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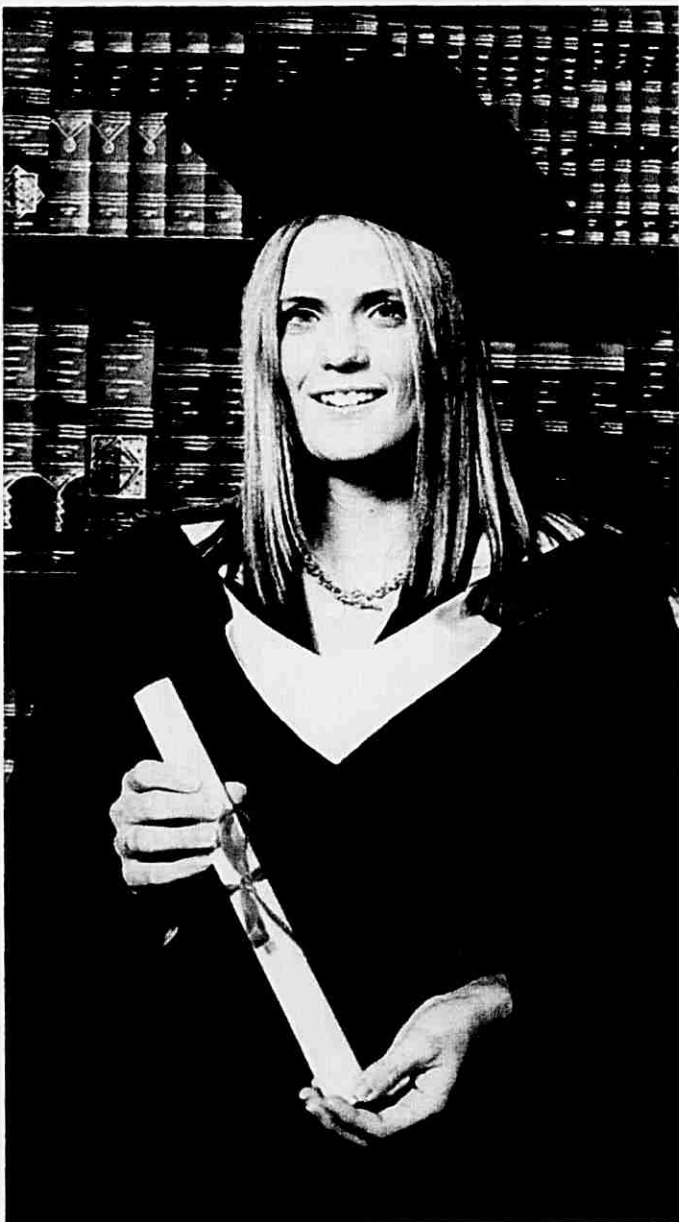
## High Court Review Into "Superdump" Hearing Adjourned

KEVIN KIRRANE

An Bord Pleanála's Oral Hearing into the proposed location of a "superdump" near a Special Area of Conservation at Garrynagree will not now commence until late January at the earliest, it has emerged.

The news follows the ad-

### ORAL HEARING MEETS FURTHER DELAYS



Joanne Byrne, daughter of Michael and Sharon Byrne, Kiltrush Park, Dungarvan, who graduated with a National Diploma in General Nursing from Waterford Institute of Technology. Joanne graduated with a Distinction and is a past pupil of Ard Scoil na nDeise.

jourment in Dublin's High Court of Judicial Review proceedings taken by an Old Parish farmer into the way An Bord Pleanála planned to conduct its Oral Hearing.

Tomas O Mathuna, from Sean Pobail, Dun Garbhan, had been granted leave last November to seek orders in Judicial Review proceedings to direct the Bord to conduct the Oral Hearing simultaneously through Irish and English.

The challenge arose following Waterford County Council's application to build a landfill on a site that straddles the border between the Gaeltacht and the townlands outside it.

However, when Mr. O Mathuna's solicitor asked the Bord for confirmation that it would be conducting the Hearing on a bilingual basis, and that facilities to allow this would be provided, An Bord Pleanála refused to make the facilities available.

This, he claimed was a breach of his constitutional rights, and he further complained that none of the materials relevant to the Oral Hearing had been translated into Irish - in particular the Environmental Impact Statement.

His complaint also stated that the Government breached its obligations to Irish Speakers under the constitution as neither the Planning and Development Act of 2000 or the 13 related Statutory Instruments, have been translated into Irish.

Meanwhile, the High Court granted him a stay, which restrained An Bord Pleanála from commencing with the Oral Hearing until the Court had concluded with its Judicial Review.

In the High Court recently, the Justices adjourned the matter to the 26th of January.

Speaking to the Dungarvan Leader, Director of Services with Waterford County Council, Denis McCarthy said the Local Authority views the matter as being between An Bord Pleanála and what he called "some of the objectors to the landfill" who sought the review.

The adjournment effectively delays the start of the Oral Hearing until late January at the very earliest, when over one hundred residents of the surrounding area, along with a number of groups will oppose the siting of the landfill at Garrynagree.

The Hearing was originally set to commence on the 2nd of December and run for two weeks with all those who made submissions to An Bord Pleanála entitled to speak.



Alan Hackett who was recently awarded a City & Guilds Certificate in Quality Assurance at Waterford Institute of Technology. Alan is son of Marian Hackett, Parklane and Jim Hackett.

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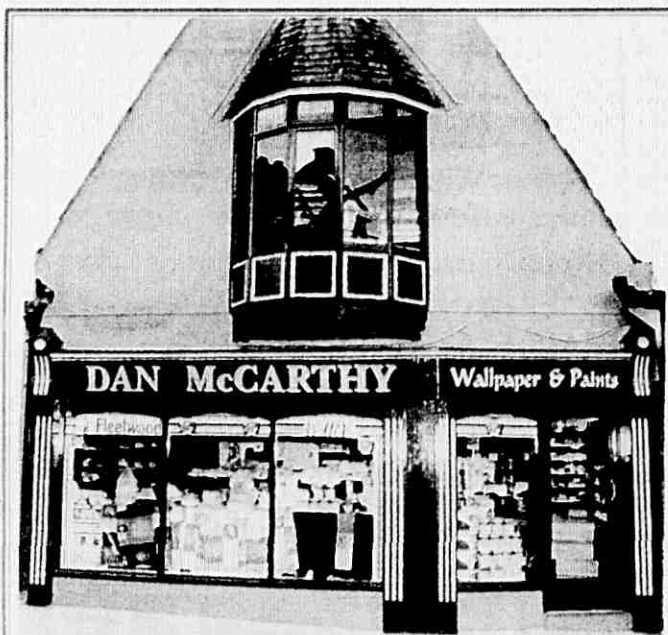
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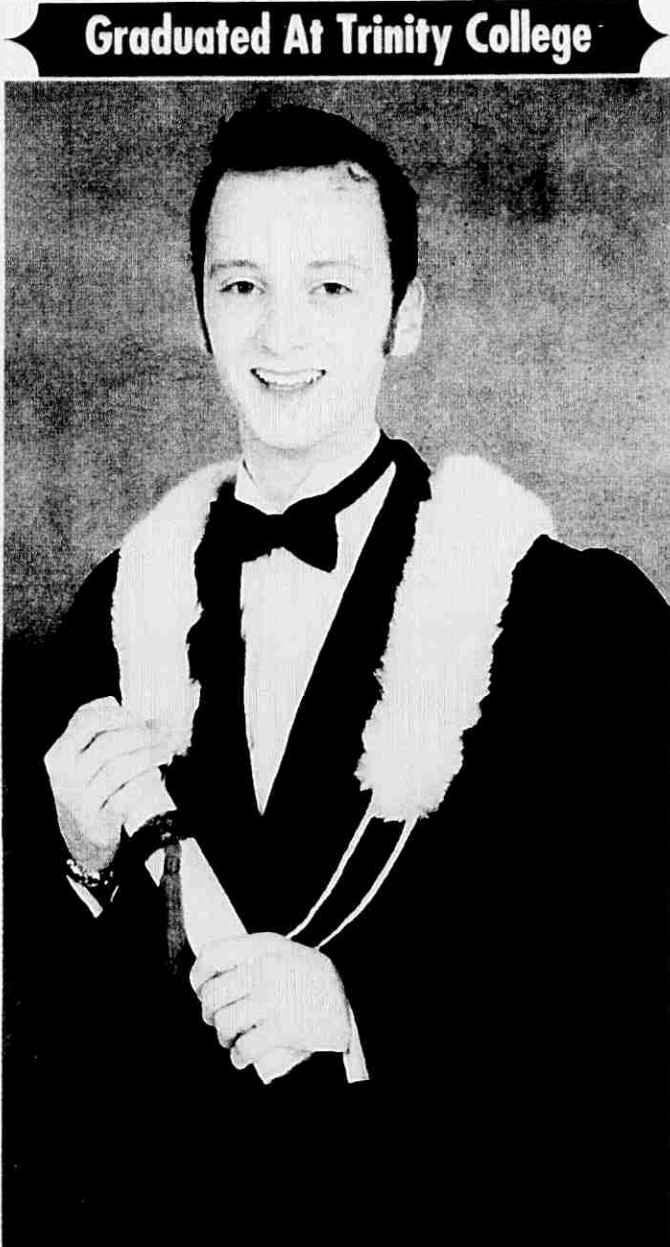
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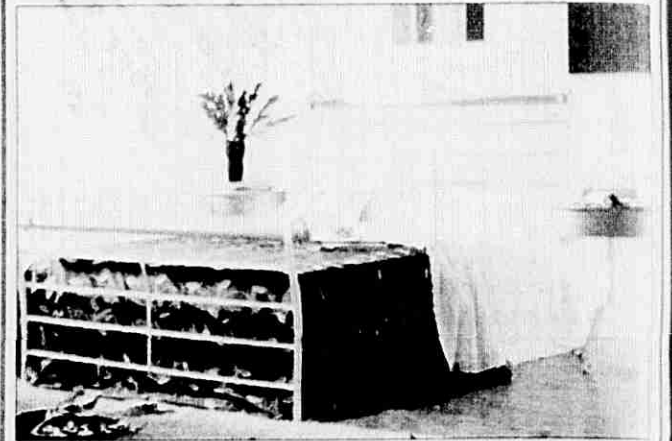


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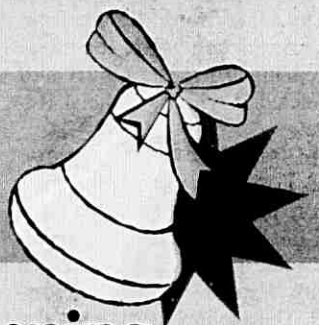
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By **KEVIN KIRRANE**

The Department of the Environment is now awaiting a tender proposal for the construction of the new Ardmore Fire Station, Minister Martin Cullen has said.

In answer to a parliamentary question from Deputy John Deasy, Minister Cullen said on receipt on of the tender proposal, a decision will be issued as soon as possible.

"Waterford County Council's proposal for a new fire station at Ardmore, at an estimated cost of 775,000 is due to proceed to construction stage under the fire services capital programme."

"An initial recoupment of 90,400 euros to the County Council to meet expenditure already incurred on the project in respect of site acquisition cost, fees, etc, has recently been sanctioned by my Department," the Environment Minister said.

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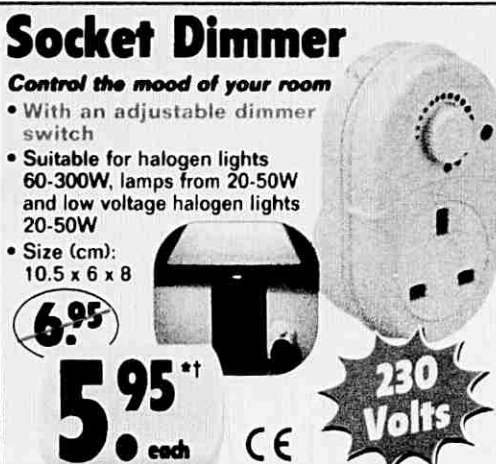


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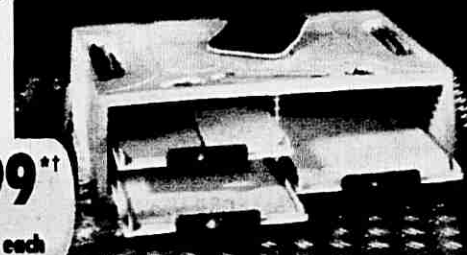
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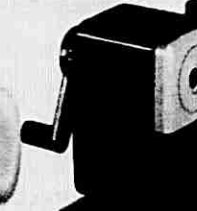
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## JUNIOR PAGE

### POLLINATION AND SEEDS

All plants must reproduce themselves in order for the species to survive. There are several ways in which plants do this. Simple plants reproduce by splitting themselves in two. Other plants, such as fungi, send out spores which float away on the air, to eventually settle and grow. Some plants have roots or stems that divide to reproduce. Most flowering plants produce seeds that will grow into new plants.

### MOST FLOWERS HAVE THE SAME STRUCTURE



Although flowers vary hugely in colour, shape and size, most have the same basic structure. Outside the petals there are small green leaves, called sepals, which protected the flower when it was in bud. The petals of the flower can vary in number according to the species. In the centre of the petals are a number

of small stalks, called stamens, which produce pollen. Right in the centre of the flower are the carpels, the reproductive part of the plant. The lower part of the carpel is the ovule, which develops into seeds when the flower has been pollinated.

### SOME PLANTS USE INSECTS FOR POLLINATION

Flowers attract insects with their bright colours and scent. Insects pollinate plants as they feed on a sugary liquid, called nectar, produced inside the flower. Nectar is an important source of energy for many insects. The insect visits its one flower and picks up the pollen on its body and the pollen is transferred to the carpel of another plant when the insect visits it.

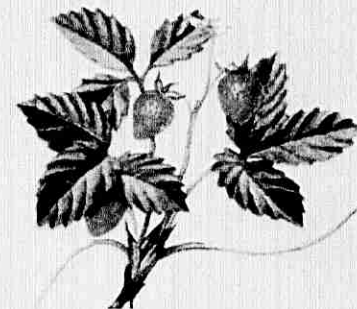
### POLLEN CAN BE SPREAD BY WIND OR WATER

Many plants, such as grasses, rely upon the wind as a means of pollination. Some water plants rely on the water to carry the pollen to other plants.

Because this is a more random procedure than insect pollination, these plants usually produce a large amount of pollen.

### STRAWBERRIES REPRODUCE WITHOUT SEEDS

Some plants, such as the strawberry, put out stems called runners, at the end of which are small plantlets. These plantlets take root and eventually become a separate plant.



### THE LARGEST SEED TAKES TEN YEARS TO GROW

The Largest seed is that of the coco de mer palm that grows in the Seychelle Islands. It takes ten years to mature and may weigh up to 18 kg (40 lb). It is sometimes called the double coconut because it looks like two coconuts joined together.

### COCONUTS FLOAT ON THE SEA TO A NEW HOME

Many seeds are distributed by birds or animals. The animal eats the fruit and then deposit the seeds in their droppings. Some plants have seeds with hooks that cling onto an animal's fur, to travel to a new home. As the animal brushes against an object the seed drops off. Some seeds can be carried to new areas by water. Coconuts, for example, often grow near the sea. The coconut falls from the tree into the water and then floats to another place where it grows into a new tree.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Some flowers smell like rotting flesh, to attract the flies they need to carry their pollen.
- An Australian mammal called the honey possum lives on the pollen and nectar of flowers.
- The flowers of some orchids look and smell like female bees – they have no trouble attracting bees to pollinate them!
- An ancient Oriental lotus seed preserved in a peat bog near Tokyo successfully sprouted into a flower 2,000 years later.
- In Greek myths, there is a land of 'lotus eaters' who live on the fruit of the lotus trees. Any strangers who eat this fruit forget about their home.
- The seeds of coconut trees can spread from one island to another – by floating across the sea in coconuts!

## Leader Crossword

### SOLUTIONS Questions on Page 8

**Across:** 1 Basmati, 5 Catch, 8 BNP, 9 Sideburns, 10 Calamine, 11 Mint, 13 Pamela, 15 Ferret, 17 Dunn, 18 Augustus, 21 Barcelona, 22 Kid, 24 Water, 25 Antonym.

**Down:** 1 Bob, 2 Sepal, 3 Assembly, 4 Indent, 5 Cuba, 6 Tarsier, 7 Hesitates, 10 Cupid's bow, 12 Petulant, 14 Minaret, 16 Aurora, 19 Token, 20 Beer, 23 Dam.

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## Horoscopes with *Ali*

This week's horoscopes are provided by Ali, one of Ireland's most gifted mystics.

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### ARIES Mar 21 to April 20

The New Year is one of challenges that will teach you a great deal about perseverance. Obstacles can be overcome through determination. For happiness in friendships and relationships, resolve to place others on an equal footing with yourself. 2004 brings new priorities and outlooks in personal affairs. January provides a welcome windfall. Telephone 1550-920-257 for further celestial insights. ☎ 1550-920-257

### LEO July 23 to Aug 22

2004 is a year of personal development when you must learn to give others the freedom that you expect for yourself. An unfulfilled dream finally has the potential to become a reality but only if you are prepared to wish upon a star. In relationships you feel ready to make a commitment. In January, old systems need to be revised. Curious to know more? Then telephone 1550-920-261 for more on astrological trends. ☎ 1550-920-261

### SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 to Dec 23

That fire sign impulse often gets you into hot water - acting first, thinking later. Weigh up the consequences of your actions before you run head-first into a situation that you may later regret. Resolve to be patient with people and with life in 2004 and more prepared to stick to a task, even when the going gets tough. In January, someone keeps changing their story. Telephone 1550-920-265 for more on love and luck. ☎ 1550-920-265

### TAURUS April 21 to May 21

In 2004, cultivate tolerance, both of your own faults and those of others. Try to put yourself in others shoes and overcome the tendency to see things from your own point of view. This year is one of changes, particularly in your family. You can expect luck with money. January brings important revelations and you are in the know. Telephone 1550-920-258 and be in the astrological know! ☎ 1550-920-258

### VIRGO Aug 23 to Sept 22

In 2004, you will be inventive and inspired. Expect lucky career breaks but not instant wealth. Resolve to accept your own limitations and to be more aware of your capabilities. This is a year when ambitions that can be fulfilled through being single minded of purpose. January heralds a new romantic era when you are more ready to take a chance. In work, expect change. Telephone 1550-920-262 for an in depth assessment. ☎ 1550-920-262

### CAPRICORN Dec 24 to Jan 20

In 2004, you will enjoy getting what you want professionally and materially, due to your determination and hard efforts. To promote personal happiness, resolve to set yourself free by becoming less possessive. "He that cannot throw away a treasure, in need, is in fetters" (Tolkein) Romantically, this is a year of commitment and security. January brings a pleasant surprise. Telephone 1550-920-266 for an in depth analysis. ☎ 1550-920-266

### GEMINI May 22 to June 21

This year, you can progress best through the realisation of your own self-sufficiency combined with a "reaching out" to all others and not just to one partner on whom you are inclined to depend. 2004 is your year for reassessing your professional path and if necessary, diverging. January finds you making peace with a rival. Telephone 1550-920-259 for more on love and luck, work and money. ☎ 1550-920-259

### LIBRA Sep 23 to Oct 23

You are a thinker and a communicator and often a highly inventive and original one. You need the freedom to be yourself. In 2004, be prepared to demand more free time and space for you. Recognise that this is a year for change and expansion. In January, you beat the competition for a coveted award. Someone is so proud of you even if this is not expressed. Telephone 1550-920-263 for a detailed celestial analysis. ☎ 1550-920-263

### AQUARIUS Jan 21 to Feb 19

2004 is a year of successful progression provided you learn to concentrate your energies in one direction. You are the great communicator of the zodiac. This year, listen to the suggestions of others and try not to judge others in terms of your own quick-silver mind and capabilities. The month of January finds you craving a change of lifestyle. Telephone 1550-920-267 for more on current astrological trends. ☎ 1550-920-267

### CANCER Jun 22 to July 22

It is time to free yourself from past emotional ties. Learn to forgive those who have not lived up to your expectations. In the work place get ready to promote a more confident image. 2004 is a year when your financial position will become increasingly stable. In January, actively seek closure in outstanding issues. Telephone 1550-920-260 for an in depth astrological analysis. ☎ 1550-920-260

### SCORPIO Oct 24 to Nov 21

Your very nature is to sacrifice yourself through caring and sharing. This year, learn to do this without forsaking your own needs or allowing the world to destroy your inner peace. Look forward to a sociable, energetic 2004 which in some ways is the end of a cycle. In January someone is more prepared to make effort in relating. Be sure to respond. Telephone 1550-920-264 for more on love and luck, work and money. ☎ 1550-920-264

### PISCES Feb 20 to March 20

January sees the beginning of a very dynamic year, yielding personal and professional success. Finances prove initially difficult but will improve. In 2004, you can grow by cultivating a detachment from others situations, by letting loved ones be free and by learning to "hold close with open hands". This week, someone is quoting you edited highlights. Telephone 1550-920-268 for more highlights. ☎ 1550-920-268

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*The Garden Messenger theme for January 2004 is . . . . .*

# "Colour your balcony or terrace" with winter flowering species and varieties of Erica

For unrivalled ability to put on a show of colour, whatever the weather, winter flowering heathers or Ericas are definite 'must haves'. The sight of beautiful, bell-shaped flowers covered in frost and set-off by dwarf conifers or dogwoods provides a wonderful lift to the spirit on a winter's day. The ability of some Ericas to flower right through from January to April means you get a wonderful return on your gardening investment with a long flowering period just when it's most needed.

Erica, or Heath, is a huge genus of over 700 species. These heather-like plants are popularly known as 'heathers', even though botanically heather is a slightly different plant. Added to this, most winter and spring flowering Ericas of European origin are happy to grow in an alkaline soil, even though their name indicates that they won't tolerate lime. Ericas thrive in pots and containers too,

which makes them a brilliant choice for patio, terrace or balcony gardening.

