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£60m Power Plant Project For Dungarvan

BY AISLING CONROY

A £60 million power plant on the site of the former Waterford Foods creamery in Dungarvan will be up and running by October 2001.

The 100 megawatt plant will be of critical importance for the whole country and will result in the introduction of a natural gas supply to Dungarvan. It will produce in excess of 800 million units of electricity a year which would be enough to power Co. Waterford and beyond.

Dungarvan Energy Ltd. is the company formed to develop the project and is made up of a number of Irish investors under the umbrella of Dellware. Also behind the project is Rolls Royce Power Ventures (RRPV) which is a subsidiary of Rolls Royce plc, the civil aerospace, defence and energy group. RRPV operates power stations in Britain and around the world and its parent company is a pioneer of gas turbine energy.

This exciting project has been likened to an industrial 'phoenix' for the town - rising out of the ashes of the defunct creamery to replace Dungarvan's lost industry. The principals behind the venture have hands-on experience of the creamery site and were involved in setting up the existing power generator on the site.

The closure of the Shandon milk plant last year with the loss of 135 full-time and 45

TOWN TO BENEFIT FROM NATURAL GAS

part-time jobs was a major blow to the town.

The former £1bn Waterford Foods industry was confined to the history pages as the 42 acre creamery site was partially cleared and put up for public auction realising almost £5 million. The site, with the exception of the Shopwell facility, was bought by Tipperary company Clancy Construction whose bid was adjudged by Glanbia to be the best (and highest) tender for the site.

KEY TO PROJECT

The key to this multi million pound industrial project is the combined heat and power plant (CHP) which is located at the weigh bridge entrance to the Shandon site. Dungarvan Energy Ltd. have acquired four acres of the former industrial processing areas on the Cork road side which incorporates the CHP.

The combined heat and power plant was installed at the creamery in 1985 at a cost of £4.5 million. It drew down substantial funding by way of energy conservation grants and was heralded as a flagship project at the time. Completely self sufficient, the heat and power plant will use gas provided by Bord Gáis on its existing pipeline which runs close by.

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Neil Moore, son of Kevin and Rita Moore, Coolagh, Abbeyside, who graduated with a B.A. Th. Degree from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth recently. Neil was educated in Scoil Mhuire, Abbeyside and CBS Dungarvan

UDC SLAM POSSIBLE BANK BRANCH CLOSURE

BY AISLING CONROY

The possible closure of the First Active bank branch in Dungarvan has been described as a 'bad step' for the company.

Speaking this week, the Chairman of Dungarvan UDC, Lar Hart, said the Board of Directors of First Active are making a big mistake in targeting the Grattan Square branch for closure.

Cllr. Hart moved a notice of

motion at last Monday's UDC meeting that the Council call on the Board of Directors and management of First Active plc. to reverse their decision to close the Dungarvan branch.

First Active management announced details of a major restructuring plan on November 30th when they revealed the company plan to shed 175 jobs in the new year and to close 25 branches nationwide. Among

those to be targeted for possible closure is the branch in Dungarvan.

Cllr. Hart said the Grattan Square premises will be a great site within the next 2 to 3 years with the development of the Waterford Foods site. He suggested that the Directors meet with the Council to discuss the future of that area of the town.

Supporting Cllr. Hart's motion was Cllr. John Deasy who

said the local First Active branch recorded their best ending year ever in 1999.

The staff at the branch, he said were not notified of the cutback plans before they were announced.

"Do the management even know where the branch is located?", he asked, adding that Grattan Square is a prime location.

"People on the board treated the staff abysmally. They deserve a lot better than to find out over the radio", he added.

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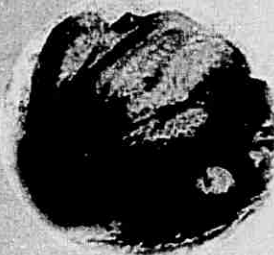
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Leader Crossword

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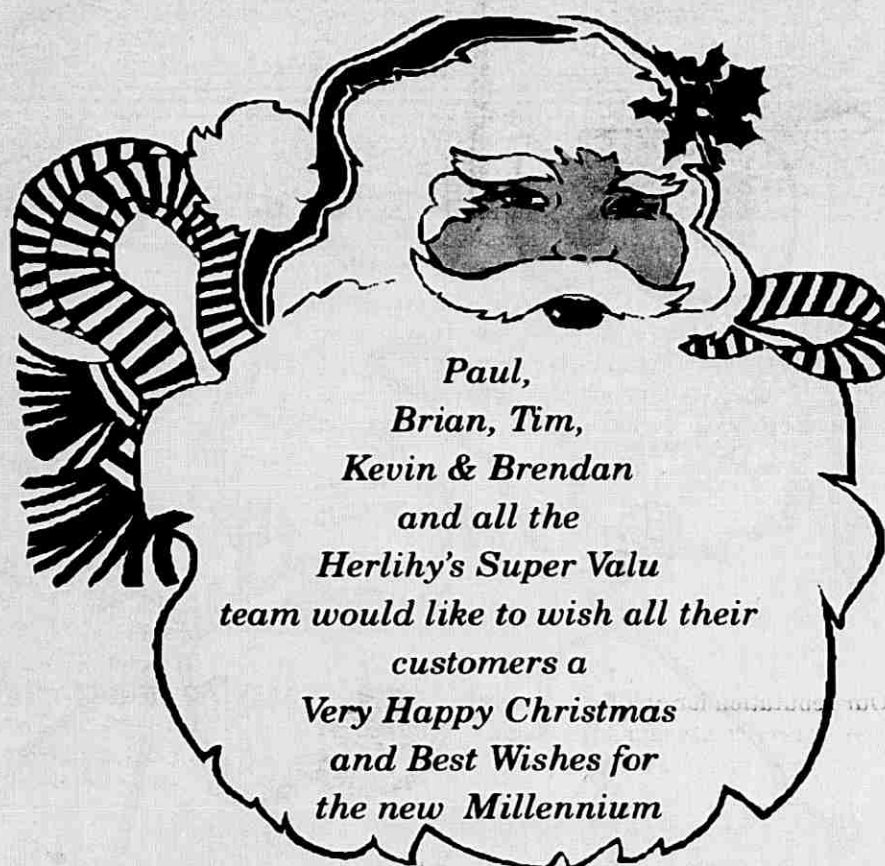
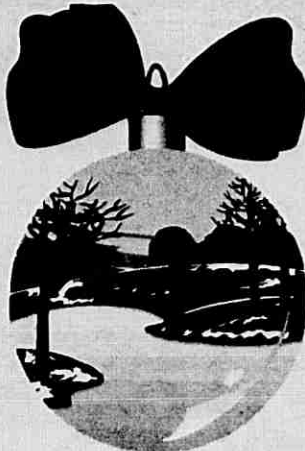
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JUNIOR PAGE

ROCKS AND MINERALS

THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH

The surface of the earth is made up of rocks, although most of them are covered by oceans, forests, cities, rivers and hills. All rocks are made of mixtures of minerals.

Different rocks have different recipes, which is why they don't look the same, and some are harder than others. Geologists can identify rocks by the minerals from which they are made.

Minerals are used for many purposes including cement, paint and fuel. Some minerals are called ores and these contain metals like copper, iron, lead and tin. Some are pure metals, such as gold and silver.

Rocks are classified into three main types — igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic — depending on the way they are formed. Most rocks consist of crystals with regular shapes and smooth faces that grow in a symmetrical way.

ROCK CONCERT

You can often see sand or shells in sedimentary rocks. The Mineral grains in igneous rocks are large if the rock is formed slowly. Metamorphic rocks such as shale, are often flaky and brittle.

BEAUTIFUL MINERALS



Minerals sought after for their beauty are called gemstones. Many of them are used in jewellery. Some, such as diamonds, are prized for their sparkle, or 'fire.' Others, such as rubies and emeralds, are beautifully coloured. Shown above is Chilean rhodochrosite.

UNNATURAL MINERALS

Certain useful minerals that are very rare are made, or synthesized, in laboratories. The properties of the minerals can be carefully controlled by 'cooking' them at the correct temperature and pressure.

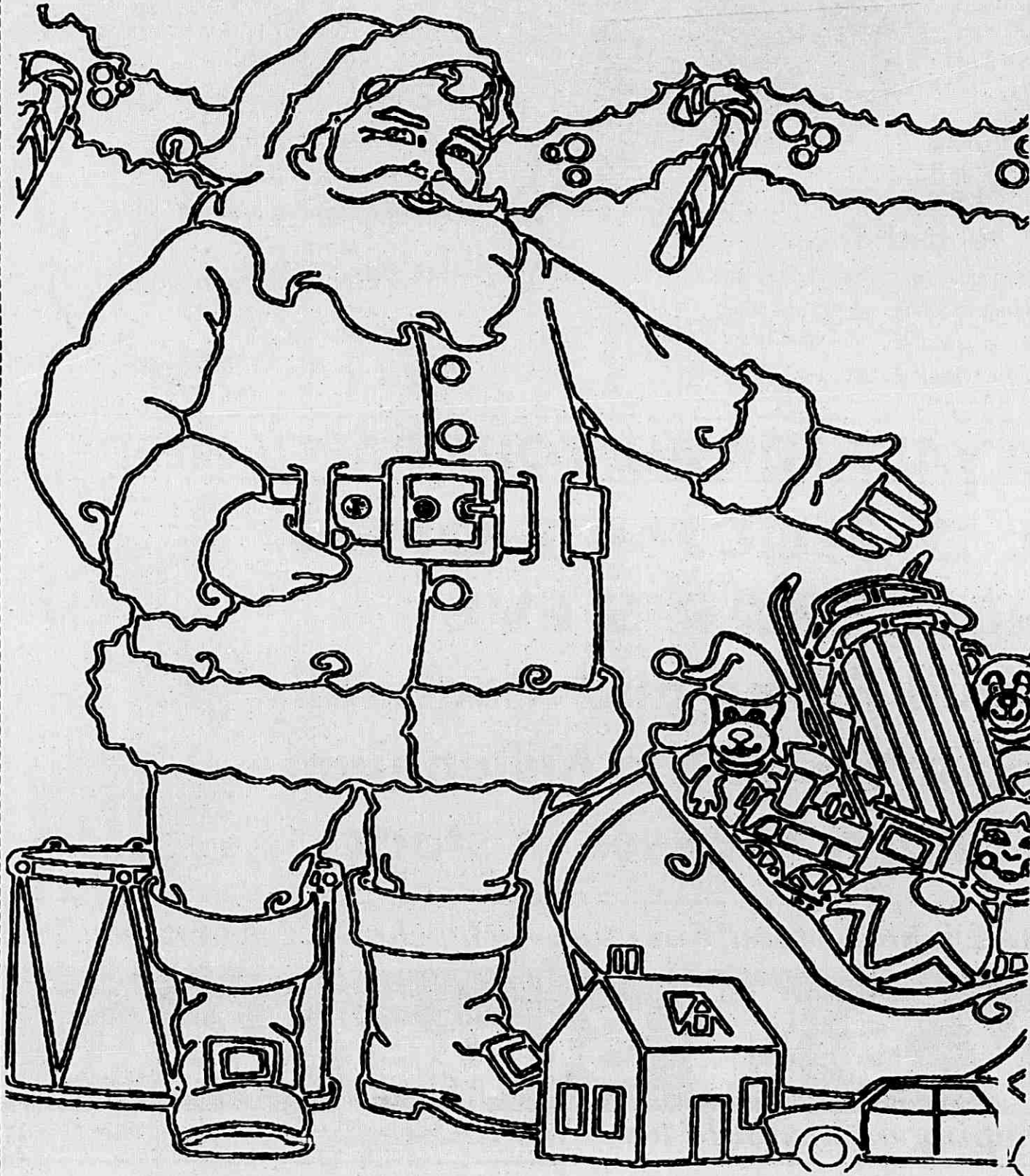
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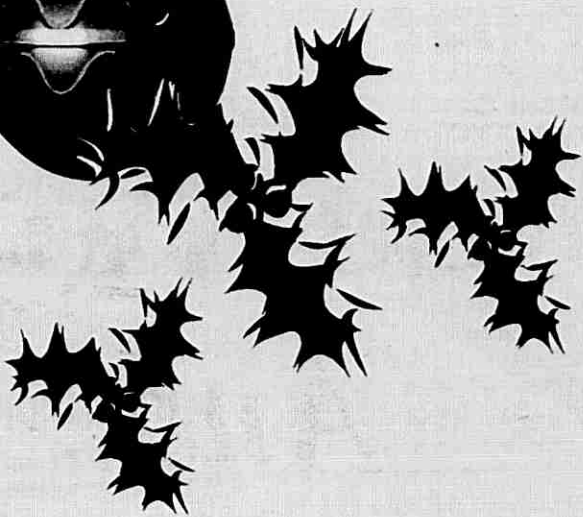
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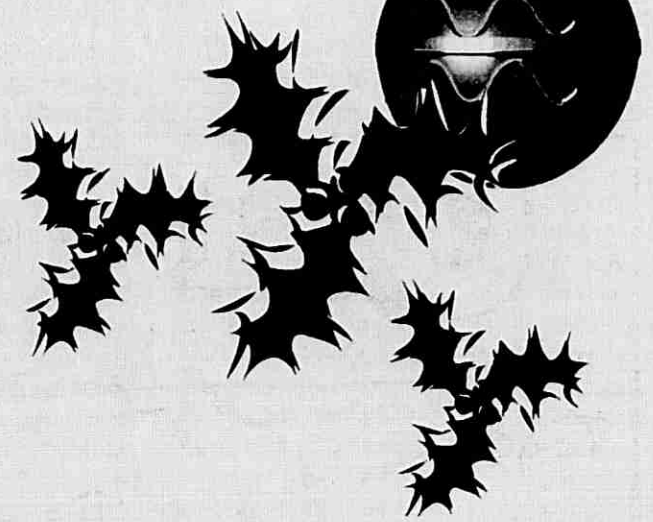
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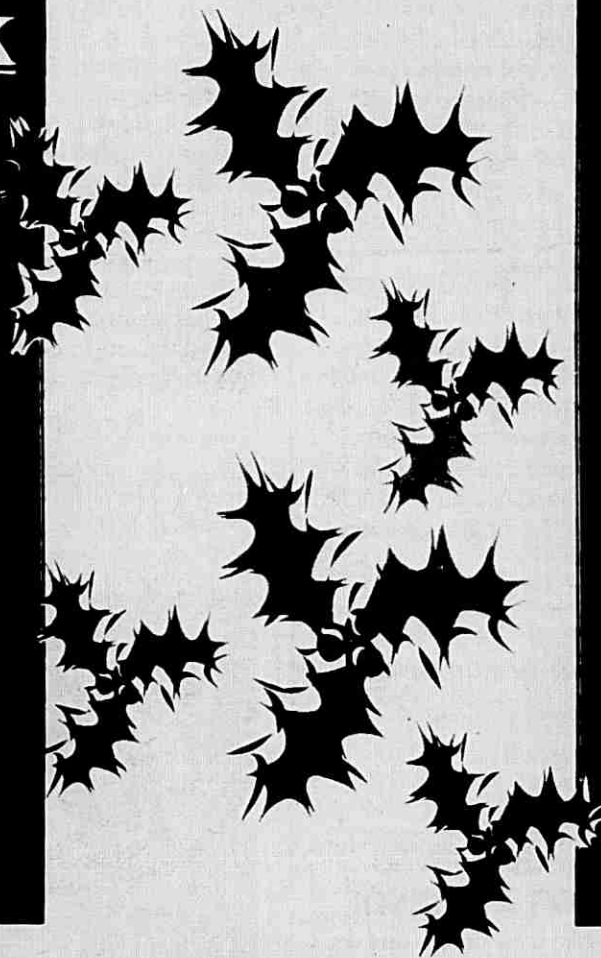
9am - 9pm

Thursday 23rd

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Christmas Eve

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CHRISTMAS

- a time of reflection

Freud said "We are so made that we can only derive intense enjoyment from a contrast and only very little from a state of things" and so having lived with 'a state of things' for some 50 weeks of the year we strive to enjoy, enjoy, and celebrate, celebrate during the remaining two weeks of the year.

It seems to me the world is divided into two classes of people - those who love Christmas and those who would gladly hibernate until the last tree and piece of tinsel had disappeared for another year. For me Christmas is a magical time. I have celebrated it in many ways over the years - with joy and happiness with my late wife and our young children, then with great sorrow the first Christmas after my wife's death (we had pizza for Christmas dinner that first Christmas after her death). As the children grew up and had families of their own I began a custom of playing Santa Claus to my grandchildren, visiting each of their homes, attired in my Santa Suit and bearing gifts. This year I will be playing Santa again, next Saturday for charity, and on Christmas day for my young daughter. And so as we reflect on Christmases past they become a measure of our journey through life, with its joys and sorrows, its successes and disappointments.

Each year I take out Dickens' Christmas Carol and re-read it for there is something magical in it that speaks to us of the higher meaning of Christmas - the spirit of Christmas.

The exchange between Scrooge and his nephew encapsulates the opposing views of Christmas:-

Scrooge: "What's Christmas to you but a time for paying bills without money, a time for finding yourself a year older, and not an hour richer... If I could work my will every idiot who goes about with Merry Christmas on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart" And then the nephew retorts with: "There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time, the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women, seem by one consent, to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they were really fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of people bound on other journeys. And therefore, Uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good and will do me good; and I say God bless it".

God bless it indeed! Christmas reminds Christians of Christ's birth but it should be a personal rebirth for us as well. It should be a time of reflection as we look back on the year that's about to come to an end. We need to give thanks for the many blessings bestowed. It should be a time of family celebration - the celebration of life - and of gratitude. We should also remember those less fortunate than us, the ill, the poor, those in prison, those people on the margins of our society, those whose lives are marred by conflict or war. Let us share our love and good fortune with others in whatever way is appropriate for us.

Sadly, for many Christmas is a very sad,

painful time.

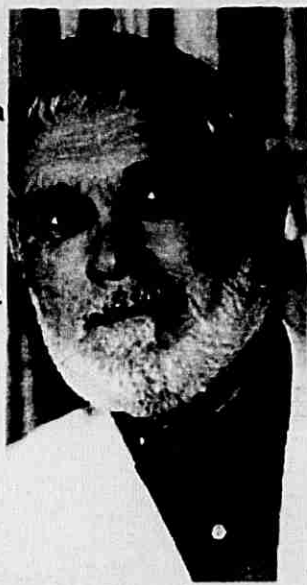
Because of death or illness many homes will have a vacant chair.

There are many families where cheer and warmth will not kindle too brightly. Christmas is a time when depression and suicide become very prevalent.

Many feel overwhelmed by the commercial demands, the arduous preparations, the litany of celebrations. Stress and depression may be triggered by loneliness and isolation or conversely by the presence of too many people. Although we look forward to the return of absent family members and welcome an influx of visitors the happiness can be marred by the revival of old tensions. Many a convivial evening has begun with good cheer and ended with raised voices and slamming of doors. Also people, particularly if depressed, often feel intensely lonely in the midst of a crowd. This time of year too encourages some to over-indulge in alcohol and other compulsive-addictive behaviours and indeed alcohol is the ingredient most used as a sedative to numb emotional pain - the pain of loneliness, alienation and inadequacy.

You see we have extraordinarily high expectations of Christmas, we expect to feel full of joy but if in fact we feel we have little to celebrate we feel worse than ever. Christmas tends to magnify for us the dominant emotions we experienced throughout the year. We have come to the end of another year and we may question the purpose of our lives and wonder what the future has in store for us. Particularly as we get older there is a sense of being reminded of our own mortality with each passing Christmas. And the transformation of Scrooge comes at the end of Dickens' tale. Having been visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, he became awakened to the meaning of Christmas - communion with others. "And it was always said of him (Scrooge) that he knew how to keep Christmas well if any man possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us everyone!"

On behalf of my wife Margaret, my daughter and special assistant, Alison, and myself, God bless everyone!



Lions Swim To Revive Old Customs & Costumes

One of the most popular, if not altogether demanding, events on the annual Christmas social or sporting calendar has to be the Lions Christmas Day Swim. For those who consider themselves 'hardy' in all weathers, or at least proficient at swimming, this event is a must each year. The added bonus is that the sacrifice - if that is what the plunge in the bracing waters of Clonea is eventually considered - helps to raise a considerable sum for the Lions Club coffers as well.

It is hardly necessary to point out that the organisation has a great many demands on its finances all through the year, with the Hamper Appeal in conjunction with WLR-fm, the pinnacle in this holiday season.

The Annual Christmas Day swim had its origins almost thirty years ago, when a group of dedicated swimmers began to congregate each year at the Castle end of Clonea, to go for a Christmas dip as a fun event, if a somewhat Spartan exercise. These included Tom McHugh, Vincent Morrissey and Tommy Keating and as the years rolled on, they were joined by other enthusiasts John and Neil Hurley and Mary and Antoinette Dowling. Dr. Meagher who lived at that end of Clonea and who also took part, suggested that they might turn the event into a fundraising one for Guide Dogs for the Blind, which it continued to be for some years, growing all the while.

With the arrival of John O'Brien, Knockateemore, a member of the Dungarvan Lions Club, a new impetus was added and it became a major fundraising event for the organisation. It relocated to the Hotel side of the beach and has grown in stature, in legend and in importance in the intervening twenty years.

This year, to give the event a further fillip and add a little touch of humour, many of the swimmers will appear in the swimming costumes of long ago. There will be old style bathing boxes to add colour and authenticity to the scene, but there may be a little difficulty if the costumes faithfully follow the pattern of the last century.

During the 1880s, men's styles stuck close to the traditional 'skivvies'. Improvements were made gradually. The first prototypes of the first 'modern' swim trunks were cumbersome and made the action of swimming itself more difficult. The first Jantzen suit weighed nine pounds when fully soaked, making them extremely heavy in water. They also had the unfortunate tendency of slipping down, a near disaster in those strait-laced days!

Modesty was also an issue well into the 1920s. Under the Bathing Suit Regulations, published in May 1917, mens suits 'had to be worn with a skirt or have at least a skirt effect'. The skirt had to be worn outside of the trunks. The other alternative was to wear a flannel knee-pants with a vest and a fly-front.

The first swim-suits for women consisted of bloomers and black stockings and by 1855, 'drawers' were added to prevent the problem of exposure. Women still refrained from swimming too much as the prevailing attitude of the day was that only men should swim. Their garments too, changed radically over the years, with blouse and trousers in one piece being popular in the 1880s with a ruffled cap or straw hat completing the ensemble.

It is difficult, almost impossible even, to reconcile those attitudes and costumes with those of today. So at High Noon on Christmas Day, even

more unusual scenes than normal will be acted out on the beach in front of Clonea Strand Hotel.

Why not come along to watch, even take part. A warm welcome, if not breeze awaits you and you could also complete a sponsorship card which will top up the Lions funds and help a genuinely needy cause as well. Would your Christmas Day be enlivened by the experience? Why not come along and give it a try.

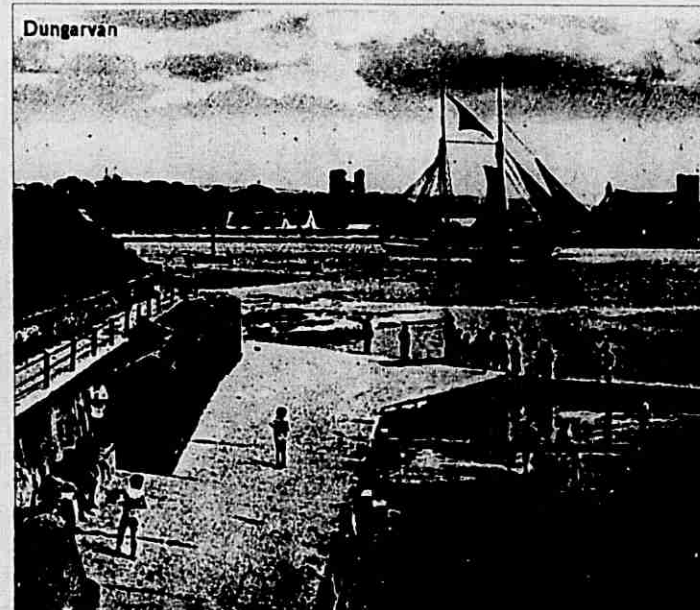
Statement From Dungarvan James Connolly Branch Re Introduction of Refuse Charges

At its December meeting, the Dungarvan James Connolly Branch of the Labour Party unanimously passed a resolution condemning the reintroduction of local authority service charges by Dungarvan UDC and their continued implementation by Waterford County Council.

The branch noted that Labour Party policy is one of opposition to refuse charges, citing a 1994 policy document endorsed by the 1995 party conference as describing them as an "unnecessary, unfair and iniquitous" form of double taxation on services already funded by the taxpayer.

The branch welcomed the views stated by party leader, Ruairi Quinn, T.D., at the November 1999 Labour General Council meeting reiterating opposition to a flat rate of refuse charges. The branch also noted the recent actions of Labour's spokesman on Environment and Local Government, Eamon Gilmore, T.D. in leading party colleagues on Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council in voting against a Book of Estimates which included refuse charges.

Branch members Teresa Wright and Fiachra O Ceilleachair were commended for their consistent stance of opposition to service charges on the respective local authorities of which they are members. The branch resolved to continue highlighting the injustice of the refuse charges and looks forward to Labour returning to Government and abolish the legislation which enables local authorities to implement the charges.



The Lookout in the early 1900's showing the mens bathing place with the park on the left. The womens bathing area was situated around the next corner.

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Martin Cullen, Minister of State at the Department of Finance officially launched the new digital newspaper service in the Dungarvan Central Library on Monday 26th November. The newspapers involved

are Dungarvan Leader, Dungarvan Observer, Munster Express, News & Star and Waterford Today. Until now access to back issues of these papers was only possible in Waterford city or Dublin and

in the case of the Dungarvan newspapers largely impossible.

The first phase of putting every previous edition of these newspapers onto computer is now virtually complete with the transfer to CD Rom of over 650 rolls of microfilm. Access to the papers is now available by newspaper title and date with full scrolling possible. Initially the collection will be made available at the Dungarvan Central Library but it is hoped that it can eventually be made more widely available as well as on the internet.

MOST MODERN LIBRARY IN IRELAND

Speaking at the launch, Minister Cullen said the library service is one of the most important and critical information and education resources available to the entire community.

He was loud in his praise of the new branch library in Dungarvan which was officially opened this time last year. Over 110,000 visits have already been made to the new library since January which reflects the enthusiasm with which the service has been received.

The library facilities at Dungarvan are the most modern in the country and include full internet access at 8 public terminals, access to almost 50 CD Rom interactive data bases,

access to the library database and much more. A photographic collection will be launched online shortly.

Minister Cullen said the introduction of self-service to the library, which is the first provided by a public library in Ireland, and the widespread availability of new technology and the internet into a spacious and comfortable environment can only serve to improve the quality of life in the community.

Newspapers have been printed in Co. Waterford for over two centuries and contain a wealth of local, national and international information. Newspapers have been produced in Waterford city since the middle of the 18th century but in Dungarvan, while there were some short term productions in the 19th century, fundamentally they exist for only the 20th century.

Praising all involved in the project, Minister Cullen said Waterford County Council is the first local authority to take such a far seeing approach to the presentation and making accessible one of the most valuable heritage records.

"I have been informed that this is the largest and most comprehensive facility now assembled not only in this country but much further afield", he stated.

Kilmac' Christmas Lights Under Threat

BY AISLING CONROY

Christmas cheer in Kilmacthomas was wearing thin last week following yet another incident in which a lorry knocked the towns Christmas lights on Sunday morning, December 12th.

This is the first year that Kilmac' has erected Christmas lights in the town and the project has certainly created a festive atmosphere and has been welcomed by the entire community.

The removal of the overhead railway bridge at Scrahan in October eliminated the need for heavy traffic to divert through Kilmac'. However not all drivers are aware of the new situation as was the case last Sunday week when a lorry travelling through the town knocked down many of the lights.

Waterford County Councillor Ger Barron has been closely involved in the Kilmac' lighting project. Speaking at last week's meeting of the Council, he said a lot of voluntary work has gone into the lights.

The committee are now looking at a new strategy of stringing the lights out along the houses instead of across the street. He felt it would be difficult to raise the lights any higher as they are currently up to the eaves of the houses.

"It's a pity", he said, "because so much work has been done and the town looks so well".

After raising the matter with Council officials, Cllr. Barron said a sign informing lorry drivers of the situation will be erected on the approach to Kilmac'.

The matter was also raised at the December meeting by Cllr. Tom Cunningham who stressed that lorries are destroying the Christmas lights.

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Recipes



Cookery Corner



VEGETARIAN LASAGNE

Preparation: 25 minutes.

Cooking: 1 hour 15 minutes

Serves: 4

1 *tbps* olive oil
2 onions, peeled and cut into wedges
2 *tbps* tomato puree
1 (400g/14 oz) can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered.
25g/1oz butter
2 *tbps* plain flour
300 ml/1/2 pt milk
175g/6oz vegetarian mature Cheddar cheese,

grated.

Pinch of grated nutmeg
4-6 sheets no-cook lasagne verdi
thyme sprigs to garnish

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6.

Heat oil in a frying pan. Add onion and garlic; cook for 3-4 minutes until soft and golden. Stir in tomato puree, canned tomatoes, sugar and thyme leaves. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add artichoke hearts and cook for a further

5 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the cheese sauce. Melt the butter in a pan, beat in flour and cook for 1 minute. Away from the heat, gradually mix in the milk. Return to the heat, gently bring to the boil and cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly, until thickened. Away from the heat, stir in 100g/4oz of the cheese, add the nutmeg and season to taste.

To assemble, spoon 3-4 *tbps* of the cheese sauce over the base of an 1.7

litre/3pt ovenproof dish (at least 4 cm/1 1/2 in deep).

Place half the lasagne sheets on top. Spoon over the tomato mixture then drizzle over 3/4 *tbps* cheese sauce. Top with remaining lasagne and the remaining cheese sauce. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese.

Place on a baking sheet and cook in the preheated oven for 40-50 minutes until golden and bubbling. Garnish with sprigs of fresh thyme and serve with salad.

Chocolate Mousse Pudding

Preparation: 30 minutes + Chilling
Cooking: 10 minutes

Serves: 12.

2 packets ready-made toffee cake 225g (8 oz) raspberries, sieved
50g (2 oz) caster sugar
15 ml (1 *tbps*) Cointreau
175g (6 oz) white chocolate, broken into pieces
200g (7 oz) Mascarpone cheese
1 sachet powdered gelatine
300 ml (1/2 pt) double cream, lightly whipped
cocoa powder, to decorate.

Method:

Cut the cake into thin slices and line the base and sides of a 1.15 ltr (2 pt) pudding basin, reserving some for the top. Pour the raspberry puree into a small pan and stir in the sugar. Heat gently, stirring occasionally, until sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in Cointreau. Leave to cool. Spoon a little raspberry syrup over the cake in the

bowl until moistened. Melt the chocolates in separate bowls set over pans of simmering water. Remove from the heat. Divide the mascarpone cheese between the melted chocolates, stirring until smooth. Sprinkle gelatine over 30 ml (2 *tbps*) water and leave for 5 minutes until spongy. Place bowl over a pan of simmering water, stirring occasionally, until dissolved. Remove from the heat, leave to cool slightly and divide between the two mixtures, stirring, until blended. Divide the cream between the chocolate mixtures, folding in until blended. Spoon the chocolate mixtures alternately into the sponge basin. Then using a fork, create a swirled effect. Chill for 2 hours until set then cover with remaining cake slices. Place a plate and a 900g (2lb) weight on top and chill for 4 hours. Serve with remaining raspberry syrup and dredge with cocoa powder to decorate.

Coconut Fruit Meringues

Preparation: 35 minutes.

Cooking: 2 hours 15 minutes
Serves: 8.

For the Meringue:

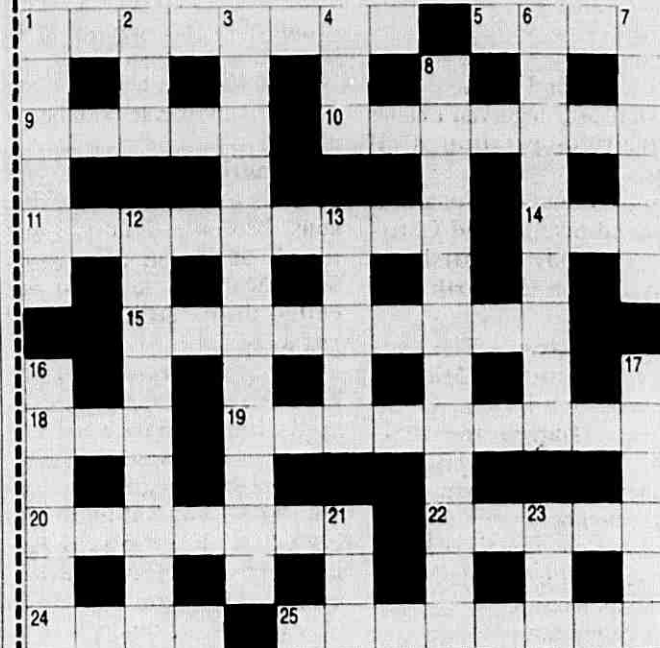
3 egg whites
175g (6 oz) caster sugar
50g (2oz) dessicated coconut.
For the filling
1 ripe mango
1 ripe papaya
rind and juice of 1 lime
225g (8oz) creme fraiche
150 ml (1/4 pt) milk
15 ml (1 *tbps*) cornflour
2 egg yolks
25g (1oz) caster sugar
15 ml (1 *tbps*) Malibu coconut liqueur (optional)
Mint leaves, to decorate

Preheat oven to 140°/275°F/Gas Mark 1. Line two baking sheets. Whisk egg whites until they form soft peaks. Add sugar a spoonful at a time, whisking after each addition, until the mixture is thick and glossy. Carefully fold in the dessicated coconut. Spoon the meringue into a piping bag fitted with a large, star nozzle and pipe the

meringue into 8 x 7.5 cm (3") rounds on the sheets. Then pipe a border around each to make the nest. Bake the meringues for 2 hours, or until they are dry and crisp. Turn off oven and leave meringues to cool with the oven door open a little. Peel mango and papaya thinly. Cut into cubes and toss together with the lime rind and juice. Leave the meringues to cool with the oven door open a little. Heat the creme fraiche and milk together in a pan until almost boiling. Meanwhile, whisk the cornflour, egg yolks and sugar together in a bowl until frothy. Pour the hot liquid over, stir well, then return to the rinsed-out pan. Heat gently, stirring, until custard thickens. Pour into a shallow bowl, cover and cool. Stir in Malibu if using. To serve, spoon some of the fruit into each meringue shell, then top with a little of the custard and garnish with mint. Serve the remaining custard separately.

Leader Crossword

SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 2



ACROSS

- 1 There are four on the Monopoly board (8)
- 5 Pantomime character wearing certain items (4)
- 9 A music composition for eight performers (5)
- 10 Spanish tennis player who won the men's singles at Wimbledon in 1966 (7)
- 11 Word that can mean contemptible or unhappy (9)
- 14 A small and mischievous devil (3)
- 15 Target of a major robbery in 1963 (4,5)
- 18 Prefix meaning the same as tri (3)
- 19 A group of binary chemical compounds (9)
- 20 Town in, among other places, Gwent, the Isle of Wight and Vietnam (7)
- 22 Terence Hardy —, hostage in Lebanon from 1987 to 1991 (5)
- 24 A large water jug with a wide spout (4)
- 25 In, of, speaking or writing many languages (8)

DOWN

- 1 The — petrel is also called Mother Carey's chicken (6)
- 2 The drug zidovudine, or azidothymidine, used to treat HIV (1,1,1)
- 3 An interval in a cinema show (12)
- 4 A British medical institution (1,1,1)
- 6 Anagram of UNLEADING (9)
- 7 Nickname by which Daniel Hooper became well known not long ago (6)
- 8 Mrs Shakespeare (4,8)
- 12 An army officer's belt and shoulder strap (3,6)
- 13 The leaf of an Asian plant, chewed in the East (5)
- 16 A position adopted in, for example, sports (6)
- 17 Official acquiescence (6)
- 21 Word indicating excess (3)
- 23 The sort of wind that blows nobody any good (3)

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Ballyduff Notes

Seasons Greetings — A holy and peaceful Christmas with best wishes for a happy New Year to all readers of this column at home and abroad and also to the editor and staff of the "Leader".

Thanks - Thanks to the many people who have helped with the compilation of these notes each week and to the editor and staff of Dungarvan Leader for their co-operation at all times.

Happy Event — Congratulations to Seamus and Christine Hyland, Coolisheal, Ballyduff on the birth of a baby boy.

Pioneer Notes — The local centre will host the Munster Readoiri Semi Final in St. Michael's Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, January 16th commencing at 2.00p.m. The centre members are delighted to see our chairman Pat Berry out and about following his recent hospitalisation.

New Sacristan — Congratu-

lations to Nellie O'Donovan on her appointment as the new sacristan for St. Michael's Church, Ballyduff in succession to Breeda Farrell who has retired after a long service in the position. We wish Breeda a speedy recovery to full health after her recent stay in hospital. We wish Nellie the best of luck and we ask the public to cooperate with her at all times.

Sympathy — Sincere sympathy is extended to the wife, sons, brothers, relatives and friends of the late John Ryan, South Mall, Lismore who was called to his eternal reward last week.

G.A.A. Notes — The numbers drawn in last Tuesday nights lottery draw were 8, 9 and 19. There was one winner of the £900 jackpot namely Tara O'Flynn, Ballinacorney, Ballyduff. The £25 prizewinners were Ml. Geary, Castledermot, Midleton and John Baldwin, Knockanore. Next

weeks lotto draw on Tuesday night in Lindsays Bar at 9.30p.m. The club extends seasons greetings to all players, members and supporters on and off the field and thank everyone who helped the club in anyway during the year.

45 Drive — Results of last Wednesday nights 45 Drive in St. Michael's Hall are as follows - 1st divided between Patsy Lane, Dave O'Regan, Pad O'Gorman and Moss Lenihan; 2nd divided between John O'Gorman, Jim Geoghegan, Eilean O'Callaghan, Willie Walsh, Denny Tobin, Dan Howard, Kit Scanlon and Liam Leamy. Best of last five - Larry Byrne and Jim Leamy. Lucky tables - Mary Whelan and Esther Walsh, Jim Whelan and Maura Lindsay. Raffle winners were Vincent Sheehan, Tom Byrne, Finbarr Higgins, Andrew Coughlan and Maud Sheehan.

Mass Times — The times of Masses in St. Michaels Church

for Christmas and New Year are as follows - Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass as in former years.

Christmas Day - 8.30a.m. and 11.30a.m.

There will be no Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 26th. Masses on the Sunday will be at 8.30a.m. and 11.30a.m.

Friday, December 31st - Special Millennium Mass at 7.30p.m.

Saturday, January 1st - 10.00a.m. and 8.00p.m.

Sunday, January 2nd - 8.30a.m. and 11.30a.m.

Community Council — A family night is being arranged for New Years Eve in the Community. There will be a special Mass in St. Michaels Church at 7.30p.m. followed by an evening of celebration in the Hall at 8.30p.m. A special scripture to mark the coming of the Millennium will be blessed and unveiled. This will be followed by a cheese and wine reception along with music, entertainment and other events for young and old alike. All are most welcome to attend. The Council extends sympathy to Nora O'Sullivan on the death of her niece, Helen Kelly, Tallow and to the Ryan family, Lismore on the death of John. The Council would like to thank all who supported it in any way during the year and wish one and all a holy Christmas and every happiness in the New Year

DUNGARVAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The following are the arrangements for the collection of refuse, in the Dungarvan Urban Area, for Christmas and New Year:

Friday 24th Dec. 1999	NO COLLECTION
Monday 27th Dec. 1999	NORMAL COLLECTION RESUMED COLLECTION TIME EARLIER
Tuesday 28th Dec. 1999	NORMAL COLLECTION ROUTE COLLECTION TIME EARLIER
Wed. 29th Dec. 1999	NORMAL COLLECTION ROUTE COLLECTION TIME EARLIER
Thursday 30th Dec., 1999	NORMAL COLLECTION ROUTE COLLECTION TIME EARLIER
Friday 31st Dec. 1999	NORMAL COLLECTION ROUTE COLLECTION TIME EARLIER
Monday 3rd Jan., 2000	NORMAL COLLECTION ROUTE COLLECTION TIME EARLIER

Please ensure that bins are in place for early collection, all over the Christmas New Year Period.

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ENRIGHT'S EUROSPAR ABBEYSIDE - DUNGARVAN



Pictured above with Ger Enright of Enright's Eurospar, Abbeyside are the winners of a trolley dash as part of Enright's Eurospar instore promotion. The winners are Monica Dwane, Cora Kiely and Mrs. Guiry.

Christmas Opening Hours

Enright's Eurospar is open for your convenience during the following days:

Christmas Eve 8 am - 10 pm.	December 29th 8 am - 10 pm.
Christmas Day — closed.	December 30th 8 am - 10 pm.
St. Stephen's Day closed.	New Year's Eve 8 am - 6 pm.
December 27th 8 am - 10 pm.	January 1st closed.
December 28th 8 am - 10 pm.	

Normal opening hours resume from Sunday, January 2nd.

Ger Enright and staff wish all their customers, suppliers and friends a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Melleray Notes

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We had one lucky winner in this month's Deise Draw. Congratulations to Michael Ormonde, Cappoquin who won £100.

NEW YEARS EVE - MILLENNIUM MASS

A special Mass will take place in Melleray on New Year's Eve to celebrate the Millennium. The Melleray Folk Choir will sing their new folk Mass, directed by Mairead Cullinane. This Mass will be in the lower church and commences at 3 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Helen and Johnny Byrne on the birth of their baby daughter.

Modeligo Community Centre

Sincere sympathy is extended to Michael and the O'Brien family, Graigue, to Noreen our PRO and to Deckie and the Walsh family, Modeligo on the recent sudden passing of Mary Joe RIP. Her death is a great shock to everyone.

Mary Joe was a wonderful friend and supporter of our Community Centre right back to its very beginnings in 1986 and she was always so happy to see it progressing so well. May she rest in peace.

Dungarvan Urban District Council Comhairle Bhaile Cheanntair Dungarbhain Collection of Christmas Trees for Shredding

Problems disposing of your unwanted Christmas tree?

Persons within the Dungarvan Urban Area may leave Christmas trees for collection, along with wheelie bins, between Tuesday 04th January and Monday 11th January, 2000.

Persons outside the Urban area may deposit Christmas trees at the rear of the Dungarvan U.D.C. Yard, Shandon, Dungarvan (access alongside Park Hotel boundary wall) between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. up to Monday 11th January 2000.

Trees will be shredded into wood mulch which will be put back into the environment.

"A tree is for life, not just for Christmas"

Put life back into the environment - have your tree shredded

Christmas and the Millennium

The South Eastern Health Board wishes you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

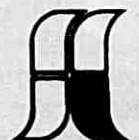
Emergency services will be running as usual over the holiday period. However it is anticipated that they will be very busy. Unnecessary visits to Accident & Emergency Departments cause delays and frustration.

Over half a million new patients attend A & E every year. A significant number of these could be treated as effectively and much faster by their local Family Doctor. Please consider this before you attend A&E.

In relation to the 'Millennium Bug' the SEHB has carried out a two year programme to ensure that equipment and systems are now compliant for the Year 2000. Contingency plans have also been put into place to ensure ongoing health and emergency services.

Stay safe over the holiday period — don't drink and drive, and please check on older relatives and neighbours.

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Horoscopes with Ali

This weeks horoscopes are provided by Ali, one of Irelands most gifted mystics. For a more complete reading dial the 1550 number listed beside each star sign.



<p>♈ Aries March 21 to April 20 Last minute Christmas arrangements and finishing touches take up all of your time. Someone needs a little pampering and that tender touch. Love is showing that you care...and you do. Practise tact but be firm in what you have to say. Others will try to ignore the obvious and are too ready to turn a deaf ear. ☐ 1550 920 257</p>	<p>♉ Taurus April 21 to May 21 You are getting lots of attention. Someone is smitten by your charm and hoping to catch your eye. Get ready with that mistletoe! Remember that the holidays should be all about pleasure and not pressure! Chill out and take things easy. Take care that you don't go overboard don't go to the extreme. ☐ 1550 920 258</p>	<p>♊ Gemini May 22 to June 21 You may have to choose between conflicting festive invitations and it really is a clear case of not being able to please everyone. There is only one of you. Make slow and steady progress and remind others that you cannot perform miracles. Support makes all the difference and someone is on your side. ☐ 1550 920 259</p>	<p>♋ Cancer June 22 to July 22 Is Christmas driving you crackers? Remember - it comes but once a year! Avoid adding to your pressures. The holiday is meant to be enjoyed, not endured! Someone may think that they rule the roost but you know differently. Keep important details under your hat. Spend quality time with friend. ☐ 1550 920 260</p>
<p>♌ Leo July 23 to August 22 Someone special is on your wavelength and sending you a psychic message. Enjoy a loving Christmas full of romantic promise. Watch out for new opportunities from strange quarters. You may have been stuck in a rut but you have now entered a cycle of change. Clean up your act, make room for the new. ☐ 1550 920 261</p>	<p>♍ Virgo August 23 to Sept 22 'Tis the season to be jolly! Forget chores for a while and get into the spirit of things. Make merry and take the opportunity to reconnect with family and old friends. Appreciate where you are now and where you have come from. Take care that you don't over tire yourself in your attempts to please. ☐ 1550 920 262</p>	<p>♎ Libra Sept 23 to Oct 23 Enjoy good company and last minute holiday preparations. Emphasise the social and the personal. Be careful of what you say to a friend who is more sensitive than appearances suggest. Don't let others distract you from important projects and you will manage to tie up all those loose ends. ☐ 1550 920 263</p>	<p>♏ Scorpio Oct 24 to Nov 21 Let others know that you want specific plans, hearing something for the tenth time bores you to tears. Have yourself a merry Christmas you will back to the grindstone soon enough! When someone plays down the gravity of their situation, offer your assistance, they might be too proud to ask for help. ☐ 1550 920 264</p>
<p>♐ Sagittarius Nov 22 to Dec 23 An unexpected present takes you quite by surprise. Giving and receiving makes you happy but remember that it is the thought that counts. Avoid last minute extravagance. Make up your own mind on important issues. Avoid living beyond your means or counting your financial chickens before they are hatched. ☐ 1550 920 265</p>	<p>♑ Capricorn Dec 24 to Jan 20 Deck the halls with lots of mistletoe! At last you are getting into the seasonal swing of things and festive flirtations are fun and just what you need. Children and younger people add to a sense of excitement and anticipation. Meeting others half way will set the scene for favourable conclusions. ☐ 1550 920 266</p>	<p>♒ Aquarius Jan 21 to Feb 19 Get ready for a Cool Yule ...though! others may find you too hot to handle! There are those who may not be able to keep up with your pace. When making decisions, be sure to take the needs of others into consideration. You have entered a time of exciting and stirring influences, making you more dynamic. ☐ 1550 920 267</p>	<p>♓ Pisces Feb 20 to March 20 Seasonal spirit and Christmas cheer are the order of the day. Last minute shopping is enjoyable, especially as you find one or two last minute bargains. It's time to party, so don't expect others to stick to schedules or practice punctuality. In love, your partner may feel excluded from your plans. ☐ 1550 920 268</p>

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Dungarvan Leader Gardening

Net these tips for your garden

THE world wide web, the information super highway – call it what you want, there are thousands of facts and figures at your finger tips, so whatever your question, the likelihood is that someone has got a web page with the answer on it.

If you are an internet beginner and don't have a clue where to find out the addresses for all the pages you would like to visit – don't fret! Just use your internet software's search facility or a search engine.

A gardening website can provide you everything you will need to create your perfect garden – right down to tools to work with, seeds to plant and what type of rock music your tomatoes like to listen to!

The first site on every green-fingered surfer's list should be the RHS web page. The Royal Horticultural Society has set up a stunning web page with information about every fruit, vegetable, tree, flower and shrub you could wish for. The latest scientific research and publications can be read at www.rhs.org.uk and you can also find out about shows, events and open gardens to visit here and abroad for a bit of inspiration before

you get your hands dirty.

Become an RHS member on-line by filling in the form and sending it via e-mail, or check out the latest jobs on offer at the society.

If it's shopping on-line you're after, the site has a number of links to approved sites where you can buy everything from bulbs and barrows to books.

If it's secure buying you want, check out Britain's on-line gardening site. www.oxalis.co.uk boasts secure buying and a useful search facility. Just type in what you are looking for and you will instantly have hundreds of entries at your fingertips!

Another site a garden-lover might find interesting is the official BBC Gardeners World site, to be found at – www.gardenersworld.bbc.com

Here you will find all the most up-to-date news and advice about the gardening world, current gardening TV and radio programme listings and an extensive question and answer section where you can read other visitors' questions and the answers the experts gave them.

You will also have the opportunity to submit your own queries about anything you wish to know – in the garden, of course!

www.gardenworld.co.uk thoughtfully lists contact numbers and addresses for garden centres, gardening products and plant suppliers throughout the UK.

It has links to other interesting web pages and a recommended reading list of the best gardening literature available.

If you aren't much of a gardening anorak and you find even the word mulching rather technical, then try looking at www.gardenweb.com. This site has a comprehensive glossary of every term and phrase you could ever wish to understand!

Other countries also have informative sites on offer. www.gdninfo.com is a US site which has a database of gardening features written by experts for people needing advice. From aquatic gardens to propagation, tips are everywhere.

If you do go surfing you must remember that the net is worldwide. You may find yourself ordering seeds from Australia that you could get for half the price at your local garden centre. Check before you do anything you can't reverse!

This Week In The Garden

Return Christmas Plants To The Greenhouse

All plants that were brought into the house to provide decoration over the Christmas holiday should be returned to the greenhouse as soon as possible. They cannot withstand the dry, ever-changing temperature and environment of the average modern, centrally-heated living room.

To help them, put a few drops of milk in some water and sponge the plants down before returning them to the outside. They should be kept in a relatively warm atmosphere, and be sprayed daily with clear water. Flowering plants should be given as much light as possible and given only as much water as they need.

Successional Sowings

Mustard, cress and radishes can be sown now, the same way as in November – in a greenhouse or a frame with soil warming cables. Sow them at a temperature

of between 10 and 21 degrees, the warmer the better.

Herbaceous plants

Tender herbaceous plants could have their crowns damaged by the hard frosts. Protect them by placing wire mesh over them, covering that with bracken and dry straw, then pin down another cover of wire mesh to keep the insulation in place.

Sterilise any Infected soil

This task can be done at any time of the year but it is essential that the ground has no plants in it.

