Blackwater tragedy memorial

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A MEMORIAL to two Limerick teenagers shot dead by RIC and Black and Tans at Blackwater on the outskirts of the city during the War of Independence is to be unveiled at the site of the tragedy on Easter weekend.

The memorial will be unveiled at 2pm on Easter Sunday by Mary Beegan, a niece of the victims. Parteen historian Donal O'Riain will lay a wreath at the location on the Broadford Road across from McMahon's Pub in South-East Clare.

The tragedy, which occurred 92 years ago, will be commemorated by the Meelick—Parteen and Cratloe War of Independence Commemoration Committee.

A public lecture was given last month by Limerick historian Tom Toomey on what was known as 'The Blackwater Tragedy' and a commemorative scroll is being sold to help meet the cost of the inscribed stone.

The two youths who died in the incident were Cecil (18) and Aidan (14) O'Donovan from Emma Villas in Thomondgate. They were playing around the ruins of Blackwater Mill with other relatives on Sunday February 20, 1921.

A military tribunal and a court enquiry left unanswered questions as to what happened and who gave the order to fire.

Those wishing to contribute to the memorial can contact Tom Toomey or Padraig Og O'Ruaire.

Cecil and Aidan O'Donovan, shot dead at Blackwater Mill during the War of Independence

Pepper plans to spice up Shannon

PEPPER Asset Servicing has opened a new operations base at the WestPark Business Campus in Shannon to facilitate future growth in the Irish and European markets.

Up to 100 new employees can be accommodated at the new Shannon base which will underpin Pepper's plans to establish a best-in-class pan-European loan servicing and asset management operation. Pepper Asset Servicing was established in September 2012 when it acquired GE Capital's Irish residential mortgage business. Since then, the company has grown its Irish business considerably and created over 20 new positions. It currently employs 110 people in Shannon and 40 in Dublin.

Happy Easter to all my constituents in Corbally, Kings Island, Pennywell, Killaloe, Garryowen & Rhebogue

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