit Union, who continue to support local communities and make a valuable contribution to society

Thanks to Mossy Kirby of Mulcair Print for producing another fist class magazine and for his professionalism and patience throughout the production.

We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever."* — Kofi Annan

**Editor**

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# Playground

AT MARY Harty's funeral four years ago, Fr Pat Burns said: "Motor neurone disease may have taken Mary Harty's speech, mobility and tragically her life, but it never took her spirit."

That spirit lives on as a plaque to the former councillor was unveiled at the opening of Pallasgreen's playground on Saturday morning.

Mary worked tirelessly throughout her political career for extra amenities in east Limerick. Her brother, Eamonn, thanked the Pallasgreen-Templebraden Community Council for honouring his sister's memory. He said it was a "proud day" for the Harty family.

After many years of fundraising, including Limerick's Fittest Superstars event, the ribbon was cut by Emma Harding and Clare Jordan, of Ballyhoura, a major contributor. Emma, aged 10, wanted a playground so badly that she made all the craft items using her knitting and sewing skills for a Christmas bazaar. Emma raised €130 for the fund.

The committee felt it was such a magnificent effort for one so young that they decided to have her and Clare officially open the playground.

Despite the inclement weather a large crowd turned up for the ceremony. Afterwards, they departed to the community centre for a reception.

Michael Ryan, chairperson of Pallasgreen-Templebraden Community Council, thanked everyone involved in making it a special day for the community.

They don't hang about in Pallas as he spoke at length about their next project restoration of the community centre which "is essential for all aspects of community".



Committee and friends at the site as work begins.



Harty Family at the Official opening.



# Liam MacCarthy Cup Homecoming

**THE RAIN** lashed down at Pallasgreen GAA's homecoming for their player Colin Ryan "Malachy" and kitman Ger O'Connell on Tuesday evening but one little boy summed up the mood.

He had a Limerick jersey on his back, a caman in one hand, an ice cream cone in the other, eyes focused on his heroes and not a care in the world.

Colin and Ger were joined by Richie English, Pat Ryan "Simon" and Barry Murphy from Doon.

Darragh O'Donovan came down the road from Oola while Shane Dowling travelled from the city and Kyle Hayes went east from Kildimo-Pallakenry.

They met up with Ger and Colin near the plaque to another thoroughbred, Foinavon, bred in Pallasgreen. The N24 came to a standstill as they jumped aboard one of Cappamore Fire Service's trucks. They passed a statue to another local hero, Paddy Ryan who won Olympic gold in the hammer throw in 1920.

The parade, led by a piper, included a large contingent of Pallasgreen GAA juvenile club players. They swung left off the main road and left again into the GAA grounds.

A large, cheering crowd awaited them on the astro-turf pitch. The noise got louder when Colin and Ger held the Liam MacCarthy Cup high up in the darkening sky. Flag bearer in Croke Park, Noah Deere was also up on the stage. Michael Ryan, principal by day and MC by night, welcomed Ger and all the players.

"How does it feel?" he asked Colin, who starred in the league against Clare with three points. He also scored the winning 65 in the historic sudden death shoot-out.

"It is a great feeling," said Colin.

"It is great to see everyone and thank ye all for coming out. It is unbelievable. This is a pretty special, 45 years is a long time so it is great to be part of it," said Colin, whose mother and father, Denis and Mary, were called up on stage by the MC.

Denis was a fine hurler as was his father, Tom who won an All-Ireland junior hurling medal in 1935.

Pallasgreen had no representatives in 1973 but they did have Dick Stokes in 1940. And they had four in 1918 – Paddy Kennedy, Mick Bourke, Chris and Dick Ryan. Relatives, Harry Kennedy, Frances Bourke and Jill McCormack were all invited.

Ger thanked all the players and hurley carrier, Alan Feely, for coming to their homecoming in Pallasgreen. Ger has



been the kitman since 2007 and his attention to detail has been praised by all the management and players. He left Pallasgreen on the day of the All-Ireland at 4.30am.

"It is a pleasure to be involved with such a nice bunch of guys. There is a great bond between players and management," said Ger, whose message was "never give up".

"The lads never gave up and now they have All-Ireland medals in their pockets," said Ger.

Michael Ryan asked Shane Dowling who is going to win in 2019.

"I'd love to stand up here and say we are going to win but you need so many things to go right for you. You need good, management, good county board and good backroom team," he said.

"We had that this year, last year and other years as well.

"You need a serious group of players from 1 to 36. The one thing I firmly believe you need is a bit of luck. If you go back through all the games we had a bit of luck this year. It was probably long overdue. The team that wins next year, without being a politician, is the team that is going to have everything but also gets that bit of a luck," said Shane.

One of the loudest cheers of the night was kept for the end. Colin asked the crowd to give their appreciation for Daragh Fanning who was on the league panel and the full-back on last year's U-21 All-Ireland win.

The rain continued to fall but the players signed every autograph and posed for every photo.

**Donal O'Regan**  
**Limerick Leader**





# The Liam McCarthy Cup at Danny Beary's GAA Museum



# Best Local Service Station in Ireland

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With The Liam MacCarthy Cup already landed in Limerick and Pallasgreen another All Ireland title found its way to Pallasgreen, this time to Regan's Centra. On Friday September 28th Regan's Centra were awarded the Prestigious Q Mark for Best Local Service Station in Ireland with Delicatessen for Hygiene & Food Safety.

Regan's Centra has won the National Q Mark Award for Best Local Service Station in Ireland with Delicatessen for Hygiene & Food Safety sponsored by JBM Merit Solutions at the National Q Mark Awards. Their nomination put them in the top 6.75% of all audits completed by the Excellence Ireland Quality Association (EIQA) on the island of Ireland and this win means they are at the very top of the Q for highest standard of Quality and Excellence.

Regan's Centra are a family owned and operated, first generation business in Pallasgreen proudly serving the local community and transient customers since 2002. "Winning a Q Mark Award is a fantastic result for our store, It is a great testament to the hard work and determination needed from all our staff to provide the best experience for all our customers" said Jamie Delaney, Store Supervisor.

Known as The Oscars of Business Excellence, The Q Mark Award is the highest accolade an Irish business can achieve, given both the intense competition and the exacting standards required. Speaking at this year's awards Irene Collins, Managing Director of EIQA said " Phil and Catherine and their team are justifiably proud of this fantastic result. It is a great testatment to their hard work and commitment, A good result for their customers too"

There was an air of success and

achievement on the night because all of the 105 companies nominated were in the top 6.75% of all audits completed by the EIQA on the island of Ireland. To actually win one of the 27 coveted awards means that those companies are at the very top of the Q for highest standards of Quality and Excellence in Ireland.

The Awards Night were On Friday, September 28th at the Clayton Hotel in Dublin 4, the winners of The National Q Mark Awards 2018 were announced presented by Excellence

Ireland Quality Association (EIQA) and officiated by Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys TD. This is a very special year for The Q Mark Awards as EIQA celebrate their 50th anniversary. Almost 600 people representing 140 companies attended a formal black-tie ceremony in competition for one of only 27 awards presented. The evening was filled with celebration but also a heady anticipation as many familiar faces waited for the final results to be announced.



From left: Catherine Regan, Irene Collins (EIQA), Phil Regan, Teresa Kiely, Debbie Mulcahy.



# A COFFEE DAY TO REMEMBER, 2018

## In conjunction with National Daffodil Day

*By Saoirse Corbett, Tara Campbell & Sarah Dillon*

After all the organising 'D' Day had finally arrived. At 07:50am on the 23rd March 2018. Our first caller arrived for the first cuppa and after that a continuous flow of people came through the door, eagerly awaiting a nice cup of tea or coffee and of course a taste of the unbelievable cakes/buns etc which were donated from numerous people. Too many to mention.

Throughout the course of the day 333 people entered the house of Mike O'Donoghue, Dromlara, Pallasgreen for the coffee day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. We hardly had time to catch our breath; there was never a 'lull' as you would say.

During the day a presentation was made to Sue Wykes, to thank her for

her overly generous donation of a beautiful cake each year for the past 4 years. Donal O'Regan from the Limerick Leader arrived on the day and interviewed each one of us and wrote an inspiring article in the Limerick Leader.

As the day went on and due to the large number of people calling, well beyond our expectations, we ran out of teabags and had to call on a family member to come to the rescue.

As people donated they entered their names in a book, from which they would win a number of fabulous prizes i.e. Hampers, the Cake, chocolates to name but a few.

The final cuppa was made at 12.10am in the morning. A total of 16hrs 20minutes.

As the week went on we were still receiving donations from people who were unable to make the coffee day. We finally presented a cheque of €5954.00 to Lorraine from the Irish Cancer Society.

This day could not have taken place only for the support and generous donations make to us throughout the day

To top this off we were absolutely overwhelmed to receive a letter of Appreciation for our fundraising work for the Irish Cancer Society from the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins.

Looking forward to your continued support in the future and seeing you all again next year on the 22nd March 2019, Daffodil Day.



*Left: Mike O'Donoghue pictured with Sarah Dillon, Saoirse Corbett and Tara Campbell.*

*Below: Saoirse, Sarah and Tara receiving a framed copy of the President's Letter from Fr. Pat Burns, P.P.*



## The Presidents Letter

TEARS of joy instead of tea poured when a letter from President Michael D Higgins praised three girls for their role in Ireland's longest coffee 'morning'.

Mike O'Donoghue started the fundraiser - which runs from 7.30am to after midnight - four years ago in his Pallasgreen home. Saoirse Corbett, aged 19, Tara Campbell, 18, and Sarah Dillon, aged 13, have been involved since the beginning. All the monies go to the Irish Cancer Society.

The girls are on hand from dawn 'til dusk pouring tea or coffee, serving apple tart and cake, and chatting with all the callers. Mike said the letter from President Michael D Higgins came in his door one morning.

It reads: "May I commend Saoirse Corbett, Tara Campbell and Sarah Dillon for their fundraising efforts for the Irish Cancer Society. Through their dedication and work, sustained over a number of years, they have demonstrated remarkable solidarity

with and commitment to others, and have done so with energy and enthusiasm. They are a wonderful example to their community and so may I wish them the very best in their continuing efforts."

It is signed by the President himself.

"That letter came in my door one day. I opened it and the tears flowed. Five minutes later Fr Pat Burns rang me about something else. I told him what had just come in the post and he said we will have to do something to honour these three girls," said Mike, who organised a special night in his house for their family and friends last week. Mike kept it a secret from Saoirse, Tara and Sarah.

Before handing over the framed letters he said: "I don't think we could give them to three better girls than these three. We've had a coffee day for four years and without them it would never have happened or continued - I mean that from the bottom of my heart," said Mike.

Saoirse, Tara and Sarah said Mike kept them in complete suspense.

Saoirse said: "I was not expecting this.

I thought it was a letter from the Irish Cancer Society which would have been lovely. I was not expecting one from President Michael D Higgins at all."

Tara said her framed letter will go up on the wall in the kitchen where everyone can see it.

"It is unreal. The school day today dragged because I was wondering what it was," said Tara.

Sarah was also stunned.

"I had no clue. I said to Mike, 'Will you just tell us!' laughed Sarah.

Will they all be back for the longest coffee morning in Ireland next year?

"Definitely!" they say in unison.

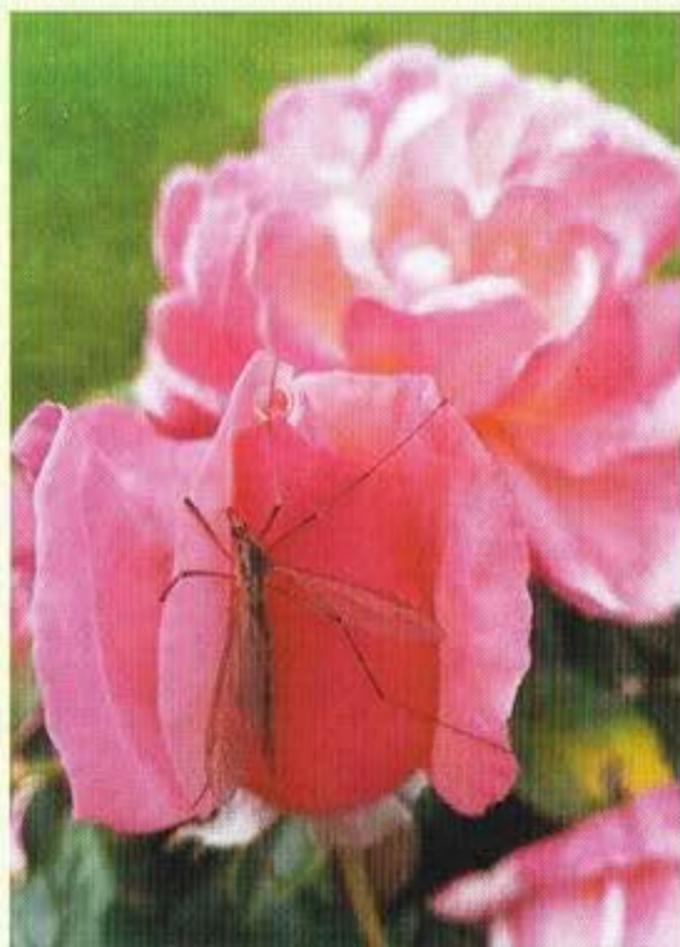
Mike declares: "We're going for the Guinness Book of World Records next year."

The commendation from President Higgins started a great week for the parish as Pallasgreen GAA Club welcomed the Liam MacCarthy Cup on Tuesday night.

**Donal O'Regan**

**Limerick Leader**

### Photographs by Anita Gleeson



# The Queen of Technicolor

A new one-woman show about Maureen O'Hara's is an 'emotional roller coaster', writes Jess Casey

"PART of me has always blamed the casting couch. I wasn't a whore. I was unwilling to make that kind of sacrifice to get a part in a movie."

This would be a bold statement for any starlet to make, even nowadays following a year of revelations about sexual harassment in Hollywood.

But the outspoken Irish screen legend Maureen O'Hara pulled no punches in her 2004 autobiography 'Tis Herself', calling out the men she had encountered in showbiz who often expected more than a performance from their stars.

It was this outspokenness that inspired actress Elaine O'Dwyer, originally from Pallasgreen but now based in London, to create a new stage production focusing on the life of the iconic actress.

Queen of Technicolor, a one woman show written and performed by Elaine, a graduate of Mary Immaculate College and the Guildford School of Acting in London, and it premiered on November 22 and 23 2018 at the Belltable.

"I suppose what has fuelled me to do this from the beginning is what is happening in the industry right now," Elaine explains.

"If you look at the #MeToo and the #TimesUp movement, Maureen was way ahead of her time. In 1945 she actually spoke out about harassment.

"When she was 25, she was ready to quit Hollywood at that stage. She wouldn't let directors or producers kiss her every morning so they spread rumours about her, that she was a lesbian and called her all sorts of things, just because she wouldn't succumb to them like everyone else did.

"She spoke out about all of that treatment and she was completely disregarded. For someone to do that, at that time, it was scandalous. All these icons that you hear of in the industry; they were awful to her.

"She was then seen as a 'difficult' woman, but she was just someone who spoke her mind and took control and I really respect her for that," adds Elaine.

With Elaine set to portray more than 20 characters, Queen of Technicolour sets out to take audiences on a 'emotional roller coaster', revealing the woman and the extraordinary talent, behind Hollywood's brightest star.

Directed by Gráinne Byrne, the stage production is also set to feature original music composed by violinist Maria Ryan who Elaine grew up with in Pallasgreen.

Elaine is currently rehearsing in Limerick, having just finished filming in Connemara. Arracht, which is set to be released in cinemas in 2019, is the first feature length film shot in Irish.

While she plans to take Queen of Technicolor on tour next year, there has also been a massive amount of international interest in the Limerick premiere, she adds.



"I've had interest from people in the States who would love to see it. Maureen was best friends with John Wayne and the head of the John Wayne Museum in Iowa sent me a letter to tell me he is considering coming to see the show!"

She has spent the last year delving into Maureen's life, reading books, articles, old newspapers, watching the star's films, observing her interviews and even meeting some of O'Hara's close friends for research.

"She had a really tough life and she just overcame all those struggles and became such a fighter and a passionate woman at the end of it, and she always held on to who she was, which really resonated with me," Elaine explains.

"As soon as you leave home, you can feel yourself changing. But she didn't allow people to change her. She just kept that strength within her, her family and her morals. She didn't allow people to mould her like other icons would have."

Article courtesy of the Limerick Leader

# Honouring Lifetime Services to the Gaelic Athletic Association

## Cumann na Sean Ghaeil

### Luimneach Thoir

The fourteenth Annual Awards took place on January 5th 2018 in the Millennium Centre Caherconlish. The Sean Ghaeil Committee was set up in 2003 to acknowledge the contributions of Gaels 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. The business of the committee 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. The following are the Pallasgreen and Knockane representatives who were awarded on the night.

#### Mike O'Donoghue - Pallasgreen

A native of Dromlara, Mike O'Donoghue has given a lifetime service to Pallasgreen GAA and today is still giving his time to this great club. He farmed the land in his early years along with his late mother Lil and father Dan. He grew up in a household with his brother Noel and sister Mary. Noel a fine goalkeeper of note went to live in Turloughmore, Co Galway and to play with his adopted county winning a National hurling league medal in 1975. Mike's playing career saw him winning two county junior hurling medals in 1968 and 1988, He was a young member of the team in 1968 who were runners up in the county senior hurling final to Patrickswell in 1969. Three county football leagues followed in 1987, 1988 and 1989. Numerous East divisional medals in hurling and football were annexed along the way, he donned the Limerick jersey in minor hurling in 1968. He was nimble with his feet on the playing field but also off the field as he represented Pallas in Scor in Set Dancing winning county titles in 1979, 1986, and 1987 and five East titles. A figure dancing title was won in 1982. A lifetime trip to the USA in 1980 and 1981 which saw the Set dancing group giving a number of exhibitions. Mike was an all round sports person and won a novice cross country championship and completed the Cork city marathon in 1984. Still playing in his favourite position of half back he trained the Junior hurling team that reached county junior hurling final in 1984 against a fine Garryspillane team. In a match that produced no goal, Garryspillane edged a thriller of a game by 0-8 to 0-7 in Bruff. Mike's training techniques

had the team very fit and well prepared but unlucky not to take the title. Four years later Mike finally got his hands on the medal as Pallas took on a confident Dromcollogher side in the 1988 Junior hurling final.. That day Mike had a fine game at half back and the team played out of their skins to overwhelm the westerners by 2-11 to 1-4 in Kilmallock. That was the signal to hang up his boots but as he said "One thing that I like better than learning from my mistakes is to learn from other people's mistakes. Over the years, I've been blessed to have great mentors, teachers, family, friends, that taught me about life. What you .. You'll feel good about yourself, plus you give something back to people to use or enjoy" He did give something back and trained the U21 hurling team to win the County championship in Treaty Year in 1991 defeating Croagh/Kilfinny 4-9 to 1-6 in Bruff. He was also at hand to assist in almost all juvenile teams preparing them for their competitive journey. Mike is very much a community man and helps out at every occasion, he has been to Lourdes thirty four times and is the first Limerick man to be appointed Chief Brancardier Of Cashel and Emly Lourdes Pilgrimage. He is also Chairman of the Pallasgreen-Templebraden Friends of Lourdes. After a team member and friend whose father died of cancer Mike decided to give something back for the exceptional care he got from Milford Hospice. He gathered a team to organise Limerick's first "Score a Goal for Milford" this was a team who scored a goal in hurling and football in every club ground in Limerick in one day. The motto for that day was: "One Day, One Journey, One Goal" The fantastic amount raised that day was over €26,000, he danced in 'Strictly Care To Dance' another charity fundraiser which accounted for and incredible €60,000 for three charities. Following a health scare some years back he has been running a Coffee Day in March every year in conjunction with Daffodil Day since 2015 and to date over €10,000 has been giving back to Milford Care. A renowned actor he can be seen on stage with the variety shows of Grean Drama Group, he also starred in the famous Passion Play in 2014 that was screened by RTE. Mike a postman for 21 years was always giving and today he still giving, his time to help others'

Mike O'Donoghue is a man that makes the gaelic athletic association the great organisation it is for his unselfish contribution to the club. The club is proud of its rich past, its great players and characters and its great gentlemen like Mike O'Donoghue whom it is a great pleasure to honour.

### Pakie Ryan -Knockane

Pakie Ryan's first competitive game for Knockane was a 16 year old in 1960 and played in a combination team from Knockane, Pallas and Cappamore. "He says that there were very few underage competitions in the early 1960s, in marked contrast to today, where I see my grandchildren as young as 6 playing in competitions. Personally I question the wisdom of competition at such a young age". Our combined minor football team won the East, beating South Liberties in the final. We were beaten by Abbeyfeale in the county final. We were surprised at the Kerry accents of some of the better Abbeyfeale players! Outstanding players on our team were; Donie Flynn and his brother Niall, Mikey Hayes, father of John (Bull) Hayes, Gerry and Larry O'Brien, Tommy Creed, Ollie Dillon and later on the 1962 team Dermot O'Dwyer. We lost the 1961 and 1962 East final to a particularly good Ahane team who had outstanding players in Pat Nash (later the Irish Army Chief of Staff), Donal Houlihan and PJ Power. As a Student I worked the summer holidays on the buildings in London, returning in early September. In 1963 and 1964 Knockane were out of the championship when I returned so I was eligible to play with Pallas. In 1963 Pallas beat Kiltely in the East junior final, but were beaten by Athea in the county final. That Athea team went on to win the senior championship in 1968. Pallas won the 1964 East final by beating Boher. Building work in England was rough and dangerous, but no rougher than playing with Pallas and certainly safer playing than playing against them.

After the 1964, the championship did not commence as early, so on my return from England I played with Knockane. I cannot remember who beat us in 1965, 1966, and 1967. I have vague recollections of playing Caherline and Ahane. I have more precise recollections of what Michael O'Hehir would refer to as 'schemozzles' and very accurate recollections of various referees, some side-line eruptions and the odd abandoned match. I remember Doon beat us in the 1968 East final. Because I was unfortunates enough to mark Micksie O'Brien, a very difficult opponent, Doon were beaten in the county final by a Galbally team that were beaten by Cloughaun in the 1969 senior final. Knockane team mates from that era were; Michael Breen, Our goalkeeper, patsy Hogan, Philly Houlihan, Gerry and Larry O'Brien, Noel Ryan, Sean O'Donnell, Tom Kennedy, Gerry Quirke, Larry and Sean Beary, Mike O'Sullivan, Noel Lonergan, Phil Carty, Tim Hartigan (Sam) Lance Ryan, and my brothers Chris, Liam and Martin. Gerry O'Brien was a tremendous

footballer and won a senior championship with Clann Na Gael in Dublin, and a Mayo senior championship . Sean O'Donnell also won a Galway senior championship.

One of the greatest pleasures of playing with a small club like Knockane was anticipating who would line out beside you on the day. For reasons I could never fully understand , one or two people always seemed to take up work in Kockane during the summer. But I could never understand how they were all top quality footballers, of All-Ireland or at least Inter-provincial standard, and most curious of all, were all named John Ryan.

My last match was against my former Pallas colleagues. My football career had come full circle and henceforth playing 45 seemed more prudent.



*Maura Gill (St Ailbe's Credit Union), Mike O'Donoghue (Recipient Pallasgreen GAA), Ger O'Connell, John O'Connor (St Ailbe's Credit Union).*

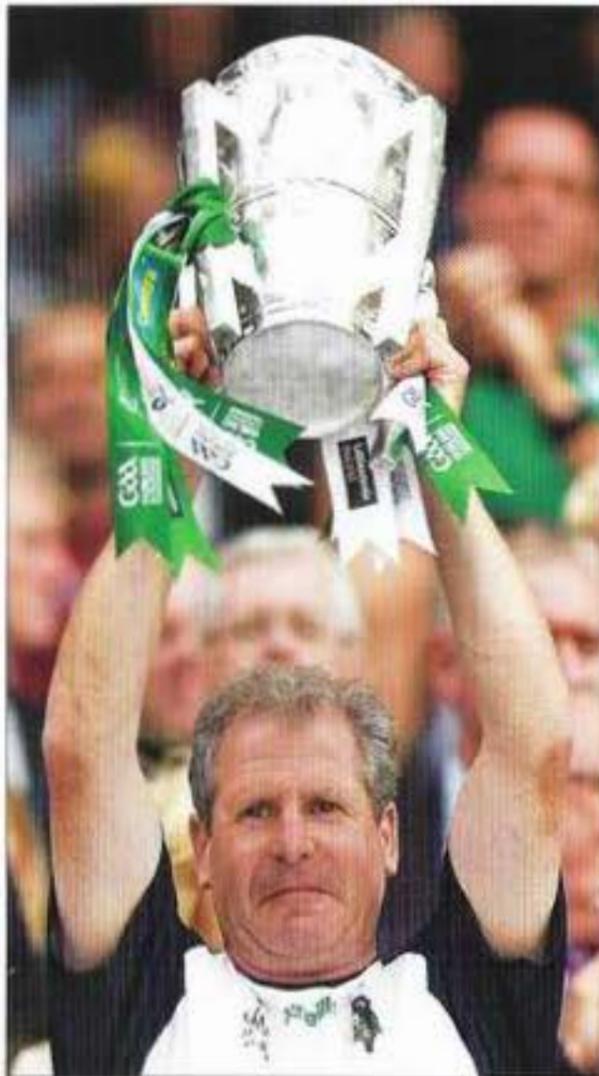


*From Left; John Franklin (committee), Maura Gill (St Ailbe's Credit Union), Danny Beary (Committee), Pakie Ryan (Recipient Knockane GAA), John O'Connor (St Ailbe's Credit Union).*

# Ger O'Connell – An Appreciation

In 2007, the Limerick Senior Hurling team was defeated by Kilkenny in the All Ireland Final. Richie Bennis was the Limerick Manager; 12 months later he was replaced by Donal O'Grady; John Allen took over from him; then Donal O'Grady and T.J.Ryan came together before T.J. took over on his own and, finally, John Kiely got the job last year. Despite all these changes, one constant remained; namely, Ger O'Connell remained as the kit manager of the Limerick team for all these years.

To all those in Pallasgreen who know Ger, his survival in this role did not come as any surprise, since, when Ger decides to do anything, he does it to perfection. His organisation, attention to detail, and determination to do the best possible job, are well known to those with whom he has worked in Pallasgreen on various events over the years. He has played at all levels for his beloved Pallasgreen and served in numerous positions on our committee, as well as taking on the mammoth task of writing the history of our GAA Club. The position of kit man is very demanding. The Limerick Senior hurlers play matches all over the country, as far north as Antrim and south to Cork or Kerry. Ger would have



to be there a few hours beforehand to get all the gear organised and laid out for the players. As well as that, there would be early season training weekends where he would be required. He also has to attend for the entirety of each training session to organise the training gear so it is hard to quantify

the amount of hours he has put in since 2007. I have never heard him once complain.

For Ger, his involvement has been a roller-coaster experience. It has included the highs of an All Ireland Semi Final win in 2007, a mighty Munster Final win in 2013 and the Division 1B League win this year, together with the lows of All Ireland defeat in 2007, the All Ireland Semi Final defeat in 2013, the Munster Final defeat in 2014 and the failure of the team to get out of Division 1B over recent years. However, 2018, when Limerick finally got their hands on the Liam McCarthy Cup, was the culmination of a dream for many Limerick people and for Ger in particular, who had put so much effort into many campaigns over the last decade. It was certainly a proud moment for all of us, and most appropriate, when, on August 19th last while sitting in the Hogan Stand, we heard the Limerick captain, Declan Hannon, say - *'I would like to thank Ger O'Connell from Pallasgreen.'*

Nothing was more deserved.

**Mick Lawton**



## Fr. Denis O'Brien

A Presentation took place on Tuesday 25th Sept 2018 to Fr Denis O'Brien from Templebraden. Fr. Denis was presented with a cheque for €1,000 for his missionary work in Colombia where he works with the poorest of the poor. He was wished well in his Missionary work for the coming year and he thanked all for their kindness.

Seen here at the presentation in Garrydoolis NS were: Fr Denis, Carmel Tuohy, Margaret Ryan, Mae Grace and Maureen McConnell

Back Row: Brigid O'Driscoll, Chris Ryan, Eileen Egan, Joan Ryan and Kathleen Condon.

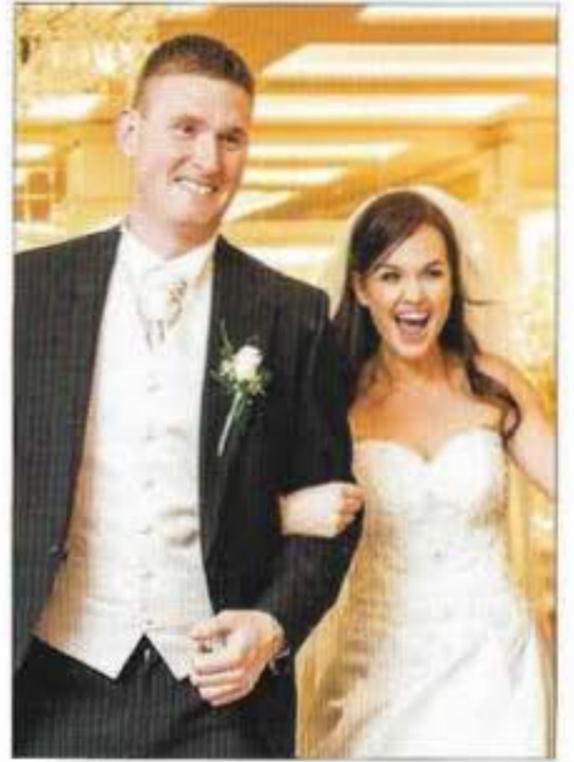
# Weddings 2018



*Elaine O'Dwyer Dromineen & Peter Murphy Monagea.*



*Mary O'Dwyer, Dromlara and Dave Kilty, Dublin.*



*John Barry & Anne Marie Ryan.*



*Brendan Ryan & Nicola Sterritto.*



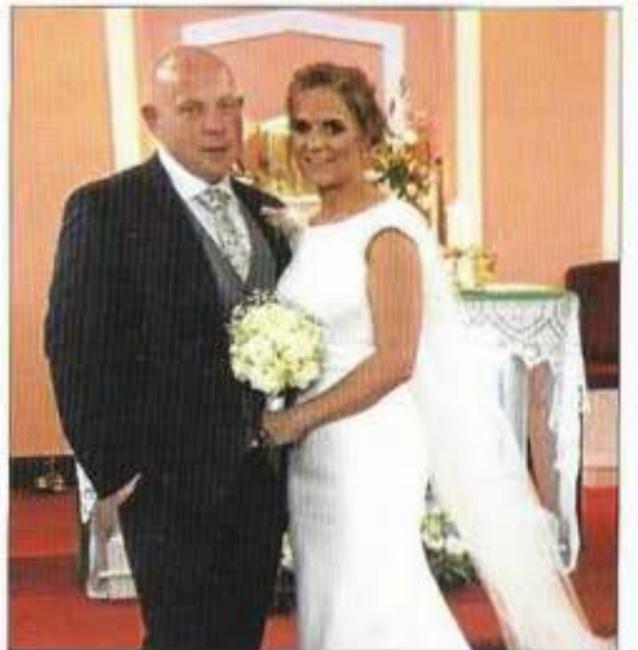
*Marita Barrett & Denis O'Connor.*



*David O'Brien and Brid Walsh.*



*Anita Gammell & Martin Peters.*



*Right:  
Joe Hayes,  
Cloughadereen  
and Katie  
Liston.*

*Left:  
Eoin O'Malley  
&  
Louise Crowe*

# Christmas Fair 2017



Ryan Family, Moymore, performing in Croke Park on All-Ireland Final day.



Relatives of the 1918 members of the Limerick Team All Ireland SHC winners, from left Frances Bourke, Jill McCormack, Colin Ryan and Harry Kennedy with the Liam McCarthy Cup.



Above left: Nicker Village is a sea of green in readiness for the All-Ireland Final.

Left: The Green Team - Bill Gammell, Nicker with his daughter Theresa O'Connell, grand daughter Stacey O'Connell and great grand daughter Priya Mulready.

Right: Olympian Paddy Ryan supporting the boys in green.



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# Clubs and Organisations

## Pallasgreen GAA Senior Club

For most of the GAA Clubs in Limerick, the highlight of the year was Limerick's All Ireland Hurling win after a 45 year gap. What a year it was for the Inter County Hurling Championship with our club members following this Limerick team right through the Championship, starting with a brilliant victory against Tipperary, a great draw with Cork while down to 14 for a large part of the game, a comprehensive win over Waterford and a defeat against Clare which didn't stop Limerick as they had already qualified from Munster. Then onto the All Ireland Series, Limerick had an easy win over Carlow before a great win over Kilkenny in the quarter final even after Kilkenny led with a few minutes to go, a tremendous Semi Final win over Cork after extra time culminated with victory over Galway on August 19th to release a wave of incredible emotion among Limerick fans.

Pallasgreen made a fine contribution to this victory, Colin Ryan was on the panel all year and his performance in Limerick's League Quarter Final win over Clare was incredible, while scoring from play and a sideline, he scored the deciding 65 in sudden death after two periods of extra time and five 65's for each team in a game that lasted over 2 hours. Darragh Fanning was also on the panel in the early part of the year and played in the Munster League. We look forward to these two young players develop into making it to the very top with Limerick. Ger O Connell was the kit-man for Limerick and continues to put in a massive amount of work in that position. On All Ireland Final day itself, Noah Deere was one of the flag bearers when the teams emerged on the field and The Ryan Family sang at half-time during the Minor Match.

Limerick's All Ireland win culminated in one of the biggest events for Pallasgreen GAA Club – Tuesday September 11th was the evening that the Liam McCarthy Cup came to the Club. It was an evening when the weather disappointed but that was the only disappointment, a big crowd turned up and were absolutely thrilled to see and hear from many of the heroes from Croke Park. Following a dramatic entry to the Pitch behind a lone piper and members of our Juvenile Club, the Cup and a number of players came in a Fire Brigade. Despite the rain getting heavier as the evening progressed, the players stayed around to ensure everybody was satisfied and get the photos they wanted. It was a wonderful evening with the fully lit-up astro turf looking well despite the weather.

On the Club front it was busy and we were competitive in all competitions but we failed to win silverware. In the Intermediate Football, we lost our first match to Athea but we then beat Glin, Mungret, Claughan and Bruff to reach

the County Semi Final. In the Semi Final we played Galbally on a very windy evening in Martinstown, unlucky to concede an early goal while playing with the wind and despite a valiant effort we were beaten by 2 points. In the Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship we lost our first match with Mungret by 1 point, we then beat Feohanagh drew with Bruree and Blackrock and lost to Bruff and Kildimo Pallaskenry, we then drew with the eventual champions Garryspillane to finish fifth, one place short of getting to the semi final. Our Junior B Hurling team was very competitive and they were very unlucky to be beaten by the eventual County Champions Cappamore in the East Semi Final after extra time and we had chances. Our Junior Footballers were disappointing and due to injuries and work commitments we had difficulty in fielding our best team and were knocked out of the County Championship. Our Minor Football team was competitive but failed to qualify for a semi final, however our Minor Hurlers beat South Liberties and qualified for the East Minor B Hurling Final and put up a very good show only to be beaten by Caherline who got a few late scores. Our Under 21 Hurling team beat Kiltely and Cappamore but were beaten by Ballybricken in an East Final. Our Under 21 Footballers have not yet started as we go to press.

Congratulations to any of our players who played with Limerick. Apart from Colin and Darragh who I have already mentioned, Brian Fanning was an ever present on the Limerick Senior Football Team when available, Shane Bradshaw played on the Limerick Minor Football Team and a special word for Kyran O'Donnell who was picked as Captain of the Limerick Minor Hurling Team and he led out the team in the All Ireland Quarter Final which was a great honour for the Club and the Parish however injury restricted his appearances.

Congratulations to our Juvenile Section for the hard work, coaching and training they have put in to ensure that our games and our Club continues to thrive and for the success they have achieved. I would also like to thank the 3 schools in our Parish who continue to promote our games and encourage the children to play.

I would like to thank our Lotto Committee for the work they do to ensure that the Club continues to operate. I would also like to thank the Bingo Committee for the work they do to support our development, especially the astro turf which is a fantastic addition to the Parish. Thanks to our sponsors for their support and also those who play our lotto and bingo and support any of our fundraisers, your support is invaluable.

I would like to thank all our selectors and coaches who put in so much time and effort to prepare all our various teams. I would like to thank my fellow committee members for the work they put in throughout the year. A special word for our players who continue to perform with distinction in all competitions and continue to make us a major force in Limerick GAA.

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

Finally I would like to thank all our members who supported us throughout the year and new members would be more than welcome, whether players or not and enjoy the competitions and the various social interaction involved.

**Mick Lawton**

## Twelve man Pallasgreen win U-21 title over Galtee Gaels

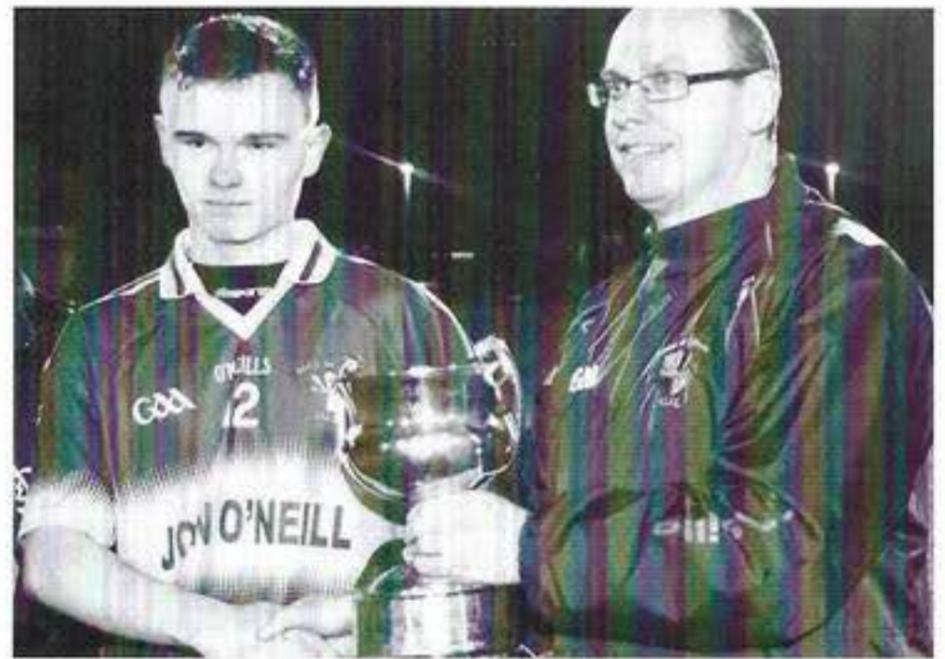
**Saturday Dec 16 2017**

DESPITE a dramatic last ten minutes which saw the winners have three players sent off, Pallasgreen claimed victory in the Under-21 'A' Football Championship final as they held on for a three-point win over Galtee Gaels. (Pallasgreen 1-9 Galtee Gaels 0-9)

The Gaels were looking to add to a historic year for the club as they already won the county JFC title but their failure to back up the free-taking of Robert Childs proved costly.

Childs kicked 0-7 from frees and, alongside his brother Tommie in midfield, posed the biggest threat for the south champions, who had seven of their successful junior team starting in this clash at the home of Staker Wallace.

However, Pallas were better all over the field with Colin Ryan and Brian Fanning standing out with good



performances from Alan Hanley, Christian O'Dwyer and Darren Roche helping the east side to success.

A 23rd minute Fanning goal was the key score in the game for the winners who, after losing in the county semi-final five years in a row, finally got to a final this year and made it count.

Fanning was played through by Ryan and finished superbly to give Pallas a 1-4 to 0-4 lead.

It was a badly needed score for the east side as they had just conceded three points in a row.

After Pdraig McGrath opened the scoring for Gaels, Pallas scored four on the bounce. Two points each from Fanning and Ryan had the winners in a great position after ten minutes.

However, once Galtee Gaels got on top, a set of Robert Childs frees levelled the game before Fanning's goal.

The sides shared the last four points of the half as Pallas went into the interval 1-6 to 0-6 ahead.

However, after a big comeback win in the semi-final, Galtee Gaels were expected to hit their opponents hard in the third quarter. Unfortunately, this never materialised as the south side failed to score for 21 second half minutes.



# Pallasgreen GAA Club

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In this time, points from Ryan (2) and Fanning stretched the gap to 1-9 to 0-6 before a dramatic ending to the game.

It could have been so different as Galtee Gaels missed a guilt-edged chance to find the net early in the second half. A storming run from Sean Casey forced a smart save from Aaron O'Sullivan before Eamonn Kelly hit the crossbar with the rebound.

Kelly eventually got Gaels off the mark in the second half with just under 10 minutes to go.

Minutes later, Colin Ryan was the first of three Pallas players dismissed by referee Kevin O'Brien. A second yellow card the Pallasgreen mentors were vocal in their disapproval of the decision.

A Robert Childs free reduced the gap to four points seconds before Pallas were reduced to 13. Again it was a case of two yellow cards as Cullum Cosgrave was given his marching orders.

Brian McCarthy became the third Pallas player sent off late on but the east side managed to hold on for the 1-9 to 0-9 win to secure the u-21 'A' title.

**SCORERS:** Pallasgreen: Brian Fanning 1-3; Colin Ryan 0-5 (all frees); Alan Hanley 0-1.

Galtee Gaels: Robert Childs 0-7 (all frees); Padraig McGrath, Eamonn Kelly 0-1 each.



**PALLASGREEN:** Aaron O'Sullivan; Joseph Keogh, Brian McCarthy, Luke O'Dwyer; Conor Roche, Alan Cosgrave, Cullum Cosgrave; Alan Hanley, Colin Ryan; Christian O'Dwyer, Brian Fanning, Pierce O'Dwyer; Darren Roche, P.J. Butler, John O'Donnell.

**Subs:** Kevin McMahon for Pierce O'Dwyer (42 mins); Darragh Fanning for Darren Roche (54 mins).

**GALTEE GAELS:** Danny McGrath; Liam Mansell, Maurice Fenton, Ian Whelan; Eamonn Kelly, Sean McGrath, Eoin Gallahue; Tommie Childs, Robert Childs; Sean Casey, Padraig McGrath, Sean Casey; Shane McNamara, James Conway, Edward Quinn.

**REFEREE:** Kevin O'Brien (Patrickswell).



*Dermot and Cora wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for The New Year*

# KNOCKANE GAA

2018 was a mixed year for Knockane GAA club on and off the field. Pre season training started in January under the management of John Collins and Anthony McCarthy and was well supported. The league then began in April with losses to Oola and Ahane, and a victory over Fedamore. In our 4th league match, we led a strong Cappamore team only for disaster to strike mid way through the second half. Leonard Vance who had been having a storming performance from mid-field was injured and the match had to be cancelled while he was attended to. This serious injury was to rule him out for the rest of the season and ultimately losing him and Cullum Cosgrave to another injury in the same month, was to be a blow to the team, that we never fully recovered from. We did regroup and prepare well for the league semi-final against City champions St Patrick's in mid June. In a tightly contested game, we led for long periods and threatened to pull away, particularly in the early stages, but a strong second half from a very experienced St Patricks outfit saw them finish the game with a late goal to steal the victory.

With the championship this year, Knockane competed in the City division as there was no other opposition in the East division. We were drawn against Na Piarsaigh in the first week of July in Caherdavin. On a warm evening, we met a very strong, physical side who controlled the opening half and the result was never in doubt. We competed well in the second half to give us some hope for our remaining games, but missing some of our best leaders on the night was a weight that we failed to carry. A fortnight later, buoyed by a very encouraging win against Emly in the Houlihan Cup, we travelled away again to meet St Patricks

in a must win match. In a high scoring game, and on a night where we missed many scoring opportunities, we had a last minute penalty saved, which would have drawn the match and this left the final score: St Patricks 4-9, Knockane 4-6. This was a game where we really missed the services of fearless defenders Jamie Kirby and Denis Coffey and one where we failed to play to our strengths. In truth, it was a very disappointing end to the year on the playing field for the club. We had the largest panel of players in many years, with young players P.J. Butler, Conor Roche, Paraic Wixted, Andrew Vance, John O'Donnell, Alan Hanley, Adam Slattery and the Looby brothers Sean and Donnacha adding huge talent, skill and energy and with their enthusiasm the future should be very bright, especially if the correct balance of training and matches can be found. But for this season, we are left to rue injuries to central players and poor performances in key matches which hastened an early exit from the championship.

In August, the club ran a very successful community festival, with the highlight being a vintage tractor and car run on Sun. Aug 12th. A large crowd attended and competed in the sports events and many other activities on the day. With the "Sneaky Poo" fundraiser being a cause of great amusement. The musical events and entertainment at The Idler Bar were also a big success. The weekend was also used as an occasion to pay tribute to the memory of Jack Ryan, Honey Farm and to formally recognise his contribution to the community over many years. We unveiled a plaque in his honor and this permanent symbol is something which we are very glad to be able to display to all who visit.



On our grounds, work continues on the community walkway, with its maintenance largely managed by our FAS scheme workers. We are also on the verge of completing our dressing rooms, including adding toilet facilities and a sewerage system. We hope to continue our developments in the coming year and as always we welcome any proposals or ideas on how we can improve.

Finally, let us never forget, that our Club survives on the goodwill and voluntary efforts of so many people, and that being part of this is open to all. But, that for the efforts that are made, the management of the Club are especially grateful to our patrons and anybody who supports us in any way, especially those who buy the Limerick Development Draw or Lotto tickets through us. In truth, it is hard to find words to define the dedication and value of so many of the people within our Club, especially the very inventive and unselfish group who work so hard on our Festival plans. But, if one man was to be singled out, then the enduring stewardship of William Ryan with our finances and his personal devotion to collecting on our behalf merits great

praise, his irrepressible enthusiasm for his post is an example to all.