Where it has been sterilised by chemical means it should be left vacant of growth for at least a month afterwards before it is properly ready for planting.

If your plants have been pestered by diseases and other soil-bound pests, sterilising the soil may prove to be beneficial to your garden the next year – otherwise you can expect the same pests, fungi and diseases to return and plague your plants as they emerge once again following the winter spell.



Minister of State Martin Cullen with members of Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce at the meeting in The Park Hotel to discuss the development of the Glanbia site and harbour development. —(Photo: Rory Wyley).

No Need For Dungarvan Refuse Charge Claims Kyne

BY AISLING CONROY
As reported in last week's edition, members of Dungarvan UDC have voted overwhelmingly (6-2) in favour of a budget for next year which involves the introduction a £2 refuse charge.

The new refuse collection fee will be applied throughout the town in January for each wheelie bin lift with the exception of old age pensioners living alone.

Absent from the fateful estimates meeting on December 8th however was Labour's Cllr. Billy Kyne who was in England due to work commitments. Members of the Council had failed on two previous occasions to strike a rate and had only four more days until 12th December to agree on a Book of Estimates.

In an interview with the 'Leader' following the outcome of the third and final estimates meeting, Cllr. Kyne said he was disappointed that the meeting was held at a time when he had clearly indicated that he would not be available.

Having previously voted against the estimates, Cllr. Kyne had made his position crystal clear when stating that he would not support any estimates which included a refuse charge.

"I want to reassure the public that I am adamant there was no need for a refuse charge in the UDC Book of Estimates", he stated.

TOWN COULD BE RUN WITHOUT CHARGE

At the Council's second attempt to strike a rate on Saturday 4th December, Cllr. Kyne said he got confirmation from the County Manager that the £60,000 set aside in the budget for Dungarvan Harbour had in reality only £4,000 available

for development work. The rest was already spent on previous commitments. The Manager Donal Connolly had further clarified to Cllr. Kyne that the projected work on the harbour over the coming year would still be carried out on what he believed is a deficit budget basis.

"I also understand that substantial money in relation to our efforts for the refugees will be forthcoming which was a matter I would have raised at our third meeting if given the opportunity", he stated.

"We had two quite short meetings dealing with the estimates and I felt that a third well constructed meeting with breaks to develop all points could have identified that the town could be run without the need for a refuse charge while awaiting the development of the Waterford Foods site".

"EXECUTIVE WANTED TO PROVE POINT"

Continuing Cllr. Kyne said he felt that the executive of the Council (i.e. officials) wanted to prove to the Department of the Environment that they could bring in a charge.

"The Manager's suggestion at the second estimates meeting that the lack of a refuse charge could hinder the possible location of Government offices to the town confirmed that strategy", he claimed.

"I understand the demands on the Manager but he must also agree that once a charge comes in it will be seen as a critical part of our funding and will inevitably be raised in the short and mid term".

"My personal view is that this was avoidable and I genuinely felt very disadvantaged to hear the meeting was held when other people's diaries were accommodated and I had

already given advance warning of my absence".

Cllr. Kyne said that he fully understands the demands on the UDC Chairman, fellow Labour colleague Lar Hart who called the meeting and who is duty bound to the estimates. However, in the circumstances he would have preferred his democratic right to attend.

The tough decision to introduce the charge was made by six UDC members namely Paddy Power (Lab), Michael O'Riordan (Ind) John Deasy and Damien Geoghegan (FG), Nuala Ryan (FF) and Damien Dillon (Ind).

Labour members Teresa Wright and Chairman Lar Hart voted against the Estimates based on the controversial

refuse charge.

As already mentioned, a waiver scheme will be in place for old age pensioners living on their own and the Manager has also agreed to examine individual hardship cases involving low income families and will look at a reduced annual charge for schools in the town.

Aglish Development

Last Sunday week a Christmas Bonanza was held in Aglish Hall in aid of the Development of our village and a great day was had by all. Santa visited and we would like to thank the Gardai who escorted him to Aglish.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours the very best over the festive season and to thank you for your support throughout 1999 and hope it will continue in 2000.

There are many who are involved in this group and a great years work has done in 1999 and hopefully we will see our village continuing to improve in the new millennium with your help. Once again thank you and all the best to you and yours in the new year.

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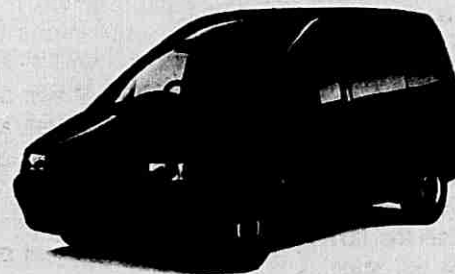
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LISMORE NOTES

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Millennium Book

Last week the Millennium Book, over twenty volumes of the life experiences of Irish school students, made the national news as it was presented to the National Library. Our present Fifth Year students contributed a page to this historic manuscript while in Transition Year, when they were invited to write a description of what life was like for teenagers in Ireland as we approached the Third Millennium. The girls were provided with special parchment and instructions and it is envisaged that the page chosen will be there as a historic source for young people in future time. All accounts were forwarded to the selection committee and the rejected sheets were returned to the school in September. All the girls got Certificates of participation. The account given by Sarah O'Brien was the one which was included. Well done Sarah.

Christmas Fundraising

Fifth Year students braved the damp weather conditions on Friday morning for our now annual fund raising Carol singing event. At about 11.30 when the rain eased slightly the girls with Miss Wilkinson took up their positions on the Heritage Centre steps and the singing commenced. Meanwhile traffic came to a halt as drivers contributed generously and many shopping bags were laid aside as shoppers delved deeply into their pockets, all helping to raise the substantial sum of £600 for Cystic Fibrosis Research which is our chosen charity this year. A special thanks to the Leaving Cert students with Miss Flynn who helped in the afternoon.

Christmas Celebrations

A Reconciliation Service for staff and students was held on Thursday afternoon. A big thank you to Fr. Walsh and the

priests from the local area. We wish you all every grace and Blessing in the festive season. Our term will conclude at Noon on Wednesday with a school Carol Service in which Mrs. Cullinane and the Junior classes will display the beautiful singing, which has been prepared in recent weeks.

To our students, parents and many friends in the extended community a very happy Christmas and every good wish for the New Millennium.

Go raibh dóchas síocháin agus grá agaibh um Nollaig agus sa bhliain 2000.

PROGRESSIVE 45 RESULTS

Winners; Mossie O'Brien, Eamonn Morrow, Peg Murray, Helen Cunningham, Kevin Keniry, Billy Coughlan, Joe Lineen, Willie Brackett, Peg Murray, Helen Cunningham, Jane Fraher, Esther Walshe. Raffle; Jack Cotter and Jean Byrne. Lucky tables; Tom Humphries, Tim Hegarty, Kathleen Coleman, Moss Morrissey.

LISMORE BRIDGE CLUB

Christmas Party Results

1st Geraldine Canning and Martha Keniry. 21st Maureen Hales and Stephen Hales. 3rd Andrew McGrath and Mary Fletcher. 4th Teresa Ryan and Marjorie O'Brien. 5th Betty Kelleher and Fr. Barron. The Christmas Party night was most enjoyable. Christmas dinner was served by Lismore Hotel after which we played bridge. The prizes on the night were of a seasonal nature. Happy Christmas and New Year to all the members.

Trump Treats

"Trump Treats" from Lismore Bridge Club. This is the title of a Cookery Book with tempting and delicious recipes from all the members, launched recently in aid of West Waterford Hospice and Cappoquin Day Care Centre. Suitably priced at £5 per book. It should be a 'must' for either male or female cooks and not alone will you have this 'once off' edition you will be helping a very worthy cause. Copies can be had from any member of Lismore Bridge Club.

We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2000.

Late Mr. Frank Crotty

The death took place on Dec. 19th of Mr. Frank Crotty, Main St., Lismore after a short illness. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Mary and children.

Full obituary report next week.

LISMORE GAA NOTES

Weekly Draw: Week No. 49. £50 Ciara and Shauna Prendergast, Carrignagour. £30 Mrs. Catherine Geary, Est Main St. £20 Mr. Mossy Casey, Glencairn. £10 Mr. Jerry O'Brien, Mallow. £10 Mrs. Eily Hickey, Deerpark. Promoter; Paul Prendergast.

Week No. 50. £50 Mrs. Eleanor Burns, South Mall. £30 Mrs. Eily Hickey, Deerpark. £20 Cillian Lee, Fernville. £10 Mr. Pat Troy, Parks Road. £10 Mrs. Veronica Troy, New Street. Promoter; John O'Gorman.

£50 each to Angela Fitzgerald, Glengarra, Mrs. Breda Roche, Ballysaggart. £25 each to Mrs. Carmel Hunter, Deerpark, Mrs. Teresa Hennessy, Deerpark, Mrs. Eily Hickey, Deerpark, Mr. Brian Ahearn, New Street. £20 each to Mr. M. O'Keeffe, Parks Road, Master Robert Lineen, Owbeg. Mrs. Pat O'Gorman, Main St., Mr. David Landers, Townspark. Miss Karen Quinn, Camphire. £10 each to Mr. Martin O'Brien, Mallow, Mrs. Catherine Geary, Est Main St. Mrs. Mary Daly, Main St., Mr. Denny Buckley, Parks Road, Mrs. Gloria Lynch, South Mall, Mrs. Francis McGrath, Chapel St., Mr. Jim Lineen, Main St. Ms. Mary Finn, Araglen, Ms. Mary Fennessy, Ballysaggart, Mr. M. O'Connor, Parks Road.

Lismore Lotto: This weeks winning numbers drawn were 13-19-20. There being no winner next week's jackpot will be £1,000. £10 each to John Landers, Fernville, Chloe Shanahan, c/o Dan Shanahan. Keith and Aoife O'Dowd, c/o B. Cunningham. Mary Dalton, New Street.

Special Christmas Draw £50 each; Jean Foley, Main Street, Ena Brien, Post Office. £20 each; Willie Roche, South Mall, Michael Begley, Parks Road, Mary Hogan, Main Street, Breda Foley, Parks Road.

Sympathy: We extend our deepest sympathy to the Ryan family, South Mall and to the family of the late Helen Kelly, Tallow.

Deise Draw: Congratulations to Brian Shanahan, Chapel Street who won first prize in the Deise Draw on Friday night last. Also to Bert Hunter, Deerpark who won £100 in the same draw.

New Year's Eve: This is your last reminder to purchase your tickets for the function in the Community Centre for ringing in the New Millennium. Tickets cost £15 and anyone interested please contact officers or committee members. Tickets are also on sale in John O'Gorman's Newsagents.

Jack Furlong Award" Congratulations to our club President Mossie Hyland on receiving this award. This was a great achievement for Mossie who has done enormous work for the GAA. Mossie is a life long member of the club so we salute him on his great achievement.

BALLINVELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE NOTES

Card Results— 7th Dec. Turkey and Ham each, J. Hornibrook and Pad Walsh. Ham each, N. Buckley and Liam Murphy. Turkey each, M. Morrissey and B. Ahearn.

14th Dec. Turkey and Ham each, N. Buckley and L. Murphy. Ham each, Mary Mangan and Jack Fraser. Turkey each, Tom Morrissey and Siobhan Fogarty. Tickets, N. Buckley, N. Buckley and J. Maher.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of the committee and everyone involved with Ballinvelva Community Centre, I would like to wish everybody a very Happy and Holy Christmas. We thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you all in the year 2000.

Best Wishes

We would like to send get well wishes to Mary Clarke of Monatrim. We hope to see Mary out and about real soon.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Ahearn family, Ballyanchor and the Kelly family, Tallow on the death of Mrs. Helen Kelly. May she rest in peace.

BALLYSAGGART NOTES

MACRA NOTES

Christmas Party— A brilliant time was had by the club at their Christmas Party in Lawlor's Hotel on Saturday night last. The club were served a fantastic meal followed by a band and disco. The club returned home in the very late hours of Sunday morning. A great night was had by all.

Dublin City Talent— The club headed to Kilmacthomas on Sunday night for the Dublin City Talent. The club took part in 3 different sections, Solo Singing, Ballad Group and Set Dancing. The club qualified in each group and go in to represent the County in the next round.

Debating— Heartiest congratulations to Cappoquin on winning the County Final of the Senior Debating last Saturday week. Best of luck in the next round.

Next Meeting— All members will be notified of the next meeting. The club would like to wish their fellow Macra members and the people of Ballysaggart a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

CARD RESULTS

16th December 1st, 2nd and 3rd divided; Peggy English and Maggie Parker. Kate Brown and Mick Barry, Dick O'Donnell and Terry Mulcahy, John O'Gorman and Mick Morrissey. Kathleen Coleman and Jackie Houlihan. Lucky tables; Mary Power and Ber Coughlan, Helen O'Keeffe and Maureen Doherty. Jim Geoghegan and Richard Whelan. Johnny Prendergast and Stephen Cunningham. Raffle; Dan Howard, Dan O'Brien, John Kennefick, John Bennett, Mike O'Donovan, Richard Whelan, Moss Morrissey, Sean Bennett, Mary Power, Maggie Parker, Helen Brennan, Maura Murray, Joan Byrne, Jack Cotter, Maureen Doherty, Ann Bennett, Kick O'Donnell, Breda Clancy.

Cards as usual this Thursday 23rd.

The committee wish all their patrons a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thanks for your support during the last year and looking forward to the same for 2000.

GAA

Lotto 14th December. Numbers drawn 7-12-20-23. No jackpot winner. Our special Christmas Draw winners as follows: Waterford Glass Anna Meagher. Sunday Lunch Sean Costin, Affane. Sunday Lunch Lismore Lismore Hotel Alice McGrath, Affane. £20 petrol Adrian Meagher. £20 petrol Lizzie Prendergast. Turkey Alice Prendergast. Ham John Power, c/o Dungarvan Crystal. Bottle of brandy, Julie Landers, Lismore. Bottle of whiskey Eily Meagher. Tin of Roses Fiona Howard. 2 Bottles of Wine Fiona Slator, Dungarvan. Liqueur Nathan O'Mahoney, Cappagh. £10 Caodhla McGrath, Dungarvan. Ferrero Rocher Tom Veale. £10 Elaine Meagher Bottle of Liqueur Siobhan Kearney. £10 Seamus Kearney. Tin of Biscuits Edward Fenton, Lismore. Box of After Eights Laura Roche. Hamper Maria Ryan, Cavan.

Lotto as usual for jackpot of £400 on Tuesday 21st. We will have no lotto on the 28th. We take this opportunity to thank all our subscribers for their support during the year. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Jack Furlong Award

Our very sincere congratulations to Mossie Hyland of Lismore GAA on being awarded the Jack Furlong Trophy for services to the GAA over the years. He has given a lifetime of service to the association and those of us who were involved in the Juvenile Club in the 80's will remember and appreciate all the miles he clocked up. Well done Mossie it is an award well deserved.

Presentation of Painting

Fr. Ml. Walsh C.C. has presented the club with a beautiful framed painting of Lismore Castle. We are going to raffle it for club funds. Tickets at £1 each will be available shortly and the raffle will take place in February. We thank Fr. Walsh most sincerely for his most generous gesture.

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Alpha Lotto— The lotto was held in Ballyrafter House Hotel, Lismore on Tuesday 14th December. The letters drawn were I-Z-Y-X and U-L-K-G. There was no winners. The following people received consolation prizes of £10 each; Bets Daly, Main Street, Lismore; Catherine McNamara, Parks Road, Lismore. Ray O'Brien, c/o The Mall Bar, Lismore. Margaret Morrissey, "Alana", Chapel Street, Lismore. The next draw will be held in Madden's Bar, Lismore on Tuesday 21st December. The super jackpot draw of £2,000 will be carried over until it is won so make sure you buy your ticket.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We would also like to thank you for your support throughout 1999 and look forward to your continued support in the year 2000.

LISMORE GOLFCLUB NOTES

Results: Monday 13th - Friday 17th. 12 Hole Turkey Competition - Stableford. Winner; N. Power (18) 29 pts. Saturday 18th, 12 Hole Turkey Competition Stableford. Winner; M. Cahillane (11) 29 pts. Sunday 19th 9 Hole Turkey Competition - Stableford. 1st S. Landers (14) 22 pts. 2nd J. Conroy (19) 21 1/2 pts.

Fixtures: Monday 20th - Friday 24th. 12 Hole Christmas Fayre Competition. Saturday 25th - 2 Club Competition. Sunday 26th - Friday 31st December, 9 Hole Competition. 2 cards to count.

Lismore Golf Club would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, sponsors, greens and bar staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new Millennium. We thank everybody connected to the club for your support in the last Millennium and hope we can continue in at least the same vein for the coming Millennium.

LISMORE LADIES GOLF

Results: Wednesday 24th Nov. 9 Hole Stableford Christmas Voucher. 1 Mary Beecher (25) 19 1/2 pts. 2 Eileen Tinnelly (24) 19 pts (L6). 3 Finola Langford (30) 19 pts. Wednesday 1st Dec. 9 Hole Stableford Christmas Voucher. 1st Daphne Power (9) 21 1/2 pts. 2 Mag Morrissey (27) 20 1/2 pts. 3 Anna Murphy (23) 18 1/2 pts. Wednesday 15th 9 Hole Stableford 2 card aggregate. 1st Joan Cahillane (31) 42 pts. 2nd Daphne Power (9) 36 pts. (B9). 3rd Brid Henry (16) 36 pts. 4th Rena O'Leary (20) 35 pts. (B9). 5th Anna Murphy (23) 35 pts. 6th Mary Cashman (24) 34 pts.

Fixtures: 16th to 31st December 9 Hole Stableford Ongoing. 1st to 4th Jan. 9 Hole Stableford Members Prizes. Wednesday 5th 9 Hole Stableford. Jan 6th 9 Hole Stableford ongoing for January. We wish all our members, friends and sponsors a Happy Christmas and New Year.

CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

Closing Christmas Eve 7.30 p.m.

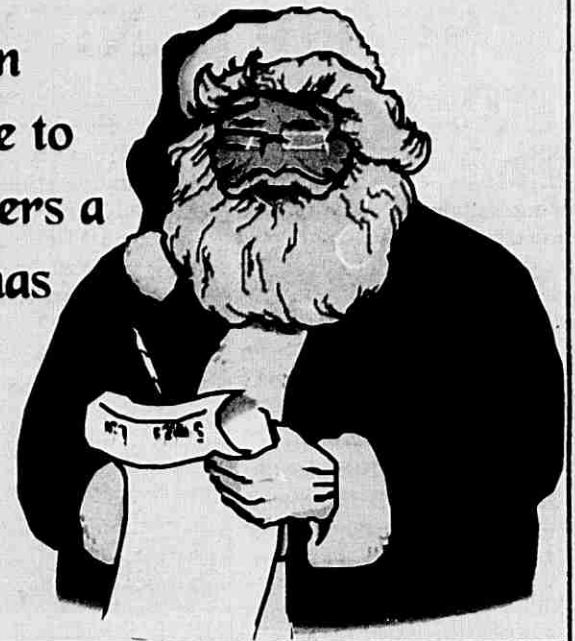
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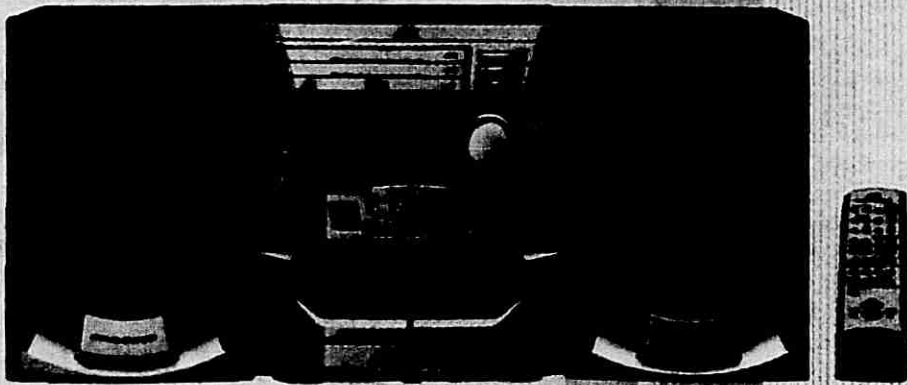
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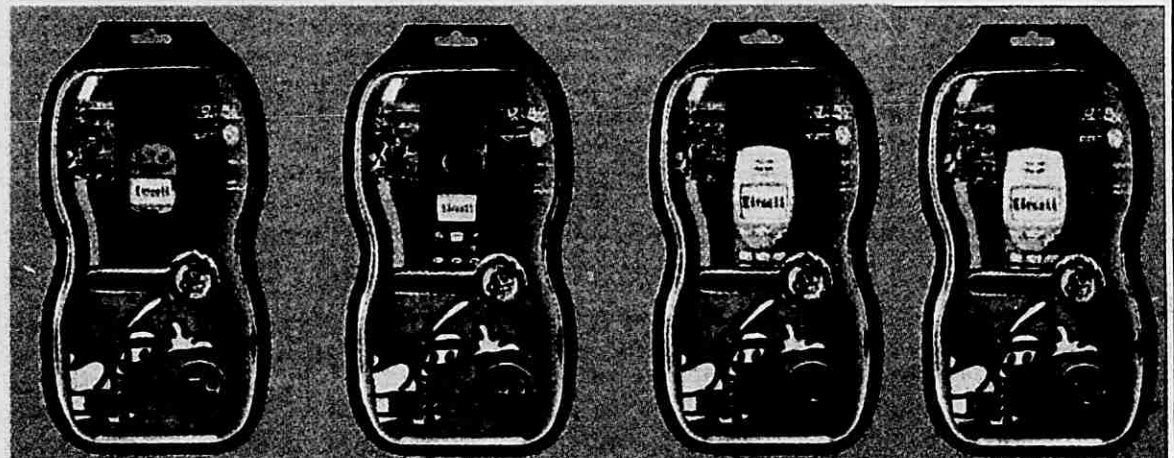


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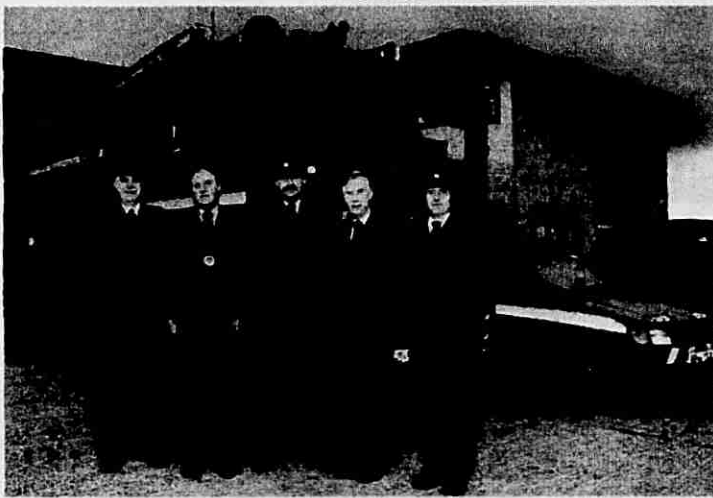
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▲ Pictured above at the handing over ceremony of a water carrier and delivery van to Waterford County Fire and Rescue Service are (l. to r.) J. McGrath, T. McCarthy CFO, P. Kenneally, Cathaoirleach, Waterford Co. Council, D. Connolly, Co. Manager, D. Murphy, J. Noonan and D. O'Brien ACFO.

On receipt of the vehicles, both the Co. Manager and Cathaoirleach paid tribute to all the Fire Brigade staff who contributed to the excellent conversion works. In particular, Donal Murphy, John McGrath and John Noonan were singled out. The Chief Fire Officer expressed his praise and delight at having the additional asset of a Waterford Carrier in the county. ACFO D. O'Brien added his commendation for the conversions and noted that the Water Carrier had already proved its worth when Cappoquin Brigade mobilised it for a forest fire near Clonmel and to deliver potable water to The Pike during the August Weekend.

Christmas/Millennium Crime Prevention/Safety Message

The season of Christmas is upon us once more and this year we look forward to our special New Year celebrations as we move into the twenty first century. Unfortunately for some it will be a time of heartbreak and sorrow due to the criminal behaviour of a minority in our society. With our Celtic Tiger economy which will lead to even larger amounts of cash in circulation will lead to extra opportunities for the criminal so in that context I offer the following advice on personal safety, home safety, car safety and Business safety.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- 1 Do not carry large sums of cash, use credit cards or cheques if possible.
 - If you must have cash carry it on your person rather than a bag. Buy your most expensive items first.
 - 2 Take good care of items purchased, especially when talking, window shopping, waiting in queues. When out for social evenings do not have keys with your address on them.
 - 3 Be especially careful of handbags and purses in crowded streets and shops. Do not carry handbags on shopping trolleys or buggies as we have had purses stolen from these in recent times.
- If you are going out socially over the festive time make sure you have a way home, you know whom you are going with, someone knows where you are and as a final word consider obtaining a personal alarm.

HOME SAFETY

With regards to Home Safety while you remain safe in various public places remember your home is vulnerable while it is unattended. Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked.

Avoid any action, which would give the impression that your home is vacant, such as no lights on, or an outside or hall light on with the rest of the house in darkness. If necessary use a timer switch to turn on lights.

If you are going away have a neighbour keep an eye on your home, report any over night absence to your local Garda Station giving a contact person in the event of their being any problem.

Make full use of Door Viewers, door chains when answering callers to your door.

CAR SAFETY

Make sure your car is properly locked and secured when it is left unattended this includes when it is parked in your own driveway. Never leave car keys hanging on racks inside your door as homes have been broken into, the car keys taken and the car stolen from the house.

Always park your car in properly supervised car parks never in dark or secluded places. Do not leave valuables exposed to public view in vehicles this included Christmas presents. Cash, driving documents such as a Driving Licence or Certificate of Insurance should not be kept in unattended vehicles. The documents if stolen could be used to provide false identification.

BUSINESS SECURITY

Business people are advised to check on existing security arrangements, with the extra stock on the premises take all possible steps to prevent break ins, larcenies and other types of crime. If you have CCTV in your premises make sure that it is working properly, all cameras are properly focused, that they are watching the areas designated, tapes are changed daily in the time lapse recorder and that the recorded picture is of the best possible standard. Take special care in handling cash, be on the look out for forged or counterfeit notes. Take care that all credit cards presented are genuine as are cheques and cheque cards.

To all people out there I ask that the event of observing any suspicious activity be it near your home, car or business to report same to your local Garda Station and do not be afraid to use the '999' service if necessary.

The Garda Confidential Line No, is 1 800 666 111. Crime Stoppers No. is 1 800 250 025.

If you require more specific advice in relation to any issue Sergeant Tim Cronin Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer is available at Waterford Garda Station or through your local station.

Wishing you all the Greetings of The Season for Christmas and New Year. Keep up the good work out there.

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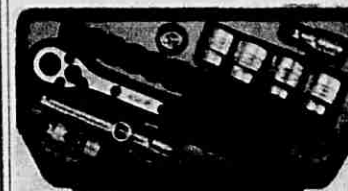
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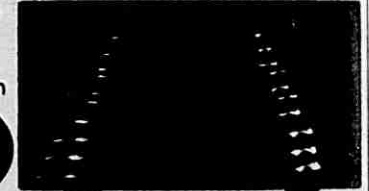
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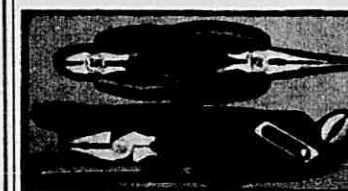
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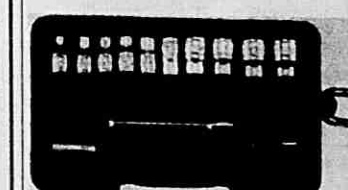
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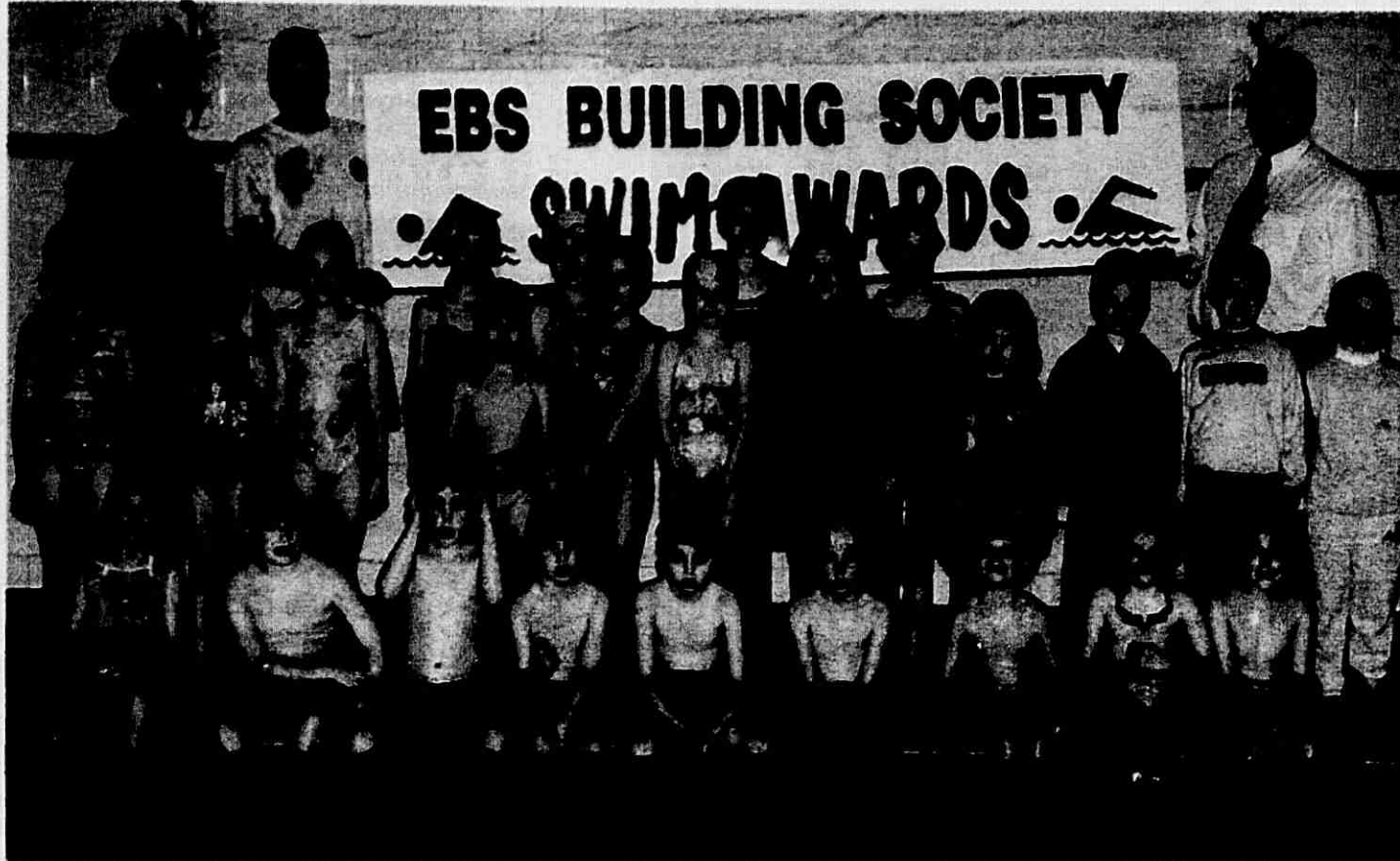
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Christmas In The Churches



Abbeyside Church

Saturday 18th Dec. Vigil Mass 7.00 pm. Sunday 19th Dec. Masses 8.30 am, 10.30 am and 12.00 noon. Sunday 19th Dec. Nativity Play 4.00 pm. Sunday 19th Dec. Penance Service 7.00 pm. Monday 20th to Friday 24th Dec. Mass 10.00 am. Friday 24th Dec. Confessions 10.30 to 11.30 am. 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass preceded by Carols and the blessing of the Crib 9.00 pm. Christmas Day Masses 8.30 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 noon. No evening Mass on Christmas Day. Sunday 26th Dec. Feast of the Holy Family, Masses

8.30, 10.30 am and 12.00 noon. No evening Mass. Monday 27th to 1st Jan. Mass 10.00 am. Friday 31st Dec. New Year's Eve Thanksgiving Service with Mass in Abbeyside Church 3.00 pm.

Ballinroad Church

Monday 20th to Friday 24th Dec. Mass 10.00 am. Monday 20th Dec. Mass and Penance Service 7.30 pm. Tue. 21st Dec. Nativity Play 7.00 pm. Christmas Eve. Vigil Mass preceded by Carols, and the blessing of the Crib 9.00 pm. Christmas Day Mass 10.00 am. Friday 31st Dec. New Year's Eve Thanksgiving Service with Mass in Abbeyside Church 3.00 pm.

Garranbane Church

Wednesday 22nd Dec. Mass 7.30 pm. Confessions before and after Mass. Friday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass preceded by Carols and the blessing of the Crib 7.30 pm. Christmas Day Mass 11.30 am. Friday 31st Dec. New Year's Eve Thanksgiving Service with Mass in Abbeyside Church 3.00 pm. Saturday 1st Jan Mass 10.00 am.

The Christmas Collection for the support of the priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses during the Christmas period. The Priests of the Parish wish a Holy and Happy Christmas and New Year to all their parishioners.

St. Mary's Church

Penance & Reconciliation Service; Wednesday 22nd December at 7.30 pm. Confessions; Thursday 23rd Dec. at 10.00 am, 1.00 - 2.00 pm and 7.00 - 8.00. Christmas Eve 10.00 am - 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm.

Friary Church

Confessions; Thursday 23rd December 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm.

Christmas Eve 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm and 5.30 pm.

Mass Times For Christmas First Mass of Christmas. Singing of Carols will take place in both Churches from 8.30 pm. St. Mary's and Friary 9.00 pm.

Christmas Day St. Mary's 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Fri-

ary 9.00 am and 11.00 am. Sunday Feast of Holy Family; St. Mary's 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Friary 9.00 am and 11.00 am.

Weekday Masses; December 27th - Jan. 1st. Jan 3rd, St. Mary's 11.00 am. Friary 10.00 am. December 31st at 4.15 pm Ceremony of Light (Beginning in Square). January 1st 2000, St. Mary's Vigil 7.30 pm. Friary 6.15 pm. January 2nd 10.00 am and 12 noon in St. Mary's. 9.00 am and 11.00 am in Friary.

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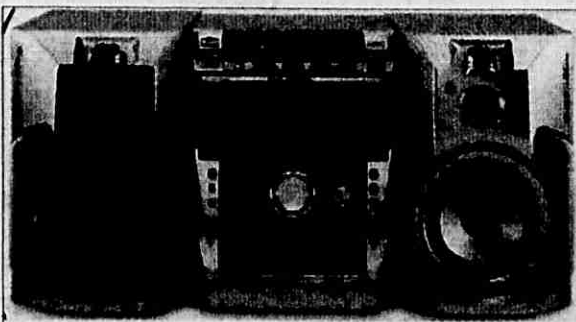
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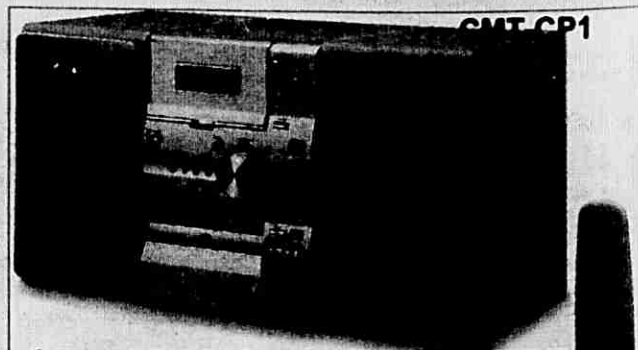
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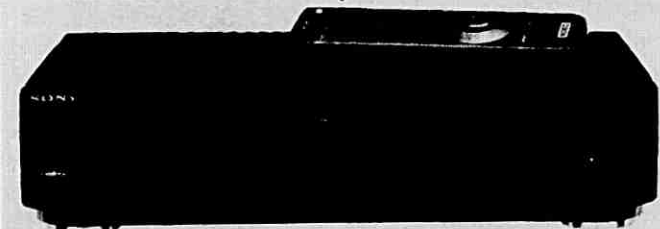
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Waterford Macra na Feirme, winners of "Know Your Agriculture" quiz (sponsored by Industrial & Agricultural Spares, Kilrush), Ballyduff Macra (l. to r.) Thomas Brackett, Richard Whelan and Allan Martin. Missing from photo is Colin Barry. —(Photo: Sean Byrne).

Stradbally Macra Na Feirme Notes

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Laura Casey, Tomas Walsh, George Walsh and Mary Riordan who competed in the annual Public Speaking Competition on 19th November in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan.

The teams who participated in this competition were Ballyduff, Cappoquin, Kilmacthomas and ourselves. Stradbally's topic for discussion was "Advertising" and were awarded 2nd place. The overall winners on the night were Kilmac' Macra and we wish them every success in the

next round.

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

The above competition was held directly after the Public Speaking with five competitors taking part. Stradbally's representative was Finbarr Coffey who discussed the topic "Telephones". Rumour has it Eircom want to hire our PRO for sales! We wish Declan McGrath and Grainne Barry every success in the next round.

QUEEN OF THE LAND

Congratulations to Rosemarie Walsh of Kilmac' Macra on being awarded 2nd runner up in the Queen of the Land

Competition held recently in Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

DEBATING COURSE

The County Executive held a very informative course on Debating on 21st November in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan. The course tutors were Caroline Smiddy, Geraldine Veale and Paddy Aherne. We had three representatives on the course, Finbarr Coffey, Mary Riordan and Laura Casey.

NEW DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Moira Murphy of Clonea Power Macra is our new Development Officer for the

coming year and we wish her well. Many thanks to Alan Martin of Ballyduff Macra for all his help in the past two years.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday to Tomas Walsh and Paddy Riordan.

WELCOME HOME

Stradbally Club would like to welcome home the newly weds, Pat and Breda Kenny and hope they had a wonderful time on their honeymoon in South Africa. We wish Breda every happiness in her new Parish of Ballyduff.

County Waterford Macra Na Feirme Notes

A very successful and enjoyable Macra Annual conference or rally sponsored by Glanbia took place over the weekend, Friday 26th - Sunday 28th November in Waterford's Jury's Hotel. It kicked off on Friday with the young farmers

seminar. The theme for the weekend was Technology into the Millennium and the seminar first took a trip to the Dawn Meats Plant in Grannagh where 40 visitors were given an insight to the Beef Industry and shown how

the electronic carcass grading can revolutionise the system.

In the hotel in the afternoon, Paul Allen of Teagasc spoke on the prospects of such a system, also Michael Patten gave a corporate presentation on Glanbia in what is very much a consumer led market.

Vivian Tarrant discussed Teagasc research for the year 2000 and beyond and Dr. Patrick Wall of the Food Safety Authority gave an enjoyable presentation on the impact of food safety on farming. But there is much more to the National Annual Conference than this serious stuff. There were National Finals of several Macra Competitions. On Friday evening the final of the 'Know Your Agriculture' was won by Kinsale of Seandun. The Club of the Year title was taken by Ballylanders from Co. Limerick. The final of the Volleyball Competition was played in Waterford Institute of Technology.

The initiative was taken this year by Waterford Macra to introduce two new events to the rally, a 5 km Fun Run and the

entertainment competition Star Search Y2K. In the Fun Run 60 people ran, the first Macra home were Paul Mahon of Longwood, Co. Meath and Rosemarie Walsh of Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford and thank you to Agri Data for their sponsorship of this event. The best of Co. Waterford were Paddy Riordan and George Walsh and Breda Walsh. Well done to all who took part.

Over 700 people watched a very entertaining 'Star Search Y2K Competition on the Saturday night at the rally, the standard was very high but a winner had to be picked and they were John Foley and Tim Foley at Whitechurch Macra in Seandun who performed a very funny sketch. The rally goers were entertained by the Mad Caps and live music from "Bog the Donkey", "The Whole Shabang" and "The Conquerors" and it is estimated that 1700 people were in attendance on Saturday night.

The rally organisers would like to thank Glanbia and our other main sponsors Dawn Meats, Waterford, Stanley, IFA and Hibernian, without whose help such an event would be very difficult to stage.

BALLINAMEELA IFA BRANCH A.G.M.

The well attended AGM of Ballinameela IFA branch was held recently in The Old School, Ballinameela. Mr. John Fitzgerald, IFA Regional Development Officer, addressed the meeting. Among the items which were discussed were the improvements to premia for livestock farmers under Agenda 2000, e.g. higher extensification rates, £21/head Slaughter premium on all animals and changes to suckler cow premium.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman — Michael O'Donnell, tel. 058/5228631147; Vice Chairman — Hugh Collender, tel. 058/6805453195; Secretary — Henry Chavasse, tel. 058/68185; Treasurer — David Landers, tel. 058/68070; Registrar — Jerry O'Brien, tel. 024/96193

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An interim report on the first 18 months of this 3 year project was published last week.

REPORT CONCLUSIONS

Although the Teagasc/Glanbia Joint Programme is only 18 months in operation, the Monitor Farms are already proving to be a very important aspect of the Joint Programme. It is possible to increase the protein content of milk through better utilisation of grazed grass. The fifteen Spring milk producing Monitor Farmers increased their average milk protein percentage by 0.075 for 1998. This was primarily due to the better utilisation of grazed grass. On average this increase in protein was worth 7890 per monitor farm. Farmers should set a target of +0.03 to +0.05% annual increase in protein content. Culling also plays a role in increasing milk protein content. This was clearly seen on one of the Monitor Farms.

The Teagasc target of 40p per gallon Common Costs is achievable on Irish Dairy Farms. In fact, this figure is being bettered by a number of the Monitor Farmers. Average Common Costs for 1998 were 40.7 ppg (range 32.6 - 48.6 ppg). The term "Common Costs" refers to Total Costs (variable and fixed) less costs associated with hired labour, interest and land/quota lease.

Silage analysis results for 1998 show that seven of the sixteen first cut silage samples had a DMD value of less than 70%. Ideally, first cut silage should have a DMD value of greater than 70%.

Soil analysis show that on average soil P levels for both the grazing and silage areas are not Index 3 (6.0 - 10.0 ppm). This is the target P level where early grass is desirable.

On average, there was a shortage of grass on the Monitor Farms in the months of June and July, and to a lesser extent in September, during 1998.

On average, Average Farm Cover (kg DM/ha) at both housing and turnout (November 1998 and February 1999 respectively) was lower than target.

Cattle performance on the Monitor Farms was good during 1998. However the performance of weanling animals (both dairy replacement heifers and steers) during the housing period 1998/99 was disappointing. This was made up for by the excellent performance of the same animals at grass in the early part of the 1999 season.

Forty-seven per cent (47%) of the dairy replacement heifers, which were weighed in April 1999, were below the minimum target weight for mating of 330 kg. This situation will have to be remedied with this year's calves.

FARM SAFETY

Musty hay or baled silage will cause farmer's lung. Use a protective mask (it is now socially acceptable) of an approved type (BS 2091: 1961). Don't feed it to pregnant animals as it may cause abortions.

Many farmers end up with "bad chests" due to wettings. It is worth buying good protective rain gear.

Many farmers are "half deaf" because of excessive noise levels while using tractor, chainsaws, milking machines, etc. Always use ear muffs; A breather line (costs very little) will reduce the noise levels caused by relays in milking parlours.

Farmers bring a lot of clay and muck on to the road at this time of year; You must clean it off; A resultant accident is your responsibility

Season's Greetings

All the staff in Teagasc wish all our clients a happy Christmas and a prosperous beginning to the new millennium.



FARMING LEADER



The newly elected Waterford IFA Chairman, Gerald Curran, making a presentation on behalf of Waterford IFA members to outgoing chairman James Coughlan in appreciation of his work for the IFA over the past five years, while at the same time PRO Marian Looby presents a bouquet to James' wife Betty. —(Photo: Rory Wyley).

COUGHLAN'S TERM ENDS

Waterford IFA County Chairman, James Coughlan has come to the end of his four year term at the helm of the organisation in the County. Speaking at the A.G.M. of the County Executive the outgoing Chairman said that "the last four years were a tremendous experience, in which a lot had been achieved for Waterford farmers."

At the well attended meeting Mr. Coughlan reflected on the highlights of his term as Chairman, the demonstration in Dublin in October 1998, where 40,000 farmers took to the streets, was he said a show of strength of the farming community and of IFA. He added "the co-ordination and delivery of in excess of 3,500 bales of fodder from Co. Waterford was a tremendously positive exercise where farmers came to the aid of their counterparts in the West at their hour of need."

Mr. Coughlan also outlined that what had been achieved in Agenda 2000, the live export trade, the sit-in in the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, the introduction of the Charter of Farmers' Rights and the earlier payment of premia, to name but a few.

Reflecting on 1999, Mr. Coughlan said "that what was achieved in Agenda 2000 was a credit to IFA and that the increase in Premia from January 1st was welcomed by livestock farmers." However now, he said, our efforts must focus firmly on cattle prices to ensure we have sufficient market outlets for our stock, particularly the reopening of the live trade to Egypt and Libya.

The Kinsalebeg man also referred to the 'red tape' and bu-

reaucacy which has "infiltrated" the direct payment scheme. This he said, "had placed an unnecessary burden on farmers and the cattle movement monitoring system should be introduced as soon as possible to facilitate the administration of these schemes."

Mr. Coughlan wished his successor, Gerald Curran, Ring the best of luck as the new County Chairman. Many delegates paid glowing tributes to James Coughlan, describing him as a great ambassador for Waterford farmers and a man who worked above and beyond the call of duty.

Gerald Curran then made a presentation of Waterford glass and a bouquet of flowers to James and his wife, Betty who had worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

Waterford IFA Co. Officers elected at the AGM are as follows for the coming year:

Co. Chairman — Gerald Curran, Ballygreen, Ring, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. Tel. 058/46165; Vice Chairman — John Hobbs, Briska Hse., Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford. Tel. 051/291128; Co. Secretary — John Joe Byrne, Monamon, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford. Tel. 058/54795; Treasurer — Pat Murphy, Ballyquin, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Waterford. (Tel. 051/640230); P.R.O. — Marian Looby, Kilbree, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford. (Tel.058/54103.)

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duff, Colligan 058/68384
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Livestock: Thomas Leahy, Ballyhanrahan, Dungarvan 058/42269
Potato: Michael O'Keefe, Roseville, Tallow 058/56249
Rural Development: Mossie O'Connor, Newtown, Grange Ardmore 024/94143
Sheep: Harry Gray, Ballygaron, Bonmahon 051/292110
Western: James Devine, Moonboy, Cappoquin 058/54542

IFA DEMANDS DELIVERY FROM MINISTER WALSH ON SHEEPMET

IFA President Tom Parlon has said with the EU Farm Council meeting in Brussels on Tuesday and Wednesday, 14th and 15th December, the time has come for Agriculture Minister Joe Walsh to deliver on his commitment to sheep farmers.

Waterford IFA Sheep Committee Chairman, Harry Gray said there is a severe income crisis in the sheep sector with lamb prices for the main selling season down £8-10/head and the ewe premium stuck at last year's level.

The Waterford IFA Sheep Chairman said Minister Walsh has accepted that there is a severe problem in the sheep sector and made strong promises that he is working to have the issue resolved. "The time has now arrived for Minister Walsh to deliver on his commitments to the country's 45,000 sheep farmers."

Mr. Gray pointed out that suspending the penal 7% stabiliser would add an additional £4.35/ewe to the 1999 premium payment.

The Bonmahon sheep farmer said that the current ewe premium system is heavily discriminating against Irish sheep farmers. He said "Irish sheep farmers are being short changed by £8.14/ewe in premium payments this year. This amounts to a national loss of £38m."

IFA President, Tom Parlon and the National Sheep Committee Chairman, Frank Corcoran will be travelling to Brussels to keep maximum pressure on Minister Walsh to deliver from the Farm Council meeting.

National Hill Farmers Association

The Junior Minister at the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands attended the AGM of the NHFA at Ennis on Saturday 4th December.

The Minister informed the meeting of the following points:
1. That the ewe quotas on commonages in the year 2000 will remain the same as they were in 1999.

2. Farmers who do not join REPS will be told in the year 2000 what stocking levels will be allowed.

3. As of 8th December payment will begin for de-stocking compensation; 400 compensation cheques per day will be sent out to farmers who were destocked that Autumn and all the monies will be paid by Christmas.

4. Any farmers not satisfied with the level of de-stocking in the year 2000 will be able to sit down with his Department officials and jointly discuss the problem until both sides agree.

5. Next year's Commonage de-stocking payments will be made in Sept/Oct and at the same time every year thereafter.

6. The Minister wishes to continue to work in partnership with the NHFA.

New officers; The officers appointed for the year 2000 are as follows Chairman John Devine, Waterford. Vice Chairman James Brosnan, Kerry. PRO Chris Robbins, Kerry. Secretary; Michael Harrington, Cork. Treasurer; Tadhg Hasting, Mayo.

ACTION GROUPS

Action groups were formed in all counties concerned which will act as regional branches of the Association.

Meeting with Agriculture Minister

A delegation from NHFA met with Joe Walsh, Minister for Agriculture and Food, on Monday 6th Dec.

The meeting was an informative one and the Minister assured the delegation that he will do all in his power to review the EU sheep premium and the manner in which it is calculated. He hopes for support from his British counterpart in this regard and it is hoped that at the next Council of Ministers meeting that the problems being experienced by hill farmers in both countries will be on the agenda.

Other points discussed included; The inclusion of sheep in extensification despite the fact that farmers do not receive payments. The creation of a wool washing plant in Ireland. The Rural World Payments and the possibility of extra payments for hill sheep farmers. Earlier notification of problems in relation to area aid, especially on commonages where all shareholder premiums can be delayed because of a problem with one shareholder. North-South Cooperation aiming for ewe premiums calculated on All Ireland basis.

IFA Launches Initiative To Promote Integrated Farm Forestry Among Its 85,000 Members

IFA President Tom Parlon, recently launched IFA's new initiative to promote integrated farm forestry, at the Irish Farm Centre, Dublin in the presence of the Minister of State at the Department of Marine and Natural Resources, Hugh Byrne.

Welcoming Minister Byrne's support for the initiative Mr Parlon said it was IFA's objective to encourage farmers to integrate forestry on their farms as and additional enterprise capable of increasing overall farm income.

"This initiative with the Forest Service will target farmers, many of whom have marginal land for traditional farm enterprises. Integrating a forestry enterprise by planting their least productive land will provide additional and increased farm income" said Mr. Parlon.