With these basics covered, we can get down to some detail about these plants and how they can bring colour and a sense of warmth and homeliness into your life however small your garden. Ericas are really useful when planting up a border specifically for colour at this time of year. Erica carnea, also known as Alpine heath or Winter heath is a great starting point. These are fully hardy and the range of colours offered by the cultivars means there is a wonderful choice. Each of the following varieties flowers in late winter or early spring. 'December Red', for example, opens pink and deepens to purplish pink. 'Golden Starlet' produces delicate white flowers. 'King George', producing deep pink flowers is one of the earliest to bloom in winter. 'Myretoun Ruby' can

look fantastic with its deep, rose pink flowers and 'Eileen Porter' will actually flower all winter. And it isn't just the flowers that bring beauty to the garden - the foliage can be dark golden, as in the case of 'Ann Sparkes', or yellow turning to orange in cold weather - 'Barry Sellers'. 'Golden Starlet' has lime-green foliage that develops into an attractive yellow in summer.

As a small, spreading shrub, most garden species and varieties achieve a spread of somewhere between 25 and 50cm (but do confirm this when you buy). This means everyone has the potential to enjoy the benefits of Erica. Whether in pots on the patio, or planted as part of a winter border, the pleasures of these plants are self-evident. Quick to establish and easy to maintain, there is no excuse for looking out at bare ground, hard paving or mud!



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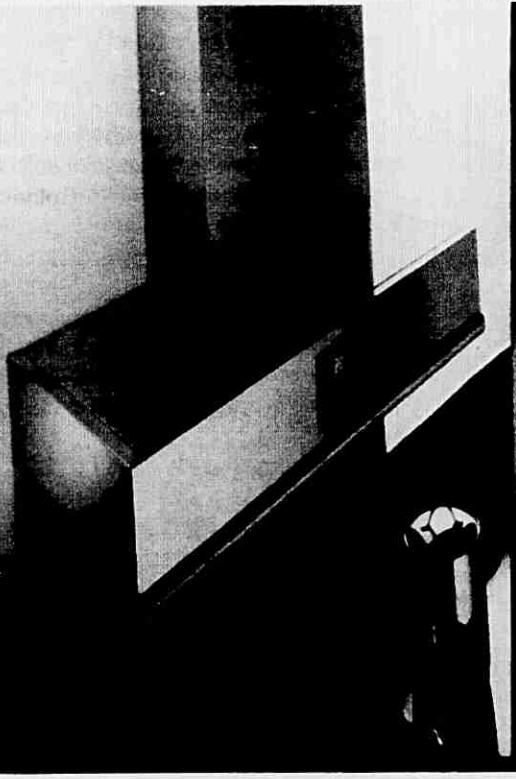
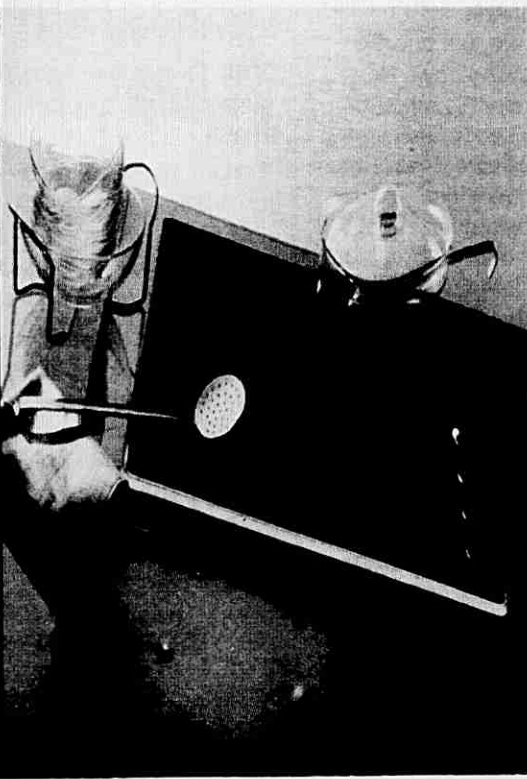
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# COOKERY CORNER

## Juicy beef pot roast - a tastebud tempter

AN easy dish made with a lean and economical cut of beef. The meat is given long, slow cooking for maximum flavour and tenderness.

**Ingredients:**

Serves 4

- 1 x 15ml sp sunflower oil
- 1.25kg lean topside beef
- 3 onions, peeled and sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 300ml hot beef stock
- 2 x 5ml sp mushroom ketchup
- 1/2 x 5ml sp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 thyme sprig
- 1/4 x 5ml sp salt
- black pepper
- parsley sprig to garnish

**Method:**

PREHEAT the oven to 140°C/275°F/gas mark 1. Heat the oil in a flame-proof casserole dish. Add the meat and brown on all sides. Transfer the cooked meat to a plate. Add the onions and garlic to the casserole dish and sauté until softened. Blend the beef stock with the mushroom ketchup and Worcestershire sauce. Stir the mixture into the sautéed onion and garlic. Add the bay leaf, thyme sprig, salt and black pepper. Heat the liquid until simmering and then add the meat. Cover the casserole with foil and a tight-fitting lid. Cook very gently for three hours or until the meat is tender when tested with a skewer. Put the meat on a warmed serving plat-

ter, cover with foil and leave to stand for 10 minutes. Remove the bay leaf and thyme from the cooking liquid and skim the fat from the surface.

Bring to the boil and boil until reduced by two-thirds. Slice the meat and pour over the gravy. Garnish with the parsley sprig and serve immediately.



## Satisfying potato soup with barley

TRY this great winter warmer, a thick, satisfying soup that makes a fine main course for a family supper.

**Ingredients**

- 2 large potatoes, peeled and diced
- 120g small white mushrooms, sliced
- 1 large mild onion, thinly sliced
- 120 g pearl barley, soaked overnight
- 2 carrots, scraped and diced
- 30g butter
- 1 1/2 litres beef stock
- 250ml creamy milk
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Finely chopped fresh parsley or dill, to garnish

**Method**

MELT the butter in a saucepan in which the soup

will be cooked. Add the mushrooms and onion and fry gently for four minutes until the onion is soft and golden, but not brown. Drain the barley in a sieve and add it to the pan together with the diced carrots. Pour in the stock and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 minutes or until the barley and carrots have softened. Add the potatoes and continue to cook gently for 15 minutes longer until they too are soft, but not mushy. Add the milk. The soup should be rather thick. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Bring the soup to the boil and sprinkle with parsley or dill and serve.

## Party platter for fruity fun-lovers

**Ingredients**

Serves 6

- 2 large oranges, peeled
- 1 peach, stoned and sliced
- 1/2 watermelon, made into balls
- 1/2 cantaloupe melon, peeled and cut into small wedges
- 1/2 honeydew melon, peeled and cut into small wedges
- 225g seedless green grapes
- Mint sprig to decorate for the dip:
- 100g low fat soft cheese
- 300ml Greek-style yoghurt
- 1 x 5ml sp finely grated lime rind
- 2 x 15ml sp reduced-sugar marmalade
- 2 x 5ml sp crystallised ginger
- 1 x 5ml sp finely grated lemon rind to decorate

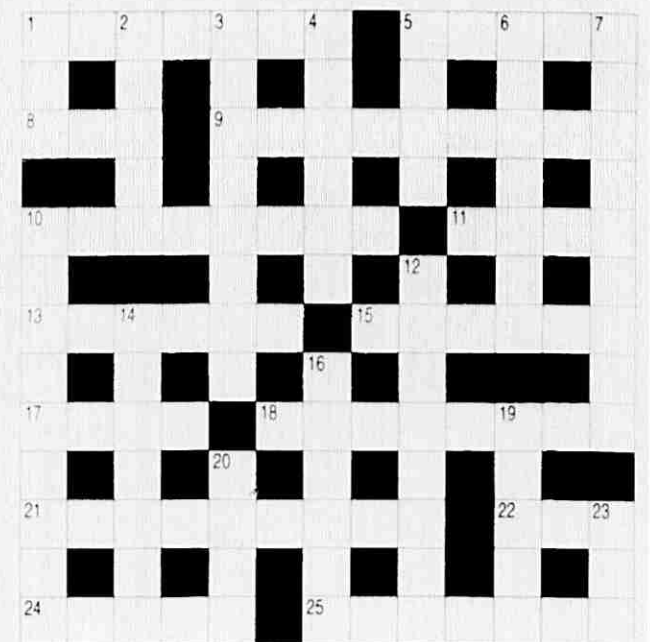
**Method**

DIVIDE the oranges into segments. Arrange the segments and other prepared fruit on a large serving plate. Garnish

with mint. Cover the plate with cling film and chill until required. For the dip, put cheese into a mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer or wooden spoon until very soft and fluffy. Beat in the yoghurt, lime rind and marmalade until smooth and blended. Chop ginger and stir into the mixture. Spoon the dip into a bowl. Cover with clingfilm and chill for one hour. Garnish with lemon rind and serve with the fruit. TIP: To save time you could try using ready-prepared fruit. Large supermarkets now sell orange and grapefruit segments, mango and papaya slices and pineapple chunks. You can also use peeled kiwi fruit and hulled strawberries.

## Leader Crossword

SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 4



- 1 Kind of long-grain Indian rice with a delicate fragrance (7)  
 5 In music, a round often deriving comic effect from the interweaving of the words (5)  
 8 One of the UK's political parties (1,1,1)  
 9 Feature pioneered by America's General Burnside (9)  
 10 Type of soothing lotion containing zinc carbonate and ferric oxide (8)  
 11 A place where money is coined (4)  
 13 . . . . . Denise Anderson, Baywatch actress (6)  
 15 Domesticated polecat used for catching rabbits (6)  
 17 Surname of a member of the Dad's Army cast (4)  
 18 The first Roman emperor (8)  
 21 Venue of the 1992 Olympics (9)  
 22 Leather from a young goat's skin (3)  
 24 Oxide of hydrogen that expands as it freezes (5)  
 25 The opposite of synonym (7)
- DOWN
- 1 A quick curtsy (3)  
 2 Each of the plant parts enclosing the petals (5)  
 3 A regular gathering of teachers and pupils (8)  
 4 Make notches in (6)  
 5 Country involved in a missile crisis in 1962 (4)  
 6 Anagram of TARRIES (7)  
 7 He who . . . is lost (9)  
 10 A pronounced double curve on one's top lip, either natural or created with lipstick (6,3)  
 12 Childish sulky or bad-tempered (8)  
 14 A mosque tower (7)  
 16 Luminous phenomenon around the polar regions (6)  
 19 A type of voucher (5)  
 20 . . . . . and skittles means enjoyment (4)  
 23 Two types of this are the arch and embankment (3)

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## South-East embracing the knowledge economy say IDA in end year review

"There has been a significant enhancement in the quality of economic development in the south-east-region during the past number of years" according to Ms. Mary Buckley, IDA Ireland's Area Director for the South region when commenting on the IDA End of Year review 2003. "The type of projects coming into the region are now very much based on a high level of business, scientific and technical skills and knowledge being available in the region" she said.

Recent overseas projects in the region have mostly been in the services and life sciences sectors where the use of knowledge is a key business feature: For example

- Sunlife and AOL in Waterford, State Street and Infoscure in Kilkenny and PFPC and Equifax in Wexford are all operating as key strategic centres for their parent companies in the International and Financial Services sectors.

- Genzyme in Waterford, Biopin in Dungarvan, Guidant and Alza in South Tipperary and Lake Region in Wexford are all successful companies in the Life Sciences sector, which are growing and prospering as a result of the quality of investment by their parent companies.

The longer-established companies in the region have also been active in making the move to higher-value activity. Companies such as Lapple in Carlow, Bausch & Lomb and IVAX in Waterford and ABS Pumps and Convertec in Wexford are all engaging in additional Research & Development programmes to enhance their activities in the region.

"We very much welcome these higher-value projects as the quality and skills level of jobs now available from overseas companies in the region has never been higher" according to Mr. Brian Conroy, IDA Ireland's Regional Manager, South-East. "We need to build on this success and to continue to work with our partners, especially those in education, to make sure the region continues to be an attractive location for high-value investment" further commented Mr. Conroy.

## Dungarvan Food Company To Create Further Jobs

Tara's, the fast growing Dungarvan food company has announced its intention to create further jobs in Dungarvan. Chand Foods which trades as Tara's has grown from 2 to 14 people in less than 12 months.

Its founder Tara Breen has indicated that there are plans afoot to continue growing its workforce from the current 14 people over the next three months.... "We are currently nearing the end of our first phase of recruitment - 8 people have joined in the last 3 weeks - and will embark on the next phase early in the New Year." She went on "We have had a really satisfying response to our recent advertising campaign, with lots of enthusiastic people of all ages from a variety of backgrounds applying, whatever else you may say there's a lot of good people in and around Dungarvan. We are struck by the quality and experience on offer.

People like Councillor Lar Hart and Donal Connolly, the County Manager, have been helpful and encouraging, giving us practical assistance - which is just what a small company needs." She was also fulsome in her praise for Karl Docherty at AIB. "Without Karl's assistance and support we could not have grown so quickly - this level of growth puts a lot of strain on our cash flow, but Karl has been very supportive throughout".

This expansion has been fuelled by support from Waterford Enterprise Board, whose CEO Gerard Enright declared "Tara has demonstrated that market opportunities exist for high quality, innovative

food products and Waterford County Enterprise Board is delighted to support her in the development of her business."

Butlers Chocolate Cafes which are the retail arm of the Irish Chocolate Company Ltd have also begun working very successfully with Chand Foods over the past few months.

Michelle McBride, Retail Director, pointed out that given their acclaimed and award winning reputation for high quality chocolate products "We have to be very careful as to whom we partner in terms of quality and consistency, and have found Chand Foods to match our expectations in both areas. Chand Foods Gold Medal win at the Great Taste Awards in London recently for their Brownie serves to underline our mutual commitment to exceptional quality."

Meanwhile Roches Stores in Henry Street, Dublin, whose 40 million refit is nearing completion has chosen Chand Foods as its preferred supplier of baked goods for its flagship 300 seat restaurant, which opened at the beginning of November.

And for the future Tara said, "We expect to expand into the North of Ireland, and the UK in the coming year. Ireland still has lots of opportunities: for example, we are about to start trials of our Namkin snack at SuperQuinn - who visited us at a Trade Fair in London - and hope that this leads to a significant increase in business. And then there's Europe where we are selling Namkin in Germany, where it's proving very successful, where our first customer has just ordered the equivalent of a weeks production as their second order..."

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# Abbeyside Topics



Pupils from Garrabane N.S. who were prizewinners in the Co. Library Services art competition. l to r: Orla McCarthy, Emer Hayes and James Burke with Teachers, Mary Dunford and Ann McCarthy. (Photo: Sean Byrne).

## ABBEYSIDE, BALLINROAD AND GARRANBANE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

As 2003 draws to a close, it would be remiss not to comment on the brilliant performance of the children of Abbeyside, Ballinroad and Garranbane's Children Liturgy Group, who took part in their Annual Nativity Play on Monday last December 22nd, in Abbeyside Church. These plays have been taking place since 1999 and it would be true to say that their performances go from strength to strength. The children had been practising extremely hard since the end of October, and they excelled themselves in portraying the birth of Jesus through song, dance, drama and narration.

Their beautiful singing, of traditional and new carols - gospel included - resounded through the Church and it was evident through the actions and dance that they thoroughly enjoyed these carols. The drama, which was portrayed through singing, dance and mime, was brilliant and these young actors are to be commended. The narrators, who had the arduous task of ensuring the story was portrayed, did a tremendous job.

Fr. Keogh in his final speech congratulated and thanked all the children involved for their wonderful performance and their parents for bringing them along to the practices and for

the costumes. He thanked the Children's Liturgy Committee, Brid, Deirdre, Geraldine, Liz and Mairead, on his own behalf and on behalf of the parents and children, for all their time and effort.

He also thanked the musicians, Francie Keneally and Edward Moore for their dedication and commitment, as music plays a very important part in both Liturgies and Plays. He expressed his gratitude to the stewards, Jonathan and Michael, the sponsors, Dirk Bauman, Shamrock Restaurant and Michael Hogan, Eddie and James on the lights, to Eileen, (Sacristan), for all her help and

for being so facilitating for the various practices and to anyone who helped in anyway.

The children of this Liturgy Group, have had a very busy 2003, as they have been involved in monthly Masses, Easter and Christmas Services, and will now start the New Year with a Celebration of Faith, on Thursday next, January, 1st, 2004 at 11.00 a.m. in Abbeyside Church. On their behalf I would like to invite you to come along and join them on New Years Day, for this celebration, to thank you for all your support during 2003 and to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year!

## CEREMONY TO REMEMBER CAPTAIN TOM DONOHUE AND THE "KERLOGUE" 1943 AT ABBEYSIDE 28TH DECEMBER 2003

Present: Mrs. Monica O'Sullivan, Deerpark Road, Lismore, niece. Mr. Jim Lynch, Ballylemon, nephew. Mr. Julian Walton Mr. Sean Cullinane, Strandside South, Merchant Navy. Fr. PJ Breen. Mr. Richard Power, Dr. Jim Stacey, Mr. Tom MacHugh RNL, and a number of other interested Abbeysiders. Dr. Jim Stacey welcomed the gathering.

He said that Captain Tom Donohue, and many others like him in the Merchant Navy were very brave men, and performed a vital service for Irish people in the war years.

They carried goods from Spain, Portugal, the USA, and UK to Ireland in very dangerous times. He said 149 men lost their lives in the Merchant Navy and they are remembered on the Seamen's Memorial at City Quay in Dublin. Even in-shore fishermen were at risk from the war, as three Helvic men were killed when a mine caught in their nets exploded in May 1945. They were N. Cuddihy, J. Griffin (Senior) and J. Griffin (junior). The St. Patrick en route from Rosslare to Fishguard, was sunk in June 1941, and local people, the late Tommy Keating and Mrs. Ann Allridge had travelled in her the previous March. He said that Tom Donohue was Master of the "Kerlogue", owned by Staffords of Wexford. On a previous voyage in October 1943 under Captain Desmond Fortune, she had been attacked by Polish airmen in the RAF, and four crew members including the captain were injured by gunfire.

Julian outlined the story of the rescue by the "Kerlogue" of over 160 German sailors in the Bay of Biscay on 29th December 1943. (See account in the Leader before Christmas). He said that Captain Donohue, was a war hero because of saving life, and not, as is usually the case, for causing loss of life. He could have chosen to sail past, but instead took the risky course of leaving the neutral corridor and entering waters swarming with German and British planes, submarines, and warships. He brought to mind the visit by former German cadets to Abbeyside in 1994, when German survivors returned to pay their respects in the little graveyard by the Clogchas. Fr. Breen read appropriate prayers.

## ABBEYSIDE PROMENADE

The time is now ripe to take a fresh look at the unfinished promenade at Abbeyside beach.

The work on the new sewage scheme is progressing on schedule and soon the quality of the sea - water in Abbeyside will be restored to its former glory. This will make Abbeyside beach, an attractive place to play and swim for adults and children alike. The completion of the promenade would protect the beach in Abbeyside and prevent sea erosion from the end of the present promenade to the steps from Abbeyside church graveyard. The financial outlay would not be too exorbitant and the finances required could easily be incorporated into the Council's budget for 2004.

## LOCAL HISTORY

"Thiar Na Trá" - The Irish name means 'The Back Strand'. Rev. Canon Power in his book 'The Place Names of Decies' states that the strand referred to is a piece of shingly beach between the Causeway and the Old Hospital (The Cattle Mart, is directly opposite the hospital mentioned on the other side of the river). In ancient times "Thiar na Trá" extended from the Pond back up the river. In modern times Strandside North is the name for the road from Minnies to the old hospital.

Marian Place - The houses half-way out between Minnies and the Old Hospital, were the first built in Abbeyside by the O'Brien firm and are called Marian Place. They were built in 1954, the church's Marian Year. Traditionally Strandside North was called Old Hospital Road after the only building on the Abbeyside Bank of the river. It seems more likely that this old hospital road led Northward to a ford across the river and that the hospital was 'the Christian Brothers' school at Shandon, during the Cholera Epidemic, of the 1830's.

## ABBEYSIDE REFERENCE ARCHIVE

### Looking Back

As we look back on 2003 we see an unusual year when almost weekly we were adding items to our collections. Once again space or more correctly the lack of it proved a problem.

We say thanks to the people who gave us items large or small. We say thanks to the people who visited each Sunday and made our voluntary work worthwhile.

We say thanks to all who bought our annual Christmas Cards.

Finally we say thanks to the two local papers for finding space for our notes each week.

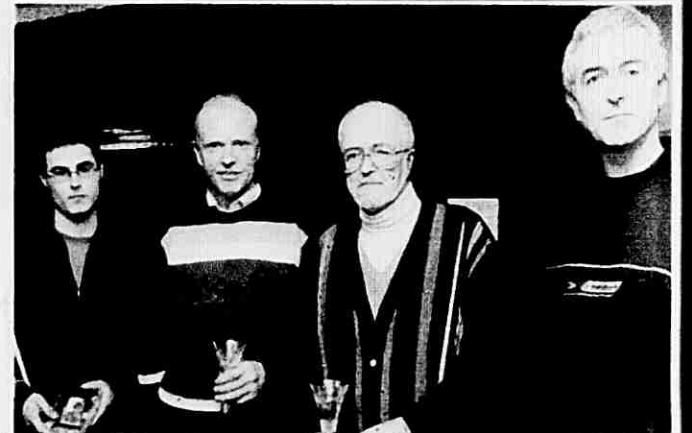
This is a vital link for us with you the reader and we wish you a Happy New Year.

We open once again on Sunday 4th January 2004 when Sarah Mullarkey, will be in charge of operations.

All visitors will be most welcome.



Dungarvan Club, Abbeyside. Snooker competition, kindly sponsored by the Norris Bros. Div.1 presentation l to r: J.H.Griffith, Runner up, Nicky Norris, Sponsor, Michael Bumster, Winner and John Considine, Club Secretary. (Photo: Sean Byrne).