To all who assist us, we hope our thanks and acknowledgement here, will go some way towards showing our huge appreciation, not just to our Players, but to all our members and volunteers, who make this a great Club. In an era where many larger catchment areas are struggling to get players and volunteers to invest any time in their clubs, we feel blessed that we have an Executive Committee and members who are willing to make so many sacrifices to help grow the Club and we feel especially optimistic that with the correct leadership, the current panel of players that we are proud to have, can be relentless in working to bring triumph and renown back to this famed football Club.

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# Knockane Golf Society

Knockane Golf Society once again held a very successful year with 7 outings planned including a trip to Salou Spain. We started the year in March with a Trip to Ballykisteen Golf Club.

The captain's day this year was held in Tipperary Golf Club in July, and the prize this year was won by Niall Ryan.

The final major of the year was held in Ballyneety Golf Club in September where "The Idler Cup" was played for. Team Europe won the competition captained by Michael McCarthy.

We would like to thank all our sponsors during the year and we would like to thank Tom and Mary O'Donnell for letting us use their premises for meetings and events throughout the year.

This year was also the second year for the Golf Society as we ventured to Sunny Spain.

On October 9th, 18 brave souls descended on Shannon Airport to board our flight to Malaga.

We were to be based in Salou in the Belvedere Hotel.

Golf was booked in for Lumine Hills on the Wednesday, Bonmount on the Friday and Lumine Lakes on the Sunday.

The golf was most enjoyable and we played on three spectacular courses, despite being called in off the course on the 1st day after 14 holes due to Thunder and Lightning. Both Lumine courses are host of the European Tour Qualifying School Final Stage for the next two years.

In between golf there were many adventures such trips to Taragonna, Portaventura, Montserrat and the Torres Wine Cellars.

Good Food and Drink and fun were enjoyed by all and we hope to have another foreign trip in the near future.



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# 2019 to Bring Further Community Development

Michael Ryan

Chairperson Pallasgrea/Templebraden Community Council

The opening of the children playground in New Pallas Village on July was, undoubtedly, the highlight of 2018 for Pallasgrea/Templebraden Community Council.

Thousands of young children have happily played there over the past few months from all over parts of our own parish, from neighbouring parishes, and from further afield through passing motorists and so on. All are welcome provided the facility is respected. We would suggest the following rules:

This is a facility for children of primary school age essentially.

Children should be accompanied and supervised by an adult, preferably a parent/guardian, at all times, while they are playing in the playground.

All children should be reminded by their parents of the importance of taking turns, waiting for your turn while playing. Children will also need to be reminded of the need for cooperation and good manners while playing in a public place.

Chewing gum is not allowed as it will destroy the surface

No hurleys or ball games allowed.

Use the bins provided for litter of any nature.

We would ask all parents who accompany children to the playground to ensure that it is kept tidy at all times. We must all protect the facility for the enjoyment of everybody in the coming year.

## Four Important Groups

Four groups need to be thanked. Firstly, we received funds of €97000 from the Leader Programme through Ballyhoura Development Association. This was the first grant aid the parish has ever received through Ballyhoura and special thanks to Clare Jordan, our development officer, Ballyhoura, with support from her colleague, John Hassett. On our side, a subcommittee of Council Officers prepared our submission; Joanne Beary, our secretary, Joanna Bailey,

treasurer, Stephen O'Neill, assistant secretary, deserve special mention. Thirdly, the contract was awarded to Browne brothers, who were professional and cooperative in every way. Fourthly, the total cost of the playground installation was €130,000 which meant that a local contribution of circa €33,000 was needed. The tin collection in 2017 for this purpose raised €38,000. Another €10,000 was raised through "The Fittest Club". It was these contributions, small, medium or large, which ensured that the project is now completed. Thank you to each and every person who contributed. PallasGrea/Templebraden Community Council was delighted to acknowledge the contribution of the late Cllr. Mary Harty in the early planning for the Playground project through the unveiling of a plaque in her honour. The Community Park, in which the playground now stands, will be provided with some seating in the springtime, which should facilitate even further social interaction among adults while supervising! The provision of further facilities in the Park will be a mid or longer term project but we will welcome suggestions at any time!

## Top Priority for 2019

As your Community Council, we have already turned our attention to the redevelopment of the Community Centre. We published our plans for this project in 2017 also: we have concentrated, in the last six months of 2018, in putting a financial plan in place to secure the major funding needed.



Emma Harding Brackile and Claire Jordan, Ballyhoura cutting the ribbon.

We are very pleased to announce that the Leader Programme, through Ballyhoura Development Association, has sanctioned a grant of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of €266,666, with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  local contribution. In other words, Ballyhoura will contribute €200,000 if we provide €66,666. To this end, we will distribute the collection boxes to each household in February 2019, to be collected in August 2019. We will ask households to contribute €5 per week for 30 weeks or as much as households feel they can afford. The prize of having an inviting and comfortable Community Centre to cater for the needs of all age groups in our community is both a necessity and a formidable challenge. Be as generous as you can please.

We are planning that this €260,666 will allow us to begin the renovation of the existing building sometime in 2019. Keeping the larger picture in mind, we have applied to the Rural Regeneration Fund for financial support also. This fund is distributed by Limerick City and Co. Council. Our submission is being actively supported by Ballyhoura Development Association through its C.E.O., Pdraig Casey, and our Development Officer, Clare Jordan. This Community owes a huge debt of gratitude to these two very hardworking officers who have given your Council (and this Community) tremendous support over the past 2 years. Our financial strategy also includes applications to the Dormant Account Funds and to other benefactors (as required).

2019 will be an important year for us. We will need all aspects of our financial strategy to bear 'much fruit' if we are to progress this major project in a timely and worthwhile manner.

We have tried to keep fundraising in this past year (2018) to a minimum. It has consisted of scrap metal collection (€3,000); a concert in U.L. (circa €4,000) and our Christmas Fair which we hope will bring the total collected in 2017 to €10,000. Council members worked very hard on each of these ventures and I wish to thank each and every Council member for their contribution.

### **Come to our A.G.M.**

Our A.G.M. will be held on Sunday January 27th 2019 at 3.00pm. Over the past number of months, we have been developing a social-economic plan for Pallasgrean/Templebraden. Again, this process has been funded by Ballyhoura Development Association, with Niall Heenan as the lead, supported by John Hassett and Clare Jordan development officers and other Ballyhoura Staff. As well as supporting our ongoing developments, Ballyhoura Development Association is also supporting us in planning our future. We will advertise the date of the A.G.M. widely; please come and show your support for what we are doing. New committee members are also very welcome. We will publish and discuss this plan at the A.G.M.

### **Buiochas**

I wish to acknowledge the role of all organisations, sporting and otherwise, in community building in Pallasgrean/Templebraden. When we work together, we can produce spectacular results. The Defibrillator Committees in Pallas and Knockane have provided these devices in Old Pallas, Nicker, New Pallas and Garrydoolis. Pallas GAA has installed another defibrillator in New Pallas, while many locals have been trained in their use. Well done to all. The combined Villages Association is another group who have successfully combined work on cleanliness/Tidy Towns, together with the provision of footpaths/walls through liaising successfully with Limerick City and Co. Council. Our Fás workers need to be thanked for their work in the various villages also. They make a very valuable contribution to keep our surroundings clean and cheerful. Congratulations to the New Pallas branch of the Combined Villages Association for their recent award which was well deserved. Thanks to the entire C.V.A. for its very important contribution to the enhancement of our villages.

### **Go Néirí Linn i 2019**

Tríd is tríd, rinneamar obair mhaith le linn 2018. Le cúnamh Dé, leanfaimid leis an dúshlán san athbhliain. Bíodh Nollaig deas ag gach éinne agus athbhliain faoi sheán is faoi mhaise chugaibh go léir.



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## Parish unveils three life saving defibrillators

A CHANCE conversation in a public house in Pallasgreen will save lives.

Local lady Bernie O'Sullivan was having a chat with Dermot and Cora, proprietors of O'Dwyer's, last February.

"We were talking about a wedding where this particular person was actually declared dead. A doctor who was there couldn't bring him back. He was in his early sixties, he was up dancing and the next thing he just dropped. The defibrillator brought him back and he is fine," said Bernie, secretary of the Pallasgreen Community Defibrillator committee.

In the space of a couple of months through fundraising and donations they have launched three defibrillators. One will be stationed outside Regan's Centra in New Pallas, another located at Power's Pub in Old Pallas and one at Harty's former pub in Nicker. They are also helping residents of Barna to get one too.

"We raised nearly €6,000 in a couple of months and we got one defibrillator donated by Marianne Fitzgibbon of Widdess Fitzgibbon Pharmacy. We would still be fundraising only for her. She donated one in memory of her mother Maureen Fitzgibbon," said Bernie, who thanked Mrs Franklin. Each defibrillator costs over €3,000.

Chairman, Tony Greene (Snr) launched the three devices and thanked all for their support at the Red Deer on Saturday night. Invited guest, John Mulready, station officer at Cappamore Fire Brigade, gave a very informative talk on the importance of having the devices in the



Photo Text: from left; John Mulready Station Officer Cappamore Fire Station, Marian Fitzgibbon Widdess Fitzgibbon Pharmacy, Tony Greene (Snr) Chairman.

Back from left; Maurice Gleeson, Cora O'Dwyer, Pat Cronin, Nancy Ryan, John Ryan (Secretary), PP O'Sullivan, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Gerry Ryan, Bernie O'Sullivan.

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# GRÉAN DRAMA GROUP

2018 started with a bang for Gréan Drama Group with their production of John B Keane's *Big Maggie*, staged in Pallasgreen Community Centre. It takes a lot of hard work and commitment to stage any play, and *Big Maggie* proved to be a great success, with credit due to the outstanding cast, including some newcomers to the stage, and also to the amazing backstage crew. The play was directed by Ann O'Dwyer

**Cast:** Jennie Mulcahy, Bill Bourke, Neil O'Dwyer, Jason McGrath, Gary Fraher, Audrey Horan, Bernie O Carroll, Claudia O'Donnell, Teresa Collins, Majella Diggin, PP O'Sullivan, Patrick Bailey, Grace Mulcahy, Nick Bailey, Annette Delaney, Kevin Ryan, Chris Ryan

**Crew:** John O'Dwyer, Mike Delaney, Colin Kinnane, Joan McCarthy, Eileen Hayes, Mike English, Kevin Ryan, Gary Fraher, Eamonn Harty & Mike Donoghue

If you would like to join our Drama Group, please come along to our next production – *Playboy of the Western World* – being staged in Jan 2019. New members are always welcome, and age is not a factor!

Without the support of our audiences, we cannot survive. Thank you to all who have supported us over the years, and we look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

We would also like to thank Pallasgreen/Templebraden Community Council and a special word of thanks to Ann O'Connor for all her help.

Gréan Drama Group encourages members to take part in the annual DLI (Drama League of Ireland) Summer School, held in U.L. A number of courses are available with excellent professional tutors. The Summer School runs for just 1 week. Gréan assists towards funding a course for one member every year. This year, one of our members, Hannah Docherty attended and thoroughly enjoyed it. She also found it to be a great learning experience.

This is what Hannah had to say about the course -

"Last summer I took part in a course run by the Drama League of Ireland. Gréan Drama Group gave me some money to go towards to the fees. The course was on in UL so I luckily didn't need accommodation. As someone with little experience in drama I was part of the beginners course. There were 7 other courses being run, all for various levels of experience and areas of interest. I was surprised when I noticed that the majority of people there were not from Limerick. Many people in fact were not even from Ireland. For the greater part of the group they return each summer but there were still a few like me, on their first year. The course ran for 7 days, starting from 9:00 and finishing at 17:00 for classes. The social events usually started at around 8 p.m. The great thing about this group was that it was balanced between socialising and learning. A large part of it was learning from your peers in the different courses. The organised social events were great for that. Each night there was something different on like a talent night or a fancy dress. Everyone was enthusiastic to participate so it was great fun. It was a wonderful experience and I learnt so

much. I made some amazing friends and left with great memories. I can't wait to return next year. Gréan Drama Group are putting on *The Playboy of the Western World* at the end of January and support for this talented group of people would be greatly appreciated. I myself am now studying in the Limerick College of Art. I will be helping with Costumes / Make up for the next production.

## **BIG MAGGIE - BIG PERFORMANCES:**

Wonderfully directed by Ann O'Dwyer and a Jenny Mulcahy led cast of sixteen of some of the local's finest actors was the ingredients in this much loved play by John B Keane. The audience was on board from the start, gasping, sighing and sometimes in laughter in this compelling drama. Jenny Mulcahy's portrayal of Maggie Polpin was a "stunningly powerful lead performance" who is the centre of power in the play. The tragedy is that her obsession with control only succeeds in destroying her relationships with her children. The play opens with the newly widowed Maggie impatiently winding up her late husband's obsequies so that she can get back to business. The first item on the agenda is the family meeting, where she informs her four grown-up children of her plans for their future. One by one the children are alienated and driven out. One of the most powerful scenes is the one in which Maggie interrogates her eldest daughter about her affair with a married man, breaking her spirit and eventually forcing her to marry an elderly farmer. The eldest son is forced into exile; the younger son remains loyal to her until he in turn is forced out by her refusal to allow him to

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marry a local girl without a fortune. The youngest daughter falls in love with a handsome commercial traveller, until Maggie seduces him to destroy her daughter's hopes. Always in the background to these conflicts is Maggie's resentment at her own life.

About the Cast with Bill Bourke played Byrne, the stonemason – the one character whose caustic wit is a match for Maggie's own and playing one of Keane's most memorable characters, the lusty commercial traveller Teddy Heelin, was Garry Fraher of Passion 2014 fame. Neil O'Dwyer making his debut on stage certainly looked a seasoned actor, Audrey Horan, Theresa Collins Big Maggie's Daughter's and Jason McGrath as her son gave outstanding performances, Claudia O'Donnell, PP O'Sullivan, Majella Diggins, Bernie O'Carroll were central figures in the play. Nick Bailey, Annette Delaney William Ryan, Kevin Ryan Patrick Bailey, Grace & Danielle Mulcahy completed the cast.

The stage lighting crew; Mike Delaney, Eamon Harty, Brian O'Neill, John O'Dwyer, Mike O'Riordan, Robert O'Donnell, Colin Kinnane, Mike English. Make-Up Bernie O'Carroll and Claudia O'Donnell.



From left; Bill Bourke, Theresa Collins, Kevin Ryan, Magella Diggins, PP O'Sullivan, Ann O'Dwyer (Director), Jason McGrath, Patrick Bailey, Nick Bailey, Audrey Horan, Claudia O'Donnell, Garry Fraher, Bernie O'Carroll, Neil O'Dwyer, Willie Ryan. Seated; Annette Delaney, Jennifer Mulcahy.



"Ma you tell her" Jennifer Mulcahy, Bernie O'Carroll, Claudia O'Donnell, Neil O'Dwyer



'What are ye havin' Jennifer Mulcahy, Bill Bourke, Patrick Bailey, Garry Fraher.



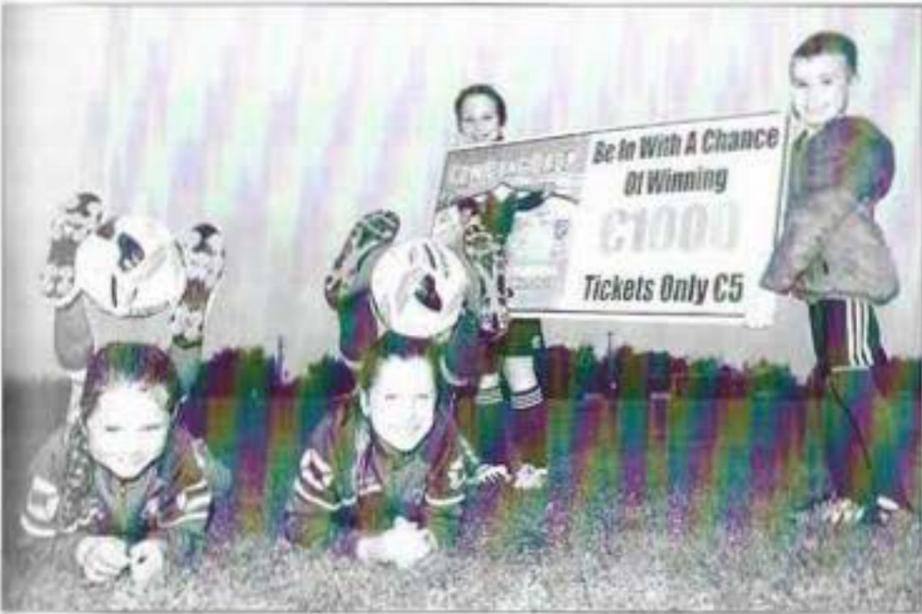
' Fireside Chat' Neil O'Dwyer, Audrey Horan, Theresa Collins, Jennifer Mulcahy, Jason McGrath.

# PALLAS UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Young Pallas United players show their support for the current fundraiser and upcoming Family Fun Day at Pallasgreen soccer field featuring a 'Cow Dung Drop', with a top prize of €1000, which takes place on Sunday October 28th from 1pm to 4pm. Tickets to enter the draw are only €5 with one lucky winner scooping top prize of €1000.

The players are encouraging supporters and local businesses to get behind the fundraiser in aid of new dressing room facilities for the club.

*Pictures by Diarmuid Greene*



Pallas United was founded in 1986 and currently has an underage membership of 83 girls and boys participating in the Limerick County and District Underage League and 22 junior players participating in the Limerick District League. Engaging our youth in underage soccer is the most important endeavor Pallas United FC participates in. Our club is a central pillar of our community and helps to shape tomorrow's young adults. Pallas United is a small soccer club for boys and girls in East Limerick with affiliated teams under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Having successfully completed the redevelopment of our playing field and training ground in 2015 with thanks to a €95,000 capital sports grant we currently have a large fundraising goal to build a clubhouse and dressing rooms at our pitch in Pallasgreen. This new development will afford all our youth and junior members the appropriate facilities and environment to fully participate and will hopefully encourage more members to get involved in either a player or volunteer capacity. At the time of going to print we are again applying for the Capital Sports Grant for funding, and hopefully after all our efforts we will be luck this time.

As part of our fundraising, Pallas United Soccer Club are running a "Cow Dung Drop" competition and a family fun day on Sunday 28th October 2018. In order to achieve the necessary prize fund and to realize our fundraising objective we are requesting support from businesses and supporters in the local area. For more information contact secretary Nora Stokes 087-6243336 or PRO Mike Coleman 087-9962822 or see our "Pallas United FC" Facebook page.

As always we look forward to working with you in the coming year and on behalf of Pallas United Soccer Club may I wish you and your families happy Christmas and prosperous a New Year

**Compiled By Nora Stokes**

## Pallasgreen Juvenile G.A.A. Club

2018 was a special season where all Limerick children including those in Pallasgreen went truly hurling crazy!! We are particularly proud of our own Colin Ryan who was a member of the Limerick team who won the All-Ireland Hurling Championship. He was formerly a Juvenile member only 6 years ago!! We would like to congratulate him and strive to build on Limerick's success by welcoming new members and developing the hurling (and football) tradition within the club. Colin is a real role model to the juvenile members- highlighting that such dreams can become a reality with consistent hard work and dedication.

In the last season Pallasgreen Juvenile Club has been working to make further progress on previous years. The club seeks to give all children within the parish the opportunity to engage in both hurling and football. The main aim is to have children active, develop the relevant skills and enjoy playing as part of a team. These experiences require and develop a range of social skills required in all aspects of life. While children are welcome to join from as young as 4 or 5, new members are welcome at any stage. Equally children who have not played for a while are welcome to return to the sport at any stage. We have an ever increasing membership from the various townlands across the parish of Nicker and Templebraden. Our new all-weather pitch continues to be a massive asset, particularly for the younger children as well as during parts of the season when the weather is poor.

The season kicked off with registration night in January. This involved the presentation of participation medals as well as awards. This year marked the introduction of a registration booklet. Thanks to all local businesses who supported this with sponsorship. Participation in the Juvenile club involves committing to weekly training sessions as well as scheduled blitzes and matches. Over the season, there have been a range of additional activities including the sponsored walk in late May, Cul Camp in early July, the Homecoming of the Liam McCarthy in early September, the Family/Open Day in late September and the

family table quiz in early November. The Family/Open Day was a fantastic success with children enjoying a range of fun stations including Dunk your Coach and Hanging Tough with their team-mates on a beautiful day. The Fittest Family competition was a particularly popular event. We hope that this will be an annual event to be enjoyed by young and old across the parish. 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.

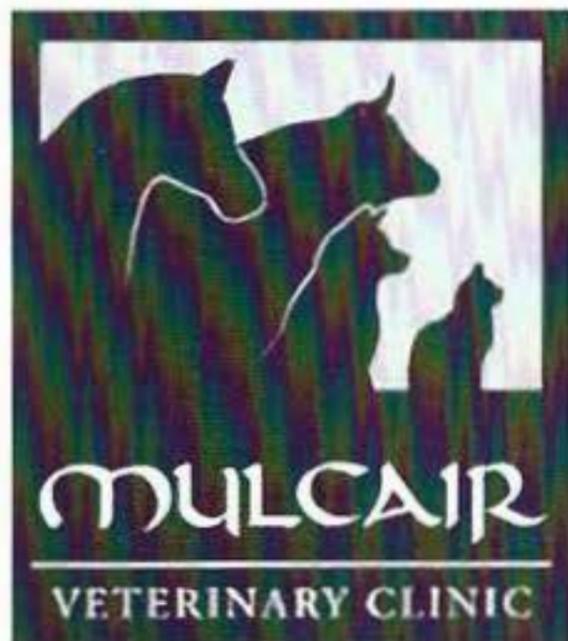
### Under 6 - 10

We have a large contingent of both boys and girls at these age groups. As well as training each Wednesday for hurling and each Sunday for football, our Under 10, and Under 8 teams of both girls and boys played blitzes every fortnight throughout the 2018 season. As well as partaking in regional blitzes, we were invited to blitzes in Kiltely and organised matches with local parishes including Caherline, Doon and Lattin-Cullen. Our U6 children also partook in a small number of blitzes during the season to ease them into the sports. We are lucky to have 4-6 coaches working with each of these age groups. This ensures that children can develop their skills and enjoy in a supportive and secure environment. We thank each of these for their willingness to commit their time and energy to the children of the parish.

### Under 12 - 14

The Under 12 and Under 14 players trained together each week. Over the season, these players partook in various competitions. Both the Under 12 and Under 14 panels showed great dedication to training throughout the year, where we had consistently large numbers. As a result the group bonded and grew as a unit. Alongside this their skill levels and tactical awareness also developed. There were some great performances throughout the season in both codes, with every member of the panel playing their part in the process whether at training or matches.

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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 Briff on Saturday, September 1st and hurling finals day in UL on Friday, September 28th. On both days, we had a full panel of players. In football, we played and defeated Dromin-Athlacca-Banogue in the semi-final and lost to a much physically bigger Bruff team in the final by a goal. In hurling we played and defeated Dromin-Athlacca-Banogue in the semi-final and despite showing great heart they lost narrowly by a single point to Monaleen in the final. Throughout the season, each player played their part and showed great skill and determination. Both finals were close and exciting matches. This team also took part in a Munster finals day in the Gaelic grounds as well as in the Jack McDonnell Blitz in Doon. Again, on these occasions they demonstrated high levels of skill and a positive work ethic.

Our Under 14 team competed in both hurling and football Division 3 15-a-side competitions. In hurling after a series of league games, we qualified for the championship semi-final and lost out by 4 points to a physically stronger South Liberties team. In the football, after the culmination of the league games, we qualified for the shield semi-final in which we defeated St. Patricks at home in Pallasgreen. This win ensured our progression to the County Shield Final where we defeated a skilful Mungret St. Pauls team on a score line of 3:9 to 3:4. This was a tough match, close to the end. The panel consisted of players from Under 11 to Under 14. It was a fantastic end to the season and some rewards for the efforts of the players and coaches.

### Under 16

Our U16 players joined forces with Killeely/Dromkeen this year under the name Sarsfields. Without this amalgamation it was conceivable that some of our players would have no hurling or football this year. We competed in Division 2 in both hurling and football. In football we struggled in a very competitive group but in hurling we won 4 games out of 7 to qualify for the knockout stage of the shield competition. We comprehensively beat Murroe/Boher in the quarter-final in Killeely before losing after extra time in the semi-final to Knockaderry/ Monagea combination.

### County Representation

A number of Pallasgreen Juvenile GAA players have represented the club at various age groups and competitions over the season. While Aidan McNamara, Conor Linnane and Aaron Greene were on the Under 16 Limerick Hurling panel, Aaron Green was part of the Under 16 Limerick Football panel also. At Under 14, Conor McCormack was part of the Limerick Hurling panel and Josh McMahan was a member of the Limerick Football panel. Tadgh Hourigan was selected to play on the Limerick Primary Games team at half time in the Limerick vs Clare game in Ennis. Well done to all.

In May 2018, Tadgh Hourigan played on the East Primary Schools Hurling Team. In late October 2018, a number of Pallasgreen Juvenile players were successful in being selected to play on the their respective Primary School Football Teams including Paraic Phelan, Edward Franklin and Malachy McKenna.

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### Sincere Thanks

Like all voluntary organisations, it is only possible for the club to function as a result of the contributions of a large group of volunteers, supporters and sponsors. We would particularly like to acknowledge our coaches who make a massive commitment and give so generously of their time and energy. New volunteers are always welcome. We would also like to thank committee members, parents, players, parishioners and senior club members for their support during the season. Sincere thanks also to those who supported the club financially this year, particularly to local businesses who sponsored the club. We look forward to the coming season and ask for the support of all parishioners.

### Pallasgreen Sarsfields Juvenile Ladies Gaelic Football

The underage girls gaelic football LGFA registration has grown from 20 players in 2015 to 77 players in 2018. The club is delighted with the thriving success of the girls gaelic football teams. This year U16, U14 and U12 teams competed in the Limerick LGFA leagues. U16 team were runners up in the U16 Novice league Final's in May and September. U14 team, captained by Sarah Phelan, won the

Limerick C shield in the Club County Championship. U14's won the Limerick LGFA 9-a-side league in September. U12 team were runner's up in the Groups D Cup final in September. U10 team participated in blitz games during the year with local clubs.

This year we were represented on the U14 Limerick County Squad by Ciara McNamara, Caoimhe Butler, Sarah Dillon and Aoife Purcell and on the U13 Limerick Development Squad by Grace Leaden and Sinead McGuinness. Girls from U11 to U15 took part in the Limerick LGFA County Development Academy's. Well done to club players and 6th Class students of Garrydoolis NS Grace Leaden, Chloe O Sullivan and Sinead McGuinness having won the East Division went on to represent the East in the Primary School Gaelic Football Skills Competition in May at the Gaelic Grounds. Well done to the club players who took part in the U14 KDP Community Games and represented Limerick at the U14 Gaelic Football at Munster games in June.

We enjoyed our club day trip to Croke Park to support Limerick Junior Ladies on September 16th for the Junior All Ireland Final. Training continues Sunday's 11am-12. New players are always welcome. Huge thanks to coaches and parents and all who supported the girls during 2018.

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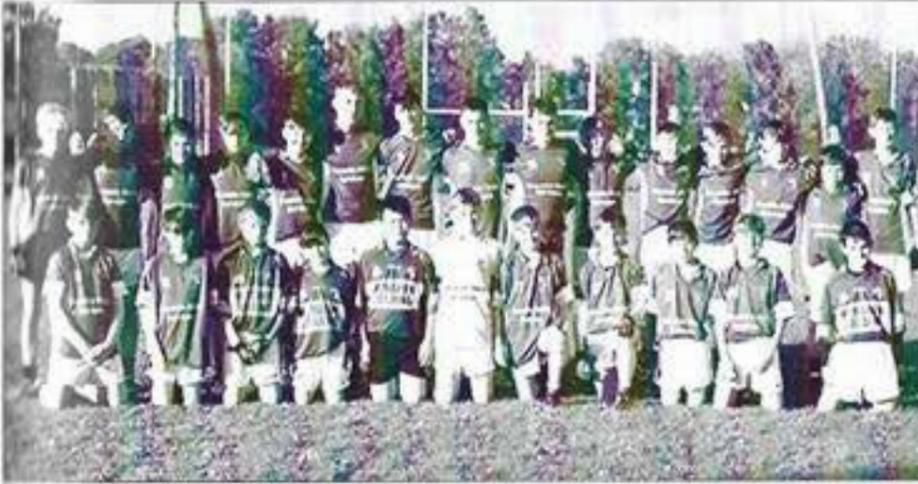
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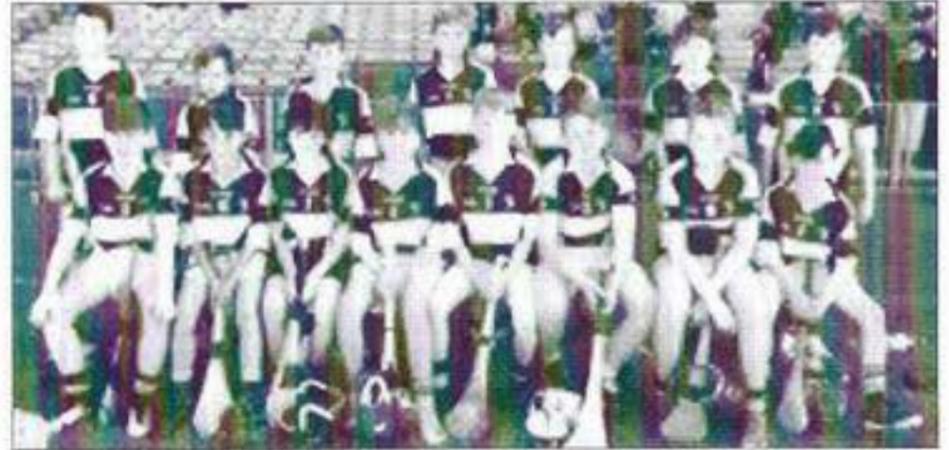
*Limerick U16 Hurling team 2018*



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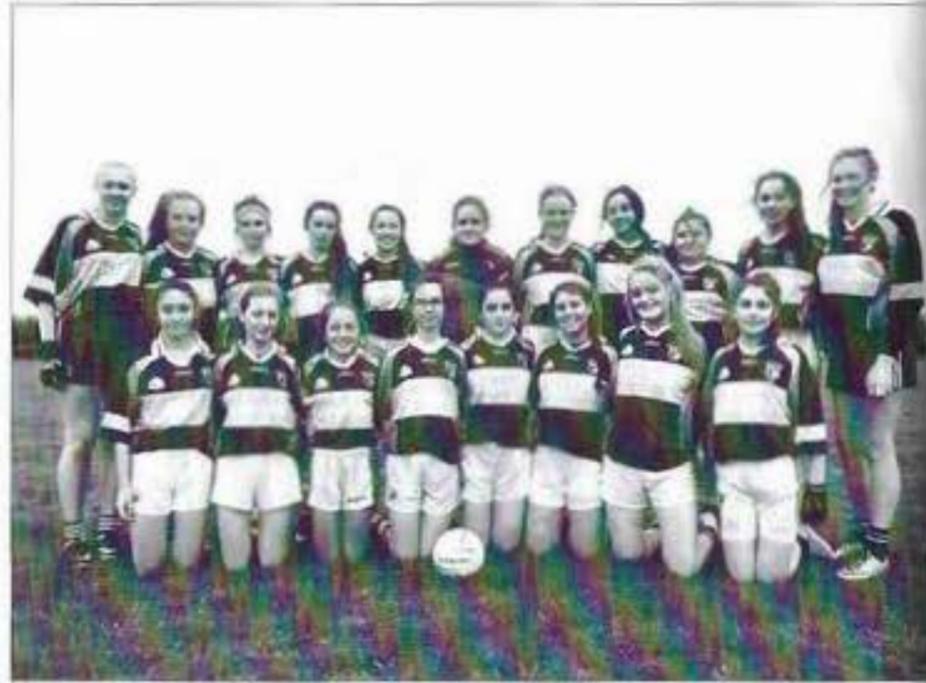
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# PALLASGREEN LADIES CLUB FORMERLY PALLASGREEN I.C.A.

## Pictorial record, past and present.

Pallasgreen Ladies Club has had an eventful and interesting year. Our monthly meetings mainly consisted of sociable interaction and discussion on many and varied topics. We had several talks and demonstrations, given by invited guests throughout the year.

We participated in local events whenever possible and could always be relied on for support in the various community activities. We are once more planning to fill shoe boxes for the "Team Hope Appeal". Last year we donated a large number of boxes and, no doubt, this very worthy cause will be supported again this year. We also plan to support "Adapt House".

We look forward to and enjoy various activities. Last

Christmas we had a most delicious meal at Nevills of Kilfinny and on June 8th for our annual outing we travelled to Cork taking in Fota Island on the way. Having arrived in Cork we, as a group had refreshments in the English Market and did a most interesting tour, on an open-top bus of all the sites of that beautiful city. We finished our day with dinner in the Imperial Hotel.

Just in the last few weeks we spent a lovely evening viewing all that "Raspberry Red" Boutique in Bruff had to offer in the way of fashion for the winter. This outing was a new one for us and a sartorial treat, we all agreed that retail therapy is indeed very uplifting and worthwhile.

New members are always very welcome. We meet once a month in the Community Centre.

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# The Pallasgreen and Templebraden Historical Society

## – Field Names Project 2018

Survey work is still continuing on this challenging project, the objective of which is to record the field names with their history, heritage, mythology and features many of the mythological stories going back 15 centuries.

It is sad to say that those who know the information are getting scarce and this is resulting in much of our local history being lost for all time.

In spite of a lot of work being done by some surveyors, progress has been very slow. We had hoped to have most of the Parishes we had started completed with the addition of the parishes of Oola and Castletown and so be in a position to publish another book to follow "Gréan Field Names" booklet which has received great interest.

Today's position on the survey shows we have 4 parishes completed with 5 nearly complete and Doon with a lot to do.

Parish	Townlands	Still to Survey
Agliscormack	8	0
Ballinaclough	10	0
Castletown	5	0
Doon	55	42

Dromkeen	5	0
Kilteely	9	0
Oola	42	11
Templebraden	12	3
Tough	10	3
Toughacluggin	12	2

We would like to thank those who have worked so hard to complete the survey work in many townlands especially John Joe Fahy, John Breen, Nicholas Lonergan and John O'Dwyer together with Ann O'Dwyer who has printed up the townlands summarised so neatly for the printer when we have the parishes complete. We appeal to surveyors who are still working on their chosen townland to complete them and would appeal for help to survey the Doon area where we have considerable work still to do.

Wishing everyone who helped with the survey great satisfaction in recording our history which would have been lost forever and ask more to join us for complete this wonderful heritage project.

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# PALLASGREEN I.F.A.

## - NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED

The Pallasgreen IFA branch AGM was held on the 20th Nov 2017 – 15 members attended. Ted Horan was elected the new chairman – Mark Fennessy's term of office had expired. Philip Roche was elected secretary. Mark Fennessy wished the new officers a successful term of office.

A full range of issues were discussed which included the IFA rules some of which should be changed, climate warming and the push by the academics to introduce a Carbon Tax for farmers. David Thompson pointed out how the wrong base figures were being used by the UN and IPLL so that the vested interests could extract money in their favour! A lot of misinformation is being used and us farmers and IFA must be fully aware of its detrimental effect on farmers and defend ourselves against it.

Farmers are getting blamed for abusive use of pesticides – A lot of this is due to inadequate labelling and lack of information. It was mentioned that the UN advisor Dr. Corbett stated that large corporations and governments controlled the environment and if anything went wrong anywhere in the world the farmers got the blame. This emphasised the need for a strong farm organisation to protect farmers from this blame.

The Mulcair Catchment Proposal under the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Scheme was discussed. The proposal to follow on the Mulcair Life Scheme was explained by David Thompson who has put in a proposal last year for €2.1 Million which had not been accepted but then got a call from the dept. of Agriculture to reapply as the application had what they were looking for but they had not got the funding at the time. We have now gathered a great team with John Dillon as chairman and Ruairi O'Conchúir as the expert under the title "Innovation, Technology and Knowledge transfer for farmer led enhancement of water Quality, Instream Habitat and Riparian Management in the Mulcair Catchment" We hope that our recent request for €1.2million will be accepted. We should know if we make the first tranche by Christmas. If we succeed it will allow farmers in the catchment to be paid to try out improvements to deal with Environmental issues that may be imposed on us in the future. A wonderful guide for us to solve many problems.

The "Fair Deal" scheme for elderly farmers should they have to enter a "home" to be cared for. The Scheme is very unfair to farmers and must be changed.

The payment for ESB poles being placed on farmers land was raised and the IFA was asked to strike a deal for all farmers in the area.

Jack Cahill of Dairygold Co-Op told the meeting that supply was up 8% on 2016 to 1.3 Billion Litres (41% higher than 2012)

The board had made an investigative visit to USA which was useful. The Dairygold open days had proved to be a success and were well attended. They were carrying out a pilot

programme on time management.

Ger O'Dwyer raised the issue of Brexit its effect on cheese market in the UK and the baby food carrying our quality image. He spoke of the trip to USA where there was expansion at Farm level.

John Dillon raised the issue of the necessity for the farmer to get an acceptable base price for milk and beef and the possibility of a shortage of farm labour.

Alan Dillon then spoke on IBR status, the reliability of the tests for IBR, Johnes Disease and others. He said there will be further restrictions on Antibiotic use and resistance building for some.

The meeting requested a €400 subsidy for suckler cows or the suckler herd would go and Ireland would lose its Green top quality image which would be detrimental to Irish Agricultural exports.

The meeting concluded with a call to Dairygold to keep their Cappamore store open.

Since the meeting farmers have experienced a very costly extreme weather year. Almost 10 months of continual rain followed by 3 months of high temperatures and no rain causing livestock farmers to feed silage during June and July. Add to this beef cattle prices fell sharply, so with income down and costs up and stress very high many farmers are in trouble.

The anti-rural Ireland policies of Government and the EU under these conditions could win out unless we stand together and show that Ireland was saved from the economic crisis by the Agricultural Industry with the farmer producing the raw material. This soon won't be available unless farmers get a realistic price for their produce.

One will ask how the EU can justify wishing to import 100,000 tonnes of South American Beef at almost five times the Irish Carbon Footprint of Irish Beef while at the same time Irish Farmers are being told to reduce stock and pay Carbon Tax. The vested interests in this are basing their figures on wrong figures - this must be stopped.

We would ask all farmers to come together and battle for a product price which will provide an acceptable income for the average farmer who today is being allowed an income of half the average industrial wage in reward for being on duty 24/7 while under tremendous stress from weather, banks, more government inspection and now a fodder crisis.

**David Thompson**

# Combined Residents Association

## – New Pallas, Nicker & Old Pallas

While 2018 was a quieter year for our association a number of small but important projects were taken on and completed. Last December the annual Christmas Trees were erected in Pallasgreen & Old Pallas and a special electrical connection, paid for by the association, was installed in Old Pallas. We had our annual cleanup of the road connecting the three villages and those leading into them in March. We cleared the corner below Nicker N.S. and erected timber fencing. Timber fencing was also erected at the corner leading up to Nicker Village. New self-watering cup and saucer baskets were purchased and erected at St. Columba's cemetery. St. Columba's cemetery won 1st place in the Burial Ground's Awards for our area. We also took care of the Church of Ireland Cemetery in New Pallas and work is ongoing there. We were also involved in cleaning the area around the green beside Canon Lee Park. Limerick Going For Gold is a community based competition aimed at making Limerick a cleaner, brighter place to work, live and visit and this year Pallasgreen Residents Association was highly commended for their work and won €1,000 in the "Limerick in Bloom" category.

We continued making representation to our local County Councillors to have the footpath in Old Pallas extended to Old Pallas graveyard and work has just commenced on this project. We take this opportunity to thank our local County Councillors for their help and support as well as the goodwill and support from the County Council officials.

During the year Sean O'Malley retired and we wish Sean & Margaret every happiness in the years ahead. We welcome

John O'Dwyer, Dromlara, who has taken over from Sean and wish him well in this new assignment. We also thank the workers on the various schemes in our three villages and their supervisors. They play a hugely significant role in keeping our three villages tidy and clean.

The Combined Residents Association has lots of ideas and initiatives but to bring these to fruition we need more workers on the ground and would welcome new members or volunteers for our projects. We look forward to serving our three villages in 2019 and take this opportunity to thank you for your financial support at our church gate collection and wish you and your loved ones a blessed and happy Christmas.



*Work begins on new wall at Old Pallas Cemetery*



*L/R: Maurice Gleeson, Mary Dillon, Teresa Harding, Brigid Teefy, Joanne Linnane, Breda O'Dwyer.*

# Barna N.S. 2017/2018

Barna NS celebrated a happy and memorable school year. In September 2017, we welcomed four new enthusiastic junior infants; Caela Mae Curtin, Molly McConnell, Fionn Nolan and Eddie Alix. It wasn't long before they all settled happily into school with their new friends. October brought great success and excitement with our school football team winning the East School Football Final in the Gaelic grounds and Alannah Curtin, 2nd class, winning second place in St Ailbe's Credit Union Art Competition.



*East Limerick Schools Football Winners 2017.*



*Alannah Curtin, prize winner at the St. Ailbe's Art Competition.*

Our annual Christmas concert took place in December where the Junior Room performed "The Bossy King". The Senior Room took a trip down memory lane with their take on "The Swinging Sixties" with guest appearances from President JF Kennedy and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy; astronaut Neil Armstrong and world champion boxer Mohammed Ali. There were also some outstanding

performances from The Beatles and the legend himself, Elvis Presley. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their performance and bringing history to life on stage!

We were also extremely proud of our pupils when they took it upon themselves to have a cake sale after their Christmas Concert in aid of the Homeless on the streets of Limerick. Money raised was donated to the Simon Community, Limerick.

In January 2018, the 5th & 6th Class Pupils entered their Science Project

"How much Iron is in our Breakfast Cereal?" which they exhibited at the RDS Science Fair, held in Mary Immaculate College Limerick. This was a very enjoyable team effort and a great learning experience for all involved. The pupils worked diligently on their experiment and to all our amazement, they were able to extract small black pellets of iron from fortified breakfast cereals!



*Pupils from 5th & 6th Class at the 2018 RDS Science Fair, Limerick.*

Grandparents' Day has, without a doubt, become the most wonderful and treasured day throughout the school year here in Barna NS! The children welcomed their grandparents to our annual Grandparents' Day held on 1st February 2018 and we all celebrated together with Bingo, tea and cake and lots of music and dancing.



*Grandparents' Day*

During March, we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge with Cómhrá Gaeilge, Damhsa agus Seisiún Ceoil. April and May saw the pupils working together to put their finishing touches to their Active School Renewal and Health Promoting School Projects. Pupils increased their physical activity by including a running initiative through all the capitals of Europe and included mindfulness and meditation to their school day. Pupils also voted to swap Friday Treat Day with an extra activity break and incorporate an extra fruit break daily. The pupils received their well deserved Active School Renewal Flag and Health Promoting School Flag in June.



*Seisiún Ceoil, Seachtain na Gaeilge*



*Limerick Hurler Pat Ryan presenting pupils with their Active School week certificates and football medals.*

The 2nd class pupils celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th May 2018. We congratulate Alannah Curtin, Meghan Hayes, Luke Birrane, Jack McConnell and Shane Healy on their special day and extend our sincere thanks to their class teacher, Ms Denise Fletcher and Fr Pat Burns, in preparing them for their special day.

June was another busy month as the School Hurling Team were runners up in the East Schools Hurling Final, held in Gaelic Grounds Limerick. We also congratulated Mary Hayes on her retirement. Mary was Special Needs Assistant in Barna NS for twelve and a half years. We will always remember Mary for her hard work and dedication to Barna NS and her kindness and care to everyone, children and staff alike. We wish Mary every good wish for a happy and healthy retirement.

The pupils had a fun day on their school tour on 5th June. They went to Ballymorris Pottery Centre and Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. At the end of June, our 6th class bid farewell on their Graduation Night which brought our school year to a close.

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*Ballymorris Pottery Tour.*



*After School Club - relaxing in a cosy corner*

**Barna After-School Club**

The board of Management of Barna NS are delighted to announce the opening of our wonderful After-School Childcare Service. The After-School Club is a welcome addition to our school and a fantastic service in supporting our families and community. It is ran by the wonderful Ana, who is a fully qualified and Garda vetted Child Care Community Project Leader.

The After-School Club is set up in the school and pupils just pop into the After-School Room once school is finished. There, they can relax in the cosy corner and play for a while. They are given a nutritious snack and drink and they complete their homework before they enjoy some fun activities eg Art & Craft, board games, baking, outside playtime, soccer, nature walks etc

You can follow us on our facebook page Barna After School for more info.