Emphasising one of the primary motivational factors to promoting this initiative the IFA leader said "IFA is not in favour of blanket afforestation in many parts of our country which is at the expense of traditional farming and local communities. It is much better to have parcels of forestry countrywide, integrated farm forestry is the way forward. In addition increasing forestry area has a knock on beneficial effect on the balance of CO2 emissions from agriculture" said the IFA President.

Chairman of IFA's Farm Forestry Section, Padraic Divilly said that "the Government has put great emphasis on the importance of farm forestry in setting down its planting targets of 20,000 hectares per annum to 2030.

Promoting integrated farm forestry is the most acceptable way of reaching these targets. The IFA by encouraging all farmers to plant a little forestry will take pressure off blanket afforestation as overall targets for the country will be more easily met".

"This initiative by the IFA with the support of the Forest Service will build an understanding among the farming community the role of forestry in developing rural Ireland and how both conventional agriculture and farm forestry work well in unison. This initiative will also provide a greater back-up service for the farming community to inform, educate and encourage more farm forestry"

TALLOW NOTES

BRIDEVIEW UNITED A.F.C.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP 3rd ROUND

HISTORIC DAY FOR BRIDEVIEW

Sunday last proved to be a historic day for Brideview United as for the first time in the clubs history we advanced to the open draw in the Munster Junior Cup. Better still the club have once again been favoured with a home draw.

Our Division two team secured an away draw against Kilworth Celtic. Due to the weather our schoolboys fixture did not take place on Saturday. Santa Claus paid a visit to the Community Centre on Sunday last, much to the delight of our younger players.

RESULTS MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP

**Brideview United 4
Tramore Rangers 2.** United came from behind to clinch a place in the next round of the Munster Junior Cup. While this game was not a classic, United did at times play some good football.

Rangers took the lead in the 15th minute but United

stormed back and two goals in as many minutes put United in front. The first came on the half hour and was a cracker, scored by Dermot Henley. A minute later Paul Curley shot home goal number two.

Rangers were back on level terms in the 39th minute but this was a rather soft goal. They all count, however and at the break the sides were level at 2-2.

United took the game to Rangers in the second half and United went in front in the 59th minute when John Doyle scored. The homeside were unlucky in the 68th minute when a Paul Curley shot came back off the post. United were almost in again when a Stuart Barry cross fell in front of Philly Curley but somehow Curley shot over from five yards when a goal looked certain.

United's insurance goal came after 80 minutes when a Philly

Curley cross was headed home by brother Paul. This was the final goal in this game and United now advance to the next round.

United - B. Sheehan, D. Doyle, D. Martin, P. Curley, R. Henley, G. Doyle, S. Barry, J.P. Grey (Captain), M. Walsh, S. Pratt and D. Henley. Res. used E. Murphy and P. Curley both used.

DIVISION TWO

Kilworth Celtic 1 Brideview United 1

Our division two side got a share of the points on Sunday last, away to Kilworth Celtic. The homeside took the lead here but Brendan Donnelly grabbed United's all important goal from the penalty spot. Well done lads.

United - J. Farmer, P. Cronin, F. Power, M. McGrath, R. Cronin, G. Beecher, P. Murphy, B. Donnelly, W. Henley, E. Fitzgerald, L. Murphy.

LOTTO

Last weeks numbers 3, 5, 15. No winner. Match 3 seven. Draw this week takes place on the Tuesday after Christmas in the Local Bar at 8.30. The jackpot is now £1,500.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Happy birthday to Sharon Wade, Tircullen, who celebrates her 18th birthday on this coming Friday. Now where is the party I wonder.

RED HOUSE LEAGUE DRAW

The final draw took place in the Corner House Bar on Saturday night last. We had just one winner, namely Tom Hartigan. Well done Tom.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the club I would like to wish our players, family and friends, as well our lotto collectors, sponsors and everyone who supported our weekly lotto and the Red House League Draw, Schoolboys and parents a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, not forgetting the editor and staff of the paper for their help during the year including our readers from overseas.

SHORTER NOTE

Because of work commitments our notes are shorter this week, we should be back to normal the week after Christmas. This will have suited many people anyway because of the many parties which were held over the Christmas holidays.

FIXTURES

For Christmas holidays Red House League.

Premier Division Christmas Sunday next December 26th, Pinewood Rangers V. Brideview United. Kick off 11.30.

Friday, January 31st - Premier Division, Inch V. Brideview United. Kick off 11 o'clock.

Division Two : Brideview United V. Kilworth Celtic. Kick off 11 o'clock.

Schoolboys have no fixtures. Monday, January 3rd - Red House League.

Premier League - Brideview United V. Cappoquin 11.30. Div. 2 - Modeligo V. Brideview United, kick off 2.30.

KNOCKANORE, GLENDINE, KILWATERWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Thanks - to all the people who donated various items for the Senior Citizens party.

Childrens Party - Santa generated a lot of excitement and Batty was an excellent D.J. for a most enjoyable Disco.

Christmas Tree - We are grateful to everybody involved in erecting and illuminating the Tree at Knockanore.

Congratulations - Congratulations to the teachers and pupils of Knockanore School, 3rd to 6th class for their excellent presentation of carol singing in Knockanore Church on Sunday evening 19th. They also presented a play depicting the Nativity. This was intertwined with the carol singing, which was conducted by Mr. Twomey, N.T.

Musical accompaniment by Mr. Fitzgerald, N.T. and Mr. Twomey.

Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. thanked Mrs. Ronayne, Principal teacher, Mr. Twomey and Mr. Fitzgerald, N.T.

He said their presentation surpassed anything he'd ever seen in carol singing. The pity was he said that other congregations could not see it.

Happy Christmas - On this the last Christmas of the century, we extend good wishes and thanks to the editor and staff of this paper. happy Christmas to all our readers especially those who are ill and those overseas.

TALLOW G.A.A. CLUB NOTES

BEANNACHTAÍ NA NOLLAG

A few days to go to the final Christmas of the 1900's, we once again wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Great to see some of our emigrants home already for the festive season, but no matter where you are in the world we send you our best wishes. As with the many advances in technology over the past years our club here in Tallow is on the internet so whether you receive these greeting on this or in the time honoured fashion of the family at home posting on the paper do enjoy the festivities. Our greetings also to the editor and staff of the Dungarvan Leader who week in week out are responsible for keeping everyone in touch and do a great job.

CONGRATULATIONS

A sure sign that our club continues to grow in strength with three of our senior hurlers selected on the final panel with the County team. Well done to Brian Henley, Stephen Curley and James Murray who will be wearing the blue and white in the coming year and are worthy representatives indeed. Congratulations also to Eddie Cunningham who was last week elected as Treasurer Western Board. A lifetime of service continues at both club and county level.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Our thanks to Ted and Martha Keniry and family for their help with the tree and supplying the power for the lights. Nice to see all the homes and businesses all lit up and maybe next year with a combined effort we can go one better and light up the whole town (with bulbs that is of course)! Amongst the many fine displays locally then Quinlans at the top of Tallow Hill really stands out at night and is very well done indeed. A bit of imagination and effort goes a long way.

And as it's the week when all the turkeys try to do a runner and the new Bainisteoir tucks into the leg end!!! we once again thank everyone who has supported us in any shape or form throughout the year. No doubt you have enjoyed many fine games in return. Our thanks also to the committees of both our local halls, St. Patricks Parish Hall and Tallow Community Centre for allowing us the use of their facilities throughout the year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1999

At a very well attended and constructive A.G.M. the following officers and committee were elected to oversee our affairs in the year 2000.

Patron : Rev. Fr. Michael Farrell P.P.

Our meeting was preceded by Holy Mass for all deceased members of our club. In addressing the meeting Fr. Farrell complimented the club for bringing our youth together through our games but also reminded the assembly of the need to have all our young people attend Mass and Church services on a regular basis. "Our youth are the Ireland of the future" said Fr. Farrell "and an Ireland without true Christian values would be no country at all".

President - Harry Ronayne; Vice-President - Fr. Sean Cotter, Ned Power, Jamie O'Brien, John Geary (Snr.), Sean O'Donoghue, Sonny O'Brien, Mary Curley, Kathleen Sice, Josie Curley; Chairman - Liam Moroney; Vice-Chairman - Dinny Cunningham; Hon. Secretary - Sean Sheehan; Asst. Sec./P.R.O. - Tom Doyle; Treasurer - Mairead Sheehan; Asst. Treasurer - Tim Sheehan; Registrar - Eddie Cunningham.

Committee - Fin McCarthy, Rachael Ryan, Liam Mulcahy, Tom Kearney, Loretta Kearney, Gerry Crowley, Fiona Crowley, Bill Browne, Pat Murphy, John McDonnell, Johnnie Curley, Mickey Curley, Brendan Hartigan, Joe Murray, Billy Sheehan, James Murray, Johnnie Geary (Jnr.), Liam O'Brien, Sean Twomey.

Full list of teams affiliated and selectors in due course but the top job (and probably the toughest) has fallen to Pat Murphy who will be in charge of our Senior hurlers for the coming year. One of the most dedicated and great servants of Tallow hurling for many years, Pat is indeed a unanimous and popular choice and we wish him well in his efforts.

ST. PATRICKS PARISH HALL, TALLOW

Progressive 45 - 1st Liam Murphy and John O'Brien (Turkey and Ham each); 2nd Jack Cotter and Linda McCormack (Ham each); 3rd Sean McCarthy and Eileen Cotter (Turkey each).

Raffle Winners - John Pratt, Maggie Treacy, Brian Aherne. £5 Drive this Wednesday, December 22nd at 8.30p.m. The committee wish all their patrons a very holy and happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

TALLOW BRIDGE CLUB

1st - Mary Burke and Ann Murphy; 2nd Paddy Condon and Mary McCarthy; 3rd Tom Roche and Alice Henley.

December 6th Ham Competition
1st Teresa Ryan and Bernie Burke; 2nd Tom Roche and Martha Keniry; 3rd Kathleen O'Keefe and Marjorie O'Brien.

Christmas and New Year Ceremonies for The Church of The Immaculate Conception and St. Josephs Carmelite Monastery, Tallow

Friday, 24th December (Christmas Eve). Vigil Masses, Parish Church, 9p.m., Convent 10p.m.

Saturday, 25th December (Christmas Day). Convent 8.30a.m., Parish Church 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m. There will be no Vigil Mass for Sunday.

Sunday, 26th December, Convent 8.30a.m., Parish Church 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.

Special Millennium ceremonies conducted by Rev. Fr. Bob Staples starting on Thursday 30th December at 7.00p.m. and concluding with a special Millennium Mass on Friday 31st December at 4p.m. This will be followed by the blessing and switching on of the flood lights at the Parish Church at 5.00p.m.

Saturday, 1st January, Convent 9.00a.m., Parish Church, 7.30p.m.

Sunday, 2nd January, Convent 8.30a.m., Parish Church, 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.

TALLOW SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The party was held last Sunday in the Community Centre in Tallow. All present agreed it was a great success. We were fortunate this year to have Tony Coffey of "Batchelors In Trouble" fame to entertain us. We were lucky all present had a strong heart as they needed it for all the laughing. Thanks again Tony.

The Latch and Kearneys provided the Christmas dinner for everyone - all agreed it was the best yet.

On behalf of the Committee I wish to thank all who helped to make it a success especially the musicians, Trevor and Paddy, Tom Doyle and Tom Mulcahy who were the M.C.'s for the day. All the helpers - both male and female.

Every year we run a five week non-stop draw to help finance the party, we thank all who supported this draw and donated prizes. A special word of thanks to Bridie at the Corner House who held a raffle and donated all proceeds to the party.

Stradbally Notes

News of Town and Roundabout

DING DONG STRADBALLY BELLS ARE RINGING!

This Christmas while the Stradbally bells are ringing at Holy Cross, the denizens are feverishly running around getting into the Christmas spirit! Congratulations to the Guides Brownies and Scouts for organising the Carol singing under the Christmas tree. Canon Hewitt and Fr. Enright wish everyone in Stradbally the blessings of the Season.

The Stradbally Tourism & Enterprise Group want to thank everyone for their support since they re-formed in September, and look forward to a productive 2,000 when the draft development plan will be ready for everyone in Stradbally to read.

STRADBALLY 'MILLENNIUM BOOK' GETS GO-AHEAD

The Stradbally Enterprise group has been awarded a grant of £900 from the National Millennium Funds for the Stradbally 'Millennium Book'.

The authors John Keane and Mary Norris are anxious to get things rolling and would like contributions from all over the parish and beyond! If you have any interesting snippets about Stradbally, jot them down over Christmas, phone Don (Admin. Secretary) 051-293030, and he will arrange to collect it from you. All contributors will be listed in the book. This is your book! so get those pens out.

BALLYVOONEY CLEAN-UP

Last Saturday in the driving rain, Heather Finn once again led her merry elves on their clean-up campaign. Ballyvooney had the most amount of rubbish by far to date, a message in a bottle was recovered by one of the kids, a poignant tale of love from D. in Ballymacarbray! Although Heather was suffering from a bad migraine, she still played hostess to a kid's Tidy Team party in the G.A.A. afterwards.

Thank you to Breda Kiely for donating some 'pop', Don Sutherland for donating crisps, Celia Walsh £1 shop in Dungarvan for donating prizes for the kids; and a big BIG thank you to Alish Corr, Area Litter supervisor Waterford County Council for donating books, posters and stickers to the kids, along with organising a Tidy Kid's Team lockable bin which is located on the road by Stradbally Cove. Tom Power of Deise refuse Collection also donated a portable C.D. player, which was won by Shannon Sutherland, thank you Tom!

Deise Refuse will operate the usual weekly collection of domestic rubbish during Christmas. Don't forget to bring your bottles and cans to the Recycling banks at Holy Cross Church! Most of all Stradbally wants to thank all the kids who have come out rain or shine and picked up rubbish, Stradbally is proud of you!

YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

On Saturday 8th of January at 4p.m., the Youth Sub-Committee will meet in the G.A.A. club to discuss plans for 2,000 for the

under 25's. If you are older than 13 and if you want to get involved, come along or pass suggestions to Youth Officer Heather Finn, 8 Rockville Stradbally.

WHIST NIGHTS

Yours truly had a brilliant night playing Whist for the first time in St. James on Saturday night last. The youngest members Georgia Howan (12) and Ruth Crowley (12) left most of us in the dust!

The school was packed out and nearly everyone left with a prize, well almost! The organisers would like to thank all those who came and they look forward to the next night early next year! It's such a good game I'm going again on Thursday, this time to the G.A.A. club at 8.30 p.m. see you there!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE G.A.A.

The G.A.A. social club would like to thank all the patrons and members who have supported them during the year. Two big nights during the holiday season will be a live band on St. Stephen's night, usual door charge, and if you can't decide where to go on New Year's Eve, stay right here in Stradbally and bring in the New Year among friends and neighbours!

The G.A.A. New Year's Eve night will cost the princely sum of £10, which includes a live band and refreshments. Get your tickets now from; Margaret Cunningham 293210, George Walsh 293164, Breda Kiely 294443, or Pat Fennell 293253.

CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM

For the brave or fool-hardy the Christmas swim for Charity is at 12 noon in Stradbally Cove. It'll certainly be worth watching, fair play to the participants, see you in the pub!

MILLENNIUM DANCE & DISCO

The 7th of January in Clonea Strand Hotel is the time and venue for this year's Ecumenical knees-up! Tickets available from Jenny Crowley 293143, Teresa Dee 293209. More next week!

JUBILEE CROSS — A REPORT FROM FR. ENRIGHT

Yes, the Jubilee Cross has finally arrived in Stradbally. It was put in place by Jack, Noel and Ray O'Keefe of Michael St. Waterford. It has been favourably received, standing twelve feet, it will adorn the church grounds for many a year.

ORGAN

Friday last was also a red letter day for Mary Dunphy and the choir of Holy Cross with the arrival of a new organ; supplied by Jeffers of Bandon. The existing organ is now in the Girl's school and everyone looks forward to great music and song from all concerned.

CALENDAR

Just a few house-holds did not receive delivery of their calendar, as unfortunately supplies ran out. Christmas Eve and Masses on Sun., (26th) next are changed, in Faha (10a.m.) and Stradbally (12 noon) with the usual time in Bally (11 a.m.). A service of light will take place in Holy Cross Church at 4.15p.m. on New year's Eve.

DRAW

The results of the Faha Church fund-raising draw are as follows; 1st prize (Turkey) Danny Veale, Faha; 2nd prize, (Ham) John Walsh c/o Danny's 3rd prize (Cake) Tom Drohan, Ballyvoile; 4th prize (Brandy) Nodlaig Cummins, Ballyvooney; 5th prize (Whiskey) Margaret Mulhearn, Grawn; 6th prize (Whiskey) Joan Maher, Shanbally, Leamybrien. £1,500 was the total raised, thanks to all who took part.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Nora Condon, Church Rd on the recent death of her sister Mary Quinn in Tipperary.

BELLS

The electronic system will be in operation in Holy Cross and St. Anne's Ballylaneen for Christmas, and the same facility will be available to Faha Church early in the New Year.

A holy and happy Christmas to all from the clergy of the parish.

Cappoquin Lotto Results

Cappoquin Community Development Company Ltd. held its last Lotto draw of this Millennium on Monday, 20th December, 1999. The winning numbers were 11, 16, 21 and there was no Jackpot winner. Next Lotto Jackpot will be £300.

There were 3 consolation prizes of £10 and the winners were: Evelyn Flynn, Helen Buckley and The Saddler's Staff. Congratulations to everyone. The next draw will be held on Tuesday afternoon, 4th January, 2000.

On behalf of Cappoquin Community Development Company we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

'Cappoquin: A Walk Through History'

The success of the book, 'Cappoquin - A Walk through History' has been phenomenal since the launch on 3rd December, by Mr. Julian Walton. There have been many enquiries from home and overseas. It has certainly been a very worthy Millennium Project, with the end of a century being a most suitable marker post for the conclusion of this History.

Cappoquin Community Development Company Ltd. would also like to thank the National Millennium Committee for grant aiding this project.

Copies of the book may be bought from the Company Office on Main St. or telephone Orla at 058 53333.

FUN RIDE

Monday, 27th December — 12 noon from Melody's, Nire Valley. Open to all — every grade of rider catered for. Minimum charge: £5 children, £10 adults. Funds in aid of Helvic Lifeboat. Sponsorship cards available from Dolores Ui Cheallaigh or Joan Clancy, Helvic Lifeboat Committee, Colligan Equestrian Centre or Eibhlin Power, Colligan Woods Riding Club.

FRIENDS OF THE DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Results of Christmas Draw held in Quill's, The Pike, on Friday, December 10 — 1st prize, Christmas Hamper — Rodger McLoughlin, Youghal; 2nd prize, £50 Fuel Voucher — Julie-Ann Ryan, Dunabney House; 3rd prize, £20 Fuel Voucher — Joan Hogan, Dunabney House; 4th prize, Turkey (fresh) — Mairead Morrissey, c/o Hairwaves, Abbeyside; 5th prize, Bottle Brandy — Nora Fitzgerald, Windgap; 6th prize, Bottle Whiskey — Jack Woods, 47 Caseyville; 7th prize, Bottle Whiskey — Jimmy Cullinan, Ballinamult; 8th prize, Whiskey — Ronan Geoghegan, c/o Sissy O'Mahony; 9th prize, Bottle Port — Jennifer Hickey, Aragen; 10th prize, Bottle Martini — Johnny Kiely, Colligan; 11th prize, Voucher for Ham — Mairead Brett, Colligan; 12th prize, Basket of Fruit — Mai Power, c/o Hairwaves, Abbeyside; 13th prize, Christmas Cake — Dan Coleman, Clashmore; 14th prize, Crate of Orange — Biddy Dunford, Lacken; 15th prize, Cans of Beer — Kyle Norris; 16th prize, Hair Voucher — Eileen Harty, c/o Hairwaves; 17th prize, Box of Roses — Michael Power, Coolnasmear; 18th prize, Bottle of Bacardi — Deirdre Dugan, St. Patrick's Crescent.

DUNGARVAN TOURISM/FEILE NA DEISE LOTTO

Numbers: 3, 15, 17, 18. No jackpot winner. Winner of Christmas hamper (compliments of Value Centre, Dungarvan) — Marie Moloney Fashions, Dungarvan. Next draw will be held on January 4. Jackpot £1400.

DUNGARVAN G.A.A. LOTTO

Numbers: 13-6-15-5. No winner. Next lotto £4,500. Two winners of £25 each: Annette Geoghegan, Thomas Tce.; Gabriel Mullins, Connolly Row.

Please note that the next lotto draw will take place on the 3rd January at The Park House. Results of special Christmas Draw for subscribers to Deise Draw and weekly lotto draw: £100, Dick Brennan, Caseyville; £50, Tony Crotty, 16 Congress Villas; £50, Marion Walsh, Kilrush; £50, Peg Walsh, Rice's Court; £50, Yvonne Power, c/o Paddy Foleys; £50, Mai Donnelly, Byrneville; £50, Teresa Meehan, Kilmurray; £50, Pat Curran, Mount O'Dell.

HARBOUR BRIDGE CLUB

Results, Thursday, 9th December (Christmas Party) — 1, Pat Murray and Pauline Enright; 2, Ann Casey and Maureen Ryan; 3, Cait Christopher and Peggy Kingston; 4, Jenny Kiely and Gabrielle Mullins; 5, Ann M. Fitzgerald and Kay Browne; 6, Chrissie McCarthy and Breda Wall.

Results for Thursday, 16th December — 1, Margaret Foley and Teresa Queally; 2, Pat Harrington and Margaret Cashin; 3, Alice Dwyer and Bernie Norris; 4, Kay Browne and Pat Murray.

DUNGARVAN BRIDGE CLUB

Christmas Party, held on 9th December — 1, Joan Mansfield and Pauline Dempsey; 2, Margaret O'Donnell and Moira Ormond; 3, Hannah Prendergast and Maeva Coghlan; 4, Louise Fleming and Joan McCarthy; 5, Bridget Burke and Ina H. Considine; 6, Tom Roche and Maureen Connors.

Results, 16th December — 1,

Louise Fleming and Marianne Mulcahy; 2, Des O'Toole and Paddy McCarthy; 3, Maureen Power and Catherine Tuohy; 4, Justin Spratt and Leo O'Donnell.

CUNNIGAR BRIDGE CLUB

Results, 15th December — 1, Betty Prendergast and Una O'Dwyer; 2, Alice Butler and Cait Christopher; 3, Carmel O'Brien and Mary Walsh; 4, Chris Morrissey and Ella Whelan.

DEISE BRIDGE CLUB

Christmas Party held 20th December — Section 1 — 1, Peggy Spratt and Cora Queally; 2, Maeva O'Riordan and Maeva Carthy; 3, Irving Greenberg and Cait Christopher; 4, Margaret O'Donnell and Joan Mansfield; 5, Sean and Nuala de Paor; Section 2 — 1, Austin and Mary Fenton; 2, Maureen O'Neill and Helen Russell; 3, Justin Spratt and Walter Murphy; 4, John Mansfield and Paddy McCarthy; 5, Nuala O'Donovan and Helen McCarthy. *Happy Christmas!*



WATERFORD COUNTY COUNCIL



(Comhairle Chontae Phortlárige)

Members of the public are advised that the Offices of **Waterford County Council** and **Dungarvan U.D.C.** will be closed for business from **Friday, 24th December to Monday, 3rd January inclusive.**

Management and Staff wish one and all a **Happy Christmas and Prosperous Millennium.**

Deise Development Draw Results

DECEMBER

1st £7,500 — Brian Shanahan, Chapel Street, Lismore (Lismore).
2nd £1000 — Veronica O'Keefe, Deerpark, Lismore (Tourin).
3rd £500 — Correne Phelan, Bernard Place, Waterford (Roanmore).
4th £300 — Catherine Foley, Killeagh (Ardmore).
5th £200 — Tom Nugent, Munster Joinery (Kilgobinet).
£100 each: Brian McAneeny, High Street, Kilkenny (Colligan); T. Hutchinson, The Mall, Waterford (Ballygunner); Thomas Whelan, Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir (Clonea); Margaret Mullally, Springville, Williamstown (Ballygunner); William O'Brien, c/o Ballygunner GAA (Ballygunner); Rev. Fr. Liddane, St. Joseph's and Benildus (Ballygunner); Bert Hunter, Deerpark, Lismore (Lismore); Mary Galvin, Bonmahon (Bonmahon); Dermot Crowley, Ardkeen Shopping Centre (Ballygunner); Caroline Wallace, c/o Michael Ryan (Kilgobinet); Kieran Ahern, Ballyphilip, Knockanore (Shamrocks); Maurice Cliffe, Touraneena, Ballinamult (Touraneena); John Martin, Creaden View, Dunmore (Gaultier); John Kennedy, 3 Waterside, Waterford (Butterstown); Fr. Connie Kelleher, P.P., Touraneena (The Nire).
Paid-up Members: Donal Ryan, Graigue, Michael Ryan, Kilgobinet.
Club Prizes: Shamrocks, Tallow, Lismore, Ballygunner, St. Saviours, Eire Og, Colligan, Kill, Roanmore, Ardmore.
Next Draw: January 28 in Ardmore.

DEISE DEVELOPMENT DRAW - CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

£100 Each — Michael Ormond, Cappoquin (Melleray); John Kelly, Kilgobinet (Kilgobinet); Mike Baldwin, Kilnagrange (Kilrossanty); Stephen King, 15 St. John's Ave., Waterford; Tina Hunt, 61 Rowanbyrne, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
£50 each — Susan Ryan, 51 The Fairways, Ferrybank (De La Salle); Trevor O'Reilly, Kilnagrange, Kilmacthomas (Clonea); Michael Hogan, Ballymacarbray (The Nire); Tom Dillon, Luke Wadding Street, Waterford (Ballygunner); James and Peter Barry, Kilrossanty (Kilrossanty); Dominic Clancy, 29 Seapark Ave., Abbeyside (Brickeys); Sarah Mullarkey, McCarthyville, Abbeyside (Abbeyside); Jill Fives, Model Farm Road, Cork (Ballygunner); Alan Grace, Dublin (Kilgobinet); Edmond Leahy, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick (Tourin).
Co-ordinators — Colligan, Mount Sion, Shamrocks, Brickeys, Fenor, De La Salle, Portlao, Kilgobinet, Ballysaggart, Cappoquin.

West Waterford Notes

SEASONS GREETINGS

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all of you, our West Waterford readers at home or away, in hospital or nursing homes. A special word of thanks to all who contributed items and assisted in any way in compiling these notes each week. Last but not least thanks to the Editor and staff of the Dungarvan Leader for their help and co-operation during the year.

GET WELL WISHES

Continued good wishes to Eileen Delaney of Renaboola, Clashmore from all her friends.

HOME FROM USA

A warm welcome home to Francis O'Rourke who has travelled back from U.S.A. to spend Christmas in Clashmore with his parents Liam and Ann and his family. Hope you all enjoy a great reunion.

THE GIRL WITH THE GOLDEN VOICE

A Clashmore lady, a student of St. John's School, Dungarvan made a major contribution to last week's special Millennium choir service at St. Mary's Parish Church. Student Helen Glavin of Coolbagh gave a solo performance which was highly commended by everyone.

Helen is a very talented young lady and we hope to hear more of that beautiful voice in the future. We were proud of you.

OLD STILL DARTS

The last match of the century saw us go out on a winning note beating the Cruiscin Lan 6-2.

Saturday's Christmas Turkey and Ham Tournament proved to be the biggest upset of the Millennium with male egos dented as the honours went to

the ladies. Grainne Kearns and Sue Murphy were this week's winners. Pa and Liam are now taking lessons and Vaughan is still looking for his glasses. John Hurton was the only one to keep the flag flying by taking the highest check out prize. Semi final takes place on Tuesday followed by the final on Friday.

COMMUNITY ALERT

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Church Gate Collection which raised £220 this year. It will go a long way in helping us to continue looking after the Senior Citizens in our area.

CLASHMORE LOTTO

Our Christmas GAA Club Lotto Jackpot this weekend is £2,300 and in our special draw we have 10 consolation prizes of £30 each. Last week our consolation prize winners of £10 each were Kevin O'Rourke, Clashmore; Joan Power, Kinsalebeg; Angela O'Neill, Clashmore; Pádraig Mulcahy, Ardmore and Barry O'Neill, Clashmore. The numbers drawn were 1-7-12-23. Get your numbers in now.

LADIES AGM

Clashmore Ladies Football Club will hold their Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse in Clashmore on Monday December 27th at 8.30 pm. All members are requested to be in attendance.

IN HOSPITAL

Our very good wishes for a speedy recovery to each of the following who are in hospital in Dungarvan at present, Martin Baker, Clashmore; Richie O'Rourke, Ardmore. Hope to have you both well soon.

PARTY TIME IN PILTOWN

During the past two weeks a very successful Senior Citizens Party and the Annual Childrens Step Dancing Christmas parties took place in the recently refurbished Piltown Hall. The hall is a credit

to the wonderful team of people who came together and contributed their labour and funds to restore the hall to its former glory.

The committee invite all local clubs and interested groups to use the hall for classes, functions or what ever events it maybe suitable for. This is your hall, please help to maintain it in its present beautiful condition.

DEATH OF MRS. SHEILA MULCAHY

Sheila Mulcahy may have been the less well known of the Mulcahy couple but nobody more then her husband Eddie knows what a wonderful source of help and inspiration she has been to him throughout his career.

On Friday last Sheila lost a very brave and courageous battle against illness. Though she had been ill for just a short few months her death was a devastating blow to Eddie, her children and to all her friends and family in Sneem and here in her second home Clashmore. Sheila Mulcahy was a very quiet, unassuming lady who took great pride in the success of her husband Eddie in the various field events which he excelled in right to the present day.

Though their home was in Sneem, Sheila enjoyed nothing better than their regular weekend trips back to Eddie's native Coolbagh in Clashmore. She enjoyed the respect and friendship of all where ever she went. A strong representation of family and friends travelled to Sneem over the weekend to join with the many hundreds there, all wishing to pay their last respects to this lovely lady and to support Eddie and his family on this their time of great loss.

Our sincere and most heartfelt sympathy to you all. May the lord comfort you all during this very difficult time.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam.

JACK'S BACK

Welcome back to "Mr. 45 Himself", Jack Douris who has just returned from a short break away in the sun. Jack must be finding Clashmore a little chillie after all that heat, as he did not venture out on Monday night. Maybe next week. Hope you had a lovely break.

DECIES POKER CLASSIC

Last Friday night's winner was Mary Deady, in second place was Catherine Mansfield and in third place was Pat Dalton. Congratulations to you all.

CHRISTMAS 45 DRIVE

A monster 45 Drive has been organised for Christmas evening in Clashmore Hall. All money will be given out. Everyone is welcome.

Kilrossanty Notes

OMITTED

Omitted in last weeks notes on obituary of Fr. Frawley, I forgot to say that Oliver Coffey said a few words on behalf of the Parish about Fr. Frawley and the work he did during his time here, apologies.

CHRISTMAS

Kilrossanty Church - Christmas Eve Confession at 11.30 to 12.00; 7.15. to 7.45. Vigil Mass at 8.00 p.m. Christmas Day Mass at 11.a.m. No evening Mass for Sunday 26th, December.

Fews - Christmas Eve Confessions at 12.30 to 1.p.m. Vigil Mass at 9.30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Collection - Priests collection next Sunday. Please be as generous as you can.

Cead Mile Fáilte - Cead mile fáilte to Fr. Walsh who will be assisting us with Masses, we hope he will enjoy Christmas with us.

Sale of Work - Total amount raised was £2,819. 96. Again many thanks.

Thanks - The sisters of Fr. Frawley have sent a letter of thanks to the parishioners of Kilrossanty and Fews for the appreciation that was shown to Fr. Frawley during his time. Although they are saddened by his loss they are gratified to know he will be happy to be, where he so often wished to be.

This was a nice gesture from his sisters.

Tree - Nice to see a Christmas Tree in the green in Leamybrien thanks to the efforts of the Comeragh Development Committee.

Hamper Appeal - £145 was raised on Monday night in Crottys for the hamper appeal. Pint drinking was won by Pádraig Veale, 4.34 seconds, Sean Casey 2nd, 4.78 seconds. Thanks to all who took part and supported this worthy cause.

Happy Christmas to all my readers and to the staff of this newspaper.

Talent - The last heat took place last Friday night. The standard was very high.

1st - Carrie Ann Weldon; 2nd - Olivia Morrissey; 3rd - Ger Flanagan; 4th Suzanne Walsh.

Joe Hayes went straight into the over 55 final. It was sponsored by Jimmy Veale P.O., Leamybrien.

The two forecast winners were Robbie Whelan and David Morrissey and Elaine Brazil.

The over 55 final will be held in January. There will be three semi finals in the other competition and a final which will be finishing mid February.

DEISE DRAW

The club had two winners in the Deise draw last Friday night. Mike Baldwin, Kilnagrange won £100 while James and Peter Barry, Kilrossanty shared £50. Promoters will be glad to hear that they have a break until 28th January for the next one which will be held in Ardmore.

CONVENTION

John Kiely and Tony Coffey attended the convention last Saturday night in Lawlors Hotel.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that the A.G.M. has been brought forward to Thursday 13th, January. Mass will be celebrated at 7p.m. in the clubhouse.

CLOTTO

The clotto has survived into the new year. The next clotto will be held on January 9th. It will be £3,300. Winners of prizes last Sunday night, on account of Christmas extra prizes were given out.

£50 - Robbie Whelan, Knockeylan; £50 - Denis Herlihy, Glanbia; £50 - Paul and Brid Whyte, Cutteen; £50 - Eliza Hayes, The Pike; £20 - Pat Fennell, Ballyvoile; £20 - Tom Walsh, Gortavickory

Sellers prize of £20 went to Nicky Hayes, The Pike.

Whiskey - Andy Keoghan; Whiskey - Tom V. Walsh, Comeragh; Whiskey - Emma Brazil, Grawn; Waterford Glass - Margaret Burke, Barnakill; £10 petrol diesel voucher - Pat McGovern, Dungarvan Glass; Tickets to Millennium Dance at Crottys - Margaret Walsh, Congress Villas; Wine - Niall Maher, Cappoquin; Liquor cream - Seamus Walsh, Gortavickory; Wine - Mary Walsh, Gortavickory; Watch - Olivia O'Brien, Glass factory; Biscuits - Harry Quinn, Kealfoun; Sweets and Diary - Maura Lennon, Leamybrien; Sweets - Michael Ryan, Comeragh; 3 pints of beer - Anthony Mulhearn; 3 pints - Liam Brazil, Grawn; Coal and Briquettes - Kevin and Leonore Keating, Briskey; Coal and Briquettes - Tom Prendergast, Kealfoun; Christmas Cake - Dermot Kiely, Ballingown.

The numbers drawn were as follows 5, 10, 13, and 18. Thanks to all the sponsors for the prizes, keep buying and you could have a good start to the year 2000.

LOCAL DRAW

The local draws for people joined the Déise draw were made last week at a committee meeting. The draws were for October, November and December, again many extra prizes were given out. Winners as follows - Mary Walsh, Kilrossanty; Eileen Hennebry, Bellaheen; Mark Galvin, Ballyhussa, Niall O'Connor, Kealfoun; Noel Prendergast, Kealfoun; Brian Kirwan, Knockeylan; Ger Walsh; Ger Houlihan, Feddams; Sean Lennon, Leamybrien; Mick Hearne, Kildermody; Nicky Hayes, The Pike, Tom Prendergast, Kealfoun, Pat Brazil, Fews. All received £20 each

DANCE

Tickets will not be available after this weekend for the dance on 31st December in Crottys Inn. Get your tickets, admission by ticket only. Good night assured.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Happy Christmas to all readers and to the management and staff of this newspaper

St. Mary's Parish Notes

Penance and Reconciliation Service will be held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 22nd December at 7.30p.m.

MILLENNIUM SERVICE

You are asked to bring your millennium candle to Grattan Square on New Year's Eve at 4.00p.m. and then proceed to St. Mary's Church. If the weather is bad the full ceremony will be held in St. Mary's Church.

THANK YOU

I wish to convey our thanks to you and all your staff for printing the Parish notes throughout the year, and to wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The priests of the Parish and Friary wish all our parishioners and their families and all those home at present a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

To contact a priest in case of emergency please contact 086-2334282.

Radio Mass will continue to be broadcast each morning on 98.5FM.

RECENT DEATHS

LATE SEAN QUEALY



We record with great sadness and feelings of sincere regret the passing after a short illness of Sean Quealy, Coolagh, Abbeyside, Dungarvan on Saturday December 4th at Waterford Regional Hospital. A native of Coolagh, aged 81 years, Sean was very widely known from his sporting and agricultural interests. Very much to the fore in agricultural and farming developments, Sean was a great favourite to one and all. A man of boundless energy, in his younger days he was the corner stone in many a committee. One of the founder members of Dungarvan Harriers, Sean's passing removes the last surviving founder member of that organisation. He loved the Point to Point scene, with Killosera being close to the heart. The local Harriers race meant more to him than a Grand National. On many occasions he rode the winner of that particular event. To his eternal credit at the age of forty eight, Sean donned the silks and rode the winner of the Harriers Race in 1966. Very much part and parcel of the Dungarvan Show, he was also very much involved with the long tails. His dogs tasted many a success on the

various tracks but the sandy stretch at Clonea in early January was Mecca for Sean. He loved coursing, its dogs, its followers. A nominator in the Deise Cup for years, he won many a Trial Stake in his time. Probably the most talked and referred to dog owned by Sean was Coolagh Record. Over the years Sean still attended the many racing fixtures with his great friend Matt English. Listening to the stories, yarns and tales about Sean over the last few days, he was a man who enjoyed life to the full, was the best of company and his popularity knew no bounds.

We offer our sympathy to his wife Margaret, his sons John, Michael and Pat, his many relatives including his brothers Canon Patrick Quealy P.E. and Peter, his sister Tessie. On Sunday evening following rosary and prayers at the Kiely Funeral Home the removal took place to St. Augustine's Church, Abbeyside where they were received by Canon P. Quealy P.E. (brother), assisted by a full choir of local and visiting clergy V. Rev. Fr. N. O'Mahoney P.P., V. Rev. P. Ahearne P.P., V. Rev. Fr. E. Condon P.P., V. Rev. Fr. R. Doherty P.P. Rev. Fr. M. Keogh C.C., V. Rev. Fr. P. Moran O.S.A., Rev. Fr. M. Cooney O.S.A., Rev. Fr. M. Leahy O.S.A., V. Rev. J. Gough O.S.A., Rev. Fr. R. Grant C.C., V. Rev. Fr. Cannon P.P., Rev. Fr. G. Condon C.C.

Concelebrated Mass was offered on Monday for the happy repose of Sean's soul. His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. W. Lee Bishop of Waterford and Lismore presided with Canon Quealy P.E., main celebrant with co celebrant V. Rev. Fr. P. Beecher P.P., V. Rev. Fr. R. Doherty P.P., Rev. Fr. M. Keogh C.C., V. Rev. Fr. N. O'Mahoney P.P., V. Rev. Fr. F. Lucey P.P., V. Rev. Fr. C. Kelleher P.P., V.

Rev. Fr. M. Kennedy P.P., Canon T. Nugent, Rev. Fr. J. Delaney C.C., V. Rev. Fr. P. Fitzgerald P.P. The liturgy of the word was shared by John Quealy (son) and Mary Dunford (niece) while the prayers of the Faithful were read by Andrew, John and Miriam Quealy and Jean Dunford. The interment followed in the adjoining cemetery in the presence of a huge concourse of mourners, many indeed had travelled long distances to share the burden of bereavement.

Chief mourners; Wife Margaret, sons, John, Michael and Pat, daughters-in-law Miriam and Mary, grandchildren Kevin, Sean, Miriam and Susan, brothers Canon Patrick and Peter, sister Tessie, sisters-in-law Cora and Maureen, brother-in-law Paddy Shanahan,

his other relatives including nephews and nieces. Guards of honour were provided by friends and members of the various Sporting Clubs that Sean gave of his best to over the years.

(Funeral arrangements by James Kiely & Sons, Funeral Directors, Dungarvan).

LATE JOHN NOBLE

On Sunday 28th November came the very sad news of the unexpected passing of ever popular John Noble, Main St., Dungarvan. A native of the Old Boro, within weeks of his 62nd birthday John was educated at the Mercy Convent and the local C.B.S. An all round sportsman he served his Alma Mater well with many a top drawer performance in the Dean Ryan Colleges Hurling Competition. A valued member and player with Dungarvan Celtic and United, John also enjoyed a social drink with friends at the Park House. An expert in the world of electronics, he gave sterling service at Hurley's on the Square and also at Ben O'Neills. We sympathise with his brothers Adrian and William, sisters Eileen and Kathleen, his nephews, nieces, relatives and friends on their great loss.

The removal was from the Kiely Funeral Home to St. Mary's Parish Church on Tuesday 30th November. Rev. Fr. O'Reilly O.S.A. officiated at all the funeral obsequies and was joined by Rev. Fr. Michael and Jim Curran for the concelebrated Funeral Mass. The lessons were read by Luke Brennan and Edward Kelly (nephews), while Abbeyside Choir sang the musical tributes on the evening at the Church Reception Rite.

A large concourse of mourners was present when after final blessing and prayers by Fr. O'Reilly on Wednesday morning John was laid to rest in the family resting place in the adjoining cemetery.

(Funeral arrangements by James Kiely & Sons, Funeral Directors, Dungarvan).

LATE MARY DUGGAN

While attending a function at the local Soccer Club on Thursday evening last, Mary Dug-

gan, 4 Congress Villas, Dungarvan took ill and passed away peacefully from us all. One of the most popular and respected members of the local community, she was the essence of good company, warm friendship and an outstanding neighbour. Her untimely passing has left a huge void in all our lives but especially in those of her family and many relatives who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Reposing at her residence until mid Saturday afternoon, the removal took place on Saturday evening from the Kiely Funeral Home to St. Mary's Parish Church. Rev. Fr. Richard Geoghegan C.C. was Mass celebrant on Sunday morning after which the interment followed in the adjoining cemetery.

All is well, nothing is past, nothing is lost.

One brief moment and all will be as it was before,

This time only better, infinitely happier and forever,

We will all be one together in Christ.

(Full obituary next issue)

(Funeral arrangements by James Kiely & Sons, Funeral Directors, Dungarvan).

LATE MARY JOE O'BRIEN

The huge numbers that visited the Kiely Funeral Home consoling the bereaved and paying their respects to Mary Joe O'Brien, Graigue Beg, Modeligo, Cappagh left no one in doubt to the respect and esteem enjoyed by the O'Brien and Walsh families in the local community and beyond. Her unexpected passing at the Bons Secours Hospital, Cork on Wednesday last greatly saddened her husband Michael, sons Eddie and Declan, daughters Mary, Noreen, Ann, Patricia and Claire, brother Aidan Walsh, sister-in-law Chrissie, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nieces, relatives and numerous friends RIP. We extend our deepest sympathy to all on their cross of bereavement. The funeral cortege left the Kiely Funeral Home on Friday evening last for Modeligo Church. On Saturday V. Rev. Fr. M. Barron P.P. was main celebrant at the Funeral Mass attended by an overflowing and widely representative concourse of mourners. The interment followed in the adjoining cemetery.

"I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest".

(Full obituary next issue)
(Funeral arrangements by James Kiely & Sons, Funeral Directors, Dungarvan).

LATE NAN MCCARTHY

The unexpected passing on Wednesday last of Nan McCarthy, 14, Western Tce., Dungarvan was the source of deep regret and sadness. Well known and held in high esteem, Nan was predeceased by her husband John eleven years ago. A Welsh woman by birth, she was a devoted mother, grandmother and wife. Blessed with the good fortune of having won-

derful neighbours, Nan's passing is deeply regretted by her family. Fr. Pat O.S.A., Jack, Ann and many other relatives to whom we extend our deepest sympathy at this time. Removal took place on Thursday evening last to St. Mary's Parish Church where following concelebrated Mass on Friday, the interment followed in the adjoining cemetery.

(Full obituary next issue)
(Funeral arrangements by James Kiely & Sons, Funeral Directors, Dungarvan).

LATE MAI BARRY (NEE DROHAN)

We extend to Eleanor (daughter), George (son) and many other relatives our deepest sympathy on the passing of Mai Barry, 14, Fitzgerald's Tce., Dungarvan which occurred on Monday last December 20th at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Removal took place from the Kiely Funeral Home on Tuesday evening to St. Mary's Parish Church. Requiem Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday, December 22nd at 11 o'clock, with

the interment following in the adjoining cemetery.

(Full obituary next issue)
(Funeral arrangements by James Kiely & Sons, Funeral Directors, Dungarvan).

LATE JAMES (JIMMY) MAHER

It is with feelings of great sadness and sorrow we write on the passing of James (Jimmy) Maher, Sunlawn, Affane, Cappoquin which sad event occurred on Tuesday 14th December at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan. On Wednesday evening his remains were removed from the Hospital Mortuary Dungarvan to Affane Church. Following Funeral Mass on Thursday morning burial took place in the adjoining cemetery.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary, sons Christopher and William, daughters Margaret, Pauline, Mary and Muriel, relatives and friends.

(Full obituary next issue).
(Funeral arrangements by Aidan Walsh & Sons, Funeral Directors, Cappoquin).

MARGARET HOGAN - A Tribute

Margaret Hogan (nee Cody) was born in 1951 into a Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny family. She was the youngest in a family of four girls and two boys.

Margaret was a founder member of Mooncoin Camogie Club. In 1968 she acquired a county medal when Mooncoin won the Kilkenny Camogie Championship.

She followed this success by winning a Leinster medal with Kilkenny in 1972 and went on to acquire another provincial medal plus that elusive All Ireland medal in 1976.

Mooncoin Camogie lapsed for a few years when key players from the area threw in their lot with various other teams until the club was reformed on 5th April, 1977. The prime movers in this re-launch were good friends and camogie lovers Mary Phelan, Breda Kinsella and Margaret Cody with Margaret elected as Chairperson.

In 1981 Margaret Cody was elected Vice Chairperson of Kilkenny County Camogie Board. In the same year she married Michael Hogan, a native of Knocknaree in the Nire Valley. A year later in 1982 she came to live with Michael in their new bungalow home at Knockaun, Ballymacarbry.

She soon made her mark as a great community activist and her involvement was much sought after by clubs and organisations.

Margaret was a great servant to the Nire Football Club and played a major part in maintaining a healthy financial balance sheet for the club each year. She did a watertight job as coordinator for the Deise Draw as well as being prime motivator and seller in the Nire Lotto. While everybody relaxed and enjoyed themselves, on Sunday nights Margaret busied herself maximising the sale of Lotto tickets in Melodys and Dooceys.

There was a great sense of sadness and loss in the Nire - Ballymacarbry area when Margaret Hogan passed peacefully away on 21st October, 1999 after a brief illness. Her funeral at the Nire Church was one of the largest ever seen.

We will not see her likes again.

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Cappoquin Notes

MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL

At last, Friday 17th December dawned. The pupils from classes 3-6 set out on their surprise tour. The destination, which remained unknown until the last minute was Waterford Crystal Factory. The pupils were enthralled with the guided tour. A pianist was providing background music in the Gallery. The girls joined him and gave a spontaneous performance of a selection of Christmas carols and hymns to the sheer delight of everyone present. Indeed, a Manager at Waterford Crystal was so impressed with the girls' behaviour and with their performance that he invited them to choose a free mineral at the mineral bar. Lunch at McDonalds was a suitable end to a perfect day.

CONGRATULATIONS

A word of congratulations to Aisling O'Rourke (6th class) who was a member of the winning team in the Under 12

Football Blitz held in the Friary Field, Dungarvan on Sunday 12th December. A keen and skilled footballer, Aisling trains in Dungarvan once a week.

The teaching staff of the Mercy Primary School take this opportunity to thank you, parents and friends for your co-operation during Term 1.

We wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful Jubilee year.

Cappoquin Boys School Notes

CHAPTER CREDIT UNION ART AWARDS

Congratulations to Michael Devine (2nd class) and Stephen Power (5th class) who received further recognition for their artwork at Chapter level in Clonmel recently. Stephen was awarded 2nd place in the 8-10 years category and Michael took 1st place in the 7 years and under category. Both Michael and

Stephen deserve great credit as they were competing in a large region taking in 16 Credit Union branches in all. They both received plaques, some very welcome spending money for Christmas! Michael Devine's entry now goes forward to the National Finals of this competition and we wish him all the best.

SWIMMING FINALE!

The 6 week course for the Senior Class boys ended on Friday, December 10th. Certificates were presented to both the beginners and advanced section and great fun was had with Cloncas 'Friendly Dalmatian' during the final lesson! Thanks to Michelle, Martin and our courteous bus driver, John.

SCHOOL MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Our designated project for the Millennium is to erect a "Friendship Seat" and flower bed in the front area of our school. Thanks to Tom Keith and the Waterford Millennium Fund for their positive response to the schools application for help with this project.

Finally, we take this opportunity to wish pupils, parents, staff and all associated with our school a peaceful and happy Christmas and all of life's blessings in the year 2000.

INDOOR HURLING

Will have a break during the Christmas holidays, it will resume Friday, 7th January, 6.15 - 7.30 U6's - U7's; 7.30 - 8.30 U8's - U9's.

5th and 6th Class Indoor Leagues will start Thursday, 13th January.

G.A.A. NOTES

The club would like to wish all our members, sponsors and our traders who help with our lotto a happy Christmas and New Year.

MELLERAY DRAMATIC CARD RESULTS

1st John O'Rourke - Kitty Crowley; 2nd and 3rd divided Helen Morrissey - Anna Scallan; Maggie Crowley - Bridget Murray. Lucky Tables - Maureen Allen and Kieran Reddy; James and Betty Devine; Ren O'Donoghue and Will Power; Kathleen Coleman and Eddie Byrnes; Billy and Helen Cunningham. Winners of Lambs - John Maher and Nora Lonergan. Tickets - Angela Allen, Jim Murray, Maggie Crowley, Kitty Crowley, Mattie Coffey, Kathleen Byrnes, Billy Houlihan, John Cunningham, Nora Lonergan, Jackie Houlihan, Bridget Murray.

A special word of thanks to John and the staff of the Sportsman and to you our supporters who have been very good to us throughout the years, we wish all a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. See you all on January 7th, 2000 at 8.30.

AFFANE F.C. NOTES

Affane 1

Blackwater Rangers 3

This poor result for us could turn out to be very costly. We have now lost a lot of ground on the leaders so promotion is out of the question. So this leaves us very close now to the relegation zone. One of the factors of this is the lack of commitment from some of the players.