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## Abbeyside Scout Notes

Saturday last's meeting for both sections began at 7 o'clock and finished at nine thirty. As this was the last meeting for both sections before the new year it was decided that as a treat a video would be looked at. Shortly after seven all patrols with their new cub members for the night headed off to the chipper. Large bags of chips, huge burgers and bottles of coke were ordered and eaten in double quick time. This food was washed down with soft drinks kindly sponsored by the Ladybird pack that use the den. Siobhan and her gang had a little left over from their Christmas party and kindly donated the remainder which was appreciated by all. The all action movie was thoroughly enjoyed by all, those who had seen it before as well as those who hadn't. At 9.30 arrangements were made with six of the scouts for Monday, December 29th then it was time to head home. The Leader wished all a happy Christmas and hoped Santa Claus would be as generous as always to everyone.

### THANKS

As this is the last scouts notes of the year 2003, the leaders, committee and back room staff of the 4th Waterford CSI would like to thank the Editor of this paper and his staff for publishing our weekly notes which keep everyone from Abbeyside to New York informed as to what we are up to. We would also like to thank all our supporters, friends, FAS workers, parents and families for their support and help throughout the year. We wish all a happy New Year.

### GOODBYE

When we meet again in the new year history will be made, as from the 1st January 2004 the scouting organisation which has been around for the last 75 years will be no more. The "Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland" will now be known as and be a member of the brand new scout movement/organisation in Ireland "Scouting Ireland"!

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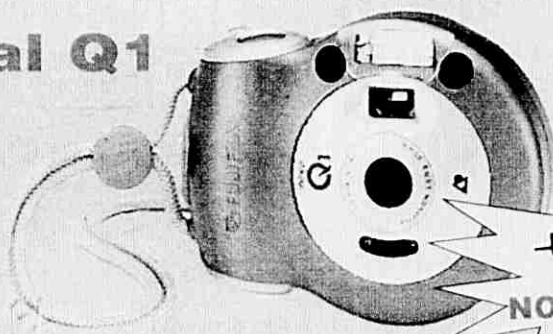
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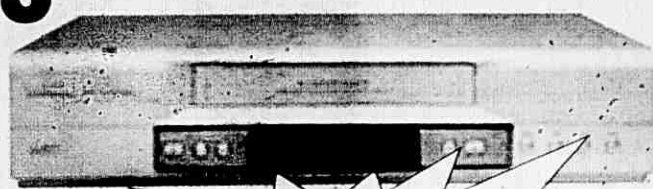


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Pictured above are a group of Beavers and Cubs from Dungarvan who visited Santa at Perks Fun Fair in Youghal recently.

## WEST WATERFORD NOTES

### CARD RESULTS

Monday, December 22nd  
 Winner of the pre Christmas 45 drive special were Tomas and Seamus Allen on eight games. In joint second were Mairead and Michael Fahy, Mary Dower and Pat O'Halloran on seven games each. Best of the last five were Stephen Cunningham and Ned Hynes. Lucky last game winners Liam Curran and Thomas Power, Tony Keane and Gabriel Hynes, Johnny Prendergast and Mick Ryan, Roger Hynes and John Hynes, Edmond and Edmond Og Ledingham. Christmas specials - Gift voucher - Paddy Lynch and Peggy Russell. Box of Roses to Bernard Moloney and Billy Allen.

Card Results - Monday, December 29th.

Winners of 12 games were Paddy Lynch and Peggy Russell. In second place were Liam Curran and Thomas Power. In third place on seven games the two Edmonds. Best of the last five were Assumpta Dalton and John Quinn, Ned Hynes and Stephen Cunningham. Lucky last game winners were Mary Dower and Noel Nugent, Jim McGrath and Paddy Kelleher, Seamus Allen and Tomas Allen, Jim McGrath and Mickey Ryan.

### Hunt Ball

The Annual West Waterford Hunt Ball takes place at the Park Hotel, Dungarvan on Friday, 30th January 2004. Further details from Cathy Casey or Don O'Hanrahan.

### Baby Girl

Congratulations to Gabriel and Eileen Hynes, Rhinecrew

on the birth of their little baby girl, a welcome sister for Billy, Edward and Padraig. Good wishes from all your family and friends.

### UI DOMHNAILL'S POKER CLASSIC

Well done to Tom Kelly, winner of our big Christmas poker classic at Ui Domhnaill's. This week's poker classic took place on December 30th at 9:30pm. The poker classic returns to normal on Wednesday night next week.

### POOL TOURNAMENT

Singles pool tournament commences on this Sunday, 4th of January at 6:00pm with some great prizes on offer. New Year greetings to all our customers.

### SINCERE THANKS

Parents Marie and Pat Daly and brother James of the late Patrick Daly (aged 15 years), Greencloyne, Youghal wish to express their sincere thanks to everybody who contributed to the benefit night held in Crotty's, Leamybrien on October 3rd and in Two Mile Inn, Middleton on November 22nd. A special word of thanks to Paddy O'Brien and his band, Bachelors in Trouble and all the musician who gave of their time on the two nights. All of our intentions will be remembered at Mass.

### LOTTO DRAW

Monday, December 29th.  
 No winner of our jackpot on Monday, December 29th. The numbers out were 12-14-19-21. Next weeks jackpot will be 1,430 and our draw will take place on Monday, January 5th

at the Rising Sun. Congratulations to each of the following who were winners of 15 consolation prizes: Stefano Albertino, c/o Creggs, Clashmore; Pat Collins, Kilgabriel; Julie Collins, Ballinaclesh; Rachel Crawford, Knockanore; Mary Hynes, Clashmore. Well done all.

### CLASHMORE/KINSALEBEG G.A.A. NOTES Christmas Special Lotto

The special Christmas lotto draw took place on Monday, December 22nd and the following are the results. There were no match four winners of the following numbers out - 3-5-

15-20. Congratulations to each of the following who won 15 prizes each: Kieran Killey, Clashmore; Dave Foley, Clashmore; Jim Roche, Kilgabriel; Fred Lennon, Clashmore; Garry Kelly, Piltown; Mag Budds, Summerhill; Carmel O'Neill, Modeligo; Mary French, Old Parish; T.O. Murphy, Clashmore; Shelly Walsh, Modeligo.

### AGM

Clashmore/Kinsalebeg GAA club wishes to remind all its members of its annual general meeting which takes place on Friday, January 9th.

### Annual Social

Our annual social takes place on Saturday, January 31st in the Park Hotel.

## Melleray Notes

Cards: 1st Johnny Prenderast, Mick Quinn, 2nd Ger Power, Shaun Dean, 3rd Peggy Kelly, and Kathleen Corbet.

Lucky Tables: Leo O'Donnell, Michael McGrath, Tony McGhone, John Nugent, Roger McCarthy, Jim Tobin.

Winner of the Accumulator Prize over the last six weeks was Niall Maher, on 50 games.

Results of our Christmas raffle - Michael Roubins, Eugene Fitzpatrick, Mary Power, Kathleen Corbett, Paddy Tobin, Mick Hally, Peggy Kelly, Roger McCarthy, Ger Power, Tom Duggan, Michael Ormonde, Billy Hoalihan, Leo O'Donnell, Pat Wilkinson, Eddie O'Shea.

We would sincerely like to thank all who donated and helped out with the food on the night. Thanks to Mike Power, who sponsored the ham for the Accumulator prize.

Cards will recommence on Friday 2nd Jan and we are again running an Accumulator up to Easter with a prize fund of fifty, thirty, twenty Euro.

We would like to wish all card players and all who read our notes a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### ENGAGEMENT

Heartiest congratulations to Seán Byrnes and Mandy Freeman who have announced their engagement. Here's wishing them many happy year's together.

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## West Waterford Chess Notes

The club's first underage tournaments of the season were completed on December 10th, with Patrick Palmer edging Joe Conway out in the primary schools section and Peter Flynn being forced into a tie-break match with Daniel O'Mahoney before winning the secondary schools section. Commiserations to Joe and Daniel, who showed quality throughout, and whose times will surely come.

In the Bank of Ireland League, the club's senior championship, Eamonn Lambden looks comfortably in control of group A, with Eddie Fitzgerald, Pat O'Mahoney and Peter Flynn all still fighting it out for the remaining qualifying spot.

Padraig McGrath has won group B, with Ivor Gordon most likely to claim 2nd place ahead of Gearóid Veale and Brigid Coffey.

Group C has seen an upset, with Alex Demydenko, 6th in last year's tournament, looking set to win the group ahead of Michael Basnayake, last year's runner-up, and Colin Looby facing an uphill struggle to qualify for phase 2.

Finally, Padraig de Búrca maintains a 100% record in group D, leaving Pat Collins a lot of work to claim 2nd place from the club's most dangerous, giant-killing, underage player, Bernard Walsh. Having already defeated Alex Demydenko in the Munster League and Pat Collins in the Bank of Ireland League, Bernard's development is the best example of the improvements seen this year amongst our underage members, with Gearóid Veale also worthy of mention.

Meanwhile, on December 21st, the Club's Munster League A team went down 3 - 2 to Cork City, having conceded the advantage of playing as white on the majority of boards. This leaves the A team with a 60% record in the tournament after 2 rounds.

Our first meeting after Christmas will be Wednesday, January 7th, in the Gold Coast Golf Hotel. Underage players from 7 - 8.30pm. Adults from 9pm onwards.



**ATGWU PRESENTATION** — The 3/87 Dungarvan Branch at a Special Function held at Lawlor's Hotel, made presentations of union certificates and Waterford Crystal to various members for their service to the union. Back row (left to right): Tony Mahony (Central Dairies), Rob Power (Kilmeaden Cheese), Brendan Mansfield (Chairman Designate), Mick Daly (Quigley Magnesite), Tony Mansfield, Regional Industrial Officer, Jack Elstead (Quigley Magnesite), Kevin Dwane (Quigley Magnesite); front row: Denis McGrath (Dungarvan Leathers), J. H. Mansfield (Kereen Quarries), J. G. Byrne (Dungarvan Leathers & Branch Committee), Sean Murphy (Branch Chairman), Willie Rossiter (Dungarvan Leathers), Mick Clancy (Quigley Magnesite). —(Photo: Rory Wyley).



Peter Flynn (left) winner of West Waterford Chess Club's Winter Secondary Schools Tournament and Peter Palmer (right) winner of the Primary Schools Tournament.

### Local Gaelscoil Primary Schools Visit Meánscoil San Níoclás

Meánscoil San Níoclás hosted a Tráth na gCeist Bord for the sixín class pupils of Scoil Náisiúnta na Rinne, Scoil Baile Mhic Airt agus Scoil Gharbháin ar an Luan, 15 Nollaig. The afternoon was organised by the Idirbhliain which did a great job with the powerpoint presentation of questions and results.

The results of the inter-school poetry and Christmas card competitions were also announced. Ba iad na buaiteoirí ná:

Filíocht: An chéad áit: Ellen Ní Fhinn, Scoil Baile Mhic Airt  
An Dara h-áit: Róisín Ní Fhiannáin, Scoil Gharbháin  
Cárta Nollag: An chéad áit: Pádraig Ó Muiríosa, Scoil Baile Mhic Airt; An dara h-áit: Laura Ní Chofaigh, Scoil Gharbháin  
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**Manchester United  
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MEETING**

There will be a general meeting on Friday, January 23rd. Any member travelling to the Leicester game in April must be in attendance with their ticket money, 40 for adults and 20 for juniors. The meeting will be in Lawlors Hotel at 8 p.m. sharp. The general meeting will be preceded by a committee meeting at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW HUGE SUCCESS**

The draw was a huge success with many members selling as well as committee members ensuring its success. To the many sponsors a huge thank you and here are the winners.

1st. Trip to Old Trafford for Two - Mick McCarthy, Lismore; 2nd. Autographed Man. United Jersey - Tom Hackett, Tallow; 3rd. Hamper - Paddy Kiersey, Kilmac.; 4th Waterford Crystal - Kayleigh McCabe; 5th Christmas Cake - Luke McCabe; 6th Christmas Pudding - Sean O'Rourke; 7th 2 Bottles of Wine - Billy Cooney; 8th Tin Biscuits - Conor Dwyer; 9th Bottle Vodka - Barry Sullivan; 10th Meat Voucher - Lucy Lenane; 11th Hair Voucher - Helen Grant; 12th Aynsley Vase - Jason Travers; 13th Bottle of Wine - Michael Young; 14th Football - Eoin Healy.

To all the winners we offer our congratulations and to all who bought tickets our gratitude and for 1 it was surely worth a shot.

**BACK ON TOP**

Since our last notes we have gone from third back to the summit of the league. Many a match has been enjoyed with plenty of banter in John Keane's and Timmy and the lads have not been found wanting with the half-time grub going down a treat.

Champions League Knockout Stages  
As previously advised the deadline for applying for Porto tickets has gone so here's hoping we can secure what we are looking for.

**LEICESTER FIXTURE CHANGE**

The original time and date has changed. Instead of Monday 12th April at 8 p.m., it is now Tuesday 13th April at 8 p.m. so if you have not booked travel, be advised.

**BEST WISHES**

To treasurer Teresa Fraher who is currently laid up. Hope to see you up and about soon.

The members and committee would especially like to thank Colm and all the lads at the Leader Office for your help throughout the year.

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**KILROSSANTY NOTES**

**FAS**

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**ARG**

ARG dinner was a great success. 38 people attended. Lovely meal and drinks were served by Dolores Mulhearn. Thanks

to Tomas and Nora for the music and to the ladies who had the hall ready for the evening. Thanks to Tom Quinlan for doing electrical work at the last minute.

**Dance**

Cupla will be playing in Crotty's Inn this Wednesday night, New Years Eve. Admission is 5. Refreshments will be served. The GAA club will be running it.

**Mast**

The proposed mast at Bar-nakill by O2 communication

which was refused planning permission earlier this month had 28 days to appeal to An Board Pleanala so as the deadline loomed last week a final check by Cllr. Barron at the council offices revealed that an appeal had been lodged two days before Christmas. So the fight goes on.

**KILROSSANTY G.A.A.**

**NOTES**

**Dance**

Don't forget the dance for the club this Wednesday night in Crotty's Inn. Cupla will be playing. Admission 5. Refreshments will be served.

**Clotto**

Results of the Clotto held on 21st December - 1-6-9-16. 20 to each of the following: Ken Hickey, Kilrossanty; Ciara Cassidy, Stafford Miller; Tom O'Mahoney, Durrrow; Helen

and Dean, Stafford Miller. 20 sellers prize went to Ned Dee, Leamybrien.

Extra prizes of Whiskey to James Whyte, Cutten; Liam Casey, Knockeylan; John Power, Gortnalaght and John Ryan, Comeragh. Sweets went to Mike Baldwin, Kilnagrange; Claire and Pat Whyte, Cutten; Harry Quinn, Kealfoun; Laura Reynolds, Currabaha. Thanks to all who supported the Clotto down through the year. It's a great benefit for the running of the club. The next Clotto will be held on 1st February in Micilins. Jackpot will be 3,600.

**A.G.M.**

Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on 9th January in the clubhouse at 7:30pm. This was to be the 16th but had to be brought forward due to affiliation on 15th.

**BALLINAMEELA COMMUNITY  
CENTER NOTES**

**WHAT A YEAR**

In the lead up to the New Year we often find ourselves reflecting on the twelve months that have past and judging the success or failure of the year on the events that have unfolded in that time. Well for the people in Ballinameela the year 2003 will be forever remembered. While much of the organization took place in 2002 the physical changes in our little community took place this year with the first sods of our community center being turned earlier this year. Since then the progress has been extraordinary for me and I'm sure it's the same for many others, each time I pass the site the building works seems to have advanced disproportionately to the days that have gone by. I also tend to find myself, unconsciously, taking a route that will take me by the community center just to have a look. Conversations in this area start with "Have you seen the hall lately" rather than the usual comment about the weather. There is no doubt this project has captured the imaginations of all in Ballinameela and this time next year while in reflection I will be able to consider all the events that will held in our hall and sports field.

We have a lot to be proud of here in Ballinameela and this community center and field will now surely be at the top of this list. Some in the area have done more than others but the most important thing is that everyone in their own little way has helped this project and this is why there is that extra little pep in the step of Ballinameela folk this year. We have achieved something we have dreamt about for years but will be part of us for many years to come and for this we all should be very proud.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

**ARTS GRANTS 2004**

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### Dairying: Dry cow rations

The most important considerations when formulating a dry cow ration are the energy content and the mineral content.

- The energy content is the single most important factor. The purpose of most dry cow rations is to provide an extra energy source to improve cow condition.

- The mineral content is important to ensure that the necessary trace elements are provided to the growing calf, minerals are laid down for the following lactation and that the calcium content does not induce milk fever around calving time.

Simple home mixes suitable for feeding to dry cows are presented in the following table. Approx. 120 grams/day of dry cow mineral should also be fed per cow.

Ingredient	Ration 1	Ration 2
Rolled Barley	33%	20%
Citrus pulp	33%	34%
Distillers	34%	23%
Corn gluten	-	23%
Analysis/kg as fed UFV	0.97	0.93
Crude protein %	14.3%	14.8%

### Frequently asked questions

Can I feed maize silage to dry cows?

Yes. However, unlike grass silage, maize silage usually has a very low protein and mineral content. When feeding maize silage to dry cows, protein and dry cow mineral supplements are necessary. Consult with your adviser for more details.

Can I feed dairy ration to dry cows?

No. The calcium content of such diets is usually high. This can precipitate a milk fever problem particularly in mature cows around calving time.

Will meal feeding before calving increase the size of the calf and calving difficulty?

No. Despite the widely held belief that meal feeding increases calving difficulty, analysis of the research available shows that meal feeding does not increase calf size and calving difficulty. Where meal feeding increases condition score excessively (above 3.5), calving difficulty can occur.

Can I feed straight pulp to dry cows?

No. Pulp is high in calcium, increasing the risk of milk fever. Avoid feeding straight pulp within 6-8 weeks of calving.

Do dry cows need a protein supplement?

Not usually. Where silage crude protein is 12% or greater there is no need for a protein supplement but below 12% crude protein a protein supplement will be needed.

Is there any advantage in feeding straw to dry cows?

No. Studies at Hillsborough and Moorepark have clearly shown that there was no relationship between pre-calving intake and post-calving performance as a result of feeding straw. Straw may however be included in the diet of fat dry cows to help prevent them becoming over fat at calving.

Will feeding a high protein meal pre-calving increase milk protein content?

No. Research at Moorepark and elsewhere has found no evidence to support this theory.

**Cattle: Cattle: High Concentrate Feeding**

Very high rates of gain can be achieved where concentrates are fed to appetite over a relatively short period (60 - 80 days). Low quality silage is not a suitable diet for finishing. An all concentrate diet is less costly per kg of carcass gain, usually ensures consistently high performance, better grading and savings on labour, feeding costs and slurry handling. It may also free up housing in Spring as cattle are finished earlier.

Introduce cattle to high concentrate diets gradually. With heavy cattle, start at 2kg per day and increase the rate by 1.5kg every four days. Above 3.5kg, feed twice daily. Above 9.0kg, feed three times daily. After a further 4 days provide meal ad lib but observe stock regularly for signs of over-eating sickness.

- Provide an adequate supply of clean drinking water.
- Once on ad lib, keep meal in front of stock at all times.
- Feed minerals / vitamins at 100g. per day or get a special formulation for high concentrate feeding as the level in regular cattle rations is too high.
- Provide a long roughage (straw, hay, baled silage) ad lib.

**Alternative Forages**

The two main alternatives to grass silage are maize silage and wholecrop cereal silage. High quality maize silage (25% starch, 30% DM) is superior to the best grass silage (74%DMD). Similarly, good wholecrop silage (starch over 20%, DM over 35%) comes close to good maize silage in feeding value for finishing cattle. The intake of good quality maize and wholecrop silage is 25% - 30% better than well-preserved good grass silage, resulting in about 15% better animal gain. Alternatively, less concentrates can be fed, i.e., about 1.5kg less concentrates per day than with high quality grass silage. Both maize and wholecrop are low in protein and therefore an additional protein supplement will be necessary to bring the total crude protein in the diet dry matter up to 12% - 14%. For example, where 5.0kg rolled barley is being fed with high quality grass silage, good maize silage should be supplemented with 2.5kg rolled barley plus 1.0kg rapeseed or 0.8kg soyabean meal. Not all maize or wholecrop silage will be of high quality so check out the feeding value at the start of feeding.

**Fischler - Exceptional Circumstances Notice.**

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms for force majeure/exceptional circumstances is Friday, 23 January, 2004. Farmers who feel that their farming enterprise was adversely affected by force majeure/exceptional circumstances in the years 2000, 2001 or 2002 must apply to the Department of Agriculture to have their case considered.

## Colaiste Chathail Naofa News

# Official Opening of the JCSP Demonstration Library Project



At the Official opening of the JCSP Demonstration Library Project at Colaiste Chathail Naofa, Dungarvan. — Back row (left to right): Mr. Niall de Burca (Storyteller), Mayor Ciarán Ó Riain, Mr. Pat Buckley (Principal), Mr. Paddy Lavelle (C.E.O.), Michael O'Riordain (PPU); middle row: Mr. Gerry McCarthy (JCSP Team), Dr. Deirdre Haslett (Researcher), Jane O'Loughlin (Librarian), Mrs. Margaret Bentley (Project Manager), Ms. Aideen Cassidy (JCSP Team, CDU), Ms. Bernie Kiely (JCSP Team, CDU), Mrs. Anne O'Donnell, (Teacher); front row: Paul Casey, Dougie Anderson, Peter Mariott, Raymond Tobin, Craig Kiely and James Harrington. —(Photo; Sean Byrne.

The JCSP Demonstration Library Project at Coláiste Chathail Naofa was launched recently with the official opening of the School Library by renowned storyteller Mr. Niall de Burca.

Mr. Niall de Burca, no stranger to Féile na Deise, gave five storytelling sessions to the Junior Certificate classes in the morning. Each session was an energetic performance that captivated the students as they were transported back in time to the famine years and across borders to countries as diverse as Nigeria, Italy and India. De Burca immersed the library in the chilling atmosphere of ghostly horror and the hearty laughter of comic humour. Many of the stories contained valuable life lessons and were equally enjoyed by the teachers in attendance.