*After School Club - yummy baking!*



*After School Club - Homework time*

**The Liam McCarthy cup comes to Barna NS!**

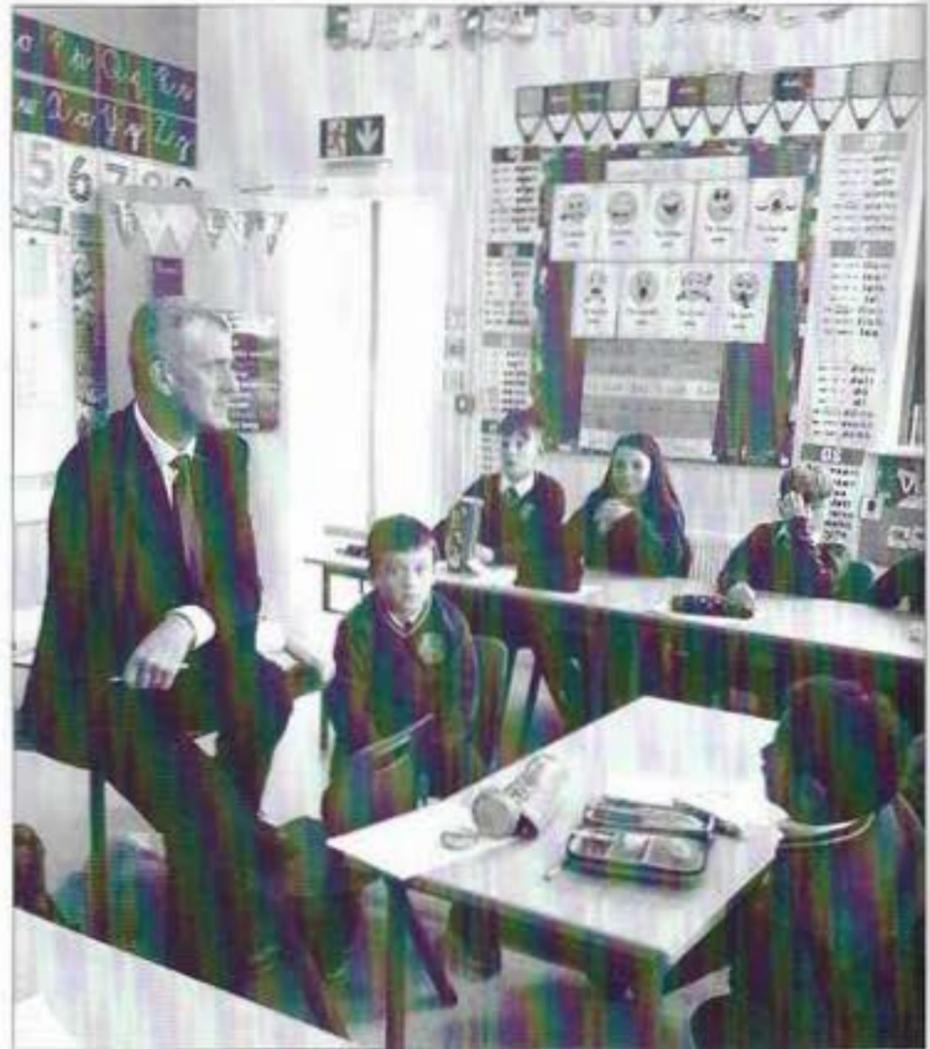
There was great excitement as the pupils & staff, parents & grandparents, neighbours, friends and wider school community of Barna all gathered to welcome the Liam McCarthy Cup to Barna N.S. accompanied by Local Limerick hurling heroes Colin Ryan and Ger O' Connell. The pupils all got a chance to raise the Liam McCarthy Cup and there were plenty photo opportunities taken with pupils, families, the Liam McCarthy Cup and Colin Ryan. The pupils sang Limerick You're a Lady in great voice and the school band played a few more tunes, including Seán South. Recognising the momentous occasion that it was, the pupils asked Colin and Ger many questions about Limerick's magnificent victory and what it feels like to be All-Ireland Hurling Champions!



*Colin Ryan and Ger O'Connell bring the Liam McCarthy Cup to Barna NS.*

**John Kiely, All-Ireland Limerick Hurling Team Manager 2018 drops in!**

The pupils welcomed a surprise visitor recently when John Kiely dropped by. He was very giving of his time and he spent up to two hours sitting and chatting with the children and signing Limerick jerseys, All Ireland programmes, hurleys, sliotars and boots!! The children asked John many interesting questions about Limerick winning the All-Ireland Hurling Final. The pupils were given a fantastic insight into the Limerick Hurling Team, their training techniques and how they felt on the run up the All Ireland Hurling Final Day and becoming All-Ireland Hurling Chmpions after a 45year wait! It was an opportunity the boys and girls in Barna NS didn't expect and they feel extremely lucky and grateful to have had the wonderful chance to chat with the great Limerick Hurling Manager, John Kiely.



*John Kiely chatting to the pupils in Barna NS*

**Interview with John Kiely**

**What's the most important thing about Hurling?**

Team Work, hard work and dedication, never giving up, skills like hooking and blocking, catching the ball the first time, focusing on the game at hand and not on winning. Chase your man, be ruthless - are you going for the goal or the point? Keeping healthy and enjoying hurling. If you enjoy playing, you'll remember the occasion a lot more!

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**Is it true the players were not allowed on their phones or social media a week before the match?**

True. It's like using your phone while doing your homework, you couldn't concentrate.

**Why did you pick Declan Hannon as the captain?**

Declan Hannon is a respected player on the team and shows great leadership at training.

**Who is the fastest player on the team?**

Kyle Hayes is definitely one of the fastest players on the team, as he can run 9 meters in 1 second. We know that because of the Gps tracker fitted to his jersey during every match by the fitness coach Joe O Connor.

On the day of the final Kyle Hayes ran 13 km in total.

**Did Aaron Gillane get his football training yet?**

"No, but we have taped his hurley to his hand!!" laughed John.

**If you were the Galway manager how would you feel?**

Devastated. I've felt it before because I was on the 1994 panel when Limerick lost to Offaly.

**What two teams do you think will get into the All Ireland final next year?**

I don't know about that one, all the teams are very good it's just one puck of the ball that can change a game.

**What was Adare Manor like?**

It was very nice I got my favourite food which is steak and chips and apple tart for dessert!

**If you were to pick a favourite player who would it be?**

I could never answer such a question it's like picking your favourite child, all the team are like sons to me!

**Is there any fighting at training?**

Yes there might be a few quarrels over possession of the ball or something small but it's what happens after the quarrel that matters and learning to resolve your differences.

**What minor or U21 player are you thinking of bringing to the senior panel in 2019?**

I can't tell you that now! (laughed John.)

**Would the team ever have fun before a game?**

Yeah they would! It's very important for them to relax and enjoy themselves. On the train on the way to the

final they were playing games like cards, connect four and they were singing and laughing. There's a lovely photograph before the semi final where Cian Lynch and Sean Finn were laughing and feeling relaxed. It's important to enjoy your sport.

**Is it true there was an ice-cream van at training?**

That's true. I saw an ice-cream van one evening while going home from training. It was during a time when the lads were a little on edge and feeling nervous. I arranged for an ice-cream van to come to training and it drove right into the centre of the pitch. The players were delighted. They all got an ice cream and we sat down on the pitch and relaxed and chatted. The ice-cream van came every Tuesday, which is our toughest training session in the week. It cost a bit of money but it was worth it!

**When you wiped your forehead at the end of the final, were you crying?**

"No it was sweat!" laughed John.

**Are you glad you met Galway in the All Ireland Final instead of Clare?**

Yes because Clare are our neighbours.

**How does it feel to win the All Ireland?**

I felt immense pride. It took about two weeks for it to sink in.

**Do you get nervous before a match?**

I used too, but now I don't. I keep to the same routine the day before a match. I stay at home and get team sheets ready and pack my gear bag for the match the next day.

**Do you go to bed early before matches?**

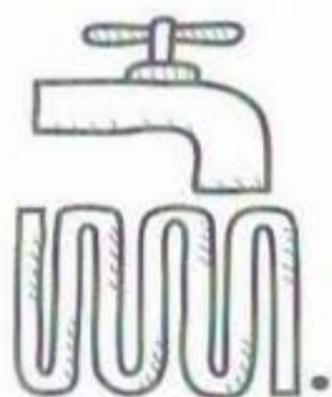
Yes I do.

**Are you able to sleep the night before a match?**

I am able to sleep very well before a match, but a member of the management team is not able to sleep at all and he gets very tired after the match is over.

**How does it feel to be the best Limerick manager in 45 years?**

I feel very proud .It took me six weeks to decide if I wanted to become manager when I was asked. It was a very hard decision and it takes a lot of commitment not only from me but from my family. Looking back now I'm glad I took the position. I feel very honoured.



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# Nicker National School



*Pupils from Nicker N.S. at Primary Science Fair.*



*Senior School Tour*



*Second and Third Class ready to welcome Liam!*



*Senior School Tour*



*Liam McCarthy Cup visit*



*Junior School on Tour!*



*In Dreamland!*



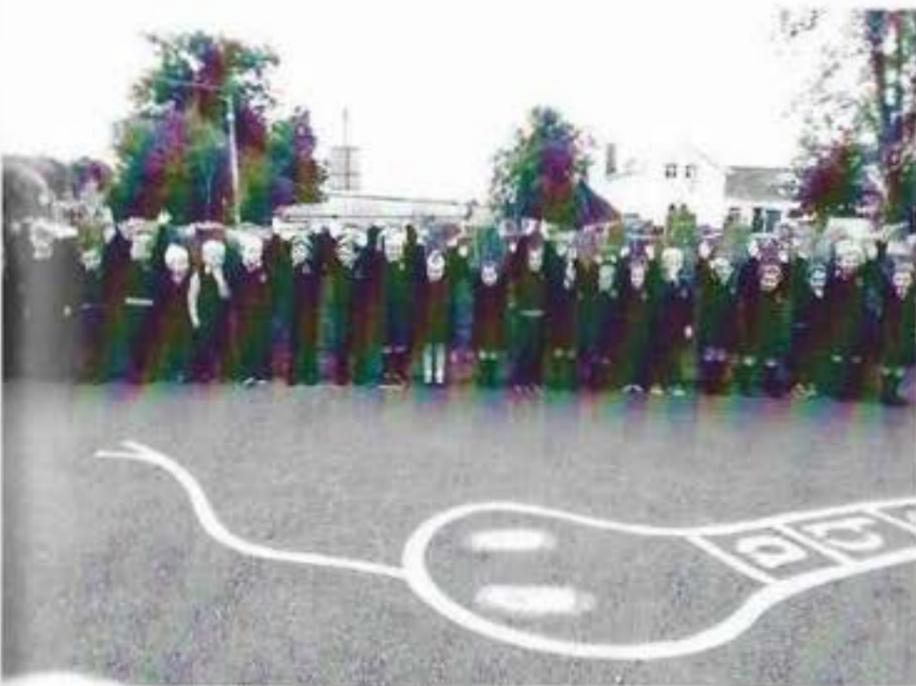
*Lá Breithe Sona Duit, Jeffrey*



*Nicker N.S. Peace Proms Choir and National Children's Choir*



*We're painting autumn leaves*



*Juniors and Seniors eyeing up the snake!*



*Seniors and First Class*

# Garrydoolis N.S. 2018

**W**e are delighted to announce that 2018 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, in addition to two new entrants at other class levels. Our new pupils to junior infants this year were Ayrin Creamer, Anthony McGrath, Jessica O'Connor, Seán Connolly, Lily-Mai Grace and Alfie O'Sullivan, while Seán Ryan joined first class and Alyssa-Marie Parlak joined third class (currently fourth). We currently enjoy a very healthy enrolment of forty pupils.

2018 got off to an extremely busy start in Garrydoolis N.S., as we welcomed the inspectorate in order to conduct a W.S.E.-M.L.L. (Whole School Evaluation- Management, Leadership and Learning) on the 23rd and 24th of January. The inspection process was a most positive experience for all involved. The Board welcomed the findings of the report, responded to same and a link to the report in full may be found on our website. We are very proud to have scored in the top two echelons throughout the report; "good" and "very good"; and to have been highly commended on the work ethic and behaviour of our wonderful pupils.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated in our school from the 29th of January to the 2nd of February. The theme for Catholic Schools' Week was "Called to be a Family of Families." During the week, there was a thought for each day and pupils took part in related activities and hosted Grandparents' Day on Wednesday the 31st of January. This celebration provided an opportunity for us to thank our grandparents for all the care which they provide.

Safer Internet Day took place on the 6th of February and all pupils took part in related activities. Our annual Open Afternoon for the Junior Infants of 2018/19 took place on Wednesday the 7th of February. Parents were invited to attend along with children due to start school. For parents, this meeting provided a chance to gather some information pertaining to their child starting school, while children got the chance to meet the teachers and to chat and play with their prospective classmates.

The Sacrament of Penance took place on the 26th of February. Pupil participation through reading 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 following their Penance. We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Burns who regularly visits our school and prepares with us for sacraments and our Family Masses.

Senior pupils travelled to John the Baptist Community School in Hospital to enjoy a performance of "School of Rock" on Thursday 22nd of February. Engineers' Week took place from February 26th to March 2nd and was highlighted in our school and all classes took part in related activities during this time. Seachtain na Gaeilge took place during the week of Monday 12th of March. There was an even greater focus on Gaeilge during the week through engagement with scéalta, drámaíocht, amhráin, ealaín,

dánta, cómhra agus cluichí. "Green, White and Gold Day" took place on Friday 16th, whereby all pupils were invited to wear their colours! Our Student Council organised a bake sale, which also took place on the 16th of March, whereby the "Shamrock Baker" opened offering an array of tasty baked goods, as expertly created by our families.

Senior pupils completed "The Junior Entrepreneur Programme" in early 2018. The winning product idea was a set of greeting cards displaying local images. We welcomed a large crowd to Showcase Day on Friday the 23rd of March, when "Greeting from Garrydoolis", our locally inspired product, proved to be most popular and sought after. As we prepared for the visit of Pope Francis, all families completed an art project for display at the Family Fun Day, which was held in Tipperary Racecourse on the 29th of April.

We were thrilled to achieve our fifth Green Schools' flag on the theme of biodiversity during the last academic year. Special congratulations went to our committee members, Grace Leaden, Conor O'Dwyer and Martha Hogan. Our flag was collected by the pupils at a special awards ceremony in The Radisson Blu, Little Island, Cork on the 3rd of May. Our Active Flag was also renewed during 2018 and is now valid until 2021. Well done to all pupils on their commitment to the active schools project and most especially to Mr. Heffernan, James Ryan, Stephen Lee and Caoimhe Ryan who worked particularly hard in their roles on the Active Flag Committee. We were additionally awarded the Amber Flag for our promotion of positive mental health awareness. Ms. Jordan and Ms. Hickey jointly led this project, while Sinead McGuinness, Donnagh Ryan and Conor O'Dwyer formed the committee. We are thrilled to be an Amber Flag School.

We congratulate Caoimhe Ryan, Holly O'Sullivan, Aishling Butler, Gerard Grace and David Hogan who celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday the 12th of May in Templebraden Church. Thanks are extended to Ms. Hickey and to Fr. Burns for their work in preparing these children. Thanks are also extended to Mr. Heffernan and to all pupils who helped to make this occasion so special by singing in the choir and playing instrumental music on the day.

During May, we enjoyed the weekly visit of Stephen from Limerick Sports' Partnership, in order to conduct running workshops with our pupils. We were delighted to welcome Breda McGuinness and Ollie Coffey back to school in May for hurling training. Following a wonderful performance at the hurling blitz in Kiltelly on Tuesday the 15th of May, our senior pupils qualified for the seven-a-side two-teacher schools' hurling final, which was held in the Gaelic Grounds on Monday the 11th of June. In preparation for the final, we were thrilled to be coached by past pupil and Limerick minor hurling captain, Kyran O'Donnell. After an epic battle at the Gaelic Grounds, we were thrilled to emerge victorious!

Jamie O'Sullivan, Conor O'Dwyer and Donnagh Ryan represented our school at the hurling skills competition in Doon in May, while Sinéad McGuinness, Grace Leaden and Chloe O'Sullivan represented us at the football skills competition. The girls were overall winners of the divisional competition in Doon and went on to represent our school, and indeed the East, at the skills county final which was held in the Gaelic Grounds on Wednesday the 23rd of May.

Our school tour took place on Friday the 8th of June. Pupils enjoyed a fun-filled, action-packed day in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick with "Just 4 Fun" Tours, followed by refreshments in Supermacs on the return journey. Active Week took place during the week beginning the 11th of June. Pupils participated in a range of activities including rugby, cycling, GAA and soccer, as well as sporting activities with Limerick Sports Partnership. Sports' Day was celebrated on Friday the 15th of June, when the arrival of an impressive bouncy castle created much excitement. Our Student Council also hosted an ice cream party on the day, with all monies raised being donated to Down Syndrome Ireland.

Our flag raising celebration and graduation ceremony took place on Tuesday the 19th of June. We were honoured to welcome manager of the Limerick hurling team, Mr. John Kiely, to raise our renewed Active Flag. This memorable occasion presented an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past academic year and to send good wishes to our six second class pupils who were "stepping up" to the senior room and to our nine sixth class pupils who were "stepping on" to secondary school. Our V.I.P.s at this celebration were our junior infants who have since "stepped in".

Our school was a hive of activity during the summer months due to maintenance work being completed. Flooring was replaced in both of the front classrooms, the senior classroom was fully painted and the other two classrooms refreshed, while a new fob security system was installed. Pupils and teachers are delighted with the upgrades.

It is planned that all pupils will participate in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Awards during 2018/19. Science Week will be celebrated during the week beginning the 12th of November and our Science Showcase will take place on Friday the 16th of November. Work will also commence on our sixth Green Schools' theme which is "Global Citizenship, Litter and Waste." Junior pupils will continue their work on "The Great Plant Hunt."

We extend best wishes to our second class pupils, Denis Looby, Emma Carroll, Caoimhe Grace and Andrea Connolly, who will celebrate the sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion in 2019. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday the 11th of May. We also send best wishes to our six candidates for Confirmation, Donnagh Ryan, Anna Ryan, Saoirse Lee-Barrett, Caoimhe Winn, Jamie O'Sullivan and Stephen Lee, who will be confirmed by Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly in Nicker Church on Thursday 4th of April.

Holly O'Sullivan, Martha Hogan, Anna Ryan, Donnagh Ryan and Jamie O'Sullivan were elected onto our Student Council for the current academic year. They have wonderful

events planned for us including Halloween dress up with movie and spooky games room, Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, Coffee Morning, Raffle, Comedy Day for Kids, Bake Sale, Monthly Treat, Crazy Hair Day and Crazy Sports Day. They have already organised a most successful County Colours Sponsored Walk which took place on Friday the 28th of September.

Staff, pupils, parents and friends of Garrydoolis N.S. were honoured to welcome Colin Ryan, Ger O'Connell and the Liam McCarthy Cup to our school on Wednesday the 10th of October. Whether a Limerick, a Tipperary, or even a Wexford supporter, the excitement was immense and we were thrilled to acknowledge a fantastic year for Limerick hurling!

As this article goes to print, we are hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. This event provides a wonderful celebration of literacy in our school, as well providing an opportunity for families to purchase some new titles should they so wish. A percentage of all sales is returned to the school in credit, thus allowing us to further develop our classroom libraries. Pupils will soon be 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 welcoming Ben from "Wild Encounters" on Tuesday the 23rd of October. "Wild Encounters" offers exciting and educational animal demonstrations that provide up-close and personal experiences whilst the students learn about the fascinating animals presented! This year's Christmas Show will take place on Friday the 14th of December, while our dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday 13th. We also look forward to visiting University Concert Hall to see a performance of "Snow White" on Tuesday the 18th of December.

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. We are extremely proud of all of our fantastic pupils.

Keep up with our latest news at [www.garrydoolisns.com](http://www.garrydoolisns.com)



*Garrydoolis N.S. Junior Infants 2018*



*Garrydoolis NS Stepping On - June 2018*



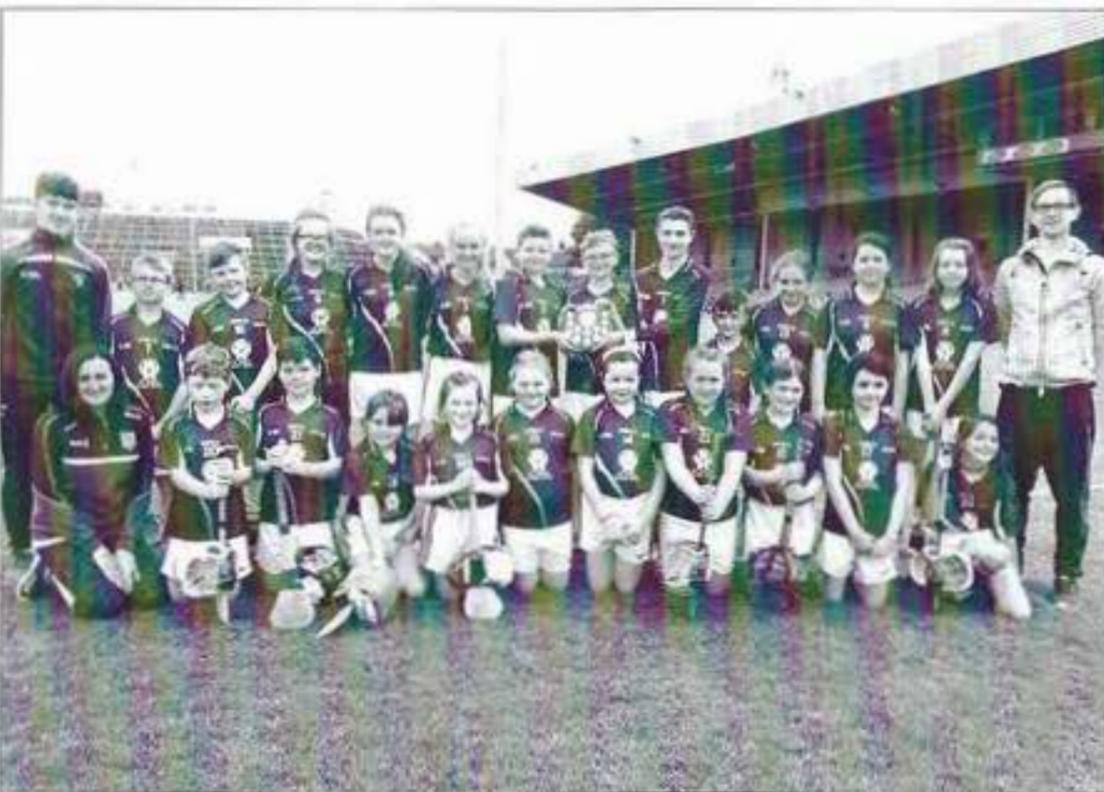
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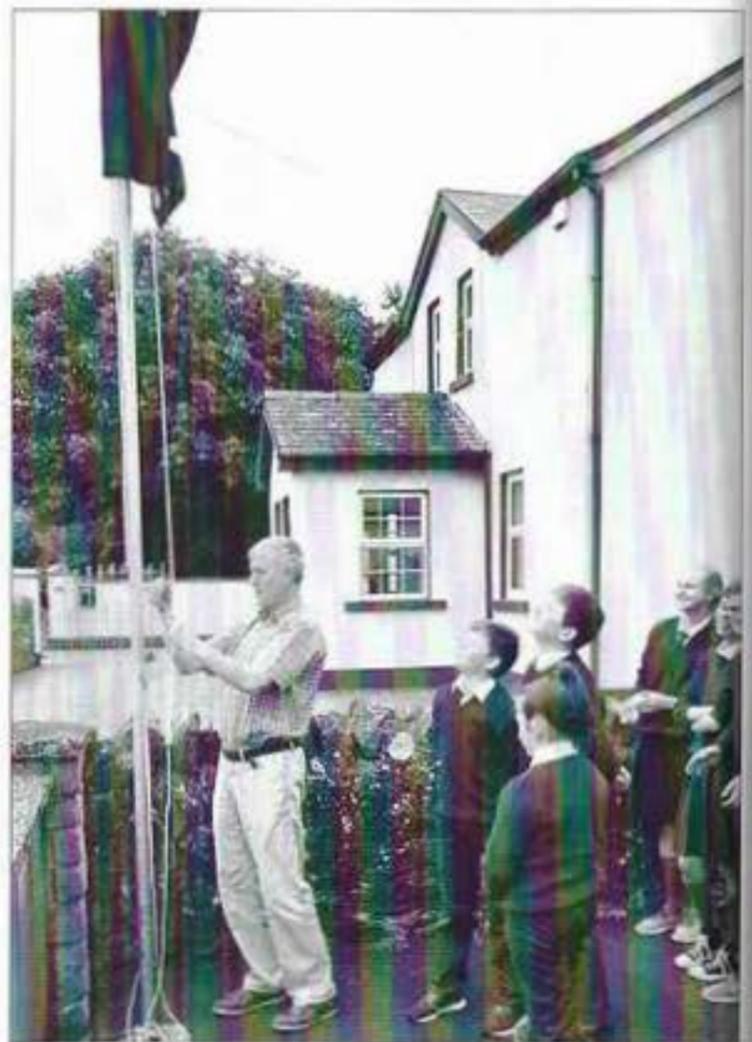
*Cousins at Garrydoolis NS*



*Garrydoolis NS Liam McCarthy Cup Visit*



*Garrydoolis NS Cumann na mBunscoil East Hurling Champions June 2018.*



*John Kiely, Limerick Hurling Manager, raises our Active Flag.*



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# Trip to Tipp

Monday, 28th May 2018 saw 14 Historical Society members and friends travel to Tipperary town and be treated to an eye-opening walking tour of the north side of the town, hosted by Mary Alice O'Connor from the Excel Centre. Meeting at the Market Yard car park at 7.45pm, the group were ushered along Market (Mitchell) St. – the first item of interest pointed out by Mary was what was formerly a church at the corner of Mitchell street and St. Michael street – now occupied by Flynns Auctioneers. Moving along St. Michael street the old two storey national school, built in 1842, was then pointed out. This is now the location of the Community Centre and Tipperary Community Radio; a statue of Canon Hayes, founder of Muintir na Tíre, stands proudly in front of the old schoolhouse. We then crossed the road to the old Courthouse, opened in 1839, and the associated Bridewell, built in 1842. Although in relatively good condition, both Courthouse and Bridewell are now unused – the Courthouse was closed in 2010 following a ceiling collapse. The High Court dismissed an action in 2014 to have the Courthouse restored and reopened. Tipperary town District Court sittings now take place in the Excel Centre.

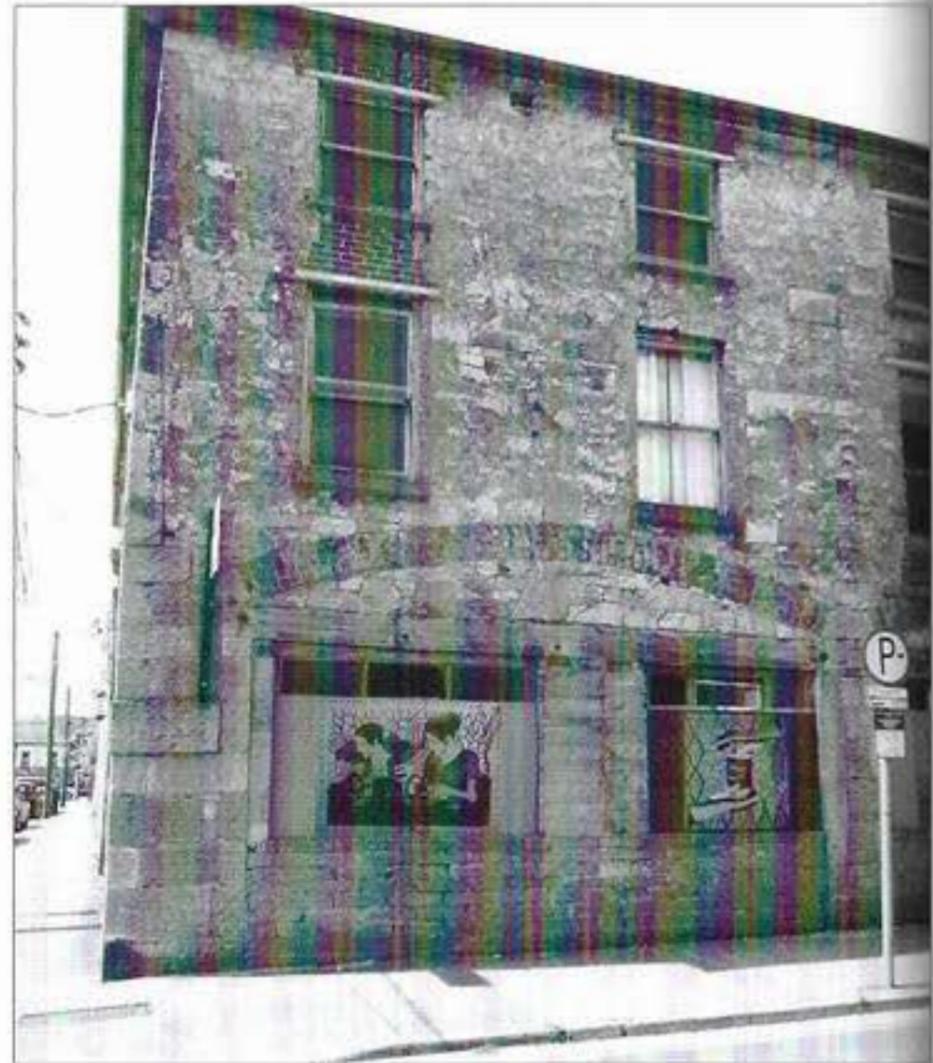


*Courthouse*

St. Michael's Catholic church being closed – the group continued along St. Michael's street to Rosanna Road where the Convent of Mercy stands. Murgarthy Road (Bothar an mhor Gaiste) was now in view until we reached the old RIC/Garda barracks – built in 1874 and now used by the Private Security Authority. This facility was secured for Tipperary by Martin Mansergh, whilst in government. On the other corner of the roundabout, Dan Breen House, formerly the library, is located. The Murgarthy Road location was once highly sought after and the house opposite the barracks was occupied by the Evans family, formerly the proprietors of the Tower Ballroom, built in 1878 as the Town Hall. Mary told us that she recalled having the pleasure of dancing at the Tower to the strains of the Mike Tuohy Band and she particularly remembered the Acker Bilk number 'Stranger on the Shore'!

From Grattan Street we proceeded along James's Street to

the corner of John Street – the old Glove Factory now looked forlorn. There were once three glove factories in Tipperary town – this last building is now for sale.



*Old Glove Factory*

Michael O'Meara awaited us at St. Mary's C. of I. church and regaled us with tales of derring-do dating back to the 1750's. The organ was the only feature retained from the old church when the present church was built in 1832. Responding to the open invitation to play the organ, Rita Ryan rose to the challenge with a lovely rendition of 'My Day is Done' (All Through the Night).



*St. Mary's Church*



Michael O'Meara with guests outside St. Mary's Church

The churchyard is much older than the present church. Among the interesting graves are those of Christopher Emmet (1702 – 1743), the patriot's grandfather, and Ellen O'Leary (1831 – 1889), sister of the Fenian.

At the other end of John Street, the old Butter Market building is still in place and until recently used as a warehouse by Maurice Power for his hardware business.



*Old Butter Market*

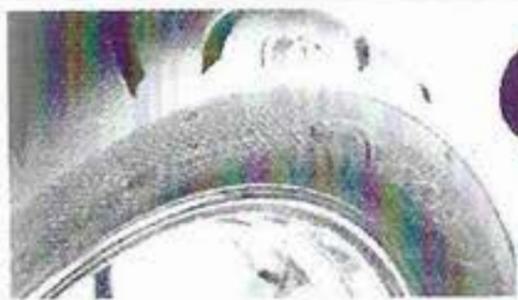
The Tipperary Butter Market was second only to Cork market in Munster at one stage.

*On four days each week, from farm houses all over the surrounding country, many of them more than 20 miles distant, some hundreds of firkins of butter, each weighing about 70 lbs, were brought to the market. Here, they were bought by six local butter merchants and afterwards removed to the stores of the different buyers and prepared for dispatch to England. Often, as a small boy on my way to school, I stood at the entrance to the Mart to listen to the voice of the salemaster's clerk calling out somewhat musically the weight of each firkin as it passed on the scales. The butter trade gave a considerable amount of local employment and brought a great deal of business to the town. When the market was over, farmers, who were often accompanied by their wives, purchased what they required in the shops. In the evening, on all roads leading out of the town, horse-drawn carts could be seen on their homeward journey laden with provisions.*

*A government enquiry into the state of fairs and markets in Ireland in 1853 estimated that 150,000 firkins of butter per annum passed through the market in Tipperary.*

*We then crossed Church Street towards Church Well – a facility erected by local landlord Stafford O'Brien in 1833 for the people of Tipperary town.*

The nineteenth century butter markets of South Tipperary, Tipperary Historical Journal 2000.



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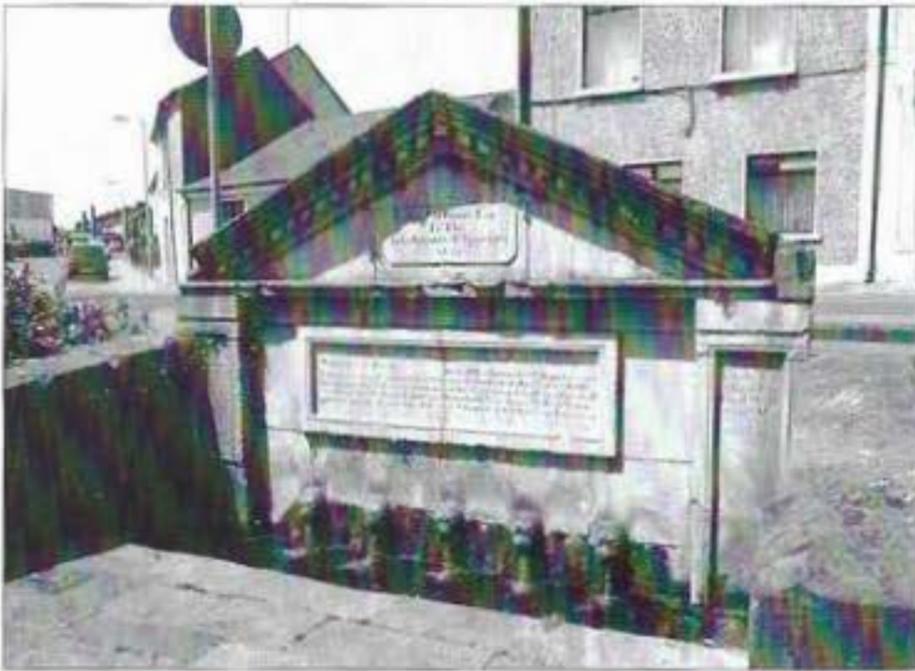
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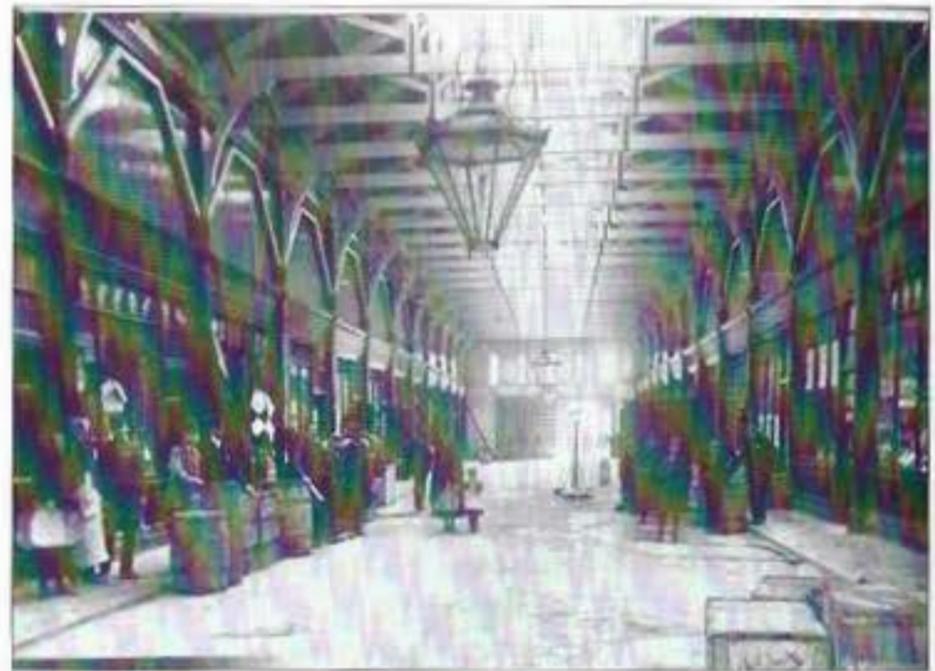
*Church Well*

In 1888-9, tenants of the local landlord, Arthur Smith Barry, withheld their rents in solidarity with his tenants in Co. Cork. They were evicted and, under the direction of Fr. David Humphreys and William O'Brien, decided to build a new town on land outside his control. The area now known as Dillon Street and Emmet Street in Tipperary town was the centre of this development and was built by local labour but with funds raised in Australia and the United States. A shopping arcade called the William O'Brien Arcade was also opened, providing shops for some of the business people who had been evicted from the centre of the town.

*William O'Brien Arcade*

Eventually, the tenants returned to the 'Old Tipperary' and the Arcade was demolished in 1892. Mary also pointed out Dalton's shop – now the location and archive for many Tipperary town artefacts.

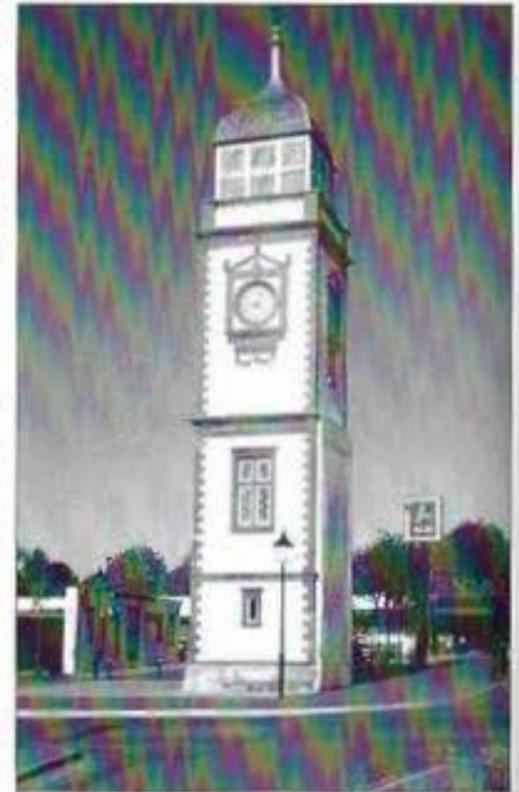
Returning to the Marker Yard car-park, the beautiful structure of the four-storey clock tower could be seen across Market Street. This is now the only remaining element of



the old town hall which in 1940 morphed into the Tower Ballroom, the Gaeity Theatre and the Excel Cinema. The Aldi car park now occupies the location of what was once the town hall.

*Clock Tower*

Now almost 10.15pm, the evening concluded with a word of thanks and appreciation from Siobhan English, Chairperson Pallasgrean Templebraden Historical Society with the wish and invitation to Mary to complete the southern part of the town on another evening.



**Chris Ryan**

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# Photographs from Templebraden, 2018



Springtime on the Community Walkway at Knockane GAA



Colin Ryan, Chris Ryan, Ger O'Connell, Danny Beary and Bill Ryan at Garrydoolis N.S. with the Liam McCarthy Cup on Wednesday, 10th October 2018.



Riah Hogan with Nyle Wolfe 'Keeping Templebraden Tidy' on TLC4, 30 March 2018.



Tractors, Vintage Cars and Motorbikes awaiting the 'Off' for the Tractor Run during the Festival at Knockane GAA on the 12th August 2018.

Right: Philomena O'Connell, Danny Beary and Paschal O'Connell at Garrydoolis N.S. for Liam McCarthy.



The 'Administration Department' for the Tractor Run at the Knockane GAA Festival: Michelle Butler, Theresa Collins.

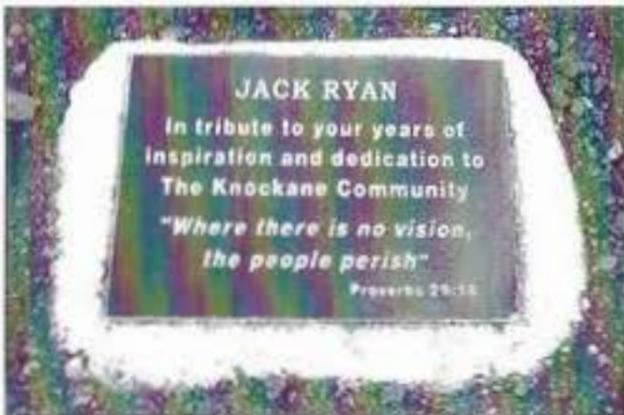


Left: Eilis Ryan, Emma O'Donnell and Marie Ryan at the Jack Ryan Plaque Unveiling.

# Unveiling of a Plaque to Jack Ryan on the Community Walkway at Knockane GAA, 10 August, 2018



*Jack Ryan, 1931 - 2017*



*The Jack Ryan Plaque*

It was Aristotle who wrote "man is at his best, when he is doing his best, at what he likes doing best".

The late Jack Ryan carried out this philosophy every day of his

life as he worked to build realities out of his plans, dreams and ambitions, fortified by his deep personal commitment to the dignity of work being more valuable the harder the work.

To those of us who knew him or those who grew up with him and were aware of how he traversed the road of life, he enriched the lives of many and those who knew him will have a bank of memories of his leadership, achievements and examples that will live forever and will not be lost in the mists of time.

He was renowned, in his long life, as a big engine of productivity, which did not stop pulsating no matter how difficult and challenging the solution was, the more opposition he received to a project the harder he worked until a solution was arrived at.

Jack always led by example, courage, enthusiasm and discipline.

At our festival two years ago, as Minister Patrick Donovan presented this very plaque to Jack, I said "As a club and as a community we wanted to use the occasion to honour Jack. Just a small token to recognise the tremendous contribution that he had made to this rural outpost for more years than most of us can remember. He had also played a big part in designing and building the scenic areas of the Community Walkway".

Jack Ryan was a man of vision for many years and not only built a business that had seen huge numbers of tourists come to this area. He and his teams worked on every road, every ditch, every area of common ground in this region to create many beautiful natural areas. These are still a joy for people to witness and also act as rich habitats for birds and animals alike.

In much of his work and in many of his marvellous unsung achievements he had to plough a lone furrow, where, without his strong belief and conviction in his vision, many others would have failed.

In all of these pursuits, he benefited and was always proud to acknowledge the co-operation of his wife, Mary, his two children Richard and Karen and his whole extended family – all of whom he was immensely proud.

He passed away last year, but leaves behind a legacy of honesty, integrity, fairness, compassion and loyalty. And many beautiful areas dotted around these roads which will be constant reminders of his work. I am sure he is currently decorating the fields and bye-roads of heaven with his handy-work.

But, for now, we would like to unveil this plaque, and have this as a tribute to Jack and something that, I hope, will always bring back treasured memories of a man who always gave his best, while doing his best, for the betterment of others.

It should act as a reminder of a man who always lived his values.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.*

Diarmuid Grace, Secretary Knockane GAA club, on the unveiling of a plaque to Jack Ryan on the Community Walkway. Friday, 10 August 2018.



*The Ryan Family, following the unveiling of the Jack Ryan Plaque*

*Caoimhe O'Donnell, Claire O'Donnell, Roisin Ryan, Simon Ryan, Maureen Hally, Laura Hally, Christine Ryan, Marie Ryan, John Ryan, Michelle Ryan, Richard Ryan, Lisa Ryan, Sarah Ryan, James Ryan, Anne Ryan.*

# Barna Grotto

A GROUP OF LOCAL PARISHONERS SEEN HERE AT THE GROTTTO IN BARNA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY ON THE 7TH SEPT. 2018 AND THE 97TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE LEGION OF MARY BY FRANK DUFF.

THE ROSARY WAS OFFERED IN OUR LADY'S HONOUR AND INCLUDED WERE THE INTENTIONS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR HER MOTHERLY PROTECTION, GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION FOR THE YOUTH.

OUR LADY COMES TO US PARTICULARLY IN TIMES OF DISTRESS AS SHE HAS DONE IN LOURDES, FATIMA AND KNOCK.

IN LOURDES SHE HEALS THE SICK AND BRINGS COMFORT AND CONSOLATION IN THEIR HOUR OF NEED.

IN 1917 SHE APPREARED IN FATIMA IN A TIME OF WAR WHEN THE PEOPLE WERE TORN BY THE RAVAGES OF WAR AND FELT ALONE. HER MESSAGE HERE TO ALL WAS TO PRAY AND ESPECIALLY TO PRAY THE ROSARY.

IN KNOCK ON 21ST AUGUST 1879 APPROX 139 YEARS AGO LAST MONTH. IRELAND AT THAT TIME WAS STILL GETTING OVER THE AFFECTS OF THE FAMINE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS 30 YEARS ON. In 1879, Ireland experienced what is known as the "mini Famine". Three years of bad weather resulted in poor harvests and a food crisis in the poorest areas of the country, particularly along the western coast. This was compounded by low market prices for food-stuffs, rendering many poor farmers destitute. Fortunately, due to better famine relief measures and improved rail transport, this crop failure did not result in large numbers of deaths in Ireland. It did however put severe financial pressures on the big estate houses and renewed the flow of Irish people out of the country and onwards to America and Canada. The western districts of Connaught, once teeming with small potato farmers, were



L/R: Oliver, Brigid and John O'Driscoll, Pat Cronin, Colman O'Driscoll, Mae Grace, Kathleen Condon, Marian O'Donnell, Eileen McCormack, Eileen Egan and Pat Kelly.

now in major decline. So too was the Irish Language disappearing across the country, as people increasingly saw English as more economically advantageous.

A workhouse culture still existed then, where people looking for charity were expected to earn their living. This included children.

A mass movement for lower rents and more land ownership by tenant farmers got underway. Irish politicians were mobilised, huge "monster meetings" were held and there were some violent attacks in places. The Land League movement was founded in that year.

This was also the year of the "Knock Apparition" in Co. Mayo. An appearance by the Virgin Mary, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist on the gable wall of the local parish church. This event attracted thousands of pilgrims from across the country, desperate for spiritual help in a time of difficulty and major change.

SO WE SEE THE POWER OF OUR LADY IN TIMES OF NEED WHEN WE MOST NEED HER.