The game started out at a slow pace, especially by Affane. Blackwater Rangers started the better and should have been at least three goals up in the first ten minutes. What was keeping us in the game was our goal keeper Jamie Corcoran with some excellent saves, and Dermot Twomey who made vital tackles and at times was defending on his own. With a half an hour gone Blackwater scored through poor defending and a rare mistake from our goal-keeper. It was no surprise to be one goal down at half time. In this entire half we did not create even one goal scoring opportunity.

The second half started with a lot more spirit about us and we started to control the game. We got back on level teams in the seventy fifth minute from a delightful chip over the goal keeper by Patrick Morrissey. Blackwater responded well and now they started to take back control of the game. The tie was very much in the balance until the eighty fifth minute when Blackwater scored their second goal. The ball was about to be crossed over towards the goal from the corner flag, then the ball slipped under the legs of one of our defenders and there unmarked was Blackwater Rangers centre forward to tap the ball to the net. Two minutes later they got their third and sealed a victory over a very lustre Affane side. This has to go down as our worst performance of the season. Some players will have to show more commitment before, during and after the game and no more excuses arriving five minutes before kick off, because its very unfair on the rest of the team and makes it more difficult for the manager to pick his team. We are a far better side then this and if we show more pride and commitment we should bounce back next Sunday.

Team - Jamie Corcoran, Dermot Twomey, Seamus McCarthy, Michael McCarthy, Patrick Morrissey, Tony Hennebry, Shane Coughlan, James Meagher, Michael Prendergast, Kevin Reddy, Donal Fraher.

Subs - Jamie McGrath used Brian Denn.

Fixture - Affane V. An Gaeltacht, 11.30 on St. Stephens Day.

Sympathy - Our club would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Maher family of Sunlawn, Affane on the recent sad loss of Jimmy Maher. May he rest in peace.

CAPPOQUIN MACRA NA FEIRME NOTES

Debating: Our senior team with team members Tom Cliffe, James Meagher, Mary Cliffe and Edith Prendergast defeated Ballyduff in the County Final which took place at Lismore Hotel on Saturday 11th December. They progressed the motion "That divorce breaks up the family unit". The performance was an excellent one and they now go on to represent Waterford in the next round which will be held February 5th.

Dublin City Talent: Hazel Hallahan represented Cappoquin in the Master Mind section of this competition which was held in Kilmacthomas on Sunday night last. A lot of club members were present.

Christmas Party: Everyone enjoyed this night out at Lawlor's Hotel on Saturday night last. The partying continued very late into the morning.

Christmas Draw Results: Annett Cliffe won the Hamper, other winners were Michael Culloo, Trevor Massey, Nellie Prendergast and Imelda Hale. The club wishes to thank all its sponsors and also Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to every one involved during 1999.

CAPPOQUIN AND DISTRICT DAY CARE CENTRE

10 Week Draw: Week 8; £50 Kieran Walsh, c/o Calmark. £25 Marie Galvin, Kilmacthomas. £25 Gina Dunne, Main St. £10 Paula McGrath, Camphire. £10 Alan O'Donoghue, c/o Barrons. £10 Maire Kearney, Girls N.S. £10 Mikey Geary, Tourin. £10 Kay Barry, Glencairn.

Week 9; £50 Claire Power, Tivoli Tce. £25 Rebecca and Chloe Hennebry, Melleray. £25 Agnes Coffey, Shanbally. £10 Catherine Hennessey, Ballingown. £10 Frances Bolger. £10 Mariam Coughlan, Tivoli Tce. £10 Peg Queally, Bawnmore. £10 Verlayne Maderson.

Week 10; £50 Hannah Kiely, Galway. £25 Frances Bolger. £25 Gerald McGrath. £10 Michael Landers, Main St. £10 Chloe and Rebecca Hennebry. £10 Kevin McCarthy. £10 Anne Heaphy, c/o Day Care. £10 Marguerite Fraher, Shanbally.

A very big thank you to all those who contributed to this very successful fund raiser and a "Mile Buiochas" to all our promoters, without whom it would not be possible and who came up trumps for us every year. Best wishes to you all for a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2000. It was great to see Sr. de Lourdes back after her little hospital spell in great spirits. Love and best wishes from all at the Day Centre to Sr. Mary who is convalescing at the moment. All the best of everything to you for Christmas and the new century - millennium.

AFFANE BRIDGE CLUB

The club recently held a very enjoyable Christmas Party at the Park Hotel in Dungarvan. Our president Mrs. Ben Flynn extended a warm welcome to players and wished them every success for the evening. A very lively evening's bridge followed. We then had a delicious Christmas dinner, which everyone enjoyed. Before presenting prizes, Mrs Flynn thanked the scorekeepers and everyone who had helped to make the evening such a success. She particularly thanked the management and staff of the Park Hotel for their great efforts on the night. Mrs. Flynn then presented the prizes that had been won that night including the turkey and ham prizes.

RESULTS - 5/12/99, CHRISTMAS PARTY — 1st - Claire Meaney, Brid Culloo; 2nd - Andrew McGrath, Mike Lineen; Joint 3rd - Pat Murphy, Eileen Tinnelly; Bridget Tobin, Lil Costin, 5th - Bessie Cahill, Mary Fives, 6th - Chris Roche, Monica Walsh; 7th - Fr. Barron, Betty Kelleher; 8th - Rebecca Keevers, Eileen O'Driscoll.

RESULTS - 6/12/99— 1st Eileen Tinnelly and Lil Costin, 2nd Mary Fletcher and K. McGrath. 3rd Monica O'Sullivan and Bessie Cahill. 4th R. Keevers and Tom Hackett.

CAPPOQUIN F.C. NOTES

CAPPOQUIN BLAST BACK TO TOP

Valley Rangers (0) 0 Cappoquin (1) 1

This was a game Cappoquin had to win to stay in the hunt. We started well and had most of the early chances, Michael Cummins causing problems down the right. The all important goal came after 25 minutes when Michael Cummins latched on to some poor defending and rifled home a left foot drive from all of 25 yards.

After this goal Valley were left back into the game, and it took some stout defending by our defence and goalie to hold them out. Valley dominated most of the second half but never really threatened our keeper. It was a game of very little goal mouth chances, shots on target were few and far between with most of the play in midfield.

Cappoquin are now back on top, level on points with Valley but with a game in hand. A good position to be in going into the Millennium. Let's hope we will be there at the end of the season. It was an all over team effort from us with Michael Walsh excelling in defence, David Moore in midfield and Michael Cummins on the right.

Team; David Morrissey, Gossie Mason, Michael Walsh, John Morrissey, Kevin T. Casey, Michael Cummins, Martin Power, Wattle Moore, Darragh Wilkinson, Michael Lacey, Killian Wall. Subs; Martin Lacey and Paudie Landers for Moch and Darragh, Liam Lacey for Michael Lacey. Thanks to Valley for their jerseys.

Kevin T. Casey has been known to show off his Mickey Mouse boxers. I'm sure he will give everyone an eyeful tonight.

Cumann Luthchleas Gael

Player Profile: Name; Killian Denn.

Date of Birth; 4th March 1988

Notable sporting achievements - Gaelic.

Nessun U-10 Hurling Tournament winners 1998, Cappoquin U-10 Hurling Tournament Paddy McGrath Cup runners up 1998, Cappoquin U-10 Hurling Tournament Paddy McGrath Cup runners up 1999, Kilworth Plate winners 1999, Ballyduff U-10 Plate runners up 1998, Affane U-11 Football Tournament winners (Ballyhane Cup) 1999, Captain. U-12 Div. 2 Hurling County Champions 1998, U-12 Div. 2 Western Hurling Champions 1998, U-12 Div. 2 Western Hurling Champions 1999, U-12 Soccer Community Games County Champions 1999.

Other Interests; Soccer, Riding ponies and farm machinery.

Favourite position; Wing back

Favourite Film or TV show; The Simpsons.

Person you would most like to meet in the world; Jimmy Barry Murphy.

Favourite Hurler a& Footballer; Fergal Hartley, Trevor Giles.

Favourite other sports person; Roy Keane.

Most memorable game; Western Final 1999.

Favourite food and drink; Pizza and Coke.

Name; Daithi Wilkinson.

Notable sporting achievements - Gaelic

Roanmore Hurling Tournament 1998, Roanmore Hurling Tournament 1999, Nessun U-10 Hurling Tournament winners 1998, Cappoquin U-10 Hurling Tournament Paddy McGrath Cup runners up 1998, Cappoquin U-10 Hurling Tournament Paddy McGrath Cup runners up 1999, Kilworth Plate winners 1999, Ballyduff U-10 Plate runners up 1998, Affane U-11 Football Tournament winners (Ballyhane Cup) 1999, U-13 Hurling Community Games County runners up 1999, U-12 Div. 2 Hurling County Champions 1998, U-12 Div. 2 Western Hurling Champions 1998, U-12 Div. 2 Western Hurling Champions 1999, U-13 Hurling Blackwater Cup runners up, Glenshelane Cup 1998, Glenshelane Cup 1999. U-12 Soccer Community Games County Champions 1999.

Other interests; Rugby, Soccer, Indoor Hurling.

Favourite position; Corner forward.

Favourite Film or TV show; Look Whose Talking Now.

Person you would most like to meet in the world; Ronaldo.

Favourite Hurler and Footballer; Paul Flynn.

Favourite other sports person; Peter Queally.

Most memorable game; Glenshelane Cup 1999.

Favourite food and drink; Chicken burgers and milk.

CUMANN CUIMHNE SAIGHDIUIRI AN CHEAD CHOGAIDH DHOMHANDA

The Angels Of Mons

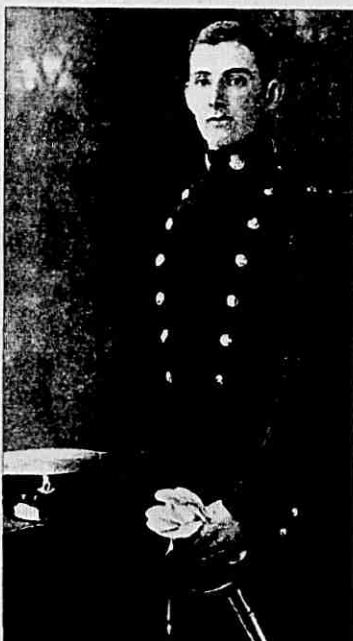
On the fifth day of the Retreat from Mons, an event is said to have taken place which is either totally ignored or treated with derision by writers of books about the Great War. This "event" was the appearance in the sky in broad day-light of a radiant host of angels!

The mystery became known to the British troops as "the Angels of Mons". Apparently, the allies were outnumbered three to one and on the verge of annihilation by advancing Germans when the heavenly host intervened between the rival armies, saving the allies and causing the enemy to flee in panic.

In his book *The Smoke and the Fire: Myths and Anti-Myths of War 1861-1945* the historian John Terraine writes:

"The Battle of Mons, the first action of the B.E.F. in the First World War, was fought on 23rd August; it entered the realm of legend within a fortnight, and it remains firmly there. As early as 5th September Brigadier-General John Charteris recorded in a letter that the story of the "Angel of Mons" was going strong through the 2nd Corps..."

There were many eye-witness accounts in the following months, but the principal witness was Captain Cecil Wightwick-Hayward, formerly Staff



**2ND LIEUT. J.D. SHINE
1st Royal Irish Regiment
Killed in action
August 27th 1914**

a bright shining light and figures of "luminous beings" appeared. They seemed to float between the British and the German forces, and to prevent the further advance of the enemy. Some of the German

cavalry were advancing and the officers and men were unable to get their horses to go forward.

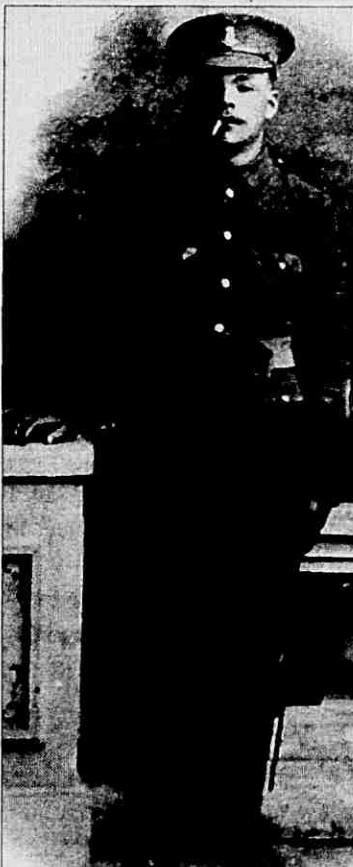
Before the surprised British were able to realise what had happened, the whole of the apparently victorious enemy force were retreating in great disorder. This allowed the British and Allied armies to re-form and fall back upon a line of defence several miles further west, where they were able to 'dig-in'.

This war of attrition would continue for four long years, with tales of heroism and horror on all sides but the mystery of "The Angels of Mons" is one of the kindlier stories.

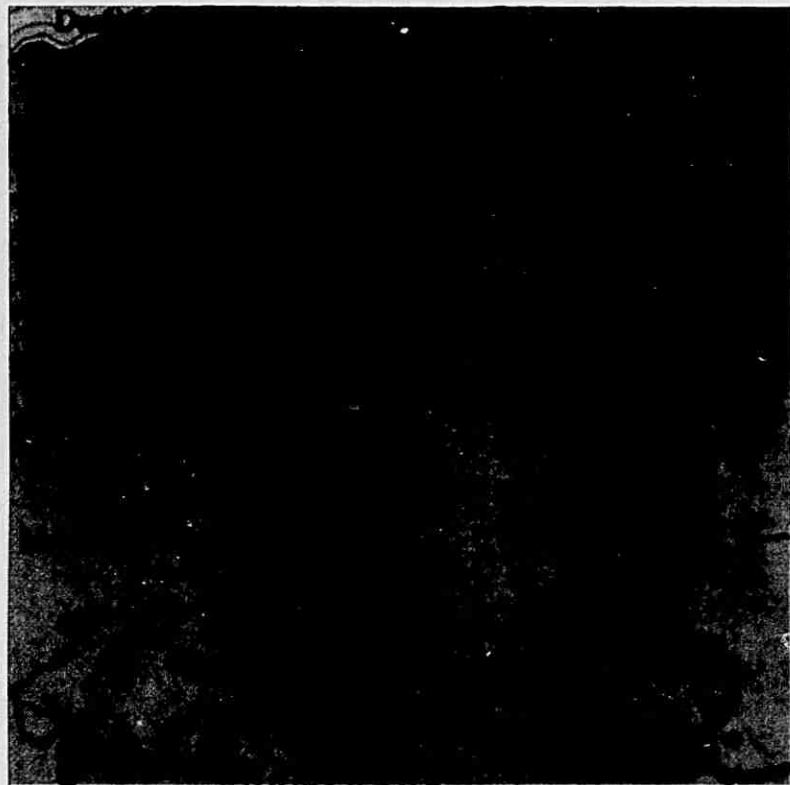
The men of the British Expeditionary Force who served during August - November 1914 were awarded the Mons Star, and those who were under fire during this period were entitled to wear a bar inscribed "5th Aug. - 22nd Nov. 1914" which was sewn on to the medal ribbon.



**Memorial Plaque
Patrick Flynn**



**Private Patrick Flynn 6130
Killed 19th Oct. 1914.
Age 23. Son of Patrick
and Mary Flynn,
King Street, Abbeyside**



WESTERN FRONT NOVEMBER 1914

Almost 100 men from Waterford City and County lost their lives in the Battle of Mons or during the Retreat. The late "Monsie" Waters of Abbeyside was so called because his father Bill took part in the Retreat from Mons. He was later killed at the battle of Messines Ridge on 7th June 1917. Listed below are the known local men:

Royal Irish Regiment 1st Battalion

- 2nd Lieut. John D. Shine Abbeyside
- Pvt. James Dunne Dungarvan

Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Battalion

- Pvt. Thomas Barry Lismore
- Pvt. Michael Brien Kereen
- L.Cpl. Thomas Colbert Aglish
- Pvt. James Comerford Dungarvan
- Pvt. Patrick Flynn Abbeyside
- Acting Cpl. Stephen Horrigan Dungarvan
- Pvt. William Lewis Dungarvan
- Pvt. Martin Morrissey Dungarvan
- Pvt. Edward Power Stradbally
- Pvt. William Power Dungarvan
- Pvt. Patrick Sweeney Lismore
- Pvt. Edward Wall Dungarvan
- Sgt. Denis Walsh Cappoquin

Irish Guards 1st Battalion

- Pvt. William Barry Kilrossanty
- Pvt. William Butler Aglish
- Pvt. Michael Daly Kilrossanty

Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry 1st Bn

- Sgt. William Castles Ardmore

Royal Irish Rifles 2nd Battalion

- Rifleman Thomas Chittick Ardmore
- Rifleman John Lyons Dungarvan

The Leinster Regiment 2nd Battalion

- Pvt. Patrick Walsh Lismore

Contributed by
A.S. Allridge
19.11.99

THE MONS STAR



Officer in the 1st Corps Intelligence, British Army Headquarters. Part of his statement reads:

"The British were in danger of being surrounded by the Germans, and had lost numbers of men and guns. Just when matters seemed hopeless, the heavy enemy fire suddenly stopped dead and a great silence fell over all.

The sky opened with

An Cumann Cuihmne Saighdiuiri an Chead Chogaidh Dhomhanda is collecting names and stories about men from West Waterford in WW1. If you can help please contact:

- Richard Power, 21 Sarsfield Street, Dungarvan. Tel. (058) 45805**
- James Stacey, Monang Cottage, Abbeyside, Dungarvan. Tel. (058) 41106**
- Ann Allridge, Knockateemore, Dungarvan. Tel. (058) 43110**

List Of County Millennium Events & Projects

Over 80 events and projects throughout Co. Waterford are to be funded between now and the end of the year 2000 under a £3m awards initiative organised and funded by the National Millennium Committee.

Under the Awards each region, including Waterford, is allocated an overall budget of £70,000 for the supporting of small scale events. The awards per event are up to a maximum of £4,000 and require matching funding.

The two largest Co. Waterford millennium awards of £4,000 have been granted to the Dungarvan Millennium Committee and VTOS artists.

The local committee in Dungarvan have organised an official celebration of New Year's Eve in Grattan Square with a ceremony of last light, street party, beat on the street, bands, disco, radio link-up, face painting, balloons, etc. The total estimated cost of this event is £16,000.

VTOS (Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme) has been also awarded £4,000 towards the total £16,350 cost of millennium sculptures for local placement in Dungarvan.

Other projects to receive funding are listed as follows; (Total estimated cost is in brackets)

Ballinroad Soccer Club £300 for millennium community sports day on 11 June to coincide with National Children's Day and 25th anniversary founding of Youth Club (£300).

Dungarvan Alzheimer Group £1,900 for sensory garden at St. Joseph's Hospital in Spring/Summer next year (£9,000).

Cappoquin Community Development Co. £1,000 for History of Cappoquin (special commission book) to commemorate Millennium (£10,000).

Ardmore Ladybirds/Brownies/Guides £300 to erect information boards at Cliff Walk and publish 'A Childrens Guide To Cliff Walk' (£600).

Sisters of Bon Sauveur £1,800 for millennium garden in Carriglea Training Centre, Dungarvan for residential and visiting trainees with intellectual disability (£10,000).

The Sisters receive a further £1,800 towards a millennium Disney day on May 23/25, again at Carriglea, Dungarvan (£9,170).

Stradbally Community £1,800 for erection of 12 ft. Latin Cross to celebrate Jubilee 2000 Millennium (£9,500).

Fleadh na Mumhan 2000 £1,100 to assist in running the Munster Fleadh Choir in Lismore on 21/23 July with special open air concert (£12,000).

Irish Wheelchair Association £1,700 for special awards to be presented to 'Soldiers of Cuchulainn' in Dungarvan and attendance at ceremony in Dublin (£8,800).

Lismore & Waterford Millennium Choir £1,700 for both choirs to join together for presentation of 'German Requiem' by Brahms in both Lismore and Waterford city (£15,000).

Lismore Choir also receive £1,200 for special millennium Christmas concerts in the Great Hall, Lismore Castle (£5,200).

Finnisk Comhaltas Cheoltóirí Eireann £200 for concert of music, song, dance, sean nós scéalaíocht and play depicting ancient Ireland in Modeligo Hall in February (£400).

Kilbrien Community Group £900 towards ongoing renovation of Old School as Community Hall (£25,000).

Ballyduff Upper Community Council £500 for millennium sculpture and New Year's Eve celebrations (£1,000).

St. Oliver's GAA, Villierstown £1,300 for u-11 team to attend All-Ireland ground hurling tournament in Antrim in June (£5,000).

Ballysaggart Development Committee £400 for New Year celebrations in village, new lights, commemoration stone and tree (£810).

Ballylaneen Community Centre & parish £500 for event to commemorate poet Tadhg Gaelach O Suilleabhain, plaque, lecture and pathway on May 14 (£1,000).

Féile na nDéise £1,300 for weekend of Irish music, song & dance, street entertainment, pageant reenacting events of

1,000 years ago from April 28 to May 1 in Dungarvan (£7,500).

Ardmore Tidy Towns Committee £500 for commemorative flower bed laid out in flowers and shrubs to show 'millennium' and plaque (£1,500).

Stradbally Tourism & Enterprise Group £900 for Stradbally Millennium Book commemorating 1,000 years of Stradbally's history (£3,500).

Waterford Co. GAA Board £450 towards honouring millennium teams, recognition of long service and millennium exhibition (£3,700).

Abbeyside Pattern Committee £600 for special decorative lighting for Abbeyside (£2,400).

Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce £900 for book to celebrate the last century of the second millennium. Interviews with oldest residents of the district and photos (£3,100).

The Chamber also receive £1,000 for maritime sculpture in aluminium at roundabout in Dungarvan (£6,500).

Coiste Mílaoise na Gaeltachta £900 for collection of millennium poems in Irish by secondary school students in West Waterford to be launched in June (£8,450).

Dungarvan Pipe Band Committee £900 for the millennium St. Patrick's Day parade to provide extra bands and other exhibitions (£3,300).

Abbeyside Soccer Club £900 for reception to unveil millennium commemorative mural and cost of mural on 27th December (£8,000).

Ardmore GAA Club £500 for erection of covered stand at GAA grounds in July (£15,000).

Modeligo Community Centre £750 for millennium celebration banquet and awards ceremony on New Year's Eve (£2,400).

Cappoquin Boys NS £500 for millennium friendship seat and school garden (£1,500).

Scoil Mhuire, Modeligo £750 for millennium commemorative stone linking past, present and future to be erected in June or July (£2,500).

Knockanore Community £1,000 for erection of millennium Cross in graveyard and laying out graveyard on 1 January (£5,000).

Coiste Forbartha an tSean Phobail £1,000 for construction of tennis court to commemorate millennium year (£15,000).

Sliabh gCua Millennium Celebrations £300 for social evening for Sliabh gCua Community on New Year's Eve in Touraneena (£585).

Ardmore 2000 Committee £900 to produce millennium book 'Twentieth Century Ardmore' to be launched in June (£6,000)

Ardmore 2000 £1,300 for series of events to commemorate millennium, concert, street carnival, plaque and reception (£6,000).

Cathal Brugha Estate Management Committee £300 for street party/carnival for residents and plaque (£800).

Rathgormack NS Parents Association £250 for commemorative garden and rockery (£500).

Cáirde, Port Lairge £450 for 3 day non-residential camp for special children from 5 to 7 January in Dungarvan (£950).

Coláiste na Rinne £450 for eagrán mílaoise 2000 den Linn Bhui Irish Gaeltacht na nDéise sa Samhradh, An Rinn (£4,000).

Ardmore NS £200 for millennium yearbook of pupils and staff (£400).

Comhairle Pobail na Rinne £900 to refurbish and extend Halla Phobail during 2000 (£200,000).

Waterford Music City & County £800 for competition to compose piece of music to mark millennium (£6,000).

Dungarvan Parish £1,900 for millennium choir and various commemorative events in Dungarvan and West Waterford with

a special day in Dungarvan on May 21 (£7,500).

Convent of Mercy £400 for millennium study group of Catholic Catechism in Dungarvan (£900).

Parish of Abbeyside £1,200 for millennium memorial stone tablets with history at each of the churches in Abbeyside, Ballinroad and Garranbane (£3,000).

Day Care Centre, Cappoquin £300 for millennium concert for attendees of Day Care Centre (£600).

Coiste Bailte Slachtmhara na Rinne £100 for floral display in village of Ballinagould during summer (£200).

Pinewood Residents Association £400 for street party/carnival on New Year's Eve and trees (£1,000).

Lismore Y2K Committee £500 for town's official celebrations on New Year's Eve for all residents (£1,000).

Master McGrath Community Group £150 for commemoration stone to mark millennium and celebration at unveiling on 1st January (£300).

Agligh Development Committee £700 for welcome sign for village set out in shaped shrubs in constructed beds (£2,400).

Agligh Tidy Towns £700 to tidy and improve 17th century historic graveyard in village (£6,500).

Ballinroad Millennium Committee £400 for New Year's Eve party in St. Laurence's Hall (£1,000).

Coláiste na Rinne £500 for special millennium garden with Irish trees and plants for student education (£6,000).

Rathgormack Residents Association £550 for millennium traditional lantern carol service for all residents of village (£2,000).

Dungarvan Youth Club £500 to refurbish club premises (£50,000).

Agligh Parents Association £400 for millennium reunion of past pupils of Aglish school in June (£1,000).

Dungarvan Boxing Club £250 for millennium tournament with N.E. England in Dungarvan (£800).

Dungarvan Agricultural Show £200 for new dog show to mark millennium agricultural show on 27 July (£700).

Dungarvan Parish Council £450 for millennium youth carol service (£1,000).

Abbeyside Youth Choir £550 for the choir to make commemorative tape in 2000 (£1,400).

Dungarvan Utd. AFC £900 to assist with provision of all weather pitches in club (£100,000).

Liam Desmond £700 for book on constabulary in Waterford to coincide with millennium celebrations and to be launched in Dungarvan (£3,500).

Dungarvan Dramatic Society £550 for millennium play by local author in Feb/Mar (£2,000).

Dungarvan Museum Society £900 for 20 commemorative wall plaques in Dungarvan to mark historic buildings (£4,000).

Ard Scoil na nDéise Parents Council £450 for millennium garden and commemorative stone (£1,500).

Combined Secondary Schools of West Waterford £1,000 for millennium commemorative book by students of 5 secondary schools (£3,500).

Aisteoirí an tSean Phobail £400 for millennium performance of 'The Country Boy' in January (£1,200).

Dungarvan Motor Sport £700 for millennium motor sport weekend on 14/16 July in Dungarvan (£15,000).

Tallow Parish £650 for floodlighting of parish church for New Year's Eve (£1,700).

AMPS £700 for millennium concert in Kilmacthomas on 12 February (£7,000).

Dungarvan Millennium Commemorative Group £800 to publish commemorative book of photos of millennium events at New Year (£2,300).



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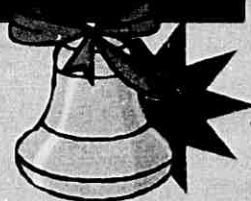
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Monday to Saturday
Open from 9 am to 7 pm Thursday 23rd December
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REOPENING IN THE NEW YEAR FROM
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Linda & staff wish all their
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Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year



DECKIES LOUNGE

MODELIGO

St. Stephen's Day —
Dungarvan Foxhounds Hunt
Music by SEA BREEZE
Tuesday 28th December —
Touraneena Badminton Club
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT
Music by SLATER



Catherine Ni Chrotaigh daughter of the Late Margie and Eddie Crotty, Ballinacourty, Ring, after being Conferred with a National Cert In Business Studies with Distinction, at Waterford Institute of Technology recently. Catherine is a past pupil of Scoil San Nioclas, An Rinn. —(Photo by Kiely)

**It's the Biggest Ever
Hamper Appeal!**

The WLR fm Lions Club Christmas Hamper Appeal got into full swing earlier this week. On Sunday, the main event of the appeal, the Mayor's auction which took place on WLR fm's Tony Weldon show raised over £7,000!

The on-air auction has been continuing all this week on WLR fm with hundreds of valuable items going under the hammer each day.

The fundraising Outside Broadcasts were particularly successful this year with thousands of pounds raised at each venue. Some of the local groups who participated included Waterford Crystal, WIT, Bausch & Lomb, Norton, Kromberg & Schubert, Honeywall, Waterford Regional Hospital, Caulfields Supervalu, Waterford County Council, The Shamrock Bar and Loughman's Restaurant.

The response from the public so far has been phenomenal! Groups around the city and county have been coming up with novel ways to raise money. Last weekend, a dance marathon held at The Vic in Tramore and a basketball blitz held in the Mercy Gym took in over £1,000 each.

Our target this year is £80,000. With your continued support we are sure to surpass this. You can pledge a donation to the WLR fm/Lions Club Christmas Hamper Appeal by contacting 051 841666. Alternatively, you can

give what you can to the many Lions Club collectors operating around the city all this week.

**RNLI
Horses
For
Courses**

Colligan Woods Riding Club will host a sponsored ride in aid of the Helvic Head Lifeboat, at 12 noon on Monday December 27th from Melody's Lounge Bar, Ballymacarbry, in the beautiful Nire Valley, weather permitting.

There is a minimum charge of £10 for adults and £5 for children participating in the hack.

The event promises to be a wonderful day out for all the family, for riders and spectators alike. Refreshments will be provided afterwards at Melody's and there will be numerous spot prizes in support of this very worthy cause.

Sponsorship cards are available from Eibhlin Power, Hon Sec. CWRC; Louise Moloney, Colligan Equestrian Centre; Dolores Ui Cheallaigh, Hon Sec Helvic Head Lifeboat Committee, and from Joan Clancy PRO Dungarvan Fund-Raising Branch RNLI.

CONNA HARRIER CLUB
Annual Social
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT
CONNA COMMUNITY HALL
Music: OHIO
Dancing 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Admission £4 including Tea and Sandwiches
Draw on door ticket

**Christmas
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CLASHMORE HALL
Christmas Night, December 25
Commencing 8 p.m. sharp
£5 per hear — 100% Payout
Raffle on night. Refreshments served

Richmond House
CAPPOQUIN
Wishing all our
customers and friends a
happy Christmas and
prosperous 2000



**Lismore Y2K
Millennium Party**
Don't forget Lismore Y2K Millennium Committee's
STREET PARTY
which starts at 8 pm
on Saturday evening the 1st January 2000.
The night which starts at 8 pm in the Community Hall
promises to be filled with excitement and cheer.
"We will have something for everyone, young and old
including music and a grand fireworks display — A first for
Lismore", said Joe Willoughby, Joint Y2K Millennium
committee treasurer.




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Kerry Barry, daughter of Billy and Brenda Barry, Tourin, Cappoquin, who recently graduated from University College Cork, with a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree. Kerry is a past pupil of Presentation School, Lismore

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Christmas Programme

Thursday 23rd — DISCO
 Friday 24th — CHRISTMAS DISCO 9-11
 Sunday 26th — DAVE & FRIENDS 4-7
 DISCO 8-11
 Monday 27th — DISCO-All the No. 1's in '99 played
 Friday 31st — Coopers Major Millennium Party.
 Strictly over 18. Door 10 p.m. sharp
 Saturday 1st — DISCO
 Sunday 2nd — DISCO

*"So Coopers is the place to be this Christmas"
 Tom & Bridget at the Coopers wish all
 their staff and customers a very happy
 Christmas and New Year*

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THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH

(G) 128 mins. NIGHTLY (FROM MON 27th) 8.00 SAT JAN 1st, SUN JAN 2nd 2.30, 4.30

SIXTH SENSE

(15) 107 MINS. NIGHTLY (from mon 27th) 8.00

MIRACLE ON 34th STREET

(G) 108 MINS SAT. JAN 1st, SUN JAN 2nd 2.30, 4.30

Cinema closed December 24th, 25th, 26th & December 31st

MOONEYS

RING - DUNGARVAN

Music for Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 26 — TWO TIME POLKA
 (Cork) Trad., Folk, Blues & Jazz
 Monday 27th —
 DAVE PRIM & WARWICK EMBRY - Blues & Jazz
 Tuesday 28th — TRAD SESSION
 Wednesday 29th — Session with
 CIARAN KISSANE & FRIENDS
 Thursday 30th — THE BILLY BAND
 Friday 31st — SESSION
 Saturday Jan. 1st — DONAL CLANCY,
 DARA BRACKEN, BILLY MCCARTHY,
 DONNCHA GOUGH
 Sunday 2nd — Sing Song
 TOM POWER & FRIENDS

*Wishing all our customers and
 friends a very happy Christmas
 and a bright and prosperous
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The Park Hotel DUNGARVAN

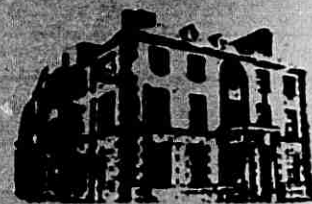
Sunday, 26th December —

Merlins Night Club

Tickets still available for NEW YEAR'S EVE
 Contact The Park Hotel

*The Flynn Family, Management & Staff
 would like to wish all our patrons and
 friends a very happy Christmas and
 Prosperous new year*

Lismore Hotel



*The Directors, Management & Staff of the
 Lismore Hotel wish all their customers a merry
 Christmas and a prosperous new millennium*

Christmas Programme at JR's NITE CLUB

26th Dec. — DISCO Doors open at 9 p.m.
 27th December — 60/70 DISCO
 31 Dec. — DISCO Doors open at 9 p.m.
 1st January — 60/70 DISCO
 2nd January — DISCO

*Heat of Millennium Heineken Promotion
 will run on all above nights*

Lismore Hotel



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Christmas Programme at CLOISTERS BAR

22 December — Music by JR
 23 December — Music by MIXTURE
 26th Dec. — Music by FOLKLORE
 27th December — Music by X-WORKS
 28th December — THEM INDOORS
 New Year's Eve — Music by
 HOME BREW **NO COVER CHARGE**
 1st January — Music by HOME BREW
 2nd January —
 Music by SEAN O'CALLAGHAN

Lawlor's Hotel Dungarvan

St. Stephen's Night DISCO
 26th December

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 For any further information contact us at (058) 41122.

*We would like to take this opportunity to
 wish all our customers a very Happy
 Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

SEE YOU ALL IN 2000.

OB's Nite Club

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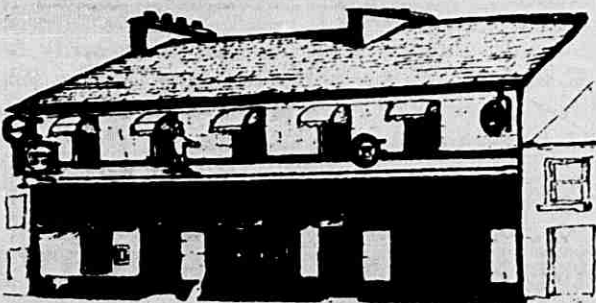
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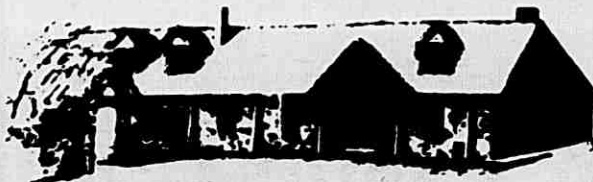
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Come Join Us In Dungarvan At New Year

"Undoubtedly the weather will play a major part in the success or otherwise of the Millennium Eve celebrations, both in Dungarvan and elsewhere, but we have done our very best to offer an attractive package of family orientated events which should please just about everyone." So said Cllr. Lar Hart, Cathaoirleach of the UDC and also Chairman of the Dungarvan Millennium Committee this week, as the group made a final review of the programme which will entertain what is expected to be a very large crowd in Grattan Square on New Year's Eve.

With many commercial premises opting out of business that night, it may well be up to the entertainers in Grattan Square to cater for the people who wish to celebrate the arrival of the new Millennium in public. The programme, consisting of the 4 pm assembly for families and individuals who wish to see the last sunset fade over the horizon and from 7.30, the party atmosphere with disco and bands, should prove popular and encourage out sufficient company for those who do not wish to be alone at such a significant moment.

The Ceremony of Last Light at 4.15, immediately after the unveiling of the commemorative

plaque by Dungarvan Poet and Songwriter, Mai O'Higgins, has attracted a great deal of attention, not only countrywide, but recently, beyond our shores. Even Britain's Cardinal Hume triggered something of an official flap when he suggested to his flock recently that they might light a candle on New Year's Eve to meet the darkness of the last night of the old year. Those lighting their candle at home are advised to exercise caution and take all necessary fire prevention measures.

Those who wish to attend what is expected to be a brisk and very nostalgic twenty minute afternoon ceremony in Dungarvan, are asked to bring

along their Millennium Candle and join with others in an emotional farewell to a century which saw more than its fair share of bloodshed and suffering. The hope will be that the twenty-first century will be somewhat more enlightened with a greater emphasis on the welfare of the people and the dignity of the individual.

The crowning glory of the night celebrations will be the largest fireworks display ever seen in West Waterford and this should provide a spectacular welcome for the new century. Special decorations are en route for the stage at Grat-



tan Square and with appropriate balloons and other festoons, there should be no doubt as to the nature of the occasion.

For New Year's Day, the Committee, together with the two Councils have issued a general invitation for people to join them at the Civic Offices at 1 pm, to commemorate International Peace Day by planting a commemorative tree and raising the Millennium Flag. With peace established in our own country, and sought in many troubled locations of the world, this is an event which should be strongly supported.

DUNGARVAN MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

- Invites you to join them in welcoming the New Millennium On New Year's Eve in Grattan Square, Dungarvan
- 4.00 Unveiling Plaque by Mai O'Higgins
 - 4.15 Ceremony of Last Light
 - 5.00 Ecumenical Service in St. Mary's Parish Church.
 - 7.30 Street Party with D.J. Ivan Fitzgerald, Tsunami & Spot the Dog.
 - 10.30 Bob Houston & J.J. Landers, WLR-fm
 - 11.30 Celebrations broadcast live via WLR - fm on 95.1 only
 - 12.0 Millennium countdown and Fireworks Display

We thank all our sponsors for their support We wish everyone a safe and spectacular New Year's Eve and a Peaceful and Prosperous new Millennium.

THE DUNGARVAN CELEBRATIONS ARE PART-FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE



Miss Breda O'Brien who graduated recently from U.C.C. with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree. Breda is eldest daughter of J.J. and Tess O'Brien, "Touch of Class" Boutique, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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Abbeyside Scout Notes

Last week instead of the usual meeting held in the den the venue was in fact the Sports Centre. A large gathering of the troop took part in a number of games from basketball to soccer. On a cold wet day it was good to be inside using the great facility, the troop was broken into teams of four with Muller and Tomas also being included in the playing staff, and one could say these two were the stars of the show apart from superstar Eddie! The meeting finished promptly at four and all present were reminded that the next meeting takes place on the third Saturday in January at the usual time of 7.00 until 8.30 and is in fact a full uniform meeting.



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END - START

As the year draws to a close we look back on what was an exceptional year at the Archive. No, it wasn't that we had record crowds flocking to us each Sunday evening! It was an amazing year by the fact that we never before had more items donated to us in one year.

The items ranged from a label off a bottle of large heavy books, what we call, "Coffee Table Books", with photographs, family heirlooms, bottles etc in between.

We thank all who donated items and anyone who supported us in any way over the year just gone. We thank the Editor of this paper for giving us valuable space each week to "air our views".

This Sunday 26th December we will be closed but come Sunday 2nd January 2000 Jenny Power will be back at the Parish Office where as usual you will be most welcome to come along and browse at leisure.

We finish by wishing you the reader peace and happiness for Christmas and the coming year.

Waterford Contingent Relive Malawi Trek



The Waterford contingent on the Self Help trek to Malawi (from left) Con Lane, Dungarvan, Pat Leahy, Kilmeaden, Regina Mangan, Waterford, Justin Spratt, Dungarvan and Dr. Tom Higgins, Dungarvan

Five Waterford people recently raised over £15,000 in a fundraising trip to Malawi in central Africa. They travelled with Self Help, the Carlow-based development group. The group of 40 walkers was led by RTE's John Creedon. Here, Justin Spratt from Toumore and Dr. Tom Higgins from Abbeyside recount their experiences.

The trek in Malawi was an unbelievable experience. We all have an idea of Africa in our heads, but you have to see it to truly believe it. We were very pleased to see ways in which Self Help is working. It works with the aim of getting people to help themselves. Long term, that's the only way to go. It's all very well sending out money and clothes to people but it's far more important to help them to feed themselves. And there is the danger that if you just give money, then it will be siphoned off at the top for corrupt purposes.

We all noticed similarities between Malawi and Ireland of 100 years ago. Their housing, their little plots of land for crops, their lack of running water and electricity all reminded us of our country. We saw villages with over 2,000 people all eking out a living on tiny amounts of land. Education made the difference to our living standards and that is why it is so important for them. The Malawians did not have free, primary education until 1994 so that has set them back greatly. There doesn't seem to be a big percentage of people going to second level education. To see what Self Help is doing on the ground, we visited projects in the areas of Linthipe and Chiradzulu. Self Help started its work in Malawi in 1994, beginning with the Chiradzulu project so it was interesting to see how that has developed. The first thing that struck us in Chiradzulu was the tremendous welcome from the people. They surrounded us as we got off the bus and escorted us to their villages with song and dance. With great pride, they showed us their crops and vegetables. The average family farm both in Linthipe and Chiradzulu, is 0.5 ha. Maize is the staple food in Malawi so the project encouraged them to grow more maize. It also piloted the use of fertiliser, which is not normally used by farmers, as they cannot afford it.

Self Help encouraged these farmers to grow crops such as beans, pigeon peas, groundnuts, sweet potato and cassava. The project has clearly been a success. It had planned to use 1,200 hectares of land but it used almost twice that figure. It had a target of covering a population of 10,000 in the district. It actually covered 23,196 people.

We visited a number of villages in Chiradzulu, walking quite a few miles between each village. Yet, instead of going back into their homes as soon as we left, many of the people accompanied us, every step of the way. Women with children on their backs sang and danced their way along the dusty paths, making us wonder where they got their energy from.

The welcome was equally warm in Linthipe, which is more disadvantaged than Chiradzulu. Here too, farmers have been encouraged to grow various types of nuts, peas and beans. But they are most enthusiastic about their tomato growing project. There is a shortage of tomatoes from October to April in this area so the people have formed a Tomato Growers

Association and have started to intensively grow tomatoes to meet this demand. Almost 50 farmers are now growing tomatoes in Linthipe and many more are keen to get involved. The estimated production is 1,500kg per hectare. The growers are now looking for a small irrigation scheme so that they will be able to grow other vegetables when the tomatoes are harvested. They are also studying bee-keeping. Another interesting initiative is the revolving credit fund, which Self Help is operating in both project areas. The current bank interest rate is almost 50 per cent so you can imagine how difficult it is to repay even the smallest of loans. This evolving fund charges a 15 per cent rate and is mainly aimed at women. They have taken out loans to start up businesses such as flour production, marketing of vegetables, knitting and crochet. As a further support, they have three months grace before they start repayments. One of the best things about Self Help is its co-funding arrangement. Every £1 spent on a development plan is matched by £6 from a number of organisations. These include Irish Aid, the EU, the Dutch Reform Church and CAFOD (the British equivalent of Trócaire.)

The AIDS problem

We were all shocked to hear about the extent of the AIDS problem in Malawi. One in three people is HIV positive. You may wonder why they don't run health campaigns but imagine the difficulty in running a campaign, when 60 per cent of the population is illiterate, and the vast majority don't have a television or radio? On our trip, we met with a Dublin nurse Gemma Bruagh. She runs an AIDS project, which trains people to care for AIDS patients at home. It also provides AIDS education to schools, as well as providing an orphan service for children who have lost both parents from AIDS.

Poverty is everywhere in Malawi and Self Help is a small organisation, but you have to start somewhere.

Also, the ripple factor is very important. So when other villages see the success of the projects, they too will want to be involved. The people of Malawi have a long way to go before they can stand on their own two feet but there is hope for the future.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to Self Help or who will do so in the future. We were constantly taken aback at people's generosity. Having seen Self Help's work in operation, we can guarantee you that the money is well spent.

Some facts about Malawi

'The average life expectancy of Malawians is 47 years.

'The country is dominated by Lake Malawi, which runs through its centre and takes up one fifth of the land space.

'Malawi has a population of nearly 12 million. Over 90 per cent of Malawians live in rural areas and agriculture accounts for 40 per cent of GDP and 90 per cent of export revenue.

'Hastings Banda ruled the country with an iron hand from 1934 to 1994. This self-styled 'President for Life' banned free primary education, discouraged tourism and had many eccentric rules. He was replaced by a multi-party democracy in 1994. President Mulawi was recently returned to office for a second time.

Fund Raising Campaign For Cat Scanner

As South Tipperary prepares to start construction on a new £10 m hospital, a millennium fund-raising campaign is being launched to raise money to provide a vital piece of life saving equipment.

Acutely ill patients in South Tipperary who urgently need a Cat scan cannot get one there, they have to travel to hospitals in Waterford, Cork or even Dublin. This can mean vital delays of several months.

But the newly formed Millennium CAT Scanner for South Tipperary Committee is about to put that right. It has set itself the ambitious target of raising £250,000 - the Department of Health will come up with the other £250,000 needed - to provide a scanner at the South Tipperary United General Hospital in Clonmel.

"This will be a CAT scanner for all the people of South Tipperary and surrounding areas, including West Waterford down to Dungarvan and North Tipperary up to Thurles and Templemore," said Paud

O'Regan, consultant physician at St. Joseph's Hospital, Clonmel.

"I cannot overemphasise the usefulness of these machines. They save people's lives. Having our own scanner will also save people an amount of time and worry, because of the present delay in getting a scan".

At the moment the nearest CAT scanner to South Tipperary is Waterford, Dr. O'Regan explained. "You have the difficulty in transporting patients there all the time. The scanner is overloaded and sometimes we have to send patients to Dublin or Cork. There is a tremendous delay. Often people have to wait one to two months before getting a scan. The service is not available when it is needed for the acutely ill patient".

Dr. Regan is acting chairman of the Millennium CAT scan committee, which will hold a major launch in February, and aims to have a quarter of a million pounds collected by the end of the year 2000.

The project coincides with the provision of the new £10m South Tipperary United General Hospital on the site of St. Joseph's, Clonmel. Construction on this is due to begin in the new year and it is scheduled for completion in 18 months.

The new hospital will provide a major boost to the hospital services in South Tipperary. Surgery and accident and emergency services will be moved from Cashel to Clonmel, to join the services already there - including psychiatry, medicine, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology.

The fund-raising group, consisting of staff and supporters of the Clonmel hospital, hope to have the CAT scanning service available for patients there from the time it opens.

Dr. O'Regan said that other hospitals around the country, including the South-East region, have successfully acquired CAT scanners through similar fund-raising campaigns. He was confident that Co. Tipperary would equally meet this challenge.



Tara McAndrew, Dungarvan is pictured with her parents Carol and Ray McAndrew at the Shannon College of Hotel Management Graduation which took place recently in Bunratty Castle, Co. Clare. Tara graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree.

WATERFORD COMMUNITY GAMES

The A.G.M. of Waterford Community Games was held in Lawlors Hotel on Monday 15th November. Eight areas out of sixteen were represented. Chairperson Mrs. Bernie Fleming welcomed everyone to the meeting, she also had a special word of thanks to Noirin Doyle, Assist. General Secretary who travelled from Cork to the meeting. Bernie said it had been a very good year in the County with sixteen areas taking part. Also it had been one of the best years at the National finals. She thanked the Co. Officers and Committee for their work and all the time they had given to Community Games during the year and to the Area Committee for their work during the year. Also to the Credit Union

for their sponsorship over the past eight years and to Waterford Co. Council for their sports grant which we greatly appreciate.

Secretary Mrs. Gretta Whelan thanked the area secretary for a wonderful effort during the year. She congratulated all the participants at area county and national finals and all those adults who helped organise finals and travelled with the young people to the National Finals. She also welcomed the three new areas this year Cappoquin, Ballinroad and S.S. Josephs and Benildus. Treasurer Mr. Thomas Hassett gave a detailed account of the finances.

The following are the officers and committee for the year 2000.

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31st day of December, 1998 will
be opened in the Urban District
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Quay, Dungarvan by Patrick
Healy, Esq., Local Government
Auditor, on the 12th day of
January, 2000, at the hour of
2.00 p.m. when and where
objections to any matter con-
tained in the said several
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Raymond Moloney
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Dungarvan Urban District Council — Permission is sought to convert building known as Moloneys Store at Lower Main Street to restaurant and public house, with basement under and ancillary works, 6 no. maisonettes and 5 no. apartments and consequential alterations to elevations. — A. Halley and E. O'Brien.

Waterford County Council — I, Pat Condon, intend to apply to the above authority for full planning permission for a dormer style 2-storey house with entrance, septic tank and percolation areas, at Cool, Cappagh, Co. Waterford.

Waterford County Council — I, Richard Prendergast, am applying for permission to construct a bungalow and septic tank at D'Loughtane, Clashmore.

Waterford County Council — We, Thomas and Mary Power, intend to apply to Waterford County Council for retention of existing dwelling as constructed and permission to construct extension at Grange House, Grange, Co. Waterford.

Dungarvan Urban District Council — Permission is sought for the change of use of existing commercial garage to dormer style dwelling with domestic garage and alterations to existing elevations, at Sexton Street, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. Signed: J. Foley.

Dungarvan Urban District Council — Permission is sought for alterations of extensions to existing premises to include the conversion of existing basement store room to new coffee shop with tea bay, store room and toilet facilities. Alterations to existing shop front and new 3 bed apartment on first floor and second floor attic space at No. 36, Mary Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. Signed: M. Power.

Waterford County Council — Outline permission is sought for the construction of two dwelling houses, septic tanks, percolation areas, driveways, etc., at Ardsallagh, Co. Waterford. Signed: J. Coughlan.

Waterford County Council — Pinewood Healthcare of Ballymacarby wish to apply to the above authority for permission to construct extension on two levels to existing Pharmaceutical Plant and ancillary works and to retain single storey wash building and flammable store at Ballymacarby.

Waterford County Council — I wish to apply to the above authority for full planning permission to construct a bungalow, entrance and septic tank/percolation area at Glendalligan, Lemybrien, Co.