The official opening took place in the afternoon commencing with an opening address from Principal Mr. Buckley to the large audience that included Mayor of Waterford Mr. Ciarán Ó Riain, CEO Mr. Paddy Lavelle, Councillor Mr. Michael O'Riordain, Chaplain Fr. Tim O'Riordain, Ms. Catherine O'Donnell of Reader's Choice, Ms. Frances Tracey of O'Mahoney Booksellers, librarians, principals of the local primary schools, parents, teachers and students. He spoke highly of the Junior Certificate School Programme and the positive effect it has had on students attending Coláiste Chathail Naofa. It has been the school's success with this programme, expertly co-ordinated by teachers Mrs. Anne O'Donnell and Ms. Julie Fitzgerald that gave them the edge in their application for involvement in

the Demonstration Library Project. The Library including the provision of full-time librarian, Ms. Jane O'Loughlin, is completely funded by the Dept of Education and Science as part of a three year literacy research project. The school is one of only eleven schools selected to participate in the project.

The positive effects of the library are already in evidence and were displayed at the official opening. Student Dougie Anderson read a story, "The Car", one of his many compositions about the entertaining character Mr. Opposite. De Burca was full of praise for Dougie's imaginative writing. One of the library's most popular author's, Darren Shan was the subject of student Paul Casey's enthusiastic presentation.

Also speaking were Ms. Bernie Kiely, Co-ordinator of the Curriculum Development Unit and Ms. Margaret Bentley, manager of the Demonstration Library Project. Ms. Kiely highlighted the tremendous work being carried out by the teachers of Coláiste Chathail Naofa and their commitment to the students. Ms Bentley praised the students for the strides they have made in literacy and commended them for the respect they have shown the library.

Parent Carol Tobin spoke warmly of how the library had been of great benefit to her son and encouraged other parents to get involved in the parent/child library activity of shared reading.

The audience were treated then to a final performance by Niall de Burca. He delivered an energetic and hugely entertaining story on how the English language has acquired such a vast array of words from various other languages of the

world. Once again the entire audience was captivated and the Library was filled with a volume of laughter never heard before in the school.

De Burca then unveiled the plaque and the Library's symbol, the "Salmon of Knowledge". The wall mounted "Salmon of Knowledge" was a culmination of the fine skill and workmanship of Woodwork teacher, Mr. Marty Bates and Art teacher, Mr. Danny Cunningham. The piece was inspired by the drawings of students, Keith Power and Arthur McDonagh. The "Salmon of Knowledge" was selected as the symbol as it embodies our heritage of great stories be they legend or

otherwise, it reflects the store of knowledge held within the resources of the library and it honours the great fishing tradition within the Dungarvan area.

The opening ceremony was brought to a close with a final address from Mayor Ciarán Ó Riain. Tasty refreshments provided by Jitterbeans were then served and enjoyed by all gathered.

The event will remain a memorable celebration of the education, enjoyment and pleasure the pupils receive from the Library and the respect they attribute it. Its success was due in large part to the excellent behaviour and enthusiasm of the pupils and the hard work and co-operation of the staff.

## SAMARITANS' CHRISTMAS

During Christmas week there were some 350 contact calls to Samaritans in Waterford. Assuming other branches had about the same, this means that between seven and eight thousand people throughout the country spoke to a Samaritan volunteer over the so-called "festive season".

These probably only represent the tip of an ice-berg of loneliness and isolation as many people do not think of calling Samaritans, or do not realise that there is always a volunteer ready to listen and offer emotional support at any time of the day or night, even over Christmas. As well as listening, volunteers lent support to those who prefer to communicate their feeling about Christmas or about life by e-mail (statistics not available) - jo@samaritans.org

The people who answer the phones, the door or e-mails in Waterford, as elsewhere, are all volunteers from every walk of life. Constant recruitment is necessary to keep the phones manned day and night throughout the year. A new phase of recruitment begins in January with training running through February. The qualities needed are an ability to listen non-judgementally, and discretion, as all calls are absolutely confidential. To find out more about Samaritans, visit the website - www.samaritans.org

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## LOOK BACK AT 2003 WITH KEVIN KIRRANE

2003 was a year full of historic firsts, with highs and lows locally, that often grabbed national attention. The New Year was greeted with news of approval for Clancy Construction's shopping complex, where work on site progressed rapidly throughout the year. On the jobs front, the year proved a mixed bag, with dismay and disappointment greeting the laying off of hundreds of employees at Waterford Crystal, while the announcement of a long-awaited decentralised department to Dungarvan came with the promise of millions of euros to be injected into the local economy. It was also to be a year of spiralling crime rates, warnings of a worsening waste crisis, the visit of the Bahamian Special Olympians and much more.

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# JANUARY

The New Year had a familiar ring to it as once again, Clancy Construction's proposed shopping complex was grabbing all the headlines. Dungarvan Town Council granted the complex planning permission. But it was only the second beginning of another year long saga for Billy Clancy and his team. Eddie O'Sullivan's 34 years of exemplary service to Dungarvan as a Garda was marked with a tribute evening in Lawlors Hotel to mark his retirement from the force he joined in 1968. Sgt Leacy said Mr. O'Sullivan's was an example which any young aspiring Garda could well do to follow. At the Old Market House Arts Centre a musical tribute was held in honour of Thomas Moore. Neil Hurley sang a rendi-

tion of sixteen of Moore's best known and loved melodies. Hundreds of well wishers bade Eamonn Stack a fond farewell as Headmaster of Aghish National School. Mr. Stack was one of the youngest school principals at the time of his appointment in 1967 aged just 21. Up until his retirement he proved a great servant to the school and the educational establishment as a whole.

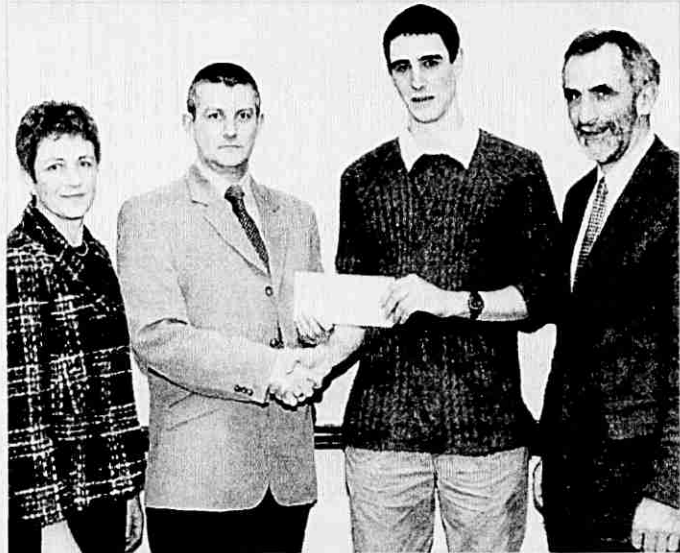
Donagh Berry from Ballyduff and a research scientist at Teagasc Moorepark, was awarded the Teagasc Young Researcher of the year award. Donagh's presentation of the results of his work on breeding and fertilising dairy cows won him the top prize.

Nugents Centra, Abbeyside took home the timely Christmas present of the National Excellence Ireland National Hygiene Mark. The presentation was made by Agriculture Minister, Joe Walsh.

Also receiving an award for excellence this month was Olive O'Gorman, attention and kindness to guests at her Ballymaccarbry guesthouse saw her receiving a richly deserved National Title in the 2002 Bord failte Irish Welcome Awards.

Extensive damage was caused to the World of Wonder Toy Store in Kilrush after a New Years Eve blaze gutted the popular premises.

A split labour vote secured a compromise refuse charge deal which saw the council approve an 8% increase on commercial rates and a 25 cent rise on each bag of recyclables. In Dungarvan householders were hit with a 50% collection hike. January 9th was an historic day in the life of vocational edu-



Diarmuid Moloney, Colligan recipient of the GlaxoSmithkline scholarship awards.

# FEBRUARY

Levels of crime in Cappoquin had escalated to an alarming degree, with instances of break-ins, reckless driving, and vandalism said to be increasing around the town. One man, who contacted the Dungarvan Leader, said some business people, and the elderly were living in almost constant fear, of a group of "untouchables."

An Bord Pleanala overturned planning permission for the intensification of Glencairn Quarry, and in a further twist, An Taisce issued a formal complaint to the European Commission about the manner in which permission was granted. The quarry was situated in an area of special conservation.

Goalpost Ireland scored a major coup when it was awarded the prestigious County Enterprise Award. The Tallow based firm established by Sean and Frances Tobin is one of the most successful sporting equipment manufacturers.

An early commencement date for the start of work on the 30 million euros Dungarvan Sewerage Scheme was announced by Minister Martin Cullen. Minister Cullen was in Dungarvan for a range of events, including the opening the Glanbia Central Laboratory, Dungarvan Boxing Club, and the DAY centre at the old Youth Centre.

Dungarvan Town Council came to the rescue of the Christmas Lights after they had remained a full ten weeks



Minister Martin Cullen receives an award from the Dungarvan Youth Centre.

hanging over the streets of Dungarvan. The Christmas crises occurred after falling contributions and spiralling insurance costs meant no where could be found to store the lights.

The Right Reverend Peter F. Barrett was inducted, installed, and enthroned as the new Bishop of Lismore. Formely the Dean of Waterford, Bishop Barrett was consecrated in Christ Church Cathedral.

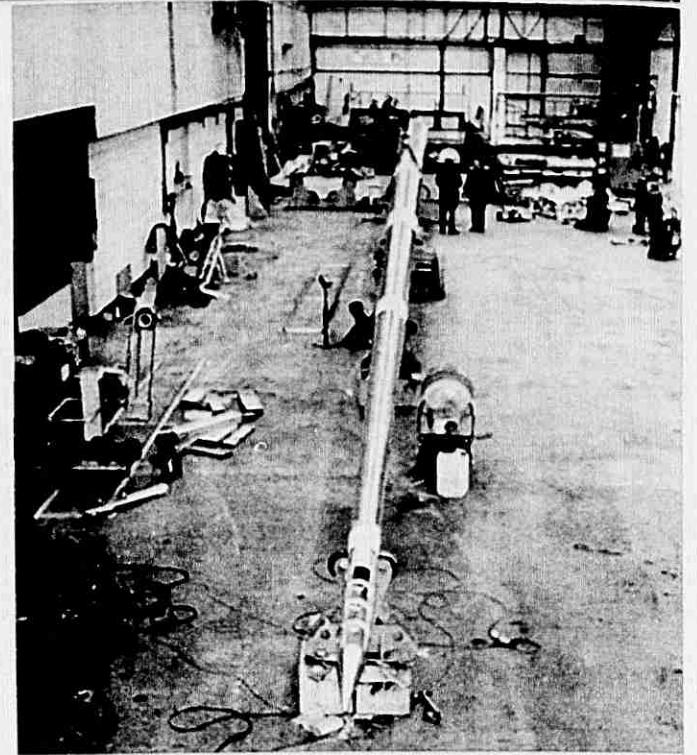
A substantial new business park close to the Youghal Road in Dungarvan nears completion in a development hailed as a tremendous addition to the town. Deputy Wilkinson said the business park would enable Dungarvan look to the future with renewed confidence.



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West Waterford Drama Festival Commtee



Pictures of the Millenium Spire being constructed at Radley's Enginnering Works in Dungarvan

cation in West Waterford as Colaiste Cathal Naofe (formerly known as Dungarvan Technical College) opened its doors for the first time.

Diarmuid Moloney, Colligan, Eoghan Moloney, Ballinacourty and Niamh Hallissey, Ballycoe, were the recipients of the GlaxoSmithkline scholarship awards.

A number of depopulated areas in West Waterford as well as the towns of Ardmore, Lismore and Cappoquin were included in the Clar programme in an attempt to halt the slide in population experienced in these areas. It was the first time parts of Waterford were included in the scheme.

A series of last day planning appeals against the grant of planning permission for a multi-million euro shopping complex in Dungarvan put the plans back several months. Managing Director of Clancy Construction, Billy Clancy expressed his dismay and disappointment about the move.

The completion of the world's tallest monument - the Millenium Spire in Dublin's O'Connell Street marked a towering achievement for Dungarvan based firm, Radley's Engineering. The final section of the 120 metre monument was slotted successfully into place in the last few weeks of January.

The quick action of Dungarvan's fire-fighters saved the Ard Scoil na Deise for serious damage after a curtain in the school hall caught fire. Two units of the brigade, facing intense heat and thick smoke, managed to bring the blaze under control.

Meanwhile, Tallow Fire Brigade saluted John Vicent Delaney on his excellent service to the county on his retirement. ACFO Des O'Brien praised John for being a perfect example of a dedicated firemen, and a credit to the Fire Service.

# MARCH



President Mary McAleese in Stradbally

President Mary McAleese performed the honours in Stradbally as the village celebrated its remarkable achievement of securing Gold in the prestigious Entent Florale competition.

The upsurge in crime continued unabated in West Waterford. Two burglaries occurred on consecutive nights in two neighbouring villages. The thieves used similar modus operandi in removing safes though Gardai refused to speculate on a connection.

It was a new beginning for Dungarvan in terms of its musical future, as the founders of the Dungarvan Youth Brass Band reaped the rewards of their hard graft. In March, the Youth Brass Band was formed promising a bright future and an excellent outlet for the talents of the next generation of musical talent in the area.

Hospital staff, patients and the public at large were shocked at the actions of an anonymous caller to Waterford Regional Hospital claiming a bomb had been primed to detonate on the grounds. Patients, many on trolleys, were evacuated to the carpark, as an extensive search of the hospital got underway. Finally, after a number of fretful hours, the relieved staff and patients were allowed to return, as it was revealed the sick and vulnerable had been disrupted by the actions of an unscrupulous hoaxster.

Revered local writer, Mai O'Higgins launched a new volume of her poetry - *The Things I Know About Flowers* - at an official reception in the Civic Offices. The volume was launched by WLRFM's Nicola Beresford, who paid tribute to Dungarvan's best known songwriter. In attendance were legions of Mai's friends and fans.

As the coalition of two - George W. Bush and Tony Blair - marched the west closer to war with Iraq in their quest the rid Saddam of weapons of mass destruction through sustained aerial bombardment, Cappoquin students added their voices to those of the concerned. Forty Students at St. Anne's Post Primary took time out of their studies to unfurl a banner at the gates saying *You Don't Free People By Bombing Them!*



Mai O'Higgins at the launch of her new volume of poetry - *"The Things I Know About Flowers"*

# APRIL

April was a month of award winners with a local butcher and a boilerman getting in on the act. Craft butcher Pat Whelan of Ballymacarbry was recognised for the quality of his chicken liver pate with a gold medal at the Good Food Awards in the Netherlands. Meanwhile, another Ballymacarbry native, Jim McGrath, a boiler house attendant in Ballydine, was awarded the prestigious title of National Boiler Person of the Year at a ceremony before his peers in Dublin.

An altogether different kind of recognition was paid to child-minders by the Waterford County Childcare Committee. The undervalued job, often taken for granted and ignored, was promised support and advice under a 2000 - 2006 equal opportunities programme.



Danny Cunningham opens his exhibition Coastal Paintings.

Top artist, Danny Cunningham's Coastal Paintings opened to high acclaim when he exhibited in the South Tipperary Arts Centre in Clonmel. Inspired by the beauty of the coast of Waterford, the exhibition followed on from his successful River Painting's series.

Miriam Hickey represented the Abbeyside Pattern in the area finals of the Rose of Tralee with great distinction. Meanwhile, outgoing Rose, Tamera Gervasona, paid a visit to a number of delighted local Special Olympians in Carriglea.

A debate over the future destination of a Radiotherapy Unit in the chambers of Waterford County Council saw an increasingly personal clash develop between two local TD's - Ollie Wilkinson and John Deasy. As it became ever clearer that Waterford was about to lose out on a much needed unit, a shouting match broke out between the two representatives, with Deputy Deasy claiming Deputy Wilkinson was scoring political points off the backs of sick people, and Deputy Wilkinson claiming the Fine Gael TD was double dealing inside and outside his party.

# MAY

A local man had a miraculous escape on his maiden voyage aboard the 32 ft Antaries. The boat was skippered by Tom Spratt from the Youghal Road, Dungarvan. After their boat capsized, the four sailors clung to their vessel for over eleven hours in the icy seas. The crew was rescued off the south coast of England when a man walking a dog heard them singing Happy Birthday as they desperately tried to keep their spirits up.

Almost two years to the day since a member of the Lickey Valley Concern Group sought a Judicial Review in the High Court challenging the landfill selection process, the Justice handed down a judgement in favour of Mr. Connolly. In a brief statement, Mr. Connolly expressed his hope that the county's waste management needs would be urgently addressed.

While one major project was at last showing some signs of progress, another, the bypass of Dungarvan, was showing signs of becoming snarled up amid concerns for a protected plant - the Killarney Fern. The fern was to be on everyone's lips after its discovery caused the need to select a route 6 million euros more expensive than another, more plausible route.

Deputy, John Deasy, refused to confirm or deny mounting speculation surrounding an apparent approach made to him by his opposite number in the Dail - Justice Minister Michael MacDowell - who rumours claimed had asked Deputy Deasy to join the Progressive Democrats.



Miriam Hickey who represented the Abbeyside Pattern in the Waterford finals of the Rose of Tralee.

Fianna Fail, meanwhile, launched a new advertising and recruitment campaign in the South East, under the theme "Help build a better future" promising to create a more prosperous and fair society.

Dungarvan did have some good news in April with thirty new jobs announced at a plant in the town. Leading paint manufacturers, Bio Pin, said they hoped to build a 2,000 sq meter facility on a site close to the GlaxoSmithkline factory.



Tamera Gervasona, paid a visit to a number of delighted local Special Olympians in Carriglea.

Waterford County Council presented a deed of bravery to Siobhan O'Connell for risking her own life in saving that of another. Sobhan rescued John Kavanagh after he got into difficulty at Ballydwane Cove - her quick thinking and bravery averting what could have been a tragedy.

Dungarvan area councillor, Fiachra O Ceilleachair was elected to the new governing body of the Labour Party following the national Delegate Conference in Killarney. Cllr. O Ceilleachair expressed his delight and honour at being selected.

A team from Ard Scoil na Deise won the Munster final of a debating competition organised by the National Forum on Europe. The team - Una Power, Sinead Crotty and Aoife Connors - were deemed to have delivered the most compelling vision for the future of Europe in a powerful presentation on how Europe would look in 2010.

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Remember the horse drawn hearse going through the town.

**MAY**



A new handball courts opens in St. Augustine's College grounds.

Clancy Construction's Shopping Complex finally appeared delivered for Dungarvan, when An Bord Pleanala upheld the grant of planning permission. Managing Director, Billy Clancy, said it was a long time coming, but it will be worth the wait.

More shopping opportunities appeared to be on the horizon as speculation mounted over the intention of cut-price retail outlet Lidl. The discount chain indentified Dungarvan as a possible location for a store, and within weeks issued a planning notice for a supermarket. A month later, it passed the deadline without any further progress.

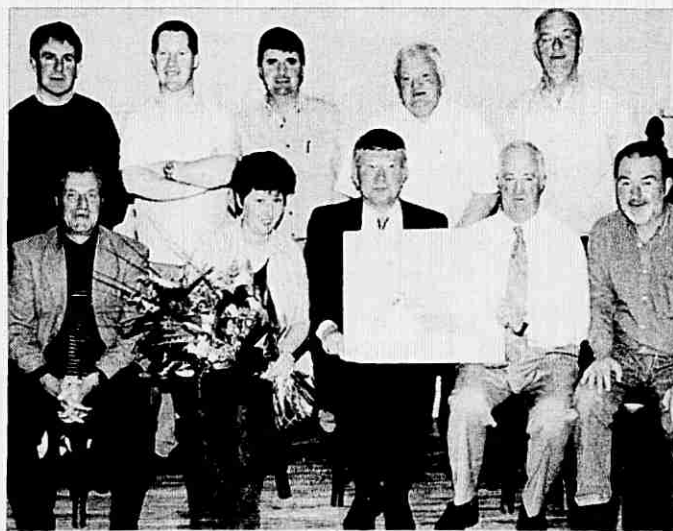
A new handball court was opened on the grounds of St. Augustines College - the culmination of years of planning and hard work. Incumbent Town Mayor, Nuala Ryan, paid special tribute to the inspiration and motivation of Brother Spring, without whom handball would never have arrived and thrived at the College.

Ireland's leading timber frame producer, Century Homes announced their plans to recruit forty new employees in Dungarvan with a major new expansion of their plant at the IDA's Industrial Estate.

The new library headquarters was also celebrating news of a further investment in their premises. 1.3 million euros was allocated by Minister Martin Cullen towards the library's completion at the former Christian Brothers Monastery. Minister Cullen said that all the pieces of the jigsaw were now together for the project.

Kealan Patrick Burke, a native of Murphy Place, Abbeyside, was quickly becoming the areas own Thomas Harris - as his latest thriller - Ravenous Ghosts launched to widespead acclaim. His latest novel built on the success of his six previous titles and among the laurels he received, Mr. Burke's work was described as remarkable for its maturity and control.

A new page in the history books of the areas educational establishment was written in Lismore, with the official opening of the new state-of-the-art Blackwater Community School. Principal Denis Ring addressing a large crowd at the opening ceremony described the facilities at the school as magnificant, summed up by its mission statement that Blackwater Community School is committed to Quality Education.



Garda Frank Sweeney Retires

**JUNE**

With the local elections still a year away, Fianna Fail held their convention to select those going forward. All went as expected until the very last electoral area - Dungarvan. Cllr. Nuala Ryan, the incumbant Dungarvan Town Mayor, and elected to Waterford County Council in 1999, faced into the longest weekend of her political career after she failed to secure the required number of votes. Later in the month, Fianna Fail headquarters quickly added her to the ticket.

A forty-seven strong caravan convoy assembled on the Lookout on Davitts Quay in Dungarvan causing a number of public order offences and appeals for Garda re-enforcements to be provided. Compounding her troubles, Cllr. Ryan, Deputy Deasy, and WLR FM's Billy McCarthy were all threatened with legal action over alleged incitement to hatred from Clashmore soliciter, Garry O'Halloran.