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# COMMUNITY IN UNITY

The second annual Community Awards night in association with Pallasgreen-Templebraden Community Council took place Saturday March 24th 2018 in the Community Centre. It was night to celebrate and honour locals who have proved wonderful ambassadors and brought great pride to their families and the community. These remarkable individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution on the national stage have proved to be inspiring and bringing a sense of pride to the local community. The night got underway with medals presented to the Pallas Minor Hurlers and U21 Footballers who won their respective county championships in 2017. Presentations were made to five locals who won National Community Games medals in 2017, Jimmy Stokes in recitation, Malachy McKenna U10 Hurdles, Leon Horan U14 Judo, Lee Kirsch Model Making and Patrick Bailey Team Spikeball. Lee Kirsch and Leah Pearse were honoured for their dancing exploits, Sisters Brid and Siobhan Condon of Garrydoolis gained All Ireland medals as they were part of the Tipperary Intermediate ladies football team that captured All Ireland glory in 2017, Honoured also were Colin Ryan and Darragh Fanning who

figured prominently with the Limerick U21 Hurlers who won the All Ireland Championship in 2017. Padraig Phelan and Scott Coleman Ryan were honoured for their soccer talents, both Padraig and Scott were members of the FAI emerging youth programme, this programme helps identify and development of young players in the country with a view of helping them progress onto to the international stage. A special presentation was made to Fr Pat Burns for his tremendous and wonderful contribution to the community. A surprised Fr Pat who is only in the Parish just passed six years have overseen the refurbishments of the three national schools as well as the magnificent work on the St John The Baptist Church Nicker and St Brigid's Church Templebraden bringing them up to modern standards, His contribution to the community has been immense and is greatly appreciated, it was an award which is well deserved. Well done to the organisers and all who contributed on what was a lovely occasion. Entertainment was provided by the Mulcair Riverdance Group who wowed the audience with a special choreographed dance routine.



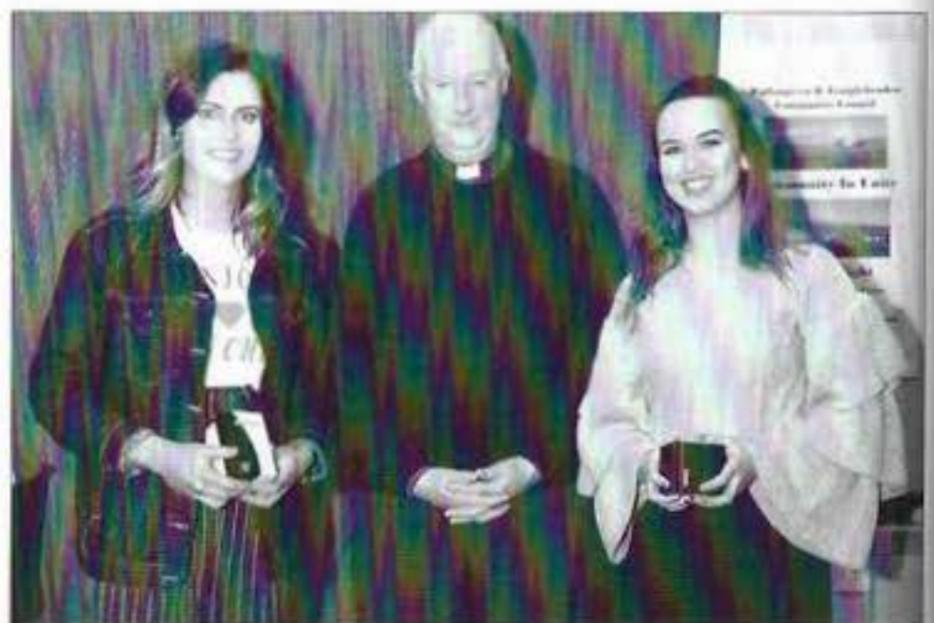
*Padraig Phelan and Scott Coleman Ryan FAI Emerging Youth Soccer Award. Award presented by Joanne Beary Sec Community Council.*



*Leon Horan, Jimmy Stokes, Patrick Bailey, Malachy McKenna National Community Games medalists, with Bernie O'Sullivan Community Council, missing from photo Lee Kirsch*



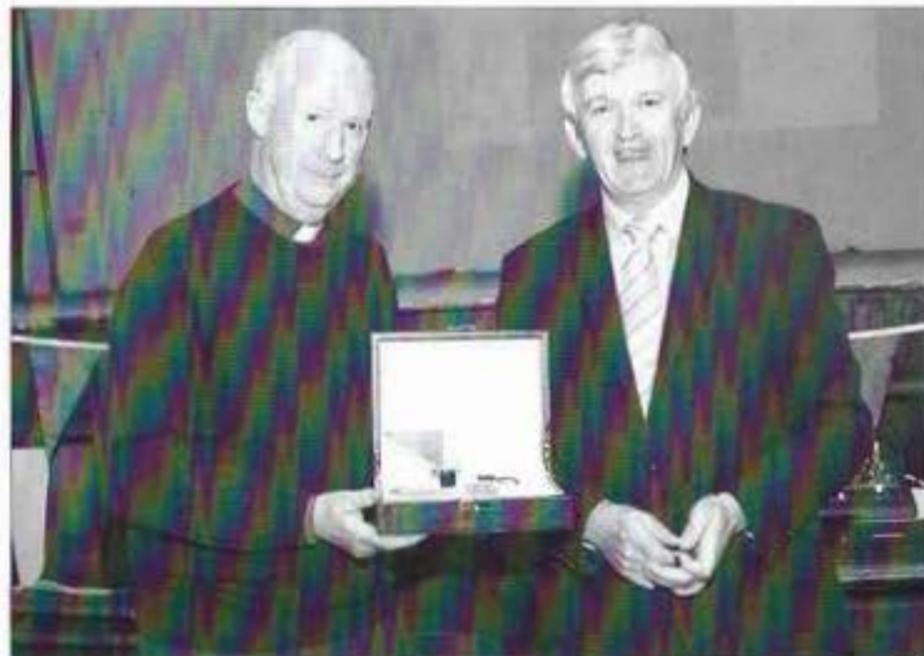
*Leah Pearse, TG4 Dancing, with Brian O'Neill Community Council*



*Siobhan and Brid Condon members of Tipperary ladies football All Ireland Intermediate champions 2017 presented with award by Fr Pat Burns.*



Colin Ryan and Darragh Fanning members of Limerick U21 Hurling team All Ireland champions 2017, presented with their award by Fr Pat Burns.



Fr Pat Burns was honoured by the Community Council for his immense contribution to the Parish of Pallasgreen and Templebraden, award presented by Michael Ryan Chairman Pallasgreen - Templebraden Community Council.



Members of the U21 football team county champions 2017 with secretary Mick Lawton and chairman Tony McMahon.



Members of the Minor Hurling team County Champions 2017 with secretary Mick Lawton and Chairman Tony McMahon.

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# New mural gives powerful message in County Limerick estate

Donal O'Regan

**R**esidents of Canon Lee Park, Pallasgreen, Ballyhoura, council and artistic talent joined together to create the colourful wall mural project. Picture: Michael Cowhey.

A SPLASH of colour will brighten up a County Limerick estate even in darkest winter.

A project in Pallasgreen has created a wall mural to improve their estate, while giving road safety and environmental messages. The Park Grove Residents Association working with Kiltelty-based artist Rose Hanley, locals, Bally-

houra and Limerick City and County Council, have enhanced the former breeze block wall in Canon Lee Park.

Local concerns about littering, danger to children by speeding drivers and improving the look of the area led to discussions on what could be done. The plan was to include a depiction of Nicker Hill, children at play and signage to warn drivers to slow down in colourful and nature scenes.

After the wall was rendered, capped and prepared by Ballyhoura scheme workers, children and adults from the locality were involved in painting the mural under Ms Hanley's supervision.

The residents association committee secretary, Sharyn Cavanagh, and her committee colleagues Mairead O'Connor and Marianne Ward are "delighted with the finished wall".

The ladies praised Rose's and the locals' artistic talent, as well as all the support given by Ballyhoura and the council. Sinead McDonnell, council's environment awareness officer, said funding for the project was €800 – 50% from the Department of Communications and 50% from the council. She said the council is delighted with the involvement of the residents in the design and installation of this community mural.

"It is a wonderful example of how the department, local authority, local development companies and local residents can work together for the better," said Ms McDonnell. Ms Hanley said she was "very happy and proud" to have been involved and thanked the teenagers who volunteered their time to paint the mural and to Crown Paints for their support and donation of €100.



Clare Jordan, development officer with Ballyhoura, praised the residents committee for their vision and efforts, not only for the welcome wall mural but also for the plans to develop a community corner in The Grove green.

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# The Pop Up Gaeltacht has arrived in Pallas

For just over a year now a group of local people have been coming together in the High Nelly Cafe every couple of weeks, to chat to each other in Irish. Pallas is good distance from any of Ireland's Gaeltachts, so unsurprisingly our Parish has not been a traditional hot bed for spoken Irish.

But now the situation seems to be changing at last. We all learned Irish at school, whether we wanted to or not. For many of us that learning has, up to now, never been used much in later life. This may be partly due to declining interest in the language generally. However, in recent times the phenomenon of the Pop-up Gaeltacht has sprung onto the scene. It emerged in our Cities at first, but is now becoming established in many smaller towns and villages throughout the Country.

The Pop-up Gaeltacht – or Ciorcal Comhrá – is intended to give people the chance to try their cúpla focail in a relaxed and fun environment. It has become established here in Pallas, thanks to an initiative from Pallas GAA in association with Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann - Cappamore/Murroe.

When our group began meeting last year in the High Nelly, there was a certain sense that the blind might be leading the blind. Although one or two people attending had the capability, nobody wanted the role of teacher by default. While this might have seemed discouraging, it was for the best in the long run. Indeed in the early days most of the conversation was in English, apart from those Irish words we looked up on our smart phones, courtesy of the WiFi in the High Nelly. But little by little however, we have seen a transformation. In the early days we typically had a one hour session of mostly chatter in English. The sessions are now extending to two hours plus, with more and more Irish being spoken and English is now well in second place.

So, given the progress being made so far, others with a grá for Irish, but who are unsure about joining in, may now think that the bus has departed for them; Not at all! A rising tide lifts all boats and the first step in reviving even the simple Irish you learned in National School is to start listening to it again. Just sit beside the more confident speakers and take in what the conversation is about, as a first step. Then you will be surprised at how much Irish you actually did learn, all those years ago. Even very shy people will not be discouraged by others in the group from making their contribution, particularly towards the end of sessions, when people are more likely conversing in small groups of two and three.

We would appeal to more local residents in particular, to make the effort to attend, given that growing numbers are turning up from surrounding parishes and enjoying the experience. While of course our neighbours are welcome, there is still plenty of room for more people to join us in the upper section of the High Nelly Cafe, where to date all sessions have taken place.



A special word of thanks to our genial hosts Marty and Mariah, for so graciously facilitating these events. Also the indispensable Wifi, which got many of us out of a corner and kept proceedings on an even keel. Compared to the cold classrooms and intimidating atmosphere, where we learned Irish in the days of yore, it really does not get any better than this. So what are you waiting for? Tar isteach agus bain triail as!

Buíochas mór do na daoine áitiúil thíos anseo a tháinig comhsheasmhach i rith na bliana seo caite, chun feabhas a chur ar a gcuid Gaeilge: Máire Ní Diolún, Tomás Ó Riain, Pádraigh Ó Críodáin, Bríd Bean Uí Críodáin agus go háirithe an t-Oifigeach Gaeilge le CLG Pailís Ghréine - Éilín de Grás.

# William (Willie) Shanahan

(A Short Profile by Tom Ryan)

Willie Shanahan was born in 1936, to Joe and Bridget who lived at the cross in Barna. He grew up and went to the local National School, just up the road from his home. Many years later the family moved to Garranemore where Willie still resides.

As a young lad he was very interested in sport. His first introduction to team sport was hurling with Dromlara in a 7 a side parish league. The late Dan Quigley formally from Doon, who worked at Wheelers near the old bridge, noticed that Willie had a keen eye to follow the sliotar, so they tried him in goals for Dromlara. It took him a few years to get into it, but by 1958 he was the permanent Pallas goalie and success followed when they won the County Junior Hurling Championship, that very year. Pallas was again victorious ten years later, in the same competition when they defeated St. Marys Rathkeale in the 1968 final. In 1969, he was once again the man between the sticks at the Gaelic Grounds, in the County Senior Hurling Championship final. He managed to keep a clean sheet that day, by not letting any goal past him, against a great Patrickswell team, who had players of the calibre of Richie Bennis, Frankie Nolan etc., who later went on to win All Ireland medals with Limerick in 1973.

Willie also played football for Pallas, and played one year for Knockane when Pallas did not have a team. In football he usually played in the forwards and was a noted sharp shooter, who secured many important scores. He admits that his greatest thrill either on or off the field was when he was, one of a three man selection committee, together with Michael O'Grady and Christy McMahon, when Pallas won the County Junior Hurling Championship in 1988, against a much fancied Dromcollogher/Broadford team.

Greyhound racing is also a sport, Willie enjoys right up to this day. He has been involved with John and Josie Franklin, in greyhounds for many years. He had dogs himself at one stage but says in the end he always ended up a loser. His father Joe was always involved in the administrative side of the Pallas GAA Club, and he also kept a few greyhounds. Joe had one famous dog called "Skelper" and Willie recalls a few lines of poetry about his father and the dog searching for the hare, together with comments from local man John Carr, composed by another Barna man Martin O Shea, who turned most stories into verse, and it goes as follows----

*Say's Carr to Joe,  
Let Skelper go,  
She's some-where here around.  
She's done nine rounds,  
Of Regans field,  
And galloped through the cattle.  
She met her fate at Egans gate,  
With Shanahan and the wattle.*

Willie has always been an avid follower of the Scarteen hunt, and also of the Doon harriers. Some of his cousins living in Ballyneety, hurled with South Liberties and also with Limerick.



*Aiden, Willie, Anne and Dion Shanahan taken at an East Board Awards Night in Caherconlish in 2007.*

Anthony Nash who is the present day net minder on the Cork senior hurling team is also a cousin. Willie himself also wore the green jersey with distinction when he played inter-county hurling with Limerick on a number of occasions. He played in goals with the Limerick junior hurling team for a few years. He was rewarded with the ultimate honour in 2009, when he was the recipient of the East Limerick GAA "Sean Ghaeil" club person, which is awarded annually. This is given to GAA members, honouring their life long services to club and county. We in Pallas were delighted when Willie received this award.

He has many vivid memories stretching back over the years, one of them is, of cattle being driven through Barna at 5.30am, on their way to be sold at the fair in Old Pallas. He can recall eight pubs in Old Pallas village, and seven in New Pallas, together with a good scattering of shops. The Railway Station, Garda Barracks, Car Repair Garages, County Council Depot and the local Creameries, all provided much needed employment, during the depressed decades of the 1950's and early 1960's.

Willie as a young lad worked for a number of local farmers, and they were, Dan Riordan Garranemore, Matthew Hayes near the Brooks Bridge, and the Ryan (Wills) in Cross. In those days farmers had to have the cows milked very early on Sunday mornings and the milk delivered to the creamery before first Mass. He recalls fasting from Midnight, so that Holy Communion could be received at Sunday Morning Mass. (This was a time before changes came, after the Second Vatican Council in 1963). He also worked for Limerick County Council, C.I.E. and later in the Building Industry.

He is married to Ann, formally Ryan from Old Pallas. They have six children Bridget, Emer, Ruth, Patrick, Joseph, and Aidan. He is now very happily retired and enjoys the company of his family, especially his grandchildren. Willie and his friend Christy McMahon travel to see a few matches every week and you will find very few throughout the country, who are as well

versed on the games of hurling and football, as those two men. Willie is an avid gardener and loves the relaxation and therapy that can be achieved from working with the soil. Every year he grows a wide selection of vegetables in his own patch, which is more than adequate to provide for the family.

In his eighty - third year, Willie Shanahan has an amazing recall of matches, local events and friends he made during his life. It's something one feels, that is more special to him, than all the trophies won along the way. Perhaps it will encourage more people to participate in sport.

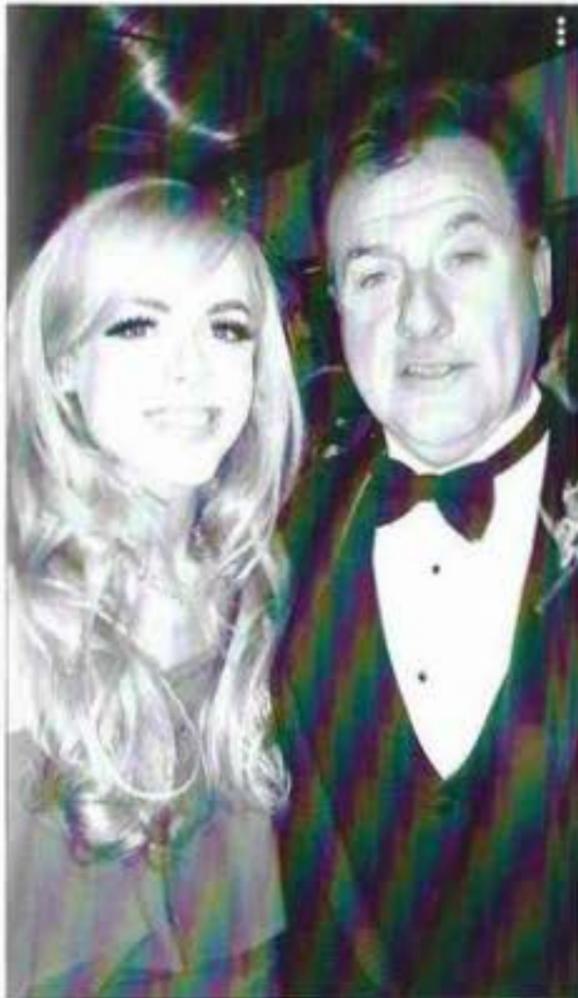


*Right: Millie Wallace holding her Grandad Willie Shanahan's hurley that he used in the 1968 County Final for Pallasgreen.*

## Brendan O'Sullivan- The Toast of New York GAA

Sunglen native Brendan O'Sullivan was honoured early in 2018 at the 84th Annual Banquet of the Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York. Brendan was honoured for his tremendous work in the development of the GAA in New York. His involvement in setting up the youth hurling program has gone from strength to strength and with his foresight in this initiation has been massively positive in the area. Brendan son of the late Gerry and Maureen O'Sullivan of Sunglen, Old Pallas immigrated to New York in 1985, two years later was instrumental in

setting up the Limerick Hurling Club along with his brother Kieran and Maurice Foley. He became very involved in the New York Board and served in many positions, including Vice President, he also served as delegate to Congress and still active in Gaelic games today. He is married to Teresa Williams a native of Aughavas, Co Leitrim and have two sons Gerry and Neil and one daughter Laura. Congratulations to Brendan for a well deserved award and for his dedication and commitment to New York GAA.



*Above left: Brendan with his niece Susan O'Sullivan.*



*Above right: Kieran O'Sullivan, Teresa O'Sullivan, Brendan O'Sullivan, PP O'Sullivan.*



*Below right: Brendan O'Sullivan, Maurice Foley, Kieran O'Sullivan, PP O'Sullivan.*

# You can take the man out of Limerick but...

*"While waking in the arms of distant waters,*

*A new day finds me far from home."*

**M**y brother Mick and myself left Pallasgrean 30 years ago. As students, we both worked on building-sites in London. Once we finished college, our paths diverged. He returned to Ireland but I had other ideas...

I wanted something else. As a child, I used to spend hours on my hands and knees on the kitchen floor, poring over an atlas, getting under my parents' feet and tormenting them with questions about faraway people and places. Once I left home, that wanderlust took over and I travelled on and off for 20 years, living and working in 10 different countries.

Inevitably, I went home less. Sometimes at Christmas, I would meet a former classmate from Nicker N.S. but fail to recognise them. Apart from my parents and Limerick hurling, there was simply no connection anymore. On one memorable occasion, I arrived back unannounced from South America and my dad didn't recognise me. Everyone said I "talked funny", not surprising as I had spoken very little English in the previous five years. (Do not laugh. I believe something similar happened to Marco Polo when he returned to Venice from China.) At 'home', I had become a stranger. I knew no one. There were occasional reminders: in the early 90's, Joe O'Riordan and myself laboured on the same building-site in London. Ten years later, while working in a call-centre for International Enquiries, I dealt with a call from Pallas; somebody was looking for accommodation in Cardiff before the Heineken Cup final. The caller's name escapes me.

'94 was painful, especially for those of us sitting behind the Limerick goals in the second half. But I maintain '84 was even worse; two own-goals meant we went out to Cork in the first round. The rest of the centenary year was then spent watching the rebels cruise to another title while we cursed our luck and pondered what might have been. Other games slipped through our fingers; the wind changed direction at half time, the referee was invariably 'bought'. Mick was there in '96, while I watched the game in an Irish pub in Munich. I remember having to dash off at half time to get the train back to Vienna, where I was living. Things were looking good. Wexford had had a man sent off, even if they were leading at the break, so I had grounds for optimism. But, once back in my apartment, I rang home to learn the bitter cup of defeat had been tasted yet again. A friend sent me a video of that game, which I played to my Austrian friends, who compared our national sport to the egg and spoon race! Mick and I were both there in 2007, just before I left for a year in Canada but it was Kilkenny's day and deservedly so. I went to the finals of 2011 and 2012. Great games involving other counties, which I thoroughly enjoyed but those were dark days for Limerick hurling

Travelling had lost its allure by my late 30's and I returned to Ireland for good. Mick had married and had children. My nephews didn't know me, which was a big shock to the system. Suddenly, my feet weren't itchy anymore. Also, I was fed up with having to start again every time I upped sticks. I tried and quit several jobs before eventually finding my niche. Two years giving tours of the imperial palace in Vienna prompted me to resuscitate that career in Ireland. Working as a tour guide means I get to use what I learnt from my globetrotting years but I invariably became a passive supporter of Limerick hurling, getting to games very rarely. It's not unusual for me to work several weeks without a break in Summer so there's simply no opportunity to get to Croke Park, Semple stadium or the Gaelic Grounds. In 2018, by some twist of fate, I was off for the quarter, semi and final and attended all three.

We must have shaken every tree this side of the Urals looking for the elusive tickets. Mick eventually unearthed a contact who came up trumps and a cousin helpfully produced another so we brought my nephew as well. The roll-call of players' clubs before the game left me more than a little bemused; Kildimo, Feoghagh, Meelick? These names mean nothing to me. I am more familiar with London, Vienna and Santiago de Chile.

I went to the game as an exile but left a sentimental, wet-eyed Paddy. Little Michael did his bit, too. Wearing a green t-shirt, he shouted for Limerick all afternoon. But, at the end of the day, he's a Dub and will never understand what it means to his dad and myself.

I will cherish so many memories from that day: the photograph with Mick and his little boy on O'Connell St. beforehand, the ferocity with which our young team tore into their more fancied opponents, Joe Canning single-handedly bringing the tribesmen back into contention, agony in extra-time as it looked like slipping through our fingers yet again. The generosity of the Galway people in defeat. Most unforgettably, the sublime experience of watching a Limerick man mount those steps, take that cup and make that speech, to our collective delirium. 45 years of pain, hurt and heartbreak, lanced in one glorious afternoon. Total strangers, just because they were wearing the same jersey. Many grown men were in tears that day. I should know; I was one of them.

On August 19th, Liam McCarthy came home.  
He wasn't the only one.

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Dedicated to all those who have been told  
they can't. Guess what?

**YOU CAN.**

# STOP ACTING

**By Elaine O'Dwyer**

*Stop acting.*

*No, seriously. Why don't you stop?*

*Do you really believe you'll get to the top?*

*You know it's outrageously hard to succeed*

*In this industry where it seems everyone feeds*

*Off each other like vultures, they flock to the prey*

*Of auditions and castings and roles they might play.*

*There are thousands of actors just trying to make it*

*They want it, they crave it, they need it, they ache it*

*But there are more ways to be happy in life*

*Such as getting a safe job, avoiding the strife*

*Of the day to day waiting and doubting and fear*

*Of an actress who cannot foretell if this year*

*Will be fruitful, successful, bleak or depressing,*

*But she won't give up on this dream, this obsessing,*

*This unyielding force which promotes her to grow*

*And create something real, something truthful to show*

*To the people around her who can't quite connect*

*To the people around them whose lives they detect*

*To be perfect.*

*Why are you trying to play on a stage?*

*Where you're magnified, scrutinised, stalked and surveyed*

*By people who know you, or don't, does it matter?*

*Observe their expressions and witness their chatter*

*Who after the show are quite taken aback*

*By the actors on stage who all seemed to lack*

*That utter perfection for which we all strive,*

*That flawless complexion, that overall drive*

*To be someone else, to become something more*

*Than a dreary old human whose life is a bore.*

*But someone those actors through all their mistakes*

*Reflected the viewers and gave them a shake,*

*Awakened inside of them all they possess,*

*A beating heart, a soul suppressed.*

*Those actors on stage who moved just like them*

*Reminded them how, of why and of when*

*They first had that feeling, that instinct, that thought*

*That they thought they felt in isolation and ought*

*To conceal it, not feel it, to bury it under*

*The rug where it's snug, and masked by the thunder*

*Of "Smile".*

*Can you not see you're too old for that play?*

*You're an adult now -it's your job to portray*

*That being a grown-up means bottling up*

*All those memories, moments, uncomfortable feelings,*

*The ones you experienced in all your dealings*

*With life, on this planet, this great ball of earth*

*Where you live and breathe and have done since birth.*

*This conformist society within which we live*

*Pushes us, steers us, expects us to give*

*Into all of the norms, the impeccable rules*

*Which shape up and mould us and make us all fools.*

*Did you make judgements on life as a child?*

*Or were you too busy just being a child?*

*Who engaged in the world with wide open eyes*

*And took it all in, despite your small size.*

*You couldn't care less if you made a blunder,*

*In fact, you delighted in it and you wondered*

*How many more things you could break and uncover,*

*How many new places you could discover.*

*You're never too old to play a human being,*

*One whose alive and committed to seeing*

*One who regards life in all of its beauty -*

*It's more than a passion, I deem it a duty*

*To appreciate life -our brains and our spines,*

*Our genes, our bones, our minds, our bloodlines-*

*We are astonishing, beautiful creatures*

*With arms and legs -magnificent features.*

*In a world that is full of noise and distraction,*

*This art is my calling response, my reaction,*

*For it is through acting that I learned to see*

*That the whole human race feels equally*

*And that each one of us is flawed in some way,*

*We're not black and white, we're not even grey.*

*We are complex, intricate and brilliantly compelling,*

*We are the perfect stimulus for gripping storytelling.*

*So instead of saying stop*

*And instead of saying no,*

*Say yes with open arms*

*And create something to show.*

*We all have the capacity*

*So, stick with your tenacity*

*And when you reach the top?*

*You'll be glad you didn't stop.*



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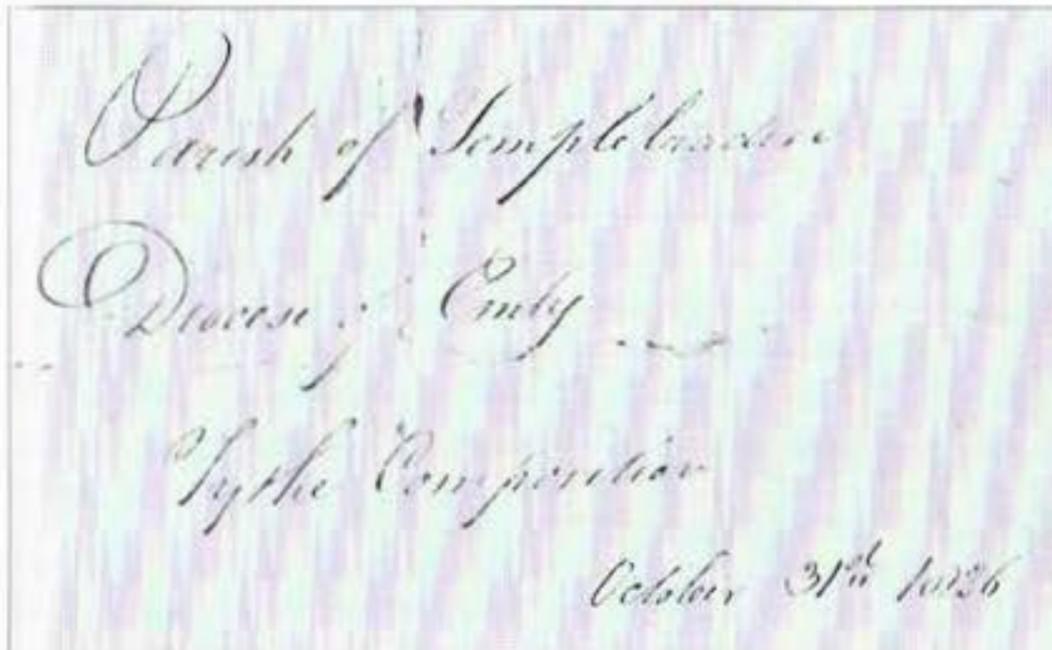
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# History Section

## Landholders in Templebraden

The earliest record of landholders in Templebraden dates back to 1826 when the details of tithe payments to the Church of Ireland clergy (and others) were assembled in the Tithe Applotment Book for Templebraden in October 1826. Although a census was undertaken in 1821, the returns from that census were destroyed in a fire at the Public Records Office in the Four Courts during the Civil War in 1922. A report of the 1821 census gives general information but not the detailed returns. Earlier records, starting with the census of 1672 undertaken by Sir William Petty, were merely estimates, which give some information on landowners but not the landholders. The 1821 census was the first census, as we would understand it, to be undertaken and this was subsequently repeated every 10 years. Unfortunately, no detailed returns remain for census before 1901 – they were either deliberately or accidentally destroyed so the Tithe Applotment Books and other records give an insight to the missing information.

The Composition for Tithes (Ireland) Act of 1823 revised the traditional payment of agricultural produce for the support of the Church of Ireland with the substitution of a money payment. Prior to 1823, an agent (the Tithe Proctor) for the church official entitled to the tithe, inspected the crops produced by every occupier of land to calculate the proportion of each crop to be paid in tithe. The system was prone to abuse and charges of favouritism by both landowners and tenants as well as church officials. The 1823 Act attempted to reform the system with a valuation (applotment) of the quantity of land in each holding to determine the tax money (composition) that each occupier was to pay.



Landowners, leaseholders and tenants were required to render this financial support to the Established Church regardless of their personal religious affiliation, a condition bitterly resented by the Catholics who composed more than 80% of the population. Another source of contention among the tithe payers was the inclusion of pasture land, formerly tithe free under the earlier system. Exempt from the obligation were urban dwellers in cities and large towns, the clergy of the Church of Ireland and often the local Catholic clergy.

The Tithe Applotment Book for Templebraden records 95 landholders. Patrick Connor from Balyneety was the smallest landholder with a mere 30 perches (less than ¼ acre) with an annual tithe charge of 2 pence. The largest landholder was David

Bourke from Garrydoolis with a holding of 69 acres, 0 roods and 38 perches, attracting a tithe payment of £5 6s 6d.

Each landholding was assessed by Commissioners who divided the property into three classes – 1st Quality, 2nd Quality and 3rd Quality which attracted different tithes rates. In addition, waste land attracted no tithe charge.

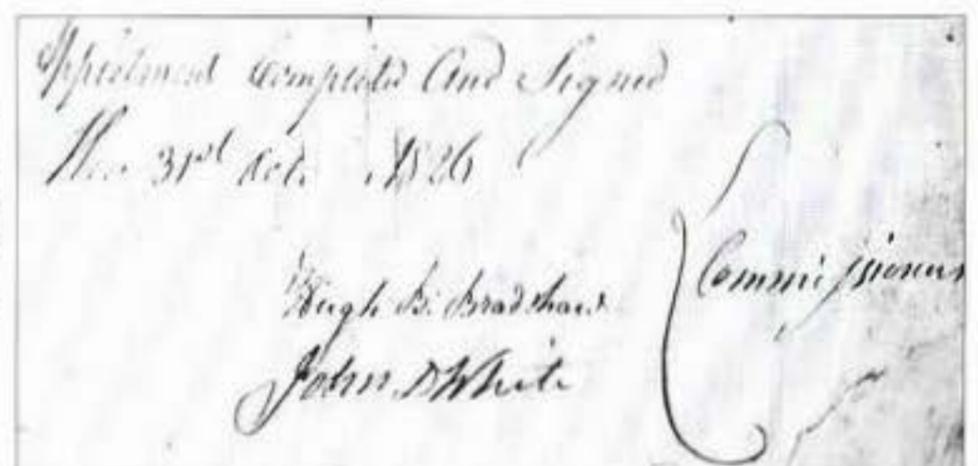
*In this Parish there are fourteen townlands ten of which are in the County of Limerick and Barony of Coonagh the other four are in the County of Tipperary and Barony of Clanwilliam. Templebraden contains 1504a, 1r, 35p, 14a 3r 37p being roads and lands not assessed the remaining 1489a 1r 38p are divided into three classes and rated per acre as follows:*

First Quality			Second Quality			Third Quality		
£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
0	1	10	0	1	3	0	0	7 per acre.

The Tithe Applotment Books were assembled by commissioners, chosen for the purpose, as a consequence of the Composition for Tithes Act 1823, which allowed for tithe payments to be paid in monetary terms rather than in kind.

Commissioners:

Hugh B. Bradshaw, John D. White



Two tithe commissioners were selected in each civil (Church of Ireland) parish to conduct the valuation, one chosen by the bishop of the diocese and one elected by the landowners.

Hugh Brady Bradshaw, who acted as a Commissioner for the tithe assessment in Templebraden in 1826, lived in the townland of Philipston and parish of Donohill, Co. Tipperary, where he farmed 77 acres.

In 1662, Robert Bradshaw from Wigan, Lancashire, emigrated to Ireland with his mother Elizabeth and brother William, and acquired lands in Cullen, Co. Limerick and Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary. He was constantly at war with the native Irish, was ambushed and blinded. He married, firstly, Catherin Franklin and secondly Catherin de Burgh of Dromkeen.

Various members of the Bradshaw family held land in parishes in the barony of Clanwilliam, county Tipperary at the time of Griffiths Valuation (1851), particularly in the parishes of Donohill where Benjamin, Hugh and Samuel were all landholders. Hugh Bradshaw was elected a Guardian for the Tipperary Union in 1839, representing the parish of Donohill.

John D. White is recorded as landlord in the Tithe Applotment Book for the townland of Lisowen, parish of Doon in 1826 with 113a 0 r 37p. He was the oldest son of Rev. Newport White of Kilmoylan, Doon and succeeded to Lisowen from his aunt Rebecca.

John White of Cappawhite was the second son of Simon White, Mayor of Limerick in 1696. He acquired a large estate in County Limerick and Tipperary at the beginning of the 18th century, purchasing some of the confiscated estates of James 11 in 1703. The Whites of Kilmoylan are descended from his second son Rev. Newport White who died in 1759.

Townland	Gross Amount of Survey			Waste Area: No Charge			Total Charged with Payment			Amount of Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Cloghaready	193	- 2	- 37	2	- 1	- 20	191	- 1	- 17	15	- 0	- 4 ¾
Coolnadow	88	- 0	- 0	0	- 2	- 4	87	- 1	- 36	6	- 17	- 10 ¾
Garrydoolis	218	- 3	- 27	2	- 2	- 20	216	- 1	- 7	17	- 14	- 1 ¼
Knockalagen	111	- 2	- 33	0	- 2	- 3	111	- 0	- 30	9	- 16	- 8 ¾
Knockanedoolis	100	- 1	- 14	0	- 0	- 0	100	- 1	- 14	8	- 9	- 6
Knockavella	100	- 0	- 17	1	- 2	- 20	98	- 1	- 37	8	- 15	- 3 ½
Clynabroga	16	- 0	- 39	0	- 0	- 0	16	- 0	- 39	1	- 7	- 1 ¾
Templebraden	40	- 3	- 23	0	- 0	- 0	40	- 3	- 23	3	- 12	- 9 ¼
Templebraden	25	- 1	- 16	0	- 1	- 0	25	- 0	- 16	2	- 6	- 0
Ballyneety	100	- 0	- 37	1	- 3	- 4	98	- 1	- 33	8	- 16	- 4 ¾
Ballyneety	115	- 2	- 0	1	- 2	- 38	113	- 3	- 2	10	- 0	- 5
Killeenagallive	177	- 1	- 34	1	- 2	- 0	175	- 3	- 34	14	- 1	- 10 ¼
Killeenagallive	176	- 1	- 8	2	- 0	- 8	174	- 1	- 0	14	- 6	- 8 ¾
Tonaree	39	- 2	- 30	0	- 0	- 0	39	- 2	- 30	3	- 7	- 1 ¼
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>1504</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1489</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>- 12</b>	<b>- 4</b>

*a = acres, r = rood, p = perch*

*40 perches = 1 rood, 4 roods = 1 acre*

*Irish/Plantation acres = 1.62 statute acres.*

*d = pence (denarii), s = shillings, £ = pounds*

*12 pence = 1 shilling, 20 shillings = 1 pound*

Although there was no resident Church of Ireland clergy in Templebraden – annual tithe payments were required to be made to Rev. Robert Hewson who was vicar of Killanear, Co. Kerry and perpetual curate of Kilcolman, Co. Kerry. The total tithe payments for the parish of Templebraden in 1826 amounted to £124 12s 4d as outlined above.

The Hewetson family came from York in England and served with King Charles 1 during the war in Ireland in 1641. King Charles 1 was executed in 1649 by Oliver Cromwell but despite this, the Hewetsons fared well and were allocated land in County Limerick in lieu of arrears of pay of £331 2s. Subsequently, through marriage, they acquired substantial property in Kilkenny and Kerry. Rev. Robert Hewson (Hewetson) hailed from the Kerry branch. There is no connection between this Hewson and the later more famous Paul Hewson!

The tithes of Templebraden were purchased by Robert Hall from Cork at the Encumbered Estates Court in 1852.

Townland	Landholders, 1826	Population 1834	Comment
Cloghaready	10	100	
Coolnadowan	2	35	
Garrydoolis	24	226	
Knockalagen	4	66	
Knockanedoolis	12	82	
Knockavella	9	123	
Clynabroga	2	40	
Templebraden	5	34	
Ballyneety	19	356	
Killeenagallive	39	292	
Coolagrane	--	112	
Tonaree	1	--	
Ballynagrena	--	12	Kilteely Parish
Tearmana	--	14	Grean Parish
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1490</b>	

*Landholders, 1826 from the Tithe Applotment Book for Templebraden  
Population 1834 from Census conducted by Fr. Thomas Mahony.*

Landholding Acres	Landholders	
	Numbers	%
Less than 1	21	15.9
Less than 5	60	45.45
5 – 10	24	18.18
10 – 15	10	7.5
15 – 20	13	9.8
20 – 25	3	2.2
25 – 30	5	3.7
30 – 40	10	7.5
40 – 50	5	3.7
50 – 60	1	0.75
60 – 70	1	0.75

*Distribution of Landholdings. 61.35% of the landholders occupied less than 5 acres with 79.53% occupying less than 10 acres.*

Although the years and the townlands do not align exactly, they are sufficiently close to conclude that the extent of the landless population is startling. These were the 'fear gan talamh', the landless labourers, the cottiers - amounting to 91.5% of the total population. From the figures shown, only 8.5% of the population were landholders with 61.35% of those holding less than 5 acres and 35.9% holding more than 10 acres. Additionally, the census reports for 1821 and 1831 show a significant increase in population of 40%. The lack of access to land and the steep increase in population led to severe poverty amongst the general population.

Year	Population	Comment
1821	1070	Census
1831	1499	Census
1834	1490	Fr. Mahony Census
1841	1457	Census
1851	1001	Census

*Population Levels, Templebraden*

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. Thomas Mahony, PP, Pallasgrean and Templebraden, gave evidence to the inquiry and presented a very grim picture of the life of the labourer in Templebraden:

*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. 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.*

The following tables for each townland are taken from the 1826 Tithe Applotment Book for Templebraden: each townland in the Barony of Coonagh, Co. Limerick, unless otherwise stated.