Acknowledgments



MICHAEL POWER
Springmount
Dungarvan

Peig, wife of the late Michael Power, sons Patrick and Nicholas, daughters Joan, Margaret and Mary-Teresa, his sister Sheila, fourteen grandchildren and in-laws from Cork, Kerry and Madrid, his much-loved sister-in-law Teresa Foley and family, his many nephews and nieces, wish to thank Matron Mairead and the staff of Sacred Heart Unit, St. Joseph's Hospital; the excellent care given by Dr. J. Stacey and Dr. Gibbons was much appreciated; also our gratitude to Mairead and Tom, Physiotherapists and Nurse Marion. A special word of thanks to our parish priest Fr. N. O'Mahony; to the Augustinian Priests, the Monks of Mount Melleray; to friend and confidante Fr. P. Hallinan; Fr. Clement Power, O.S.A., Dublin and Fr. Gus Champion of Dominican Order, Dublin; also to Sr. Mary of Schoenstatt Shrine, Wexford. To his many friends in Dungarvan, especially his co-workers in the creamery; the "Friends of St. Martin" and his dear friends from Waterford; to the neighbours for their generosity, love and support; to the management and staff of Calmark and Killeen, Cappoquin and Dungarvan Crystal; to the teachers and staff of V.T.O.S., Church Street; to all who came to the house; for the many precious Mass cards, bouquets of flowers, letters and phone calls of sympathy, our sincere appreciation; to the Drohan brothers, words cannot express the family's gratitude for their compassionate understanding and professional care.

A triduum of holy Masses will be offered for the intentions of all.

**MARY
MELLETT**
42, Shandon Street
Dungarvan

The family and relatives of the late Mary Mellett wish to thank most sincerely all those who shared their recent loss; to those who sympathised, attended the funeral obsequies, sent Mass cards, cards of sympathy, letters, floral tributes; who telephoned, called to our home, our grateful thanks. A sincere thank you to Very Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, P.P., to Dr. Daly, to the matron and staff of Waterford Regional Hospital. The kindness of our neighbours, friends and relatives was greatly appreciated. We are indebted to Josephine and Peter Truman for all their thoughtfulness; to Lorna Murray (née Daly) for her music; to the gravediggers, sacristan, altar servers; to Kiely Funeral Directors our sincerest thanks.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

NANCE O'BRIEN
Kilmolash,
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The husband and family of the late Nance O'Brien wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them and supported them in their time of grief; those who called to the house or telephoned; relatives, neighbours and friends of all the family; those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. Gareth Desmond and the priests who concelebrated her funeral Mass. Also to the choir who waited so long and patiently in the church; to Tom and James Drohan (Undertakers); to the gravediggers and Mrs. Anna Barrett the chapelwoman.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we trust that this acknowledgment will be accepted by all as a token of our most sincere gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Nance was rare, when you think of her, say a prayer.

Novenas

THANKSGIVING for favour through Sacred Heart, Our Lady, Padre Pio, St. Anthony Treasia, Our Lady of Matrix Medal and Christina Gallagher. I believe in prayer.

NOVENA: PRAYER TO SACRED HEART — Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours of you, but this time I ask for this special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in his merciful eyes, it will become your prayer, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted. Never known to fail. — B.M.

MARY KEANE
18, College Road,
Ardmore

The family of the late Mary Keane wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement; those who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy, floral tributes and those who called to the house or phoned, and all those who attended the funeral Mass and burial. A special word of thanks to the matron and staff of Youghal Community Hospital; the local clergy, the kind neighbours and friends and anyone who helped in any way.

As a token of appreciation Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.



IN MEMORIAMS



BURKE — Nineteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Mam, Helen Burke, "Avondale," Abbeyside, who died on December 26, 1980.

Anniversary Mass at 12 noon, on Sunday, December 26, in Abbeyside Church.

Is ea An Tiarna M'aoire, Ní bheidh aon ní de dith orm. (Inserted by Michael and family.)

CAHILL — Eleventh Anniversary — In loving memory of Catherine Cahill, New Street, Lismore and London, who died on December 29, 1988.

Memories of a lifetime, Are wrapped up in our hearts, Many things of long ago, We treasure with all our hearts, Although we sadly miss you, We know you are not alone, For you are watching over us, From a place you now call home. So always stay beside us, It helps to know you are there, And thanks for all the memories, For the times we loved and shared.

(Always remembered with love by your daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, England.)



CLEARY — Eighth Anniversary — In loving memory of a dear mother, Nellie, late of 41, Mitchel Street, Dungarvan, who died Christmas Day, 1991. Mass offered.

Your life was love and labour, Your love for your family true, You did your best for all of us, We will always remember you.

(From your loving daughters Breda, Rita and families.)

COTTER — Third Anniversary — In loving memory of Joe Cotter, late of Aglish, who died on December 27, 1996. Mass offered.

Will those who think of him today,

A little prayer to Jesus say. (Always remembered by his loving family.)

CULLINAN AND DUGGAN — Third and Eighth Anniversaries — In loving memory of Nell Cullinan, 23, Grattan Square and her sister Alice Duggan, Springmount, Dungarvan, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Deep are the memories, precious they stay, No passing of time can take away, Will those who think of Nell and Alice today,

A little prayer to Jesus say. (Lovingly remembered every day — from all the family at home and those away.)

DAVIS — Tenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Bridget Davis, late of Barrack Street, Tallow, who died on December 25, 1989. On her soul sweet Jesus have mercy. Masses offered.

In thoughts we see you just the same, With love and pride we speak your name, Sunshine passes, shadows fall, But love and memories outlast them all.

(Always remembered by her loving sons Michael and Tommy and daughter Marie.)

DAVIS — Tenth Anniversary — In loving memory of our grandmother, Bridget Davis, late of Barrack Street, Tallow, who died on December 25, 1989. On her soul sweet Jesus have mercy. Masses offered.

Sweet is your memory, Precious your name, Close to our hearts, You will always remain.

So, Nan, in your heavenly home up above, Look down upon us as we send you our love.

(Always remembered by your loving grandchildren Ann, Mary, Eileen, John and Colette.)

DUNNE — Ninth Anniversary — In loving memory of our mother, Ellen Dunne, late of "Aishling," Lismore, who died on December 20, 1990. R.I.P.

You were so full of family life, So proud of all we did, The smallest gesture touched your heart, And for all our lives you lived. We miss your smile and happy ways, We miss the things you used to say, But when the old times we recall, It is then we miss you most of all.

Rest in peace, dear Mam, And thanks for all you have done, We pray that God has given you,

The crown you've truly won. (Always remembered by your daughters and their husbands, nephews and nieces.)

EARLEY — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear sister, Rita Earley, late of 32, Boreenatra, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1993. R.I.P. Masses offered.

I think of you in silence, Rita, I often speak your name, But all I have are memories, And your picture in a frame.

(Sadly missed by your sister Ann, John and family.)

EARLEY — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of Rita Earley, late of 32, Boreenatra, Dungarvan, who died on Christmas Day, 1993.

A tribute of love to a mother so dear, So close to our hearts each day of the year, We will always have memories to cherish and hold, Of a wonderful mother more precious than gold, Will those who think of her today,

A little prayer to Jesus say. (Loved and always remembered by her son Pat, Gráinne, Mark and David.)



FITZGERALD — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Maurice Fitzgerald, late of Coolagh Road, Abbeyside.

He was a father so very rare, Content in his home and always there, On earth he toiled, in heaven he rests, God bless you father, you were one of the best.

(Always remembered by Seamus, Marie and Gerard.)

HARNEY — Fourth Anniversary — In loving remembrance of George, 103, Springfield, Dungarvan, who died on January 1, 1996.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday, January 1, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church, Dungarvan.

Time slips by, life goes on, From our hearts, you are never gone.

(Sadly missed by Mary and family.)



HART — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my Dad, Joe, late of Kiladangan, Dungarvan, who died on Christmas Eve, 1994. R.I.P.

Anniversary Mass in the Friary Church on Sunday, December 26, at 11 a.m.

In heaven you rest, no worry, no pain, In God's own time we will meet again,

Simple words, but very true, We will always love and remember you, Dad.

(Your daughter Marie, son-in-law Liam, grandchildren Kieran, Liam Óg and Gráinne.)

HART — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear Dad, Joe Hart, late of Kiladangan, Dungarvan, who died on Christmas Eve, 1994.

We cannot forget you, We don't even try, Your memory still lingers, As time passes by, We keep in our hearts, A love of the past, For there it was planted, Forever to last.

(Always loved, never forgotten by your loving daughter Carmel, son-in-law Mick, grandchildren Kealan and Sarah.)

HOGAN — Twenty-third Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear wife, Joan, late of Kilwinny, Tallow, who died on January 1, 1977.

Will those who think of her today,

A little prayer to Jesus say. (Always remembered by her loving husband Pad and family.)

HAYES — Fifty-first Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear father, Declan Hayes, 1 Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died on December 23, 1948. On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy. Masses offered.

December recalls sad memories,

Of a loved one gone to rest, God has you in His keeping, We have you in our hearts.

(Always remembered by your loving family.)



KELLY — Nineteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Kelly, late of Mapstown, Dungarvan, who died on December 23, 1980. R.I.P.

Thank you, Mam, for those years we shared, The love you gave and the way you cared, You left a place no one can fill, I miss you now and always will. The hardest thing in life to bear, Is to want you, Mam, when you're not there, Behind my smile there is many a tear, For a Mam I lost and loved so dear.

(Always remembered by your loving daughter Brigid, son-in-law Liam, grandchildren Liam, Joann, Deborah and Kelvin.)

KELLY — Nineteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Kelly, late of Mapstown, Dungarvan, who died on December 23, 1980. R.I.P.

There is a path of memories, Mam,

From here to heaven above, That keeps us very close to you, It is called the path of love. Down that path of memories, We gently tread today,

All our thoughts are with you, Mam,

As we gently go on our way, Put your arm around her, Lord, And treasure her with care,

For you have in your possession,

A mother beyond compare. (Always remembered by your loving son Edward, daughter-in-law Carmel and grandchildren Ciara and Shane.)

KIELY — Eighteenth Anniversary — Treasured memories of Joan P. Kiely, 5, Mary Street, Dungarvan, who died on Christmas Day, 1981.

Anniversary Mass 10 a.m. in Friary Church on Christmas Eve.

(Always remembered by Margaret, David, Darragh and Siobhán Kiely, Kiladangan.)



KELLY — Twenty-first Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Nora Kelly, late of Knockanore, Co. Waterford, who died on December 22, 1978.

We lost a mother with a heart of gold,

How much we miss her can never be told, She shared our troubles and helped us along,

If we follow her footsteps we will never go wrong.

We miss you from your fireside chair, Your loving smile and gentle air,

Your vacant place no one can fill, We miss you mother and always will.

She was a mother so very rare, Content in her home and always there,

On earth she toiled, in heaven she rests, God bless you, mother, you were one of the best.

Each time we look at your picture,

You seem to smile and say, Don't be sad but courage take, And love each other for my sake.

(Always remembered by her loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.)

LANDERS — Twelfth Anniversary — In loving memory of John Landers, late of Ballinroad, Dungarvan, who died on December 23, 1987. Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for him.

(Always remembered by your loving wife Mary and family.)

MCCARTHY — First Anniversary — In loving memory of James McCarthy, late of Cauty, Cappagh, who died on December 23, 1998. R.I.P.

Time slips by but still you stay,

As near and dear as yesterday, No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you are always there.

Will those who think of James today,

A little prayer to Jesus say. (Always remembered by your loving mother, sisters and brothers.)

MCCARTHY — Eighteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear grandfather, John McCarthy, late of Ballinroad, Dungarvan, who died on December 26, 1981. R.I.P. Masses offered.

The midnight stars are shining, On a grave not far from here, Where sleeps the one I miss so much,

And will always love so dear. (Always remembered, sadly missed, your loving granddaughter Marie, Michael and Molly X X X.)



MAHER — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of Louie Maher, late of 20, Church Street, Dungarvan, who died on December 29, 1997.

"God has not taken her away from us,

He has hidden her in His heart that she may be closer to ours."

(Inserted by her loving daughters Claire, Mary, Anne, Gerardine and families.)



MCCARTHY — Eighteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, John McCarthy, late of Ballinroad, Dungarvan, who died on December 26, 1981. R.I.P. Masses offered.

If God had just prepared me, To let you go for good, I wouldn't feel the way I do, And I might have understood.

If only I could see you, Dad, Just for a little while, To tell you that I love you, And see your beautiful smile, I would put my arms around you, And kiss your smiling face, And then this broken heart of mine,

Would fall back into place. (Always remembered, sadly missed, your loving daughter Mary, son-in-law John Michael and family.)

MITCHELL — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my aunt, Nellie Mitchell, late of The Lane, Leamybrien, whose anniversary is on December 21.

December comes with sad regret, The day, the moment, I will never forget,

As I stare into space, I remember your face,

Smiling and laughing, in your own little place, A wonderful nature, warm and true,

These are the memories I have of you,

Life goes on, I know that's true, But it's not the same since I lost you.

(Loved and remembered always by Eilish, James, Richard, Denise, Stephen, Karen.)

MOLONEY — In loving memory of James (Jamie) Moloney, late of Killishal, Cappagh, who died December 27, 1998.

A bouquet of beautiful memories,

Sprayed with a million tears, Wishing God could have spared you,

If just for a few more years. (Sadly missed by his loving wife, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters.)



IN MEMORIAM



MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of Macka (Matthew) Monahan, late of 32, Comeragh Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1992.

Along the road to yesterday,
That leads us straight to you,
Are memories of happy days,
Together we once knew.
You left those memories,
Macka,
They make us laugh and cry,
But the love that's planted in
our hearts,
While we live, will never die.
(From his wife Mary and daughter Louise.)

MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Macka Monahan, late of 36, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1992. R.I.P.

Today is the day I remember so sad,
Of a brother I lost and wished I still had,
Time has passed, life goes on,
But in my heart you are never gone.
Sweet Jesus take this message,
To my brother up above,
Tell him how I miss him,
And give him all my love.

Falling tears and heartaches,
Are the thing we have to bear,
But losing you the way we did,
Will always seem unfair.
Memories are our keepsake,
This we know is true,
But we never wanted memories, Macka,
We only wanted you.
(Sadly missed by your loving sister Mandy and brother-in-law Kiki, Shauna and baby Jamie.)

MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of a special brother, Macka Monahan, late of 36, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1992.

God called your name so softly,
Macka,
That only you could hear,
No one could hear the footsteps,
Of the angels drawing near.
You left us all so suddenly,
I could only wonder why,
For the saddest part of all,
We never said goodbye.

(Never forgotten by your brother Thomas and family, London.)

MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of Macka (Matthew) Monahan, late of 32, Comeragh Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1992.

Your name is often spoken,
Macka,
Our thoughts are with you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
You know you never will.
(From Patricia, Tom, sister-in-law and brothers-in-law.)



MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear son, Matthew (Macka) Monahan, late of 36, Congress Villas, Dungarvan and Comeragh Crescent, who died on December 25, 1992. R.I.P.

We remember a smile we would love to see,
And a hand we would love to touch,
We remember a voice we would love to hear,
And a son we miss so much.
You always had a smile to share,
A laugh, a joke, time to care,
A wonderful nature, warm and true,
These are the memories we have of you.

As days turn into years,
They hold a thousand memories and a million silent tears.
Our lives have changed in many ways since we were all together,
Our wish is just a simple prayer,
God bless and keep you in his care.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
(Sadly missed by your heartbroken mother and father, Ann and Billy Monahan.)

MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear brother, Macka Monahan, late of 36, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1992.

Macka, remembering you is easy,
We do it every day,
But missing you is a heartache,
That will never go away,
You were always there when we needed you,
No task too big or small,
You eased our mind when it was troubled,
With a willing and a loving heart,
For us you did it all.

Although we sadly miss you,
We know we are not alone,
For you are watching over us,
From God's eternal home.
(Sadly missed and never forgotten, your loving sister Eileen and brother-in-law Jeff, Australia, sister Annmarie and brother-in-law Godfrey, Holland.)

MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of Matthew (Macka), late of Comeragh Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1992.

God must have thought you special,
To take you the way He did,
They say He only takes the best,
And this He surely did.
Look around Your garden, Lord,
For an angel with a smile,
He won't be hard to recognise,
He must stand out a mile.
(Always remembered by his brother Tony, Clare and family.)

MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear nephew, Matthew (Macka) Monahan, 32 Comeragh Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on Christmas morning, 1992. On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy. R.I.P.

I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name,
But all I have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Life goes on, I know that's true,
But it's never the same since losing you.
(Always loved, never forgotten, by aunts Eileen and Michael.)

MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Matthew (Macka) Monahan, 32 Comeragh Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1992. On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy. R.I.P.

He never thought when leaving you,
He would never more return,
That he in death, so soon would sleep,
And leave us broken-hearted,
Our thoughts are always with you,
Your place no one can fill,
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
(Sadly missed by your loving brother Michael and family, London.)

MONAHAN — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear friend, Macka Monahan, late of 36, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, whose anniversary occurs on Christmas Day.

It's hard my friend to write on paper,
The things I'd like to say.
(Sadly missed, never to be forgotten, your best mate Sluggo Duggan and family.)

O'MAHONY — Twenty-fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Nora O'Mahony, late of 33, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who left us all on December 22, 1974.

Will those who remember her today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
I will always love and remember you, mother,
Always in my mind, Our Lady pray for her.
(From her loving daughter Rita and family in Surrey.)

O'MAHONY — Twenty-fifth Anniversary — In fond memory of my dear mother, Nora O'Mahony, late of 33, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died on December 22, 1974.

MOTHER
A lot in life has altered,
A lot in life is new,
But the things that never alter,
Are memories of you.
It is not what we write,
It isn't what we say,
It's how we feel inside,
When we think of you today.
(Never forgotten by your loving daughter Nora, son-in-law Jimmy and family in Tramore.)

O'MAHONY — Twenty-fifth Anniversary — In sad and loving memory of my dear mother, Nora O'Mahony, late of 33, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died on December 22, 1974. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for her. R.I.P.

Memories of a lifetime,
Are wrapped up in my thoughts,
Many things of long ago,
I treasure in my heart.
Although I sadly miss you,
I know I'm not alone,
For you are watching over me,
From a place you now call home.
(Deeply regretted, never forgotten)

O'MAHONY — Twenty-fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Nora O'Mahony, late of 33, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died on December 22, 1974.

There comes a time for all of us,
When we must say goodbye,
But faith and hope and care and trust,
Can never, never die.
As down the road of memories,
We gently tread to day,
Our loving thoughts are with you,
As life goes on its way.
(From Joe, Birdie and family, Stockwell.)



PRENDERGAST — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear husband, Willie, late of Clashmore, Co. Waterford, who died on December 28, 1997. R.I.P. Masses offered.

I know you are in heaven,
Willie,
The holy place of rest,
For you were always good on earth,
And the good are always blest,
And we who loved and cherished you,
In the world that's not the same.
We will always love and pray for you, until we meet again.
(Sadly missed by your loving wife Josie, sons, daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.)

SULLIVAN — Twelfth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, Teddy Sullivan, late of 23, Boreenatra, Dungarvan, who died on December 26, 1987.

God called your name so gently,
That only you could hear,
No one heard the footsteps,
Of angels drawing near.
You left us all so suddenly,
We could only wonder why,
For the saddest part of all,
We never said goodbye.
As down the road of memories,
We gently tread today,
Our loving thoughts are with you,
As life goes on its way.
(Always remembered by your wife Joan, daughters, sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, home and abroad.)

SULLIVAN — Twelfth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Mickie Tobin, late of Shean, Ballyduff Upper, who died on December 29th, 1997. On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy.

You often said I would miss you, Mickie,
Your words have now come true,
For I lost the best and dearest brother,
The Monday I lost you.
Good was your heart, in friendship sound,
You were loved and respected by all around,
A beautiful life came to an end,
You died as you lived, Mickie,
Everybody's friend.
Dear friends and neighbours who will think of Mickie today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
(You will be always in my thoughts and forever in my prayers — from your loving sister, Molly.)

TOBIN — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Mickie, late of Shean, Ballyduff Upper, who died on December 29th, 1997. St. Martin pray for him.

Beautiful thoughts of a brother so dear,
Cherished forever with love sincere,
Dear is your memory, Mickie,
Sweet is your name,
Close to our hearts,
You will always remain.
(You will never be forgotten Mickie — from your loving sister Kitty, Paddy, Maria, Carmel, Philip and Mark.)



SULLIVAN — Twelfth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, Teddy Sullivan, late of 23, Boreenatra, Dungarvan, who died on December 26, 1987.

It's been twelve years since you were taken away,
But it still only feels like it was yesterday,
I can't understand it,
I'll never know why,
The Lord had to take you,
Before we could say goodbye.
We cherish all our memories of you,
And the love we always shared,
But most of all, Daddy,
We always knew you cared.
So now we pray to the Lord above,
To take care of you always,
And send you our love,
So anyone who thinks of you today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
(Always remembered and never forgotten — your loving daughter Bridget, John, grandson David and granddaughters Lu-Lu, Gemma and Courtney X X X.)

— Maisie.)

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MCGRATH — In loving memory of my father William, Belmont, Cappoquin, who died on Christmas Eve, two years ago. Also remembering my mother Bridget and daughter Loretto. R.I.P.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Cappoquin on St. Stephen's morning at 11.30 a.m. Our Lady of Knock pray of him.

There is a plot of land,
And no one knows its worth,
This is where my brother lies,
It's the richest soil on earth.
Memory is a beautiful place,
Where thoughts and love are true,
Again, again, I visit that plot,
Just to spend some time with you.
I will always have memories to cherish and hold,
Of a wonderful brother I am proud to call mine.
(Sadly missed and never forgotten by loving sister Maggie, son-in-law Ted, nephews, niece and grandnephew.)

MCGRATH — In loving memory of my brother Jim (son to William), Belmont Lodge, Cappoquin, who died on January 2, 1998. R.I.P.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Cappoquin on St. Stephen's morning at 11.30 a.m. Our Lady of Knock pray of him.



MCGRATH — In loving memory of my brother Jim (son to William), Belmont Lodge, Cappoquin, who died on January 2, 1998. R.I.P.

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This is where my brother lies,
It's the richest soil on earth.
Memory is a beautiful place,
Where thoughts and love are true,
Again, again, I visit that plot,
Just to spend some time with you.
I will always have memories to cherish and hold,
Of a wonderful brother I am proud to call mine.
(Sadly missed and never forgotten by loving sister Maggie, son-in-law Ted, nephews, niece and grandnephew.)

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IN MEMORIAMs

WALSH — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Mollie, late of 12, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died December 23, 1992. Masses offered.

Quietly today your memory I treasure,
Missing you always, forgetting you never,
Deep in my heart you will always stay,
Loved and remembered, every day.

(Inserted by your loving daughter Margaret.)

WALSH — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear mother, Mollie, late of 12, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died December 23, 1992.

Never a nature more loving,
Never a heart more true,
We are proud you were our mother,
We thought the world of you.

(Inserted by your loving sons Billy, Jimmy, John, Denis, Maurice, Joseph.)

WALSH — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear sister-in-law, Mollie, late of 12, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died December 23, 1992.

Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand to others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Lovely memories to leave behind.

(Inserted by your loving sister-in-law Nora and family, Dromcollegher, Limerick.)

WALSH — Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear Aunt Mollie, late of 12, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, who died December 23, 1992.

May the winds of love blow gently,
And whisper for you to hear,
How much we love and miss you,
And wish that you were here.

(Inserted by your loving niece Mary, Patrick, Donna, Patrick, Dromcollegher, Limerick.)

WOODS — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, Paddy Woods, late of 47, Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986. R.I.P.

A loving spray of memories,
Tied up with all our love,
Memories we will treasure,
Of the one we dearly loved.
In the centre of God's garden,
There is someone special there,
That someone is our father,
The best beyond compare.

(Never forgotten by his loving son Matty and daughter-in-law Cait.)

WOODS — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my father, Paddy Woods, late of 47, Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986.

A special person, a special face,
A special Dad we can't replace,
A laugh, a chat, a joke or two,
That's the way we remember you.

(Always loved and remembered by your son Francis, daughter-in-law Annette and grandchildren.)



WOODS — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of our father, Patrick Woods, late of 47 Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986. Mass offered.

No special day is needed,
For us to think of you,
To us you were someone special,
And we thought the world of you,
Your memory is our greatest treasure,
To have, to love, to keep forever.

(Always in our thoughts and prayers — loving daughter Nellie, sons Michael and John.)

WOODS — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Paddy Woods, late of 47, Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986.

Precious things are very few,
The blow was hard, the shock was severe,
To part with you, I loved so dear,
We shared some laughter and some tears,
But best of all, we shared some years,
Your love was great, your heart was kind,
What beautiful memories you left behind,
Our loss is great, we'll not complain,
But trust in God we'll meet again.

(Always missed by your granddaughter Mary, Danny, Michelle, Trevor and Kenneth.)

WOODS — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Patrick Woods, late of 47, Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986.

Along the road to yesterday,
That leads us straight to you,
Are memories of happy days,
Together we once knew.
The blow was hard, the shock severe,
To part with one we loved so dear,
Our loss is great, we'll not complain,
But trust in God to meet again.

(Never forgotten by Bridget, Ray and family, London.)

WOODS — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Patrick Woods, late of 47, Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986.

A lot in life has altered,
A lot in life is new,
But the things that never alter,
Are memories of you.
It isn't what we write, it isn't what we say,
It's how we feel inside, when we think of you today.

(Always remembered — Kevin, Deirdre and family.)

WOODS — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, Patrick Woods, late of 47 Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986.

"When I Must Leave You"
When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;

And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

(Never forgotten — loving daughter Mai, son-in-law Mike and grandchildren.)

WOODS — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my granddad, Paddy Woods, late of 47, Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986.

Wrap your arms around my granddad, Lord,
Don't leave him on his own,
For today is his anniversary,
And I know he can't come home.
Call his name out softly, Lord,
And when he looks your way,
Tell him that I love him,
And miss him every day.
If teardrops could make a stairway,
And heartaches make a lane,
We would walk right up to heaven, granddad,
And bring you home again.
Although we will always miss you,
We know we're not alone,
For you are watching over us,
From a place you now call home.

(Sadly missed by your loving granddaughter Moira and Mike.)

WRIGHT — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of Liam Wright, late of the Burgery, Dungarvan, who died on Christmas Day, 1994. R.I.P. Masses offered.

As down the road of memories,
We gently tread today,
Our loving thoughts are with you,
As life goes on its way.
Time may heal the heartaches,
Like the smile that hides the tears,
But happy memories keep you close,
Despite the passing years.

(Remembered by your wife Mary and family.)

FRAHER — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Gusty Fraher, late of 12, Shandon Street, Dungarvan, who died on December 25, 1993.

God chose to take my brother,
He wanted one so fine,
Oh God above, please tell me,
Why it had to be mine.
To know him was to love him,
His kind and loving smile,
To have him as a brother,
Made everything worthwhile.

(Never forgotten by your loving brothers and sisters.)

POWER — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my brother, Thomas Power, late of 2, Keating Street, Dungarvan, who died December 17, 1994. R.I.P.

A lot in life has altered,
A lot in life is new,
But the things that never alter,
Are memories of you.
It isn't what we write,
It isn't what we say,
It's how we feel inside,
When we think of you today.

(Never forgotten by your loving sister Norah, Michael, nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.)

EARLEY — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of Rita Earley who died on Christmas Day, 1993, late of 32, Boreenatra, Dungarvan.

A mother's love is a blessing,
A gift beyond compare,
You only know its meaning,
When you find she's no longer there.
So hold her in Your arms, dear Lord,
Treasure her with care,
For you have in your possession,
A mother beyond compare.

(From your loving son John.)

EARLEY — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of Rita Earley who died on Christmas Day, 1993, late of 32, Boreenatra, Dungarvan.

As time goes by without you,
And days turn into years,
They hold a thousand memories,
And a million silent tears.
You showed us love and kindness,
You showed us how to care,
You bound us all together,
With a love few families share.
Someday we will meet again,
Where sorrow is unknown,
We will fold our arms around you,
And tell you we've come home.
May the God of love be with you, Mam,
And grant you eternal rest.

(From your loving daughter Mary, son-in-law Brian and grandsons Darren, Kevin, Ian.)

Birthday Remembrances

HAVENS — In loving memory of our dear mother, Christina Havens, late of 14, Childers Estate, Dungarvan, whose birthday occurs on December 25.

Along the road to yesterday,
That leads us straight to you,
Are memories of happy days,
Together we once knew.
(Always loved and remembered by your daughter Bridget and son Michael and Jimmy, 14 Childers Estate.)

HAVENS — Birthday Remembrance of Christina Havens, late of 14, Childers Estate, Dungarvan, whose birthday occurs on December 25.

Always willing to understand,
With a loving heart and a helping hand,
She was gentle and kind right up to the end,
A wonderful mother and a truly great friend.
Although we cannot see you,
You are with us night and day,
For you we had a special love,
Death cannot take away.
We'll never fail to think of you,
We'll never cease to care,
If only we could drop in,
And find you waiting there.

(Always remembered, never forgotten by your daughter Kathleen, son-in-law Richard and grandchildren.)

HAVENS — Birthday Remembrance of my dear mother, Christina Havens, 14, Childers Estate, Dungarvan, whose birthday occurs on December 25.

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, always near,
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.
(Never forgotten by your son Billy, daughter-in-law Kathleen.)

CONNOLLY — Birthday Remembrance of our dear daughter Vera, late of Woodview Park, Tallow, whose birthday occurs on December 26.

Just a prayer from a family who loved you,
Just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.
Will those who think of Vera today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
(From Mam, Dad, Leo, Nikki, Susie, Caroline, Harry and Veronica.)



KING — Birthday Remembrance of a dear mother and grandmother, Catherine (Kitty) King, late of Ashtown, Kilmacthomas, whose birthday occurs on December 22.

In a near and silent graveyard,
Where the trees their branches wave,
Sleeps a kind and loving mother,
In her cold and lonely grave.
She bade no one a last farewell,
She raised her hand to none,
Her spirit flew before I knew,
That she from us had gone.
It's hard to describe you, mother dear,
But I suppose it's also true,
That everyone finds it hard,
To describe a mother like you.

Your gentle face and patient smile,
With sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.
You are not forgotten, mother dear,
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memories last,
We will remember you.
(Sadly missed and never forgotten by your loving daughter Mary and grandchildren Catherine and Jacqueline.)

Novenas

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Snippets From Waterford County Council

DANGEROUS STONE BRIDGE AT YOUGHAL

Urgent action is needed to improve the stone bridge on the approach to Youghal where traffic accidents are a frequent occurrence.

Raising the matter at last week's meeting of Waterford County Council Cllr. Willie McDonnell claimed that a car crash occurs at this bridge at least every fortnight. His comments were supported by Cllr. James Tobin who knew of eight recent crashes at the bridge and Chairman Cllr. Paddy Kenneally who said the signs at the bend had been knocked.

The stone bridge is located on a sharp bend at the Tallow junction on the Cork side of Youghal bridge.

Cllr. McDonnell claimed that new road signs at this location are a waste of time. Instead, he felt that flashing lights or measures to reduce traffic speed is needed.

County Engineer John O'Flynn said he is aware of the problem which has been ongoing over a number of years and agreed that something needs to be done.

He said the junction will be totally altered as part of the future Youghal bypass project. In the interim however, the Council is looking at options open to them in conjunction with Cork County Council.



Cllr. Willie McDonnell

FUNDING FOR GOLD COAST ROAD

Waterford County Council have applied for funding to resurface the Gold Coast road in Ballinacourty. That's according to County Engineer John O'Flynn who was replying to a question raised at last week's Council meeting by Cllr. Tom Higgins.

Cllr. Higgins said he was delighted at the realignment work at Duckspool and the Barnawee Bridge and asked if the Council would resurface the Gold Coast road following the damage caused by a recent storm.

Mr. O'Flynn said this particular road was submitted for funding under the EU co-financed improvement scheme 2 years ago and will be resubmitted for funding. Work at the Barnawee Bridge junction will be extended along the main coast road to include the bend at Kilminion South graveyard.

CLLR. TOM HIGGINS



COUNCIL MEETINGS TO BE TAPED

A majority vote of councillors have supported a motion put forward by Cllr. John Deasy that the taping of the Council's public meetings by the media be permitted.

This will be first run on a trial basis over a 3 month period and will permit local radio to record directly from Council meetings.

"For the first time people will be able to hear councillors debate directly at the meeting and hear the officials reply", said Cllr. Deasy. "The standing of local politicians in this country is at its lowest point ever and there is a need on a local level to explain to young people our role as councillors".



Cllr. John Deasy

No Plans For ATM In Kilmac'

Following recent representations made by Council members regarding the non-provision of a cash machine in Kilmac-thomas a written reply has been received from the Bank of Ireland.

The bank confirmed that they have no immediate plan to install a machine in the town. An assessment was carried out by their Payments & Electronic Banking Services Department and their findings indicated that the required level of transactions would not be achieved.

"In order to render the installation economically viable, a minimum number of transactions would be required each month", they stated.

"It's highly unlikely, based on our research, that this level of transactions would be achieved when taking into account the size of the local population".

The bank pointed out that a Laser service with full cash back facility is available in the town.

"Bank of Ireland is committed to providing a quality service to the people of West Waterford as our recent installation of the Lismore ATM clearly demonstrates".

They stressed that this decision is by no means final and they will review the situation again in the near future.

Commenting on the reply, Cllr. Nora Flynn said Lismore waited three years for an ATM and the numbers availing of the facility have exceeded Bank of Ireland's initial expectations.



Cllr. Nora Flynn



Cllr. Fiachra O Ceilleachair

REPORT ON FISHING INDUSTRY

Cllr. Fiachra O Ceilleachair moved a notice of motion requesting the County Council to put together a report on the fishing industry in the county and identify how the authority could assist in developing it.

Cllr. O Ceilleachair said there was a very real danger that a fishing port like Helvick Head would diminish over the next few years unless physical landing facilities and fisheries policies in general were improved.

As a coastal county, Cllr. O Ceilleachair felt Waterford could benefit from the potential offered by the marine.

"Although Ireland has over 16% of the EU's fishing waters we are allocated only 5% of the EU catch. Therefore we need all the help we can get to ensure the industry is made viable. A report endorsed by the County Council, highlighting the priorities and outlining the commitments a local authority can give would be enormously helpful", he said.

Cllr. O Ceilleachair added that the new Special Policy Committees of the Council should address fisheries issues as a priority.

PRAISE FOR LIGHTS AT GLENCAIRN CROSS

There was praise for County Council officials at last week's local authority meeting on their decision to erect three public lights at Glencairn Cross in early January.

Cllr. Willie McDonnell praised the inclusion of this area in the public lighting programme and thanked the person who contributed £200 towards the cost.

"The area badly needed lighting over the years", he stated adding that a white line is also needed at the cross while signs also need to be improved.

NO CHANCE OF CARPARK TOILETS

The County Engineer has ruled out any possibility of providing public toilet facilities at two carparks in the Ardmore area.

A notice of motion was moved by Cllr. Tom Cronin at last week's meeting that toilets be erected at the Curragh carpark and the carpark at Whiting Bay. He said a vast amount of holidaymakers visit these areas during the summer and he had received a number of requests for public conveniences.

However John O'Flynn said it would cost between £35,000 and £40,000 to provide each facility.

"The Council has no current plans for public toilets in these areas and no provision in the estimates to maintain them - even if we got a present of them in the morning", he stated.



Cllr. Tom Cronin

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Members of Waterford County Council have extended sympathy to the wife and family of the late John O'Brien, Knocknastooka, Grange.

Proposing the vote of sympathy at last week's meeting of the Council, Chairman Cllr. Paddy Kenneally said the late Mr. O'Brien was a former member of Waterford County Council during the early 80's on which he served for a number of years following his co-option on the death of Charlie Curran.

Cllr. Kenneally said his death, as a result of a farming accident, is a tragic loss.

Tributes were also paid to the late John O'Brien by councillors Ciaran O Riain and Willie McDonnell both of whom had served with him on the Council.

CALL FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

Speaking at last week's meeting, Cllr. Tom Cronin moved a notice of motion that the Council consider purchasing land for local authority housing in Grange, Kilbrien and Coolnasmear areas.

He said people on the housing waiting list in Grange have to move to Ardmore while those in Coolnasmear have to apply in Dungarvan.

County Manager Donal Connolly agreed to look at the situation and said that local authority housing is provided based on the need in particular areas.

"If suitable land is available in any of these areas we will look favourably on it", he stated.

PHONE KIOSKS TARGETED FOR CLOSURE

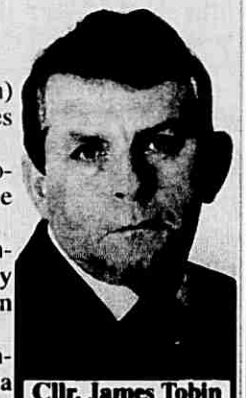
Waterford County Council is to write to Eircom (formerly Telecom Eireann) expressing its concern at the closure of public telephone kiosks in communities in the county.

The matter was raised at last week's meeting by Cllr. James Tobin who proposed that the Council request Eircom not to close any public phone kiosks in the county.

He said that two phone kiosks are due for closure in his own 024 area. On contacting Eircom in Cork, Cllr. Tobin was informed that the company are actually losing money on rent to the County Council and the ESB bill for the kiosks in Knockanore.

Expressing his surprise at this answer, given that he could hardly read the number on the light bulb in the Knockanore kiosk, Cllr. Tobin stressed that there is a social side to this issue.

"Not everyone has a mobile phone or a phone. They are a necessity in any rural area", he stated. Supporting the motion was Cllr. Fiachra O Ceilleachair who said the number of phone kiosks should be increased in areas which need them.



Cllr. James Tobin

Ballymacarbry News

Ceremony To Mark End Of Millennium

In the Nire Valley shortly after 4 p.m. on Friday, December 31st natural light will begin to fade as dusk gives way to darkness. The sun will have gone down on the 20th Century for the last time and the Community will be facing a new dawn in the 21st century and the third Millennium. Things will get under way at Saint Helenas Parish Church in the Nire Valley on the evening with the celebration of Mass. Then the happenings of the Parish for the last two hundred years will be spoken of, a bit of music and craic. The Millennium Candles will provide the light in the Church.

Top Quality Water Supply for South Tipperary

The quality of the Water Supply in the South Tipperary area entered a new era last week, with the opening of the Ardfinnan Regional Water Supply Schemes £3.3 million water treatment plant. The Ardfinnan Scheme serves an area of over 250 square kilometres extending from the Knockmealdowns in the South to Cahir and Fethard in the North and will now supply water compliant with the strictest E.W. quality standards. Speaking at the official opening of the plant at Roches Hill overlooking Goatenbridge. County Council chairman Pat Norris complimented the staff and officials of South Tipperary County Council who were involved in this project. The curator of the new plant is Newcastle man P.J. Cullinane whose mother the former Eilsie Grant hails from The Laurels, Ballymacarbry.

Council Tops for Employing Disabled

South Tipperary County Council has one of the best records among local authorities for employing people with disabilities according to Government figures. People with disabilities make up 3.4% of the Councils total work force of 475.

HUGE ATTENDANCE AT CAROL SINGING

On last Friday evening at the little Parish Church of Saint Helenas in the Nire Valley a wonderful nights entertainment took place. The Children of Ballymacarbry School, over 200 of them, gave a beautiful Carol recital. At the end Rev. Fr. Edmund Tobin P.P. School Manager thanked teachers, pupils and those who made the night what it was, a great success.

LOTTO

Fourmilewater Hurling Club lotto jackpot £200.00. Numbers drawn 12, 13, 20. There was no winners. 5 x £20.00. winners Tom Fraher, Touraneena; Margaret O'Grady, Lyre East, Ballymacarbry; Carolyn O'Keefe, St. Martins Place; Ger Walsh, Knockaunbrandaun; Mary O'Grady 'Lyre Farm', Ballymacarbry. Christmas Draws - Johnny Coffey, Bennetts Church, Eileen Mulcahy, Glasha; Michael Guiry (Snr.), Knockatreeclawn; Billy Grant, Deerpark; Claire Walsh, St. Martins Place. Jackpot this week £300.00. Next draw Monday night, 27th December '99.

Newcastle To Celebrate Their Victories

Newcastle G.A.A. Club are to celebrate their victories in the South and County playing fields. The club are holding a victory social at Cahir House Hotel, Cahir on Saturday night 15th January, 2000.

The presentation of South and County medals will be made on the night by Nicholas English, Manager Tipperary Senior Hurling team. Tickets for this function are now on sale, you are advised to get your ticket on time.

The Annual General Meeting of Newcastle G.A.A. Club will take place at the Sports Complex on Monday night, 31st January 2000.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS TO ALL IRELAND WINNERS

On Saturday night 8th January 2000 at Lawlors Hotel, Dungarvan, the Waterford Junior Football team who won all Ireland honours will be presented with their medals by the President of the G.A.A., Mr. Joe McDonagh and the Chairman of the Munster Council Mr. Sean Kelly. Seven players from the Nire Club were members of that team, Pat and Ger Walsh, Michael Byrne, Connie Power, David Ryan, John Moore and Tom Flynn.

CHURCH CEREMONIES AT THE CHURCHES

St. Laurences Church, Fourmilewater

Vigil Mass - Christmas Eve - 8p.m., Christmas Day - 11a.m.

Saint Helenas Church, Nire Valley

Wednesday, 22nd December, Penitential Service.

Vigil Mass, 7.30p.m., Christmas Day, 10a.m.

THANK YOU

This being the last edition of the 'Dungarvan Leader' of this Millennium, may I wish all our readers at home and across the seas a happy and a holy Christmas and a bright New Year. I thank the editor and his staff for affording me such space for the Ballymacarbry News and also to the many clubs and people who supplied me with notes for this column and last to my kind neighbour who takes these notes to Dungarvan on Monday morning. To all, thank you.

Tom Walsh, Ballymacarbry Correspondent.



Death of Old I.R.A. Veteran

It is with deep and sincere regret we record the death of Mr. Patrick Kenneally, Ballyboy East, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary which sad event occurred on Friday 10th December '99. Deceased in his 98th year was one of the few surviving members of the 3rd Tipperary Brigade, Old I.R.A. He was also a member of a well loved and respected South Tipperary family. He was a man who took part in many actions in his district, he could recall the capture in his district of District Inspector Gilbert N. Potter of the Royal Irish Constabulary at Hylands Cross North of Clogheen on the 22nd April 1921, the I.R.A. Column on that day was under the command of Dinny Lacey. A wonderful kind neighbour, his integrity courtesy and outgoing sincere nature commended him to young and old alike. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and a host of friends who appreciated his company, advice or assistance in any way now truly grieve for the void his passing leaves. Many tributes have been paid to this fine man, but perhaps the finest was paid to him on Saturday evening by the large concourse of mourners who were present when his remains were removed from the mortuary Saint Theresa Hospital, Clogheen to the Parish Church, Duhill where they were blessed and received by Rev. Fr. William Meehan P.P. Ballylooby / Duhill. On Sunday morning the feast of Saint Finian requiem Mass was celebrated for the happy repose of his gentle soul at 1p.m. The celebrant was Rev. Fr. William Meehan P.P. After Mass on a bright and cold December day he was laid to rest in the family plot. Fr. Meehan officiated at the grave side in the presence of another large concourse of mourners who were there to pay their final respects to a Christian friend whose memory they will cherish. To his wife Mary, his sons, daughters and his many relatives we extend our sympathy.

Solas na bhflaitheamh da anam dhilis.

A firing party from the 12th Batt. Kickam Barracks, Clonmel rendered Military Honours and his coffin was draped with the Tricolour.

RECENT DEATHS

LATE MR. JAMES FOLEY

It is with deep and sincere regret we pen the death of Mr. James (Jimmy) Foley, Monadhia, Rathgormack, Carrick-on-Suir which sad event took place on Thursday 9th December '99. Deceased was a member of a well loved and respected County Waterford family. A kind and loving husband and father he was predeceased by his wife by some years. He was a person of outstanding qualities who possessed a wonderful warm personality and made lasting friends with ease. All callers to his home were made feel truly welcome as he was a caring neighbour abounding in Christian Charity who made an immediate and lasting impression by virtue of his courteous and easy going nature which endeared him to all. He was possessed of an old world charm that was refreshing for all. He was a man who was always welcome in what ever company he found himself and the district is the poorer at his passing and his demise has evoked feelings of sincere regret among his family, neighbours and his many friends. That his memory will be cherished was truly indicated on Saturday evening when all walks of life were represented in the large concourse of mourners who were present when his remains were removed from Walshes Funeral Home, Carrick-On-Suir to the Parish Church of the Sacred Heart, Rathgormack where they were blessed and received by Rev. Fr. Michael Curran P.P., Clonea Power, Rathgormack.

On Sunday morning the feast of Saint Finian the 10a.m. Mass was celebrated for the repose of his gentle soul, the celebrant was Rev. Fr. Michael Curran P.P.

After Mass on a cold fresh December day a kind and loving man was laid to rest. Fr. Curran P.P. officiated at the graveside in the presence of another large concourse of mourners paying their final respects to a Christian friend whose memory they will cherish. To his sons, daughters and his many relatives we extend our sympathy. Tá síochain agus suaimhneas bainte amach aige.

Undertakers Walshe's, Carrick-on-Suir.

LATE MR. GEOFFREY BURKE

Profound and sincere feelings of regret were widely expressed at the news of the death of Mr. Geoffrey (Geoff) Burke, Knockballinry, Goatenbridge, Ardfinnan which sad event took place at Saint Theresa's Hospital, Clogheen on Monday 13th December, after an illness of some duration. Deceased was a member of a well loved and respected County Tipperary family. Geoff was an outstanding hurler and was a member of the Fourmilewater Minor Hurling team who contested the County Final on the 11th November 1934 against Mount Sion who were led on the day by John Keane who was to prove after as one of the finest hurlers Waterford ever produced. In goal for Mount Sion on that day was Pat Fanning who after became President of the GAA. The final score was Mount Sion 2-3 Fourmilewater 2-1. Geoff was such an outstanding player that he was spotted by the County Minor selectors but when they spoke about it with one of Fourmilewater selectors told them that he was not interested in County teams, the reason was that he was from County Tipperary and wasn't eligible to play for Waterford. A kind and loving husband and father he was predeceased by his wife Nelly by some years. He was a wonderful neighbour, his integrity, courtesy and out going sincere nature commended him to young and old alike. Any one who wanted to edge a saw, cut

his hair, or take him to a destination, Geoff was the person to help. He was a man possessed of an old world charm and was always welcome in what ever company he found himself. Of late his favourite past time was the game of cards at which game he was a skilled player. A staunch supporter of the Fianna Fail party, at election times he canvassed, did personation, helped with collections, drove voters and any help he could give. Many tributes have been paid to this fine man, but perhaps the finest was paid to him on Tuesday evening by the large concourse of mourners who were present when his remains were removed from his residence to the Parish Church at Ballybacon where they were blessed and received by Rev. Fr. William Callanan P.P., Ardfinnan/Ballybacon/Grange. On Wednesday morning the feast of Saint Mesmin requiem Mass was celebrated for the happy repose of his gentle soul. The celebrant was Rev. Fr. William Callanan P.P., assisted by Rev. Fr. Sean Nugent P.P., Burncourt/Clogheen. After Mass as a North Easterly breeze blew from the snow capped mountains one of the districts best loved was laid to rest in his beloved Ballybacon with his beloved wife Nelly. Fr. Callanan P.P. officiated at the graveside in the presence of yet another large concourse of mourners, testifying to the high esteem in which Geoff and his family are held. Friends and neighbours wept openly as they mourned the demise of a Christian friend whose memory they will cherish. To his family, his sister and his many relatives we extend our sympathy. Faoi bhrat Mhuire na nGaedheal go raibh a anam uasal.

(Undertakers Corbett's, Clogheen).

LATE MR. MICHAEL POWER

With deep and sincere regret we pen the death of Mr. Michael Power, Springmount, Dungarvan which sad event took place on Tuesday 7th December. Deceased was a member of an old and respected Kiely's Cross family. He was husband of the former Peig Whelan, Curtiswood, Ballymacarbry. He was a man of great musical talents. A kind and loving husband, he was truly one of nature's gentlemen of a friendly, good humoured and generous disposition. He was a true Christian who never sought the limelight, but came forward only if he could offer a helping hand. No unkind or harsh words ever passed from his lips and his passing leaves the district the poorer. The measure of the esteem and high regard in which deceased and his family are held was clearly indicated by the representative cortege of mourners who were present on Wednesday evening when his remains were removed from his residence to Saint Mary's Parish Church, Dungarvan where they were blessed and received by Very Rev. Canon Nicholas Mahoney P.P. On Thursday morning the feast of Saint Leocadia (Virgin, Martyr) requiem Mass was celebrated for the happy repose of his gentle soul, the celebrant was Rev. Fr. Campion O.S.A. After Mass the funeral took place to Saint Laurence's Cemetery, Fourmilewater where in the family plot on a bleak December day a kind and loving man was laid to rest. As his remains were laid to rest a lament was played at the graveside. Canon Mahoney P.P. officiated at the graveside and Fr. Campion O.S.A. recited a decade of the rosary in the presence of a large concourse of mourners paying their final respects to a Christian friend whose memory they will cherish. To his wife and his many relatives we extend our sympathy. A chroí ro Naofa dean trácaire air.

(Undertakers, Drohan's, Dungarvan).

Our Christmas Gift From Grecco

On a recent visit to Rome, I was privileged to see the precious relics of the True Crib in the Basilica of Santa Marie Maggiore the relics preserved in the Chapel of the Relics consist of five fragments of the Jesus Cradle enclosed in a silver urn and protected by a steel grill.

Kneeling by the relics I thought of the countless people whose hearts and minds would turn to Bethlehem at Christmas to kneel before the Crib. The beautiful and helpful practise is of Franciscan origin dating back to the year 1223 when St. Francis of Assisi set up the first crib in Grecco in the valley of Reitti in Italy.

St. Francis was in Rome at the time seeking ratification for the Rules of his Order from Pope Honorarius II. He asked the Pope's permission to celebrate Christmas in the unusual manner of which he had long been thinking. The pope gladly gave his permission.

Francis at once wrote to his friend, named Giovanni Vallita who had already given to the Friars a forest-grown hillside at Greccio. "I wish", said Francis, "to celebrate the holy Christmas night along with you. If you agree this is how we will celebrate. You will choose a place in the woods - a cave, if there is one; you will put in it a manger with hay; there must be an ass and ox tethered there; it must look as much as possible like the stable at Bethlehem" Vallita did as requested.

Francis arrived in Grecco just before Christmas. The news of the preparations had spread around the countryside and on Christmas Eve the people of the district crowded into the wood carrying lighted candles which made a truly moving sight. St. Francis then headed a procession of his friars, the town's Mayor and councillors. They gathered around the figures of the Virgin and Child and St. Joseph - and in

the background, chewing contentedly, the ox and ass.

The solemn High Mass was celebrated over the manger by Francis. Then with great emotion, he preached an eloquent sermon. After Mass, the full congregation sang, beautiful Umbrian Carols which were echoed across the mountains. Francis shed tears of joy.