WLR FM move into new home at Ardkeen

The summer months sparked a whole range of controversies with one of the most enduring being the debate over the use of the Advance Factory as a recycling facility. The proposal was first opposed by the majority of the Labour Party, but months later, through absentions the proposal was passed. It was back to troubled waters for the seaside village of Ardmore. Co. Waterford's top tourism destination once again failed to reach blue flag status for the quality of its water. Trouble of a different kind had well and truly brewed over on the Causeway in Dungarvan. The Union Jack - which had been hoisted as part of Dungarvan Town Council's tidy towns efforts - was unceremoniously torn down and dumped in the harbour - prompting Cllr. Micheal O'Riordan to describe Abbeyside and Dungarvan people as a narrow minded race of people.

With the legal challenge overcome against Garrynagree



Plans for the development at Clonea



Landfill, Waterford County Council applied for a waste license and immediately encountered further controversy as the site they'd selected was designated a Special Area of Conservation.

The Abbeyside Pattern dogged by a lack of resources both financial and through a lack of manpower was on the verge of collapse. A number of businesses responded to the call and rescued the event for 2003.

Dublin based developers, Greenbirch unveiled plans to construct a 52 million euros hotel development on a 80,000



New musical show "A Celtic Dream" opened the Immrama Festival in Lismore.

square mere site at Ballinclamper, Clonea. The developers proposed a 4/5 star hotel on the site along with around 166 terraced houses.

Radio history was made by WLRFM when it moved to its new home in Ardkeen. It was the first purpose built broadcasting centre in the country since RTE opened the Montrose studios.

An exciting new musical show, A Celtic Dream opened to great applause at the Immrama Festival in Lismore. The



Special Olympics fever hits town

show combined some of the finest singers, musicians and dancers in Ireland, in what turned out to be an extravaganza for the town.

While Lismore was the destination for pure enjoyment, the route between Ardmore and Cashel was an exercise in endurance. The sixty mile trek was undertaken for charity, with the pilgrims arriving exhausted but elated in Ardmore 60 miles and 12 hours later.

Dungarvan revelled in a celebratory mood for the arrival of the Bahamian Special Olympians to town when they arrived in Grattan Square preceded by the Olympic Flame. While the Bahamians were greeted to the South East's balmy summer, the seventeen local members of the Irish team were given a right royal send-off to their host town.

Labour councillor, Paddy Power was unanimously elected the new Mayor of Dungarvan, and was universally welcomed by members of the council, right across the political spectrum.

In Cllr. Nuala Ryan's last task of Town Mayor, an official function was given to Chairman of the Revenue Commissioners and local man, Frank Daly.



Town Council honours Chairman of the Revenue Commissions, Frank Daly.

**JULY**



**Cllr. Mark Khan elected as Mayor of Lismore.**

The sole Labour member on Lismore Town Council, and also the youngest representative, Cllr. Mark Khan was elected as the new town mayor at its Annual Meeting. Cllr. Khan replaced Cllr. John Campion as

Mayor, as the council headed into its last twelve months before the local elections.

Youghal based company, Blackwater Homes, signalled their intention to construct 170 residential units at Kilminnin North in Ballinroad. The application was for a 6.65 hectare site.

A repeat visit to Dungarvan Harbour by the historic vessel, the Kathleen & May was effectively scuppered by berthing problems. While the summer before thousands flocked to see the vessel cruise into town, the organisers said they would not be putting on a repeat performance.

Upwards of a thousand people turned out in Gratten Square to welcome home the victorious athletes, coaches and administrators from the Special Olympics spectacular. Not appearing in the least tired, the Olympians cheered and waved to the crowd and later danced to Tina Turner's "Simply the Best".

Two representatives from the Suir electoral area snapped up the top two positions within Waterford County Council. Fianna Fail's Cllr. Ciaran O Riain and Fine Gael's Paudie Coffey were elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively. Cllr. O Riain took up the reins as Mayor for the first time after almost fifty years on the local authority.

With the crime spree continuing in West Waterford, more alarming news came in the form of the declaration by Fianna Fail's James Tobin, that no replacement Gardai have been recruited in Tallow for six months previously. Added to that, all the West Waterford stations were down on manpower, and Lismore was without a sergeant for the past few months. Deputy, John Deasy, was capturing both national and local headlines by voting for the Government, and against his party's own position on a controversial Immigration Bill. The outspoken TD said the matter was a question of policy and not personality, but the move was seen as a sideswipe against the party's chief whip, Brendan Durkan.

The early weeks in July, saw Waterford County Council operate without Ballinamuck landfill. The landfill had closed down after thirty years in operation. Waste was transferred to Tramore, whose limited capacity was put under pressure, leading to increased fears about a waste crisis in the county. Patrick Morrissey recieved the Stronghold Veterinary Pet Care Award, after being nominated by pet owners for his highly professional and compassionate pet care.

Members of Waterford County Council paid tribute to Deputy Ollie Wilkinson, who retired from the local authority due to what he said was the workload placed on councillors and TD's. A member of the county council since 1986 he said his retirement was a day he sometimes thought would never come.

A local resident, Collette O'Connell launched an untimely unsuccessful bid for a High Court review into An Bord Pleanala's decision. Ms. O'Connell's application for a review was thrown out of court as she had not served proper notice. A 20ft sculpture, the Golden Harvest, which was unveiled to the public at Kilmacthomas, was described as shoddy and in need of a lick of paint by one councillor. Cllr. Tom Cunningham, who previously said public lighting was needed more urgently than this "art-thing" joked that the 58,000 sculpture might need a bit of manure to make it look healthier.

The announcement that Waterford Crystal planned to cut 234



**One of Robert Power's photographs which received national recognition.**

jobs, many of them in its Dungarvan plant, proved to be a black day in the company's long history. Management made the announcement after a tense meeting with Union Officials, who said nothing had been agreed by them, and were treating the announcement as a proposal. The company also intended freezing the pay increases due to them under a social agreement.

An exhibition of travel photos titled Journey by Dungarvan based photographer Robert Power opened in the Old Market House Arts Centre to great critical and public acclaim. The exhibition featured photos taken by Robert during his travels through Thailand, India, Nepal, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Australia.

Aisling Ahern, representing Bridgie Terries, was named as the 2003 Abbeyside Pattern Queen. Together with her first prize of eur250, she will go on to contest the area finals of the Rose of Tralee.

**AUGUST**



**Pictured at the official opening of Dungarvan Camera Club's Annual Exhibition.**

The Lickey Concern Group, along with a number of NGO's, and almost one hundred local residents lodged a submission opposing Waterford County Council's planned superdump. A spokesperson for the group said they planned to oppose Waterford County Council's proposal every step of the way. Widespread anger greeted the announcement that the Government's allocation towards childcare for single mothers who attend Waterford's VEC's successful VTOS scheme was to be cut. Concerns were growing that the cuts would result in the scheme's closure.

Dungarvan Camera Club's Annual Exhibition opened at Dungarvan Library, where 92 stunning portraits and seascapes were unveiled to a packed and appreciative audience.

The earnings of all twenty-three members of Waterford County Council were revealed for the first time. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan topped the pile with over 49,000 euros courtesy of her time as Mayor, while party colleague John Deasy, earned the lowest amount with 27,235 euros.

A number of sporting organisations were recompensed for their efforts. Among them Ballinameela GAA Club received eur20,000 towards the construction of a community centre. Eight men were arrested after armed members of the Rapid Response Unit swooped on a disident Republican terror training camp at Knocknaree - seven miles from Clonmel. A ten-year old boy, who was the son of one of the men, was

also in the area, but was brought home by Gardai. The men were firing on targets attached to trees when the Gardai swooped on the camp after a lengthy surveillance operation. The marina development, thought to be long dead in the water was dramatically refloated after Dungarvan Town Council was approached with plans to develop a hundred berth marina by a private consortium.

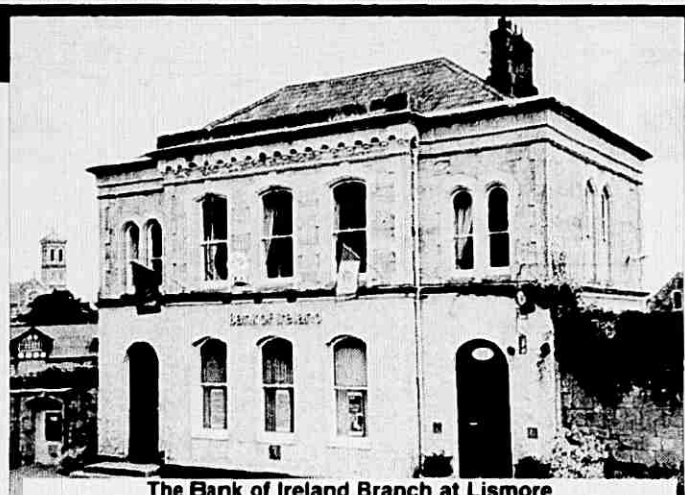
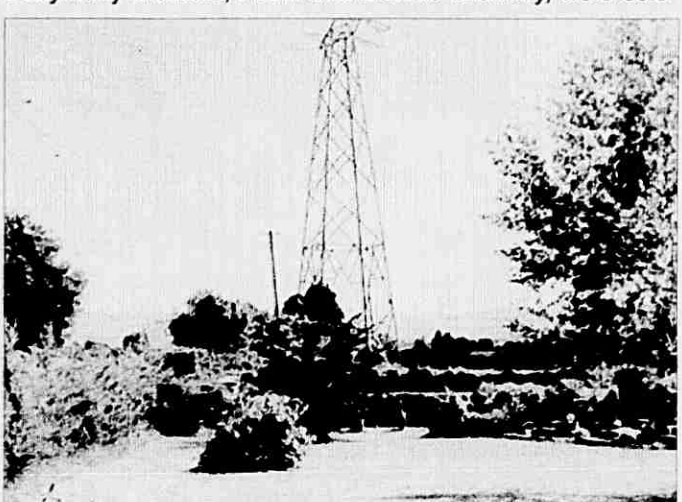
NRA Chief Michael Tobin, a native of Dungarvan, was accorded a civic reception by Dungarvan Town Council in recognition of his exemplary service to his country, and his appointment to the prestigious position as head of the National Roads Authority.

The Good Salon Guide, hairdressing's answer to the hotel and restaurant guides, announced that H2O salon in Tallow, was awarded a coveted registered rating.

Local theatre company, Kilgobnet Players, brought the Hank Regan directed and penned play, "What do you expect!" to Broadway, to a very warm response from the native New Yorkers, and Irish ex-pats. Actors from the play, and Mr. Regan were later to feature on RTE's Nationwide.

The long-awaited development of a new fire station in Ardmore finally progressed to the construction phase. The new station would cost eur700,000 to build.

Ballyneety brothers, Frank and Monnie Drummy, were cele-



**The Bank of Ireland Branch at Lismore**

brating victory over Waterford County Council and the ESB after An Bord Pleanala ruled in their favour about the location of two steel masts placed at the bottom of their garden. They said the masts were ruining their lives and health.

A series of events took place in Dungarvan to mark the centenary of little Nellie of Holy God. An exhibition of artefacts relating to Nellie Organ was held in Dungarvan Museum, and a centenary Mass was held in St. Mary's Parish Church.

Three armed and masked men made off with over 70,000 euros from Lismore's Bank of Ireland branch, after breaking in and holding up a number of employees with a sawn off shotgun, and an axe. The raiders accessed the bank through a window.

Members of the Dungarvan Hill Walking Club raised 11,300 euros for local organisations following the club's 7th Annual George Harney Memorial Comergh Crossing and Challenge. The event attracted a record crowd, and helped raise much needed funds for the West Waterford Hospice, and the friends of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Ballyduff Gala and Vintage Festival proved a tremendous success with large crowds turning out to enjoy the many attractions. The biggest hit on the day was the accident car rescue enacted by Lismore Fire Brigade. Paddy Jim Feeney, meanwhile was elected the 2003 Baron of Ballyduff while Tom Byrne and Richard Higgins tied in the Culchie of the Year competition.

**SEPTEMBER**



**Mindless vandals attack Advance Factory**

Mindless vandals destroyed windows, ceilings and light fittings at the vacant eur1.3 million Advance Factory, once touted as the solution to Dungarvan's unemployment problems. The vandals left a clean up bill in excess of 10,000 euros. An eight person delegation from Lismore met with Supt. Mick Blake in a bid to increase the number of Gardai stationed in the town and highlight the genuine fears of people in the area after a spate of robberies. It followed break-ins at Lismore and Tallow, the latter of which left a 62-year-old man requiring 5 stitches.

Tallow Health Centre, whose dilapidated condition was the subject of scathing criticism, secured funding for its refurbishment to the tune of over 400,000 euros. Cllr. James Tobin urged for the works to take place as quickly as possible.

Sinn Fein were setting their sights on capturing three seats on Waterford County Council and one on Dungarvan Town Council. Locally, Brendan Mansfield was tipped as their leading contender courtesy of his strong base in the town.

Toastmasters elected a new President. Winston Boyle formally handed over his chain of office to Michael Clarke.

News that many of Dungarvan's roads were to be re-dug shortly after work on the sewerage schemes was finished was greeted with dismay. The laying of cables for a 1.5 million broadband system required a number of roads to be re-dug in the town.

A potential land-swap involving a private company developing a marina in Dungarvan in return for Town Council property in Walton's Park to build commercial, residential or retail development was also met with stern opposition. A number of councillors said they would oppose any such deal.

Fine Gael leader, Enda Kenny visited a number of areas around the county, meeting a number of local councillors, and TD John Deasy, to be briefed on issues of particular local concern.

Waterford County Council denied as "scurrilous", claims from controversial council candidate Garry O'Halloran that incinerator ash would be dumped at the Lickey Valley landfill. Mr. O'Halloran claimed the Lickey Valley would become the ash-tray of Ireland at his election rally in Youghal.

Deputy John Deasy resigned his seat on Waterford County Council. Deputy Deasy announced his resignation at Fine Gael's Co-option convention in Lawlors Hotel, where his replacement was named as Geraldine Veale from Kinsalebeg.

Lismore Castle joined the growing list of "fairytale castles" available to rent out as a wedding venue. Groups of up to twelve people can rent out the castle for 24,500 euros a week, for which they can have the use of the Duke's own private staff.



**Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny pays a flying visit to Dungarvan**

**OCTOBER**

A substantial quantity of ecstasy was seized and two men arrested as part of the ongoing crackdown on drug trafficking in West Waterford. Gardai seized a quantity of drugs with a street value of eur25,000.

The residents of Clashmore were once more looking for answers to the cause of what was described as a cancer cluster in the area, after testing on the high powered electricity lines and drinking water found them unaffected by radiation or radon. The report left the seven households affected dependent on the SEHB conducting investigations into the cause of the high rates of cancer.

Dungarvan musician, Brian Hughes was announced as one of just eight Waterford students to receive a TSB High Achiever Award. The prestigious award came after Brian was selected out of 35,000 students nationwide for his excellence.



**Labour leader Pat Rabbitte visits Dungarvan.**

Following hot on the heels of Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny to Dungarvan, Labour supremo Pat Rabbitte met with local activists for a briefing, and a press conference. It came days after Socialist party leader, and former Labour member Joe Higgins was jailed for his part in the Anti bin charge protests. The largest ever seizure of cocaine in Dungarvan was made by Gardai. A quantity of cocaine was discovered when the Gardai stopped and searched a car at the Burgery. One of Waterford County Council's longest sitting members, Willie MacDonnell caused shockwaves within Fine Gael, when he announced he would not be standing for election in the 2004 local elections.



**Local company Totem receive national award**

Dungarvan based graphic design team Totem took second place in their category in the ninth annual IDEA awards held at the Burlington Hotel. Organised by the Graphic Design Business Association, the awards are recognised as one of the highest accolades in the graphic design industry.

Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Eamon O Cuiv officially opened Meanscoil San Nioclas at a ceremony attended by in excess of 200 past and present pupils, parents and dignitaries. The highlight of the opening of the state of the art new building was the performance of a dramatic poem illustrated by Choric speaking.

One of Australia's foremost charitable fundraisers and social diarists, "Holly Wood" made an eight day visit to Tallow meeting amongst others Deputy Ollie Wilkinson, and performer Tessa Quinlan Muidin. Holly Wood a num de plume for Robin Howard Pulham was a winner of the Centenary Medal presented by Australian Prime Minister John Howard.

Waterford County Council granted a conditional go-ahead to John Foley of Dungarvan for the demolition of the Cliff House Hotel, and its replacement with what developers called an aparthotel and holiday homes.



**Dungarvan Branch ATGWU make presentation to Johnny Duggan.**

Akram Hanna became the latest candidate to join the race for Waterford County Council. Mr. Hanna, a native of Egypt, announced that he would be fighting the election as an independent candidate.

A small number of trees were set ablaze in Dungarvan in what was suspected to be a lead up event to bonfire night. The Dungarvan branch of the ATGWU made a presentation to Johnny Duggan who served as Shop Steward at the Glue & Gelatine Factory in the 1950's. Johnny Duggan was home on holidays from the US and recalled how the Glue Factory, the Leather Factory and the Co-Op provided much employment in that era.

Fred Forsey Jnr was co-opted onto Dungarvan Town Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Deputy John Deasy. Deputy Deasy retired under the rules of the dual mandate.



**Official opening of Meanscoil San Nioclas**

Oisín Langan, a native of Abbeyside, and a sports broadcaster with RED FM in Cork, received the prestigious Sports Broadcaster of the Year Award ahead of such competition as Michael Corcoran of RTE and Paul Collins of Today FM.

Meanwhile, locally based production company, Nemeton, was nominated for two Irish Film and Television Awards. Loachra Gael and the Health Squad both made the shortlists. The county council sent warning letters to the resident of an estate in Waterford City following the discovery of waste dumped illegally at a number of locations around the county. A number of black sacks of rubbish were dumped at Stradbally Cove and Knockcullen, Cappagh.



**Hollywood comes to Tallow**

# NOVEMBER



The Tannery receives Restaurant of the Year Award

Paul and Marie Flynn, proprietors of the Tannery were the delighted recipients of the Jameson Restaurant of the Year Award. The award presentation was made at an awards bash in The Old Jameson Distillery in Dublin.

It was celebration time too for Neil and Joan Hurley of Ballyetra, Dungarvan, who were awarded second place in the Pfizer Quality Milk Awards by Noel Treacy, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture.

Renowned writer, Anthony Summers, launched a new and revised edition of memoirs of the Lives and Characters of the Illustrious Family of the Boyles. Edited by County Librarian Donald Brady, the book was first published in 1737 and chronicled the events in the Boyle family history. Mr. Summers dubbed Donald Brady as a secret agent of history. This month went down as one of the greatest in the annals of Dungarvan Brass Band. Both the Brass Band and their recently established Youth Band came away with a sizeable haul of trophies at the Regional Championships. The senior band took Best Intermediate and Best Overall Intermediate Band titles for the second year running - a feat never accomplished before.



Herlihy's win two awards in the Cuisine De France and Pierres "Food To Go" Awards.

Herlihy's Supervalu, meanwhile, won two awards in the Cuisine De France & Pierres "Food to Go" awards. The awards were for the best store in Co. Waterford and the best store in Munster.

Gardai arrested two males, and seized a significant quantity of drugs in two separate raids in the town. A haul of various drugs with an estimated street value of 35,000 euros and several thousands in cash were discovered.

A dangerous section of road between Piltown Cross and Youghal Bridge - the scene of a number of fatal accidents - was said to have been given the go-ahead for re-alignment work commencing in 2005. Cllr. Tom Cronin welcomed the news and praised Minister Brennan for living up to a commitment given to him at the opening of the Youghal Bypass a year previously.

Labour Cllr. Billy Kyne called for a more pre-active and visible stance to be taken against those engaged in the drugs trade and other anti-social behaviour. He said anti-social behaviour mustn't be allowed to take root in any area of the town.

Fears that Dungarvan would be left in the dark over the Christmas period were abated when it was revealed that Clancy Construction, Century Homes and an anonymous donor agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of putting up the lights.

There was good news on the jobs front when it was revealed that it had tripled its workforce, and continued to go from strength to strength in the placement of English teachers abroad.

A number of award winners came together at the seventh annual environment awards at the Park Hotel. Ballyduff Upper were the winners of the tidiest village, Lismore topped the town category; Clashmore won the tidiest old burial ground, while Villierstown Church received the award for most improved.



Tesco opens in Youghal with local man Michael McCarthy winning a VIP day out.

Ninety jobs were announced in Youghal with the opening of a new state of the art Tesco store by Cork hurler Diarmuid O'Sullivan, accompanied by VIP for the day Michael McCarthy from Dungarvan. Mr. McCarthy won a VIP competition to attend the opening along with a champagne and a limousine drive with his wife Una.

The County Council announced its intention to steam ahead with the Dungarvan to Waterford railway walk in a 30 mile long European Greenway Park for recreational walking and cycling. The development would involve an investment of 700,000 euros, and commence with work on the Dungarvan to Durrow section.

A High Court Challenge into the manner in which An Bord Pleanála proposed to conduct its oral hearing into the Garrynagree Landfill delayed the start of their proceedings. An Old Parish farmer, Tomas O Mathuna, sought for the hearing to be held on a bilingual basis.

Claims on a National Radio station that Dungarvan is the meanest town in Ireland after the Chamber of Commerce pulled the plug on their involvement in the erection of Christmas lights was strongly refuted by a number of traders. Traders feared they were all being tarred with the same brush.

The saga surrounding the location of two massive pylons in Ballyneety looked set to continue with the news that the ESB had applied for retention. Two elderly brothers who fought a two and a half year battle against their siting close to their home, vowed to fight on.

Lismore Estates planned the addition of a gallery and exhibition space to Lismore Castle. The plans contained the removal of a number of partitioning walls and chimney stacks to form one exhibition space.

Padraic Tyers launched a new book - Sliabh gCua mOige. Published in Irish, it was launched by County Manager Donal Connolly at the Colaiste na Rinne.