Townland: Cloghaready, Barony of Clanwilliam, Co. Tipperary

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Ryan William	23	- 3	- 2	0	- 1	- 19	23	1	23	1	- 12	- 9
Ryan Timothy	5	- 3	- 33	0	- 0	- 24	5	3	9	0	- 10	- 9
Carney Thomas	6	- 3	- 20	0	- 0	- 0	6	3	20	0	- 10	- 4
Collins Cornelious	14	- 3	- 28	0	- 0	- 18	14	3	10	1	- 2	- 7
Ryan Patrick	44	- 3	- 37	0	- 1	- 24	44	2	13	3	- 9	- 1 1/4
Breen Michael	28	- 2	- 17	0	- 1	- 6	28	0	11	2	- 4	- 2
Condon John	8	- 2	- 8	0	- 0	- 17	0	1	31	0	- 12	- 0
Condon Edmond	33	- 3	- 18	0	- 2	- 7	33	1	11	2	- 10	- 10 3/4
Condon Thomas	25	- 0	- 34	0	- 1	- 11	24	3	23	2	- 5	- 1 1/2
Ryan William	1	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 14	0	3	26	0	- 1	- 8 1/2
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>- 2</b>	<b>- 37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 20</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 4 3/4</b>

*This townland is the property of William Sadlier and let by him to the different landholders.*

Townland: Coolnadown

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Ryan Thomas	44	- 0	- 0	0	- 1	- 4	43	- 2	- 36	3	- 8	- 0 3/4
Ryan James	44	- 0	- 0	0	- 1	- 0	43	- 3	- 0	3	- 9	- 10
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 2</b>	<b>- 4</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>- 17</b>	<b>- 10 3/4</b>

*This townland is the property of William Sadlier and let by him to the different landholders.*

Townland: Garrydoolis

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Bourke David	69	- 0	- 38	0	- 1	- 10	68	- 3	- 28	5	- 6	- 6
Crowe Anastia	1	- 1	- 20	0	- 0	- 10	1	- 1	- 10	0	- 2	- 5 1/2
Murphy Edmond	51	- 1	- 12	0	- 0	- 34	51	- 0	- 18	4	- 1	- 5 1/4
Connelly Daniel	5	- 2	- 25	0	- 0	- 0	5	- 2	- 25	0	- 0	- 4
Torpey Michael	9	- 0	- 14	0	- 0	- 15	8	- 3	- 39	0	- 16	- 6
Noonan James	6	- 2	- 36	0	- 0	- 15	6	- 2	- 21	0	- 12	- 1 3/4
Coughlan Patrick	17	- 3	- 6	0	- 1	- 14	17	- 1	- 32	1	- 11	- 1 3/4
Grace Honora	16	- 3	- 24	0	- 1	- 5	16	- 2	- 19	1	- 9	- 6 1/4
Ryan William	0	- 2	- 7	0	- 0	- 13	0	- 1	- 34	0	- 0	- 10
Mara Cornelious	0	- 2	- 7	0	- 0	- 11	0	- 1	- 38	0	- 0	- 10 3/4
Humphries Patrick	2	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 25	1	- 3	- 15	0	- 3	- 4 1/2
Devereaux Thos.	0	- 3	- 0	0	- 0	- 7	0	- 2	- 33	0	- 1	- 3 1/2
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>- 3</b>	<b>- 31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>- 2</b>	<b>- 39</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>- 14</b>	<b>- 5 1/2</b>

*Tenants and Undertenants of Heffernan Considine Esq.*

## Townland: Garrydoolis concluded

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Brought Over	181	- 3	- 31	1	- 2	- 39	180	- 0	- 32	14	- 14	- 5 ½
Meehan John	0	- 2	- 38	0	- 0	- 4	0	- 2	- 34	0	- 1	- 3 ½
Conway John	1	- 0	- 24	0	- 0	- 22	1	- 0	- 2	0	- 1	- 10 ¼
Treacy John	0	- 3	- 39	0	- 0	- 5	0	- 3	- 34	0	- 1	- 9 ¼
Hanley Michael	0	- 1	- 30	0	- 0	- 3	0	- 1	- 27	0	- 0	- 5 ¼
Treacy John	5	- 0	- 17	0	- 0	- 8	5	- 0	- 9	0	- 8	- 0 ¾
Callaghan Thomas	2	- 0	- 10	0	- 0	- 18	1	- 3	- 32	0	- 3	- 7
Long Honora	3	- 1	- 6	0	- 0	- 18	3	- 0	- 28	0	- 5	- 9 ¾
Mahony Dennis	7	- 0	- 11	0	- 0	- 0	7	- 0	- 11	0	- 10	- 7 ½
Looby Patrick	6	- 2	- 6	0	- 0	- 0	6	- 2	- 6	0	- 10	- 3
Green James	4	- 2	- 20	0	- 0	- 7	4	- 2	- 3	0	- 7	- 4 ¾
Da—Eddy	3	- 1	- 6	0	- 0	- 26	3	- 0	- 20	0	- 5	- 8 ¾
Dwyer Michael	1	- 2	- 29	0	- 0	- 10	1	- 2	- 9	0	- 2	- 10
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>- 3</b>	<b>- 27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>- 2</b>	<b>- 20</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>- 14</b>	<b>- 1 ¼</b>

## Townland; Knockalagen

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Hogan DJ	34	- 0	- 33	0	- 0	- 33	34	- 0	- 0	3	- 2	- 4
Mulvihill Timothy	1	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 14	0	- 3	- 26	0	- 1	- 0
Sullivan Michael	32	- 1	- 0	0	- 0	- 0	32	- 1	- 0	2	- 15	- 2 ¾
Ryan Patrick	44	- 1	- 0	0	- 0	- 36	44	- 0	- 4	3	- 17	- 6
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>- 2</b>	<b>- 33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 2</b>	<b>- 3</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>- 16</b>	<b>- 0 ¾</b>

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## Townland: Knockanedoolis

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Hayes Bryan	7	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 0	7	- 0	- 0	0	- 10	- 6
Neill Patrick	5	- 3	- 23	0	- 0	- 0	5	- 3	- 23	0	- 9	- 1 ¼
Hayes Dr. William	11	- 11	- 14	0	- 0	- 0	11	- 11	- 14	0	- 18	- 6 ¼
Sullivan John	9	- 0	- 9	0	- 0	- 0	9	- 0	- 9	0	- 15	- 4 ¾
Sullivan Thomas	9	- 2	- 17	0	- 0	- 0	9	- 2	- 17	0	- 5	- 0
Meehan Connor	4	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 0	4	- 0	- 0	0	- 4	- 2 ¾
Meehan Roger	2	- 1	- 31	0	- 0	- 0	2	- 1	- 31			
Dwyer Edmond	7	- 0	- 15	0	- 0	- 0	7	- 0	- 15	0	- 12	- 5
Meehan Cornelious	2	- 2	- 10	0	- 0	- 0	2	- 2	- 10	0	- 4	- 8 ¼
Neill Thomas	16	- 2	- 10	0	- 0	- 0	16	- 2	- 10	1	- 0	- 10 ½
English Thomas	10	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 0	10	- 0	- 0	0	- 17	- 9
English Thos. John	15	- 0	- 5	0	- 0	- 0	15	- 0	- 5	1	- 6	- 11 ¼
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>- 9</b>	<b>- 6</b>

*Thomas F. Adams Esq. and tenants.*

## Townland: Knockavella

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Hogan John	10	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 29	9	- 3	- 1	0	- 17	- 10 ½
Hogan Patrick	9	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 0	9	- 0	- 0	0	- 16	- 6
Holohan James	1	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 13	0	- 3	- 27	0	- 1	- 0
Dillon Philip	3	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 12	2	- 3	- 28	0	- 5	- 4 ¼
Treacy John	5	- 2	- 0	0	- 0	- 0	5	- 2	- 0	0	- 9	- 2 ½
Dwyer Dennis	2	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 8	1	- 3	- 32	0	- 3	- 0 ¼

Donoghue John	6 - 2 - 0	0 - 0 - 12	6 - 1 - 28	0 - 10 - 11 1/4
Donoghue John	3 - 2 - 0	0 - 0 - 12	3 - 1 - 28	0 - 6 - 3 1/4
Carmody Patrick	35 - 3 - 7	0 - 1 - 5	35 - 2 - 2	3 - 2 - 2 1/4
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>76 - 1 - 7</b>	<b>0 - 3 - 21</b>	<b>75 - 1 - 26</b>	<b>6 - 13 - 0 1/4</b>

## Townland: Knockavella

Name	Total	Waste	Charged	Composition
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
Brought Over	76 - 1 - 7	0 - 3 - 21	75 - 1 - 26	6 - 13 - 0 1/4
Treacy John	8 - 0 - 33	0 - 0 - 22	8 - 0 - 11	0 - 14 - 9 1/2
Hogan Patrick	8 - 0 - 33	0 - 0 - 22	8 - 0 - 11	0 - 14 - 9 1/2
Ryan Timothy	5 - 2 - 31	0 - 1 - 6	5 - 1 - 25	0 - 9 - 4 1/4
Hogan James	0 - 1 - 2	0 - 0 - 2	0 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 5 1/2
Cunningham Michael	0 - 3 - 0	0 - 0 - 5	0 - 2 - 35	0 - 1 - 3 1/2
Nash David	0 - 2 - 7	0 - 0 - 10	0 - 1 - 37	0 - 0 - 10 1/2
Ryan William	0 - 0 - 24	0 - 0 - 12	0 - 0 - 12	0 - 0 - 1 1/2
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 - 0 - 17</b>	<b>1 - 2 - 20</b>	<b>98 - 1 - 37</b>	<b>8 - 15 - 3 1/2</b>

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## Townland: Clynabroga

Name	Total	Waste	Charged	Composition
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
Dwyer John	8 - 2 - 22	0 - 0 - 0	8 - 2 - 22	0 - 13 - 9 1/2
Dwyer William	7 - 2 - 17	0 - 0 - 0	7 - 2 - 17	0 - 13 - 4 1/4
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 - 0 - 39</b>	<b>0 - 0 - 0</b>	<b>16 - 0 - 39</b>	<b>1 - 7 - 1 3/4</b>

*This townland is the property of the Trustees of Erasmus Smyth.*

Townland: Templebraden (1<sup>st</sup> Part)

Name	Total	Waste	Charged	Composition
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
Conway Patrick	15 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0	15 - 0 - 0	1 - 7 - 7
Conway Connor	5 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0	5 - 0 - 0	0 - 9 - 2
Dwyer Michael	2 - 3 - 15	0 - 0 - 0	2 - 3 - 15	0 - 4 - 2 1/4
Harty William	18 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0	18 - 0 - 0	1 - 11 - 10
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 - 3 - 23</b>	<b>0 - 0 - 0</b>	<b>40 - 3 - 23</b>	<b>3 - 12 - 9 1/4</b>

*This part of the townland is held by the representatives of Anthony Brady Esq. from Roger Sheehy Keating and let by him to the landholders.*

Townland: Templebraden (2<sup>nd</sup> Part)

Name	Total	Waste	Charged	Composition
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
Harty William	25 - 1 - 16	0 - 1 - 0	25 - 0 - 16	2 - 6 - 0
	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>a r p</b>	<b>£ s d</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 - 1 - 16</b>	<b>0 - 1 - 0</b>	<b>25 - 0 - 16</b>	<b>2 - 6 - 0</b>

*This part of the townland is church ground held by the representatives of Anthony Brady Esq. from Doctor Hales? And let by them to the landholders.*

## Townland: Ballyneety

Name	Total Area			Waste			Area Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Carmody Daniel	1	0	0	0	0	11	0	3	29	0	-	8 1/2
Shea James	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	3	32	0	-	9
Fitzgerald Michael	29	1	7	0	2	7	28	3	0	2	-	11 1/2
Fitzgerald Edmond	34	3	27	0	3	3	34	0	24	3	-	5
Cahill Michael	22	0	32	0	0	29	22	0	3	1	-	2 1/2
Weston Samuel	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	35	0	-	9
Connor Patrick	0	0	30	0	0	15	0	0	15	0	-	2
Berkery Mary	0	1	16	0	0	6	0	1	10	0	-	7
Ryan Dennis	10	1	5	0	0	0	10	1	5	0	-	10
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4 3/4</b>

## Townland: Ballyneety

Name	Total			Waste			Area Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Bourke David	30	1	7	0	2	15	29	2	32	2	-	11 1/2
O'Brien William	19	2	7	0	1	7	19	1	0	1	-	11 3/4
Holohan Edmond	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	1	33	0	-	10
Holohan John	1	1	0	0	0	14	1	0	26	0	-	1 1/2
McNamara Daniel	1	0	0	0	0	23	0	3	17	0	-	7
Godfrey John	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	37	0	-	5 1/4
Mahony Rev. Thos.	15	3	0	0	0	25	15	2	15	1	-	3
Beary Thomas	17	3	4	0	0	21	17	2	23	1	-	4
Mahony Rev. Thos.	14	2	11	0	0	16	14	1	35	1	-	4 3/4
Hayes William	14	2	11	0	0	16	14	1	35	1	-	6 1/4
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>

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## Townland: Killeenagallive, Barony of Clanwilliam, Co. Tipperary

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Hanly David	19	-	11	0	-	14	18	-	37	1	-	9 1/2
Hanly Daniel	1	-	35	0	-	0	1	-	35	0	-	9 1/4
Connealy Patrick	1	-	0	0	-	0	1	-	0	0	-	8 1/2
Murnane Connor	0	-	23	0	-	0	0	-	23	0	-	7 1/2
Donoghue Thomas	10	-	18	0	-	18	10	-	0	0	-	9 3/4
Donoghue Thomas	0	-	23	0	-	0	0	-	23	0	-	7 1/2
Hasting John	10	-	26	0	-	14	10	-	12	0	-	0 1/2
Hasting John	0	-	23	0	-	0	0	-	23	0	-	7 1/2
Maher Timothy	17	-	17	0	-	17	17	-	0	1	-	11 1/2
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

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Townland: Killeenagallive, Barony of Clanwilliam, Co. Tipperary

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Brought Over	76	- 1	- 27	1	- 0	- 11	75	- 1	- 16	6	- 1	- 7
Maher Timothy	0	- 3	- 38	0	- 0	- 0	0	- 3	- 38	0	- 0	- 11
London James	16	- 3	- 18	0	- 0	- 18	16	- 3	- 0	1	- 6	- 5 ½
London James	0	- 3	- 32	0	- 0	- 0	0	- 3	- 32	0	- 0	- 10 ¼
Hanley Timothy	23	- 2	- 22	0	- 0	- 21	23	- 2	- 1	1	- 10	- 1 ½
Hanley Timothy	1	- 2	- 0	0	- 0	- 0	1	- 2	- 0	0	- 1	- 4 ½
Hanley Mathew	18	- 2	- 0	0	- 0	- 22	18	- 1	- 18	1	- 18	- 1 ½
Hanley Mathew	1	- 2	- 0	0	- 0	- 0	1	- 2	- 0	0	- 1	- 4 ½
Condon William	10	- 0	- 25	0	- 0	- 24	10	- 0	- 21	0	- 17	- 4 ¾
----- Brian	1	- 0	- 16	0	- 0	- 0	1	- 0	- 16	0	- 2	- 0
Condon Michael	25	- 3	- 16	0	- 0	- 4	25	- 3	- 12	2	- 3	- 8
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>- 2</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>- 3</b>	<b>- 34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 10 ¼</b>

*Tenants and Undertenants to Hugh Baker Esq.*

Townland: Killeenagallive, Barony of Clanwilliam, Co. Tipperary

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Hanly Patrick	41	- 1	- 4	0	- 1	- 19	40	- 3	- 25	3	- 7	- 3 ½
Condon Michael	2	- 0	- 1	0	- 0	- 10	1	- 3	- 31	0	- 3	- 0 ¼
Ivers Patrick	1	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 14	0	- 3	- 26	0	- 1	- 5 ¼
Connor Edmond	1	- 0	- 32	0	- 0	- 9	1	- 0	- 23	0	- 2	- 1
Connor Patrick	0	- 2	- 14	0	- 0	- 4	0	- 2	- 10	0	- 1	- 0 ¼
Dea Darby	1	- 1	- 25	0	- 0	- 8	1	- 1	- 17	0	- 2	- 5 ¼
Joyce John and Connor Patrick	1	- 2	- 2	0	- 0	- 9	1	- 1	- 33	0	- 2	- 8
Heffernan John	1	- 1	- 20	0	- 0	- 10	1	- 1	- 10	0	- 2	- 2 ½
Ryan Timothy	3	- 0	- 5	0	- 1	- 1	2	- 3	- 4	0	- 5	- 1
Archer John	0	- 3	- 18	0	- 0	- 7	0	- 3	- 4	0	- 1	- 6
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 4</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>- 8</b>	<b>- 9 ½</b>

Townland: Killeenagallive

Name	Total			Waste			Charged			Composition		
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
Brought Over	54	- 1	- 1	1	- 0	- 4	53	- 0	- 30	4	- 8	- 9 ½
Bourke David	33	- 3	- 29	0	- 1	- 1	33	- 2	- 28	2	- 5	- 10 ¼
Bourke David	37	- 0	- 10	0	- 0	- 34	36	- 3	- 16	2	- 18	- 4 ¼
O'Brien John	1	- 3	- 18	0	- 0	- 7	1	- 3	- 11	0	- 3	- 4
Archer Thomas	4	- 0	- 2	0	- 0	- 6	3	- 3	- 36	0	- 7	- 3 ½
Hayes Patrick	1	- 1	- 5	0	- 0	- 6	1	- 0	- 39	0	- 2	- 3 ½
Archer John	1	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	- 7	0	- 3	- 33	0	- 1	- 9
Ryan John and Hanley Tim	31	- 0	- 27	0	- 0	- 36	30	- 3	- 31	2	- 7	- 9
Cahill Thomas	4	- 3	- 7	0	- 0	- 11	4	- 2	- 36	0	- 18	- 8
Clancy Thomas	6	- 3	- 29	0	- 0	- 9	6	- 3	- 20	0	- 12	- 7 ¼
	a	r	p	a	r	p	a	r	p	£	s	d
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 8</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>- 6</b>	<b>- 8 ¾</b>

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Townland: Tonaree

Name	Total	Waste	Charged	Composition
	a r p	a r p	a r p	£ s d
Harty William	39 - 2 - 30	0 - 0 - 0	39 - 2 - 30	3 - 7 - 1 1/4
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 - 2 - 30</b>	<b>0 - 0 - 0</b>	<b>39 - 2 - 30</b>	<b>3 - 7 - 1 1/4</b>

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Resentment to the payment of tithes came to a head in 1830/31 with the Tithe War and, by 1834, Fr. Thomas Mahony, P.P. was able to suggest that tithe payments were no longer made in Templebraden. The Tithe Applotment Books, however, give an invaluable record of landholders in Templebraden dating back to 1826. It is interesting to note the familiar names in each townland and indeed the names/families no longer present such as Weston, Hasting, Archer, Batters and Considine.

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# Gaelic Sunday

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It is now 100 years since Limerick won the 1918 All Ireland Hurling Final (played on January 26, 1919) with the help of members of Pallas GAA club. Pallas GAA club also featured strongly on Gaelic Sunday when clubs throughout the country defied the British Empire.

In 1918, the authorities in Ireland tried to impose conscription to supplement the war effort but there was massive opposition to this. There was great frustration on behalf of the British authorities at this and they blamed the GAA in part for this opposition. The issue came to a head on July 9th when an Ulster Championship match was prevented from taking place in Cootehill, Co. Cavan by Crown Forces.

British Authorities attempted a crackdown on GAA activities by insisting no matches could take place without prior written permission being sought and granted. The GAA not only objected, they decided to defy the order and hold a match in every parish in Ireland at precisely the same time - 3pm on Sunday 4th August, 1918.

The protest was far more successful than could ever have been imagined and an estimated 54,000 players participated in a game with over 100,000 watching across the entire island. It all ran entirely without major incident and forced the abandonment of the requirement to seek a license to play a GAA match.

In County Limerick, fifteen matches, involving 29 clubs, took part in the protest and organised matches on 4th August 1918. Pallas GAA Club, uniquely, took part in two matches

when they played Cappamore (hurling) at Cappamore and also Doon juniors (hurling) at Doon.

The Camogie Association were also part of Gaelic Sunday. Croke Park was closed, nobody was allowed in and the Camogie Association arranged a match on Jones' Road right up and down the road where the Croke Park Hotel is built. The Camogie Association was very much to the fore, and members of Cumann na mBan were part of Gaelic Sunday.

In 1918, Pallas GAA club played its part on Gaelic Sunday when it stood up to the British Empire and forced it to back down. As a result of Gaelic Sunday, the prohibition on the playing of Gaelic games was withdrawn.

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# Centenary of Gaelic Games Sunday 4th August 1918.

(Compiled by Tom Ryan)

Following the 1916 rising, many of the young people who were involved with the GAA joined the Irish Volunteers. This along with intermittent harassment of players by the British military and police forces saw a dramatic decline in matches being played around the country. Sinn Féin grew in popularity following the death of Thomas Ashe in September 1917. His funeral was attended by a large number of GAA members carrying hurleys. The following year, Sinn Féin won the general election by a landslide and their M.P's vowed not to attend the British Parliament.

The British government set out a number of harsh decrees that year, including a ban on wearing the volunteer uniform and the public carrying of arms. This was all taking place during the First World War, and in April 1918, the British government decided to extend conscription to Ireland. The GAA vocally opposed conscription and this caused the leaders to draw the attention of the British Military, which in May 1918 arrested a number of the GAA leaders as well as members of Sinn Féin.

In July 1918, the British establishment introduced a drastic order that banned the playing of all hurling and football matches without a permit. It did not apply to some sports such as rugby. These events were reported by the local Limerick Nationalist newspaper "The Leader" on July 17th 1918. It is worth noting that the "Chronicle" as a Unionist newspaper carried very little reference to the ban. The leader also reported police harassment during a hurling match in Rathkeale between Newcastlewest and Knockaderry. A force of military took up positions on the field, and prevented the match taking place.

Ourselves here in Pallasgrean experienced interference two years previously, when on Sunday November 12th 1916, Cloughaun and Bruff played here in the Limerick County Senior Hurling Championship semi-final. The British forces demanded admission without payment to this game, and when it was refused they arrested the County Secretary Mr. Jim Ryan. A prosecution followed, at which a sensation was caused by the production, on behalf of Mr. Ryan, by his solicitor, Mr. H. O' Brien Moran, of secret documents circulated amongst members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, warning that the GAA was hostile to British rule in Ireland, and instructing that leading members of the GAA be kept under constant observation. The case was dismissed. A further sensation followed when Mr. Jim Ryan and his solicitor were re-arrested and charged before a special court-martial in connection with being in possession of secret papers. Jim Ryan got 3 months imprisonment and his solicitor got 6 months.

The GAA announced a country wide day of hurling and football matches on Sunday August 4th 1918. This was in defiance of the ban. Many local clubs participated and the matches were played in a very dignified and sporting fashion. The following fixtures were played in East Limerick that day:

Hurling:	Murroe v Clare Glens in Castleconnell.
Hurling:	Pallas v Cappamore in Cappamore.
Hurling:	Castleconnell v Caherline in Abbington.
Football:	Oola v Gurtavalla in Oola.
Junior Hurling:	Pallas v Doon in Doon. ( School Boys )

The Gaelic Sunday was observed throughout the country with great success, and at 3pm (old time) over 1500 matches were commenced in which 54,000 of Ireland's best athletes took an active part. Large numbers of spectators were in attendance at all the games.

It is worth noting that the GAA club in Pallas was very active during that period. The All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship was won by Limerick in 1918, and four members of the team were supplied by the Pallas club. The Pallas players were, Paddy Kennedy, Brackile, Michael Bourke, New Pallas. Dick Ryan and his brother Chris, from Cross.

## It Said in the Papers - Gaelic Sunday 1918

### G. A. A. NOTES

(By "HUELER.")

#### Gaelic Sunday

The 4th of August will be remembered in the Annals of the G. A. A. for ever as one of the greatest days in its history, because it was a day on which every G. A. A. club throughout the length and breadth of Ireland took part in our national pastimes as a protest against the unjust ban put on them, and so celebrated what the Central Council appropriately called Gaelic Sunday.

#### Great Success

The Sunday was observed throughout the country with great success, and at three o'clock (old time) over 1,500 matches were commenced in which some 54,000 of the best of Ireland's manhood took an active part. Reports from all parts testify to large numbers being present and in no instance did anything mar the great celebration. The G. A. A. clubs throughout the country are to be congratulated on the magnificent response they made to the call. The officials also deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they discharged their duties, and I am sure the attendance and enthusiasm of the crowds at the different venues repaid them for their energy in organising the day and further advancing the objects of the G. A. A.

Limerick Leader Friday August 09 1918

**Authorities and G.A.A.**—It is stated that the authorities in Ireland have decided not to prohibit Gaelic matches in future unless they have relation to politics. It is understood that the new circular to be issued to the police throughout the country will contain instructions to that effect.

"Gaelic Sunday," promoted by the Gaelic Athletic Association, has been arranged for Sunday next, when it is expected that about 1,500 football matches will take place all over Ireland.

The Chief Secretary's references in the Irish debate in the House of Commons to the Government's attitude towards Irish games and sports are interpreted in Gaelic Athletic circles as a decision on the part of the authorities not to interfere further with the playing of Gaelic matches.

The Dublin correspondent of the "Daily News" says that the general suppression of Irish sports has been based on a blunder, and that in future G.A.A. games will not be interfered with.

**An Early Start.**—At eight o'clock on Sunday morning a hurling match was played between Enniskillen and Coa, in the presence of a large crowd. Coa won.

*Anglo Celt August 3rd 1918*

#### GAELIC SUNDAY

An "Evening Herald" representative was authoritatively informed to-day that the Gaelic matches to-morrow will not be interfered with, and that the police have been instructed to this effect.

*Evening Herald, Saturday 3rd August 1918*

**SINN FEIN CONCERT STOPPED.**—The local police informed the promoters of a concert announced to be held in Carrick-on-Suir on Sunday night next, 14th inst., under the auspices of Carrick-on-Suir Sinn Fein Club, that the concert has been forbidden by order of the County Inspector. The Committee of the Sinn Fein Club had gone to a good deal of expense in connection with the concert.

*Irish Examiner Saturday July 13th 1918*

#### G.A.A. AND PERMITS

Central Council Will Not Make Application

#### A GAELIC SUNDAY

A special meeting of the Central Council was held on Saturday evening at the offices of the Association, 68 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin. The President (Ald. Jas. Nowlan) presided, and there was a full attendance of members.

The meeting was summoned to consider the fixing of matches, having regard to existing conditions.

After a short discussion it was unanimously decided that under no circumstances will any permit be applied for. Further, that an instruction be sent to provincial councils, county committees, leagues and clubs that this decision must be strictly carried out, and that any individual or club infringing this order shall become automatically and indefinitely suspended. The foregoing order shall also apply to sports-promoting bodies and to all registered athletes and cyclists.

In order to carry out the terms of these resolutions it was also decided to instruct county secretaries to summon a meeting, of one delegate from each club, within ten days, when detailed instructions will be given.

A long discussion took place as to ways and means, and it was decided to hold a Gaelic Sunday throughout Ireland, full particulars of which will be announced in due course.

A large number of letters were received from persons hitherto identified with other forms of sport, especially Rugby and Soccer, protesting against the "banning" of the national pastimes, asking to be admitted as members, and promising whole-hearted support to the Association in future. It was unanimously decided to accede to the requests, and all such applications are to be made to the secretary local County Boards on or before September 1st, 1918.

*Freeman's Journal July 22nd 1918*

#### GAELIC BANNED.

#### SUNDAY'S FIXTURES OFF

An "Evening Telegraph" representative was officially informed yesterday that football and hurling matches, Feiseanna and Aeridheachla, public meetings, and all similar gatherings are in future to be regarded as coming under the recent order issued by General Shaw. All events of this character arranged for next Sunday will not be allowed to be held unless in the meantime the necessary permission has been received. It was explained that up to the present it was not generally understood that the Order prohibiting public assemblies should be interpreted in the comprehensive sense in which it is now to be applied. This is the explanation given for allowing football and hurling matches to be held in some centres last Sunday and prohibited in others. Apparently the rule of prohibition is now to be applied rigidly.

*Irish Examiner Saturday July 13th 1918*

## Fixtures

The following fixtures were made at Saturday's meeting of the County Board, Mr W Gleeson presiding—For next Sunday, August 11th, Rathkeale v Dramacollogher, junior hurling, 1918, venue not decided; Castleconnell v Ballybrown, 1918 senior hurling; and Shamrocks v Ballybrown, 1918 junior hurling, at the Markets Field; Palas v Doon, 1917 junior hurling, at Oola. Cappamore and Claughaun were to meet on the 25th inst at the Markets Field in the 1918 senior hurling championship, but as the Munster Council have decided on fixtures for Limerick on the same date, it is likely that the match will not be played till September.

*Limerick Leader Friday August 09 1918*

## Limerick Fixtures

The Limerick County Board brought off 14 fixtures in connection with Gaelic Sunday, and in some places had a difficulty in procuring suitable fields. Large crowds attended at all the fixtures, and the different matches were well contested and in a spirit in accordance with the day.

## Markets Field

The two hurling matches in the Markets Field were well attended and despite rather unfavourable weather the hurling was splendid. The match between Young Irelands and Claughaun proved most interesting and exciting, Young Irelands winning by the comfortable margin of 2 goals 1 point. In the second match Shamrocks disposed of a weak Treaty selection by a big margin. Shamrock, who are a new junior team, by their play on Sunday last justified previous expectations, and, with more careful attention, should take a beating in the championship. Treaty cannot be judged on Sunday's form, but nevertheless they would require a "schooling" if they are to beat Claughaun in their Junior Championship tie.

*Limerick Leader Friday August 09 1918*

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# 1918 All-Ireland between Limerick & Wexford

## - Special Report of the game for the Limerick Leader; Jan 1919.

Streams of people wended their way towards the north eastern suburb of Dublin and when Wexford appeared on the field, the first out as three precisely (to be photographed), about eleven thousand spectators were present. The royal blue clad men were a hardy looking bunch but there was a want of cleanness in their striking when they pucked the ball about that didn't appeal to the Munster eye. The Garryowen jumping like young bucks in the cold Dublin air had a fine reception as they appeared in their green, white sashed jerseys. Ten minutes after the hour Willie Walsh of Waterford had them on the line and the game was under way.

Wexford attacked as per young Forgarty, hough sent them back. Kavanagh drove up again but McInerney swung clean on a fast travelling ball and the game was strenuously fought at midfield. Wexford made bad use of a free and some crude hurling in a ruck followed. The ball was placed about sixty yards out for a Limerick penalty. Dick Ryan of Pallas was entrusted with it. The East Limerick man got the ball cleanly off the turf and pulling away sweetly drove a perfect ball well above the bar for Limerick's opening score. Limerick retained possession though Fortune, Leary and Roche were fighting hard. Then Gleeson appeared, slipped his man, drove the ball into McConkey waiting on the mark. The youthful Young Irelands man gave an early taste of his talent, doubling on the leather above the bar for the second point. Mick Cummins the hero of a hundred Wexford victories, now gave some trouble to the Limerick defenders but Lannigan bustling, dashing Dinny Lannigan brought relief. Then "Good old Cloughaun" a man near me shouted as the stripling sent a fine long ball sailing over the bar. Limerick were three points ahead and ten minutes gone.

O'Leary, Fogarty and Fortune were now struggling hard for Wexford. Kavanagh got possession on the forty yards mark and opened Wexford's scoring with a neat point.

Barry of Limerick, neatly deceiving the opposition, almost scored a minute later but Neville and Martin Murphy were doing well for Wexford. The latter was the hero of the Enniscorthy game when Wexford defeated Dublin. But Rochford he of the bold style and sandy hair now gave the crack winger neither opening or quarter. Keane sent a ball to Gleeson. The Fedamore man, as nippy as usual made no mistake and sent a well judged ball over the heads of the backs and out Staffords reach into the net. A great cheer greeted the first green flag of the game.

Limerick were soon all over their opponents, Lannigan was smashing in ad sweeping his opponents to the ground. Keane and Hough and Kennedy were sending long balls down. A fine understanding was evident among the Limerick forwards and, getting on the area, they stormed the Wexford goal, hurling the leather through irresistible fashion.

The Munster men were now masters of the situation and

McGrath and Gleeson bursting clean away went through for further goals, the big Garryowen following cheering to the echo. Keane, McInerney, Hough and Kennedy had little difficulty in warding off any attacks and Murphy in goal had little to do.

A pretty bit of play followed a relieg by white jerseyed McInerney, Lanigan smashed a grounder up to Barry who crossed beautifully to McGrath. The speedy Cloughaun man was on it in a flash and swept the leather beyond the line. Cummins got a point for Wexford shortly afterwards but the Leinster champions were long time in arrears when the (half time) respite came.

Nor did Wexford followers loose heart at the changeover. Their champions always came back at the end of a game and they were now playing with wind and weather at their backs. Any hopes were soon disillusioned. Fagan went then to attack but Willie Hough was coolly commanding. The Limerick captain had been playing a real captains game. He was quietly standing at centre half in perfect control of a well trained and faithful fifteen. Whenever danger came his way he fought it resolutely with a smile on his face and he fed his wings and forwards with far seeing eyes. And they were worth feeding.

Willie Gleeson secured, drove up to the square, McGrath and McConkey were on the leather in an instant and rushed the keeper and ball into the net. Paddy Barry was hurling well but now was hors-de-combat. He resumed at once. The resulting passage is well worth recording. Willie Ryan drove a long range ball in. Barry spun round and shot. The leather hit the post and rebounded. Bill Gleeson was lying handy and meeting the ball in mid-air coolly smashed it into the net.

Martin Murphy now drove a ball wide for Wexford but Keane and Lannigan wrung cheers from the crowd by their beautiful lengthy strokes goalward. S Hough took a free in capable style and Stafford brought down a ball from McConkey. O'Leary and Fortune were struggling hard but it was a hopeless struggle. Barry broke away and well guarded by McGrath and McConkey, dribbled the leather once more past Stafford. A free to Wexford was placed for O'Leary. He drove a well hit ball right through, over the of the backs, for Wexford's first goal in fifty minutes play. There is little more to record. Wexford to their credit, strove resolutely but it was hopeless striving. They were up against a fifteen vastly their superiors in every phase of the game and they knew it. Martin Murphy gave a clever dribbling display and drove the leather over for a point. But in any of the ground attacks which came in the usual course of the game. Kennedy, Murphy and Rochford now having little to do easily broke up any raid on their citadels by Wexford. Young Kennedy was a "Stone wall".

Nearing the end Limerick were simply toying with the leather. Their sharp shooters passed it from man to man McConkey got one more goal and a Ryan a point just before the final whistle which found Limerick easy victors on the score. Limerick 9 goals, 5 points; Wexford 1 goal, 3 points.

It was a fitting result of devoted effort and well organized preparation. The new All Ireland hurling champions area credit to the game they play. They are a young team with a great future before them and under normal conditions ought to accrue further honours for many a season to come. Well known and decent self respecting citizens who always have "played the game" at home and abroad they are an ornament alike to their city, county province and country.

Captain Hough greetings! "P.D.M."

Limerick All Ireland Champions 1918:

W. Penny-Sub, M. Burke (Pallas)-Sub, M. Murphy (Young

Ireland) goalie, D. Lannigan (Young Ireland), W. Ryan (Cappamore), C. Ryan (Pallas)- sub, P. Shenny-sub, D. Troy (Claughaun), M. Rochford (Claughaun), R. Ryan (Pallas), P. McInerney (Young Ireland), W. Hough (Monagea), J. McGrath (Claughaun), J. Humphries (Murroe Cappamore), J. Keane (Castleconnell), W.B Sloane-sub, P. Barry (Boher), B. McConkey (Young Ireland), Jim Dalton trainer, P. Kennedy (Pallas), W. Gleeson (Fedamore).

Wexford, Runners up, 1918

M. Cummins (Capt), M. Stafford, C. Hyland, D. Kavanagh, P. Roche, L. Leary, J. Fortune, R. Walsh, N. Leary, J. Synnot, J. Fogarty, M. Neville, M. Murphy. P. Fagan, R. Lambert.

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**LIMERICK, ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1918**

L to R, **BACK ROW** (players only): W Penny, sub; M. Burke (Pallas), sub; M. Murphy, (Young Ireland) goalie; D. Lannigan (Young Ireland); W. Ryan (Cappamore); C. Ryan (Pallas) sub; P. Shenny, sub.  
 L to R **MIDDLE ROW**: (players only): D. Troy (Claughaun); M. Rochford (Claughaun); R. Ryan (Pallas); P. McInerney (Young Ireland); W. Hough (Monagea); T McGrath (Claughaun); J Humphries (Murroe/Cappamore); J. Keane (Castleconnell); W.B. Sloane, sub.  
 L to R **FRONT ROW**: P Barry (Boher); R. McConkey (Young Ireland); Jim Dalton (Trainer); P. Kennedy (Pallas); W. Gleeson (Fedamore);

**B**hí lá iontach againn ar scoil ar an gCéadaoin, an deichiú lá de mhí Dheireadh Fómhair. Tháinig Cóilín Ó Riain agus Gearóid Ó Chonaill chun na scoile le Corn Liam Mhic Chárthaigh, mar bhuaigh Luimneach Cluiche Ceannais Íománaíochta na hÉireann 2018. Tháinig na traenálaithé Dáithi agus Ollie freisin. Bhíomar ar bís. Bhí sceitimíní áthais orainn nuair a tháinig siad. Tháinig gach duine sa scoil isteach i seomra ranga a Trí is a Ceathair. Bhí an seomra dubh, nó b'fhéidir glas, le daoine.

Ar dtús, chuir Dáithi an corn i lár an tseomra. Chanamar an t-amhrán; "We love being from Limerick," amhrán a chumamar ar scoil. Chuireamar a lán ceisteanna ar Chóilín agus ar Ghearóid.

Bhí grianghrafadóir ann agus ghlac sé a lán grianghrafanna. Bhí bratacha agus geansaithe spóirt againn. Bhí lá gan éide scoile againn agus bhí éadaí glasa agus bána ar gach duine. Shínigh Cóilín agus Gearóid geansaithe, málaí scoile, camáin agus leabhair nótaí.

Thaispeán an rang leabhar a rinneamar do Ghearóid agus do Chóilín. Sa leabhar, scríobhamar síos ár gcuimhní de na cluichí go léir. Bhain Gearóid agus Cóilín taitneamh astu.

An rud is fearr ná go bhfuair gach éinne seans Corn Liam Mhic Chárthaigh a ardú. Ní dhéanfaimid dearmad ar an lá seo riamh! Luimneach Abú!

Having enjoyed this very special occasion and in celebration of Pallasgrean's strong connection with the 2018 All Ireland victory, we decided to find out a little more about the history of the Liam Mc Carthy Cup, Limerick's All-Ireland successes and Pallasgrean's All-Ireland medal winners. In addition to the work carried out in class, Malachy Mc Kenna interviewed Harry and Mary Kennedy about Paddy Kennedy, Cathal, Lily and Ellie O'Shaughnessy asked their grandfather, Tom Ryan, about Mick Bourke, Harry and Nicholas Stokes did some research on Dick Stokes and Jayne Greene found extra information on Chris and Dick Ryan.

### Limerick's All Ireland Victories

Limerick won the first All Ireland Senior Football Championship, in 1887 and won this championship again in 1896. In 1897, Kilfinane, representing Limerick, defeated Tullaroan of Kilkenny, in the All Ireland Senior Hurling Final. In this era, each county was represented by the winners of their club championship. Limerick enjoyed further All Ireland success in 1918 and 1921. Both finals were delayed-the 1918 Final, due to the Flu pandemic and the 1921 All Ireland Hurling Final wasn't played until March 1923, due to the ongoing troubles in Ireland. This was the first time the Liam Mac Carthy Cup was presented.

Limerick had a string of All Ireland Victories in 1934, 1936 and 1940. Limerick's next success came in 1973, before the 2018 team claimed a glorious victory.

### **The Story of Liam MacCarthy**

Liam's parents, Eoghan and Brigid, emigrated from Ballygarvan, Co. Cork, to London, in 1851. Eoghan had very little English and said all his prayers in Irish. He was a very strong sportsman, who was known as Mac Carthy Capall, Mac Carthy the Horse.

Liam was born on the 21st of May 1853. Like his father, Liam also loved sports. He grew up in an Irish community in London. At the age of 14, Liam was playing hurling on Clapham Common. He worked as a blacksmith's hammerman, on the railways. This was a job which needed a lot of strength and this, in turn, improved his hurling.

When he was 22, he married Alice Padbury and started a small business from his family home. He started to take a keen interest in local affairs and became a councillor. He was involved in the Gaelic League, the I.R.B. and the Volunteers. His home was a meeting place for Irish emigrants. He became friendly with Padraig Pearse and especially with Michael Collins, who was living and working in London and very involved in the G.A.A., in London.

Liam was the chairman of the London county board for over 10 years. He donated a sum of £50 for the Certificates in the Irish Loan, organised by Michael Collins. When the money was paid back he had a silver cup made, based on the design of an ancient Irish drinking cup, called a mether. It is now known as the Liam McCarthy Cup. The Cup was made by Edmund Johnson Jewellers on Grafton Street. On March 4th 1923 the Cup made its first appearance in Croke Park. It was presented to Limerick, on winning the 1921 All Ireland Hurling Championship, which had been delayed because of the trouble in Ireland at that time. Limerick beat Dublin by 8-05 to 3-02. In 1991 the original Liam McCarthy cup was presented, for the last time, to Tipperary. A replica was introduced and presented to Kilkenny, for the first time, in 1992. The original Liam McCarthy Cup is now on display in the GAA Museum in Croke Park.

When Colin Ryan, our 2018 All Ireland medal winner, brought the Liam McCarthy Cup back to our classroom, we decided to find out about others from Pallasgreen G.A.A. Club who had won All Ireland medals, in the past. We found out that there had been five previous medal winners; Chris and Dick Ryan, Mick Bourke and Paddy Kennedy, in 1918 and Dick Stokes in 1940.

### **Limerick's 1918 All Ireland Victory**

Limerick trained well for the 1918 All Ireland Final. Dan Troy of Claughan G.A.A. Club recalled that players were advised to practise with the hurley, keep training hard without stopping often, keep training even if the weather was bad, but not to overdo it. They were to be asleep at 10.30 p.m. and get up at 7.30 a.m.. Smoking was "injurious" to training and alcohol was supposed to be "poison." The week before the All Ireland Final, the trainer, Jim Dalton, decided that the team should go to Foynes Island for training. Only two members of the team drank alcohol but some people thought Dalton was trying to keep those two away from the pubs!

The 1918 All Ireland hurling Final was not played until 26th January 1919, five days after the first sitting of Dáil Eireann and of the Sologheadbeg Ambush. This delay was due to the Asian 'Flu Pandemic. Wexford were unable to field a team and offered Limerick a walkover, but Limerick preferred to play the match. Limerick played against Wexford in Croke Park. On their way to the final, Wexford beat Offaly and Dublin, while Limerick had defeated Tipperary, in a replay after a drawn game and Clare. No championships had taken place in Connacht or Ulster that year. The Irish Independent of 27th January 1919, stated that; "The Limerick team, which played as originally selected, gave a good all-round exhibition, and were superior in every phase of the contest." The match was not very close or exciting. At half-time Limerick were leading 5-4 to 0-2. The Wexford supporters did not give up hope. Their team always finished strongly and, in the second half, they would be playing with the wind. However, their hope did come true. At the full time whistle, Limerick had extended their lead to 9-5 to 1-3.

Surprisingly, there was no one waiting to greet the team when they arrived back at the train station. They walked down to Fitzpatrick's Restaurant on William St. and a drunk passerby asked them; "Where was the match today lads?"

*(Information collected by Malachy McKenna from Harry and Mary Kennedy, some of which was collated by Jim Kennedy.)*

Chris Ryan and his brother, Dick Ryan Chris Ryan was born on 25th December 1899. He had four brothers and he went to school in Pallasgreen. There was no hurling in their school at the time. When Pallas won the county junior hurling title in 1918, Dick Ryan was the captain and his four brothers were also playing. His family had no means of transport and they had to walk to the training which was four or five miles from their home. When the selectors were picking the 1918 All Ireland team, four players were selected from Pallasgreen. These included Paddy Kennedy, Dick Ryan and reserves Mick Burke and Chris Ryan. Chris got the first score, a goal, in the 1921 All-Ireland final against Dublin. For about 12 years from 1918, Chris played for Limerick.

On one occasion, he was playing for Limerick against Tipperary, in a match in aid of Dundrum convent. The match was played on convent grounds and one touchline was close to the bank of the river. The sliotar ran very close to the touchline and while Chris was trying to retrieve it, he slipped into the river and had to swim out. He changed his jersey and continued playing, much to the amusement of Doctor Harty, Archbishop of Cashel and Patron of the G.A.A. He has won one All Ireland medal and one Munster medal. At club level he enjoyed a lengthy career with Pallasgreen.

Dick Ryan was praised in the Limerick Leader's Special Report on the 1918 All Ireland;

"The ball was placed about sixty yards out for a Limerick penalty. Dick Ryan of Pallas was entrusted with it. The East Limerickman got the ball cleanly off the turf and, pulling sweetly, drove a perfect ball well above the bar for Limerick's opening score."

*(Material researched by Jayne Greene)*

**(Mick) Michael Bourke**

*(Material collected by Cathal, Lily and Ellie O'Shaughnessy from Tom Ryan.)*

Mick was born in Clonlara, Co Clare. He went to the local school in Clonlara, at a time when school had 7th class. He trained as a creamery manager in Cleeves Milk Factory in Limerick. He moved to Pallas and became the manager of Race Creamery. He stayed in digs with Mrs. O'Dwyen (Healy), New Pallas. His wife was the former Christina Hayes who was born and lived, in the Railway Hotel, New Pallas. When they got married, they moved into one side of the hotel where they raised their family. Mick hurled with Clonlara and won Clare County Championship medals with them. He threw in his lot with the Pallas club after moving here and, in 1915, won a county Junior Railway Championship medal with Pallas. He was one of four Pallas hurlers on the Limerick Senior Hurling team that won the All-Ireland Championship in 1918. He was captain of the Pallas Senior hurling team in 1923. He also got involved in the administrative side of the club, and became club treasurer in 1932.

**Paddy Kennedy**

*Transcript of an interview carried out by Malachy McKenna with Harry and Mary Kennedy, Brackile. Harry is Paddy Kennedy's son.*

Paddy Kennedy was born around 1896 in a cottage in High Street, Pallasgreen. At the time High Street was an actual street with houses on both sides. The cottage is the only one left. He had six brothers, William, Paddy, Simon, Jack, Jim and Mick, two of whom went to America. He also had two sisters. Paddy went to Brackile school. He worked at the Hamersley's farm in Lough. It is said that one summer, when he was making pikes of hay, he received a telegram and started running. He jumped the main drain and ran up through Lough and went to training. He started playing hurling for Limerick around 1918. His position was full back. Jim Dalton was the manager at the time. In 1918 at the age of twenty four, he won an All Ireland. The final was actually played in 1919 because of a flu outbreak. There were four from Pallasgreen on the team, Paddy Kennedy, Chris Ryan, Dick Ryan and Mick Burke. Two of them were subs and two of them were playing. A special report of the game from the Limerick Leader, January 1919 stated that; "Young Kennedy was a 'stone wall.'" The rules were interesting at the time because if one team scored twenty points and one team scored one goal, the team with the goal would win. In 1920 he broke his leg and missed some matches. He retired 1920 in with an All Ireland medal under his belt.

**Richard Stokes**

*Material researched by Harry, Nicholas Stokes and Charlie Stokes.*

Richard or Dr. Dick Stokes won an All-Ireland hurling medal in Limerick's 1940 victory and was one of the selectors when Limerick won in 1973. He was born on 12th March 1920. He had two sisters and four brothers (Eddie, Nicholas, John and Jimmy). He was the eldest of them. Since there were so many of them, they started their own club called the Garravan Shamrocks. He went to a primary school in Oola and went to secondary school in Doon CBS.

He also played in goals for Doon CBS, on the Dr. Harty Cup team. He studied at U.C.D. and became a doctor.

Dick first appeared on the inter-county scene as a dual player at minor level. However, he enjoyed little success. He won two hurling championship medals and one football championship medal with U.C.D. In 1938 he was moved to midfield and was a reserve on the Munster Colleges team. The following year Stokes partnered Vin Baston at midfield in the All-Ireland Colleges decider and played a key part in bringing the title back to Munster.

In 1940 Stokes made his senior debut with the Limerick senior hurling team in a tournament game against Cork. He was subsequently included on the Limerick championship team. He played with Limerick from 1940 – 1953. His normal position was left-wing forward. He won an All Ireland Senior Hurling medal against Kilkenny in 1940, at 20 years of age.

In 1947 Stokes won a National Hurling League medal as Limerick defeated old rivals Kilkenny by 3-8 to 1-7, following an earlier drawn game. He also won five Railway Cup medals. Stokes also lined out with the Limerick Junior football team. In 1950, he won a Munster medal following a 3-6 to 1-6 defeat of Cork. He retired at the end of the 1953 championship. He became involved in team management and coaching. As selector to the Limerick senior team, he helped guide the team to the All Ireland title in 1973. He died on the 17th November 2005, aged 85.

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# *What Pallasgreen notes said in the Limerick Leader on the 30th April 1932*

by Nora Stokes

## **Mission at Cappamore**

A fortnight's mission, to be conducted by two fathers of the Redemptorist Order, will be opened in Cappamore Parish Church on Sunday night May 1st.

## **Archbishop's Visitation**

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Harty, Archbishop of Cashel will make his triennial visitation to Nicker on Sunday, May 8th when the children of all the schools of the Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## **Greyhound Racing**

Miss M. O' Toole's "Melksham Emperor" gave a fine display on Monday night, when winning the southern stakes in very high class company, though still suffering from the effects of a recent injury.

## **Race Creamery Suppliers**

The suppliers of Race Auxiliary Creamery have decided to appoint a sub-committee for the purpose of advising their two representatives on the Committee of Management of Sarsfield Co-Operative Creamery, prior to the ordinary meeting of the latter. The representatives, Messrs, P. H. Donegan, P.C., and E.P. Harty were unanimously selected at a recent meeting.

## **Redundant Dairies Delegation**

Local delegates, who travelled to Dublin recently to interview the Minister for Agriculture with a view to obtaining relief from the impost of Debt Shares, included Messrs. William Conway, Cullen, Chairman of the Centra Executive and E. P. Harty, Nicker a member of the Executive Committee.

## **Of Interest to Race-Goers**

An official announcement in connection with the Barronstown Revival, to be held at Limerick Junction, on 1st and 2nd of June, will appear next week. Race goers will find it deeply interesting, as it concerns one of the greatest attractions over attempted, with a view to making racing popular amongst the masses.

## **What Pallasgreen notes said in the Limerick Leader on the 17th May 1932**

### **New Garda Sargent**

Sergant J. Kelleher, Abbeyleix has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Sargent F. J. Kelly and will take up duties here during the course of the coming week.

### **Greyhound Sales**

At the recent greyhound sales at Clonmel Mr. J Nash Knockane disposed of his second season dog "Knockane Champion" at the satisfactory figure of 11 guineas. As a

puppy this dog was a winner and divider of stakes and now shows promise of becoming a brilliant track performer.

### **Scarcity of Potatoes**

Not for many years has the district seen such a potatoes shortage due evidently to the fact that the bulk of last year's poor yield had of necessity to be utilised for seed purposes this spring.

### **Many bereavements**

Sympathy is extended to the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Patrick Ryan the Moate Pallasgreen whose death took place after a long and tedious illness. A deserving tribute of his memory was shown by the large and the representative attendance at the funeral which took place in Caherconlish after solemn office and requiem mass at Nicker church.

### **Old Stock Disappearing**

The death of Mr. Michael Fennelly which has taken place at Kilduff, removes another popular figure from amongst the older generation, now so rapidly disappearing. His funeral to Old Pallas was of record dimensions and representatives of all sections of the community.

### **Other Deaths**

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs P. H. Donegan, Cloughadreen, and Mr David Guerin, Ballyphilip: to the latter on the death of his farther and the former on the death of her brother Mr. T Condon which has taken place at Tullamore.

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# A History of Castlegarde - Part 7

## A.D. 1820 to A.D. 1850

By David Thompson and Daniel Grace

Our last article dealt with the court case to settle compensatory claims on the estate when Waller O'Grady, a son of Standish O'Grady, bought Castlegarde in 1820 from the exchequer. Previously we surmised that this sale also brought an end to the Baily family tenancy.

The purchase by Waller O'Grady was a strange coincidence as the O'Grady family claims common descent with that of the O'Briens; Castlegarde as we stated in previous articles was planned and built by Domnall Mór O'Brien. The O'Grady's were descended from Cormac Cas, fifth century King of Thomond, who founded the Dalcassian Clan from whom both the O'Grady's and O'Briens descended.