It was the first of many such vivid Christmasses that the Friars staged. A Church was later built on the site of the Crib. The world's first Crib at Greccio.

The devotion of the Crib propagated by Saint Francis, has long become a universal devotion in the devout celebration of Christmas.

— Mai O'Higgins



Happy New Year Wishes

LET THE BELLS RING OUT

Let the bells ring out - large and small, beautiful and ugly - in the palace of the king - the Mosque of the Faithful the home of the humble - they are all welded together at this time of the New Year.

In Ireland before the 10th Century, bells were consecrated and held in great reverence. Cambrensis wrote; "Both in Ireland, Wales and Scotland, both the laity and clergy held portable bells with staved crooks at the top and covered with gold, silver and brass".

Miraculous portable bells were very common. Giraldus speaks of the Campana fugitive of O'Toole, chieftain of Wicklow and Colgan relates, that "whenever St. Patrick portable bell tolled, as a preservation against evil spirits, it was heard from the Giant's Causeway to Cape Clear, and from the Hill of Howth to the western shores of Connemara".

Thomas Grey in his "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" opens with an oft-quoted reference to the bell which sets the time and place of his poem. "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day".

The poet A.E. Housman in his poem. "A Shropshire Lad" reflects on "When the bells juggle in the tower". In his poem. "Bredon Hill" it is easy to imagine the ringing of the bells" - In Summertime on Bredon, the bells they sound so clear".

Back home we think of the "Bells of Shandon, that chime so grand on the River Lee". A world without bells cannot be imagined. So, wherever you hear the New Year Bells on this historic and momentous Millennium New Year, may their chimes echo for you true happiness, good health and joy filled hours.

Happy Happy Millennium Year everybody.

NEW YEAR THOUGHTS

The New Year Bells are ringing
Bringing dreams and hopes anew,
Happiness and wishes
Making all we wish
Come true.
So chime out
Merry New Year Bells,
With the magic
That you bring.
In this mystic hour
passing,
Now
To a new
Millennium.
CEAD MILE FÁILTE
Oh, little King Jesus,
Asleep 'neath a Star
With shepherds
Your courtiers
and kings from afar.
Cead mile failte
The Christmas bells ring.
Cead Mile failte
To Bethlehem's King.
O little King Jesus.
The gifts that we bring
Our young hearts to love you
Our voices to sing.
Cead mile failte
The Christmas bells ring.
Cead mile failte
To Bethlehem's King.

MAI O'HIGGINS

A CHRISTMAS STORY FROM TALLOW

The Christmas Visitor

About six or seven years ago, we had an unusual visitor to our house, here in West Street in Tallow. I remember it well, because it happened on the day before Christmas Eve.

Michael my husband was at work and Timmy our young son and myself were at home getting ready for Christmas. Timmy had just arranged the crib which he had made at school, it looked lovely and the simplicity of it was very touching. All the children in the class had made one, the stand-up cardboard figures were coloured beautifully and one could see the children put a lot of imagination in to the making and colouring of them.

I had just put the finishing touches to the Christmas tree,

the fire was burning brightly and the house felt warm and cosy. We were in a festive mood and we were all looking forward to Mike our eldest son coming home from England later that night for the Christmas Holiday.

Kate and Rosanna O'Keeffe, two little friends from Ronan's Cottage in Cockpit Lane came to see the Christmas preparations, so when all the work was done and well pleased with our efforts we pulled the chairs near the fire and settled in to watch a lovely Christmas story on the telly. Angela, our daughter and her little daughter Leah came to give a hand with the work. We put the large fire-guard in front of the fire, clipped it securely to each side of the wall and went through to the kitchen for a chat leaving the children to watch the story. During the course of conversation, Angela mentioned she had left something in the car and Timmy shouted out from the living room that he would go out and get it for her, the car was parked outside the door so he ran out to get the parcel. I remember I was stirring soup on the stove, the door into the living room was open as we were keeping an eye on the children. I thought I saw a cow coming in the side door to the living room and thought I was imagining things so I blinked my eyes and looked again and there she was, as large as life, the finest cow you ever seen.

We tiptoed into the living room, the children looked as if they had been frozen in time watching the cow nibbling the

Christmas Tree, we put our fingers to our lips and the children seemed to know exactly what to do; they came as quietly as little mice out into the kitchen. We were afraid to later that night for the Christmas Holiday. In case we would frighten the cow and she might mistake the window for the door and get cut with the glass.

Timmy must have left the front and hall door open when he was going out to the car to get the parcel for Angela. John Condon's cows were passing at the time. John and his wife Marie and their family just live a little bit up the street from us. The cow must have spotted the front door open and decided to call in, I am still puzzled as how she managed to come up the step at the front door. Timmy said she was already gone in the hall before he saw her, so he stayed outside in case he might frighten her.

Farmer John came as soon as he realised what was after happening, he turned her towards the door leading to the hall, she stood in the hall, left her calling card on the carpet and with a big Moo out of her out she goes down the steps and on to the foot path and home!

Martin Ryan who was a young lad at the time who also lives in Cockpit Lane saw our unusual visitor coming in and leaving. I would say he thought he was imagining things also, as it's not every day one sees a cow going in someone's front door. John and Marie were very apologetic about what happened but there was no harm done. The

cow seemed quite comfortable for the little while she was here and she was so gentle there wasn't even a decoration disturbed on the Christmas Tree.

Marie came down straight away armed with a bucket, disinfectant and a mop and wanted to clean it all up. We cleaned up between us and everything was grand. I was sniffing around a couple of hours later in case there was a smell of cow dung in the hall. I could see the crib in the living room and I was back nearly fifty years ago in my childhood home and our home-made crib which always got pride of place in our happy, little humble home, on its special little table with the gleaming oil cloth, and the little night light with its red globe lighting for days in front of it. I could hear again my mother's gentle voice telling us the story of Bethlehem and I could hear saying the ground was glittering with frost and the cow and donkey kept the Infant Jesus warm by blowing their breath on him.

Maybe our unusual visitor came to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. The Condon family gave us a lovely Christmas box which was very kind of them. There isn't a Christmas goes by but we think of our visitor. I think she taught us something very special.

Written by Mary-Anne O'Brien.

Mary is a member of "Scribes & Scribblers" - Tallow Enterprise Writer's Club.

St. Declan's Community College Notes Christmas Greetings

St. Declan's Community College would like to wish a warm and wonderful Christmas and a memorable Millennium to all its staff, students, parents and friends.

We thank you all for your generosity and support in 1999, and look forward to continued support in the next Millennium.

£60m Power Plant Project For Dungarvan

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MAGNET FOR OTHER INDUSTRIES

Speaking to the 'Leader' this week, Dr. John O'Shea, Director of Dungarvan Energy Ltd. said the company aims to build a combined cycle power plant for natural gas on the Shandon site. All of the necessary equipment for the plant, he said, is practically there. It is hoped that work will commence on the plant within the next 6 months.

Dr. O'Shea, who is based in England, previously worked as a consultant to Waterford Foods for over twenty years and is fully au-fait with the site having hands-on experience with the combined heat and power plant. Indeed Dr. O'Shea and his teams expertise is one of the most positive aspects of the project.

The company have been in discussion with Waterford County Manager Donal Connolly regarding the project for the past 18 months.

Bord Gais will supply the gas to the power plant and in turn will own the energy output which will be linked up with the ESB sub station on the Military Road near Radley Engineering. The gas supply will be brought into the town from Middleton and via Youghal.

During the construction phase, Dr. O'Shea estimated that upwards of 140 people will be employed and when the power plant is operational twenty people will be employed directly in what he termed as highly paid jobs.

"This is a phoenix job for the

town", said Dr. O'Shea. "It is bound to attract other industries".

The power plant will be seen as an open opportunity for former Waterford Foods staff who worked in the operation and maintenance of the CHP and could result in employment for former creamery employees who over the years successfully operated the plant.

KYNE EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE

Since the closure of Waterford Foods, local Urban councillor Billy Kyne has consistently pushed forward the notion of a viable industrial option for the creamery site. He has strongly supported the project and earlier this year he expressed confidence that this option would kickstart future industrial development that the town and West Waterford require.

Speaking to the 'Leader', Cllr. Kyne said he was greatly encouraged by the public announcement from Dr. O'Shea and his colleagues. He said their direct experience of this plant and the site over the last 25 years must be recognised as a major contribution to this project so far and hopefully its successful conclusion.

"The CHP plant project can also draw natural gas to Dungarvan which would obviously be a major infrastructural development that would not only provide clean energy but would also be a major catalyst in drawing other investors into the town and hinterland".

"The development of the Waterford Foods complex over

the years has been developed with the support of the public and with a good working relationship between the local authority and the company", he stated.

"This CHP project can see a seamless continuation of this proactive working relationship and I am confident that any technical matters that require processing will be done, building on the expertise of the last 25 years".

Cllr. Kyne said he has worked closely behind the scenes and would like to feel he played some part in this important project for the locality.

"I have consistently said that the industrial option is the one to follow and it is now nearer fruition", he stressed. "I must put on record the consistent and effective support of Waterford County Manager Donal Connolly to this project which together with Dr. John O'Shea and his colleagues is a perfect example of partnership in action for the benefit of Dungarvan".

Cllr. Kyne added that he must also repeat the ongoing support of Ms. Katharine Bulbulia Programme Manager to An Tanaiste, who on some critical occasions in the past, made telling interventions in support of the industrial option.

"I'm pleased to have had a role in this ongoing project which has some distance to go yet. But as we end the millennium it must give us hope for the future and redirect our attention to the real benefits of industrial development on the Shandon site that has been designed and purposefully built for that purpose".

Responding to recent criticism, Cllr. Kyne said that as a councillor he was accused publicly by one of his UDC colleagues of being jaded and out of touch.

"I like to think my hands-on input may suggest I still have something to offer even after 20 years on the UDC", he said. "The positive message is that we have reached a significant milestone in this project and let us all - developers, local authority and the public - work together for its development in the shortest possible time".

LOCAL WELCOME FOR PROJECT

News of the power plant project received a warm welcome by members of Dungarvan UDC at their meeting last Monday. Council Chairman Lar Hart said the power plant will be a big boost to the town and, together with the fibre optic cable laid by Casey Cablevision, will make Dungarvan the leader in Munster for attracting in new industry.

Likewise Cllr. Michael O'Riordan said the people involved in the venture are to be congratulated while Cllr. Nuala Ryan said Dungarvan will be the only seaside town in Ireland with such a project.

Six Applications For TV Deflector Licences In County Waterford



The Mid Waterford Community Television Group Ltd., who are currently in the process of getting their Signal Relay equipment ready so that as soon as a Licence is granted they will be ready to transmit. Picture about to head to the peak of the Comeragh Mountains to erect the equipment are Gordon Willins, Dermot Kirwan Technical Advisor and Ger Barron Local Co. Councillor. —(Photo by Kiely Photography).

The Director of Telecommunications Regulation, Etain Doyle has announced that she has received 21 applications for television deflector licences. Six of these applications relate to groups and individuals hoping to provide a television service in various areas of Co. Waterford.

Dublin based Cablephone Communications Ltd. have applied for a transmitter to be located at Clashmore and at Rathfadden while Casey Cablevision of Dungarvan have applied for a transmitter at Barranaleaha. Elsewhere, Mid-Waterford Community TV Ltd. of Kilmacthomas have applied for a transmitter at Coummahon and Coastal Multi Systems Ltd. have applied for transmitters at Passage East and at Harristown.

COMMITTEE ELECTED IN KILMAC' AREA

Mid-Waterford Community Television Ltd. were formed by the community in Kilmacthomas to provide a service for local residents. Arising from a groundswell of public opinion and following a series of public meetings a committee was elected to manage the project of restoring transmission of the BBC and ITV channels to the mid Waterford area.

The company has submitted their application and are hopeful and confident that a licence will be issued. They are in the process of getting the equipment ready so that as soon as a licence is granted they will be ready to transmit.

Mid-Waterford Community TV stress that this is a non-profit making organisation and it naturally follows that the more subscribers they have will in turn lead to a lower charge levied to each and every customer.

DIRECTOR TO MAKE FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT

Under the scheme the Regulator will make short-term li-

centences available where there is broadcasting frequency available. Each application will now be examined with regard to the suitability of the frequencies and associated technical characteristics.

Because of the number of applicants and the frequency channels involved, it will not be possible to grant licences to all applicants. The Director will make a further announcement

as to the likely timing of licence offers after the initial assessment has been completed.

Waterford Fianna Fail TD Brendan Kenneally has called on Ms. Doyle to issue temporary licences immediately that would allow deflector operators in Waterford and the rest of the country to provide cross channel television signals over Christmas and the New Year holidays.

MODELIGO NOTES

MILLENNIUM SOCIAL DEFERRED

The Committee has decided to postpone its Millennium Social to a later date. Many people were unable to decide definitely on their plans for this unique occasion and so in common with many other similar events we have deemed it more prudent to wait till later in the year to mark our celebration.

We sincerely apologise to those who had decided to ring in the New Millennium with us in our Centre and we also apologise for upsetting the plans of our caterers and musicians. We are indeed very grateful for their understanding.

Our sincere sympathy is also extended to Joe Duggan and family, The Welcome Inn, on the sudden death of his mother. May she rest in peace.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Seamus Troy, Graiguemore and Bridget Furlong, Dundrum who were married recently. Every best wishes to you both for the future.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve at 7.30 pm., with Carols beginning at 7.15 pm. Christmas Day at 10.45 am. There is no evening Mass on Saturday. Sunday Mass is as usual 10.45 am. A special Service of Light will take place on Friday 31st December at 4.30 pm to welcome in

the New Millennium at dusk. Bring your candles with you. All are welcome.

MODELIGO GAA NOTES

Modeligo GAA Club will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th December in the Modeligo Community Centre at 8 pm. This is a meeting where everyone can discuss the running of the club for the coming years. All members and intending members are welcome.

UDC Slam Possible Bank Branch Closure

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County Manager Donal Connolly said he will communicate the views of the Council to the Board of Directors of First Active and impress upon them the importance of maintaining the Dungarvan branch.

First Active branch managers around the country have already registered their rejection of the proposed cutbacks. They stated that as major shareholders, they will not accept branch closures as proposed and are being asked to shoulder all the blame for the company's present difficulties.

Tragic Collision Claims Lives Of Ballinamult Couple

Ballinamult and the surrounding West Waterford area was dealt a major blow last Monday night, December 20th following news of the tragic death of a young couple in a fatal traffic accident.

Richard Lonergan (23) and Caroline Cliffe (19), both of Ballinamult, died following a collision with an articulated lorry. The accident occurred at approximately 8.30 p.m. on Monday night, just 2 miles outside Ballymacarby on the Clonmel side. Driving conditions were atrocious at the time with local flooding and high winds.

The couple were travelling in the direction of Clonmel and had just passed Mulcahy's Poultry Farm when the accident occurred.

Gardai, the fire service, medical and spiritual assistance were promptly summoned. Richard Lonergan was pronounced dead at the scene while his girlfriend Caroline Cliffe was transported immediately to Waterford Regional Hospital. She remained in a critical condition until her death at 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Caroline is survived by her parents Pat and Bernie Cliffe, twin sister Pauline and brother Shane. Richard is survived by his parents Jim and Mary Lonergan, brother Eamonn and sister Kay Tobin. To their heartbroken families, relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy on their sad loss.

Abbeyside Shore Angling Club Notes

MASTER ANGLER POINTS FOR 3 COMPETITIONS

Senior; Tony Crowe 57 pts. Brian Mansfield 57 pts. Pat Earley 50 pts. Richie Walsh 47 pts. David Leahy 44 pts. Paul Veale 40 pts. Juvenile; Mark Earley 67 pts. Adam Crowe 64 pts. Shane Walsh 40 pts. Jack Leahy 30 pts. Anchor Bar Results. Senior; 1st Brian Mansfield. 2nd Tony Crowe. 3rd Pat Earley. 4th Richie Walsh. 5th Paul Veale. 6th David Leahy. Juvenile; 1st Adam Crowe. 2nd Mark Earley. 3rd Jack Leahy.

Next competition March 12th.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the wife, family and relatives of the late Ritchie Quarry.

Notaí an tSean Phobail

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy to the relatives of Dr. Michael Harty, late of Ballinamona who died in the USA recently.

Ar dheis De go raibh sé.

NEW RAILING

Following representatives made by Seamus O Domhnaill, Waterford Co. Council erected a railing outside of the new houses at Cnocan Rua. This has enhanced the appearance of the area as well as making the area safer for the children of the estate.

C.L.C.G. AN TSEAN PHOBAIL

The reconvened AGM was held on Monday night 13th December with a very fine crowd in attendance, including a sizeable number of players. It proved to be a very lively meeting with much constructive debate which augurs well for the future of the club. All the outgoing officers retired and the following were the main officers elected; Cath; Alan O Laocha. Rúnaí Maidhc De Paor. Cisteoir; Seamus Floinn. A sizeable committee was elected as well, with a good representation of players. The ladies of the Sean Phobail were a little thin on the ground at the meeting, but there is always room for a co-option to the committee.

Ma oibríonn gach duine le chéile - imritheoirí, oifigigh agus Coiste beidh rath ar an gclub. Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.

The meeting passed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of Dr. Michael Harty and the wife and family of Richie Quarry. Go ndéana Dia Trócaire orthu.

S.N. BAILE MHC AIRT

Bhí Aifreann agus Dráma na Nollag againn sa séipéal ar an Aoine. Ina dhiaidh sin bhí páirtí na Nollag againn in Halla Colmán mar aoin le tae/caife dos na tuismitheoirí. Míle buíochas as ucht an bailiúchán don WLR fm Lions Club Hamper Appeal. Buíochas chomh maith do John Paul's as ucht urraíocht don páirtí.

Ag deireadh an lae tugadh bronntanas beag do Mrs. Betty Gillen a bhí ag múineadh sa scoil an téarma seo. Dúnfar an scoil dos na laethanta saoire ar an gCéadaoin seo agus osclófar arís ar 11.1.00.

The school Mass and Christmas Play took place on Friday in Séipéal an tSean Phobail. Afterwards the children enjoyed the Christmas Party in Halla Colmán. The parents were treated to tea/coffee and a collection was taken for the WLR fm Lions Club Hamper Appeal and it was very generously supported. Before the conclusion of the day's activities a small presentation was made to Mrs. Betty Gillen N.T., who has been teaching in the school all of this term, by the Board of Management.

Many thanks to John Paul's for their generous sponsorship of Páirtí na Nollag.

COMHGHAIRDEAS

Congratulations to John Keating and Yvonne Power, Dungarvan on their recent engagement. Fad saol chugaibh.

AN NOLLAIG AGUS AN ATH-BHLIAIN

A peaceful and Holy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all. Many thanks to the Editor and staff of this newspaper. Nollaig shona agus ath-bhliaín fé mhaise dhíobh léir.

C.L.G. Na Rinne

Tá bliain nua romhainn, tá céad nua romhainn, go deimhin, tá mílaois nua romhainn, agus tá coiste úrnua againn sa Rinn! Ag ár gcruinniú bliantúil le déanaí, toghadh na h-oifigigh seo a leanas:

Uachtarán: Tomás Ó Cadhla, Cathaoirleach: Irial Mac Murchú; Rúnaí: Tomás Mac Craith; Cisteoir: Pádraig Ó hArtaigh; Cláraitheoir: Séamas De Faoite; Oifigeach Árachais: Nioclás Óg Mac Craith; Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí: Mac Dara Mac Donncha; Baill eile an Choiste: Éanna De Faoite, Tomás Ó Curraoin, Seán Ó Cuirrín, Éamonn Ó Crotaigh, Micheál Ó Droma, Dónal Ó Murchadha.

Torthaí Lotto 13/12/99 — Pota Óir: £400 — Ní raibh aon bhuaiteoir.

£10 an duine: Eddie Cashin, Tom Hyland, Dolores Uí Cheallaigh, John Whelan Crannchur breise na Nollag; £200: Caitlín Bn De Faoite; £100: Agnes Uí Cheallaigh; £50: Maurice Fahy agus Mary Rose Uí Dhroma; £20: Éilís Ní Artaigh, Seán Mac An Óige, Máire Mhic Craith, Don Hayes, Lúcas Ó Briain, Roger Casey.

Fistéip Peile: Karen Mhic Craith, Con O'Callaghan. Buidéil Dí: Siobhán Bn De Faoite (2!), John Whelan, Michael Dower, Íde Mhic Eochagáin.

£10: Niamh Blackmore, Charlie Brown, Éilís Ní Dhonnchadha, Tom Hyland, Áine Uí Cheallaigh.

CUMANN CABHRACH NA RINNE!

Bhí athas ar Chumann Lúthchleas Gael na Rinne síntiús airgid a thabhairt le déanaí do Mhná Tuaithe na Rinne dá gcuairt ar na seanóirí in Ospidéal Naomh Seosamh, agus ar Thigh an Cheoil dá gcóisir do sheanóirí na Rinne. Cuireadh Páirc Uí Shuíocháin ar fáil chomh maith do chluiche ceannais fé 17 iománaíochta idir Chluain

FHIADHA AGUS NAOMH DE SATHAIRN SEO CAITE

Tá sé tábhachtach go ndíolfadh gach duine a mballraíocht chomh luath agus is féidir, go h-áirithe ar n-imreoirí, roimh dheireadh Mhí Eanáir más féidir. Tá Séamas

De Faoite ag fanacht go foighneach!



Group pictured at the 4th and final draw of the Red House League 3rd Co.op draw which was held in the Corner House, Tallow, and hosted by Brideview Utd FC.



Fundraiser for the Irwins Schoolboys League. Pictured at the ticket draw for the Christmas Hamper were l to r; Liam Ahearne, Chairman, Bride view Schoolboys, Bridie Martin, Corner House, Tallow and Milo Corcoran, Vice President, FAI. (Photos by Sean Byrne)

Cunnigar Pitch And Putt Club Notes

TURKEY TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, December 19th our last turkey tournament got underway in fine conditions, a big turnout of players was the order of the day. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our players for their wonderful support over the last few weeks.

RESULTS AND SCORES

In the Nett, the partnership of Anthony Ladders and Philip Regan won this with a nett score of 182. Both Anthony and Philip played great stuff to win in fine style. Well done lads.

In the Gross, the partnership of Barry Hamilton and Colin Houlihan won this with a gross score of 209. Both Barry and Colin played outstanding pitch and putt to win this. Well done lads.

HOLE IN ONE SHOOT OUT

Last Sunday our Hole-in-One Shoot Out got underway after our turkey tournament. This competition has been going on over the last few weeks for anyone who had a hole-in-one during our turkey tournament. So to the final, it was the man of the moment, Philip Regan with a wonderful strike of the ball off the first tee to land just a few feet from the hole, to claim his prize, well done Philip. In second place was young David Buckley, David hit a

wonderful ball, it landed just beyond Phillips ball, so second place for David, well done.

LOTTO NEWS

There was one lucky winner of our £2,200 jackpot, the lucky winner is Shane Duggan, congratulations. The numbers drawn were 9, 15, 24, 30.

Turkey winners were Evelyn Batte and Patricia Doherty. Ham winners were Michael Morrissey and Frankie Wright. So this weeks jackpot will be £200.

FIXTURE

There will be a game on St. Stephens morning, tee off 10.00 to 10.45. Players do not need to have their names in the clubhouse, just turn up on the morning. The game is single stroke play. We would like to wish all our players and members, our sponsors and to all who supported us throughout the year, a very happy Christmas and New Year.

—Shout Fore—

BALLINROAD NOTES

Hatricks For Kiely & Gorman As Ballinroad Go Top

HIBS 2 - BALLINROAD 7

Ballinroad U11's travelled to Waterford on Saturday last to play Hibs on a very wet morning. We got off to a great start after 3 minutes when Craig O'Connor scored from close in after a good cross from Conor Foley. 4 minutes later John Gorman finished well after good work by William Raheer. Hibs got a goal back on 15 minutes from their centre forward, but after this John Walsh kept him very quiet for the rest of the game. Willie John Kiely got two goals in 3 minutes to put us 4-1 up at half time.

Ballinroad got their fifth goal 5 minutes into the second half with a superb goal from Willie John Kiely whose shot flew into the net from 25 yards out, to complete his hatrick. Willie John has now scored 16 goals in seven games. Hibs got a goal back, but two more goals from John Gorman who also got a hatrick gave us a good 7-2 win. This was a very good display by all the team. We have played all the other teams once and have won all our games. We have 21 points from 7 games and also have 38 goals for our 7 against. These young lads have given a great commitment from the start of the season and it is paying off now. After the match the players went to McDonalds for a well deserved meal. We were missing two players who were sick for this match. Michael Geary and Jonathan O'Sullivan and they have been a big part of our team playing so well. Our next league game is on Saturday, the 8th January away to Seaview Celtic. Bus leaves the hall at 9 o'clock sharp.

Ballinroad team - Kevin Delahunty, Donal Henley, Jamie Ryan, John Walsh Eoin Brackett, David Pender, John Gorman, Willie John Kiely (Capt.), William Raheer, Conor Foley and Craig O'Connor. Subs all used Alan Sheil, Ciaran Foley, James Phelan and Colin Ryan.

P.S. Happy Christmas to all our players, supporters and parents of players and have a great Millennium.

Dungarvan United AFC 1989 FAI Youth Cup Winners Reunion



It is ten years now since Dungarvan United Youth team made history in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal when they defeated Milford 3-1 to win the FAI Youth Cup for the first time. To mark the occasion the club will hold a reunion for all the panel at the Clubhouse, Kilrush Park, Dungarvan, on Monday, 27th December where mementos of the occasion will be presented. It should be a wonderful occasion and I'm sure we will re-live that never to be forgotten day at Leckview Park, Letterkenny, when John Walsh and Kealan O'Neill's team lifted the blue riband All-Ireland youth cup. Music will be supplied by Batty and Colette with disco to follow. All are welcome to join us on this occasion. Incidentally, the only other Waterford clubs to lift this trophy were Evergreen in 1938-'39 and Bohemians in 1946-'47.

Dungarvan United AFC Youths team who won the FAI Youth Cup in 1989. They won five trophies in all that season: FAI Youth Cup, Waterford Youth League, Waterford Youth Cup, FAI Youths Area and Munster Area Youth Cup. Back row left to right: John Walsh, (Joint Manager), Brian Whelan, Bryan Kirwan, Barry McGrath, Liam Barron, John Walsh, Darren Wyse, Ray Flynn. Front row: Thomas Kenneally, David Walsh, Colum Flynn, John Shanahan (Captain), Kieran Hallahan, Ger Leahy, Kealan O'Neill (Joint Manager).

Dungarvan United AFC News

LATE MARY DUGGAN

We were all numbed and shocked last Thursday evening at the sudden demise of Mrs. Mary Duggan, Congress Villas. Mary was attending our annual Old Folks Christmas Party at our clubhouse Kilrush Park when she suddenly became ill. She was enjoying the evening's entertainment which the club provide every year for the senior citizens of the town. Indeed she was very proud of the fact that she had won a prize in the waltzing competition earlier in the evening. The club extends our heartfelt sympathy to her sons Thomas and Joe, daughters Marie and Martina, sisters Philomena and Kitty, relatives and friends.

Her sons have given years of dedicated service to the club at management and player level. Thomas is currently premier team manager and a committee member while Joe was also a distinguished player.

As a mark of respect all playing activity was cancelled last weekend and a guard of honour was provided

at her funeral on Saturday evening. Our prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends at this time. May the Lord have mercy on her soul.

Also our deepest sympathy is extended to the Behan family, Kilclooney, Kilmacthomas on the death of William (Billy) which occurred recently. He was grandfather of our premier player Micheál Downey.

SEAVIEW CELTIC DRAW
The fourth and final Seaview Celtic draw took place at the Gold Coast Hotel on Saturday last hosted by the Ballinroad Club.

FIXTURES

Junior: Tuesday, 28th December, Youth B League, Rathgormack v Dungarvan 11.00 a.m.

Schoolboy: Monday, 3rd January, TSB U-14 League 11.45 a.m. Kilmacow v Dungarvan.

SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRESSIVE 45

Why not join us every Saturday night for an enjoy-

able game of cards in the comfortable surroundings of our clubhouse for excellent prizemoney. Cards commence 8.30 p.m.

PONGO

Our Pongo sessions each Tuesday evening are proving to be most successful with Breda, Jacinta and Marie. Come along and join in. Eyes down 8.15 p.m.

YANKEE DOODLE

We had no winner of the jackpot of £400 on Sunday night last. The numbers were 53 and 73 and they were drawn by Eoin McDermott in Bridie Dee's Bar, Mary St. The two vouchers for turkey or ham were won by Jacinta Sheil, Ballinroad and Hilda & Tommy c/o Bridie Dee's. Jackpot on Sunday, 9th January is £460.

All patrons please note that we will not have any draws on Sunday, 26th December or Sunday, 2nd January 2000. The next draw will be on Sunday, 9th January 2000. We will hold a

free millennium draw of four £25 on Sunday, 2nd January for all our regulars. Thanks for your continued support for this the longest running lotto draw in the locality. All funds raised goes towards running our schoolboy teams. You only need 2 numbers to win this Jackpot. Five numbers for £1.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

As these are the last notes of the year and indeed the century let me take this opportunity to thank all who helped us compile this column over the past year, especially the managers of the various teams who supplied us with reports etc. Special thanks to the Editor and Staff of this paper for affording us valuable space each week for our soccer notes.

We wish all our players, members, sponsors and friends a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and look forward to your continued support in the new Millennium. As always we would ask you to support our sponsors where possible.

STRADBALLY A.F.C. NOTES

CHRISTMAS SWIM

This year's swim takes place at the Cove, Stradbally at 12.00 noon. The recipients of this year's swim is the Irish Wheelchair Association. All funds raised will be utilised locally. Cards are available from both shops and pubs in Stradbally village.

STEPHEN'S DAY MATCH

This match takes place at 1.30 pm sharp. Try and make it on time as we seem to be starting later and later every year.

SEAVIEW DRAW

We had two winners last Saturday night at the draw at the Gold Coast Hotel. Deirdre Fitzgerald won a £100 sports voucher while May Buck won £100. Congratulations to both. May we take this opportunity to thank all who supported this draw as it is our main fundraising event of the year. We are very grateful to all the sellers but a big thank you is due to Peggy Carey who once again sold a large amount of tickets for us.

UNDER 11 BALL BOYS

We will be leaving Stradbally Village at 1.45 pm on Monday 27th December for the Waterford Utd v St. Pat's match. All under 11 players will be notified in meantime.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all our members, supporters and readers.

MINNIES SQUASH CLUB NOTES

KARL BAUMANN CRASH REPAIRS

What a fantastic end to 1999 following on from the new sponsorship received from Michael Carroll Motors for our last team tournament. We now have more super news for to begin the new millennium and kick-off the second half of the season. We have been joined by another sponsor Karl Baumann Crash Repairs from the Kilrush Industrial Park. We would like to thank Karl and welcome him aboard, Karl son of Sev Baumann of Baumann Jewellers, Mary Street who sponsored club tournaments in the club for many many years while his uncle Des and Aunt Tish played at Minnies and have always been great supporters of the club - so it's fantastic that the Baumann name is once again linked with the club.



Allrounder Ladder Section Two

The second section of the Allrounder Ladder is due for completion this Wednesday night at 8p.m. and while Santa may be coming two nights latter those who have not completed their matches need not expect any Christmas favours via an extension. Those who played their games can have the advantage of accumulating their points. Division two have been particularly busy, Ray Moore having lost 1-3 to Maurice Walsh responded with victories over John Reynolds 3-1, Pat Cullen 3-0 and Dick Brady 3-2. John Reynolds beat Maurice 3-2 and Pat Cullen 3-0. In division three Kevin Tutty after going down 0-3 to his uncle Vincent stormed back with super victories 3-0 V. Paul Veale and 3-1 Emmett Byrne to press for a recall to the Munster League panel. Some other scores Michael Tutty 3, Dave Twohy 2. Ray Haehy had been in sparkling form with victories over Brona O'Neill 3-2, Dermot O'Neill 3-1 and Pat Breen 3-1. Trevor Walsh scored a mighty 3-0 win over Pat Breen before going down 2-1 to Brona. Joanne O'Neill has made a winning start to her ladder debut with victories over John Murray 3-1 and Josephine Harty 3-0, Josephine beat John Murray 3-1 while Michael Whelan beat Jimmy Beresford 3-2. Bonnie Mills beat Seamus Lambert 3-0 and Paul Power beat Peggy Whelan 3-0.

Round three of the Ladder is posted and the next set of four games are to be played by Wednesday night 19th January at 8p.m.

Seasons Greetings

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone associated with the club, the members, their families, the sponsors, the O'Brien family and anyone who is connected to the Squash Club, a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and enjoyable Millennium night and here's hoping for another wonderful year of Squash. Until the next time goodbye for now, enjoy the festivities.

EMMETTS WIN SEALS VICTORY

On Thursday night last Vincent Tutty's team in the Munster division four league had their first home fixture of the league when they hosted Mallow. After last weeks away defeat at St. Finbarrs it was vital victory was secured so as not to fall too far behind so early in the league. There was one major team change with Maurice Walsh coming in to play at one (Maurice only being allowed to play after lengthy negotiating by Captain Vinnie with the division three and division four secretaries). Stepping down was last weeks number four Kevin Tutty, but no doubt it will not be long before Kevin puts pressure on the boys to regain his place.

First on was Pat Cullen at five, he faced a much tougher task than last week in the form of Tim O'Callaghan - Pat though continued with his pressure game which again worked the oracle against his long reaching opponent. In set one Pat led 6-1 and 8-4 before taking it 9-5. In the second Pat raced ahead 6-1. Tim did well to pull back to 4-6 before Pat eased ahead taking it 9-4. In the third Tim appeared to be getting the upper hand and he went 7-4 up after being 1-3 down but Pat stayed calm, rallied his way back to take it 9-7 to give the team a great start. At four this week was Captain Vincent Tutty, he faced John O'Driscoll - a tricky opponent very experienced with some good touches - Vincent settled quickly taking the opener 9-4. In the second Vinnie was cruising as he opened an 8-2 lead, incredibly his opponent chipped away to level at 8-8 but as was the case last week Vinnie nicked it 10-8. After a stiff talking to from brother Michael - Vinnie put the boot down to take it 9-4. Third on was number one Maurice Walsh, he faced Gerry Sheehan a very fit player who got around the court at ease rarely wasting a ball. This was a ding dong battle that could have gone either way with three sets out of four going to ten. Sadly and unusually for Maurice he won none of them. Gerry won the opener 10-8, Maurice buried him 9-1 in the second. Gerry pinched the third 10-9. In set four with Maurice leading 8-4 it looked all set for a fifth but Sheehan responded well to come back and take it 10-8.

At three Paul Veale faced John Roche, a player with an unusual style but yet very effective. Paul got the dream start convincingly winning the opening two sets 9-4, 9-3 but Roche, a very experienced player, fought back well winning the next two 9-6, 9-4 before completing a remarkable comeback winning a close fifth 9-6. So two matches all with the twos to come Emmett Byrne against Barry Lewnihan. In the opener Emmett led 5-3 and 6-5 before trailing 7-6. He did well though to come back and take it 9-7. Playing majestic squash Emmett comfortably won the second 9-3. In the third Lenihan hit him with everything he had to lead 3-2, 6-4 and 7-6 before a clearly pumped up Emmett won a major victory taking it 9-7.

So a 3-2 victory secured against a team that defeated Kilbrin last week but more importantly 15 points secured to Mallow 6 points. The lads have a break for Christmas returning to action on Thursday January 6th with the long away trip to Kilbrin. Well done to Caroline on the tasty sandwiches and well done to these who supported the team on the night.

FREYNE FINISHES SIXTH

Last Wednesday, December 17 - 19 the Irish national Championships were held in Dublin. Our own Paul Freyne was in action and what a weekend he had. He began with a ranking of 9th. On Friday night Paul came out tops in a marathon five setter lasting nearly 100 minutes against Darragh O'Flynn. On Saturday Paul played his best going down to the eventual winner (fixtures winner) Dermott Ryan. The withdrawal of Patrick Foster saw Paul earn a play off for 5/6th on Sunday where he faced Welsh based Brian O'Hara. Paul recovered from two sets down to level and was unfortunate to lose out in the fifth.

Nonetheless a fantastic weekend for Paul - just reward for his homework and dedication especially of late - coming home from a 12 hour shift in Cork at around 9.30p.m. and heading straight for the court or when on the opposite shift punishing himself with hours of court and shift work. Well done Paul, we are all proud of you.

OTHER NEWS

As I mentioned the first tournament of 2000 is the team event sponsored by Karl Baumann. The closing date for entries is Wednesday night 12th January at 8p.m. with the action beginning Tuesday 18th, so get your name in and lets get squashing for the Millennium.

Anyone looking for a quick squash fix after Christmas - a Blitz Tournament will be held in De La Salle on Tuesday 28th, check notice board for more information.

The boys back from the British Open are still coming out with their stories - Maurice returned with several posters which will brighten up the painted walls. He also had a very special tee-shirt signed by many of the worlds top players including the top five men. Jonathan Power is definitely the top man, a level above the rest according to the lads.

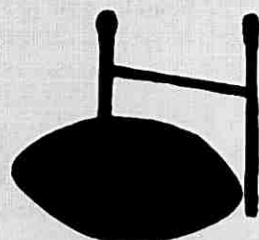
John Reynolds was busy last week and court three and four looks all the better for his work replacing the 'tin' on both courts are colourful Ross Technical Services - getting under floor heating, advertising boards. R.T.S. have once again come up trumps for sponsorship for the Millennium Minnies Open.

The cry is unanimous as what the members want for Christmas or what they want to buy Pat for Christmas. No not an alarm clock to improve his timekeeping but the switch or the new elements to get the sauna firing again.



Michelle McCarthy, Dungarvan, pictured above with the trophy and medals which she won at the Ferrybank Cross Country and The Munster Championships recently.

Dungarvan Rugby Club Notes



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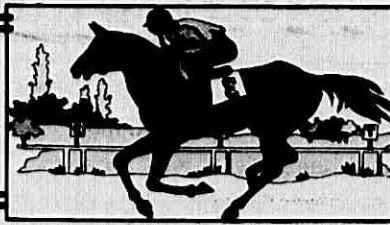
Dungarvan were taught a lesson last Sunday week when a well drilled Killarney team took apart our back line. The Blues played to their full potential however, but lacked the power of the Killarney side. The first half saw Killarney play with the gale force winds in their favour but Dungarvan did their best and tackled like tigers. Conor Considine was a giant in the line-outs with Killarney winning none of their throws as Conor got a hand to all of them. In the scrum Dungarvan held their own with the front line of Ray Harty, David Beresford, Spudie, Paddy Walsh and Conor Considine. At half time the score was 6-20 to Killarney, we had lost Eoin Phelan twenty minutes into the game with a back injury and he was replaced by Paul McGrath.

We had hoped to have the wind in our favour for the second half, but just as we came back on the wind died down and the sun came out! Killarney's backs broke loose and scored three tries in a row, and as our team tired, Killarney took control of the game. This win for Killarney results in their promotion to the Junior One League for the first time, so congratulations to them for a well played game. Dungarvan must now regroup the new members are needed, as well as encouragement for old members to come back to the game. The Dungarvan team consisted of Ray Harty, David Beresford, Paul Spudie, Mulaney, Paddy Walsh, Conor Considine, Sean Walsh, Alistair O'Keefe, Seamus O'Brien, Tom Harty, Trevor Byrne, Eoin Cunningham, Seamus Cunningham, William Hurley, R. Molloy, Eoin Phelan and Paul McGrath.

Anyone interested in playing, please contact Eoin Phelan 68563711.

Horse Racing

BY MARK PHILLIPS



HOLIDAY RACING

There is no shortage of exciting fare over the holiday period. Leopardstown holds centre stage on this side of the Irish Sea where the Michael O'Brien trained Senenjar could well prove the bet of the festival.

The big chase over in Kempton on St. Stephens day is a wide open affair but one horse that will do well to reach the frame is Dorans Pride should he take his chance in this prestigious event.

We have of course the Tramore fixture to look forward to on New Years day. Hopefully the weather will be on its best behaviour for this the first meeting of the new Millennium. While at this stage I have no idea of the entries, should local trainer Henry de Bromhead saddle Reggae Rythom, this Chris de Burgh owned runner should perform with distinction.

THURLES UPDATE

Only five races took place at Thurles last Sunday where the two chase events were cancelled as the frost had not come out of the ground. The Thurles executive are to be complimented as they reduced the entrance fee from £7 to £5. I bet Co. Cork trainer Jimmy Mangan was a happy man driving home on Sunday after he sent out a well backed Ajar to capture the two mile hurdle for the Tom Tubb Syndicate.

Jimmy was going through a lean period of late but with this win behind him hopefully plenty of more winners will flow from the man who trains on the Waterford - Cork border.

In last weeks column we advised readers to watch out for County Captain who caught the eye at Clonmel finishing strongly. Well up popped the 'captain' over two miles and six furlongs at Thurles and starting at odds of 2/1, he duly sailed to a clear cut victory.

On a good day for punters W. Powers Megamar (Torus - Promoter Fidel) came to the aid of the layers capturing the bumper at odds of 20/1. The Stradbally trained gelding got the better of Top Buck by the minimum distance and was then forced to survive a stewards enquiry.

TIM UNCHANGED

After sustaining head injuries in a car crash jockey, Tim Sprake has still not regained consciousness at North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke. His condition is described as 'stable'.

KIERAN SEEKS COMPO

While we are a number of months away from the flat season, proper off the track events are certainly hotting up judging by the writ issued by jockey Kieran Fallon, against his former boss Henry Cecil. The writ is as a result of Cecil sacking his stable jockey last Summer and it is believed Fallon is seeking compensation for his dismissal.

The split was prompted by personal differences that made national headlines in Ireland and England. The jockey however, maintained that he had no idea why he was sacked and it appears as if he is prepared to take the matter all the way.

The ironic fact in all this however, is that the Cecil, Fallon combination enjoyed plenty of success. The Irish born jockey went on to retain his jockeys title with another two hundred winners, had captured three classics in 1999 for the Warren Place yard when trainer Cecil shocked the racing world with his announcement.

RUBY'S RACE AGAINST TIME

Out of action through injury jockey Ruby Walsh is hopeful of resuming action on Florida Pearl at Leopardstown on December 28th.

INDO SPONSOR "ARKLE"

Big news on the sponsorship front this week is that the Irish Independent is for the next three years to sponsor the Arkle Challenge Trophy at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival.

To be known as the Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy, this race is the Novice Championship event for steeplechasers, over a two mile distance and next years event carries a total prize of £115,000. Recent impressive Sandown winner Decoupage is already a warm order in the betting for the inaugural running of the Arkle Challenge Trophy in mid March.

CHARLIES POSER

Minister of Finance Charles McCreery T.D. certainly put the cat amongst the pigeons at the recent Moyglare bash. He urged the Irish Horse Racing Authority and the Turf Club to undertake a radical reassessment of their roles. Mr. McCreery promised more money for Irish racing and to put the future finances of the industry on a legislative footing, if the IHA and turf club integrated further and relocated to one venue, namely the Curragh.

BOBBYJO WAITS

The heavy going of late is preventing County Meath trainer Tommy Carberry from getting a run into Aintree Grand National winner Bobbyjo. His trainer indicated that his stable star would probably have his next outing over hurdles providing the ground improves. 'Bobbyjo' is ticking over nicely at home and we will have a look in a month or so at a couple of hurdle races to start

him back. He requires good ground so there is no point in asking him to jump a fence again before we get it "Carberry" said.

RICHARD CALLS IT A DAY

One of national hunts greatest jockeys Richard Dunwoody has lost his battle with a long term injury and the popular Ulster man has announced his retirement from race riding. Three times champion jockey Dunwoody (36) rode 1,699 winners in Britain. He made a statement to the effect that "It is with deep regret that due to medical advice I am to retire from race riding". A neck injury has led to loss of strength in my right arm. This first became apparent in a fall in May 1998 and although it recovered it was again weakened in a fall at Edinburgh in January this year. This was compounded by further falls during the Summer the last being at Perth in August.

Richard is very fortunate in that his business Dunwoody Sports Marketing is keeping him very busy.

Besides his tally of winners in the U.K. Richard also partnered 172 winners in Ireland and 10 in other countries during his 16 years riding. We wish him well in his retirement.

FAIRYHOUSE BOOST

Fairyhouse racecourse received an early Christmas present from Irish distillers this week to the tune of over £5 million. Irish distillers confirmed their sponsorship of the Irish Grand National until the year 2012 and they have also made a substantial financial contribution to the £10 million redevelopment programme at the County Meath venue. The Grand National will be renamed the Powers Gold Label Irish Grand National while the new three-tier stand is now called the Powers Gold Label stand.

In total Irish Distillers are to sponsor five races at Fairyhouse over Easter including the Powers Gold Cup with which it has been associated with for the past forty years.

DAYLAMI TOPS

The Godolphin owned grey Daylami was last week voted horse of the year by the racehorse owners association. The five year old enjoyed a profitable 1999 capturing the Vodafone Coronation Cup, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes the Esat Digiphone Champion Stakes and the Breeders Cup Turf.

It came as no surprise to see champion hurdle winner Istabraq capture the equivalent jumping title.

Co. Limerick owner J. P. McManus was voted the owner of the year.

CENTURY AWARD FOR NIJINSKY

Triple crown hero was recently named Racehorse of the Century by a panel of racing experts headed by former racing broadcaster Sir Peter O'Sullivan. Trained by Vincent O'Brien and ridden by Lester Piggot Nijinsky enjoyed a great year in 1970, capturing the 2000 Guineas Derby and the St. Leger at Doncaster. Nijinsky beat some top class horses for this prestigious title. They included such names as Brigadier Gerard, Mill Reef, Dancing Brave, Pretty Polly and Shergar.

LAFFIT'S RECORD

Panamanian born jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. wrote himself into the history books last week when he broke Willie Shoemakers all time record of 8,834 winners.

HOT SEAT FOR RICHARD

Richard Phillips who is more famous for doing excellent impressions of racing personalities than for training racehorses is the surprise choice to fill the trainers role at Jackdaws Castle when current in form National Hunt trainer Alan King vacates the Midlands training establishment at the end of the season.

POINT TO POINT CHAMPIONSHIP

The fourth running of the Powers Gold Label Point to Point Championship has a new format next year with a possible nice bonus awaiting a lucky owner. If the winner of the championship is lucky enough to go on to capture the Grand National proper in either of the following years, his or her owner will net a bonus of £250,000.

The first of the seven qualifiers leading to the £75,000 Powers Gold Label Hurdle Final will be run at Cork followed by seven more qualifiers which include Tramore and Wexford.

POWERS GOLD LABEL HURDLE SERIES

A new Powers Gold Label Hurdle series comprising eight qualifying races nationally increasing to ten next season, will culminate in a £75,000 contest on Easter Tuesday, April 25th next.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first running of the Irish Grand National took place in 1870.

NAVAN UPSETS

Those punters seeking their Christmas expenses were in for a rude awakening at Navan races last Saturday where all seven favourites bit the dust at the County Meath venue. Dungarvan trainer John Queally had little to complain about however, as he sent out the 9/2 joint favourite Truckinabout (Sheer Grit - Merry Love) to capture the featured £10,000 Santa Claus Handicap Chase. Truckinabout showed improved form from his latest outing at Clonmel where he failed to make an impression with a big

weight on his back. he had only ten stone, twelve pounds to carry on Saturday and under a patient ride from Garret Cotter he quickened away in the closing stages to beat one of our own by four lengths.

NO EXTRA FIXTURE

The fixtures committee have knocked the idea of an extra fixture at Thurles on December 28th. This decision has not gone down well with the owners and trainers. They supported the application by Thurles track on the basis of so many horses balloted out of races over the past month or so. Thurles will now apply for a fixture on January 20th, but such a fixture should it be granted would be far less attractive than a Christmas date.

POINT TO POINT NOTES

The Point to Point season is just round the corner with the first meeting in this part of the country scheduled for Lisgoold on Sunday, January 2nd with the first event underway at 12.30.

Mary Hickey of Ballinamult is again taking entries in the Cork - Waterford region for the coming season.

TURF CLUBS RULES

Sean Barry and Michael O'Donoghue from the Turf Club met recently with a delegation of Point to Point riders who compete on the Southern Circuit. From the start of the new year, jockey's found guilty of abuse or misuse of the whip will be fined £25 for their first offence, £50 for a second breach and £100 on the next occasion.

Similar fines will apply to those riders who fail to weigh in and those horses will of course be disqualified as usual. Any rider found guilty of a very serious offence may be sent on to the appeals and referrals committee.

IMPERIAL CALL OUT INJURED

Imperial Call has met with yet another setback and will miss his intended engagements over the festive period. Trainer Ray Hurley is now aiming the ten year old for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown on February 6th.

JACKPOTS

The Clonmel fixture for Monday the 27th of December has a jackpot carry over of £2,081 while a pool of £10,000 is guaranteed at the new years day fixture at Tramore.

ADRIAN'S RETURN

Three pound claimer Adrian O'Shea is set to return to the saddle over Christmas having spent six and a half months on the sideline having broken his leg at Wexford. Adrian is now stable jockey to up and coming Co. Wicklow trainer Philip Rothwell.

CLARIFICATION

Just to clear up some confusion about a recent management addition to Tramore race course Sue Phelan was appointed non racing development manager while Michael Murphy remains firmly in the managers chair.

BRENDAN ON WAY BACK

Co. Kildare born but U.K. based jockey Brendan Powell is on the way back after injury. Thirty nine years old Brendan was knocked unconscious breaking six ribs and puncturing a lung after taking a heavy fall at Newton Abbot in early November. A session in the Gym is number one on Brendan's agenda as he needs to build up the muscles in his back having lost a lot of weight in hospital. Late January is Brendan's objective to resume race riding.

A FUNNY RACING STORY

Riding the favourite at Cheltenham, a jockey was well ahead of the field. Suddenly he was hit on the head by a turkey and a string of sausages. He managed to keep control of his mount and pulled back into the lead, only to be struck by a box of Christmas crackers and a dozen mince pies as he went over the last fence.

With great skill he managed to steer the horse to the front of the field once more when, on the run in, he was struck on the head by a bottle of Sherry and a Christmas pudding. Thus distracted, he succeeded in coming only second. He immediately went to the stewards to complain that he had been seriously hampered.



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Greyhound Racing

BY MARK PHILLIPS

WATERFORD SATURDAY DECEMBER 18th

Toronto Katie Flew Home

Despite a cold and wet evening a benefit meeting in aid of the Cancer Care Unit of the South Eastern Cancer Foundation attracted a fine festive attendance at Kilcohan Park.