AIB Bank honour Dungarvan man Garvan Curran for achieving the top award in the final examinations for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Gardai continued their crackdown on the driving infringements. It was announced that over 700 drivers had received penalty points since the system's inception just twelve months previously. Two of the drivers listed were already half way towards disqualification.

Longstanding Labour member, John Pratt, was selected to contest the Waterford County Council elections in the Lismore Electoral Area. Mr. Pratt's name was the sole nomination on the night, and his selection, and the night in general was said to be one of great optimism for the upcoming Local Elections.

Meanwhile, Brendan Mansfield, Sinn Fein candidate in the local elections was elected to another high profile post, as his campaign showed signs of gathering real momentum. He was elected as Chairman of the ATGWU, and in his opening address stated that the Union had a young and vibrant membership, which augured well for its future.

# DECEMBER



Lorna Jane Murray release new 12 track CD

At least twelve bank accounts were raided by a Romanian gang who used sophisticated miniaturised CCTV equipment to record people as they used an ATM machine in Dungarvan. The gang were caught red handed at the bank link on TF Meagher Street.

Lorna Jane Murray, from Dungarvan released a new twelve track CD featuring self penned songs. It followed the outstanding success of her debut CD last year. The proceeds of the album provided much needed funds for the Waterford - Lismore Hospitality Committee involved with Lourdes.

Local election candidate, Garry O'Halloran slammed the proposed increased development charges describing it as taxing the poor to pay the rich. He said the measure would increase an already overstretched housing list.

Lismore Town Councillor, Bernard Leddy was added onto the Fianna Fail ticket to fight the next local elections. He joined party colleagues Cllr. Kevin Wilkinson and James Tobin on the ticket.

Chainsaws, consort saws, and weed eaters with a value of thousands were stolen by thieves who targeted a county council depot in Ballymacarbray. They used special cutting equipment to force the locks.

Dungarvan was announced as one of the larger recipients of jobs under Decentralisation. Minister Charlie McCreevy announced that the 200 - 300 Civil Servants in the Ordnance Survey Agency of Ireland would be re-located to Dungarvan within the next three years. Opposition parties complained the massive decentralisation plans were a political gimmick to mask an uninspiring budget.

Waste Charge saw another increase in the county. Mayor Ciaran O Riain's casting vote was needed to bring in the hikes, which saw increases in wheelie bin charges, recycling, and commercial rates.

In Dungarvan, the local representatives put up strong opposition to the hikes. However, the biggest story of the day, was the argument which erupted between the County Manager, and Cllr. Teresa Wright over comments apparently made during an adjournment of the meeting. The County Manager subsequently apologised.

The Old Market House Arts Centre held its third Arts and Crafts exhibition, featuring a range of quality craft work from local and national artists. Together with original paintings, there was pottery, designer jewellery, woodcrafts, wicker work and many more Christmas items to choose from.

# CAPPOQUIN NOTES

## CAPPOQUIN/AFFANE G.A.A. CLUB NOTES



The Cappoquin senior hurling team and selectors that defeated the great Mount Sion "nine-in-a-row" side in the 1957 Sargent Cup Final 4-9 to 3-6 (when the Sargent Cup meant almost as much as the county championship). Mick Lacey is the second player from the right in the back row.

### A BLAST FROM THE PAST

## 'Cappoquin's Finest Hour' - 26th May 1957, Sargent Cup Final Cappoquin Take Sargent Cup From Mt. Sion in Epic Hurling Encounter

Cappoquin 4-9 Mount Sion 3-6. Referee: M. Pollard

These were the headlines from the 'Dungarvan Leader' following the Sargent Cup final. En route to the final Cappoquin overcame Dungarvan, Fourmilewater, Abbeyside and the Geraldines along the way. In an epic encounter that far outshone many a Munster championship tie, Cappoquin Senior Hurlers achieved what many shrewd judges regarded as 'the impossible' when they defeated the best club side in the county, a great Mount Sion team (which would later go on to win nine senior hurling titles in a row). In the final of the Sargent cup hurling competition at Cappoquin.

Mount Sion, 'cock of the walk' in Waterford hurling for the past five or six years and holders of the Sargent cup since its inception three years ago, were because of their great record, favourites of the game, but Cappoquin who were behind at the interval by 3-4 to 1-3, soon nullified any intention, the monastery men entertained as to the retention of the cup. Playing inspired hurling and encouraged by the huge following, the cornerstone men went into their work with a great heart and a 'shot in the arm' goal by Billy Conway in the third minute of the second half provided the necessary 'pep'. Then the reaction was immediate and terrific, as the hurling, which up to then was good, by any standard became really super and Mount Sion, good team though they are, could only add two points to their interval tally amidst truly emotional scenes after the final whistle blew, grown men could be seen to cry when Captain Mickey O'Connor received the 'Sargent Cup'. What a game!

Cappoquin team: Francis O'Donoghue (RIP), Jimmy Lacey

(RIP), Liam Doocey, Noel Mason, Charlie Cullen (RIP), Tom Coffey, Mickey O'Connor, Mick Lacey (RIP), Eddie Costin, Billy Conway (RIP), Tom Lonergan (RIP), Jim Sargent, Mickey Fraher, Paddy Fraher, Tommy McCarthy.

Subs: Ger Mason for Eddie Costin (injured), Eddie Costin for Liam Doocey (injured).

Mount Sion: Dick Roche, F. O'Brien, S. Hayden, B. Mulcahy, T. Og Gallagher, Martin Og Morrissey, T. Gallagher, Philly Grimes, Seamus Power, J. Flavin, M. Healy, Frankie Walsh, W. Gallagher, T. Keane, Larry Guinan.

### Club Lotto

At Fawly's Bar on Monday, December 15th the numbers drawn were 12-15-20-22. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes of 20 went to the following: Eilish Dalton, Shamrock House; Caroline O'Brien, Kilmolash; Peg Murray, Main Street; John Cliffe Crough, Colligan and Karen Crotty, Affane.

This weeks draw was held at the Central Bar on Monday, 22nd December and the jackpot was 5,200. Results will appear in this section next week.

### G.A.A. Social

The Cappoquin/Affane Juvenile GAA club will hold its social in Lawlors on Saturday, 24th January.

### Three To Answer

1. Who were the three Tallow minor hurlers that were defeated by Cappoquin in 1969 that were on the Waterford team that went defeated by Cork in the 1982 Munster Senior Hurling final. Clue: One was an All Star, another was a replacement All Star?

2. Who captained Affane when they won the County Primary Football title in 1963?

3. The great Mick Mackey (Limerick) played with what

club?

Answers will appear in this section next week.

### Last Weeks Answers

1. Laois won the Tom Mankham cup this year, the All Ireland Minor football title.

2. Niall Hennessey, Ardmore captained Waterford when they defeated Kerry in this years Munster U21 Football final at Walsh Park.

3. Offaly Senior Hurlers played in eleven successive Leinster finals between 1980 and 1990.

## Congratulations

Congrats to Jackie and Lar Lyons, Castle Street, on the birth of their fourth child, a baby boy. Also to Noel Lynch who celebrated his 21st recently and to Packie Manahan, Shanbally who celebrated his 30th birthday. Congratulations to the following couples who announced their engagements over the Christmas season:

Conor Prendergast, Main Street and Jeanette Power, Melleray; Liam Lacey, Green Street and Geraldine Cahill, Coolagurtwee; Karl Uniacke, Lower Main Street and Ann Marie Houlihan, Knockanore.

Also congratulations to Majella and Tom Fives on the birth of their first child, a baby boy recently.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Austin Walsh, formerly of Lower Main Street, Cappoquin. Sympathy is also extended to the family and the Convent of Mercy Community on the passing of Sr. Martha. Sympathy is extended to the sisters and relatives of the late Nora Colbert, Castle Farm, Modeligo.

## New Year Greetings From Bunscoil Gleann Sidheain

### Christmas Medley

Thanks to our pupils in 1st to 6th class who performed a beautiful Christmas Medley of songs in Our Lady's Hall on Thursday, 11th December 2003. Many songs were sung from the recent Hallelujah concert performance in Dublin, also included were a dramatised version of poetry from 4th class. An ahead Nollaig by 3rd class and 'The First Christmas' by 5th and 6th classes. Parents attended really enjoyed the performance, thanks to our 'catering crew' in the senior classes who served a most welcoming cup of tea and mince pies afterwards.

### Presentation to Ms. Leonie O'Brien

Our thanks to Ms. Leonie O'Brien who attended our Christmas Medley. Leonie resigned from the teaching staff

of Bunscoil Gleann Sidheain to take up a teaching position in Rathgormack N.S. and the school wishes her many years of happiness in her new post. Presentations were made to Leonie by Fr. Arthure P.E., Board of Management, by John Fives, Chairperson Parents Council and also by the pupils of the school.

### Cappoquin Fire Brigade

Cappoquin Fire Brigade did a sponsored climb in Cappoquin on Saturday, December 20th 2003. Proceeds will be used to purchase school equipment for the new primary school premises, which opens in Cappoquin early in 2004. Your support on the day was much appreciated.

### School Re-opening

Bunscoil Gleann Sidheain will re-open after the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday, January 7th 2004.



Pupils from Bunscoil Gleann Sidheain, Cappoquin, making a presentation to Ms. Leonie O'Brien on the occasion of her retirement from the teaching staff of the school—(Photo: Pat Crowley).



John Fives, Chairman Parents Council, Bunscoil Gleann Sidheain, Cappoquin, presenting a cheque, the proceeds of sale of work to Fr. Robert Arthure, P.P., Chairman Board of Management. Also included are Parents Council members and Anne Devine, School Principal. —(Photo: Pat Crowley).



# LISMORE NOTES



## LATE BILL KENEFICK

The death took place after a brief illness on December, 17th at Cork University Hospital of Billy Kenefick, Bank Field, Lismore. His remains were removed from Ryan's Funeral Home on the evening to St. Carthage's Church and the burial took place on Saturday after 11am Mass to Carthage's cemetery. Sincere sympathy is extended to his mother Joan, sons Warren, Simon and William, daughters Kesh, Susie and Siobhan, brothers John, Michael and sisters Esther, Siobhan, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncle, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, relatives and friends.

## LATE JAMES HURLEY

The death took place on December 19th at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan of James Hurley. His remains were removed from Ryan's Funeral Home on Sunday evening, to St. Carthage's Church and the burial took place on Monday after 11am Mass to St. Carthage's Cemetery. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Alice, sons William and Seamus, daughters Sheila (Fraser), grandchildren Joseph, Mark, Annie and Katie, daughters-in-law Josie, son-in-law Liam, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

## LATE MARY GEOGHEGAN

The death took place on December 20th at Waterford Regional Hospital of Mary Geoghegan, Fairfield, Lismore, beloved wife of the late Frank. Her remains were removed from her residence on Monday evening last to St. Carthage's Church, Lismore and the burial took place on Tuesday after 11am Mass to St. Carthage's Cemetery. Sincere sympathy is extended to daughters Ann and Maria, sons Jimmy, Patrick, Francis, John and Dan, sisters, brothers, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

## St. Carthages House, Progressive 45 Results

Winners: Jack Cotter, Nora Mulcahy, Mossie Drohan, Kitty Crowley, Peg Murray, Mary Fitzgerald. Raffle: Tom McCarthy and Kitty Crowley. Lucky Tables — Lena Jeffers, Cassie Hyland, Mary Whelan, Esther Walsh.

## LISMORE MOCHUDA DEVELOPMENT CO. CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW WINNERS 2003

1st: Helena Kearney, Chapel Street, Lismore (Chips and Things) Card 9, no. 17. Margaret O'Brien, Chapel Street, Lismore (Willie Roches) Card 12, no. 18. Denis Buckley, Parks Road, Lismore (Credit Union) Card 27, no. 18.

## Lismore Golf Club Notes

### RESULTS

Thurs Dec 25th: 9-Hole Stableford 3 Club Competition: 1st Richie Ormonde (11) 19 points.

Sat 27th: 12-Hole singles stableford re-entry. 1st Paul McCarthy (10) 28 Pts. Sun 28th: Course Closed due to frost

### FIXTURES

Mon 22nd Dec - Fri 2nd Jan: 9-Hole singles stableford re-entry.

Wed 31st Dec: Ladies day. Thurs 1st Jan: Captains Drive In at 12 pm followed by 9 hole mixed

Sat 3rd Sun 4th: 12 Holes singles stableford re-entry.

On a quite week of golf due to the frost and Christmas festivities our winner on Christmas day in our 9 hole, 3 club competition was Richie Ormonde (11) with a great score of 19 points. On Saturday our winner in our 12-hole stableford was Paul McCarthy (10) with 28 points. Sunday was unfortunately lost to Jack frost.

For the rest of the festive season we have an ongoing 9-hole singles stableford starting on Monday the 22nd right through to the 2nd of January. We have our Captains drive on New Year's Day at 12 noon. Anyone who is free please come along to support both Shaun and Gerty. This will be followed by a 9 hole mixed competition with some snacks served also. A great day is sure to be had by all. We have our usual 12-hole singles stableford running on Sat 3rd/Sun 4th of January. We would like to wish all our members and Sponsors a Happy New Year and a great 2004.

## LISMORE SOCCER NOTES

### Thrilling Game Against Brideview Ends All Square

On Sunday morning last we made the short trip to Tallow for another very big game for both sides. Before these notes go any further, why oh why did the Oscar Traynor practice match get preference over the Red House League games. Surely our own league has to be the priority. As it turned out it probably cost us this game against Brideview with Paul Quinn out through injury and Alan Landers carrying a knock into the game. Maybe some consideration for both players and clubs will be made next time! Back to the game, we started superbly 2 goals within 20 minutes was a dream start. Dan Shanahan, who had an outstanding 90 minutes headed home after 4 minutes, Mo Ormonde doubled the lead on 20 minutes from inside the box with a powerful drive. We were totally dominant at this stage but for the best ever seen at this level we should have had 5 goals this half. A huge goal-keeping error at the other however gave Brideview a lifeline and to the credit they battled well and got their equaliser on 40 minutes, 2-2 at the break. We started the second half much the same as the first as the first, bombarding the Brideview goal but could not get the ball past the God like figure between the post. The game was very open for the last 20 minutes and we finally made the breakthrough in the 70th minute Dan Shanahan stabbing home from what seemed like our 50th corner. We steadied the ship for the next ten minutes and seemed to be seeing out the game well. Until the 80th minute when what can only be described as a rather large refereeing error allowed Brideview back into the game position. (Everybody makes mistakes). The game ran it's course and finished up 3-3. A superb game to watch for the away supporters.

Team: M. Shanahan, K. Hornibrook, S. Ormonde, S. Daly, A. Landers, D. Howard, E. Roche, O. Bennett, B. Walsh, D. Shanahan, Mo Ormonde. Subs: J. Dalton.

There shall be a players meeting in the Red House Bar this coming Friday, January 2nd, 2004. Please be there. Finally the club wishes all it's players, management and supporters a happy and prosperous 2004.

## Lismore Badminton Club Notes

All our ladies and mens leagues are now at a close with just one division to be decided.

Division One men finished up with a home game against New Ross who took some valuable points for their league challenge. Team: Pa Morrissey, Colin Coleman, John Pratt, Kieran Cahill.

Division Three men finished their run-in with a win over Tallow, a draw with Waterford and a defeat at the hands of New Ross to finish in third place. Team: Tony O'Donnell, Jason Tobin, Padraig O'Neill, Jimmy McGrath, Craig Tobin(sub).

Division Four men were just out of the running in their league with injuries not helping their cause on a few occasions. Team: Paul Casey, Dom O'Connell, Pierre O'Reilly, Paul Owens, Craig Tobin(sub).

Division Five men have one game remaining and are in second place at the moment but a 4-0 victory over Waterford could put them back in the running. Team: Trevor Duffin, Pat Devennie, Tom Flynn, Brian Dungan.

Ladies Division Two finished in pole position in their league to take the Second Division title, playing some fine badminton. Team: Mag Morrissey, Nicola Morrissey, Isabel McGrath, Mary Murphy.

Division Three(A) Ladies finished their league off with a 4-0 win at home to Dungarvan. These ladies already had the league wrapped up, a superb result considering three ladies were making their debut at Division Three. Team: JoJo Tobin, Tanya Morrissey, Ann Barry, Rena O'Brien.

Division Three(B) got much stronger as the league went on and their last game was a 2-2 draw with Tourneena, a better start would have seen this team in the hunt for league honours. Team: Ann Bennett, Sharon Warren, Yvonne Power, Helen Leddy.

Division Four ladies finished off their league a couple of weeks ago, out of the running but enjoying the strong competition. Team: Maria Prendergast, Siobhan Ballantine, Myra Ryan, Daphne Power.

Division Five(A) ladies only dropped two points out of a possible twenty-four in their league campaign and are worthy league champions. Team: Connie Dowd, Linda Owens, Kathleen O'Gorman, Breda Geoghegan, Linda Bennett(sub).

Division Five(B) ladies had most games to play in their league and were still in the hunt until the final stages, their only defeat was by league winners Dunmore. Team: Ber Crowley, Jennifer O'Gorman, Rachael Owens, Olivia Roche.

Division Six Ladies had no luck in their league with cancellations and shortage of players making their jobs difficult. Team: Brenda Barry, Phyll Hannon, Katie Dunne, Rosanne Leddy, Mary O'Grady.

Well done to all our league competitors and congratulations to our winning teams.

We had a few juveniles in action in the Munster Open Under 15 competition recently and all 4 put in some great performances winning games against the best in Munster in singles, doubles and mixed. Dean Pratt and Sean O'Sullivan reached the semi-final in the boys doubles as did Dean and Gemma Tobin in the mixed before going out to the eventual winners. Tracey Barry also competed well, showing that we are not far off the pace here in Waterford.

Mixed league teams have been picked and leagues are due to start in the first week of January. Captains will receive fixtures shortly. We have six teams entered in Divisions 1, 3,4,5(A),5(B) and Division 6. We wish them all the best of luck.

Mixed training will go ahead on Monday 29th at 8pm for divisions One, Three and Four and at 9pm for Divisions Five(A), Five(B) and Six. Captains take note.

Our deepest sympathies go to the Geoghegan family on their recent bereavement.

Best wishes to all our members and supporters for a happy and prosperous New Year. Have a smashing time!

Thanks to the Dungarvan Leader for their coverage during the year.

## THE BALLYRAFTER CENTRE LISMORE

Tastes of Olympia were enjoyed at the Christmas Show Finale of the Winter Pony League at The Ballyrafter Centre, Lismore when Santa Claus arrived by sleigh wonderfully decked out with lights and music and ably driven by Tommy Veale, Cappelquin and "Bud" who ensured Santa's safe arrival to huge delight from young and old alike. The jumping then equally lived up to expectation with brilliant finals.

Highlight of them had to be the 138ABC when the lead changed no less than 7 times by fractions of seconds with Cailin Power, Waterford winning out on her last ride in 138's. Sean Hennessy took the overall leading rider award of the league but in the finals had the unprecedented distinction of being placed second in no less than five finals and a winner once with each of his rides.

Eleven went against the clock in the 138ABC and Aoife O'Connell, Watergrasshill celebrating her 14th birthday set a great target of 31.63 with "Crystal Dream". Reece St. John, Thurles then edged ahead in 31.60 with "Liberty Jess" before Aisling Flynn, Colligan and her Dublin ride "Bailey Street" found a little more in 31.48 but this was only the beginning. Sarah Connolly, Middleton with her Dublin pony "Lacken Rea" got 30.45 and it seemed impossible to slice any more off but man of the day Sean Hennessy, Cappagh at just eleven years old guided the five year-old "Dawn Dusty" round in 30.38 and then Cailin Power got an amazing turn after the double to guide her previous Dublin winner "Your Only Man" through the clocks in 27.59 for a brilliant win. Georgina Frost, Dungarvan and "Babuscha" won the leading pony trophy.

The 128ABC found 6 in the jump-off and James Connolly, Middleton was first to set a good time of 41.65 with "Gregory" but Sean Hennessy and "Bawn Magic" flew in 35.43 to take a temporary hold at the top. However Glanmire rider Charlie O'Sullivan who had a tremendous league was determined to make his last 128 ride a winning one and this he proudly did with "Cappagh Banjo" in 35.34. Edel Kelly, Castlemartyr had consolation for an unlucky pole down when taking the leading pony title with her last ride on "Ballyclough Gold Touch". The 128 Novice finals in the morning saw wins for two rising stars with Patrick Joyce, Killeagh winning the D in perfect style on "Ben Surprise" and Sarah-Kate O'Donovan, Dungarvan not only won a great CD final in beating eight rivals but also won the leading pony award with "Jungle Jake". In the 128D league she also shared the leading pony title with Niall Madden, Middleton and "Van Nistleroy".

Eoin Fives, Cappelquin was double handed in the 148ABC jump-off but Shane Hasset, Killenaule scored the first part of a double for him with Anne Gould's "Silver King" having the edge by just one second from Eoin's "Kingsland Wisteria" and Sarah Halley, Waterford and "Sparkalark" took third. Alan O'Regan, Middleton missed out on the jump-off with a simple error but had the leading pony title won with "Honey Drum". The sea of Christmas decorations in the arena didn't faze the 148D finalists despite their inexperience and 12 went against the clock. Amanda Kelly, Castlemartyr set 40.61 with the consistent "Attyrory Goldstar" but it was towards the end of the draw that the competition lit up. Noreen Quealy, Ballinamult came home with "Barracree Bracken" in 40.51 before Tom Hearne stole round with Jimmy Ivers "Shaft's Golden Eye" in 38.79 but Shane Hasset was hungry to win again and he left nothing to chance, guiding the very promising grey "Moonlight Man" to a superb win in 36.28. The following 148CD was craftily won by Michelle Allen, Araglen on "Cold Play" who got inside the double to save precious time and score 36.30. From Ballyduff Sheila Ahern and "Aspel Clover" didn't quite match the turn but were worthy runners-up in 37.37. Sarah Connolly placed third here with "Tir na Nog" but her beautiful grey also took the leading pony award in both novice leagues having only one pole down throughout the qualifiers.