We have continued our research from A.D. 1764 to A.D. 1820; however it has not yielded further conclusive evidence as to whether Castlegarde was taken by the revenue from either the Coghill family or the Bury family, or why it was taken, we will continue this research.

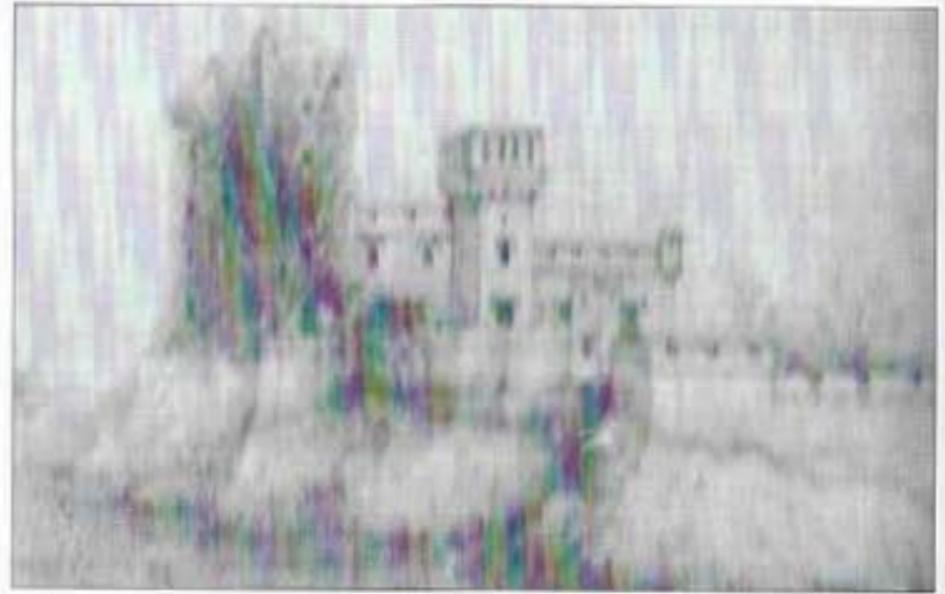
Standish O'Grady was born in A.D. 1766 and married Kathleen Waller of Castletown, Co. Limerick. He became Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland and was created 1st Viscount Guillamore on 28th of January 1831. He had seven sons and five daughters. Standish is buried in Konckainey Graveyard, and there is a plaque to his memory in the church. Standish's second son was Waller O'Grady.

Waller was born in 1793, three years after his father's marriage in 1790, and bought Castlegarde in 1820 for £3,050 and it was cleared at the end of the Revenue court case in 1823. Waller was a barrister who benefited greatly from his father's position. There is a record of his father promoting him to Court clerk in 1816, and as a result of this a challenge to his authority to appoint Waller to this position was made. Waller was later made a Serjeant-at-Law and Commissioner of the Irish Insolvency Court.

Waller married Grace-Elizabeth Massy on the 6th of June 1823, daughter of the 3rd Baron Massy. It appears that Waller was building in Castlegarde while the court case was ongoing, as he opened the three story castellated Pain Brothers designed wing to the existing five story castle for his wedding. He also made considerable renovations to the Castle itself, including enlarging some of the defensive slits which now appear as windows in the Castle.

This was followed by castelating the bawn wall, rebuilding the guard tower, and the garden house with it's walled in garden. Also added were the statues of Bacchus, Pallas Athenes, and Aphrodite, all Greek gods and goddesses, carved from stone, and still standing on the bawn side of the entrance gate. A fine carving of Brian Boru's head, wearing his High Kings crown was moved from the old entrance to the castle and placed over the new hall door.

As part of the new building fine coach houses, stables, a



Photograph: An unknown artists sketch of Castlegarde in about A.D. 1830 before the guard tower was rebuilt.

forge, fuel houses and a dairy were added underneath the bawn terrace. He also built a new farmyard where he kept some cattle and a few working horses. In total the building works carried out at Castlegarde on the castle, the new wing, and other buildings cost €5,000.

The architects James and George Pain born in England into a family of builders and architects. They trained as architects with John Nash who designed Lough Cutra Castle in Co. Galway for the Hon. Charles Vereker in 1811 and he put the Pain brothers in charge of overseeing the construction.

James designed the rebuilding of Dromoland Castle in Co. Clare. He was granted the freedom of Limerick on the 1st of July 1816 and his brother George on the 25th of June 1817. Unfortunately in October 1817 James fell from a four story height when scaffolding gave way at Lough Cutra Castle and was badly injured. However James stayed working in Limerick while George went on to establish himself in Cork; but they continued to work in close partnership.

James was better at planning and overseeing building works, while George was the draughtsman and designer. They were friends of the O'Grady family and so were chosen by Waller O'Grady to design his plans for Castlegarde in 1820. Their internationally known expertise made their appointment easier.

In 1827 Waller's Castlegarde estate had 34 tenants leasing a total of 180 acres of arable land, varying from as little as 13 perches to 28 acres in size. Four other tenants had 80 acres of commanage, one had 55 acres of bog, with two others having 316 acres of woodland.

In about 1842 Waller purchased Bilbo estate from the Earl of Stradbroke, adding 847 acres to his estate. This was let to 17 tenants for rent of between £1 and £1 8s per acre. He then owned twelve townlands in the parish of Doon, the

land was let at £1 to £1 10s per acre (later recorded by the Griffith Valuation circa A.D. 1850). Waller died on the 9th of June 1849 and was succeeded by his second son Hugh Hamon Massy O'Grady.

While researching the Field Names in the parish of Grean we learnt that in the townland of Pallas the road going through fields "Number Three and Number Seven" both unnamed was moved east by Waller O'Grady as the original road was too steep and the bend too sharp for the horses to pull the carriages when travelling from Castlegarde to Kilballyowen, which was the centre of the O'Gradys. "The" O'Grady lived in Kilballyowen until the house was taken down in 1967.

In total Waller and Grace-Elizabeth had ten children from their marriage, four sons and six daughters. Unfortunately his eldest son Standish died in 1844 at the age of twenty and did not survive his father to inherit. Following Elizabeth's death in 1841 Waller married Ellen McCarthy of Gortavalla in County Limerick in a ceremony in Kilcommon. He had a further three sons and two daughters with Ellen (two before his first wife Grace died on the 27th of September 1841), bringing his total number of children to 15, enough to field a mixed rugby team!

Five of Waller's children did not marry, while the rest of the family are today as widespread as Australia, the United States and South Africa. As stated earlier his second son Hugh Hamon Massy O'Grady inherited Castlegarde on Waller's death in 1849.

Castlegarde is a unique feature blending beautifully into the farming landscape. It is a very significant architectural and archaeological site revealing great craftsmanship in both structures. Much of the stone may have come from the three quarries on the estate.

The two phase construction is evident in the differing stone work and design between the tower (A.D. 1198) and the castellated wing (A.D. 1820's). It should be noted that the stonework in the tower is similar to stone work on a 13th century hall in Newcastle West where in the 16th Century the roof was taken off and another story added, the difference in the stonework is easily seen.

The Pain brother's design shows artistic consideration of the medieval origin of the tower, offering many notable features such as the use of cut stone especially in the circular guard tower, the arched entrance, the square plan central tower and the castellated parapets surrounding the bawn. The carved stone statues over the inside of the entrance are particularly fine.

On the inside the beautiful gothic panelling is used to the same effect as dry lining today. The timber sash sliding windows, double leaf timber panel doors, and the unique ceiling design add to the fineness of the Pain brothers architectural expertise in design.

Our next article will deal with the further generations of O'Gradys, and hopefully we will have some information on the ownership between 1764 and 1820.

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# Mick Fitz - A Grandfather Less Ordinary

I

## A Camp in Training

A grey, overcast day sometime at the end of January or early February 1917: A group of IRA volunteers have set up a temporary rifle range for target practice on Knockainey Hill in East Limerick. The young recruits are mostly locals, increasingly engaged with the idea of resisting foreign domination. The mood of the general populace against Home Rule from Dublin Castle has soured significantly in the wake of the execution of the leaders of the Easter 1916 Rising. Local lads are more readily joining the Irish Republican Army (IRA) as it prepares to mobilize in the face of the impending War of Independence.

Guns are scarce but, ironically, many are being sourced through legitimate channels, such as from gunsmiths in England, who are happy to trade without asking too many probing questions. Men trained in their use, however, are even more scarce on the ground, with the Great War still raging on the Continent, and those Irishmen who joined the British Army still mired in the trenches at the Western Front. Many enlist, inspired in part by the prevailing propaganda supporting the defence of "small nations", but also out of a spirit of adventure and, perhaps more pressingly, a lack of immediate employment or economic opportunities.

The motley group of local lads on the hill are being drilled by Michael 'Mick' Fitzgerald and a friend.

## A Young Volunteer Enlists

Mick, himself, had volunteered for service at the outset of the Great War, eventually finding himself in the maelstrom that was the Battle of the Somme. A mere 16 years of age, he one day accompanied his father, Dave, on the 13 mile (22km) journey to Limerick City on their pony-drawn cart. Once in the city, Mick hopped off the moving cart, leaving his father to his own devices for an hour or so. On the homeward journey later that evening, Mick broke the news that he had that afternoon successfully enlisted in the Royal Munster Fusiliers at one of the two major army barracks in town. He had once before tried to enlist, but was detected as being underage and duly escorted home by the Military Police. This time, he had succeeded in signing up.

The full horror of war was an experience for which he could never be fully prepared. In later years, he would recount having joined up with a local lad he knew from home, who was sadly killed some time later during a charge on opposing lines. Across those enemy lines, young conscripts could hardly have imagined their own similar fate in the German trenches. On one occasion, Mick was pinned down under machine-gun and rifle fire with a comrade in a bomb crater or foxhole. After a time, his companion decided to make a run from the crater but was immediately cut down by a hail of bullets. Mick had no choice but to remain beside his dead friend until relief arrived.



Only scant records exist to document Mick's service in the Munster Fusiliers at this time. The Regiment was deployed to Gallipoli, Turkey, and laterly, to the Somme Offensive in Northern France. We do know that our grandfather fought at the front in Thessalonika, Greece, though probably not at Gallipoli. (However, most of the troops who served in Salonika would have landed at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli en route to Northern Greece.)

We also know that Mick was wounded on the battlefield during the Salonika/Gallipoli campaign and was repatriated to Ireland to recuperate. He had suffered a bullet wound to his leg and had also been hit by shrapnel from an artillery shell. During this relief from fighting, he decided that he had seen enough of War, having already experienced a lifetime's worth of death and bloodshed. Coming to the uneasy realization that he was not going to return to the front, he went absent without official leave (AWOL). Being absent without permission from the British Army (indeed any army) was, and still is, a serious matter. During the First World War, such an act would have counted as desertion, meriting a Court Martial for cowardice, and most likely having to face a firing squad, if convicted. Young lads, he would often remark, had been shot for far less reasons by their own side.

Mick returned to the Kiltely/Dromkeen and Knockainey areas and became involved with the local IRA unit who, at the time, were only too glad to receive skilled instruction on weapons-handling, drilling, and practical military matters from somebody with recent Army experience.

## The Approaching RIC

Back on Knockainey Hill, target practice is going well. The group's marksmanship is steadily improving, and they are beginning to consistently hit the targets set up by Mick and his comrade, who, as it happens, has also chosen not to return to the front. (We believe this other person to have been Lawrence Heffernan from near the Chapel Cross in Dromkeen, based upon recollection of conversations with Mick and his daughter Nancy in much later years.)



*Grandad Mick, Hannie, Ev and Peggy*

The noise from the rifles on the hill is starting to draw attention and local informants have got word through to a local RIC barracks that there is insurgent activity on Knockainey Hill. Some time later, a lookout on the hill alerts the men firing at the makeshift targets that a column of RIC (Royal Irish Constabulary), and possibly Military Police from Tipperary Army Barracks, have arrived in the village and are now fanning out towards the group of Volunteers. All hell breaks loose on the high ground, with men scattering in all directions and valuable weapons being spirited away to secure locations. Mick and his friend know that they are in deep trouble and make their escape as quickly as they can on foot.

### **On the Run**

Being away from the Army without permission is one thing, but training IRA Volunteers is something entirely more serious in the period immediately after the Easter Rising. They are running out of options fast. Mick returns briefly to his family home in Deerpark, Pallasgreen, but even that is not safe. (His younger brother Dee (David), who was only twelve at the time, was active in the IRA and may have played a part as the lookout or runner-messenger on Knockainey Hill. A middle brother Stephen was also very involved in the War of Independence serving in flying columns and as a quartermaster, but we cannot place him in Knockainey on that day.)

Later, while shaving at home in Deerpark, Mick spots a pair of RIC policemen walk by the house on their way down towards Heffernan's at the Cross. Certain that they would pay him a visit on their return journey to the RIC Barracks at New Pallas, he acts swiftly and decisively; he makes his escape through a back window and sprints across the fields

to where he can connect with Heffernan. They are now out of options and safe places to hide. However, these two are not the kind of characters to surrender easily. Now is the time to think outside the box, if they are to avoid facing a firing squad.

And that is exactly what they do...

### **In Plain Sight**

Their plan is simple but brilliant: Where are the Military Police least likely to look for them? The intrepid duo make their way to Dromkeen Station and catch a steam-train headed for Tipperary. The two alight amidst the hustle and bustle of the station and walk straight into the nearby Army Barracks (since demolished).

One might expect that they have, at this juncture, conceded to turn themselves into the Military Police or their former regiment. Not so. Instead, they present to the recruiting officer and re-enlist, this time into a different regiment and using alternate surnames. Mick joins the Royal Irish Regiment under his mother's maiden name and becomes "Michael Collins". This is as close as he can get to tweaking the nose of the military establishment without getting caught. Only too happy to receive new recruits, the Army do not ask too many questions about identity or papers. He gives a different address, this one in Knockainey, with his sister declared as his new next-of-kin. Headquartered in Clonmel, this regiment would later be disbanded with the formation of the new Irish Free State, and is not the same Royal Irish Regiment in existence today.

This ingenious plan to hide in plain sight surely saved Mick and his friend from a court martial and severe punishment, but it would, in time, prove to have unforeseen consequences in his personal life.

## **II**

### **Suez & Palestine**

The Royal Irish Regiment, of which Mick was now part, formed part of Major General Edmund Allenby's Egypt Empire Expeditionary force (EEF), and was heavily involved in the Sinai and Palestine campaigns against the Ottoman Turks in World War I. The Battle for Jerusalem was a milestone event in what has been described as "the forgotten war". With the Ottoman Turks having controlled Palestine for more than 400 years under a brutal and oppressive regime, the EEF fought to overthrow and clear them out in a fast-moving campaign as they advanced from Suez towards Tel Arsuf (North of what is presently Tel Aviv). One of many impressive tactics of their campaign strategy was the construction of a train-track to ensure the efficient delivery of supplies to the advancing troops. Their march through the desert was tough and gruelling; water was in short supply despite Allenby's superior logistics. Camels carried water forward to the front along a rough track that had once served as a Roman road, and Mick would in later years tell of the small water ration given daily to soldiers; the meagre amount was expected to last them for drinking purposes, as well as for shaving and washing. Troops were granted only a few short minutes each day to

shave and wash, in an era before safety razors were commonplace.

### Jerusalem

The EEF continued to bombard the line being held by the Ottomans from Gaza to Beersheba. On the third attempt, they succeeded in penetrating this defence, securing another major victory at Junction Station and forcing the Turks to retreat North yet again. On the approach to Jerusalem, the Army marched 69 miles in just 9 days in unrelenting desert heat, engaging in four more battles. At this point, as they approached Nebi Samuel (the tomb of Samuel in the Old Testament), the men had to make do with only two days' worth of rations to last them for three.

It has been said that Nebi Samuel was a landmark on the pathway to Jerusalem for 23 different armies throughout history. Richard the Lionheart, the Crusader King, fought at this location. When the EEF eventually reached Jerusalem, with their kit completely worn out and their boots in shreds, 28,000 men had died in the campaign to dislodge the Turks.

On 11th December, 1917, Edmund Allenby became the first Christian to control the Holy City in 730 years. Allenby conceived of the city as a place of three faiths (Christianity, Islam, and Judaism) and aspired to the peaceful co-existence of all three. On first approaching the Jaffa Gate, out of respect, he dismounted his horse and walked into the city on foot. T. E. Lawrence, 'Lawrence of Arabia', is recorded as being present at the Jaffa Gate on that occasion. He was, at the time, a British Liaison Officer with the Bedouin tribes to the East, inciting them to rise up against the Ottoman Turks. Fast-forward 101 years, and Jerusalem is a very different place to how Allenby imagined it should be. Harmonious co-existence, it seems, continues to be but a mirage for the countries of a perennially polarized Middle-East.

It was around this time that Mick was wounded for the second time in the upper arm and was awarded various medals, such as the Victory Medal and the British War Medal, for his service throughout this campaign. Upon recovery, he returned this time to his unit and continued to serve in the Regiment, which remained in the Middle-East well beyond the official end of the war in November 1918. Records show that Mick himself did not leave the Middle-East until 1920.

The Western powers subsequently re-drew national boundaries in the area, to carve up territory for the victors along the Sykes-Picot Line. Many of the problems in modern Middle-Eastern politics are rooted in this almost arbitrary dissection, which appeared to completely ignore the subtle complexities of tribal and religious divides. The wars which have arisen since then in modern-day Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq indeed have their origins in these ill-conceived post-WWI decisions.

### 'I Do'

After de-mobbing from the Army, Mick returned home to try and establish himself within his local area once again. At this stage, he had been overseas with the Army for the best part of six years. Now that he was back home, one of his brothers, who had been living a remarkably more conventional life back in Ireland during that time, came to



*Brothers Mick, Jim and Dee Fitzgerald*

Mick to ask for his advice in matters of the heart.

His brother was a popular young lad and had been seeing two girlfriends for a while, but had been having much difficulty in deciding which girl he wanted to settle down with. With both of them having clear expectations of marriage, he didn't want to let either one down. Unattached at the time, Mick took an interest in one of these young ladies (who would eventually become our grandmother Hannie), and decided, after a period of walking out together, that he would propose to her.

The wedding date was set for 3rd February, 1921, which, it transpired, would coincide with the Dromkeen Ambush. The IRA ambushed an RIC patrol at Power's Cross, killing nine policemen in the action and another two after they had surrendered. It was a particularly fierce and bloody encounter, with two policemen lucky to escape with their lives. One ran to a local farm and asked a farmhand to cover him beneath a pile of cow manure and straw to avoid being shot; this act of desperation saved his life. The Black and Tans burned down ten local houses and farmsteads in retaliation. While Mick or any of his family had no involvement with that ambush, they did know some of the many IRA participants who, for the most part, were not immediate locals.

### The Black and Tans

Following the birth of their first daughter (Monica), Mick and Hannie were living in Knockainey when their house was raided by the 'Black and Tans'. This force - a brainchild of Winston Churchill - was a special RIC unit, staffed by veterans of the Great War and introduced to Ireland to counter the increase in IRA activity across the countryside. The Black and Tans were not known for their discipline, and engaged in ferociously cruel reprisals (often arbitrarily) against the undeserving general population. Harboring or aiding fugitives was a particularly hazardous activity.

The oppressive and destructive presence of the 'Tans' resulted in a groundswell of support for the IRA across the countryside. The raid on Mick's family residence was possibly based on a tip-off; however, despite a particularly intrusive inspection, nothing incriminating was uncovered, and the police unit moved on. Had the Black and Tans looked underneath the mattress in the baby's cot, they would have found a revolver stashed. It is highly likely, based on the vicious track record of the Black and Tans, that the outcome would have been grim, had that gun been discovered.

### **The Unforeseen Consequences of Re-Enlisting**

Life for Mick and his young family was not easy, with the country in straitened economic circumstances while the War of Independence raged on. He had never envisaged that, back in 1917, his impulsive decision to change his name to Micheal Collins would jeopardize his financial means upon leaving the British Army. He applied for a war service pension after swearing an affidavit that he and "Michael Collins" were one and the same person; there is copious documentation on file at the British Army Service Records unit at Kew Gardens in London to support this. His case, and what was most probably a provocative choice of name to Army ears, was not compelling.

His request was refused, resulting in considerable hardship for his wife and family. It must have been galling to witness his brothers receive pensions for their service to the former IRA during the War of Independence, while he received nothing whatsoever, despite having returned to many years of dedicated Army service. Seemingly, it occurred to nobody to search for comrades, NCOs, or officers, who had served in Mick's regiment, to properly identify "Michael Collins."

## **III**

### **Life Beyond the Army**

Mick, in the middle years of his life, was involved in the construction of the ESB Power Station at Ardnacrusha, prior to 1927. (His daughter Peggy and her husband John would later spend their honeymoon at Ardnacrusha.) A major initiative by the Free State government to harness the power of the River Shannon, this hydroelectric power-plant offered much needed employment at a financially austere time. Later still, Mick moved to Northampton, England where two of his daughters and his only son were married and now raising their own families. He was especially close to, and fostered strong relationships with, each of his children. He lived, for a time, with his eldest daughter, Monica, and her family in Northampton, not far from his other daughter, Philomena, also married nearby. His son David 'Davy' had established a successful plant-hire and earth-moving business, with contracts for the building of new towns, such as Welwyn Garden City, as well as the British Rail network. Mick found a source of ready occupation working in Davy's business for many years, and father and son became well-known for "giving a start" to any newly arrived emigrants from their native Dromkeen/Pallasgreen/Kilteely, who, like themselves, had gravitated to where they could find opportunity in the post-

WWII reconstruction period in England. Eventually, Mick moved back to Dromkeen in full retirement and lived with our grandmother Hannie, their daughter Nancy, her husband Mikie Riordan, and son Mike beside Dromkeen Church.

Many people's memories of Mick fondly recall his Honda-50, which gave him the freedom to travel to Power's public house in Old Pallas on a regular basis to play cards. He continued to do this well into his seventies, and would wear his regular hat on the motorcycle journey to and from these card games. (Helmets for motorcyclists were either not mandatory in those days, or else nobody thought to tell Mick about this essential life-saving measure!) He would push the motorcycle towards the limits of its small engine; but eventually, these trips all came to a halt when he fell off the motorbike near Corelish, breaking a leg bone. Day-to-day life in a heavy plaster cast was far less adventurous.

Family members recall another of Mick's escapades on his motorbike, when one night a dense fog closed in around Old Pallas as the card game was finishing up. Proving too difficult to see the roadway home with the light from the small Honda, a local neighbour proposed a plan for Mick to follow the red tail-lights of his car, promising to drive home at a snail's pace. The plan was coming off without a hitch until suddenly the neighbour braked hard and Mick had to exercise cat-like reflexes to avoid flying through the back window of the car in front. Startled by the abrupt stop, he came around to the driver window to remonstrate, only to realise that he was now parked up in his neighbour's front yard, enveloped in the thick fog.

### **Recollections of the Past**

Despite frequent coaxing, Mick did not discuss the war years much with his own children. That period of his life held terrible memories for him and, today, he undoubtedly would be diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Towards the end of his life, he did begin to open up to his grandchildren about certain aspects of his time overseas. Mick recalled once removing a helmet from a dead soldier after a particularly bloody battle to seize ground from the Turks. Just a teenager, who looked barely 14-15 years old, the dead soldier was clearly underage to be recruited to any army: this image would haunt Mick for years afterwards. On another occasion, an enemy machine-gunner had set up on one of the terraced hills and was raining an arc of fire down on the advancing EEF troops below, killing many of them. Mick was tasked with climbing up the hill covertly to eliminate the machine-gun placement. This he did successfully, preventing further bloodshed of his comrades.

I remember on one occasion his account of fighting the Ottoman Turks in hand-to-hand combat. The Turks did not take prisoners as they were not signatories to anything such as the Geneva Convention. They were particularly vicious in combat; if you were captured, it was almost certain death! This gave rise to a peculiar savageness on the battlefield, including the gory use of bayonets. I also recall him describe in some detail what it was like to see a bullet coming directly towards him. In those days, the velocity of a discharged rifle-round was considerably slower than those from today's more sophisticated weaponry, so it is entirely possible that

these were more visible to the naked eye.

Aside from his various injuries in battle, during Mick's time in Suez, he contracted malaria and was prone to relapsing bouts of it for many years afterwards, which was very debilitating when it recurred.

Some of his more pleasant and nostalgic memories would centre around descriptions of the Palestinian countryside as their unit made its way through villages and towns, such as Beer Sheeba, Hebron, and travelling onwards from Jerusalem into Nazareth and Gallilee as they progressed towards the Golan Heights and on to Damascus in Syria. As the Turks withdrew North, and the Regiment was afforded some well-earned rest-time, the soldiers were able to enjoy the simple pleasures of a swim in the Dead Sea and a trip into Jerusalem to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Such respite was short-lived, however, and at any moment, they could find themselves cast back into the trauma of battle once again.



*Mick when he was younger*

The following unadulterated extract from a transcript of a recording of Mick in conversation with his granddaughter, Dympna Clancy, depicts this horror vividly:

**Mick:** But, you see, when you were back in the 'rest' you were liable to be called on to go to another place where they'd be fighting. You see, they were overpowered.

**Dympna:** Oh, and they'd want help? Reinforcements?

**Mick:** You'd to go there. We got a call there one day to .... the River Jordan, Jordan... because there was an English crowd - they advanced too far... they advanced too far. And the Germans and Turks came in behind them and cut them off. They killed them all. Killed them all. We were out at rest and were called on. And when we went back....and we got them tied together and everything. Slaughtered.

His description of his first ever experience in battle, of the shock and fear he felt, I find to be especially emotive:

When I went out the first time, when I went out I got afraid. I got afraid the first time. We were advancing.

**D:** Where were you then. France?

**M:** Thessalonika.... It must be the first fight I went into and we were advancing and they were firing the bullets, and they were coming like hailstones. Went whizzing past your ears.

**D:** So, you just managed to keep out...

**M:** I got frightened and I sat back and the other crowd was in front of me, you see...the older crowd. There was a leader leading. And, I was frightened and got weak, you know? I

wasn't the only one. There were several of the new ones. But, after that, after that, I'd give up my life. I never cared no more. After that, I was in the front... I was in the front line then.

**D:** Really. So that first fright really frightened you, but you didn't care after that? It was bad, wasn't it?

**M:** You'd give up your life.

In sharp contrast to such disturbing images, Mick could paint a picture of orange groves and olive trees dotting the tiered hillsides of Palestine, cultivated in this way by the local Arabs for irrigation purposes. The genesis of a Jewish state was not something these sleepy regions could have imagined at that time. As an old man, Mick had no real grasp of the modern state of Israel created in that area in the intervening years. His verbal accounts were utterly drawn from life as he found it there in and around 1917.

### Grandad

In his twilight years, he spent most of his time with his children and grandchildren, and even great grandchildren. He had a

wonderful way of relating to children at their level, rarely if ever talking down to them. With a seemingly endless repertoire of jokes, stories and games to keep youngsters amused, he was a constant source of fascination, showing off tricks with cards or matchsticks - skills learned during lulls in the trenches of WWI. He had acquired significant and mysterious tattoos during the war years to cover various battle scars and identifying marks from that time. These, along with his collection of medals from the War of Independence and the Great War, kept curious young minds occupied. He had packed a lifetime of adventure into his earlier years, and was in so many ways an intriguing and inscrutable figure, with most of his war experiences locked deep in his memory; but, first and foremost he was our loving grandad, and, without doubt, the least ordinary person that we knew.

### Old Soldier

*Blood trickling through a plastic tube  
to revive wasted veins  
with vital fluid;  
measured and contained,  
it cannot spill and waste  
as I have seen it do.*

*As I have seen it spill  
with sickening thrill,  
from the crying and the dying  
at war on the western front.  
I was there at the Battle of the Somme.*

*The blood of ambushed Black and Tans  
in the spring of '21,  
ran red and real  
down Dromkeen Hill  
the day I married Hannah.*

*Sinking now, as once I almost did  
when I swam in the Red Sea.  
Retiring from the fight;  
spent of hope – even rage.  
Transfusions can't reverse old age.  
The face of Hannah beckons.*

Written by granddaughter Ann Moriarty  
following Mick's death at the age of 92



**By Gerard Ryan**

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## Pupils' surprise party for principal Pat after 28 years in Nicker school

Patricia Feehily, Limerick Leader

The principal of Nicker National School, near Pallasgreen, Pat Hennessy, got the surprise of his life on his last day at school. Retiring after 28 years at the school, the pupils treated him to a farewell party complete with a cake adorned with 28 candles. The party was the brainchild of the fifth and sixth classes who wanted to give their teacher a good send-off.

Mr. Hennessy, a native of Dingle, and his wife, Eva, live at the teacher's residence attached to the school, but also have a home in Dingle. They have two grown up children, Yvonne and Fergal, both past pupils of the school.

The pupils decorated the schoolroom with banners and balloons for the party and presented Mr. Hennessy with copies of Jim Kemmy's Limerick Anthology and Limerick Compendium. Parents and several past pupils drifted in during the day with good wishes for the departing principal. There was plenty of lemonade, buns and wine for the grown ups, and Mr. Hennessy was presented with an armful of cards, many of them made by the pupils themselves.



*Pupils of Nicker NS, Margaret O'Leary, Ruth Shanahan and David Ryan, making presentations to Pat and Eva Hennessy at the farewell party for the principal*

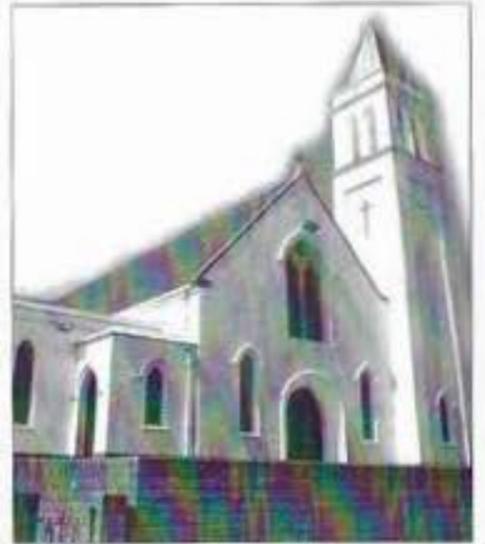
All of the teachers, Amy Kennedy, vice-principal, Mary Harty, Joe Landers and Karen Franklin were there. Mary Harty and Karen Franklin, incidentally, are both past pupils of Mr. Hennessy's. The school has 97 on the rolls.

Mr. Hennessy was a founder member of the Community Council and both he and his wife had done a lot for Nicker school.

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## St. John the Baptist Church, Nicker

St. John the Baptist Church at Nicker will, in 2020, celebrate its bicentenary: the two hundred years since 1820 have seen huge changes in the church itself and in society. The writing of a history of this church has been undertaken as a challenge and your help is sought! Any information, photographs or artefacts



would be welcome, particularly of the inside and of course the older the better. The building of the church itself, the later expansions, the location of previous churches, the Mass Rock, the building of the Grotto and the Way of the Cross, people who served in the church – sacristans, altar servers and choirs are only some of the topics which are of interest.

Any help in assembling a history of St. John the Baptist Church would be much appreciated and will be acknowledged.

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# EMERGENCY MAN MURDERED IN CLOVERFIELD DROMKEEN DURING THE IRISH LAND WAR 1882.

EDMOND O'DEA

## Introduction

The first murder of an Emergency man in Ireland during the land wars in Ireland was recorded in Cloverfield Dromkeen, Co. Limerick on seventieth April 1882. The Victim was a man named Richard Roach, a sixty year old man who was employed by the Emergency Committee of the Property Defence Association (PDA) to watch over an evicted farm at Cloverfield. This article will look at the circumstances around this murder, the context in which the murder took place and the aftermath of the murder including the Blood Tax imposed on the people of the area.

## Context

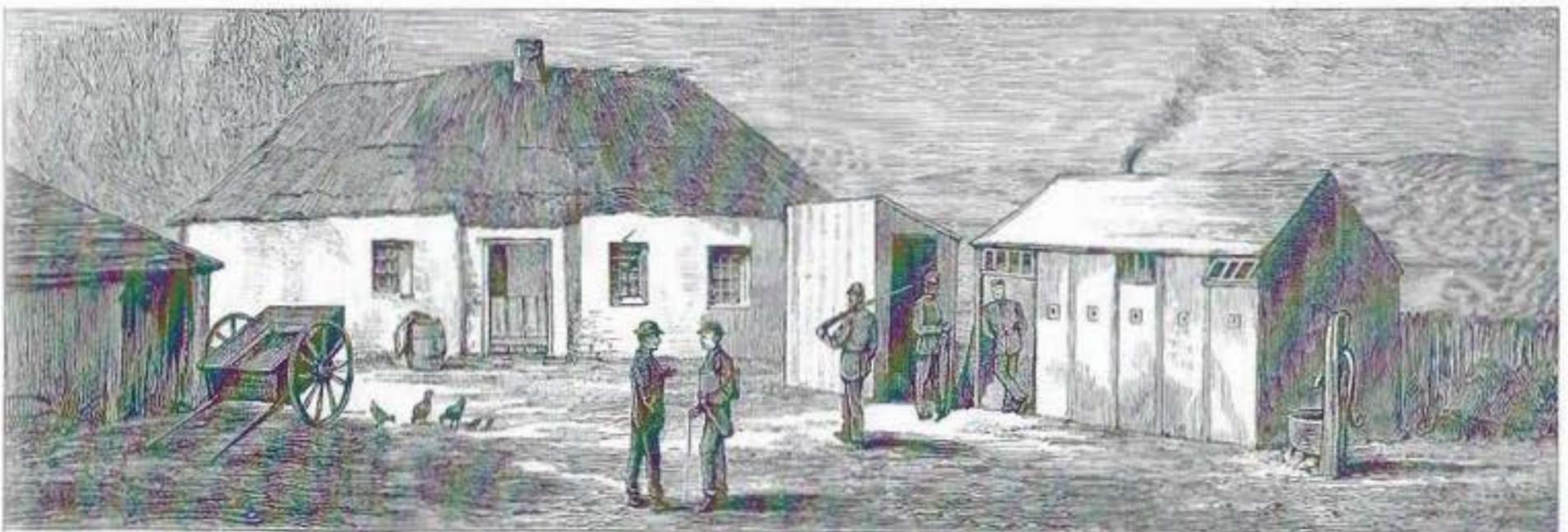
After the famine, high rents and depressed prices accompanied by unfavourable seasons, rendered the position of tenant farmers extremely precarious. Evictions became more frequent; whole families were thrown out on the roadside to starve or emigrate, or drag out a miserable existence in the hated workhouse. To combat the clearances and rack-renting, the Tenants' Rights League was formed in 1850 to secure for the tenants the three F's: Fair Rent, Fixture of Tenure, and Free Sale by the tenants of his interest in the holding. Little was accomplished except the Gladstone Act of 1870, which gave the tenants a right to compensation for disturbance and for his improvements. Little as it was, it was the first dent in the armour of landlordism, armour that was soon to be torn asunder. In 1879 Michael Davitt inaugurated the land league and soon followed it up by a major weapon of offense – the Plan of Campaign. Branches of the league sprung up everywhere. A strong and active branch was established in Kiltely-Dromkeen parish. In 1881 a new Land Act was passed, conceding much of what had been demanded in the past. The Three F's were now granted and the Land Commission was formed, with power to adjudicate on disputed rents, and to purchase estates with a view to reselling them to tenants by means of a loan. While the Land Act ensured that

tenants could not be evicted as long as their rent was paid, some landlords taking advantage of a loophole in the Act, evicted the tenants who could not pay promptly on the Gale day.

The landed classes united to protect their assets by establishing the Property Defence Association of Ireland in January 1881. Its aim was to frustrate the campaigns of the Land League and to assist landlords who had been boycotted by local communities. The help came in the form of money, supplies or, most controversially, labour: so-called "Emergency Men", protected by police, would take over tenant farms resulting, inevitably, in local conflicts and sometimes violence. The local headquarters for the Property Defence Force was in Pallasgreen<sup>i</sup>

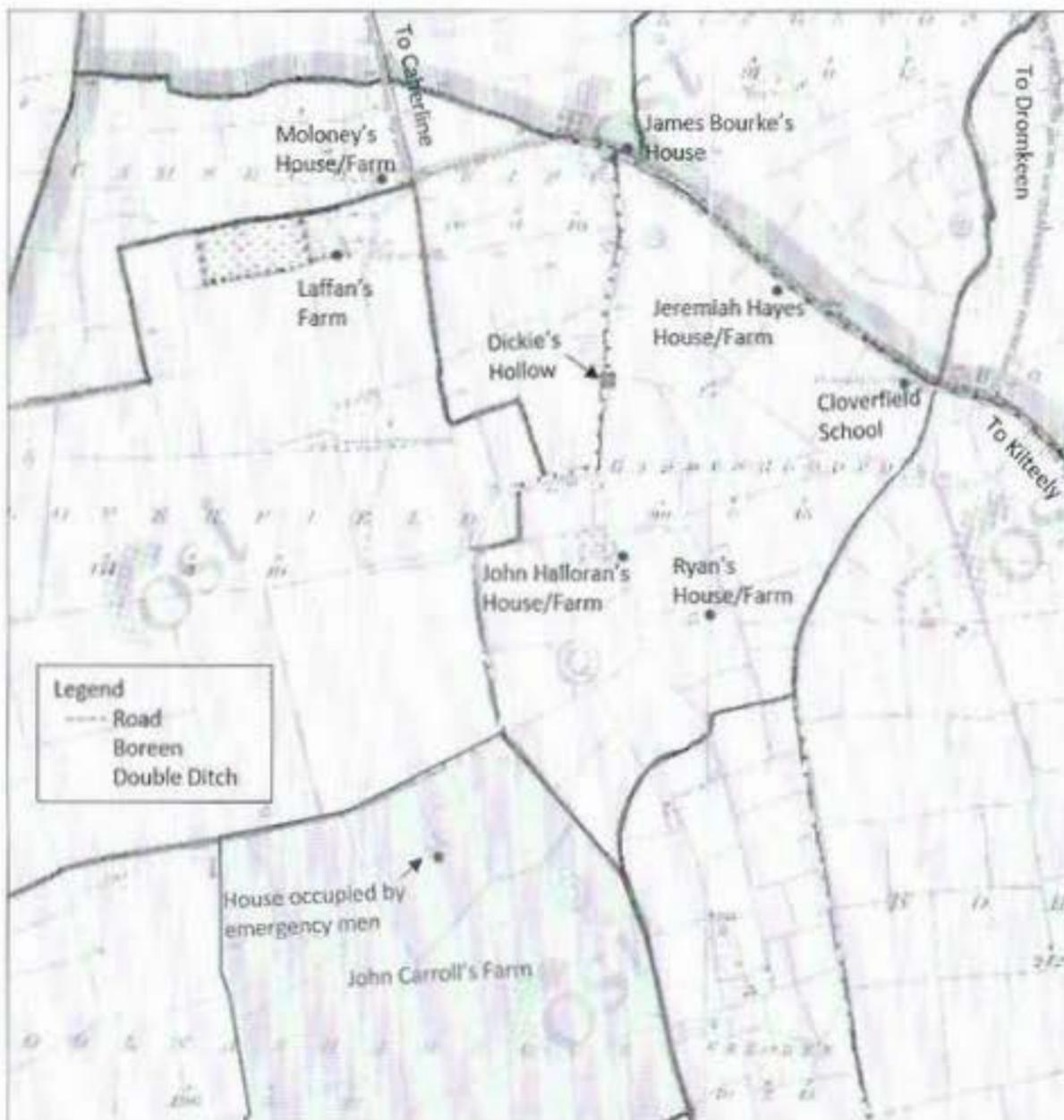
## Events leading up to the Murder

Richard Roach along with Alfred Edwards, James Mitchell and John Warren, all army pensioners were sent from Dublin on the 22nd of March 1882 by the Emergency Committee to take charge of a farm, the property of a Colonel Caldwell, from which a tenant was evicted for non-payment of rent on the 6th of February 1882. The tenant was John F. Carroll<sup>2</sup> who held a rather extensive farm from Colonel Caldwell. John Carroll lived at Killeenavevae, Dromkeen, Co. Limerick. The records indicate that this John Carroll lived and farmed about one hundred and twenty seven acres at Killeenavevae, and had up to three outside farms one at Longstone Dromkeen, one at Ardroe and one at Coolnashamroge Cloverfield as indicated on the map below. The Limerick Chronicle reported on the 20th April<sup>ii</sup> that Carroll up to the establishment of the local land League had been paying a fair rent to Caldwell. Due to pressure put on him and "being in terror of the visits of the miscreants known as "moonlighters" he had for some time refused to pay any rent and consequently was evicted".



HEADQUARTERS OF THE PROPERTY DEFENCE ASSOCIATION AT PALLAS GREEN, LIMERICK COUNTY

At the time of the eviction the dairy man was Thomas Hayes<sup>3</sup> on the Carroll farm. For a short time following the eviction Hayes was kept on as temporary caretaker until the Emergency men were in place. The landlord as mentioned earlier was a Mr. Caldwell who was described in the newspaper reports at the time as a small landowner residing in Dublin<sup>iii</sup>. This newspaper report goes on to say that previous to the eviction, Mr. Caldwell's Solicitors Messrs. Fry & Son applied to the Emergency Committee for two caretakers to take charge of the farm, and accordingly two army caretakers were sent to Dromkeen, the usual application for police protection having previously been made to the constabulary authorities in Dublin. Mr. Clifford Lloyd<sup>4</sup> declined to give any special police protection, but stated that the men would be protected by means of frequent police patrols. On the occasion of the eviction the two pensioners, acting on the advice of the officers in charge of the military present, returned to Dublin. The doors and windows having been removed from the house by the tenant or his friends so as to render it un-tenantable, and the nearest police station Pallasgreen being close on three miles from the farm.



Map produced by Bosco Ryan (formally Kildromin Kiltely)

As a result and the fact that the house was a considerable distance from the main road, and the farm being only reached by a narrow boreen, it was considered that it would be highly dangerous to leave the two men in charge of the farm. Subsequent to the eviction a correspondence took place between Mr. Athol Dudgeon, honorary secretary of the Emergency Committee and the Chief Secretary and the

Under Secretary (Mr. Burke) and Mr. Clifford Lloyd, with respect to affording special police protection, Mr. Dudgeon assigning a number of reasons why, in his opinion, police protection was absolutely necessary in this particular case. The outcome of these communications was that the authorities declined to give the protection, and the Emergency committee then sent down the four army pensioners, who were to be provided with Snider rifles<sup>5</sup> and revolvers, the house being repaired by carpenters procured from Limerick city.

### The Murder

The full facts around the murder remain unclear. The newspaper reports of the day agree on many facts which include; that Richard Roach on the day (Monday) of the murder visited Limerick city for the purpose of purchasing provisions for himself and his colleagues having received a cheque for £2 from his superiors the previous day. Richard Roach had in his possession a six chambered revolver of the ordinary pattern which he carried at all times fully loaded. He left Limerick by the four o'clock train for Dromkeen, the nearest station to Cloverfield. His three colleagues met him at the railway station, and two of them had a drink at Mrs.

McElligotts<sup>6</sup> Public House along with Roche. He left before the others to walk to Cloverfield, a distance of about three miles. It appears from the report in the Northern Whig Newspaper<sup>iv</sup> that he met several people as he walked along the road as late as half-past six in the evening. His body was found at seven o'clock in the morning in the boreen, which although leading from the main road to the house, was not the usual road taken by the deceased. It appears from the reports that he was in the habit of going by a double ditch, and across a field, a farmer in the neighborhood having warned him against trespassing on his land, of which the farmer claimed that the boreen was a part. The boreen was described as a very narrow path for horses and carts, which was in very bad condition, bounded on each side by a thick hedge, and at the spot where the body was found it was described as a quagmire being nearly impassable with mud. The Death occurred about half way down the boreen where there is a steep decline and then again a sharp incline. On each side of the hollow trees are growing. Warren and Edwards followed soon after from McEllegott's but they went a short way across the fields rather than proceeded along

the road and arrived at the house by 6pm. The police who arrived on the scene early in the day included Sub-Inspector Maguire from Bruff and Sub-inspector Lopdell from Tipperary. Maguire arrested three men namely, Thomas Hayes, the temporary caretaker previous to the eviction of Carroll. John Halloran<sup>7</sup>, who was evicted about eighteen months previous by Mr. Laffan, J.P, whose house and whose property bounds

that on which the murder was committed; and Maurice Fitzgerald<sup>8</sup>, gatekeeper to a son of Carroll's.

### Immediate Aftermath of the Murder

The morning of the 18th April Dr. Andrew E. Connolly<sup>9</sup> of Caherconlish was brought to the murder scene and examined the body and pronounced Roach dead. On the 19th April 1882 the three prisoners were brought in front of Mr. Justice Bruce J.P, Pallasgreen, Thomas Hayes was discharged as no evidence was available to hold him. John Halloran and Maurice Fitzgerald were remanded to Limerick prison on suspicion of having murdered Richard Roach.

The inquest was held in Limerick on the 20th April and was carried out by Mr. J. S. Casey, in the absence through illness of the coroner, Mr. Costelloe. The witnesses included Alfred Edwards, one of the Emergency men and he provided the same facts as he had provided the previous day at the magisterial inquiry held in Pallasgreen. Sub-constable Keane deposed to the finding of the body, It was placed in a sitting posture against the ditch. There was no blood on the ditch, but there was a large pool of blood in the middle of the breen, about three yards from the where the deceased was, and a smaller pool a few yards further away. There were marks as if the body had been dragged from the middle of the road where the large pool was to the side where he saw the body, in order to obliterate the footprints in the soft mud. From the way in which the body appeared to be dragged, he thought that it was done by one person. From the fact that there was no blood on the ditch near the body, he thought that the remains were not dragged over until they had become cold. There were three wounds on the temple which being covered with mud at the time he thought were bullet wounds, but on since seeing the marks he thought they were caused by some blunt instrument. The revolver was gone.

