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Monument to two IRA volunteers to be unveiled on Sunday

Meelick Ambush is marked 90 years on

Mike Dwane

TWO IRA volunteers killed during a failed attack on a train a few miles outside the city 90 years ago are to be honoured at a ceremony in Meelick this weekend.

Clondrinagh man Michael Gleeson and Christopher McCarthy, from Milltown Malbay, were members of the Caherdavin company of the East Clare IRA brigade - which had planned to intercept mail on the train which they believed could reveal the identity of a spy passing information to the British.

Both were gunned down by soldiers from the Royal Scots regiment on June 15, 1921, and their actions are to be remembered this weekend by a local committee which includes Tom Gleeson, a grandnephew of Michael Gleeson's; historians Tom Toomey and Pádraig Og O Ruairc, Johnny White and Cllr Cathal Crowe.

The Meelick Ambush Commemoration Committee has, since February, raised around €4,000 for a memorial to the two men and their actions that day. Made by Raymond Kelly, Gerald Griffin Street, this will be unveiled by members of the Gleeson and McCarthy families by the railway bridge on Woodcock Hill Road in Meelick at around 1.30pm on Sunday. This will be preceded by mass in Meelick at 12 noon, with wreaths to be blessed by



Fr Tom Carroll. These will afterwards be laid at the Republican plot in the local churchyard.

Tom Toomey said of the IRA's point-of-view "everything that could have gone wrong, did go wrong". They had laid a stone barricade across the track less than a mile from the train station at Cratloe.

Tom Bentley, an IRA volunteer from Cratloe, had been detailed to board the Limerick-Ennis train and wave his cap out the window for the waiting IRA if there were any troops on board. Around 30 of the Royal Scots had got on in Limerick and Bentley issued his warning. The train driver ploughed through the barricade but the British, having spotted the IRA



Members of the Meelick Ambush Commemoration Committee Cathal Crowe, Tom Toomey, Tom Gleeson, Johnny White and Pádraig Og O Ruairc, top, and the two IRA volunteers killed during the action 90 years ago, Michael Gleeson right, and Christopher McCarthy

in the fields, ordered him to reverse back down the line.

"The British soldiers opened fire with two machine guns as soon as they caught sight of the IRA men at the railway line," Pádraig Og O Ruairc records.

"As they attempted to retreat, Christopher McCarthy was wounded by the opening volley of machine gun fire and fell to the ground."

Gleeson had found cover but, in what Tom Toomey describes as "an act of heroism", emerged

to help his fallen comrade. He, in turn, was shot in a hail of fire as he retreated up the field from the British troops advancing from the track.

Both men died of their wounds and were buried in the Republican plot in Meelick churchyard.

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Limerick's Got Talent returns to Patrick Punch's

Stephen Kinsella

LIMERICK'S talented individuals will once again have the opportunity to showcase their abilities.

It's back again Limerick's Got Talent the premiere local talent spotting show will take place once again. Following the tremendous success of last year's event which was won by Flawless Dance School from Thomondgate the production team are expecting an even bigger and better competition this time round.

The competition is open to all forms of entertainment genres with singers both soloists



Michelle McMahon with the Flawless dancers at last year's Limerick's Got Talent competition

and groups, dancers both individual and groups, comedians, novelty acts, magicians, musicians and upcoming bands.

All entrants must fill in the application forms which are available now

from FSV Sound and Vision which is situated in William Street, and must return them there before Wednesday August 3 with the entrance fee of €10.

Show producer Mike

O'Connor is excited by the prospect of the show.

"This is our third year putting on the show are we are eagerly looking forward to it, some of the talent who took part last year have already gone on to better things from the event and that's without winning."

There is a buzz about the event with even the judges from last year anxious to get involved again".

The Grand Final will be held in Patrick Punch's hotel on Friday August 19. There is a €500 first prize reward for the winner.

There is also a best entertainment act prize, which will be deemed by judges for its audience

entertainment value.

Two special workshops have been arranged at Punch's Hotel for Tuesday July 26 and August 2 to give all applicants the opportunity to practice on stage.

There will also be the opportunity to host the show on the night for those who are interested.

All proceeds for this event will be donated to the MS Society Limerick Branch

Full information and updates can be found on their Facebook page Limerick's Got Talent 2011 or contact show producer Mike O'Connor by email at mikaalcudia@hotmail.com.

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