Only three contested the 138D final which gave Sean Hennessy and "Bawn Royale" a welcome winning trophy when arch rival Niamh Barry, and the leading pony "Ashford Star" faulted in the first round. By contrast the 138CD final was extremely competitive. Eight took on the clock with Seamus Condon, Araglen setting a super target of 35.95 with the connemara "Seelig Hally Bop". Sean and "Bawn Royale" were nicely warmed-up to fly round in 35.62 and a double looked on the cards but Stephen O'Brien, Waterford and "Jimmy's Chance" had completely other ideas and they left nothing in doubt when winning a great class in 32.69.

Showjumping resumes at Ballyrafter on the 9th and 10th January and one of the major events of the New Year is the Inter Schools Showjumping Championships on the 18th and 25th January.

# Dungarvan Lions Club Christmas Day Swim



Large group who took part in the annual Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

(Photo: Sean Byrne)



Reynolds family pictured at the Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

(Photo: Sean Byrne)



Simon Davis, Phylis Davis-McGuinness, President DLC. Shane Davis-McGuinness, Stephanie Davis and Conor Davis-McGuinness at the Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

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The Conway Family pictured at the Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

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Participants in the Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

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Peter, Ann, Greg and Karl Mangan at the Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

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Ger Cusack, Colin Cunningham and Michael O'Brien, participants in the Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

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Vinny, Niamh and Orla O'Mahoney at the Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

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Tomas Kiely, Ray Crowley and Nigel Fleming at the Dungarvan Lions Club sponsored Christmas day swim at Clonea Strand.

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# TALLOW NOTES

## C.L.G. TULACH AN IARAINN SPONSORED BY TALLOW AREA CREDIT UNION

### Club A.G.M. Successful End To A Busy Year

Chairman John McDonnell got proceedings promptly underway as he welcomed the large attendance to the club's annual convention on Friday 19th Dec. in St. Patrick's Hall. The club, he stated had won back to back u21 titles since last we gathered in this forum. We should seek to build on this.

Club treasurer Mairead Sheehan presented a detailed report, which also included reports from Lotto coordinator Timmy Sheehan and Deise Draw Organiser Liam Moroney, on the financial status of the club. The importance of our supporters contributions through the club Lotto and Deise Draw was obvious to all on closer analysis of the balance sheet.

Our very efficient runai, Lindsay Keywood Murphy delivered a comprehensive report on club activity throughout the year.

Cathaoirleach, John McDonnell then addressed the meeting. The areas of: playing activities; finance; field development; strategic planning and development as well as public relations were looked at in an insightful and pragmatic review of the year gone by. He thanked Kearneys Restaurant, Meadowfresh Foods and other private sponsors for their continued and valued support. In welcoming Tallow Area Credit Union as the club main sponsor the chairman stated that Tallow G.A.A. "was proud to be associated with such a high profile, professional, progressive institution." He encouraged all members to support our sponsors.

On the subject of Field Development the meeting was informed that, assuming the drainage system performed to expectations, reseeded on our 2nd pitch would begin in April/May. Side fencing, netting, goalposts etc. would follow. Again weather permitting, the plan was to have pitch no. 2 complete by Sept. Completing the rest of our ambitious development plan, to include new dressing rooms and entrance, pitch realignment etc will cost the club in the region of Euro 300,000, the chairman cautioned, adding that while it was an onerous undertaking which would task us all, we had a duty to future generations in the parish who would benefit from the legacy we put in place.

The club Strategic Review had been completed and the chairman thanked John Murray and his committee for their diligent work. The report would have priority at the first committee meeting in January.

Considerable time was devoted to the subject of playing activities and there were many contributions from the floor. The u21 victory had re-invigorated all our efforts particularly those working with under age teams. The u21 players and selectors achieved against the odds and were the pride of the club stated the Cathaoirleach.

He thanked also the many people involved in the Coisbhríde club for their dedicated work and congratulated the young players on their achievements over the year, giving due recognition to young Thomas Ryan who won the All-Ireland Feile Skills Title

in 2003. School and club need to work together and the input of Scoil Mhuire Priomhoide, Billy Sheehan, the school staff and Denny Cunningham was greatly appreciated.

From my own involvement in Coisbhríde I am very much aware of the Tallow Chairmans' genuine interest, active support and positive attitude towards the promotion of gaelic games among the youth in the parishes of Tallow and Knockanore.

Our efforts in junior hurling this year left a lot to be desired. We should have much more to offer and will have to look closely at this in the year ahead. The chairman acknowledged the efforts of Timmy Sheehan, his selectors and the footballers who brought us to a junior western final.

In senior hurling we have unfulfilled expectations. We strive to compete at the highest level and beat the best in the county. This, has always been, is now, and will, be the standard to which Tallow Hurlers aspire. We made very modest progress in the year gone by for various reasons. This was my interpretation of the chairmans' delivery.

Concluding, John McDonnell thanked his fellow officers and committee for their unstinting support for the work of the club.

Eddie Cunningham presided over the election of officers and was lavish in his praise of almost all. All outgoing officers were returned unopposed with some welcome additions to the incoming committee.

Worthwhile debate ensued on a range of issues and the club stance on same. Club delegates to county convention were given a mandate by the club members present as to how Tallow G.A.A. club would vote on motions and election of officers. Funny old system, Democracy G.A.A. style. You get a say at club level (in Tallow anyway) at least (and if honourable would abide by that). After that you stomach the results. And nothing changes!! "Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose."

### Officers & Committee 2004 - Tulach an Iarainn.

Patrun: Fr. O Farrell P.P.

Uachtarain: Harry Rohan.

Leas-Uachtarain: Michael Tobin, Mary Curley, Josie Curley, John William McCarthy, Eamonn de Paor, Fr Sean Cotter, Connie Ryan.

Cathaoirleach: John McDonnell.

Leas Cathaoirleach: Denny Cunningham.

Runai: Lindsay Murphy.

Cisteoir: Mairead Sheehan.

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli: Liam Mulcahy.

Clairitheoir: Lindsay Murphy.

Coiste: James Beecher, Bill Browne, Billy Cantillon, Donna Buckley, Jerry Crowley, Eddie Cunningham, Denny Cunningham, Colin Cunningham, Johnny Curley, Tom Doyle, Johnny Geary, Brendan Hartigan, Brian Henley, John Hennessy, Finnbar McCarthy, Shane "Gleanna-glough" McCarthy, Fiona McDonnell, Pat Murphy, Liam Moroney, Mary Murphy, John Murray, James Murray, Liam O'Brien, Timmy Sheehan, Dennis Tobin, Audrey Sheehan, Sean Twomey.

### Alice Gare

Good to hear Alice is recovering and in better health. In her own quiet way she has followed the fortunes of Tallow G.A.A. teams through the years with little fuss or acclaim. No better neighbour could you wish for. A real lady Alice, we wish her well and hope the new year brings her health to come back home to us.

### Cobhron

Tallow G.A.A. Club extends deepest sympathy to the Curley family on the death of Paddy Curley, New Street. Ar dheis lamh De go raibh se.

### Check It Out

www.gaelicgazette.com. This humorous and somewhat irreverent site is worth a visit for anyone with an interest in matters G.A.A.

### Nollaig Shona Dhaibh

Tallow G.A.A. club would like to wish all our friends at home and abroad a happy sport filled new year. We thank you all for your generous support throughout the year and are delighted your loyalty was rewarded with an u21 title to finish the year on a high. So many people, world wide at this stage, part of the Tallow diaspora who are part of what we espouse. All, we hold dear. Ar scath a cheile a mhaireann na daoine.

### Faillte Abhaille

A special welcome home to Marsie Cunningham who is back with us in Tallow for Christmas.

### Cobhron

The club extends deepest sympathy to Sheila Fraser and family on the death of Sheila's father, James Hurley, Tourane, Lismore, a Kilkenny gael. I measc laochra na bhflaithes go raibh a anam uasal.

### Let The Hare Sit

Agus fan go bhfeicimid! You wont recognise your gaa leopard (or dinosaur) next year. We are promised reform. Ni creidim e ach fan go bhfeicimid. Suas chuaibhse. Lean ar aghaidh. Ni doigh liom go bhfuil sibh abalta, bhfeidir go bhfuil, ach measaim nach bhfuil an aigne na an fonn agaibh. Lead on board men. Ye have knocked any progressive solution that has been brought to your attention in every way possible. Ye have a question to every answer. Leadership? Ca bhfuil se? Take mar shampla a submission from one of our dedicated senior players as follows:

"The issue of fixtures is one of the cornerstones of a clubs fight for recognition in these times. This is our "battle of the bulge", our struggle to be heard. With the corporate climate of the inter-county games milking the fixtures list for all its worth, the club championship is being squeezed to the months of October/November and we are expected to play games on successive weeks. This has an obvious impact on the quality of the games and a more serious impact on the lives, social and otherwise, of club players. Players booking a holiday in September should at least be confident of knowing by then whether they are in the final stages or are out of competition. (Specific players names are mentioned at this stage which I have chosen to withhold).

The only way to avoid this in the coming year is for clubs to bond together and insist on two fixture lists. The first one should

be a "master list", taking into account intercounty fixtures and working around these. The second list should be an "alternate" list. This should have clear and unequivocal alternative arrangements in the event of draws in either club championship or inter county championship. The only way to ensure this is for all the clubs to go to the county board on block and demand such an arrangement. It is surely in the interest of all clubs to have a clear and unambiguous list of fixtures. There is only power in unity." Thats the lads opinion.

### Tallow G.A.A. Lotto - supported by Kearneys Restaurant

22/12/03. Nos drawn: 1, 6, 16, 21. No jackpot winner.

Consolation Prizes: Ann O'Brien, Angela O'Hara, Martin Rohan, Michael Hennessy, Michael Condon.

### Under-Age News

Good turnout for the Stephen's Day poc fada. See Coisbhríde notes for details.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Thomas Ryan who has received a nomination for the Pat Noctor award. The final will take place in January in Ard Scoil na Deise.

"Kick Down Heavens Door, But Don't Trample Over Club Players On The Way In"

I received a copy of Mickey Harte's Diary, "Kicking Down Heavens Door" in the Christmas Stocking. Found it interesting for many reasons not least because I would have a great affinity with the Red Hand county and could identify with names and places. Gaelic football and gaelic culture (language, music, dance and storytelling, unfortunately not hurling) has thrived in Tyrone more so because rather than in spite of occupation. Club football is fiercely competitive, well structured and of a high standard. Their club facilities, even among junior clubs, are the envy of most other counties. Winning a first All-Ireland senior football title has been an obsession with Tyrone football men. But even in pursuit of the "Holy Grail" Mickey Harte did not lose sight of the most important unit in the association. The humble club. As his team prepares to meet Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final, Harte reflects on the players primary duty to the club. On August 5th he writes in his diary:

"The agreement is that the three outstanding matches in the junior and intermediate championship go ahead (involving three of his panel), that the other players have the choice to play a round of the league with their clubs on Friday night, and that the senior championship quarter finals will be run off the week after the Kerry match. That's fine by me. We've done well with the club programme so far, running off thirteen rounds of the league and being at the quarter final stages of the senior championship. But club players have been sitting out for three weeks now; its important they get a game. Its no victory if we win something at the expense of our club structures and disgruntle our club players."

Oh Mickey you're so fine. You're so fine you blow my mind

## BRIDEVIEW UTD A.F.C. NOTES

### Red House League Hat-Trick For O'Brien

Our Premier team shared the six goal thriller. Our first Division game was off as there was no referee available to do the game.

The club had some young players in Ballymacoda, on Sunday afternoon, where trials for the U12 Inter League squad was taking place.

### Result

#### Brideview Utd 3 Lismore 3

No shortage of goals here, Paul O'Brien, scored a hat-trick here for Utd. Utd were 2-0 down twenty minutes into the game and it looked as if Lismore would collect all three points.

However Paul O'Brien struck twice before the break.

Lismore, regained the lead seven minutes into the second half but O'Brien, struck again after 75 minutes to gain a point for Utd.

Utd. B. Sheehan, G. O'Neill, W. Murphy, B. Henley, G. Beecher, M. Burley, E. Murphy, S. Pratt, W. Burley, P. O'Brien and J. Doyle  
Res used: G.P. Grey, M. O'Brien, J. McSweeney.

### Lotto Jackpot €4,350

The Lotto Jackpot is on this coming Friday night in The Corner House at 10 o'clock. The numbers prior to Christmas, were 1-3-16-22. A nice cheque to get the New Year off to a good start.

### Happy New Year

All in the club would like to wish all our players both young and old their families, our sponsors, supporters, lotto sellers, and friends, a very happy and prosperous New Year.

### Sympathy

All in the club extends their deepest sympathy to the Burley family on the sad passing of Paddy. May he rest in peace. Paddy passed away before Christmas.

### Birthday Corner

On St. Stephens Day, last John Gremin, celebrated his Birthday.

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to John and Ann Bremin on celebrating their 33rd Wedding Anniversary, last week.

### In Hospital

Best wishes to Tom Tobin, who was in hospital prior to Christmas. We are glad to hear that Tom, is making excellent progress. Also to Alice Gear, who is now back in Lismore.

### Sympathy

All in the club extend their deepest sympathy to the Hurley family, Tour, on the sad passing of James. May he rest in peace.

### Fixtures For Next Weekend

Saturday January 3rd

U 18 League — Brideview Utd V Ardmore Kick-off 2.30.

Sunday January 4th. Red House League.

Premier Division Brideview Utd V Ardmore kick-off 11.30.

Division One Ballybridge Utd V Brideview Utd kick-off 11.30.

### Brideview Utd Schoolboys Soccer Notes

#### U14 News

The meeting to discuss the proposed trip to the Liverpool schoolboy soccer tournament next year during Easter was well attended by players on the U14 panel recently, it was also nice to see some parents taking an interest to hear what was said. Players who wish to travel and have permission of parent/guardian are asked to give their names to Noel by January 10th/04. Another meeting will then be arranged at a later date to talk with players and parents about the final details. May I take this opportunity to wish all at Brideview Utd including players, mentors, parents and those who do so much behind the scene at the club a Happy New Year.

## TALLOW COMMUNITY CENTRE RESULTS

Peter Barry, Kathleen Manahan, Cappelquin, Phyllis Cunningham, Tallow, Nora McCarthy, Tallow, Mary Milward, Castlelyons, Liam Morrissey, Lismore, Brian Lynch, Knock, Kathleen Manahan, Cappelquin, Mrs. Buckley, Middleton, Joe Woods, Woodview, Kathleen Delaney, Tallow, Mary Pratt, Woodview, Mrs. Cronin, Fermoy, Mrs. Roche, Youghal, Mrs. Bennett, Conna, Katy Carrol, Fermoy, Ashly Murphy, Tallow, Mrs. Mary Lynch, Knock, Mgt. Power, Tallow, Mrs. Gallaher, Youghal, Nora O'Sullivan, Ballyduff, Dan Hennessy, Tallow, Mrs. Nora O'Sullivan, Ballyduff, Mrs. Bermingham, Glanworth.

Mrs. English, Mitchelstown, Marie Grey, Tallow, Bill Brown, Tallow, Ann Murphy Tallow, Angela Clancy, Aghem, Vicky Grey, Tallow, Nora McCarthy, Main Street, Yvonne Grey, Tallow, Marion Forbes, Woodview, Pauline Power, Woodview, Mary Milward, Castlelyons, Mrs. Cronin, Fermoy, Mrs. Hallahan, Mrs. Kelly, Youghal, Lily McCarthy, Tallow, Maura Lyons, Main Street, Mrs. English, Mitchelstown, Pat Savage, Inch, Katrina Broderick, Castlelyons, Aishling Sheehan, Tallow, Dean Hennessy, Tallow, Catherine Pratt, Tallow and Betty Delaney, Tallow.

Next Sunday night jackpot 1,090 Euro on 48 calls.

Happy New Year to all our patrons.

## TALLOW BRIDGE CLUB

### Results of Christmas Party

December, 15th. 1st Tom Roche and Martha Kening, 2nd Ann Murphy and Paddy Condon, 3rd Nora Kelleher and Marie Heskin, 4th Kathleen O'Keeffe and Mary Slattery, 5th Noreen O'Sullivan and Mgt O'leary, 6th Gretta Barry and Ann McCarthy,

7th Chris O'Sullivan and Dettie Hogan, 8th Ann Tobin and Helen Condon, 9th Molly McCarthy and Alice Henley, 10th Maura Callian and Alfie Callion.

# RECENT DEATHS

## LATE MICKEY WILSON

We write with sadness on the passing of Mickey Wilson, Hillview Drive and late of Grattan Square, Dungarvan and Truckee, California, which occurred recently at Greenhill Nursing Home, Carrick-On-Suir. A native of Washington D.C. Mickey worked as a secretary, housekeeper and also cared for children.

A woman of vision and great energy, she was a valued member of the Peace Corps in U.S. where she aided the underprivileged, marginalized, downtrodden and the poor. This work brought her in touch first hand with those just about surviving. She taught them the basics, re cooking, housekeeping and childrearing. For a period she lived in a hut in Costa Rica carrying out her mission.

Residing in Dungarvan she assisted with the Literacy Programme and Day Care Centre. She loved her game of cards, scrabble, dancing and Irish music. An outdoor person, she was a cornerstone in the local Walking Club. Possessing a great sense of humour, she was most popular and enjoyed the respect of one and all in the local community.

We offer our condolences to family Sandy, Mary, Joey, Chuckie, Teresa, Pati and Michael on their cross of bereavement.

We gathered for rosary at the Kiely Funeral Home on Friday evening after which family friend Des Baumann spoke in glowing terms of Mickey, a tribute richly deserved and warmly appreciated by all who had the good fortune to hear Des.

Canon O'Mahony P.P. recited prayers on Saturday after which the removal took place to St.

Mary's Parish Church for funeral Mass. The lessons were read by Pati (daughter) and Nuala Ryan (neighbour and friend). Prayers of the Faithful were recited by Joey (son), Charles (grandson), Ralph, Des Baumann. In the offertory procession were Michael, Nancy, Henry, Ellen and Patrick Ryan, (neighbours), Charles and Joanne (grandchildren), Communion reflection was given by son Joey. Music by Julie Kiely and Kim Coffey accompanied by Gertrude Morrissey.

We gathered in the adjoining cemetery for final prayers and blessing as Mickey Wilson was laid to rest.

'Keep your fork, the best is yet to come'.

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

## LATE JOE STEPHENSON

Sincere regret was occasioned at the news of the sad passing of Joe Stephenson, Park Lane Avenue, Abbeyside and late of Ocean View Hotel, Clonea at his residence. We sympathise with wife Maura, other relatives and friends at this time.

Reposing at the Kiely Funeral Home, the removal took place on Thursday evening to St. Laurence's Church, Ballinroad where on Friday following requiem Mass the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

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

## LATE JOE WHELAN

Saturday last brought news of the passing at Drumhills Nursing Home of Joe Whelan who was a native of Kilnafrehan and was aged 94 years. Joe worked

the land, was a noted judge of horse and in the past was a valued member of Dungarvan Harriers. He loved to sing and listen to music.

Predeceased by his wife Bridget, we offer our sympathies to sons Joe, Pat, Ben, Tony, Oliver and Tom, daughter Breda, daughters-in-law Mary, Margaret, Marian and Ann, son-in-law Tom, grandchildren, nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends.

Removal took place on Sunday from the Kiely Funeral Home to St. Mary's Parish Church. Funeral Mass was offered on Monday with the interment in Kilgobnet Cemetery. (Full obituary next issue).

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

## LATE MARGARET (PEGGY) HICKEY

It is with profound sorrow and deep regret we record the passing of Margaret (Peggy) Hickey, Redgate, Cappagh, which sad event occurred on 19th December at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan. Removal took place on Saturday evening from Walsh's Funeral Home, Cappoquin to Modeligo Church. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Sunday morning and burial took place in the adjoining cemetery. May she rest in peace.

We extend our deepest sympathy to sons John and Eamon, daughter Mary, brothers Michael, Fr. Paddy O'Brien (U.S.A.) and Frank, sister Chris, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

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

## LATE SR. MARTHA BROGAN

It is with profound sorrow and deep regret we record the passing of Sr. Martha Brogan, The Convent of Mercy, Cappoquin which sad event occurred on 24th December in the loving care of St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan. Removal took place on Wednesday evening from Walsh's Funeral Home, Cappoquin to the Convent of Mercy Chapel. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday in St. Mary's Church and burial took place in St. Declan's Cemetery, Cappoquin. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and her Mercy community, Cappoquin.

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

## LATE AUSTIN WALSH

It is with great sadness and deep regret we record the passing of Austin Walsh, Main Street, Cappoquin which sad event occurred on 24th December at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan. Removal took place on Friday evening from Walsh's Funeral Home, Cappoquin to St. Mary's Church, Cappoquin. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday morning and burial took place in St. Declan's Cemetery, Cappoquin. May he rest in peace. We extend our deepest sympathy to his nephews, relatives and friend.

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

## LATE NORA COLBERT

With sadness and deep regret we record the passing of Nora Colbert, Castle Farm, Modeligo and formerly of Knockalara, Cappoquin, which sad event occurred on 26th December at Waterford Regional Hospital. Removal took place on Saturday evening from Walsh's Funeral Home, Cappoquin to Modeligo Church. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Sunday morning and burial took place in Kilmolash Cemetery where Nora was laid to rest in the family plot. May she rest in peace.

We extend our deepest sympathy to daughters, brother, sisters, the Cooney and Nugent families, sister-in-law, sons-in-law, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to sons John and Eamon, daughter Mary, brothers Michael, Fr. Paddy O'Brien, U.S.A. and Frank, sister Chris, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, nephews, sisters-in-law, nieces, relatives and friends.

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

## MODELIGO NOTES LOTTO

Christmas Draw: No winner. Winning numbers were 4, 15 and 21.

€15 Winners: Shane Denn, Ballykerin; Pat Fitzgerald, Modeligo; Ber Burke, Moneygorm; John and Maise, c/o Kereen and Corina Kelly, Piltown.