Dr. Andrew Connolly deposed that he made a post-mortem examination of the remains; there was a wound in front of the left ear, and the temporal bone below it was shattered to pieces. There were three wounds on the left temple, one being immediately over the eye, and the bone beneath it was split in two. There was also a wound on the left side of the face, and the lower jaw was smashed. There was a punctured wound behind the right ear. At the base of the brain there was a quantity of effused blood. They had not the appearance of being bullet wounds, and he found no bullet in the skull. The covering of the brain was injured in a few places, but he could discover no injury to the brain itself. Any of the wounds would cause death. There were no marks on the other parts of the body. The wounds were such as would be caused by a spade or a bar of Iron, but the most likely instrument was a coulter<sup>10</sup> of a plough. He did not think a hatchet would cause the injuries.

The inquest jury found that Roche was murdered by some person or persons unknown, and condemned the conduct of his comrades of the deceased in not searching for the deceased when he was first missing. Further to the inquest the "The Freemans Press"<sup>11</sup> reported that the police today searched the house of a widow named Ryan on an adjoining

farm, and brought away a hatchet. County Inspector Henry who was present at the inquest reported that the deceased was a married man and lived with his wife in Dublin before he left for the farm. He did not tell his wife the nature of his employment, but said that he was visiting some relatives in the county Limerick.

On Saturday 22nd April it was reported in the *Waterford Standard*<sup>12</sup> that it was impossible to procure a hearse, or even an ambulance wagon, to convey the remains of the murdered man away from the place of murder. The property Defense Association procured from their encampment in the district, and under a strong escort of military and police, the body was carried to the railway station at Pallas, the people hooting and yelling at the procession along the road. At the railway station Captain Lloyd and his bodyguard kept watch over the coffin to guard it from outrage until the arrival of the train to take it to Dublin. The coffin rested but a short time at the residence of the bereaved widow and children of the murdered man before it was taken up to Mount Jerome Cemetery<sup>11</sup>, Dublin.

On the 26th April 1882 at the Petty Sessions held in Pallasgreen before Major Rolleston, R.M, in the chair, and Mr. Wm Bredin, John O'Halloran and Maurice Fitzgerald were brought up on the charge of being suspected of Complicity in the Murder of an Emergency Bailiff named Richard Roach, at Cloverfield, near Dromkeen on the evening of the 17th April. Sub-Inspector Maguire had charge of the prosecution and Mr. P.S. Connolly, solicitor, Limerick appeared for the accused. Sub-Inspector Maguire requested further remand as he was having difficulty procuring evidence for the case. This was opposed by Mr. Connolly, on behalf of the prisoners. The first witness called was Patrick Heffernan<sup>12</sup> and he deposed that he was talking to a man named Burke at the head of the breen between 6pm and 6.20pm on the evening and reported that on his way home he met Roach. He was under the influence of drink, and was staggering. He met another emergency man about 400 yards behind Roach. He reported that he did not see the prisoners that evening in the locality of the breen. There were some people in Carroll's fields, but he could not say who they were.

James Burke<sup>13</sup> next gave evidence and deposed – I live at the cross of the breen. Patrick Heffernan called to my house on the 17th. He was with me for a quarter of an hour on business. He was asked if he saw the prisoners in Carroll's field that evening. I did not. Fitzgerald used to purchase tobacco about twice a week at my house, but I did not see any of the Emergency men that day or that week.

Thomas Ryan<sup>14</sup> deposed I live at Boheroe, and was near the breen on the evening of the 17th inst, and passed by on the way to Mrs. Moloney's for the loan of a plough. O'Halloran (one of the prisoners) was sitting at the fire with his sister-in-law. O'Halloran walked back with me, and went to Burke's to buy tobacco. The garden in which I worked is 18 acres in extent, and is let in Con-acre. I did not see Fitzgerald working in the garden that same day. I was working in a very low part of the garden and could not see him if he were there. I did not see either O'Halloran or

Fitzgerald in the garden. I did not see any person leave from behind the big rock and go across the public road into Hayes's field or into the boreen. Thirty or forty people have potatoes set in Carroll's field. The prisoner Fitzgerald is one of them.

A young lad of thirteen years named Thomas Ryan<sup>15</sup> was called but when he came forward he said he did not know anything about the oath. The boy refused to be sworn, and an order was made out for his committal to gaol. John Ryan<sup>16</sup>, a brother of the last witness was examined, but he gave no material evidence. His father was buried on the 17th April and he went to work at four o'clock the same evening.

Michael Hayes<sup>17</sup>, a respectable farmer, deposed that he saw the deceased pass on the public road down the boreen. He was drunk, and fell twice. He saw no one follow him. But about a quarter of an hour subsequently two Emergency men followed him and went in over the fields, and not by the boreen.

Initially Major Rolleston R.M. said he would grant a remand, as the boy Ryan, who probably knew all about the affair, had refused to be sworn, he said he would adjourn the case from week to week as long as the boy declined to be sworn. After some discussion the boy Ryan agreed to be sworn. He deposed that he saw no person pass the boreen good or bad on the evening in question. He did not see the prisoners O'Halloran or Fitzgerald on that evening. His sight was bad. He did not know the emergency men. He did not see the deceased in the boreen.

John O'Halloran and Maurice Fitzgerald were discharged by the court on 26th April 1882. No other person was charged with the murder and it remains unresolved to this day.

### **The Aftermath - The Blood Tax**

On 13th December 1882 the Lord Lieutenant appointed Constantine Molloy Esq. Q.C. to investigate applications for compensation under the Crime Act<sup>vii</sup>. This compensation became known as the "Blood Tax". Mr. Constantine Molloy opened proceedings at the Limerick County Crown Court on 27th December 1882 and the case of Maryanne Roach (who continued to live in Dublin) was heard together with the claim by Robert Wheeler farmer and Land agent Pallasbeg for £5,000 for the murder of his son Mr. Henry Wheeler aged 28 years. The compensation granted to Maryanne Roach was £400 to be paid by the baronies affected in the district for the murder of her husband Richard Roach at Cloverfield on 17th April 1882.

We know from the reports in the Freeman's Journal dated 11th September 1884 that the compensation remained unpaid and at the New Pallas Petty Sessions on Wed 10th September 1884 Rev. Michael Ryan Administrator, Pallasgreen was before the court for refusing to pay the amount assessed on his holdings (3s 8d). He requested the opportunity to address the court to set out his reason for not paying this tax. I refuse to pay it because as a catholic priest I think it an insult to be asked for such a tax. I believe it to be my duty to discountenance not only murder but every species of crime, and I think I have done so simply from a sense of duty, and from an innate hatred of that very

crime and he wish to keep my people crimeless. I object, then, to the tax on that ground, and I also object to it because if I had tamely submitted to the imposition of the tax I think I would be virtually admitting that I had sympathy with the crime for which the tax was charged. I again object to the tax because I remember when the murder occurred I considered the Crown grossly delinquent in not bringing the criminal to justice. The evidence given at the coroner's inquest on the murdered man went to show that two Emergency men ---The Chairman interjected and would not allow Fr. Ryan to give a reason that occurred in another court. Fr Ryan continued, I object to the tax, then as being an unjust tax, and consider it superlatively penal and grossly unjust that a thousand people should be made to pay for the crime of one guilty person. Fr. Ryan was found guilty of refusing to pay and costs of 4s 6d was added as costs. In addition at the same court sitting Rev Canon O'Donnell PP of Doon and Morgan Crowe, a farmer, were also found guilty for refusing to pay.

On the 31st October 1884 a large demonstration took place at New Pallas, the occasion being subsequent to an auction held in the village, arising out of the proceedings connected with the imposition of the "Blood Tax". As Fr. Michael Ryan had continued to refuse payment, a cow, his property was seized by the local constabulary and put up for sale by the Head-Constable Harte to liquidate the amount of the warrant. According to the reports carried in the Freeman's Journal<sup>viii</sup> there was a large assembly of contingents with bands and banners attending from Doon, Killeely, Caherconlish, Solohead, Herbertstown, Murroe, and Cappamore. After a good deal of banter the cow was bought by Mr. John O'Neill, farmer, clothed in green, and brought in triumphal procession through the village. O'Neill had paid for the cow in coppers which were first refused by the police as not being a legal tender, but was ultimately accepted. On the following Tuesday week (7th November 1884) a number of cattle belonging to different persons who refused to pay the "Blood Tax". A considerable crowd had collected, and there was also a strong force of police present. Head-constable Hart acted as auctioneer. Mr. J. R. McCormack, of the Tipperary People, and Mr. E. F. Ryan hon. Sec. of the Pallasgreen National league, represented the owners. After some objections to the Head-constable regarding his legality to carry out the auction, a splendid cow, "The Castle Queen", belonging to the famous Tim Quinlan<sup>18</sup>, was put up for sale. After a bid of 10s 3d was put forward for the cow by a constable, Mr. E. F. Ryan bid a hapenny more and was declared the purchaser. Cows belonging to Patrick Birrane, Christopher Anderson<sup>19</sup>, Hugh Conway<sup>20</sup>, Thomas Anderson<sup>21</sup>, and Daniel Ryan were also sold on the day. Mr. E. F. Ryan was called upon to state publicly their reason for refusing to pay this odious "Blood Tax" except at the point of the bayonet. He set out his reasons as follows; the people of Ireland look on the Crimes Act altogether as the most damnable. Outrageous, and unjust code of law to which any civilized people were ever treated, and against the provision of which any civilized people should protest. The next is that they consider it highly unjust to have the innocent farmers of the district

mulcted for the murder of a drunken Emergency man, who was last seen in company with his armed comrades, and I now ask you can anyone who remembers the fracas between the special constables at Dublin have the slightest doubt as to how the scars and bullet wounds found on drunken Emergency Men at New Pallas were inflicted. Their opposition to this tax is a most justifiable one, and the world will understand and applaud that opposition.

Maryanne Roach died on 6th February 1885 from Bronchitis at the time of her death she was living at Cross Roads, South Circular Roads, Dublin and most likely never received any compensation collected through the "Blood Tax". Nobody was ever found guilty of the murder of Richard Roach. The area of the breen where Richard Roach was killed is known locally as "Dickie's Hollow"

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#### Footnotes:

- 1 The Headquarters of the property defence association at Pallasgreen, County Limerick, are situated in a cottage, from which a tenant was evicted some time ago. It is now occupied by a staff of about thirty "Emergency men" under the direction of Mr. Spunners, a young gentleman who has just gone through Trinity College and being interested in property has taken up the management of the depot. His life here is a rough one, worse than life in the bush. He cannot stir an inch without a police escort, and no one in the neighbourhood will give him any supplies. Ref: The Graphic Dec 31, 1881 page 655
- 2 John F. Carroll born Cromhill Kiltteely circa 1847 to John Carroll and Ellen Guerin. He married Mary McNamara in 1877 in St Andrews Church Dublin in 1877. The couple had seven children born in Killeeneverae, Dromkeen, Co. Limerick. Following the death of Mary, John married her sister Bridget (Delia) McNamara in 1895 in St. John Cathedral Limerick and had a further two children. John Carroll died in Killeeneverae Dromkeen in February 1900.
- 3 Thomas Hayes was born in Cloverfield in 1848. He was the youngest son of Jeremiah (Darby) Hayes and Margaret Gilhooley. He married Hanora Keeffe a daughter of John Keeffe Farmer (originally from Knockroe) from Cloverfield in 1880 and the couple had one son Jeremiah Hayes born 1880. At the time of the 1901 & 1911 Census Thomas and his family were farming in Garrison Pallasgreen
- 4 LLOYD, CHARLES DALTON CLIFFORD (1844-1891), servant of the crown, eldest son of Colonel Robert Clifford Lloyd of the 68th Durham light infantry, by his wife, a daughter of Captain George Savage of the 13th light dragoons, was born at Portsmouth on 13 Jan. 1844. His grandfather was Bartholomew Lloyd [q. v.], provost of Trinity College, Dublin, 1831-7, and the same office was afterwards held by his uncle, Humphrey Lloyd (1800-1881) [q. v.] He was educated at Sandhurst, but instead of the army he entered in 1862 the police force in British Burmah, where he subsequently filled the offices of assistant and deputy-commissioner and inspector-general of registration. He came home in 1872 and read law at Lincoln's Inn, where he was called to the bar in Trinity term 1875. In May 1881 he was transferred to Kilmallock, co. Limerick, where the land league had become the de facto government. He organised during the winter of 1881-2 an efficient system of combined military and police protection. He was also mainly responsible for the administration of the Prevention of Crimes Act of 1882.
- 5 The snider rifle (1867) is a single shot breech loader, derived from the muzzle loading Enfield rifle. The cartridge is a center fire initiated by a spring tensioned firing pin that enters the block at an angle of 45 degrees and is struck by the original cap hammer. The cartridge is extracted by an extractor on the block which could

be drawn back about half an inch to facilitate the removal of the empty case.

- 6 Mrs McElligott was not in the pub that day as she was in Limerick shopping, the pub was being managed for the day by her nephew James McCarthy from Dromkeen.
  - 7 John Halloran was born on 28/06/1832 to John Halloran and Margaret Hayes Cloverfield. This John died in the Limerick workhouse on 29th Jan 1895.
  - 8 Maurice Fitzgerald was born in Boheroe Kiltteely on 17th June 1858 to David Fitzgerald labourer and Anne Ryan from Kiltteely. He married Mary Hayes a daughter of Denis Hayes Butcher Pallasgreen in March 1881 and this couple had at least three children, David born 1881, Catherine born 1883 and Matthew born 1888 in Ardroe Pallasgreen. By 1901 Maurice had returned to live in the family home in Boheroe and was described in the 1901 Census as an Agricultural labourer.
  - 9 Dr Andrew E. Connolly was a Physician and Surgeon at Caherconlish. He died a bachelor on the 14th July 1891, cause of death: Cirrhosis of the liver.
  - 10 A flat steel disk about a foot in diameter attached, when needed, to the beam of a walking turning plough to cut through grass and roots ahead of the plow-share and moldboard.
  - 11 The late Richard Roach died 1882 is buried in Mount Jerome Cemetery grave number A26-340 also in this grave are Marian Roach died 1885, Robert George Johnston died 1916 & Hannah Johnston died 1933
  - 12 Patrick Heffernan was Born Circa 1850 and lived at Ballybeg, Dromkeen. He was the Post master in Dromkeen. He married Ellen Shehan from Corelish Pallasgreen in 1884. Patrick died on 18th October 1934
  - 13 James Burke a bachelor (labourer), he also ran a small shop from his house. He died on 19th June 1893 aged 73 years, he died of cancer of the stomach and his death was notified by his brother Michael Bourke.
  - 14 Thomas Ryan, Shoemaker Boheroe, Born October 1826 and married Mary Dunlea in 1871 and had eight in family.
  - 15 Thomas Ryan (Child) This Thomas was born on 21st May 1868 to Matthew Ryan and Mary Shea. His father Matthew died on 15th April 1882 and was recorded as a labourer living in Old Pallas
  - 16 John Ryan (brother of Thomas born 1868) Born 28th September 1861 in Ballybrood Caherconlish
  - 17 Michael Hayes was born in 1841. He was the son of Jeremiah (Darby) Hayes and Margaret Gilhooley. He married Mary Garrett in 1879. He was an older brother of Thomas Hayes the Dairyman for John Carroll the evicted tenant.
  - 18 Timothy Quinlan (Owned the Castle in Carrigbeg) was born circa 1840 and married Ellen Bourke circa 1865 and farmed in Carrigbeg, Doon.
  - 19 This Christopher Anderson was a first cousin to Thomas Anderson mentioned. He was born on 22nd September 1850 in Carrigbeg and Died on 25th October 1936.
  - 20 This Hugh Conway was born in Coolbaun, Doon in 1844 to Philip Conway and Mary Connell. He married Anne Franklin from Doon in Feb 1862. Anne died aged 40 years in May 1884.
  - 21 This Thomas Anderson was born 1834 in Coolbaun to Christopher Anderson and Mary Cummins. He married Mary O'Dea of Miltown, Kiltteely on 21st Feb. 1859 and the couple had eight children born in Coolbaun.
- i The Graphic 31 |Dec 1881 page 654
  - ii Limerick Chronicle, Thursday Evening 20 April 1882
  - iii Northern Whig 19 April 1882 *Murder Of An Emergency man*
  - iv Northern Whig 19 April 1882 *Murder Of An Emergency man*
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# Dr. R. Hayes; Patriot: Medical Doctor: Historian

Kathleen Shanahan

The Decade of Centenaries is dedicated to the period from 1912 to 1922 which was one of the most eventful in Ireland's history; this was a decade of great change. This article commemorates Richard Hayes who, as a Sinn Féin MP and later as a TD in the First Dáil, representing Limerick East, was a noteworthy influence in the founding of the New State.

The end of WW1 and the General Election which followed in England and Ireland in December, 1918 was a pivotal time in the era of modern Irish history. It saw an overwhelming defeat for the Irish Parliamentary Party which had dominated the Irish political landscape since the 1880's and a landslide victory for Sinn Féin who won 75 of Ireland's 105 seats. Sinn Féin's manifesto stressed their unbroken resistance to British rule, and this was also their significant message during the conscription crisis; *'it is based on our unbroken tradition of nationhood, on a unity in a national name which has never been challenged, on our possession of a distinctive national culture and social order, on the moral courage and dignity of our people in the face of alien aggression.'*<sup>i</sup> The election campaign demonstrated the preparation and work that Sinn Féin and the Ulster Unionists put in to the election, which was reflected in the results. Sinn Féin increased their number of seats from six to seventy-three and the Unionist party increased their representation from seventeen seats to twenty six. In practically every constituency outside of Ulster, the Sinn Féin deputies who were elected pledged to

refuse to attend the British Parliament or to recognise England's right to govern Ireland. On 21st January 1919 those deputies who were at liberty assembled in Dublin, constituted the first Dáil and declared Ireland *de jure* an Independent Republic.<sup>ii</sup> The members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, the Unionists and Unionist Labour members elected as MPs all boycotted Dáil Éireann, therefore the first Dáil was an assembly of Sinn Féin only. In addition, only 26 Sinn Féin members were at liberty at that time and able to take their seats.

Richard Francis Hayes, a veteran of the Easter Rising and the War of Independence, a politician, medical doctor and writer was born in Bruree, on 16th July 1878. He was the son of the local school teacher Richard Hayes and his wife Margaret Ruddle. He was the commander of the Fingal Battalion, who participated in the Battle of Ashbourne on 26th April, 1916 but he soon relinquished his command to Thomas Ashe in order to tend to the wounded of both sides.

Richard Mulcahy had this to say about him:

*In a rushed moment of contact making on the first lull of the fighting I met him, erect, alert, absorbed in thought, his revolver aimless in his hand. I broke his thought by a word - 'you'll want these' - to give him his satchel of medical supplies picked up some yards away. Later after four hours of fighting on a road margined with death and pain and anguish he tended the wounded.*<sup>iii</sup>

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His capital sentence for participation in the battle was commuted to twenty years penal servitude. After serving time in Dartmoor, the Isle of Wight and Lewes jails, he was released under the general amnesty in 1917. However, he was rearrested in 1918 and incarcerated in Reading jail. While imprisoned there, he was elected as MP representing Limerick East in the general election of 1918. He achieved a decisive victory for Sinn Féin having obtained 12,750 votes, which was 77.94% of the total valid votes of the constituency. In 1921, while interned in the Curragh he was elected unopposed as a Sinn Féin TD for Limerick City - Limerick East and was released after the truce. He participated in the Treaty debate and voted for the treaty, declaring that *'the adoption of this treaty will enable us to rebuild here in this country the old Gaelic civilisation that went down at the Battle of Kinsale'*.<sup>iv</sup> He was again elected unopposed in 1922 as a pro-treaty Sinn Féin TD and subsequently as a Cumann na nGaedheal TD in the 1923 election. However, a career in politics held little attraction for him and he resigned his seat in 1924, retired from politics and devoted his time to medical practice and scholarship.

Besides being a highly respected and much loved doctor he was by all accounts very good in his profession, he was well-known for his diagnostic abilities and of being a man of great humanity and compassion. Frank O'Connor the writer and a friend of his described him as being well mannered, with an elegant air and when they walked together in Dublin *'he raised his hat and bowed low to every slum woman he knew and saluted every man'*.<sup>v</sup>

Outside of his medical profession he had many other interests and as a historian he was a leading authority on Irish connections with France from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries. He was the author of *Ireland and the Irishman in the French Revolution (1932)*, *Irish Swordsman of France (1934)*, *Old Irish Links with France (1940)*, and numerous other publications, besides articles for academic journals and periodicals. He became an Irish Film Censor from 1940 -1954; Director of the Abbey Theatre; a member of the Royal Irish Academy and the Irish Academy of letters; the National University conferred him with an honorary degree, Doctor of Letters, and the French government bestowed on him the Legion of Honour. But he never forgot his interest in Limerick and contributed several articles to the Munster Antiquarian Journal on topics relating to his native county.

An erudite and learned man he served his country well both in peace and in war and he gave to it and to its people the very best of his talents and courage.

He is buried in Dean's Grange Cemetery, Dublin.

The inscription on his gravestone reads as follows:

ÉIRI AMACH NA CÁSCA

DR. RICHARD FRANCIS HAYES T.D.1882 – 1958  
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During Easter Week 1916 he served as an intelligence and medical officer. At the Battle of Ashbourne he attended the dying and wounded on all sides. Sentenced to death, commuted to twenty years. Elected MP 1918 and a member of the first Dáil, he served as a TD 1921-24. He was a renowned historian, author, a director of the Abbey Theatre and served as Official Film Censor 1940-1954.

Bust of Dr. Hayes is on display in the Glazed Street, City Hall.

Works by Seamus Murphy, RHA 1907 - 75<sup>vi</sup>

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# The Big Wind in Ireland

## Actual Date fixed by a death in the Buffalo Almshouse

(Article Transcribed from the New Albany Public Press dated 12/03/1907 by Edmond O'Dea eddieodea@eircom.net)

**B**y the death of Danny Burke in the Erie County Almshouse a short time ago the date of the "Big Wind" in Ireland has been judiciously settled. Some persons have doubted that there ever was any such event as this particular big wind in Ireland. Others have asserted that there was one year marked above all other years in the memory of man by a mighty hurricane in Ireland, but the date was in dispute. But Danny Burke never was among the doubters. Whenever the question of the meteorological disturbance was brought up in his hearing he always came out with his decision.

*"Of course there was a big wind! Sure wasn't I born in the year of it"*<sup>1</sup>

"Danny of the Big Wind" he came to be called for his frequent reference to the event. Every one of his misfortunes, and he had nearly as many of them as he had failings, he blamed upon the conjunction of his nativity and the Big Wind.

*"It's me self that ought to know that there was a big wind" he used to say to his cronies at the almshouse in his last days. "Good reason I have to remember it" "Didn't it blow me father from his farm- Paddy Burke's Acres they called them yet in Knockroe, Co. Limerick. What but that could drive him from his own farm with his cow and pig to work with pick and shovel far from his old sod"<sup>2</sup>. Wasn't it that that made him leave little Bridget- she was the youngest of the children- to grow up among strangers behind him and die in the workhouse? And it's her older brother Danny that will be doing the same". "What was it if it wasn't the Big Wind that drove me Brothers Patsy and Denny to fight with the Southerners for the Blacks with the rest of the Irish was with the bloody sixty-ninth? And what was it, if it wasn't that. That bring me self to this place to die locked in an old hearse, to be sneaked out at night and sold and be cup up by the doctors?"*

All these calamities, save the last befell the lad who was born in the year of the Big Wing. But while he was positive as to the cause of his troubles he never knew in what year the Big Wind blew. That was because he never knew the year of his birth. Danny of the Big Wind was a well-known figure about the streets of Buffalo for many years. In his decline he did his chores about the Homeopathic Hospital in the summer, going to the almshouse for the winter. He would disappear for months at a time and rumor said he had a farm somewhere near Rochester New York. Finally he died, and upon preparing his body for burial in the county undertaker discovered in the lining of an old shirt that Danny wore \$4,200 in United States gold certificates.

Danny was never know to have a relative, but upon the discovery of the money kinsmen came forward in swarms. An inquiry was instituted and which sifted out the false kinsfolk from the true, and then Danny's life history became fully known.

It appears that his father really did own a farm in Knockroe, called Paddy Burke's Acres and that Paddy left them gladly in 1845 to sail for America with his wife and four children, leaving behind two-year-old Bridget. He sent money back to take care of her and ultimately to enable her to rejoin the rest; but the hard-hearted uncle, on whose care she was left, stole the money and never let her know that any money had been send to her. She died in the workhouse, as Danny related. The fate of the two brothers, who died under the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy, was also as related. But most satisfactory of all was the confirmation of the truth of Danny's statement as to the historical event attending the year of his nativity. For the parish priest of Kiltely<sup>3</sup>, who certified to the foregoing facts, added the following information: *"It was true as claimed that Daniel Burke was born in the year of the Big Wind. The town records, which contain the history of the Parish, and the church register, which contains the record of his baptism, show that Daniel Burke's birth was in 1839"*.

### Footnotes

- 1 The Night of the Big Wind (Irish: Oíche na Gaoithe Móire) was a powerful European windstorm that swept across Ireland beginning in the afternoon of 6 January 1839.
- 2 Danny's parents were Patrick Bourke and Catherine O'Donnell, his siblings included Theobald Born 20/1/1834; Mary Born 10/05/1835; Denis Bourke Born 12/12/1836; Catherine Born November 1841; Patrick Born 3/4/1843 & Bridget born 21/3/1845
- 3 John Canon Power P.P. who was a native of Lattin Co. Tipperary was Parish Priest of Kiltely in 1907.

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# The Local Defence Force 1940-1945 (Kilteely Area)

Patrick (Pake) O'Dea, Miltown, Kilteely, Co. Limerick<sup>1</sup>.

In 1940 when England was threatened with invasion by the Germans the Irish government were afraid they might invade Ireland. With this in mind they launched a recruitment drive to increase the strength of the Irish army from the peacetime force of ten thousand men. They succeeded in recruiting about eighty thousand men. They also decided to recruit an ancillary force to act as a back up to the regular forces. This was known as the Local Security Force.

This force was divided into two groups. Group A, which was to act as a back up to the army and group B, which was to assist the Garda in the event of an invasion. Both groups were under the direction and control of the Garda. Group A, was taken over by the Army the following year and became known as the Local Defence Force or in short the L.D.F.

During 1940 and the early part of 1941, both groups had to do patrol duty at night watching out for an airborne invasion. There were two patrols one from nine o'clock and the other from one until five o'clock in the morning. It was great "crack" while it lasted.

There were for the most part elderly men in group B, I remember seeing Tim Grogan and Rodger McCormac taking off from Kilteely one night on the early patrol in a back to back trap car, the patrol was a fairly long one, from Kilteely to Ballvístia, to Lodge, to Ballinlough, to Carraigeen on to Guerin's cross and home to Kilteely. Some never finished the course.

At this time David Guerin was O.C of group A (he later resigned) and M.J. O' Meara O.C of group B. At the beginning of 1941 the L.D.F were issued with brown denim uniforms and a cape. The L.S.F. got blue uniforms of the

same type. In the L.D.F. Kilteely was a platoon in the Pallas Company. The other platoons were Old Pallas, New Pallas, and Dromkeen. In 1941 the officers of the Pallas Company were:

- Company Leader: Ned Connelly, Kilteely
- Assistant company Leader: Mick O'Brien, Old Pallas
- Adjutant: Tom McNamara, New Pallas
- Quartermaster: John Harty, New Pallas

## Kilteely Platoon 1941

- Platoon Leader: Dan Keogh
- Assistant Platoon Leader: Mick Small
- Section Leaders: Tom O'Keeffe and Paddy Murphy
- Volunteers: Jimmy O'Keeffe, James O'Keeffe, John Power, Paddy O'Connor (Cromhill), Bill O'Connor, Jack O'Carroll, Jackie Power, Denis O'Carroll, Denis O'Dea, William Murphy, John Mullane, Tom Ryan.

Around this time we took part in a big parade in Limerick which was reviewed by President De Valara. We were also issued with rifles, but they were kept in Pallas Garda station and there had to be a guard of two men every night for about six months. In early 1942 the rifles were distributed to the men in the Pallas Company, there were only enough rifles for about half the men, so the rest were issued with shotguns. Each man also got sixty rounds of ammunition. The men were also issued with new green uniforms of the same material as the army but of battle dress type, with Glengarry cap, short brown leggings, brown boots and an overcoat. We also had green web equipment.



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There was also a big recruitment drive launched at this time (1942), which almost doubled the strength of the force. There was also a change in administration, Ned Connolly retired as Company Leader and was replaced by Tom McNamara, Con Dwane became Company Adjutant and Mick Small became assistant Company leader, from then until 1945 there were a few more changes. Officers and men of the Kiltely Platoon were from 1943 to 1945 were:

- Platoon Leader: John Mullane
- Assistant platoon Leader: John Power
- Section Leaders: Jimmy O'Keeffe, Willie Murphy, Tom Ryan.
- Volunteers: Denis O'Dea, Pat Holton, Pake O'Dea, Pa Murphy, Frank O'Connor, Mike Moriarty, Billy Purcell, Mick Cagney, Mick Bresnan, Mick Devitt, Tom Devitt, Mick Coughlin, Jimmy Breen, Timmy Ryan, Jackie Ryan, Tom Dillion, Jack O' Carroll, Tom O'Keeffe, Pat McGrath, Tom Howard, Ned Connolly also stayed on as volunteer all during the war years. We took part in manoeuvres with the regular army several times.

The comparison between the officer and the non commissioned officers in the L.D.F and the army counterparts were:

LDF	Army
Company Leader	Captain
Assistant Company Leader	1st Lieutenant
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Adjutant	2nd Lieutenant
Platoon Leader	2nd Lieutenant
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Section Leader	Corporal

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In Conclusion I wish to point out that Kiltely had a great tradition of Soldiering, dating back to the Anglo-Irish war 1920-1921, no less than seven Kiltely men were members of the East Limerick Flying Colum of the I.R.A., six of them fought with the Free State forces in the Civil war. In Addition Ned Cooney and Mick Small fought in the Dromkeen Ambush. Mick Small was only 16 years of age at the time. About twenty more Kiltely men were also in the I.R.A. at that time; they acted as scouts, blocked roads and did other duties. Two Kiltely men, Tom Murphy and John Fleming acted as Judges in the Sinn Fein Courts.

The kiltely men who were members of the flying column were:

- David Guerin: later Capt Free-State Army
- John O'Dea: later Capt Free-State Army
- Jim Greene: later Capt Free-State Army
- Liam Hayes: Commandant of Free-State Army and later became major general of the Irish Army. During the Second World War he held the post of Adjutant General.
- Owen O' Keeffe: Commandant of Free-State Army
- Dan Keogh: Sergeant of the Free state Army

Lieutenant Ned Connelly did not take part in the civil war. Captain John O'Dea was killed in action in the Glen of Aherlow during the Civil war 1922.

**End**

### Footnote:

- 1 This article was written by Pake O'Dea in 2000 prior to his death in 2006

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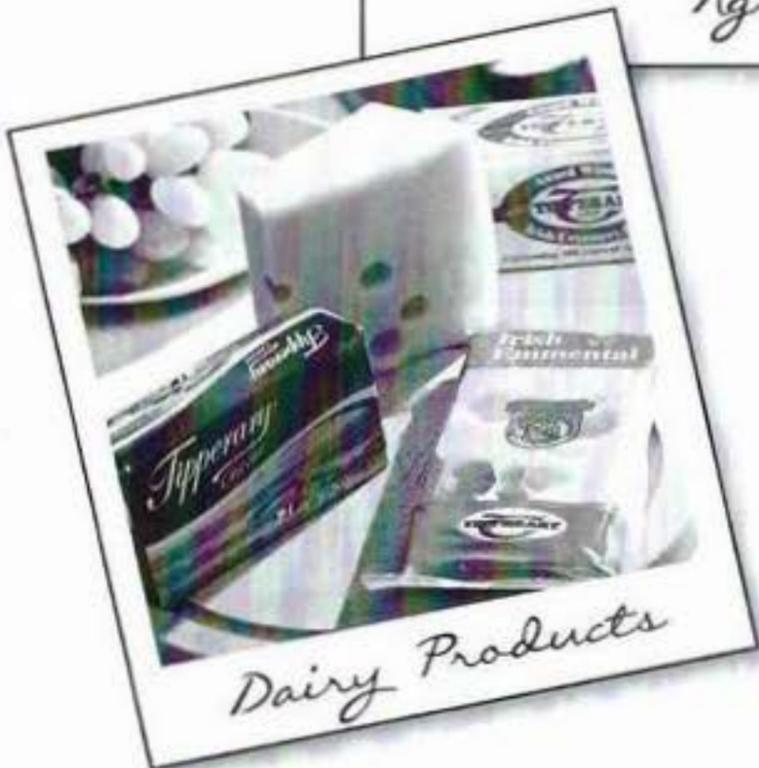
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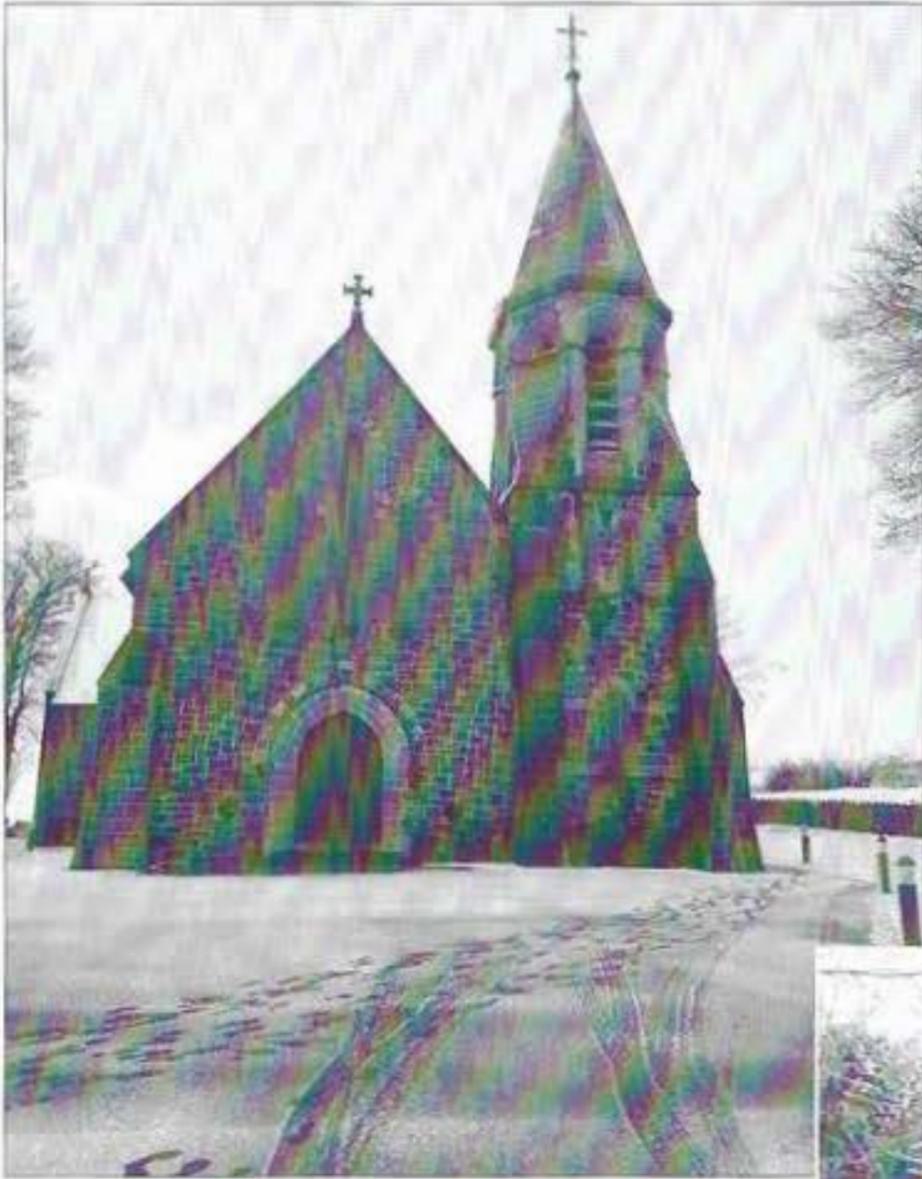
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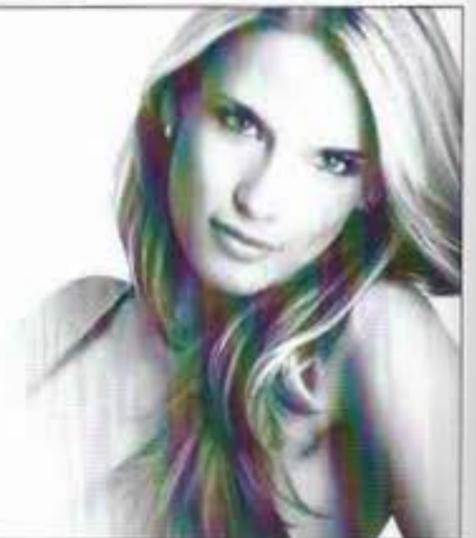
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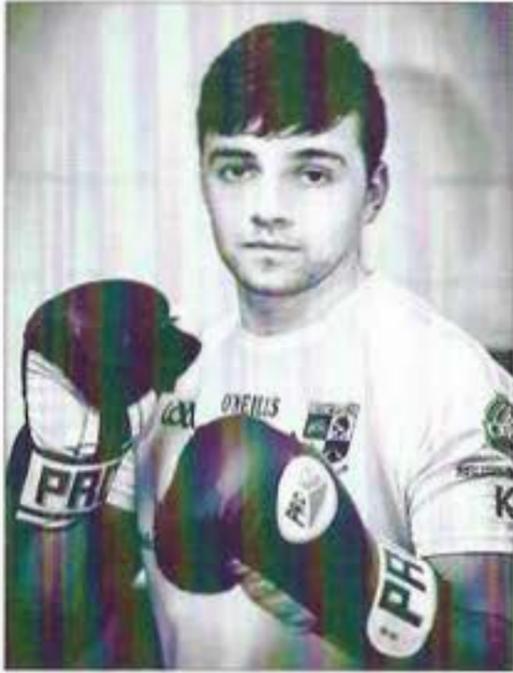
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**Back to the olden days!**

In the dry spell of May 2018, Paddy Hartnett had a field of John Moloney's cut for hay. With heavy rain forecast for the next few days Paddy couldn't get anyone to bale the hay for him. Paddy, John and Tony Tuohy decided to go back to the olden days and pike the hay themselves! The field ended up becoming a tourist attraction for the following few weeks with people stopping in their cars to take photos and younger people wondering "what's going on here?" for they had never seen the likes of it before. With the rain gone, Paddy eventually had it baled later.



**Field Names Project - Oola, December 2016**

Back L/R: John Ryan, John Joe Fahy, John O'Dwyer, Daved Walsh, Tom Ryan, John Breen.

Front L/R: Nicholas Lonergan, Marie English, Mary Breen, Seamus English.

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# Memory Lane



*Old Pallas in the 1950's/1960's*



*Playing Camogie in Old Pallas  
Moira McNamara, Rita Power, Kitty Power.*



*Opening of the Community Centre, Pallasgreen - 1986*



1938 - Hugh Thompson, Castlegarde, trying out a new swath turner. Sybil Thompson is holding the horse.



1938 - John Ahern, The Lodge, Castlegarde, mowing the "tennis lawn" at Castlegarde.



1940 - Joseph O'Donnell with John Burke moving some bonhams at Castlegarde.

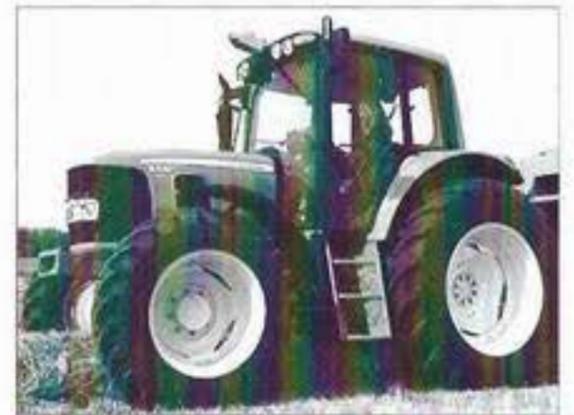
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# Obituaries



*It is with great sadness that we record the passing of beloved members of our community since the last edition.*

## December 2017

Bridgid Ann Butler Templebraden  
Bridget (Breda) Looby, Rahard Pallasgreen

## January 2018

Teresa Bourke née Riordan of Reask.  
John Ryan (Macanta), Linfield, Pallasgreen, Limerick  
Geraldine Larkin (née McCarthy) Ferndale, Ennis Road,  
Limerick City and formerly of Cross Pallasgreen

## February

John (Seanie) Ryan 13 Cannon Lee Park, Pallasgreen,  
Peadar Keane of Riverdale House Blackwater,  
Ardnacrusha, Co. Clare and late of Castleconnell and  
Reask, Pallasgreen  
John Greene of Canon Lee Park  
Joe Ryan (W), Bohercrowe Tipperary and formerly of  
Brackile  
Tommy O'Connell, London and formerly of Linfield

## March

Michael O'Donnell 2 Marian Terrace  
Mary Alice Kennedy New Pallas  
Mary Hayes nee O'Dwyer of Plassey Grove, Castletroy,  
and formerly of Dromlara and Milltown, Pallasgreen.

## May

Pat Rahilly, Barna, Pallasgreen,

## July

Michael O'Dwyer (O'Dwyers' Oil), Ballyfookeen,  
Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick  
Bridget (Biddy) McCarthy (née Heffernan) Boherroe.  
Ellen (Nelly) O'Dea (née Stokes), Tullyglass, Shannon,  
Clare/Garavan, Pallasgreen, Limerick

## September

Patrick (Paddy) McMahon of 17 Canon Lee Park.  
P.J. Murnane, Quilty West and late of Reask, Pallasgreen,  
Limerick.

Patrick (Patsy) Barrett, Castle Erkin, Pallasgreen.

## October

Willie Creede, Brackile  
Sheila McCarthy, England and formerly of Cross

## November

William (Billy) Mawdsley, Corelish East, Pallasgreen

## Joe Ryan (Will) - A loyal servant of Pallasgreen



A glowing tribute was paid to the late Joe Ryan (Will) in a rendition of the song "Where The Mulcair River Flows" sung by Micheál O'Riain at the graveside in Old Pallas Cemetery, where he was laid to rest alongside his late wife Kathleen. The song meant so much to the late Joe and his love of Pallasgreen - particularly the words which mention his birth place of Brackile.

Joe Ryan (Will) was born in Brackile on April 21 1927, the youngest child to parents Tom and Catherine Ryan who reared a family of five boys - Mikie, John, Billy, Paddy and Joe and four sisters Sr Brigid, Sr Aidan, Kathy and Maggie. The boys went on to become household names in the GAA world, "the Ryan Wills" of Brackile, all donning the Pallasgreen jersey. While John and Mikie went on to wear the Limerick jersey, Paddy emigrated to England in the late forties and help set up the John Mitchels Club of Birmingham. During his youth Joe played hurling with Pallasgreen in the -mid-forties. Indeed in the company of the likes of Eddie Stokes and other Limerick county hurlers like Paddy Creamer and John Mulcahy he went on to win East Junior hurling honours with Cappamore in 1949. County junior football honours were annexed the previous year in 1948 when Pallasgreen defeated Athea in the county final. He had also a pocketful of East Junior football medals. Joe was educated at Brackile National School. Having left school, he emigrated to England and worked there for a number of years. On his return to Ireland he took up employment in the construction industry and later became foreman for Dick Collins Croom Ltd. Along the way he met the love of his life, Kathleen Naughten from Oughterard, Co Galway, and they got married in 1960. They made their home at Bohercrowe on the outskirts of Tipperary Town and went on to raise their only child son Tom. With Joe, family always came first but he and Kathleen had a wonderful affair with the GAA and in particular Scór where they followed Pallasgreen the length and breadth of the country.

In the intervening years he was one of Pallasgreen and Limerick's most ardent supporters and its often said out Pallas way that "whenever a gaelic match is on, involving either team, Joe will be there - rain, hail or snow". His interest and dedication also transcended to Scór and he and his late wife Kathleen were particularly proud of the All Ireland winning achievements of his niece Martina with Pallasgreen Ballad Group capturing titles in 1985,1990, 1993 and 1997. His son Tom played at all levels for Pallasgreen and his nephew also Tom served the club as secretary for 20 years. Year 2000 was a tough one for Joe as he lost his lifelong partner and wife Kathleen through illness at the tender age of sixty seven. This was a major setback for Joe as they were inseparable and followed all aspects of Pallasgreen GAA. It was a difficult time for Joe and his son Tom but they took great solace in one another with their faith and the interest of Pallasgreen and the GAA which meant so much to them.

'As everyone knows, Joe gave a lifetime of service to the G.A.A. and he had many wonderful qualities. He was a person of a genial disposition, he was jovial and unassuming. He received a Sean Ghaeil Award in 2005 for his lifelong and dedicated service to the Gaelic Athletic Association, in the Millennium Centre Caherconlish, an award richly deserved. Joe, even at the age of ninety years, was able to remain in the comfort of his home thanks to the wonderful care of his son Tom.

When we heard the sad news that Joe had passed to his eternal reward, A few lines "Where The Mulcair River Flows" came to mind:

*Your Hills of Lough and of Brackile  
Amongst you I remain  
Where I have spent my youthful days  
Around lovely Pallasgreen  
Fond Memories will bring to me  
Those days of long ago  
When I would range those valleys  
Where the Mulcair River Flows*

*So now today my Comrades gay  
I'll bid you all adieu  
As I must finish those few lines  
One more word I'll say to you  
Train up your youth to hunt and shoot  
With a dog and gun to go  
And kill the game that still remain  
Where The Mulcair River Flows*

His Funeral was from Whelan's Funeral home Bansha Road Tipperary to St. Michael's Church Tipperary Town. Following requiem Mass his last journey with his coffin draped in the blue and gold flag passed his home at Bohercrowe for the final time to Old Pallas. From there it was met by a guard of honour formed by Pallasgreen GAA Club for their fallen hero who accompanied the hearse to Joe's final resting place in Old Pallas Cemetery. Sympathies to his Son Tom, Sister in Law, nieces, nephews relatives & friends.