Eugene Lennon of the Long Haul Tavern kindly sponsored two marathon finals. In the first of these Ardera Sheila was installed as the 4/5 favourite but she lost all chance of victory with a very slow start from trap two. Meanwhile Value For Bobs raced into a clear lead over 5/2 shot Toronto Katie (Super Hoffman - Bit Of Style). Owned by Miss R. Yaxley and trained by Niall O'Dwyer Toronto Katie however forged into the lead at the third bend and once in front this July '97 Whelp asserted her superiority motoring clear for a facile seven lengths victory over Nick's Doll in 41.59.

The second Marathon decider produced a 7/1 winner as Jim Byrne's Daffies Kiara (Ratify - Kyledale Jewel) came good in 41.80. A fast starting Finane Sue made a brave effort to lead all the way but "Daffies" who held a prominent position throughout, produced a well timed run inside the final fifty yards to win by a length from a game Finane Sue. Owned by R & G McCarthy 7/2 shot Tramore Lad (Shanless Slippy - Frank's Girl) made maximum use of his early pace to capture the opening 550 running out a clear cut 30.80 winner. Trained by Dick Ryan Tramore lad dashed straight into the lead and despite a late effort from Raywee Ruby, Tramore Lad held firm to triumph by two lengths. Kilcock owner John Lynch and trainer Ian Seymour teamed up to capture the second event courtesy of 5/2 chance Scotias Glen (Droopy's Fintan - Moonshine Jewel) in 29.61. A fast starting Scotias Glen was denied racing room at the first bend as Europa Express kicked clear of the pack. Scotias Glen slipped into second place running down to the third bend and staying on strongly "Scotias" finished really well up the inside to score by half a length.

Co. Carlow trainer Brendan Murphy sent out the 3/1 winner of the third race as Penn Kelly (Right Wish - Garryglass Queen) owned by the Penn Syndicate obliged in 29.74. Una's Fella the 6/4 favourite made a positive start from trap one but when the leader drifted wide at the entrance to the back stretch Penn Kelly sprinted into the lead on the rails. This order of running remained unchanged for the duration of this contest with Penn Kelly winning out by two lengths.

The fourth event produced an exciting finish with the ultra consistent Gerry My Boy (Frightful Flash - Cushie Mustard) 5/2 scoring for the Joelow Syndicate and trainer Nick Turner. Gerry My Boy looked to have this event in safe keeping a long way out going clear of Penn Pepe but the latter finished

full of running only to go down by the minimum distance in a red hot 29.24.

There were four marathons on this programme and all four winners ran from trap five. The C Griffith's and D. Robinson owned Cheyne Walk (Prince Charming - Express Molly) defeated some better fancied opponents in a graded marathon scoring at odds of 4/1 for Portlaw trainer Dave Maly Baker in 42.01. Powering her way into an early lead over Coolclough Queen, Cheyne Walk was seen at her strongest in the closing stages to defy a slow starting but fast finishing Trojan Hero by a length.

Gerry Kiely's home bred Airmount Prince (Tip Top - Airmount Zoe) stepped up in distance in the sixth event but the 55-yard trip proved no problem for this 6/4 favourite as he led throughout in 30.64 stretching into an early lead over Melody Jack. "Airmount" showed no signs of weakening running on strongly to beat a slow starting Narranbane Bob.

In the fourth and final marathon race Ready Sid (Ready About Nga - Twinkling Star) posted a winning bracket for the Saltee Syndicate and trainer Martin Butcher in 42.09. Available at odds of 4/1 at the off "Sid" took over in the lead from Scallywag Jack at the third bend before motoring clear for a five and a half lengths success.

Eileen Kelly's Kellymount Wish (Right Wish - Garryglass Queen) never appears to run a bad race and this 2/1 shot made no mistake in the final race of the night leading all the way in 29.72. Displaying plenty of early dash "Kellymount" motored into a clear lead over Wee Fiddler and despite a late run from the 1/1 favourite That's Easy, "Kellymount" ran on well for a richly deserved two lengths victory.

WATERFORD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

Along with Tralee, Waterford was the only other track to race on the Tuesday night of last week. The cold conditions appeared to affect a number of the earlier runners but the meeting ended on a high note with a number of the winners producing career best performances.

The consistent Lakefield Zoe cut an early dash from trap one in the opening event but the Alan Walsh owned Tom's Loss (Shanless Slippy - Sycamore Lucy) 3/1 was always close at hand and producing the stronger finish up the rails the John O'Mahoney handled dog came through for a deserved two lengths victory.

The following two events were confined to unraced types. In the first of these Sliabhchun and More Air Sally battled it out from the outset with Rita O'Loughlin's Sliabhchun (Lemon Smokey - Clondachun) 3/1 staying on best on the run to the winning line to triumph by a neck in 30.38.

Just over four lengths separated the sextet at the winning line in the third event. Michael Bagge's Snack Box Lady (Arrigle Buddy - Samtec Lady) was always up with the pace and this 6/4 shot had a neck to spare over Elbony Falcon at the post. Time 30.61.

4/5 favourite Catsrock Henry (Slaneyside Billy - Castrock Hope) came up trumps for Michael Fitzgerald, posting a 30.44 victory in the fourth. A wide moving Lynwood Fame ran well for a long way here but he ran out of steam in the closing stages as Catsrock Henry hit the front at the second last bend to run out a two lengths winner over Cusack Band.

Carrick On Suir trainer Niall O'Dwyer supplied two winners on this twelve race programme. The first of these came courtesy of the Seamus Cummins owned Fethard Rocket (Lenson Lad - Fethard Vixen) this 5/2 chance leaving trap one smartly en route to a two lengths win over the always prominent Cailin Dearg in 17.01.

Fancy George (Minnies George - Sunray Meg) owned by Gerry Ryan completed the double for young trainer Niall justifying 4/5 favouritism with an overdue victory in 31.02. After a rough and tumble affair Fancy George saving valuable ground remaining glued to the rails shot into the lead up the home stretch to defeat Lacken Villa by a length. Tel Boy can be considered an unlucky loser here as he was badly hampered when looming up to the leaders at the third bend.

5/2 shot Bigwood Princess (Spiral Nikita - Brooklyn Darkie) shed her maiden tag for owner Andrew Delahunty taking a graded sprint in 17.09. Disputing the early running with Glenbrien Euro "Bigwood" strode on nicely for a five lengths win over Glenbrien Euro.

Dungarvan based Darren Healy sent out the 4/1 winner of the seventh event over three hundred yards. Breaking smartly from her middle draw "Byrneville" was pushed all the way by a wide running Clondara Huskey before tasting success by a length in 17.02. The winners breeding is Right Wish - Memories Detail.

The last four winners on the card came from trap five. When Silver Harry and Minor Impulse hampered one another on the run to the opening bend Beneam took advantage of the situation to motor into a clear lead over Sheedy Lar but the Kieran and Shirley Keeling owned Kishdegra Rosie (Destiny Fox - Cushie Mustard) 5/2 quickly gathered in the leaders before flying up the home stretch to register a two lengths victory over Sheedy Lar. Time 29.83.

A shade unlucky on her debut Pat Duggan's Sleepy Sandie (Lassa Java - Dawlish Sonia) 7/4 ran a cracking good contest in the first semi final of the Christmas cracker Sweepstake sweeping to a deserved 29.47 victory. The early paced Kilgraney Duke made a brave effort to lead all the way here but it was Sleepy Sandie who found the better turn of finishing pace to outstay Kilgraney Duke by three lengths.

John Elliot's Ryelane Olive (Minnies Phantom - Suir Dew) upset calculations on a few of the more fancied runners taking the second semi final in 29.98. Leaving trap five in front "Ryelane" headed for the rails forcing a challenging Bawndaw Lotto to check her run. "Ryelane" held a slender lead over the chasing pack down the back stretch but responding well to the challenge "Ryelane" kept on strongly to deny a running on Biginballymacaw by half a length.

The fastest run of the night came in the twelfth and final race as the Killian Power trained Autumn Anchor (Super Hoffman - Fly Minx) ran riot over the opposition obliging in 29.39. Gliding past the front running Magical Mission on the back stretch Autumn Anchor simply coasted to a five lengths win over Magical Mission.

WATERFORD GREYHOUND STADIUM CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR RACING, TRIALS AND OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, 22nd December Office open, Official trials, no unofficial trials. Thursday 23rd December, office open. Friday 24th December, office closed. Saturday 25th December office closed. Sunday 26th December office closed. Monday 27th December office closed. Tuesday 28th December office open 12 noon - 1 pm. Racing 8 pm. No official or unofficial trials. Wednesday 29th December office open 10 am - 1 pm. No official or unofficial trials. Thursday 30th December office open. Friday 31st December office closed. Saturday 1st January office closed. Sunday 2nd January office closed. Monday 3rd January office closed. Tuesday 4th January office open. Racing 8 pm. No official or unofficial trials. Wednesday 5th January office open. Official and unofficial trials.

Dungarvan Boxing Club

MILLENNIUM TOURNAMENT

On Sunday 5th of December at the Park Hotel, Dungarvan B. C. held their last tournament of the Century, it was definitely one of their best to date. The high light must have been the welter weight contest between Ry-lane's, Seannie Barrett and Irun Greenwell of Sunderland. Greenwell had Barrett down in the first round for a count of eight but he got up and won the contest, his brother Declan stopped his opponent Garry Marmason of Birtley B. C. in the first round with a left to the body.

Saviour Crystal's boxer Paul Simpson K. O'd his opponent in the first round, Ismal Mahood a Kosovan now living in England was never

stopped before and came out looking very confident and tried to dominate the contest but he dropped his guard and got caught.

Frankie Keniry took his contest at three days notice against a very tough Emmet Andrews of the Glen B. C. Cork, Frankie was tiring in the third round, but he had enough done to win on a majority decision.

The Man from Ring, Tadhg O'Foghlu had a great contest in front of home crowd when he beat Steven Moran of Birtley B. C.

James Cawley another local boxer also did extremely well, he beat Billy Rowe Birtley.

Local light middle weight Garry Collins had a close fight and was unlucky to lose out to Danny Temperley of Birtley B. C.

JUVENILES

Much improved Ben McCombie had a marvellous win over Ry-lane's, Patrick Harrington, local boys Aaron Donovan and Sean Hallahan lost out to Steven Hall and Thomas Whitfield both from Birtley boxing club, Jeremy O'Mahony's opponent was unable to box.

Dungarvan Badminton Club

The junior club finished the season with a knockout competition. There was a big turnout of members and the competition ran smoothly. There was some great badminton played on the night and all games were keenly contested. If all these young players continue playing, we will have many good players in the future.

In the girls competition Tiffany Whelan and Niamh Briggs played Maria Conroy and Nicola Walsh in the final with Tiffany and Niamh being the winners. In the plate Una Power and Michelle Whelan played Niamh Moloney and

Maria Raheer.

This was an evenly matched game, with the score reaching 20 all before the winners Una and Michelle emerged victorious.

In the boys competition Brian Scanlon and Mark Keane played Mark Ferncombe and David Hughes in the final. This was a keenly fought contest with every score being important. The eventual winners were Mark and David. In the boys plate brothers Diarmuid and Sean O'Hare played Chris Walsh and Barry Power, the latter pair being victorious. Well done to all those who took

part, unfortunately there had to be winners on the night. After the competitions were over all those who participated on the night were presented with medals, kindly donated by local Garda Mick Murphy and Eddie Fitzpatrick, J.L.O.

The winners were the presented with their plaques by the Club Captain Donal O'Brien. Badminton will resume on Friday, January 14th for the juveniles.

On behalf of the club, I would like to extend sincere sympathy to club member Liz McArdle on the recent death of her father.

Gold Coast Golf Club Notes

RESULTS

Mon/Fri 20th to 24th December 9 hole stableford re-entry — Winner :- William Morrissey (20) 20 pts.

Thursday 16th December 18 hole stableford Open Qualifier sponsored by Intacta Print and sixth round of Winter League. C.S.S. 39 pts

1st : Alan Sheehan (15) 42 pts; Gross : Morrie Ferncombe (6) 32 pts

Saturday/Sunday 18th/19th December 18 hole stableford Xmas Hamper and sixth round of E.B.S Winter League. — 1st : Adrian Kirwan(16) 42 pts; Gross : Michael Kavanagh(11) 28 pts

Saturday Winner : Danny Barry(11) 39 pts

E.B.S. WINTER LEAGUE

At the half way stage of the E.B.S. Winter League the two big guns, namely Kill and neigh-

bours Dunhill, are practically locked together at the head of the League table as we leave the old millennium and head into the new one.

For the next two weeks the E.B.S. winter League is put on hold and will resume after the festivities on Thursday 6th and Saturday/Sunday 8th and 9th January 2000.

There is a gap developing between the top two teams and the rest of the field at the moment. The Burgery, on 1271 pts and in third place, are 9pts behind the second placed team. The Abbey-side team after the slight blip of last week, on 1243 pts, have jumped from seventh place to fourth spot with Dungarvan, on 1239 pts., moving down a place from fourth to fifth and Portlaw are on the slippery slope and have dropped another place

down to sixth place on 1235 pts.

The remaining four teams are a little off the pace and will need to make a huge effort if they are to be in contention for a play off place in the new millennium. It is possible of course that when the two worst weeks scores are discounted that this league table may see some dramatic changes- all is not lost just yet.

The Old Boro, much to the delight of Roddy Healy, are moving in the right direction and are now in seventh place on 1217 pts. Also moving in the right direction and also moving off the bottom of the table for the first time are Kilmacthomas into eighth place on 1187 pts.

Kilrush, on 1175 pts., are beginning to wilt under the pressure and have dropped to ninth place there Captain, Jim Kiely,

will not be too pleased especially facing into the Xmas holidays and the boast he allegedly made or well maybe it was only a statement "that he would give up golf if he brought in 30 pts or less". It would not be fair to state in these columns what his actual score was but just lets say that if it was returned for the weekly nine hole competition it would stand some chance of winning it. Jim a lot of practise over the Xmas period is required for you and your team!

The Ballinroad /Ballinacourty merger is not working as they are now propping up the League table on 1173pts and have a lot of work to do if they are going to mount a challenge.

XMAS HAMPER

Over the last two week-ends there was a large number of members playing for the beautiful hampers that were kindly sponsored by Value Centre, Dungarvan.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The management and committee of the Gold Coast Golf Club would like to take this opportunity to wish all its members, supporters and sponsors a very happy and peaceful Christmas and that the New Year will be everything that you would wish for.

FIXTURES OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Mon/Fri. 20th to 24th December 9 hole stableford re-entry. Thursday 23rd December 18 hole stableford Open Qualifier sponsored by Intacta Print. Xmas Day 3 club nine hole competition from 9.00am to 10.00 am St. Stephen's Day 26th December 18 hole Open Singles stableford. Thursday 30th December 18 hole Open Qualifier sponsored by Intacta Print. Saturday 1st January 18 hole stableford club competition. Sunday/Monday 2nd and 3rd January 18 hole Open Fourball.

Time sheets are in operation for all above competitions.

WINTER RULES

Winter rules are in play for the last number of weeks which means that you should lift, clean and place both in the rough and fairway within six inches not nearer the hole.

The only other place you can lift your ball is on the putting green having first placed a marker directly behind your ball. When you are replacing your ball on the green you replace your ball directly in front and adjacent to your marker. You do not have the leeway to place your ball on the green on any spot other than directly in front of your ball marker. There will be a night on rules and etiquette some time early in the new year.

LADIES GOLF NOTES

Results— 13 hole stableford Winter Alliance — 1st : Joan Mansfield (16) 23pts; 2nd : Nuala Harty (28) 23pts; 3rd : Anne McGrath (30) 21pts

Fixtures — 13 hole Christmas/New Year competition to run over the holiday period. Also Home Alliance on Sunday January 2nd at 2.00pm

Minor League — Members within the handicap range for the minor League 2000 please enter names on list posted in Kiosk.

Anne McGrath, Lady Captain and Helen Fennell, Lady President wish all our members a very happy Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

West Waterford Golf Club

We wish all our customers, members and friends a very happy Christmas and exciting millennium



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Dungarvan Golf Club Notes

AREA LEAGUE

Area League sponsored by Comeragh Oil has now reached the Christmas break, section A is very tight at the top with Strand-side and Ballinacourty on 8 pts. followed by Abbeyside on 6 pts. Section B has Bonmahon on 8 pts. with Parklane on 6 pts. followed by Fr. Twomeys on 4 pts. The league will resume in the New Year.

TIME SHEETS

It is noted that members are putting their names on time sheets and not turning up, would members please cancel at least 24 hours in advance so as other members can get on the time sheet.

MILLENNIUM MEDAL

An Open 18 Hole Stableford (for gents) will be held on 1st January, 2000.

45 RESULTS

Winners - Breda Hallahan and John Ryan. Runners-up - James Power and Tom Keever. Last 5 - Sheila Morrissey and John Gough. Lucky Table - Ned Harney and Tom Curran.

The Captain would like to wish all members a happy and peaceful Christmas and Millennium.

COMPETITION

14 Hole A/C, 19/12/99. Sponsored by Comeragh Oil.

1st - Derek Power (9) 31 pts. (B9); 2nd - N. Norris (12) 31 pts.; Gross - Peter Moloney (4) 26 gross.

14 Hole A/C, 18/12/99. Sponsored by Comeragh Oil.

1st - J. Hogan (11) 31 pts.; 2nd - K. Hogan (5) 31 pts. (B7); Gross - J. Reynolds 25 gross.

14 Hole A/C, 16/12/99.

1st Michael Twomey (18) 33 pts.; 2nd - Martin Furlong (15) 32 pts.

COMERAGH OIL SPONSORED AREA LEAGUE — WEEK 4 RESULTS

League A — Ballinacourty 143 pts.; Master McGrath 99 pts.; Strandside 146 pts.; Kilrush 110 pts.; McCarthyville 145 pts.; Abbeyside 137 pts.; Ballinroad 136 pts.; Pinewood 112 pts.

Points in League — Strandside 8 pts.; Ballinacourty 8 pts.; Abbeyside 6 pts.; Ballinroad 6 pts.; McCarthyville 4 pts.; Pinewood 0 pts.; Master McGrath 0 pts.; Kilrush 0 pts.

League B — Bonmahon 146 pts.;

Kilmeaden 143 pts.; Parklane 144 pts.; Seapark 86 pts.; Fr. Twomeys 142 pts.; Comeragh 127 pts.; Kilmurray 143 pts.; The Burgery 135 pts.

Points in League — Bonmahon 8 pts.;

Parklane 6 pts.; Fr. Twomeys 4 pts.; Kilmeaden 4 pts.; Sea Park 4 pts.; Comeragh 2 pts.; Kilmurray 2 pts.; The Burgery 2 pts.

LADIES GOLF NOTES

Results - Winner - R. Prendergast (20) 26 pts; Runner-up - K. Deasy (20) 24 pts.; 3rd - P. Flanagan (26) 23 pts.; Junior - L. Fleming (11) 18 pts.

2 Cards to Count : Winner - M. O'Riordan (17) 37 pts.; Runner-up - E. O'Kennedy (12) 35 pts.; 3rd - F. Kiely (24) 35 pts. 4th - S. Mahony (31) 34 pts.

Congratulations to M. A. Coffey and P. O'Brien both of whom were prize winners in the recent Senior Alliance in Waterford.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 27th - Open 9 Hole Mixed Scramble.

Monday, January 3rd - Open 9 Hole Mixed Scramble.

Starting 1p.m. Please support this very worthy cause.

Wednesday, December 22nd - January 5th - 9 Hole 3 Person Rumble.

4th Round Winter League. Saturday / Sunday - January 8/9.

Saturday / Sunday - January 15/16. Tuesday, January 11 - 14th.

The Winter League kindly sponsored by Comeragh Oil has now reached half-way. The next rounds, there will be 3 scores to count.

The Lady Captain would like to wish all members a very happy and peaceful Christmas and health and good golf in the 21st century.

MINI LOTTO

Weekending 19/12/99. The winning numbers are 5, 17, 21, 22. There was no jackpot winner. £10 winners - Tom Frost, Crystal; Pat Stack, Club; May Donnelly, Bingo; Bgt. Power, Leamybrien; P.K. Hole c/o Club.

Next weeks jackpot will be £1,500. Tickets on sale. Next draw 26/12/99. Thank you for your support.

West Waterford Golf & Country Club Notes

WLR LIONS CLUB HAMPER APPEAL

Last weekend saw the Annual running of the WLR Lions Club Hamper Appeal. This event was kindly sponsored by Kelly's Foodstore. Unfortunately the weather tried its best to spoil this very worthy cause. The members and visitors, however, still turned up in great numbers in driving rain and very cold weather to make it once more a very successful event. Thanks to everyone who participated in this very worthy event.

O'CONNELL TAKES HAMPER

John was on form to win this fantastic hamper, which was kindly sponsored by Kelly's Foodstore, on one of the tightest finishes yet. The three winners each had 33 pts over 14 holes with John O'Connell coming up trumps on the breakdown. Justin's Spratt was yet again beaten into second place with Tom Feerick in a close third.

RESULTS WLR LIONS CLUB HAMPER APPEAL 17TH, 18TH, 19TH

1st John O'Connell (10) 33 pts. 2nd Justin Spratt (12) 33 pts. 3rd Tom Feerick (16) 33 pts.

FIXTURES

Sunday Dec. 26th to Thursday Dec. 30th 16 Hole Stableford. Saturday Dec. 25th 9 Hole Stableford. Thursday Dec. 30th 9 Hole Scramble at 2.00 pm sharp. Saturday 1st, Sunday 2nd, Monday 3rd Jan, 16 Hole Stableford. Ongoing December 9 Hole, two cards to count - one from each one. January 9 Hole, beginning 1st January 2000.

LADIES NOTES

Lions Club Christmas Hamper Appeal — This very popular competition took place last weekend. A special word of thanks to the sponsor Joe Kelly, Kelly's Foodstore, Mitchell St. for the magnificent array of prizes. This was a 14 Hole Stableford Open Singles Competition. Congratulations to all the prizewinners. The results of the ladies section of the hamper competition are as follows; taking 1st prize of the hamper was Nora Spratt (20) with a great score of 28 pts. 2nd Bridget Spratt (20) 27 pts.

On the 30th December the final Winter Scramble takes place. The draw will take place at 1.30. Following this, both the ladies and mens club will hold their final presentations of this Millennium to be followed by light refreshments compliments of the management.

Fixtures — 13th December to 30th December 9 Hole Bottle Competition. Jan monthly 9 Hole sponsored by Bridget Spratt.

Best Wishes — On behalf of the ladies committee I would like to wish both members and their families a very happy and holy Christmas.

RED HOUSE LEAGUE ROUND-UP**MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP (THIRD ROUND)****Historic Win For Brideview****BRIDEVIEW UNITED 4 TRAMORE RANGERS 2**

United suffered a blow after five minutes when a mix up involving several Brideview players saw Tramore's Finley Weir score the opening goal. The homeside scored one of the goals of the season after thirty minutes when Dermot Henley netted with an effort from the centre circle. A minute later, Brideview's superiority paid off when Paul Curley side footed home but another mistake in the United defence again left in Weir, who made it 2-2 after thirty nine minutes.

John Doyle put United ahead again on the hour mark and although Tramore caused a few anxious moments for the home team, a second goal from Paul Curley, this time a header, saw United safely through to the next round, where they again have a home tie against either St. John Bosco's of Midleton or Greenmount Celtic of Cork.

PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND-UP**Important Win For Cappoquin****VALLEY RANGERS 'A' 0 CAPPOQUIN 1**

Cappoquin put themselves in the driving seat after this narrow win against the leaders, Valley Rangers. The only goal came after thirty minutes from Cappoquin's Michael Cummins for a repeat of last season's result. The win sees both sides level at nineteen points each but Cappoquin have the advantage of a game in hand.

MORE DOOM FOR LISMORE**ARDMORE 3 LISMORE 2**

Points were at a premium in this game played at Dysart Park, Ardmore last Sunday morning. Lismore were first to score, when a corner from Peter Howard went all the way to the Ardmore net. Five minutes later, Kevin Flavin levelled for Ardmore. James O'Donnell put the homeside ahead before Flavin scored his second to give Ardmore a 3-1 lead. The visitors made a game of it when a Dave Howard free kick took a deflection and ended up in the net to give Ardmore an anxious last twelve minutes.

DIVISION ONE ROUND-UP**Ballyduff Seven Points Clear**

Ballyduff's win over Gortroe leaves them odds on to land the first division title and only a few points away from a return to the Premier League. Dungourney, at home to the bottom side Araglen and Affane also lost, leaving as many as six teams competing for second place.

Gortroe Bow to Ballyduff
BALLYDUFF 2 GORTROE 1

Only Brendan Hannon will know if the opening goal for Ballyduff was a fluke or not, but his cross cum shot ended up in the net after five minutes to give Ballyduff the lead. Fifteen minutes from the end, Hannon scored again to leave Gortroe trailing by two goals. Two minutes from time, Gortroe pulled a goal back with a scrambled effort following a corner but Ballyduff held on for the points.

ARAGLEN BACK IN BUSINESS
DUNGOURNEY 0 ARAGLEN 2

Definitely one of the shocks of the day as Araglen finally got themselves off the bottom with this win over an out of

sorts Dungourney side. A goal in each half did the business for Araglen.

"Power" Strike Plunges Clashmore Into Darkness**CLASHMORE RAMBLERS 0 AN GHAELTACTH 3**

A very vital game, played at Tucker Park last Sunday saw the points go to An Ghaeltacht, after an inspired performance from Timothy Power. A tactical switch from Luke O'Brien saw Timothy Power emerge as the hero with a great hat trick. The first goal came after twelve minutes, the second, two minutes later and the third was the best of all, a great free kick ten minutes from time.

DIVISION TWO ROUND-UP**Celtic Flattered By Win****GLENVIEW 2 CASTLEBRIDGE CELTIC 5**

Pat Hallissey, currently in a rich goal scoring vein opened Glenview's account after ten minutes only for Barry Fitzgerald to equalise. Three minutes before the break, an own goal put Celtic ahead and Fitzgerald made it 3-1 early in the second half. A Phil McGrath penalty reduced the lead but two goals in the final ten minutes from Eoin Murphy sealed Celtic's win.

Kilworth Receive Shock From Brideview**Kilworth Celtic 1 Brideview United 'B' 1**

Joe Cahill headed Kilworth ahead following a free kick but Brideview battled strongly and after hitting the woodwork three times, they drew level when Brian Donnelly's spot kick was saved by Martin Shanahan but Donnelly rammed home the rebound to get a share of the points.

Red House League Draw

Another great night was had by all last Saturday night at the Corner House in Tal-low. Congratulations to Luke and Mary O'Brien's daughter Aishlinn who won the Nissan Micra car supplied by Fermoy Nissan. There was plenty of entertainment on show and well known talent scout "James" was out spotting the talent as well as listening to certain Red House League officials who were in full voice. Shake, rattle and roll are back, though James was critical of Paddy Pollard's stage movement or rather the lack of it. Liam Fraser was in great voice too and we could hear Sheila in the background. James said we must get her into the group, but I'm not sure who he was talking about. Maurice Hartnett performed a couple of numbers too, but the big hope of the night, Leonard Fraser, faltered and one wonders has he missed his chance. James (086) 8039955 needs new faces, give him a ring.

SYMPATHY

We would like to extend our sympathy to Joe Duggan, Modeligo and his family following the death of his mother, Mary Duggan who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

Season's Greetings

Paddy Pollard, the Chairman of the Red House League has asked me, through this paper, to convey to you all his best wishes for this Christmas. Warm regards go to the Red House League committee, the players, managers, supporters and also to the sponsors of our league. Last but not least, we must also express our gratitude to the Editor and staff of this newspaper and wish all it's readers a wonderful Christmas for 1999.

**Red House League Fixtures****SUNDAY DEC. 26TH****Premier League**

Pinewood Rangers v Brideview United 'A' at 11.30 am.
Tommy Sullivan.

Division One

Affane v An Ghaeltacht at 11.30 am. Sean Kearns
Blackwater Rangers v Gortroe at 11.30 am.
Leonard Fraser.

MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Modeligo v Ballybridge United at 2.00 pm. Willie Collins.

SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Inch v Brideview United 'A' at 11.30 am. Sean Kearns.

Division Two

Brideview United 'B' v Kilworth Celtic at 11.00 am.
Noel O'Donoghue.

MONDAY JANUARY 3RD 2000**Premier League**

Mogeely v Lismore at 2.30 pm. Tom Griffin. Valley Rangers 'A' v Pinewood Rangers at 11.00 am. Sean Kearns. Brideview United 'A' v Cappoquin at 11.30 am. Willie Collins. Ardmore v Inch at 11.00 am. Tommy Sullivan.

Division One

An Ghaeltacht v Blackwater Rangers at 2.30 pm. Tommy Sullivan. Araglen v Ballyduff at 11.00 am. Leonard Fraser. Dungourney v Clashmore Ramblers at 11.30 am. Martin Egan. Gortroe v Affane at 11.30 am. Tom Griffin.

Division Two

Kilworth Celtic v Glenview at 11.00 am. Jim Foley. Ballybridge United v Valley Rangers 'B' at 11.30 am. Noel O'Donoghue. Modeligo v Brideview United 'B' at 2.30 pm. Paul Marks. Accrington Celtic v Castlebridge Celtic at 11.30 am. Michael O'Neill.

RED HOUSE LEAGUE DRAW RESULTS

1st; Nissan Micra. Ashling O'Brien, Waterford (An Ghaeltacht). 2nd; 21" Colour T.V. Ann Pollard, Lismore. (Lismore). 3rd Washing Machine. James Murray, Dungarvan. (An Ghaeltacht). 4th; Hi Fi System. Gary Sweetnam, Mogeely (Mogeely). 5th Dish Washer, Edel McBride, Lismore (Glenview). 6th Weekend for 2, Yvonne O'Donovan, Bandon (Ballybridge). 7th Waterford Crystal, Noelle Scallan, Midleton (Ballyduff). 8th Video Recorder, Michael Beston, Cappoquin (Blackwater Rangers). 9th Manterol Blankets, Jim Hale, Lismore (Lismore). 10th Ladies/Gents Bike, Dick and Maureen O'Brien, Castlelyons, (Castlebridge). 11th £100 Sports Voucher, Jim Mackey, Fermoy. (Accrington). 12th £50, Sean Burke, Old Parish (An Ghaeltacht). 13th £50, Barbara Cortin, Conna (Valley Rangers). 14th £50, John Walsh, Dungarvan (Glenview). 15th £50 Michael Hickey, Dungourney (Dungourney). Promoters prize of £100 sponsored by the Corner House, Luke O'Brien. E Nikon Camera, Connie Hickey, Cork. (Dungourney). F Mobile Phone, Nonnie Maher, Cappoquin (Blackwater). G Meat Voucher, William Mulcahy, Ardmore (Ardmore). Diskman, Tom and Maria Hartigan, Conna (Brideview).

RED HOUSE LEAGUE TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cappoquin	8	6	1	1	19	6	19
Valley Rangers 'A'	9	6	1	2	23	11	19
Ardmore	8	4	3	1	17	8	15
Mogeely	10	4	1	5	22	22	13
Brideview 'A'	4	3	1	0	10	7	10
Pinewood Rangers	8	2	1	5	12	20	7
Lismore	9	2	1	6	12	24	7
Inch	8	0	1	7	5	26	1

DIVISION ONE

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ballyduff	11	8	0	3	32	13	24
Dungourney	11	5	2	4	23	17	17
Affane	9	4	1	4	27	20	13
Gortroe	8	4	1	3	22	18	13
Blackwater Rgs.	9	3	2	4	15	23	11
An Ghaeltacht	7	3	1	3	11	14	10
Araglen	8	2	2	4	16	32	8
Clashmore Rbls.	9	2	1	6	13	22	7

DIVISION TWO:

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castlebridge Cel.	9	7	1	1	33	16	22
Accrington Celtic	9	5	2	2	20	9	17
Ballybridge United	7	5	0	2	21	8	15
Kilworth Celtic	9	4	3	2	22	14	15
Valley Rangers 'B'	8	3	1	4	16	24	10

ARDMORE A.F.C. NOTES

Two From Flavin Clinches Ardmore Win

ARDMORE 3 LISMORE 2

Dysert Park looked in good shape with the sun shining on Sundays cold frosty morning. A switch of venues was agreed on Saturday as the Lismore pitch was unplayable. Ardmore defended the West goal for the first half and Lismore with a slight wind advantage had the best of the early exchanges.

A Peter Howard corner in the 18th found Ardmore keeper Yellop badly positioned, his parry skinned the inside of his left upright 1-0 to Lismore. Ardmore's first corner came in the 25th minute. Hennessy made a mess of the half cleared ball when a goal might have been on. The home side went near twice by Johnnie Hennessy and James O'Donnell. Lismore keeper John McGrath did well to keep his net intact.

Five minutes into the second half, Kevin Flavin showed great skill and coolness to push through McGrath's bending legs for the equaliser. Flavin was involved again in the 15th

when he placed James O'Donnell to find the roof of the net with a beauty 2-0 to Ardmore.

A nervous period from 20 minutes was retrieved, again by Kevin Flavin when he capitalised on a dreadful blunder by Lismore's McGrath 3-1 to Ardmore! The visitors pulled one back in the 40th when David Howards 40 metre free took a deflection to push it out of Yellops reach.

Not an outstanding game but as manager Hennessy and his assistant Tom Power said afterwards 'a win is a win' and who knows with a bit of sharpening up here and there the blues could be snapping at the heels of the league leaders, given a few good catch up results. Verdict 6 from 10.

Chairman Jim Meaney and the club officers take this opportunity of wishing all our players, adult and juveniles a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Most especially included in our good wishes for the festive season are our many loyal supporters and our 55 generous benefactors and sponsors whose constant help is very much appreciated.

K.G. - P.R.O.

Congratulations to Saturdays Golden Goal winner Eveylin McGrath (minute no. 9).

Congratulations to all winners in our Christmas draw which took place in Keevers Bar on Sunday. This is the list of winners - 1st Table of £150 Cash - Healy Family, Old Parish; 2nd Turkey - Charlot Mansfield, Old Parish; 3rd Lunch for 2 - Tom Hogan, Dungarvan; 4th Bottle of Wine - Nicholas Cunningham, Grange; 5th Bottle - Pat Hennessy, Ardmore; 6th Bottle - Maurice Hennessy, Ardmore; 7th Bottle - Ann O'Brien, Ballyquinn; 8th Meat Voucher £10 - Michael Shannon, Lismore; 9th Bottle - Mary Conroy, Cork; 10th Bottle - Timothy O'Sullivan, Ardmore; 11th Umbrella - Patricia Fitzgerald, Ardmore; 12th Sports Bag - Cliona Doyle, Youghal; 13th Ham - Mary Hurley - Monea, Ardmore; 14th Bottle - Francis Keating - Ardmore; 15th Sports Bag - Ann McCarthy, Ardmore; 16th Umbrella - Ag. Olivier, Ardmore; 17th Bottle - Sharon O'Donnell, Old Parish; 18th Bottle - Sean O'Brien, Ballyquinn; 19th Bottle - Trish Meaney, Cork; 20th Meat Voucher £15 - Mary Sinott, Ardmore; 21st Bottle - Brenda O'Brien, Grange; 22nd Bottle - Shane Hennessy, Ardmore; 23rd £10 Cash - Mossy Gough, Dunmore East.

Trials. The trials will take place in Fermoy Soccer pitch on Sunday, January 2nd at 1 o'clock. The players going are as follows - Michael Hegarty, Kieran Barrett, James Sexton, Leo Sexton and Coleman O'Connell. Best of luck lads.

RED HOUSE LEAGUE DRAW

Well done to Dick and Maureen O'Brien who won 10th prize in the last draw of a gents or ladies bike. Also a big thank you to all who supported us in this draw.

DRESSING ROOMS

It is hoped to get some work done to the dressing rooms over the Christmas period. It is hoped that as many players as possible will attend.

FIXTURES

On Sunday next we have no league game but we have a very important game in the field. It's the married V. singles. There is a cup for this game which is kindly sponsored by the Abbey Bar.

There will be no schoolboy fixtures until January 8th. Finally we in the club would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

IRWINS Schoolboys League

Last weekend the weather was the spoilsport with all games being called off. The following is an up to date look at the tables.

U11 LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Pinewood	6	6	0	0	27	1	18
Fermoy Utd.	7	6	0	1	26	10	18
Ardmore	8	6	0	2	9	9	18
Castlebridge C.	6	5	1	0	26	6	16
Brideview Utd.	5	3	1	1	14	5	10
Ballybride Utd.	6	3	1	2	13	9	10
Clashmore	8	3	0	5	7	19	9
Cappoquin / Affane	6	3	0	3	6	12	9
Youghal	8	2	1	5	8	29	7
Lismore	10	1	0	9	2	31	3
Valley R.	10	0	0	10	0	6	0

Both Lismore and Valley R. have withdrawn from this league.

U13 LEAGUE

Ardmore	4	4	0	0	16	2	12
Valley R.	5	4	0	1	23	4	12
Ballybridge Utd.	3	3	0	0	13	1	9
Cappoquin/Affane	5	3	0	2	13	8	9
Brideview	4	1	1	2	7	11	4
Blackwater R.	4	1	1	2	15	14	4
Kilworth C.	4	1	0	3	10	16	3
Clashmore R.	4	1	0	3	10	19	3
Blackstone R.	4	1	0	3	3	21	3
Castlebridge C.	3	0	0	3	3	17	0

U15 LEAGUE

Ardmore	4	4	0	0	16	4	12
Ballybridge Utd.	5	4	0	1	13	5	12
Youghal C.	3	3	0	0	13	1	9
Blackstone R.	4	2	1	1	13	6	7
Valley R.	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Brideview	4	2	0	2	8	10	6
Lismore	4	2	0	2	11	20	6
Castlebridge C.	5	1	0	4	11	22	3
Clashmore R.	4	1	0	3	5	13	3
Kilworth C.	9	1	0	8	6	16	3

Kilworth C. have withdrawn from this league so all teams that have not played them are awarded 3 points.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Every club has now their Christmas hamper. Money from these will go towards our Kennedy Cup Squad.

KENNEY CUP TRIALS

The Kenney Cup trials will be held on Sunday January 2nd at 1 o'clock. It is important that all players be there not later than 12.45. All players bring boots, shin guards, socks and shorts. The following are asked to attend.

Pinewood - Shane Gleeson, Paul Horton.
 Brideview United - Pdraig O'Brien, Kevin Walsh, Eamon Forbes, Graham O'Neill, Michael Curley, Kieran Casey.
 Blackwater Rangers - Wayne Daly, Danny O'Keefe, Mick Irwin, Conor Phelan.
 Castlebridge C. - Kieran Barrett, Michael Hegarty, James Sexton, Coleman O'Connell, Leo Sexton.
 Clashmore R. - Declan Allen, Colm Kelly, Killian O'Keefe, Jason Seward.

Valley Rangers - Mark Carr, Brendan Lynch, Pdraig Cotter, Patrick O'Neill, Richard O'Connell, Edward Kenneally, Ronan Carr.

Blackstone R. - Don O'Riordan, Nigel Dinigavan.
 Cappoquin / Affane - Brian McCarthy, Eamon Nugent, Kevin Power, Cathal Wilkinson, Seamus Power.

Ballybridge United - Eoghan McCarthy, Gerald O'Leary, Robert Murphy, Sean Crowley, Stephen Hodnett, Kieran Wall, Kevin Ahern.

Ardmore - Denis Flanagan, Declan Barron, Brian Keane, Paddy O'Donnell, Conor Hurley, Jack Reuins, Mark Walsh.

Any player who is not able to make the trials is asked to ring Joe Hartnett at 025-36928. There will be no schoolboy fixtures until Saturday, 8th January.

Finally I would like to wish all our clubs, players and referees a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Castlebridge Celtic Soccer Club Notes

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCH REPORT

Glenview Utd. 2 Castlebridge C. 5

On Sunday afternoon last we travelled to play Glenview in a league game. Fielding a team short 4 first team players we put up a very good performance. Early on in the game it was Glenview who made all the running. We went a goal down after 25 minutes when a long ball caught us square at the back. From then until half-time we started to put more pressure on the Glenview defence. We equalised through Brian Fitzgerald when he was at the back post to head home a corner kick. Just before half time we scored our second when after a great through ball Eoin Murphy had the defence in all sorts of trouble for one of their defenders to put the ball in his own net.

In the second half, ground conditions began to get bad making good football impossible. We went 3-1 up after 17 minutes when after some great build up play Brian Fitzgerald scored his second, a cracking goal. We had many chances after this to



score more before Glenview scored their second from the pen. spot. We were reduced to 10 players after this passage of play. For the last 20 minutes we were under severe pressure but showing great heart we dug in. We finished the scoring when Eoin Murphy scored after two great efforts. A win that sees us go 5 points clear of our nearest challengers. Well done lads on a spirited performance and also to our loyal supporters who braved the cold.

SCHOOLBOYS LEAGUE

We had no games over the last two weeks because of the bad weather. It is hoped to get some training sessions over the Christmas holidays.

KENNEY CUP TRIALS

Five of our players have been picked to represent our club at the U13 Kennedy Cup

ABBEYSIDE A.F.C. NOTES

THE OLD BIT OF RED...

BY JOE O'RIORDAN

Growing up in Abbeyside, particularly Murphy Place, it was hard to avoid the field or Dogleaf park as it was for me the centre of the universe in those days. A brief flirtation with Dungarvan U12 under the legendary Liam Curtin was replaced by regular visits to the field to see the likes of Denis Egan nearing the end of a long career, introducing some fancy city winger to the delights of a crunching tackle and a trip to the ditch. The names from that era trip from the tongue Michael O'Keefe, Hubie Hislop, Pat McNulty, Hiker McGrath, Monnie Lennon a little later. I remember one particular game against old rivals Dungarvan when standing for cover with my father, a long ball was played out of defence to Mick Brett and on the run without even breaking stride in one sublime piece of skill flicked the ball over the defenders head and drove just wide hooked!! It was later a pleasure to play alongside Mick on that first title winning team. Later came the best crop of players ever had ... Lalu in goal (Liam O'Connor), Michael Hogan from Old Parish who could out jump a seagull, Tommy Wade grease lightning, Hubie boosting the morale, Brownie Whelan, Hamster (Michael O'Riordan), Mick Brett, Monnie, Budgie Byrnes, Paddy Astle, Pat Terry, Thomas Monahan, Frannie Power, Eugene Collins, Pat Dada O'Connor, Alfie Hislop, Cub and Tiger Kiely, Tom Whelan, the legendary Rogie Cashin and Eddie his brother, Sean Woody Woods and on. Denis Egan and his faithful sidekick Michael Morrissey were constant factors in the club and year after year saw a title challenge until we went within a playoff of premier football in 1979 and cruel defeat at the hands of Ferrybank. Things were looking up and in 1981 we got our first title. Eddie Cantwell guided the second team to a division 4 title. I will never forget the night when a huge crowd saw us play Pike Rovers to clinch the title. A 2-1 win did it, the crack was mighty with the Black Donkey as the Pike had the likes of Joe Power, Pierie White and Nicky Hayes. This was Alfies

finest hour and the likes of Dodda, Rogie, Johnny O'Riordan and Eugene Collins in front of John Woods were the main stay of this young team. A purple patch followed as the first proved to be an icebreaker and successive titles in 1986, division 4 a first for Denis and TNA ample reward for years of perseverance and then the singularly most successful season in 1989 when we took the 3rd division double again under Denis and TNA. This team were nothing short of dedicated as they swept past all opposition. Tom Cahill, god rest him was in goal and how he saved us on some occasions I'll never know. Young hiker Harry McGrath played up front and the look on some centre backs faces when they encountered this man mountain was a sight to behold. Mick Ryan at centre field was also a powerful influence. Two years later in 1990 under Sean Wade our 1B came again within a hairsbreadth of premier football when losing the last game of the season 3-2 to St. Joseph's at home. 3-0 down after 20 minutes, 2 Gerry O'Connor penalties brought us back by half time but despite peppering the woodwork. This period was followed by a lull and defeat in the 2nd division cup semi final in 1993 was followed by victory in the 2B league in 1994 under Denis Egan, a team captained by Sean Woods. In the last few years we annexed the 2nd division cup with a team I had the pleasure of managing assisted by John Fitzgerald and Michael Morrissey. Along the way the schoolboy side affairs has been concentrated on more than most and following the erection of changing and training facilities at Dogleaf in 1995 our schoolboy teams began to feature prominently in their respective leagues. John McGovern, Vincent O'Donnell, John Kenneally, Michael Morrissey, Kevin Tobin, John Woods have all managed schoolboy team over the years with John McGovern tasting success at U11 and U12 levels. Vincent O'Donnell at U14 some years ago. The cur-

rent crop of U11 and U12's are no exception and some really promising players are currently lining out whilst our U14 team such as the likes of Philip Wade and co are as good as any in the County. The drain to other clubs over the years in underage has been arrested and our hope is that this will continue to be the trend.

Abbeyside of course would be a stronger club and team if the flight of our young people had not occurred but when you think of players such as Pat O'Connor, Declan Coleman, Gerome Kiely, John Melody, Mickey Coleman, John Curran, Tom Cub Kiely, Liam O'Connor, Denis Cosgrave who all went to Britain or farther to further their education or career. At this time the club is in a healthy state financially and playing wise. Our U11 and U12 teams are in the top two of their respective leagues in their respective divisions. Our 2A side is currently on a great run in their league. So from 1954 to now the club is progressing nicely. A big thank you to all who persevered when it would have been easier to quit. To all our supporters, friends, members, ex officers and players we extend a sincere wish for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year

MILLENNIUM GAMES

On December 27th next Monday we have 2 games at the field at 2.40p.m. Abbeyside U11 V. Abbeyside U12, 3.15p.m. Abbeyside present V. Abbeyside past.

All are welcome to come along and enjoy the fun. After the game its back to Radleys Bar to unveil our commemorative painting which will mark our transition into a new Millennium. Refreshments will be provided and all who had any connection with the club over the years are welcome to attend.

PLAYING AGAINST THE TIDE - SOCCER IN ABBEYSIDE IN THE 1950s AND 1960s

Growing up as a young boy in Abbeyside in the 1950s, it was easy to become besotted by hurling, as both the county and the local club had outstanding teams at the time. Gaelic football was something that was played out in the country. There was also a soccer club whose players, for some obscure reason, were not allowed to play hurling at the same time. Indeed, given the role of the GAA as part of the church/state establishment, it was almost an act of rebellion to play what was euphemistically referred to as "another code", as it it were some kind of disease.

I first saw the Abbeyside soccer team playing in the late 1950s in Tom Fennell's field (now part of Seapark). Among the players I remember from that occasion were Danny Connors (subsequently to become "Mister Soccer" in

Abbeyside), John "Hiker" McGrath, Paddy "Gash" Whelan, Bill "Rocky" Organ, Pat "Bella" Beatty,

Tom Cowman and Gerry Flynn, a fine centre half. Around the same time my father brought the Abbeyside team in his lorry (nothing but the best in those days!) to play Kilmac-thomas in Alaska Park. That was the first time I kicked a real leather soccer ball. It was like kicking a lump of tin, and I couldn't figure out how the players could kick it so far, never mind hit it with their heads. Once, Paddy Whelan met a full-blooded shot with the top of his follicly-challenged head, and the ball rebounded halfway out the field like it had hit an anvil.

Shortly afterwards, what was then the Dungarvan Celtic Club folded, and some of their players moved to Abbeyside, including John Michael Duggan, small and big Paddy Power, Joe O'Brien and Billy Mulvihill. By then Abbeyside's pitch was in Clonea and the team had graduated from the old faded v-neck red jerseys to blue shirts with white collars. However, in the early 1960s street

BY THE PERSON WHO USED TO BE KNOWN AS FRAN WALSH

leagues embracing the whole town were played in Jimmy Nugent's field, now occupied by McCarthyville. This was also the scene for the weekly games which we schoolboys played between Murphy Place and the New Line, come hail, rain or shine. No prisoners were taken in these confrontations. The players involved formed the nucleus of Abbeyside's first youth team, which entered the Waterford league in 1965.

This was the same year that the club moved to its current home in Stuccolane. It was immediately christened Dogleaf Park by Jim Egan.

The youth team played its first competitive game in Poleberry Park against the now-defunct St. Luke's. They greeted us country bumpkins mockingly, telling us where to place the ball for the kick-off and so on. We proceeded to play them off the park, but only after team captain Billy Kyne had

waded into the river running by the pitch to retrieve the ball! Billy provided great leadership at centre half in a season when we finished in the top half of the table. For me, the other stars of that team were Seamus Fitzgerald in midfield and Brendan O'Kennedy on the left wing.

One of the big events of the 1960s was the Dunabbey Cup, played in conjunction with the old Dungarvan Gala Week. Around 1966 Abbeyside had a great win in the final against Dungarvan, thanks to Peter Power's (the hurling coach) screamer from thirty yards in Tom Coffey's field beside the County Home in the Spring. Abbeyside repeated the act in Dogleaf Park a few years later in one of the greatest contests I ever witnessed on a sports field. Dungarvan were playing in a higher division, and had swept through the qualifying rounds. They paraded (in fact, swaggered) from town behind the pipe band, full of confidence that they would

be parading back with the cup. However, with Mick Curran (a bank official who lived in the New Line) marshalling the defence magnificently, Abbeyside took everything. Dungarvan threw at them (although John Michael Duggan was unlucky to hit the post).

When Mick Brett stole the winning goal, the place went berserk. One of the all-time great victories for the village.

By then, incidentally, Abbeyside were playing in blue jerseys with gold trimmings. Another member of that team was John "Bootsie" Walsh, a bank official from Waterford who was also an excellent rugby player with Waterpark. I have met him many times since in London (where he is now a bank manager) through rugby contacts. In fact, I also met him in Orlando during the 1994 World Cup.

After leaving Abbeyside as a student in 1966, my appearances for the club were rare. Probably the last game

I played for them was around 1970 down in Ballyduff. I remember that day for three reasons. First of all, Mick Keohan expressed outrage when I took the field in my tattered sky-blue UCD shorts, which revealed a lot more than they concealed. Secondly, I scored a fluky goal when my cross from the right dipped under the crossbar. And thirdly, on the way back I entered Haughton's Pub near Carroll's Cross for the first time - the pub with the shortest bar in Ireland. I was reminiscing about that day recently with John Woods in Lawlor's Hotel.

Last summer I paid a rare visit to Dogleaf to watch a game in the pubs league. The pitch and the facilities have certainly come a long way from the days when we changed in the ditch! They even have matching shirt, shorts and socks now - all in red and black. Abbeyside soccer club played a major role in my childhood formation. Long may it prosper!