God bless you Joe Ryan (W). May you rest in peace forever.'

**Joe Ryan (W) 21 April 1928- 25 February 2018**

### **Kathleen Cosgrave**



Kathleen Ryan was born on the 20th of January 1946, she was educated in Tineteriffe National School. Later on in life she met her husband James Cosgrave of Nicker and married in May 1968. On their wedding day they moved to England. Later that year in October she gave birth to a daughter Caroline. As Kathleen and James couldn't find accommodation in England, Kathleen moved back to Ireland. James would arrive two months later. They lived in Pallasbeg, Cappamore with her mother and grandfather. Their son Patrick was born in 1970 and two years later in 1972 they moved to Nicker and their second son James was born. In 1976 Second daughter Ann was born. Kathleen started working as sacristan of St John The Baptist Church Nicker a few hundred yards from her home in 1981 and continued to work for eighteen years. She ceased her work in the Church in 1999 a job which she loved and served four priests during this time. Her husband James would open the Church in the mornings before he went to school.

Kathleen was diagnosed with arthritis which curtailed her work in the church. However she still went to music sessions which she loved and another hobby was she loved playing bingo. She had five grandchildren, Erica, Chloe, Emma, Sophie and Michael. She got a dog call Susie who she was very fond of. They would have their moments and often she would give out to her, but also spoiled her when nobody was around. Kathleen's favourite spot would be sitting outside her house on the bench with Susie sitting on the ground underneath. As years went by her arthritis deteriorated and with it she found it hard to mobilise. Through all this she never complained and never missed bingo. She finally succumbed to her illness and was taken into hospital. On her way to the ambulance from her home, Susie followed her out, signalling that this was her last trip. On the 21st of October 2017 Kathleen sadly passed away. Her funeral was from Ryans funeral home to Nicker Church. Her requiem Mass was celebrated by her former priests, Fr Burns, Fr Brown, Fr Egan and Canon Liam McNamara amongst a large congregation made up of her family, friends and parishioners. Following requiem Mass in the Church that she served so well she was later interred in Old Pallas Cemetery.

***A story written about Kathleen Cosgrave by her granddaughter Chloe Cosgrave.***

**A poem for Kathleen**

*It's hard to believe, it's nearly a year,  
Since Kathleen passed away  
But I know that she's still greatly missed  
With every passing day.*

*I have memories of this lady,  
Cycling round upon her bike,  
With shopping in the basket  
And a smile for all alike.*

*I remember her, each evening,  
Going to church, to ring the bell,  
To remind us all to say our prayers,  
Wherever we would dwell.*

*She worked within this lovely church,  
A sacristan with a task.  
With quietness, grace and dignity,  
There was nothing too big to ask.*

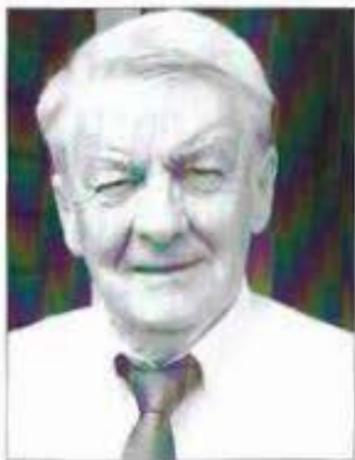
*But in later years, life took its toll  
On Kathleen's active life,  
But she continued on and remained,  
A loving Mother, Nan and Wife.*

*So, this first year, which marks the times  
That this lady is sorely missed,  
Close your eyes and think of her  
And your life, Kathleen once kissed.*

**(Bernadette Ryan)**

**John Greene**

**24th August 1953 – 20th February 2018**



John was born on the 24th August 1953 and grew up in the village of Nicker.

He married Marie (McMahon) on the 14th of February 1976 and they celebrated their 42nd Wedding Anniversary just days before John's death. They were blessed with a son and a daughter and spent 37 happy years living in Canon Lee Park.

A quiet unassuming gentleman John was well known in the motor industry. Whether it was the changing of a bulb, the replacement of a windscreen wiper or a full service John ensured your car would pass the NCT!!

He also served the community for many years working as a postman in both the Pallasgreen and Caherconlish areas.

Following a very short illness John passed away in the University Hospital, Limerick surrounded by his loving family. The large crowd at his funeral paid testament to the

esteem in which he and his family are held. Funeral was from Ryan's funeral home to St John the Baptist Church, Nicker with burial afterwards in St Columbas' Cemetery.

He is deeply missed by his loving family – his wife Marie, son Jonathan, daughter Yvonne, son in law Ollie, daughter in law Connie, grandchildren Ella and Jack, brothers Tony, Michael, Paddy, Danny, sisters Jude, Kathleen, Bridget, brothers in law, sisters in law, nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and many good friends.

**Pat Rahilly, Barna**

**22nd February 1931 – 30th May 2018**



Pat was son to Pakie and Nora Rahilly (Lehane), and brother to Kathy McInerney who now resides in Ballyneety. Pat attended Barna N.S. and then went to Garrydoolis to do 7th class with Mr. Coleman whom he spoke of with greatest respect. His mother died when he was 13 so he and Kathy became holiday makers at their Auntie Mollys in Dromahane near

Mallow. After Pat left school he worked with his father as a carpenter. They built Quirke's house in Cloughadreen on the Old Pallas road. After Pat's father passed away, Pat became self-employed. Pat worked locally in Pallas, Hospital, Oola, Tipperary etc. Pat loved meeting people and no matter who he met he always knew a relation. Apparently Pat was classed as a confirmed bachelor but that all changed one night at a dance in Dundrum when he met Mary Farrell from Donaskeigh. They married the 4th October 1966 and had 3 children Nora, Sally and Patrick. His family extended when he gained 2 sons in law and 3 grandchildren. Pat had a great love for tracing and keeping in touch with relatives and friends. He loved children, animals and flowers. Pat loved being busy and whistled or sang while he worked away. Pat was very proud of being from Barna so when a Grotto was being put up at the pump, himself and Patrick set off to Abbeyleix to get the statue. Pat was a proud Irishman and often spoke the cúpla focal.

## Michael (Mike) O'Dwyer, Old Pallas.



On the 8th July 2018 Michael known as Mike O'Dwyer, Ballyfookeen passed away in Milford Hospice surrounded by his loving family. He is predeceased by his father Denis, his mother Bridie and his brother Jerry who died in 1978, 2014 and 2017 respectively. Mike spent his entire life in the family business. Indeed he started

out at a very young age helping people to keep warm by delivering solid fuel to homes in a large surrounding area in the late 60's and followed a natural progression to oil in the late 70's. The customer base grew and the business flourished to this day due in no small way to Mike's popularity. Like his family before him the work ethic was to follow him throughout his life. Mike sacrificed many hours of his life in the service of others always ready to deliver at a moment's notice if necessary especially to the aged and the vulnerable. There are so many stories of his exploits but one that was related back by a helper tells of a very busy day when Mike disappeared into a house after an oil delivery. The helper went searching and found him trying to get a fire going for an aged lady.

Mike was a true family man who loved nothing more than playing with his grand-children and taking them for drives in his oil truck.

His two other great loves were the family business and country and Irish music.

His passing has created a great void in our lives that can never be filled. He will be sadly missed by so many as attested by the sheer numbers that commiserated with the family during the funerals but especially by his wife Kathleen, daughters Cathriona, Michelle and Martina his son Michael his grandchildren and sons-in-law, his brothers Connie, Den and Pat, sister Tina, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and his many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank everybody that came and those who took the time to show concern through the regular visits and frequent phone calls during his short illness.

Mike is interred in Old Pallas cemetery where many of his ancestors have been buried since the 1700's.

May he rest in peace.

## Patrick J. Murnane

Lough, Pallasgreen and Quilty, County Clare.

13th March 1952 to 25th September 2018.

The untimely passing of my brother P. J. Murnane was received with great disbelief and sadness on Tuesday 25th September 2018. He was the fourth son of the late Ned and Catherine Murnane, Lough, Pallasgreen. He attended the local National School in Brackile, and passed his primary

cert with top marks. As a young boy he was involved in everything; helping with household chores and observing all that his father did. He attended Mass in Nicker every Sunday and became an Altar Server, having learned the Latin responses.

He was always helping the neighbours and never afraid of doing manual chores. He was happy to be with the neighbours out in the meadow piking the hay and pulling the butts. He loved it when the big gallon of tea and sandwiches arrived in the meadow. What a picnic. He enjoyed going to the local forge, with the neighbours pony to be shod. He also drew buckets of water from the local well. His pastime would be outside, in a neighbour's field with a hurley and ball.

P.J. could not wait until he got out into the working world. His first employment was working for Flannery's Bar in William Street, Limerick, as a bar and catering attendant. With two brothers working in Coventry, England, P. J. decided that he would go over and join them, where he could learn new skills. He decided to train as a plumber and joined a company where he completed his full four years of training. P.J. returned home to Ireland, where he purchased a small van, went into business himself and did very well. He attended night classes where he studied wood-work and electrical skills and excelled at both.

As time slipped by, he met A Clare Rose, Marian Egan. They married and settled in Quilty, which is a beautiful scenic area and they have two children Alan and Eimear. P.J. and Marian just celebrated their thirty second wedding anniversary this year. In recent years as the plumbing and electrical business became too much for him to keep going, he got out of it and set up a new business as a Flow-Gas distributor. He did very well at it and became known around Clare as P.J. "The Gas Man".

In August 2017 P.J. began to feel unwell and in December he was given the bad news, that a brain tumour had been diagnosed. He faced a long difficult journey in 2018, but thank God, Marian, Alan, and Eimear, were always by his side. I was assured by them that P.J. would always only get the best and this put me very much at ease. He faced his illness with great courage and good will and through all the ups and downs, P.J., Did his best to stay with us. By late summer he got back on the road again and he was happy to meet his customers and deliver gas to them.

He made a visit to his old home, here in Lough on August week-end and on the Sunday night his best friend Tom Ryan (Will) called in and what a night of reminiscing they both had. Francie and I joined in to their conversation and we all had a most pleasant and enjoyable night. With Hope in the air, everything changed on August the 21st. P.J. was admitted to Ennis General Hospital, where he received the best of treatment, but God had other plans. A cure was not to be and his final weeks were lived out with great strength. We both went down memory lane a lot and there were times he would say to me, "Mary I never knew that" or "you never told me that story before." One day I said P.J. you should slow down a bit more and take time out, to get your self back to good health. Our misunderstandings in life were now a thing of the past, as his final hours approached.

On Monday the 24th of September he was anointed by a lovely priest in Ennis Hospital and he became very peaceful. The following morning with Marian, Eimear, and Alan, by his side, he went to his eternal reward. His remains reposed at the family home in Quilty West on Wednesday evening, where a very large crowd turned up. On Thursday September 27th, his remains were removed to the Star of the Sea church for the funeral mass at 12.30pm. The church was packed, as people came from all over, including a lot of neighbours from home, many thanks to you all.

His funeral mass was out of this world, as it was concelebrated by two local priests. The Altar Servers and the Choir were from the local school and we were all moved when they sang Limerick you're a Lady. A lady soloist gave a beautiful rendition of Going Home. His remains were laid to rest in the local cemetery. P.J. is now at peace with the sound of the sea. You are now in Heaven with your Father, Mother, and two Brothers, Timmy and Davey. He is survived by his wife Marian, son Alan, daughter Eimear, brothers Francie and Peter and sisters Theresa (USA) and Mary. God bless you. Rest in Peace P.J.

Compiled By His Sister, Mary Murnane

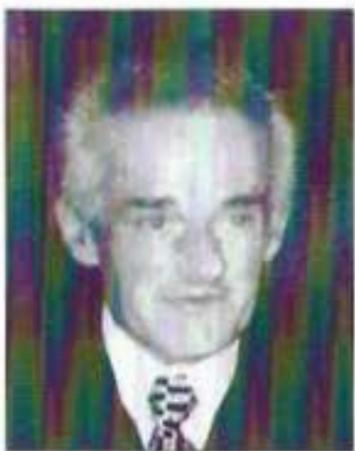
### Biddy McCarthy



Biddy sadly passed away this July in her 98th year at her own home surrounded by her loving family. Biddy was born in Boherroe and was predeceased by her husband Michael and her daughter Hannah. There was nothing she enjoyed more than playing a game of card, listening to music, watching her soaps on the tv and watching the Limerick hurlers. Biddy was a very

easy going person and loved having her grandchildren, great grandchildren and all her family around her. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

### Denis Humphries, Brackile, Pallasgreen



Denny (Denis) Humphries was born on May 14th, 1935. He worked in England in the 1960s. A family connection brought this native of Kilcornan, Cullen to Brackile. In 1967, Denny settled on the farm owned by his uncles, Johnny and Patsy Clancy, where he farmed dry stock. He worked in the Ferenka steel chord manufacturing plant in the 1970s in Annacotty. In 1983,

Denny retired from farming and let his land. In his retirement, Denny abandoned driving his car and became

a familiar sight locally on his bicycle. It also at this stage of his life that Denny had time to pursue his passion for horticulture and through his planting has left a lasting mark in Brackile where his trees and shrubs are now maturing and flourishing.

When his health declined, Denny moved into St Anthony's where he enjoyed the care and support provided. On November 15th, 2017, Denny (Denis) Humphries of Brackile passed away in Limerick University Hospital. Denny was survived by his brothers William, John, Michael, James and Con and his sisters, Eileen, Margaret, Breda and Catherine. Following requiem Mass in Templebraden, Denny was interred in St. Michael's Cemetery, Tipperary Town.

### Mary Hayes



The family, relatives and friends of Mary Hayes were deeply saddened at her recent passing on St Patrick's Day, 17 March 2018.

Mary Hayes was the only daughter of Thomas and Cecilia O'Dwyer of Dromlara. She had one younger brother, William,

who predeceased her. William was deeply involved in Pallasgreen GAA circles. She was the wife of Patrick (Pakie) Hayes who died in 1982. They had six children; Paddy, Maureen, Thomas, Noel (predeceased), Emily and Sheila.

The date of her birth was significant in her mind because if asked when she was born her usual reply was, "the day before 9/11, the twin towers, and the year that Fianna Fail was founded", which, of course meant 10 September 1926. It was ironic that she passed away on St Patrick's Day, as the name Patrick played an important part in her life. Her husband's name was Patrick, her eldest son was Patrick, her daughter, Maureen's first born was named Patrick and his first born child, a son, was recently named Patrick Emmet. The Emmet element is in deference to Mary's deep love of Irish History

She lived with her parents until she was 21 and attended School at the Mercy Convent in Doon. On marrying Pakie in 1947 she moved some three miles away from one farm to another and set about rearing her family. This was no easy task as farming duties also had to be carried out. Indeed only very recently she was mini interviewed by Aisling, her granddaughter, where she complained that the tough milkers were always left for her!

Pakie died in 1982 and as all the offspring were gone from the farm, she moved into Plassey Grove, Castletroy. Moving into the city at the age of 60 from a totally rural environment and now on your own would be daunting for most. It didn't seem to phase her. She immersed herself in all kinds of new projects including painting, swimming and

her beloved books, particularly ones on all things Irish. Being only a stone's throw from the University she took in students, whom she treated as if they were members of her own family. Signs on that many of the students were succeeded by their brothers or sisters. The next major setback in her life was the passing of her son Noel in 1994. Noel's death was a big blow to her but she took strength and great joy from the fact that grandchildren were now arriving at intervals.

She doted on her 10 grandchildren. Padhraig, Fearghal, Ciaran, Orla, Cillian, Ciara, Darragh, Emer, Aisling and Eoin.

She had three new bundles of joy to dote on in her last months in the shape of her great-grandchildren, the aforementioned Patrick Emmet and Rian and Oran, Aisling's sons.

She kept abreast of current affairs and was incredibly tech savvy. She got great enjoyment out of her tablet computer and it was amusing to see her open it up with a flourishing swipe. Between that and all the history books she was well versed in all things Irish. One of the nice messages of sympathy from Cork from a man who only briefly met her stated "I bet she is in the library in Heaven leafing through the recently published volume, "The Atlas of the Irish Revolution", a book of some 1000 pages. One of her favourite books, though, was Palgrave's Golden Treasury of Poetry, which was given to her by Padraig - it didn't matter that all the poets with the exception of Seamus Heaney were English! She was also very interested in the Anglicisation of old Irish words and she had several books on the topic.

She was a great tracer – and for the younger generation tracing has nothing to do with crayons and paper! If ever there was a need to know the pedigree of anyone within 30 miles she had the answer.

She had a wicked sense of humour which she maintained to the last. A visitor to her in the nursing home, some days before she died, whom we will call Betty in order to protect her anonymity, remarked on her wrinkle free face and good skin and inquired what her secret was, to which she replied "soap and water". Being complimentary Betty said I must try that and give up all those expensive creams I have been using. The reply was "It's too late Betty". If Betty had only looked in the corner she would have seen the same creams she was using herself!

She was very interested in sport and somebody was suggesting that a jersey would be nice on her coffin. The consensus was no as it would have to start with the blue and gold of Pallas, the green and white of Limerick and the red of Munster. We would finish up with no room. Hurling, though, took pride of place. The Limerick flag was always displayed for every match of importance and it was also on display, despite her absence, on last All Ireland day. It is a source of great regret that she was not around for the wonderful occasion. With regards to Limerick she was passionate and it was a small source of annoyance to her that the Millbrae Nursing home was just over the border in Tipp. On having a sip of water through a straw from a bottle in her last week somebody asked was it nice. She weakly replied "it could be nicer, it's Tipperary water". Another

unusual coincidence occurred on the day of her removal, which leads us to believe that she was working overtime - Limerick v Clare in the NHL Quarter-Final. Having played two periods of extra time it went to 65's to decide it. The winning (7th ) 65 was put over by Colin Ryan from Pallas! She had a great love of birds and animals and insisted up to the end in replenishing the bird feeders on her own in her damp and wet lawn. She also loved her flowers and up to her last week was inquiring about her snowdrops. But the love of her life was her little Westie Molly. Molly had to be put to sleep last Spring and it broke her heart to have to make that decision. She had her for approx. 15yrs and Molly's death certainly contributed to her decline.

In recent times we came into close contact with our Health Services. Our Health Support comprises a myriad of different parts, the most important of which is the human care part. That part is certainly not broken as she received nothing but the best of care which was humanly possible to deliver under serious constraints. The other elements require serious attention and it is hoped that they will be addressed in order to stem the exodus of some of our brightest and best to the benefit of other services, and to give us a service of which we can be proud. Our health carers, at all levels, are unparalleled.

The family would like to thank Dr Peters and her staff in the Regional Hospital for the care which was delivered to their mother on an ongoing basis. They would also like to thank the doctors, nursing staff and carers who looked after her during her brief time in both the regional and St John's. The staff in Rosehill Nursing Home and Millbrae Nursing Home, Newport were extremely kind to her and thanks to them also.

People usually don't like going to the doctor but in Mary's case this was not so as her GP, Dr Pat Kelly, had become a close friend. Outside of the immediate family he knew her better than anyone and they developed a great relationship. Gratitude goes to the Administrative staff in The Home Care Office, Nenagh, for their sympathetic handling of Mary's home care requirements. To the carers who made such a difference to her quality of life in her home, a sincere thanks. In that context particular mention must be made of Ann. Over the years they became great friends. It was always a joy to behold to see her face brighten as soon as Ann entered the house.

Fr Bernie Moloney celebrated the Mass. Bernie is a family friend of long standing and is always there when called, usually in not great circumstances. He also officiated at Pakie and Noel's funeral. It should be noted that Bernie is PP in Emly, Co Tipperary, that his brother played in goals for Tipperary and despite all that he was perfectly acceptable to Mrs Hayes. Just shows that he is an exceptional Priest!

To all her grandchildren a big thanks for being such a source of comfort and support to her and for reciprocating the great love she bore for them all.

To all the many extended relatives and friends many thanks for the expressions of sympathy and for visiting her from time to time, something which she really enjoyed. A special mention to her wonderful neighbours at Plassey Grove.

Mary Hayes was a fiercely independent woman and positive in her approach to life. She was fiercely proud of her roots in Pallasgreen and loved to keep up with the news from there. She was not a deeply religious person but certainly was a deeply spiritual one who questioned the why and the why not.

Palgrave's Poetry Book was previously mentioned. In her final hours she tried to recite in Sheila's ear "Death the Leveller" by J. Shirley, which was one of her favourite poems. She had the page book-marked.

### James Shirley, 1596–1666

#### 288. Death the Leveller

*THE glories of our blood and state  
Are shadows, not substantial things;  
There is no armour against Fate;  
Death lays his icy hand on kings:  
Sceptre and Crown  
Must tumble down,  
And in the dust be equal made  
With the poor crookèd scythe and spade.*

*Some men with swords may reap the field,  
And plant fresh laurels where they kill;  
But their strong nerves at last must yield;  
They tame but one another still:  
Early or late  
They stoop to fate,  
And must give up their murmuring breath  
When they, pale captives, creep to death.*

*The garlands wither on your brow,  
Then boast no more your mighty deeds!  
Upon Death's purple altar now  
See where the victor-victim bleeds.  
Your heads must come  
To the cold tomb:  
Only the actions of the just  
Smell sweet and blossom in their dust.*

**Ni bheidh a leithead ann aris.  
Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis**

### Mary Kennedy, New Pallas



Our community was greatly saddened by the loss of one of our most cherished parishioners and friend, Mary Kennedy or more affectionately called Mary Bernie. Mary died on March 5th of this year 2018 after fighting her illness so bravely. Mary was born in Ballyvistea in Emly, Co Tipperary on August 10th 1933. She was the

youngest of three children born to Edmund Murphy and Sarah Carroll. Mary's sister Nora May is part of our community and resides in St Anthony's Nursing Home in Kilduff. Her brother Jerry died in 2013.

Mary left Emly in 1951 to pursue a career in nursing at Ealing Hospital in London. Later she returned home to The National Maternity Hospital in Holles St in Dublin where she obtained her midwifery qualifications. When qualified Mary continued her midwifery in private maternity nursing homes. Later she joined the staff of The Regional Hospital Dooradoyle where she met her future husband Bernie Kennedy. Mary and Bernie married in 1963 and they settled into married life in New Pallas, Pallasgreen where she became the devoted mother to their four children Aidan, Sally, Bernard and Ed (Edwin). Later Mary nursed in St Camillus Hospital in Limerick and St Anthony's Nursing Home Pallasgreen. As a woman of strong faith, Mary instilled the virtues of goodness and kindness in her children and shared it with all she met. She was a ray of sunshine and her joie de vie was infectious. Mary was a wonderful human being who practiced the very best of christian virtues doing what Mary did best, caring for those she loved the most. Her loving care was shown in her dedication to her good friend Breda Hayes of Ballinaclough and her dear husband Bernie in their final illnesses.

Mary loved being among people where her cheerful personality and her positive outlook on life affected every one. She was an active member of I C A later to be called Pallasgreen Ladies Club where in times gone by she trod the boards of the Community Centre, taking part in one of the first productions of The Variety Show. Her beautiful singing voice delighted many an audience. Being a member of the Active Retirement Group she enjoyed her exercise sessions, cups of tea and all the fun. Another source of happiness to Mary was her weekly visit to the Day Care Centre in Cappamore, where she and her late sister in law Joan and her dearest friend Nancy shared many happy hours together.

Mary's morning trips to Nicker Church to attend daily mass were of utmost importance to her, and from time to time she loved giving a helping hand when called upon. Mary has touched so many lives in our community with her sense of fun and her special way with people that her passing has left a huge void in our hearts, our village and in our community at large. What wonderful memories you have left us Mary. You are greatly missed our dear friend.

Ní bheidh a leitheid ann arís. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dhilís.

**Mary Dillon**

## Bridget (Breda) Looby, Rahard, Pallasgreen



Bridget (Breda) Looby (nee O'Donnell) of Rahard Pallasgreen passed away peacefully at University Hospital Limerick on 16th of December 2017. She was predeceased by her husband Johnny who died on September 12th 2006. Her funeral was from Whelan's funeral home Tipperary town to the church of The

Sacred Heart, Oola and following Requiem Mass she was laid to rest in St Michael's cemetery Tipperary town. Breda was born on June 11th 1934 the eldest of four children to Denis O'Donnell and Catherine (nee Ryan) She grew up in Kilcornan Cullen with her brothers Densie and Matie both deceased and her sister Mary (Slattery).

Educated at Garrydoolis National School and Presentation secondary school Thurles. She developed a love of the Irish language as she was taught all subjects in Irish. Throughout her life she spoke some great seanfhocails such as "Nil aon tinteán mar do thinteán fein" agus Cuirt gear sea is fhearr agus Briseann an dachas tri shuille an chat.

In school she studied music, piano and singing and put these to good use in life. She enjoyed carol singing as a fundraiser to acquire the outdoor Stations of the Cross above the grotto at Nicker church in the 1950s and sang in the choir throughout her life in Templebraden church

In April 1960 Breda married Johnny Looby a neighbour. They moved from the neighbouring parish and neighbouring county when they bought a farm in Rahard.

Breda was busy rearing five children and farming. She was the first secretary of Garrydoolis ICA and a PTAA member. Breda enjoyed reading and crosswords. Her love of music and in particular Irish traditional music has been passed on to all her grandchildren.

Breda was a devout catholic and died in 2017 the year of the family. She is survived by her five children Catherine, Jerry, Denis, Noeleen, Mary and her extended family. Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis.

### Denis Looby



### John Ryan

The passing of John Ryan (Macanta); The club would like to extend its sympathies to the family relatives and friends of the late John Ryan (Macanta). He was described as the George Best of Pallasgreen as he was one of

the finest hurlers to grace the fields of Limerick. At 18 years of age he was on the Pallas junior team that won the county championship against St Mary's Rathkeale in the Gaelic Grounds. This was a golden era for hurling in Pallasgreen with its charismatic trainer Paddy Maher and Johnny was an integral part of one of the most accomplished attacking units ever in hurling, he had all the skills of the game, he played alongside some of the great forwards names of Creede, Power, Franklin, Gleeson, and Carr. Affectionately known on the field as "Macanta" he was the most formidable of opponents, his trademark speed, skill and eye for goal trouble many a backline. The following year in 1969 Pallas reached the County senior hurling final against a star studded Patrickswell side, but luck wasn't on their side and Pallas had to settle for runners up. In 1968 Johnny was called up by the Limerick minor hurling selectors for the Munster championship against Cork. This game saw him up against the legendary John (Blondie) Horgan. His display that day had John Ryan from Pallasgreen name on everyone's lips after the game, even though Limerick lost the game Johnny gave the great centre back a torrid afternoon with an eye catching display. A few years later he played a senior hurling game against Kilkenny and gave another legend Jim Treacy a tough time of it with another fantastic display. 1973 he was on the Pallas side that played the great South Liberties side to a record crowd at Caherconlish for the East Senior hurling Championship. Pallas lost that day by 2-7 to 1-7. This team went onto reach the county semi final against Kileedy only to lose after a replay in Kilmallock. He was hugely popular with players and public alike, Johnny was "a character" whose wonderful humour lightened the tension of big games but he was very much his own man and never wavered in his opinions if he felt a principle was at issue. He will be missed on a personal level as an unfailing source of humour and friendly chat. His on-field judgment and ball-playing talent were beyond question outside of the GAA. He was reposed at his niece Margaret Murphy Ryan's house and the following day Requiem Mass was in St John the Baptist Church Nicker. Following Requiem Mass the cortege made the journey by Linfield to pass his house for the last time, it was then met by a guard of honour by Pallasgreen GAA club on the outskirts of the village which included some of his former team mates who escorted the hearse to St Columba's Cemetery. He was laid to rest beside his recently deceased niece. To quote the last two lines of a Hurler's Prayer:

*May the great referee, when he calls my name,  
Say "You played like a man, you played the game".*

**Ar dheis de go raibh an anam dilis.**

**Ger O'Connell**

**FR. GERALD GRACE****(September 19, 1939 - August 10, 2018)****By Gerald and Micheál Grace**

Fr Gerald "Gerry" Grace was a loyal and faithful man that was loved, admired and respected wherever he went. A proud Irish man, he would have enjoyed the fact that priests from Ireland and the USA, as well as a large crowd of mourners including family and friends, joined in singing Danny Boy (his favourite song) and the Battle Hymn of the Republic at his graveside after he was laid to rest in the grounds of St. Brigid's Church, Templebraden, County Limerick. Fr Gerald is buried close to his uncle Fr. Michael Grace (1894 to 1962) who served as a priest in Missouri, USA and his grand uncle, Fr. Gerald Grace (1848 to 1893) who also served in the USA and who is buried under the sanctuary of St. Brigid's Church.

His interment followed two funeral masses. On Monday 13 August 2018, the pews at St. Lucy Church, Highland Beach, Florida were filled with over 80 priests as well as seminarians, deacons, friends and family members who attended a mass celebrated by two bishops, Bishop Gerald Barbarito, and Bishop John Noonan of Orlando (another Limerick native), before a further funeral mass was concelebrated on 24 August in The Church of the Sacred Heart, Oola by over a dozen priests, led by his great friends Bishop Noonan, Fr Liam Quinn (Pompano Beach, Florida) and Fr. John Morris, parish priest of Oola and Solohead.

Bishop Barbarito, noted during the mass in St Lucy's that Fr Grace "was a very special priest....He gave himself totally to the priesthood. He loved the priesthood. He loved priests, each and every one. He knew us. He knew our faults. He was a man of grace. He loved to teach. It was something that came from his heart. He was a great example to priests, to seminarians. We know he is still with us. He is a priest forever."

Speaking after his funeral in Highland Beach, Fr. Brian Horgan, current pastor at St Lucy's and a native of Blackrock, Cork City, noted that Fr Gerry's commitment to teaching never ended ".... He was perhaps one of the most emerging theologians of his time, influencing the many priests, throughout the state of Florida, while he taught at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. Having worked with him since 2013, I witnessed a man who remained faithful to his calling as a priest of Jesus Christ: a man who could laugh at himself, one who could make others laugh and, perhaps most importantly, he was a man of principle and loyalty. What has struck me the most about him, as I have reflected since his death, was the fact that he was quick to forgive, generous to so many people ..... was always ready to go, day or night, to help people. He will be missed from the Church of South Florida, but will always be remembered as an architect of its success."

Father Gerald was born to Gerald Grace (1893 – 1962) and Elizabeth (Lizzy) Bourke (1903-1971) of Castle Lloyd, Oola on 19 September 1939. He grew up in Oola with his brothers Danny, Liam, Edmond (Ned) and his twin brother Michael and was educated in Oola National School and The Abbey CBS, Tipperary Town, before being ordained on 13 June 1965 at St. Patrick's College, Thurles. He went on to

study at Manhattan College in New York and The Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome, receiving degrees with distinctions. He also received a doctorate in sacred theology from The Pontifical University in 1975.

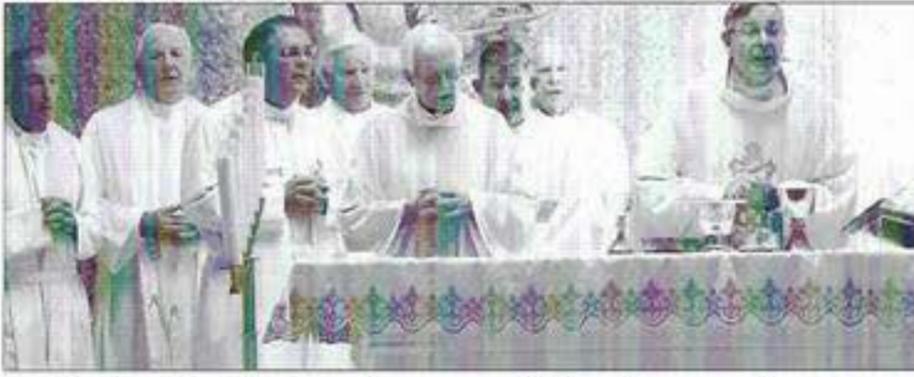
As a young priest, Fr Gerald's ministry began in South Florida. In 1965, He was incardinated into the then-Diocese of Miami. He started his ministry at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Fort Lauderdale, serving two years before going to serve as associate pastor and assistant director of religious education at St. Coleman Parish and School in Pompano Beach, Florida. He served St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in Delray Beach as assistant pastor from 1969 to 1972. In July 1976, he was appointed to the teaching staff of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, where he continued to serve until 1993. As a teacher, he was known for his "dedication to students and vocations". He was an outspoken critic of those who engaged in child abuse or who attempted to cover it up. He railed against injustice wherever he saw it, a trait that he developed on the GAA pitches in Limerick where he didn't stand back if a teammate needed a bit of physical support.

In the newly created Diocese of Palm Beach, he served as diocesan director of ecumenical ministry, vicar for continuing education of clergy and assessor of the diocesan Tribunal from 1985 to 1993 and was vicar for priests' clergy personnel from 1986 to 1993. He was appointed parochial vicar of St. Vincent Ferrer in 1994, until his appointment as pastor of St. Lucy Parish in September 1996. He was the fourth pastor of St Lucy Parish and continued in that role until he became Pastor Emeritus of St Lucy's in 2017 and entered retirement after a long life of service both in the Church and in the wider Palm Beach community.

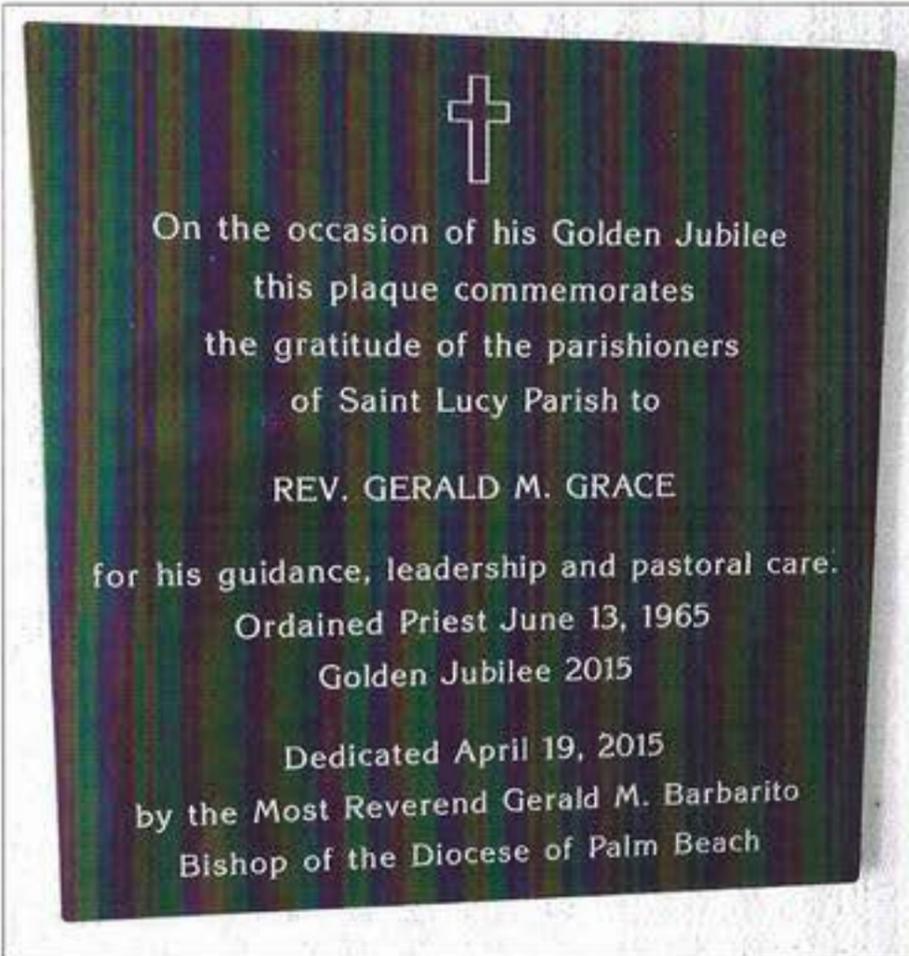
A small example of his charity occurred in the late 1990's where he was awakened at 4 a.m. to board an air ambulance helicopter to travel to a Miami hospital with a couple whose son was just born with a malformed heart. That little boy is now a young man of 20 and he attended Fr Gerry's funeral in Highland Beach. Many other acts of kindness went unrecorded and unspoken, as is often the case with the best of people.

In 2015, St. Lucy Parish held a golden anniversary celebration for Father Grace, and the parish presented him with a plaque in thanksgiving for his "guidance, leadership and pastoral care" over the years. The plaque remains prominently on display at St. Lucy, a small presence of the man who touched the hearts of those he served for over two decades. The celebrations were joyous and many stories from years gone by were shared, including many at the expense of Fr Gerry!

Later that same year, when Fr. Gerald visited Ireland, as usual in August, a huge crowd turned up in Oola for a joint golden jubilee celebration with his close friend and classmate Canon Liam McNamara. They were ordained on the same day in Thurles in 1965. Many other classmates of Fr. Gerald and Canon Liam actually went on to minister in the United States, including his close friend Fr. Jerry Singleton, who coincidentally was a close neighbour of Fr. Gerald's future sister-in-law, Phil Grace (nee Riordan) where they grew up together in Cullen, County Cork. Fr



Father Gerald Grace is surrounded by clergy and next to Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito (Palm Beach Diocese) during a Mass celebrating Fr Gerald's Golden Jubilee in April 2015 at St. Lucy Church in Highland Beach.



Jerry was on vacation in Ireland and concelebrated the funeral Mass in Oola.

Fr. Gerald returned home to Ireland each and every August (sometimes more frequently), to visit and spend time with his brothers, Edmond and Michael (together with their wives Phil and Anne), their families and the extended Grace family in Limerick and many friends across Ireland. He was also able to indulge his passion for horse racing and gaelic games, especially hurling, often extending his stay until September to catch the All-Ireland hurling final, but not before a few trips to Limerick Junction (as it was), Mallow, Limerick and of course the Galway races.

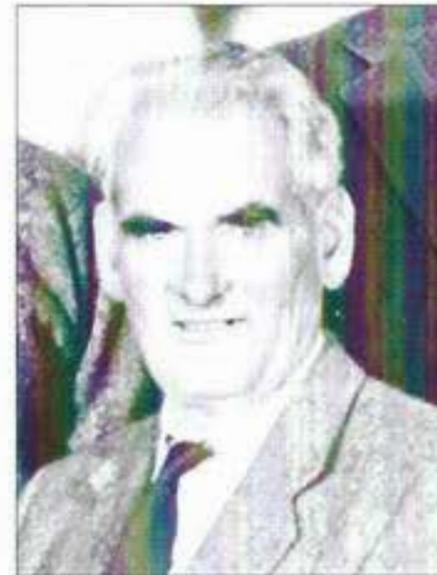
Before his higher calling, Fr. Gerald was an accomplished hurler and footballer, winning minor medals in East Limerick with Doon in 1955, a Croke Cup with the Abbey CBS, as well as minor football county medals with both Knockane and Oola in successive years, as well as a senior county football medal with Oola in 1961 and a senior county hurling medal with Cappamore in 1964. He also played junior football with Limerick. Commemorative plaques in respect of recent gatherings of both the Oola and Cappamore county winning teams proudly adorned his walls in Florida, notwithstanding the fact that he was quite

a humble man, especially when it came to talking of his own achievements. Also amongst his treasured possessions were newspaper clippings and memorabilia from Limerick's All-Ireland victory in 1973. It was ironic that he missed Limerick's long awaited All Ireland triumph by just over a week, but there is no doubt that he was looking down on that day's events with a smile and perhaps a guiding hand when it was needed most.

As far as the authors are concerned though, Fr G (as we knew him) was the best uncle in the world. He spoiled us as children, tolerated us as teenagers and married us as men. We miss him.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

## Peadar Keane, Ardnacrusha and late of Reask, Pallasgreen.



The senior residents of Pallasgreen were saddened to hear of the passing on Peadar Keane of Riverdale House Blackwater, Ardnacrusha, Co Clare and late of Castleconnell and Reask, Pallasgreen on February 10th.

He will be fondly remembered in the community for a man who gave it sterling service. Peadar was a founder member of the former Pallasgreen Community Council and became its Chairman in the mid 1970s and Vice Chairman in 1980 when he was succeeded by Con O'Dwyer. He was very much involved in the affairs of the community and was much sought after for his advice and expertise. He helped out with the development of the GAA grounds in the seventies and was part of the committee that saw the growth of the community hall and saw that project through to its completion which opened in 1986 by President Patrick Hillary. Peadar was a nephew to former parish priest Canon Patrick Lee. He died peacefully at his home in the presence of his loving family. Funeral was from McMahon's Funeral Home, Blackwater to St. Patrick's Church, Parteen. Following requiem Mass interment took place in Doon Cemetery. Sympathies to his wife Peggy (née Quinlan) sons Pat and John daughters Mary and Mairead and John, brothers William and PJ, sisters Sr Eileen, Joan (English), and Bridie (Cormican), grandchildren Stephen, Jeffery and Rachael Keane, Elizabeth, Peadar, and Criostoir Storey, Sarah and Emily Osborn and Sean Keane, sons-in-laws, daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and friends.

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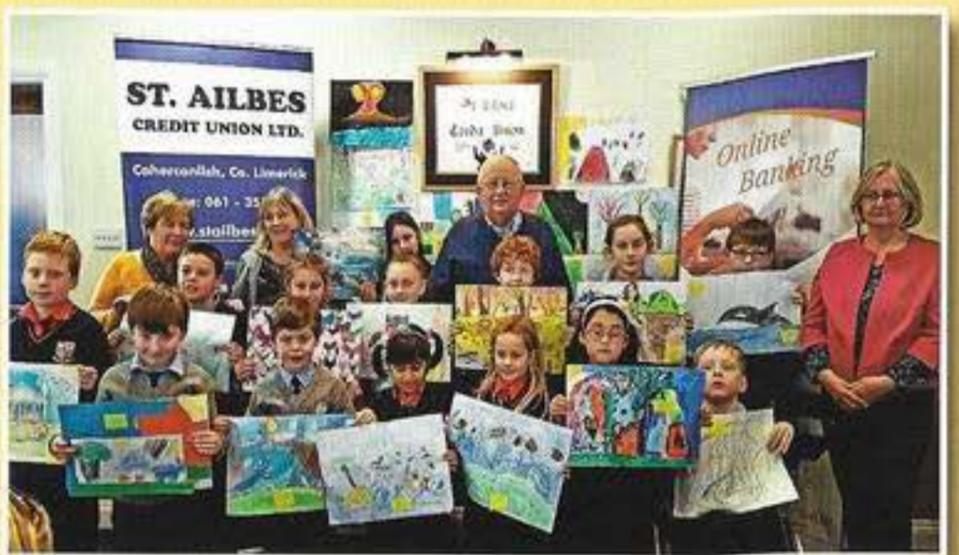
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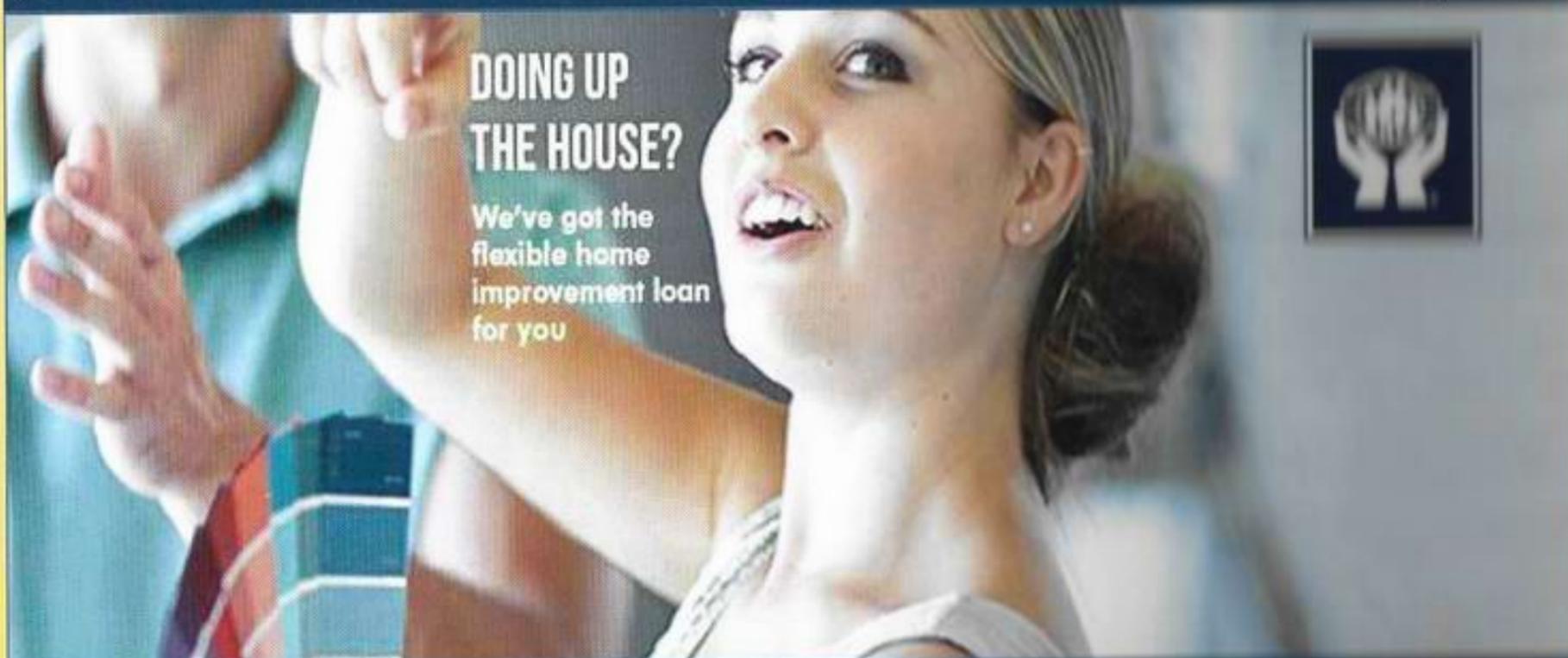
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