West Waterford Athletic Club

ALLROUNDER WINTER LEAGUE

AUSSIE RULES

It was a case of Mark Curran home from Australia on holidays who took the last stage of the Allrounder Winter League before Christmas. Running with his uncle Stephen he recorded a time of 41.55 to win in style. With a £25 voucher on offer to the person who took most time off their P.B. the competition was strong. On the night it was ever improving Geoffrey Halley who succeeded in winning the voucher. 8 runners were within 15 seconds of Geoffrey and we hear that if Brendan kept running not talking, he would have passed Geoffrey as he was only 4 seconds outside the time. Others who had good run on the night were Seamus Mansfield who looked like breaking the forty minute barrier and Mark Jackman getting closer to the 30 minute barrier. In the three mile Paul Veale recorded a runaway victory in 19.38 with newcomers Mel Shanley coming fourth and Pdraig de Burca recording a time of 30.51. Due to the Millennium bug hitting the competitors in Helvick early we apologise for not being



able to publish the overall positions until after Christmas. "With safety a priority we would ask all runners to invest or ask Santa for a reflective vest as no runner will be allowed to run without one after Christmas".

DUNGARVAN BIATHLON

At a recent meeting of the organising committee it was decided to put the Biathlon on hold until the Spring. A date will be fixed in early January.

SEASONS GREETINGS

On behalf of the West Waterford A.C., I would like to thank Colm and all the staff at the "Dungarvan Leader" for all your kind help and support during 1999. We wish all our athletes and supporters a very happy Christmas and good wishes for 2000.

THE PARK HOTEL SPORTS STAR FOR NOVEMBER



Pierce Flynn presenting The Park Hotel Sports Star Award for November to Ciaran Power. Included are Ciaran's fiancée Lisa O'Connor and Fr. Pat Moran, O.S.A., Chairman Adjudication Panel. —(Photo: Rory Wyley).

ALLROUNDER WINTER LEAGUE Results Round 7 5.7 ml.

1 66 Mark Curran	0:41:55
2 74 Geoffrey Halley	0:38:11
3 62 David Connors	0:38:36
4 6 Stephen Curran	0:42:53
5 11 Brendan Donnelly	0:38:14
6 32 John Clarke	0:43:04
7 101 Michael Hallahan	0:41:10
8 41 Derek Lyons	0:35:59
9 54 Seamus Mansfield	0:40:24
10 15 Vincent Tutty	0:41:31
11 23 Anthony Dwyer	0:36:23
12 49 James Curran	0:37:58
13 18 Finbarr Kelly	0:35:36
14 47 Mark Jackman	0:30:46
15 12 Tony Shalloe	0:38:01
16 53 Alban O Donoghue	0:37:59
17 28 John Whelan	0:35:20
18 26 Gerry Cantwell	0:33:30
28 56 Ritchie Power	0:37:25
19 67 Garreth Byrne	0:37:48
20 10 Ray Burke	0:36:11
21 98 Elisha Hayes	0:38:52
22 30 Paul Keating	0:37:49
23 55 Pat Lennon	0:43:04
24 1 Eamonn Phelan	0:39:26
25 8 Michael Dwyer	0:34:39
26 34 Joe Kelly	0:38:22
27 Connie Kelleher	0:35:34
29 17 Tony Ryan	0:45:39
30 35 James Veale	0:45:43
31 57 Eoin O Riordan	0:37:22
32 19 Albert McGrath	0:45:27

ALLROUNDER WINTER LEAGUE Results Round 7 3 ml.

1 72 Paul Veale	00:19:38
2 90 Luke Brennan	00:22:59
3 97 Michael Deegan	00:25:53
4 Mel Shanley	00:31:40
5 76 Shane Kelly	00:21:00
6 89 Martin Veale	00:22:20
7 86 Shane Power	00:22:12
8 80 Chris Gough	00:23:31
9 96 Aisling Conroy	00:28:15
10 82 Don Shields	00:23:57
11 78 Patrick O Doherty	00:24:09
12 48 Joanne Jackman	00:22:24
13 81 Pat Curran	00:23:35
14 91 Danny McGrath	00:25:32
15 83 Jeff Bullen	00:24:25
16 66 Pdraig De Burca	00:30:51

Dungarvan Credit Union Cycling Club

TRAINING TIPS - AEROBIC WORK

When you are engaged in Aerobic work you should be riding above your training threshold and the normal method of arriving at this is to take 75 per cent of your maximum heart rate as the dividing line. Maximum heart rate is approximately by subtracting your age from 220. Thus a 30 year old rider would have a maximum heart rate of 190 b.p.m. and his training threshold would be 142. On his long rides, that rider would keep his heart rate at around 140 - 145 level. This is a fairly high level at which to work, especially for periods of two to three hours, but if you spin out your weekend miles at a slower pace, then you are really fooling yourself about the benefits from those rides. When you find time to spend several hours in the saddle, you don't want those hours wasted and it is recommended that you keep your effort high enough on these rides, to produce your optimum heart rate. At this stage, you can be sure that you are training - not just riding the bike.

'OPERATION RUDOLPH' Operation Rudolph took place last week when 25 well known people from television, radio and the media cycled from Dublin to Cork over 4 days.

The final day of the trip was from Dungarvan to Cork on Saturday last. On a wet and windy morning the group set off from the Park Hotel accompanied by four members of the club. Eddie Moore,

Thomas Hogan, Pdraig De Burca and Pat Kenneally stayed with the group as far as Youghal providing invaluable assistance to the lads and especially the lassies on the climb up the Sweep. Well done and thanks for turning up lads.

HAMPER RACE

Sunday last saw the 30th running of the Christmas Hamper Race in Carrick-On-Suir. The race was run over 5 laps of a 5 mile circuit followed by 10 laps of the town circuit. The race was run on a handicap basis. Two club members took part namely Joe Kelly and Pat Kenneally.

The first group to start was the vets and ladies. Next off was a group with Sean Kelly, also in this group was Joe Kelly. The next group off was Pat Kenneally group and last off was the elite group containing Irelands newest pro-cyclist Ciaran Power.

The racing was fast and furious and riders moved from one group to the other as the laps went on. Going out on the last lap the elite group caught the group containing Pat Kenneally. At this stage they were less than 3 minutes behind the front group containing Sean Kelly.

But as this group reached the town circuit they were pulled out as the lead group were already on it. This was a pity after all the hard work put in during the race. At the finish the race was won by Tosh Lavery from John O'Brien and Sean Kelly.

CLUB SPINS

Last Sunday in arctic conditions, 6 club members took

part in the regular club spin. These were - Pdraig De Burca, Ray Dwyer, Mark Flavin, Eamon Phelan, Justin Coonan and Maurice Terry. The group rode the old favourite 'Ballyduff Route'.

There will be an extra spin organised over the holidays. This will be on Wednesday 29th December, departing the Square at 10a.m.

Walking Club Notes

KNOCKANAFFRIN

On Sunday, December 5th the A walk took us over Knockanaffrin ridge. The weather conditions for this walk were very poor with very high winds and almost no visibility. In spite of this everyone enjoyed the day out. Thanks to Michael Fitzgerald for getting everyone home safely in such conditions even if he did so by a rather prolonged and interesting route.

BEST WISHES

Best wishes to Margaret O'Connor and Agnes Whelan for a speedy return to fitness. Hope to see you both back in the boots as soon as possible.

Monday, December 27th, Fun Walk at 11a.m., (Nire to Rathgormac), Michael J Power. Bus fare £4.

Sunday, January 2nd, 2000 at 11.30am, Kilineen Ridge, Garvan Kyne.

Night walks continue on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8p.m. outside Lawlor's Hotel.

Ring/Old Parish A.C. Notes

With the club Cross Country season now complete all athletes are taking a well deserved break for a few weeks. Those taking part in the Colleges Cross Country will have a very short break as these championships start the first week in February. The club are very grateful to the Friary College, Kilmac' GAA, Ring GAA and Clashmore GAA who so kindly allow us to use their excellent facilities for training during the year and also the Editor and staff of the Dungarvan Leader for the coverage they allow us each week to keep our members and ex members informed of our successes all over the country. A very happy and holy Christmas to everyone involved with the club in any way.

Christmas Raffle Results; 1st Christmas Hamper Joe Murray, Ballycreene. 2nd Weekend for 2 Hilltop Hotel, Youghal Josie White, Ballycurrane, Clashmore. 3rd Ring Crystal Clock Geraldine O'Riordan, 17 Cois Mara, Dungarvan. 4th Christmas Cake Declan Dower, Clashmore. 5th Voucher Miss Elizabeth Coughlan, Kilmeady, Kinsalebeg. 6th Sunday Lunch for 2 in White Horses, Ardmore Eamon Beresford, Clashmore. 7th £25 voucher, Mary Lee's, Boutique Roger Barron, Tramore. 8th £20 voucher Coolagh Service Station Danny O' Mahoney, Glendine Drive, Abbeyside. 9th Ardmore Pottery Vase Elizabeth Nugent, Ballyvalican, Portlaw. 10th Meal Voucher for 2, Spar, Ring, Pat Murray, Ballyguiry Upper, Dungarvan. 11th Cuddly Toy Bid O'Reilly, 5 River View, Kilmac'. 12th Bottle of Whiskey, Genevieve Gee, Ballintaylor. 13th C.D. Stagger Stack. Krisi Shalloe, Ballyguiry. 14th Flahavan's Sports House, Back Pack Philip Mulcahy, 14 Upper College Rd. Ardmore. 15th Home Made Jam Hamper Mary O'Brien, Glenariska, Ring. 16th C.D. Stagger Stack David McGrath, Ballinamultina, Clashmore. 17th £10 voucher Comeragh Oil, Clare O'Sullivan, 10 Main St., Dungarvan. 18th £10 voucher Comeragh Oil, Ml. Terry, Old Parish. 19th £10 voucher Comeragh Oil John Joseph Power, No. 6 Ballyheeneey, Clashmore. 20th £10 voucher Comeragh Oil Gerry Raheer, Clonea. 21st £10 voucher Comeragh Oil Richie Fitzgerald, Glenlickey, Grange. 22nd £10 voucher Statoil Kevin Cummins, Coolnagour, Dungarvan. 23rd £10 voucher Statoil Jim Long, Seafield, Youghal. 24th £10 voucher Statoil Dearbhla Hayes, Ring.

Shamrock's GAA Club Notes

BEST WISHES

To all our members, players and supporters, we extend best wishes for Christmas and the new Millennium. Also to all our sponsors, continued success for the future, and finally to the Editor and staff of the "Leader", thanks for their cooperation at all times during the past year and looking forward to the same for the year 2000.

DEISE DEVELOPMENT DRAW

In last Friday night's draw at St. Molleran's Centre we had one winner of £100, Kieran Ahern, Ballyphilip whom we congratulate.

CONGRATULATIONS

To one of our up and coming young players, John G. Kelly, Killenagh who was a member of the St. Colman's College, Fermoy hurling team which recently won the Dean Ryan Cup.

CLUB LOTTO

On last Sunday night at the Shamrock Inn, Knockanore the numbers drawn were 13-16-17-18. There was no jackpot win-

ner and the following won prizes; Ciaran O'Sullivan, Ballygunner £100. Geraldine O'Regan, Lackaroe £100. Kieran O'Keefe, Kilwinny £50. John and Thomas O'Donovan, Coolbeggan £50. Charlie Cronin, Tallow £50, Michael Faul, Glendine £25. Jack Crawford, Coolbeggan £25. Margaret Power, Dungarvan £25. "Just 5", £25. Mick Lyons, Melleray £25. Promoters prize Ann Crawford, Coolbeggan £25.

Next draw on Sunday night Jan. 2nd at the Shamrock Inn, Knockanore with the jackpot reaching £2,800.

BEST WISHES

To two former club players for a speedy return to good health, namely Mick Neville, Killenagh and Seamus Murphy, Headborough. Both are in hospital at present.

SOCIAL

Our victory social will take place on Saturday night 22nd Jan at the Walter Raleigh Hotel, Youghal. Tickets will be on sale after Christmas from the usual sellers. More particulars in future issues of the "Leader".

Ardmore G.A.A. Notes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our A.G.M. took place in the Clubhouse on Friday week last. We had a fine turnout of members, but once again it was the players who were conspicuous by their absence. One hopes that this only signifies that they want to play, while one would aspire to the hope that all players would do more than just play as it takes a lot of effort from everyone to keep the club going.

The highlight of the meeting was the fine booklet produced by Club Secretary Billy Harty which contained all the years information as well as contributions from players past and present, team managers, doctor, parents and of course the club officers themselves. It makes a fine read and even if you were not present you should try to get a copy. Following the chairmans address and officers reports it was down to the business of the night, to elect who would lead us into the next Millennium. Sadly for us club secretary Billy Harty decided to step down as did P.R.O. Declan Barron and these two positions proved difficult to fill. Former secretary and club captain Nicky Keating stepped into the breach as club secretary while no one could be got for the P.R.O. position. Newly elected chairman Declan Hennessy praised both Billy and Declan for this contribution to the club and while neither will be lost to the club in general both will be a loss on the administrative side of things.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2000

President - Dr. D.J. McNamara; Vice-President - Dr. Joe Meehan, Mossy Hallahan, Tommy Power; Chairman - Declan Hennessy; Vice Chairman - Joe O'Brien; Secretary - Nicholas Keating; Assistant Secretary - Noel Conway; Treasurer - Eileen O'Donnell with an assistant to be selected later. Scor and Irish Officer - Liam O Loinsigh; P.R.O. - not filled, to be selected later. Delegate to Western and Co. Board Meet-

ings - Jay Prendergast.

The next business was the selection of the people to manage our teams and it was here that the players really should be having their say, but once again they failed to take the opportunity presented to them with only a handful present. After much debate on both the hurling and football side of affairs the following teams have been entered with their selectors for the 2000 season and we wish all of them the very best of luck in the year ahead.

Senior and Junior Football - Thomas Power, Nicky Keating, John Hennessy.

Junior and U21 Hurling - Pat Prendergast, James O'Donnell, John Hennessy.

U21 Football - James O'Donnell, John Hennessy, Declan Barron.

Minor and the underage selectors will be selected in the New Year at a juvenile meeting, while it is also being examined if we could field a junior B team in hurling to keep the fringe players entertained. All of the above selection committees were put in place after much debate and in some cases votes took place which is what democracy is all about. A number of selectors also stepped down this year and the chairman also paid tribute to them for their effort on the clubs behalf. They were Jay Prendergast, John Joe Conway and Denis Conway.

CLUB LOTTO

Sunday 12th December, 4, 8, 15. No winner. Our consolation prizes went to Aidan Quirke, Round Tower Hotel, Paul Hallahan, Tinalyra, Grange, Ian McCarthy, Ardmore; Louise Harty, Ardmore and Mary O'Donnell, Ardo. Our thanks to O'Reillys Bar who as always were excellent hosts and we wish them a happy Christmas and we will see them in the New Year.

Last Sunday nights draw at Kielys Cross also failed to find a jackpot winner with the numbers 14, 18, 19 coming out. The consolation prize winners were Sharon Mooney c/o Keevers Bar; Mary J. Prendergast, Curragh, Ard-

more; William Mulcahy also Curragh, Ross Morgan, Prospect farm, Youghal and Wayne Hennessy, Ardmore. Our thanks to Killian and his staff at Kielys Cross for all their assistance and we also look forward to returning in the New Year. Next Sunday nights draw is at the Round Tower Hotel with the jackpot still on offer.

DEISE DRAW

At last a prize finally came our way with £300 being won by Catherine Foley of Killeagh with Noel Conway the promoter. Our club also won a prize of Crystal Glass and as we are the hosts of the January draw on the 28th we will be able to continue with some winners in the January draw, as to date only 3 people have won.

SCHOOL CONCERTS

Both Grange N.S. and Ardmore N.S. have had school concerts during the week and both shows were a credit to the pupils and their teachers who do a tremendous job in producing such fine talent. Most if not all of these young children will in some way take part with the club in the future, either in playing our games or in Scor and we look forward to their participation.

ART COMPETITION

We understand that Grange N.S. have produced two of the winners in the Art Competition organised by the games and development committee and while I do not have the names yet, we say well done to all concerned who get Book Tokens for their prizes.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

You will be hearing much about this over the coming months as the clubs plans for the future will be put on display. The main priority will be to look after our players so extra dressing room facilities are proposed, while for the parents, we intend to install exercise facilities in the upstairs gymnasium, which will also be for players use.

For those on holiday or who do not play our games, we propose to install tennis courts while for our spectators we hope to provide some form of covered accommodation. To

help our trainers and selectors extra floodlighting is also proposed so that sessions can be held whenever is deemed suitable due to changing work patterns and life style. All of this proposed development will of course cost money, but we feel confident that what we propose will be given the full support of the Community as there will be something for everyone in it. We have come a long way since 1982 when we purchased the club grounds and hopefully by 2002 we will have in place the new facilities which will keep our club to the forefront for the foreseeable future. We must not rest on our laurels and it will be up to everyone to lend a hand if our proposals are to be brought to fruition.

FUND RAISING

As with any new venture fund raising has to be a part of it so our Finance Committee have been set the task of raising some funds. They are not letting the grass grow either and plans are already well advanced for a golf classic in May, so if there are any last minute presents you forgot you might find the answer here as everyone will be expected to take part no matter if you never played before or not.

STILL IN ACTION

Wayne Hennessy and a number of his club mates at U21 level are still in action as they were at U21 trials on Sunday last. These young lads and Wayne in particular are a great advertisement for sport and G.A.A in particular as their commitment and dedication are to be admired.

SEASONS GREETINGS

As there will be the final notes of this year, our club would like to wish all of our members and friends a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy new year. We hope everyone will return in great shape and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year. To those who are out of the Country we also hope that you too enjoy the festivities, knowing that those at home are thinking of you.

Clashmore G.A.A. Club Notes

STEPHEN BARRON IS NAMED YOUNG FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR 1999

Congratulations to Stephen Barron on being picked as young footballer of the year for 1999. This is a well deserved honour for Stephen who had a great year both at club and county level. In 1999 Stephen has represented Waterford at Minor Football and Hurling Junior Football and Senior Football and Hurling. At club level Stephen has played Minor Football and Hurling, U-21 Football and Hurling, Junior Hurling and Intermediate Football. Won County Intermediate Football with Clashmore and All Ireland Junior Football medal with Waterford.

LOTTO

No winner of last week's jackpot. Numbers drawn were 1-7-12-23. £10 to each of the following Kevin O'Rourke, Clashmore; Joan Power, Bawnacommera; Angela O'Neill, Ardsallagh; Pádraig Mulcahy, Ardmore and Barry O'Neill, Ardsallagh. This week's draw takes place on next Monday 27th in Cooper's for a jackpot of £2,300. As this is the Christmas draw the number of consolation prizes will be increased to 10 x £30.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Season's Greetings to all our readers both at home and abroad. May ye all have a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

THANKS

As these are the last notes of the 20th century I would like to thank those who helped me during the year. Tim O'Keefe, Kay Ledingham, the Editor and staff of this paper and club Chairman Mick O'Neill.

DEISE DRAW

We had no winner in last week's draw. Next month's draw takes place on Friday 28th January hosted by the Ardmore GAA Club.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 7th Dec. in the Clubhouse

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 7th December before what can only be described as a small crowd. Chairman Mick O'Neill opened proceedings by welcoming everybody. We then had the various reports;

Secretary's report; Once again Noel Nugent our secretary had a very comprehensive report on all our playing activities over the season, the highlight of the year being crowned County Intermediate Football Champions after a 22 year wait. He also gave special mention to our two star minor players Karl and Stephen who won All Ireland Junior Football medals. In all we played 40 competitive games over the season.

Treasurer's report; Treasurer Donal Fitzgerald gave a detailed account of all our financial activities for 1999. The cost of running a successful club is giving cause for concern, as without the club lotto and the Deise Draw we would not be able to survive financially. A lot of members spoke about the huge cost of hurleys and sliotars which is getting really out of hand. A lot of belt tightening will have to be done in the year 2000 if we are to survive financially. Also the cost of physiotherapy seems to be getting more expensive every year.

Chairman's address; Chairman Mick O'Neill spoke at length about all club activities during the year.

Officers for Year 2000 — President; Joseph O'Keefe. Vice President Fr. O'Gorman. Chairman Mick O'Neill. Vice Chairman Roger Hynes. Secretary; Noel Nugent. Asst. Secretary Billy O'Halloran. Treasurer; Donal Fitzgerald. PRO Liam O'Donnell. Committee; Mossie Curran, Dan Leahy, Tony Hickey, Aidan O'Rourke, John Foley (Ladies Football Club) and Eamonn Beresford (Juvenile GAA Club).

Selectors for the Coming Year

Junior, Intermediate and U-21 Football; Tim O'Keefe (Coach), Roger Hynes and Liam O'Rourke. Minor Football; Deferred until first committee meeting. Junior 'A', Junior 'B' and U-21 hurling; Mike Shalloe (Coach), Pat Dalton, Mossie Curran and Billy O'Halloran. Minor Hurling; Deferred until first committee meeting.

Membership Costs For 2000 — Adults £20 and £10 for hurleys. Juveniles £10.

LADIES FOOTBALL GAA CLUB NOTES

AGM — The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Football Club will take place in the Clubhouse on Monday 27th December at 8.30 pm sharp.

Dungarvan G.A.A. Club Notes

DEISE DEVELOPMENT DRAW

We had no winner in this month's Deise Draw which was held in Carrickbeg courtesy of the St. Molleran's Club. We will be hoping for better fortune in the Millennium. Our thanks once again to all our subscribers for your continuous support.

SYMPATHY

On behalf of Dungarvan GAA Club, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Duggan family on the recent death of Mary Duggan. Her sons Joe and Thomas wore the blue jersey on many an occasion.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam.

INDOOR HURLING

Our last hurling session took

place last Saturday. It will be resuming again in the New Year.

REMEMBERING OTHER DAYS

Dungarvan 2-6 Nire 0-1 was a result featured in the club notes of June 1979. It referred to a junior football championship game played at Ballymac. Dungarvan apparently were dominant throughout but missed numerous scoring opportunities that would have proved costly had the issue been in the balance. The win was a welcome one for the second string side and it was hoped it would bring an improvement to the numbers attending training.

An foireann; Joe Kelly, Richie Harty, Austin Curran, Finbarr Kelly, Mce. Walsh,

Sean Kelleher, Tommy Sheehan, Jim Meehan, John O'Donnell, Kieran Foley, John Walsh, Tommy Egan, Timmy Healy, Crohan McGregor, Jackie Sandford.

Fir ionaid, Alan Donnelly, Thomas Donovan and Noel Sheehan.

GAA COUNTY CONVENTION

On Saturday night last the club hosted the Annual Mass which preceded the County GAA Convention. Bishop William Lee was the chief celebrant. Our thanks to all those who helped out. It was a great honour indeed for the club to host this Mass.

Afterwards the convention got underway in Lawlor's Hotel. Our three delegates were Paddy Fitzgerald,

Michael Lyons, Michael Curran. The Chairman Paddy Joe Ryan thanked Dungarvan GAA Club for hosting the Mass and paid tribute to all those involved. He then asked our chairman Paddy Fitzgerald to accompany Bishop Lee to the podium. It was a relatively quiet convention with no contest for any of main positions.

APOLOGY

Our apologies to our very important First Aid Officer Mary O'Donoghue whose name was omitted from the list of committee members last week.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Once again we would like to wish everybody a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Coaching Scheme Notes

STRADBALLY BOYS N. S. - DARRAGH KELLY 10 YEARS, 4th CLASS

Darragh is a powerfully built boy for his age and loves most sports. He has made great strides at hurling during the past year. Likes to play in the full forward line and he has the physique to stand on the edge of the square. He lives at Viewmount Drive in the Village and his favourite hurler is Paul Flynn.

CAPPOQUIN BOYS N. S. PAUL MURRAY, 11 YEARS OLD, RANG 6

Paul lives at Ballywelligan and he is big and strong for his age and he is a very good hurler. He has benefitted greatly from the great work being done at underage level by Michael Murray and Tommy O'Sullivan. He looked very impressive at last Thursdays session. Club members Eddie Fraher and Michael Murray visited the school during the session.

Did you know? A total of forty nine Primary Schools in City and County take part in schools competition. Schools are put into groups according to their size in each division. Teams play at least 4/5 games with the top team from the East playing the top team from the West. Most schools take part in mini sevens competition which is always a good leveller. A total of twenty (20) schools are involved in Camogie throughout the County. Each school plays roughly 5 or 6 matches in their division with the top teams from East and West playing in the Co. Final. Most schools take part in the Camogie mini/sevens. Over the past few years boys and girls have been involved in indoor Blitzes. Waterford have sent very useful teams to Thurles, Cork etc. in Primary hurling and Camogie games. These competitions together with a huge amount of games organised by Bord na nÓg show that the young hurlers and camogie players are well catered for by dedicated men and women in schools and clubs all over the County.

As we come to the end of another year we look back at another very successful year in schools coaching. Thanks to all the teachers who give us such a welcome and to everyone who helped in the promotion of underage hurling. A special word of thanks to the editor and staff of the Dungarvan leader for providing space for our 'Juvenile Corner' which is eagerly awaited every Wednesday and is a marvellous way of promoting the game.



Scoil Mhuire, Dun Ná Mainistreach
"Give me a minute till I tie my lace". — Nicola Hynds calls a time out to carry out some running repairs as her friend, Fiona Herlihy looks on in the schoolyard in Abbesside National School at one of the Coaching visits during the year.

Fourmilewater GAA Notes

CARD RESULTS

Joint 1st Dick and Ritchie, Tommy and Babs. Joint 2nd; Donal Fraher and Tony Doocey, Maurice and Kit Fenton, Vincent and Gerry. Lucky tables; Joe Kennedy and Joe Loughnane. Larry Ryan and Jim Phelan.

Also we had our monster Christmas draw, here is the list of prize winners; Mick Power, Mick Donovan, Lisa Gillman, M. Condon, Gerry Grady, Biddy Ahearne, Gerry Crotty, Pat Power, Helen Ryan, Peggy O'Gorman, Catherine Kiely x2, Tony Gillman, Marian Ryan, June Cooney, Mary Power, Richard O'Keefe, Mary Cliffe, Tucker Power, Eddie Byrne, Liz Riordan, Jim Skehan, Dick tarrent, Pat Guiry, Richie Hackett, Joe Loughnane x2, Nora Harte x2, Walter Wall, Catherine Whe-

lan x 3, Patricia Fennell x 2, Fr. Lyold, Mary Walsh x 2, Eileen Ryan, Colette Moore, Johnny Coffey, Donal Fraher.

Fourmilewater would like to wish all our card players a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. It's intended to have cards on Wednesday the 22nd Dec. and also on New Year's Eve starting at 7.30 pm.

LOTTO RESULT

Numbers drawn were 12-13-20. No jackpot winner. £20 winners were Ger Walsh, Nire, Mgt. O'Grady, Lyre, Tom Fraher, Touraneena, Caroline O'Keefe, St. Martin's Place, Mary O'Grady, Lyre Farm. Christmas draw £20 Billy Grant, Claire Walsh, Ml. Guiry, E. Mulcahy, Johnny Coffey, Bennett's Church. Next draw 27th December. Jackpot £300.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Fourmilewater would like to wish all our players, support-

ers and friends a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Brickey Rangers G.A.A. Notes

DEISE DEVELOPMENT DRAW

We had two £50 winners in the December Deise Development Draw which was held on Friday night last in St. Molleran's Club. The lucky two were Domnick Clancy and Brian Hilliard.

CLUB DRAW

The winner of this draw for December is Pat Harrington. This club draw is for all those that have joined the Deise Development Draw with us.

LOTTO

Numbers drawn on 16th Dec were 7-16-25. No jackpot winner. Five lucky winners of £10 each were Frances Carroll, Henry O'Keefe, Patrick Halpin, Jim Cooney, Bernie O'Donnell. Next week's jackpot is £600 so buy your tickets on time.

Geraldine's GAA Club Notes

LOTTO

The numbers drawn in last week's lotto were 6-9-13 and we had no jackpot winner. Our five lucky £10 winners were Rena Cotter, Aglish; John and Maisie, c/o Kereen Bar; Pat Walsh, Aglish; Tom Ronayne, Piltown; Pat Hally, Woodhouse. Next week our jackpot is £800 and the draw will take place on Thursday night 23rd December in the Cruiscin Lan, Villierstown. Also in the draw this week we will be giving away five £20's instead of £10's. The club would like to wish everybody a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous new year and thank you for all your support during the year.

CONGRATULATIONS

The club would like to congratulate Charlie Ware on his retirement, also we would like to congratulate George Horsom who got engaged during the week.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the O'Brien family, Mountstuart on the death of William O'Brien. May he rest in peace.

The Green & White

Whatever other GAA literature, magazines, year books, etc., come on the market this Christmas, none will compare with the Limerick Youth magazine which is published by the Limerick County Board Communications Committee.

With dozens of short and very interesting pieces by young players, boys and girls, it makes a delightful read. It is headed by county PRO, Sandra Marsh, who is retiring after 5 great years in the post and there are articles by several well known personalities. But all the way it is a youth magazine, by the youth and for the youth. Limerick have certainly set a lead in this regard and others would do very well to follow. I am indebted to Brother James Dormer for a copy.

G.A.A. NOTES

BY "COMMENTATOR"

Lengthy County Convention Was A Quiet Affair

In going on for the best part of four hours, it was reminiscent of days gone by, but in other respects it lacked the 'cut and trust' that made the annual event the subject of discussion for a long while after. Really there was nothing special in the meeting to make it a memorable event.

The lack of pre-convention interest can be attributed to the fact that there were no elections to be held and there was nothing in the motions to explode the meeting into heated debate.

MASS

As usual, the event was set off with the celebration of Mass by his Lordship Dr. William Lee who is patron of the Association in the county.

Mass was in St. Mary's Parish church and the Convention got underway shortly after 7 p.m. when it was addressed by His Lordship Dr. Lee who spoke about the links between the church and the GAA and praised the Association for what it was doing for the youth of the county.

Pdraigh O Fainín, Honorary President, spoke about the importance of the club and its role in the GAA. He said that clubs were the Association and in the present climate of things the club needed to be very well organised and having good leaders to guide them into the next century.

The Convention was chaired by P. S. Ó Riain who thanked His Lordship and the President for their contributions.

FINANCE

The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet were gone through in detail by the Board's auditor Maurice Fitzgerald who answered questions here and there on the different schedules. He told delegates that it had been a very successful year for the Board who are now well in the black, thanks to prudent management and splendid co-operation by clubs, etc. He praised the treasurer, Tony Morrissey for having presented the books in such excellent form. The report was disposed of in about 25 minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As usual most of the paragraphs were passed over without comment. Tom Browne complained about the change in the county colours and said that no one had a mandate to do this. Brendan Tobin spoke about our failure to get a single nomination for the All Stars this year.

John Jackson, Seamus Ryan (Mount Sion) and Paddy Dunphy also commented on aspects of the report, which was disposed of in under 15 minutes. The chairman paid tribute to Seamus Grant for his excellent report and for the workload which he undertook and performed very efficiently during the year.

PRESENTATIONS

Following the chairman's address, the awards were presented to referees who handled county finals and the championship medals were presented to the teams who won county titles.

MOTIONS

Out of the total of 24 motions, 23 were moved and those which were approved are not likely to make a big difference to the administration.

Motion 1 — This dealt with the appointment of referees for intercounty matches. It came from Ferrybank Club, was accepted, and will be passed on to Congress.

Motion 2 — This asked that interest free grants be made available to clubs from the Munster Council for development. John Jackson outlined what the Ballyduff club had in mind and it was approved and will be sent to Munster convention.

Motion 3 was from Kill club and requested that All Ireland Sundays be declared closed dates for hurling and football championship matches. Tommy Hennessy moved the motion, saying that players should be free on these days to either travel to the finals, if they had tickets, or watch it on TV without having to rush to some venue for a match an hour or so later. The motion was debated before being defeated on a vote of 50 to 41.

The Abbeyside/Ballinacourtly motion which asked that the distribution of All Ireland tickets be based on team affiliation was discussed at length. In their submission the club stated that it had ever been the policy of the board to allocate tickets to clubs, depending on their playing strength because clubs with a big membership had far more demands, etc.

They stated that giving 3 tickets to all clubs regardless of their size, was unfair and unjust.

Christy O'Brien, Lismore, in support, stated that there could be no argument against this motion which was a fair and reasonable one. Eamon Murphy, Dunhill also supported. Michael Ó Toibín,

Seana Phobal, Joe Byrne, Erin's Own, Tommy Hennessy and others opposed on the basis of all clubs being equal, etc. The motion was defeated on a vote.

The motion from An Rinn club asked that an Insurance Officer be elected to deal with injury claims and that the new officer become a member of Coisde Gnotha as and from 2001.

New chairman of the club, Irial Mac Murchadha in proposing the motion made an excellent case in support, but following a good discussion, the club agreed to the suggestion of Jimmy O'Gorman, Munster Council, that the appointment be made by Coisde Gnotha from that committee. At the present the duties are being carried out by the county secretary in a very successful manner.

Paddy Dunphy, Tramore, moved the club motion to have county board meetings held bi-monthly instead of monthly. Following a discussion this was heavily defeated (it required a two-thirds majority).

Motions submitted by Tallow and Ferrybank on the subject of regrading were both ruled out of order.

Cappoquin/Affane had a motion requesting that the practice of having the accounts audited each year be discontinued. Jack McGrath in proposing the motion submitted that the practice was unnecessary and stated that provincial accounts were not audited. Other speakers spoke on the subject before the motion was ruled out of order by the chairman.

TONY FORRESTAL/SONNY WALSH TOURNAMENT

There was unanimous support for the Ballyduff motion requesting Croke Park to continue with the above under 14 hurling tournaments and this will be passed on to Congress. County Youth Officer John O'Leary proposed the motion.

Ballyduff's motion asked that where players are selected to represent their county, that they not be allowed play in club games not later than 12 days prior to the intercounty game, etc. John Jackson made the case in favour. He referred to the situation last year when the championships were completely disrupted after the county board acceded to a request from the hurling selectors to defer the start of the championships while the panel were training for the Munster championship. Following a debate

the matter was referred to county board

A number of other motions dealing with player involvement were referred to the board also.

A motion from Kill requested a two week interval between hurling and football championship games and this too was referred to the board.

As a result of the success of a Ballygunner motion, the grants to county senior finalists will be doubled

Patsy Flanagan, Tramore, had a motion requesting that where tickets are sold by clubs for intercounty games, that a percentage of the receipts be retained by the club as a reward for their trouble. This will be referred to Munster Council.

At 10.15 p.m. John Jackson proposed that the remaining 8 or 9 motions be referred to the first meeting of the county board. The chairman said it would be better to stick with the agenda, but to hurry the debate on the remaining motions.

Jack McGrath, Cappoquin proposed that in future O.O.O. be not listed on the convention agenda. This was agreed.

REFEREEING

Jim Landers, Referee Co-ordinator, spoke on the subject of refereeing and urged clubs to help in recruiting new members who will be given every encouragement and help before being asked to take charge of games. Courses are already arranged and new members can avail of these.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Paddy Dunphy PRO, announced details of the function to honour the junior football panel who won the All Ireland title this year. Because of the high demand, tickets will be scarce. He also gave some details about the Millennium Exhibitions in March/April next year.

ALL IRELAND TROPHY

The Junior All Ireland Cup was given a tremendous reception when it was borne to the top table by the Manager, John Kiely.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

In his splendid address to convention, P. J. covered a wide range of topics and said he was avoiding matters which had been covered in the Runai's report.

Having expressed the wish that the deliberations here this evening would strengthen the resolve and commitment of all our members as we enter the next century, he went on to talk about club structures and referred to the sad departure of Eire Og and Faha and said that every help and encouragement should be given them to return and regroup and help should also be given to any club who needed support. He appealed to all clubs to ensure representation at board meetings throughout the year.

COUNTY BOARD LEVY

"The Levy which I launched at last year's convention has proven to be a resounding success and I would like to compliment the clubs for their support and participation and you can feel a sense of pride and satisfaction at what you have achieved. I must pay tribute to Declan O'Meara for his tremendous work in connection with the Deise Development Draw."

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

On this topic the chairman said: "Generally, 1999 saw a high degree of sportsmanship, but unfortunately we did have some incidents which were totally unacceptable. These incidents were dealt with under the auspices of the GAC, who are a body interested only in ensuring fair play for all clubs and individuals. The recommendations were accepted by the full county board.

It is indeed worrying that some individuals are alleged to have boycotted celebratory functions because of the attendance of GAC members at the same function. The end result of this, is that it has strengthened my resolve and I know the resolve of all other members of the GAC, that disciplinary regulations must be adhered to at all times."

FINANCES

"This year ends a five-year plan on which I embarked on my election back in 1995. Never again must this board allow itself to over-spend because bank overdrafts which cause interest, plus capital repayments on day to day spending, deprives the board of finance which could be used in a more productive manner." He was referring here to the fact that the board was approximately £170,000 in debt when he was elected.

OTHER TOPICS

Having dealt with club championships, sponsorship and other relevant matters, he went on to talk about intercounty activities and referring to the junior All Ireland football victory he said: "The final year of the century was indeed a truly and historic one in Phortlárige, seeing our proud county joining the ranks of the counties who have captured All Ireland titles.

"Who will ever forget the outpouring of joyful emotion on that glorious Saturday evening in Portlaoise when victory was ours. The scenes which greeted the team party on their return to the Deise, had to be seen to be believed. My sincere congratulations and thanks to everyone involved."

INTO THE MILLENNIUM

We have seen many rule changes and hopefully the games which have stood the test of time, will not see further change. The new football proposals have been debated throughout the county with varying opinions and on a personal basis while not wishing to accept or reject the proposals, I feel that maybe proposals in line with the hurling changes, might be more beneficial and acceptable to clubs.

In conclusion, the chairman thanked his fellow officers, the club officers and the members of the various sub-committees, for their help and support during the year.

Munster Council Awards

At a Munster Council dinner held in Limerick to honour GAA personalities in the province who distinguished themselves in 1999, two well known Waterford personalities were among those who received awards.

Annilisa Crotty, who was acclaimed Munster's Lady Footballer of the Year and who played an outstanding role in helping the

county in reaching the All Ireland final and John Kiely, Junior Football Manager and under whose guidance, the county reached and won the first All Ireland title for the county.

Both were present in Limerick on the night and again were complimented at the county convention by delegates on Saturday.

G.A.A. NOTES

BY "COMMENTATOR"

County Senior Hurling Panel

The county senior hurling panel has now been named and was announced at Fraher Field on Thursday night last. Trials had taken place over the past several weeks with over 40 players involved. The new panel is: Lismore,

Brendan Landers, Dan Shanahan, Dave Bennett, Eoin Bennett, James O'Connor; Mount Sion, Ken McGrath, Tony Browne, Anthony Kirwan, Michael White, Brian Flannery; Ballygunner, Paul Flynn, Fergal Hartley, Stephen Frampton, Billy O'Sullivan; De La Salle, Johnnie Brennar, Stephen Brennar; Stradbally, Ger Power, John Coffey; Tal-low, James Murray, Stephen Curley, Brian Henley; Shamrocks, John O'Donovan; Ardmore, Seamus Prendergast; Clashmore, Stephen Barron; Fourmilewater, Pat Walsh; Ballyduff, Tom Feeney; Passage, Sean Cullinane; Sarsfields, Peter Queally.

The above selection shows a continuing shift in area/club representation on the county hurling panel and while the emerging strongholds like Ardmore, Stradbally, Clashmore, Shamrocks have players (and deservedly so), clubs such as Dungarvan, Abbeyside, Cappoquin, Erin's Own have none.

I understand that a very heavy training programme has been planned and that the panel will be taking just a very brief rest over Christmas.

On Sunday last they trained in the Fenor club grounds and in the afternoon on the sand dunes in Tramore. The panel will meet on 2/3 nights per week for training at the Fraher Field (show grounds).

The team's first competitive match will be against Kilkenny in the AIB Tournament in Walsh Park on January 29th, just one month before they travel to the North to play Derry in the first match of the national league.

UNDER 21 HURLING 'B' FINAL

Despite the poor condition of the grounds, the eastern final was played as scheduled on Sunday. Roanmore, who were favourites, had a single point to spare over Dunhill/Fenor.

The county final of this championship which now involves Fourmilewater v Roanmore, will not be played until January.

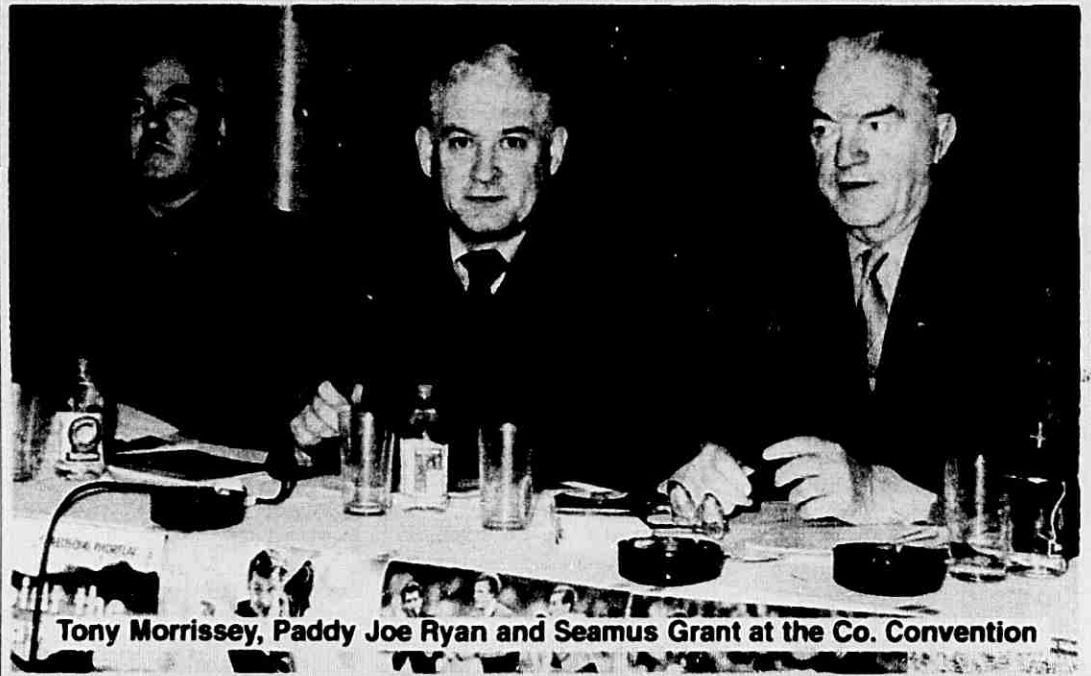
Good Wishes

I wish to extend my sincerest wishes to all my readers for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

My very sincere thanks to all who supplied news-bits and general information to me on topics that were considered interesting. John Jackson was most helpful in this regard.

Our next notes will appear on the first Friday in January 2000. P.G.

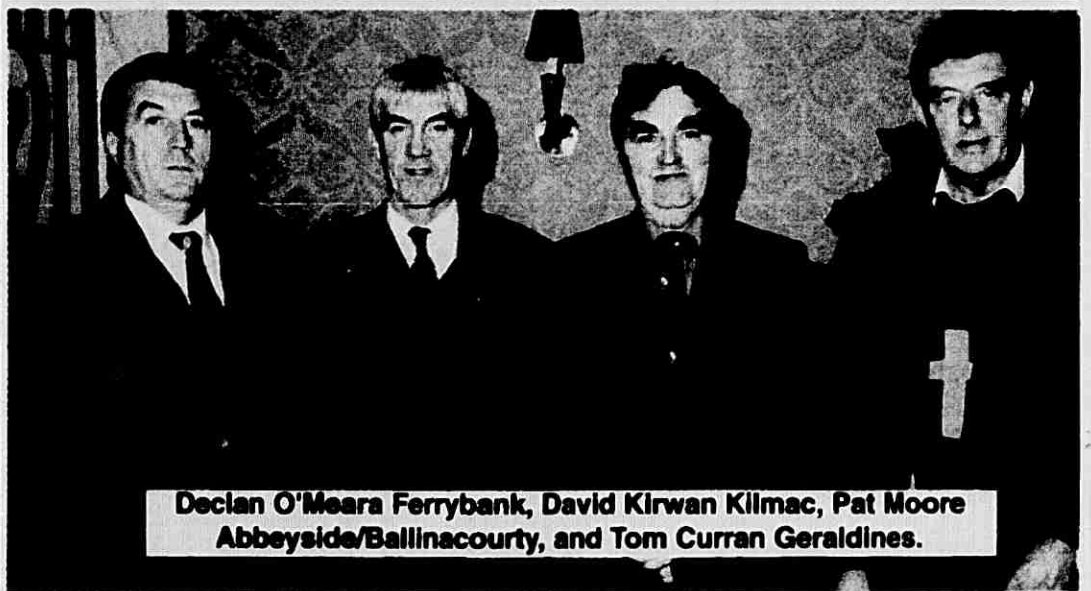
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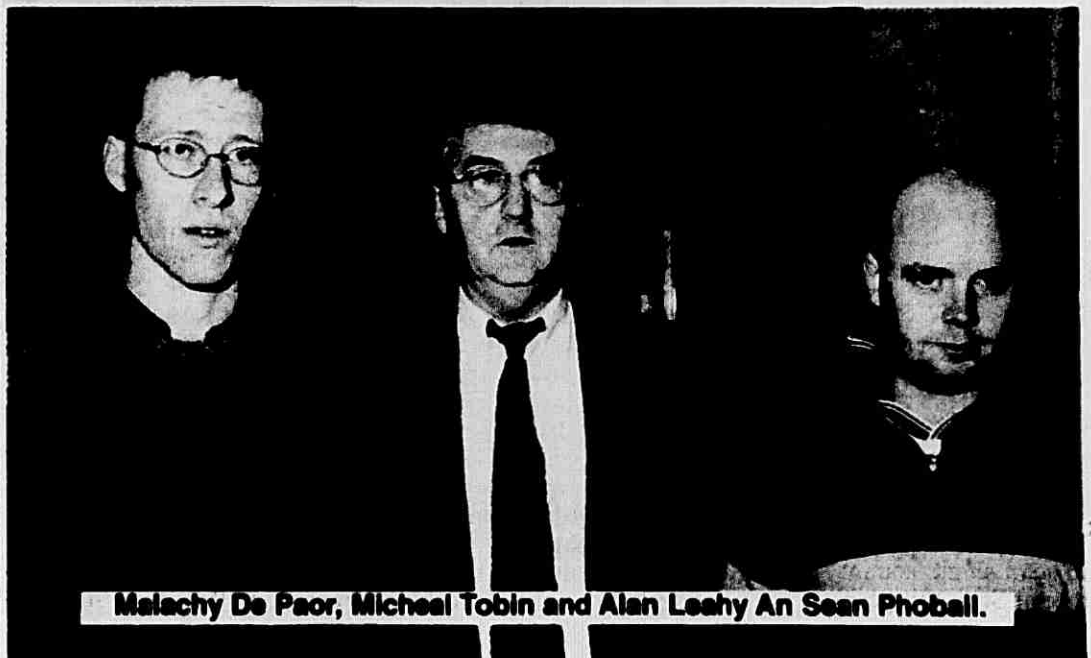
Tony Morrissey, Paddy Joe Ryan and Seamus Grant at the Co. Convention



Padraig O'Harta, Irial Mac Murchu, agus Tomas Mac Craith, An Rinn.



Declan O'Meara Ferrybank, David Kirwan Kilmac, Pat Moore Abbeyside/Ballinacourty, and Tom Curran Geraldines.



Malachy De Paor, Micheal Tobin and Alan Leahy An Sean Phoball.

THE BETTING ODDS

The betting odds for the provincial and All Ireland championships 2000 were published last weekend and show that the Commission Agents are not very optimistic about Waterford's prospects in either code.

For the Munster hurling championship they quote: 6/4. Cork, 9/4 Clare, 9/2 Tipperary, 11/2 Limerick, 7/1 Waterford, 100/1 Kerry.

Waterford are on offer at 12/1 to take the All Ireland hurling title, with Kilkenny 11/4, Cork 7/2, Clare 11/2, Galway 6/1, Offaly 7/1, Tipperary 7/1; Wexford are at 14/1 and Limerick 16/1.

Waterford are quoted at 66/1 for the Munster football title and Limerick are quoted at 250/1. Limerick and Waterford are the only two counties not to be given a quote for the All Ireland football title. The odds for the other 31 counties, including London, are published.

Awards 1999

The awards for the season just ended were announced at convention on Saturday as follows. It is understood that in most cases, several other contenders had strong claims to the various awards and as a result, the special selection committee had a difficult job in choosing the winners.

HURLER OF THE YEAR

There were others, some from his own club, Ballygunner, with strong claims, also, but his many splendid displays in a big number of matches decided the issue in favour of the Ballygunner captain, Paul Flynn.

FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Richie Power of Rathgormack too, had strong contenders breathing down his neck before he was selected for this award. Not only in the county championship, but also in the Munster club games, the Rathgormack midfielder showed all the qualities of a great player.

UNDER AGE HURLER

Mount Sion's Eoin Kelly, who helped both his county in minor and under 21 intercounty championship and his club in the same grades, was the player selected here and he will be a popular choice. There were others with good claims as well.

UNDER AGE FOOTBALLER

Young Stephen Barron had several splendid games with his club, Clashmore and he made the headlines with the county footballers as well. Indications are that Stephen will develop into one of our better scoring forwards in the big ball game. This young player was not the only one from his proud club, Clashmore, who had strong claims on this award.

JACK FURLONG AWARD: MOSSIE HYLAND HONOURED

The great Lismore stalwart, who has given a lifetime of wonderful and very dedicated service to his club, will be a very popular winner of this award which is in fact a reward for behind the scene service to the GAA. Outside his family, the GAA is Mossie's life and no matter what disappointments became his lot, he never lost faith in Lismore teams and when the club got reason to celebrate, he always had something good to say for the losers. This was an honour long overdue.

RATHGORMACK CLUB OF THE YEAR

The choice was not automatic and others with good claims were considered. Having won the senior and junior football county titles, having lost narrowly to Stradbally in the under 21 county final and their splendid displays in the Munster club championship, were the deciding factors in their favour. Rathgormack also had a successful year in the Bord na nOg championships.

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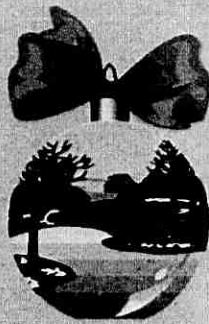
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