Special Draw: Liam Looby, Knockmeal, Cadbury Chocs; Micheál Power, Crème Liquor; Fr L. Walsh, Wine; Pat Walsh, Aghlish, Wine; Sinead O'Shea, Choc Kimberly; John Tobin, Grawn, Afternoon Tea; Mary Harrington, Celebrations; Tom Kelly, Snr., Chocs; Mgt O'Connor, Milktray and Dean Mc Kenna, Black Magic.

Lotto Draw 27th December: No winner. Jackpot on Saturday is €750. Just in time for the sales! Get those tickets marked right away! Last weeks lucky numbers were 1, 7 and 22.

€15 Winners: Dinny Walsh, Clashmore; Alan McCarthy, Clashmore; Nick Troy, Modeligo; Marguerite Walsh, Coolnasmeear and Mike Walsh, Farnane.

## SYMPATHY

Heartfelt and sincere sympathy is expressed to the family, relatives and friends of the late Margaret (Peggy) Hickey, Redgate, who went to her eternal reward on 19th December. May she rest in peace.

Sincere sympathy is also expressed to the family, relatives and friends of the late Nora Colbert, Castle Farm and Knockalara, who passed away last week. May she rest in peace.

## HOLIDAYS

Welcome home to all who travelled to be with family and friends for Christmas. We hope you all enjoy the celebrations.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sincere good wishes for a happy New Year, hoping it will bring new hopes and dreams for everyone. We offer condolences to all who suffered bereavements during the past year. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all who are ill. Congratulations on all new arrivals. Welcome to all who have come to live in our parish. Thanks to each and everyone for their help and support during 2003 and lets hope we continue to build a stronger community in 2004.

## KILL NOTES

### News From Hayses

Congratulations to Nolie Weldon and Anthony Dwane who were the final winners of the Christmas darts. James Dineen won the Shanghai. Congratulations to Rachel Aherne who was last weeks bonus lotto winner.

### Sincere Sympathy

Sincere sympathy to Tommy Power and family on the death of his wife Alice which occurred on Christmas Day. Alice was laid to rest in Kill on Sunday last. Report next week. May God and his Angels have Mercy on her soul.

### Birthday Wishes

Congratulations to Siobhan O'Reilly who celebrated her birthday during the week with family and friends. Wishing you many, many more!

### Services At Saleen

Over the Christmas period large crowds attended Masses at Saleen Church. Congratulations to all who made the church look so beautiful for the Christmas season.

### Lighting Up Like All The Rest

Bonmahon was no exception when it came to Christmas lights as well as a beautiful Christmas tree in the village. Many householders made a special effort to light up their houses signalling the arrival of Santa Claus and celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is a wonderful time for children especially so parents keep making the effort and well done to everyone.

### Kill Disco

The next disco will take place on Saturday, 3rd January. Doors open at 8:30pm. Admission 7. Hall rules strictly apply. No alcohol and no smoking.

### Michael Power Memorial Swim

On Christmas day, the Michael Power Memorial Swim took place at Kilmurrin. Even though the day was cold and windy, all swimmers were in great spirits as they waited for the group photograph to be taken. At 12:00pm close on 100 swimmers took to the icy waters of Kilmurrin and may I add each and every one of them enjoyed themselves. Some of the faces in the crowd were Councillor Pat Hayes and Councillor Pat Leahy who always take part in the swim. During the swim the Bonmahon Lifeguards and Cliff Rescue as well as the Order of Malta were on duty to help with any casualties. Hot beverages were also available after the swim and sponsored by Maureen Kirwan and Pdraig Dunphy of the local pubs. This year all monies collected from the swim will go towards the purchase of a new ambulance for the Order of Malta, Tramore. So now if you are one of the people who have sponsored a swimmer, please give the money as soon as possible to ensure a quick closure to this years event.

### Christmas Lights

This year was no exception when it came to local houses lighting up for the festive period. Congratulations to all who made an effort to make this years Christmas a little brighter for everyone.

### Church Services

As in all churches, large crowds turned out for all the Christmas Services in the local church. Fr. Callinan and Fr. Crowley were delighted with the numbers that attended over the Christmas period. Congratulations to the erectors of the crib as well as the floral arrangements. It looked beautiful for Christmas. Well done to everyone.

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## NATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL CLUB NOTES

The 93rd annual general meeting of the National and Commercial club was held recently. Chairman Pat McGrath in welcoming everyone said as Dungarvan's oldest Social club he was looking forward with confidence to celebrating our 100th birthday.

Secretary Pat Fitzgerald gave a comprehensive report on the years activities and he outline the many improvements that had been carried out on the club over the past year. He also advised that a major job was being planned.

Hon. Treasure Liam Power outlined that the work carried out and that planned had taken it's toll on the club finances but he could foresee a renewed interest in club membership as a result of the improvements carried out.

**Elections:** The following officers were elected: Chairman: Pat McGrath; Hon. Secretary: Pat Fitzgerald; Hon Treasurer: Liam Power; Committee: T. Wright, T. Cunningham, B. Loftus.

**Membership:** Members are reminded that the annual subscription of €50 is now due. Anyone interested in joining the club to play Snooker, Billiards, Cards, Watch TV or just have a chat in a non drinking atmosphere are more than welcome to apply for membership.

**FAS Scheme:** In common with many other local clubs and society's, this scheme has been very beneficial to the smooth day to day running of the club and many thanks were expressed to our caretaker/handyman J.J. Sheehan and supervisor William Whelan.

**Progressive 45:** There will be no cards on Christmas night but will resume every other Thursday night at 8:30pm. All welcome. Last weeks lucky winners were: 1st: J.M. Duggan and D. Flynn; runners up: Mark and Deckie, Maisy and James, Biddy and Maryann. Lucky tables: John and Mary, Carmel and Nora, Helen and Martin, Liam and Mike.

**Cheltenham Draw:** The committee are now working on our annual draw associated with the Cheltenham Racing Festival in March '04. More details in the coming weeks.

**Ned Keohan R.I.P.:** Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the late Edmond Keohan who died recently. Eddie as he was affectionately known, was one of the clubs great pillars. He was truly an outstanding member who served the club in every capacity down through the year. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

## DUNGARVAN CBS NOTES

### Christmas Concert Produces a CBS 'Pop Idol'

The annual Christmas Concert was held on Tuesday, 16th December and once again showcased the great range of musical and comic talent in the school. There was a wonderful atmosphere and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. This year's concert was loosely based on the 'Pop Idol' concept. Eric Kenneally was a genuinely funny and entertaining M.C. ably assisted by his masked 'minders' Ivan Murphy, Paul Coffey and Padraig Nugent. David Hughes (supported by his father John on guitar) opened the concert with a lovely version of Art Garfunkel's 'Bright Eyes'. Michael Irwin then sang 'Rise' with a little assistance from 'Blue'. Andrew Murphy and Brendan Noonan were, according to themselves, Michael's dancers. The 1st and 2nd years provided plenty of laughs with 'The Early Early Show'. With Cormac Power as Pat Kenny, Kevin Sheehan, Derek McGrath, Mark Fitzgerald, Kirk Egan and Cormac Egan played the parts of participants in the annual 'Toy Show'. The real Pat Kenny is fortunate that

his guests are rather more cooperative than this lot!

One of the highlights of the show was the Milk Drinking Competition. Mark Flynn established a decisive early lead and despite some grimacing, never looked likely to relinquish it. Seamus O'Donnell tried hard, but clearly needs to possess a stronger constitution to compete at this level of competition. Paul Coffey tried to gain an unfair advantage by slyly spilling some of his milk, but his devious tactics went unrewarded. Keelan Barry (MC Sledge) and Noel Buckley entertained us with their rapping act, displaying a talent for penning rather interesting lyrics! The Transition Year band then took to the stage to sing a 'Limp Bizkit' song, 'Behind Blue Eyes'. James Corcoran was on vocals, supported by Michael O'Shea and Barry Moore on guitar. James went on to sing 'Macy's Day Parade' supported this time by Maurice Dunford on guitar and Michael O'Shea on drums. 'The Beauty Show' reminded us that our lads are not even pretty faces, with Jason Reynolds, Michael Irwin, Derek McGrath and Kevin Sheehan competing for the coveted title of 'Queen of the CBS'. This was one of the funniest parts of the show, with the lads' costumes bringing the house down. The TY band (this time with Maurice Dunford on vocals and Ross Stack on drums) then sang their version of 'She really hates me' and 'All by myself'.

The finalists in the 'Pop Idol' competition were David Hughes and the Keelan Barry/Noel Buckley rapping team. After much deliberation, the judges (Breda Toomey, Brenda Hunt and Des Feeney) succumbed to a combination of bribery and intimidation and declared Keelan and Noel to be CBS Pop Idols 2003. We expect the lads to chart with their new single early in 2004!

Following this momentous decision, TY/Fifth year band (consisting of Shane Collender, Brian Blake, Maurice Dunford and Ross Stack) then sang their final song, before Michael Irwin and Padraig Nugent brought a smile to our faces with a comedy act entitled 'Save The Homeless'. This quickly developed into 'Shave The Homeless' with the bearded (if not quite homeless) Paul Coffey being presented with a packet of disposable blades. This year's concert ended on a suitably festive note with the teachers (led by Anthony Kelly) singing the John Lennon classic 'Happy Christmas (War Is Over)'.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in and helped out with the concert. A special thanks to Ronan Dennehy who worked behind the scenes to bring everything together on the day and Eric Kenneally whose wit and relaxed manner made him the perfect MC. Thanks also to the TY lads who worked on the stage.

## Bells Of The New Year

The New Year bells are ringing.  
Sweetly o'er the way  
Their happy notes are bringing.  
A message bright and gay.  
The old year passes onwards.  
With its tale of grief and joy.  
Now fading in the shadows of a dusky midnight sky.  
The merry bells are ringing.  
Fond hopes are born a new.  
A New Year filled with golden dreams.  
And wishes - all come true.  
Chime out you merry New Year bells.  
Across the world today.  
To you - old year we bid adieu.  
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**31st December 2004 to 31st July 2006,**  
where a full planning application has been received in the Planning Authority on or before **31st December 2004.**

This extension applies to residential projects. The extension qualifying period for commercial and industrial incentives will be subject to approval by the EU Commission. For more information please contact Anna Meehan, Planning Section. Tel: 058-20813.

Denis McCarthy,  
Director of Services.



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Dungarvan Town Council  
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### EXTENSION TO URBAN RENEWAL SCHEME 1999

The deadline for qualification for tax incentives under the Urban Renewal Scheme (Dungarvan Town Only) has been extended from,  
**31st December 2004 to 31st July 2006,**  
where projects have incurred 15% of total projects costs on or before 30th June 2003 and certified by the Planning Authority on or before 30th September 2003.

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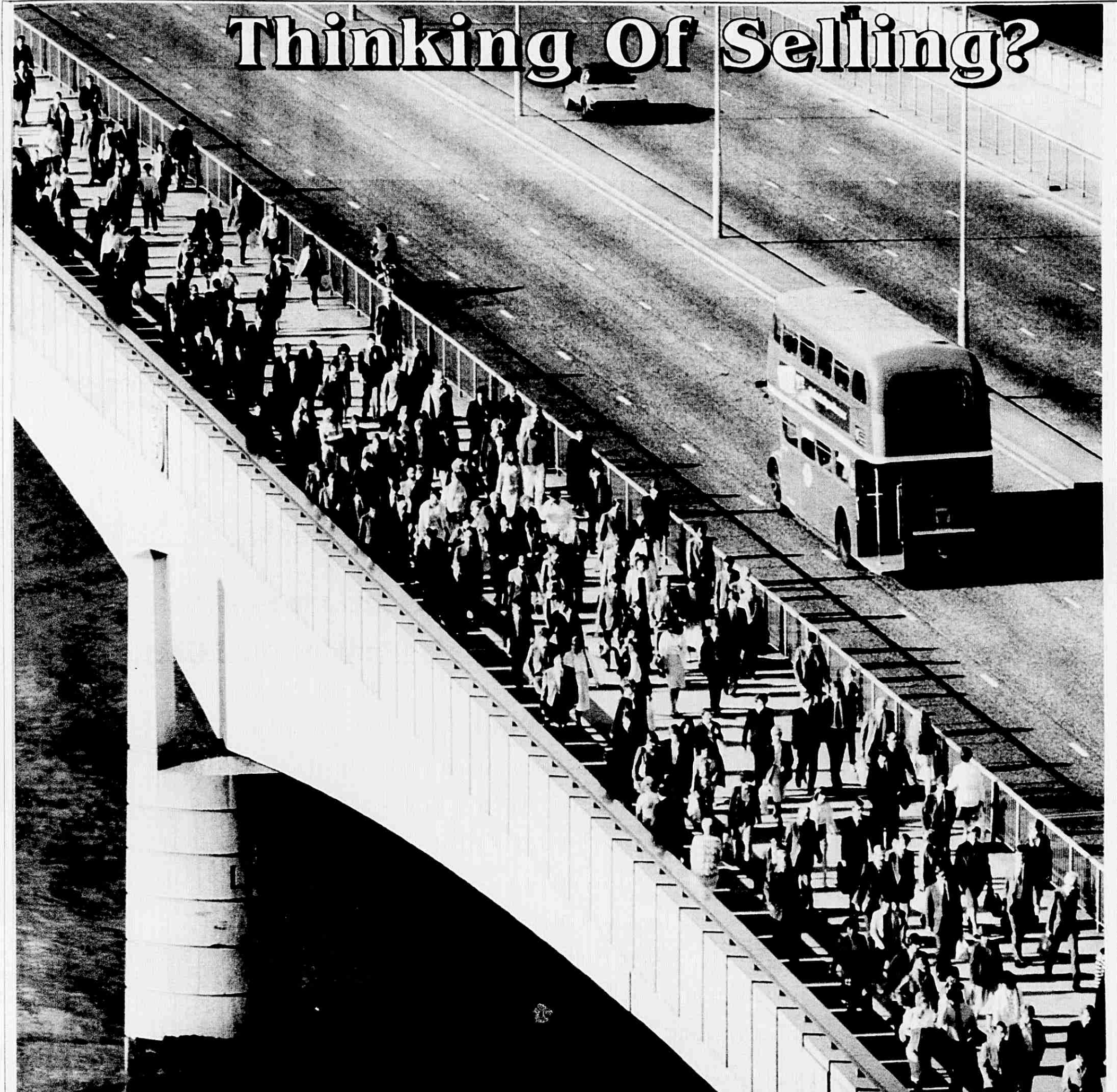


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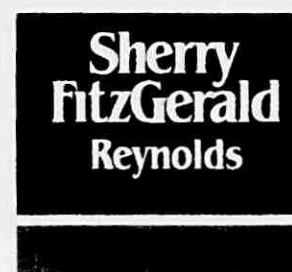
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# THE POWER BROTHERS

## of ST. DAVID STREET, DUNGARVAN

During the Great War, many families were to receive the dreaded telegram informing them of the death of a beloved husband or son; the Shine family Abbeyside received three

telegrams – John, Hugh and James, three sons killed in action within a period of only four years.

It is almost impossible today to imagine the anguish of parents at such a loss.

We have recently discovered that there was another family in Dungarvan similarly afflicted, with the dreadful loss of three sons. Our research began when we heard that a Mrs. Mary Power of Black Lane, Dungarvan, had been the recipient of three war telegrams.

The "Back Lane" was officially St. David Street, and in the 1911 Census No. 6 was occupied by John and Mary, with Augustine and William. Michael was married with a son, James (who subsequently lost his life in the merchant Navy in W.W.2). Michael's entry in the Debt of Honour Register reads:

"Son of John and Mary Power of Dungarvan; husband of Margaret Power, Patrick Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford."

The official lists entitled "Soldiers Died in the Great war 1914 – 1919" gives the following details:

10897 Pte. William Power, Dungarvan: 2nd Btn. Royal Irish Regiment, killed in action 8.9.1914.

10899 Pte. Augustine Power, Dungarvan: 2nd Btn. Royal Irish Regiment, Killed in action 24.5.1915.

5824 Pte. Michael Power, Dungarvan: 2nd Btn. Irish Guards, died of wounds 23.10.1915.

It is apparent from the above that William and Augustine enlisted on the same day since their regimental numbers are almost consecutive, and Michael's number suggests that he was already serving as a regular soldier at the outbreak of the war.

We have been able to locate all three in the debt of Honour Register, and, sadly they are all the sons of John and Mary Power of David Street.

1. William was the first of the brothers to be killed in action; he fell on Tuesday, 8th September 1914, aged 26 years, and lies in the local cemetery or Orly-Sur-Morin with nine of his comrades; only five have actually been identified. All were killed in the capture of Orly by the 8th and 9th Infantry Brigades, and are buried near the entrance in a vault under the village war memorial.

2. Augustine died of wounds in Duhallow, Advanced Dressing Stations on Monday, 24th May 1915, aged only 23 years. He was with his unit of the 2nd Bt., Royal Irish Regiment in the St. Julien area, near Ypres, Belgium, when they were decimated by an artillery and gas attack.

3. Michael was the third and last of the Power brothers to die in the Great War.

He was with the 2nd Btn., Irish Guards in the Hohenzollern/Vermelles area, when he died of wounds sustained whilst improving a new line of trenches:

"...fixing wire and fuses till the moon grew and they had to wait for the dawn-mists to cloak their work; discovering and reconnoitring old German communication-trenches that ran to ever-new German Sniping-posts....and losing in three days, by minewerfers, sniping, the fall of dug-outs and premature bursts of our own shells, 7 men killed and 18 wounded." (Rudyard Kipling's "Irish Guards")

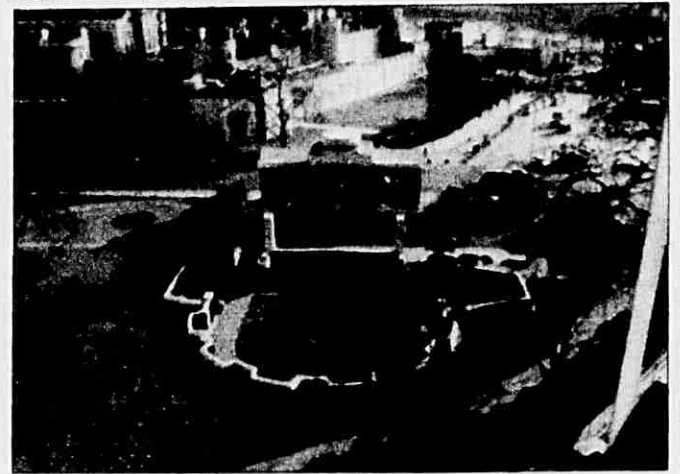
John and Mary Power had lost three sons in the space of a little over a year from the commencement of the Great War! The enormity of such a loss is beyond comprehension. Sadly, their sorrow would not end there.

Michael died, leaving behind his parents, wife Margaret, and son James who would have been about 3 years of age in 1915. It has not been possible to determine what happened to Margaret, but it seems that his grandparents raised James (Jimmy) to manhood, and he had them noted as his next of kin.

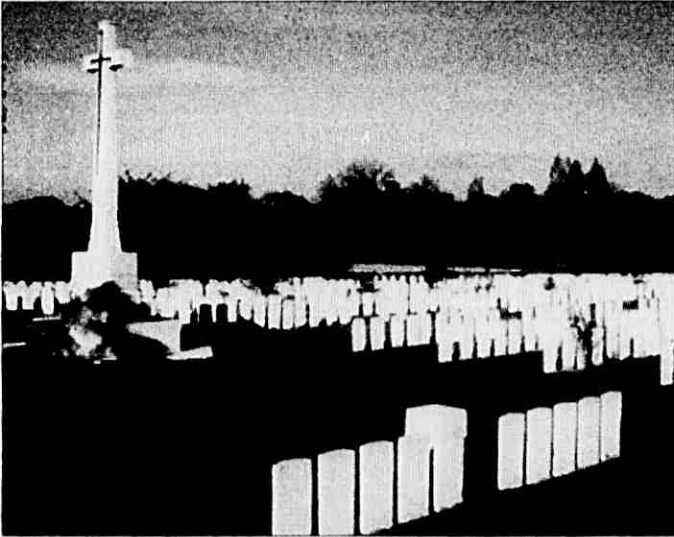
Jimmy became a merchant seaman, and subsequently married Ellen, the daughter of a fellow crew man on the "Kyle Ronan" – again, this is hearsay, we have been unable to check the facts. We do know that he died, aged 28 years, on Tuesday, 5th November 1940 when his ship the ss "Haig Rose" was lost at sea. He is commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial in London, on Panel No. 54.

The Tower Hill Memorial commemorates men of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets who died in both world wars, and who have no known grave. The WW1 section lists 12,000 men, and the WW2 extension bears almost 24,000 names.

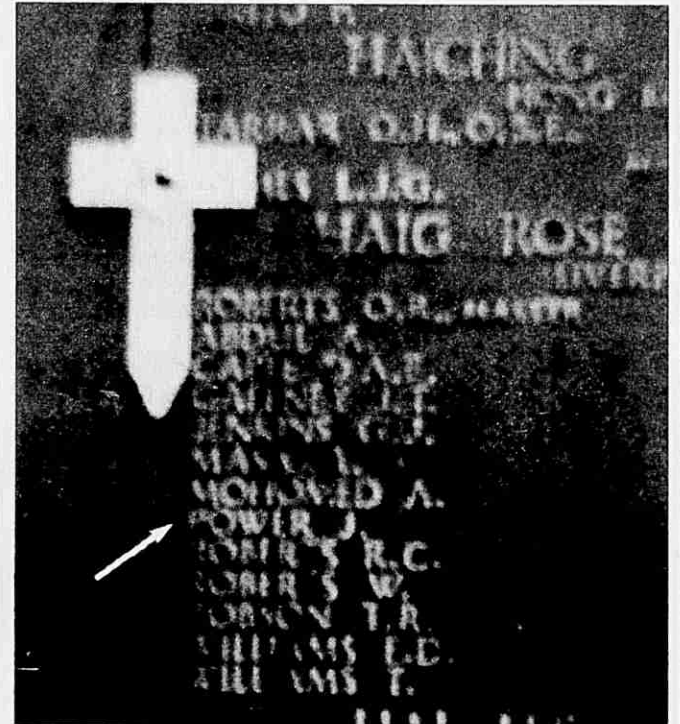
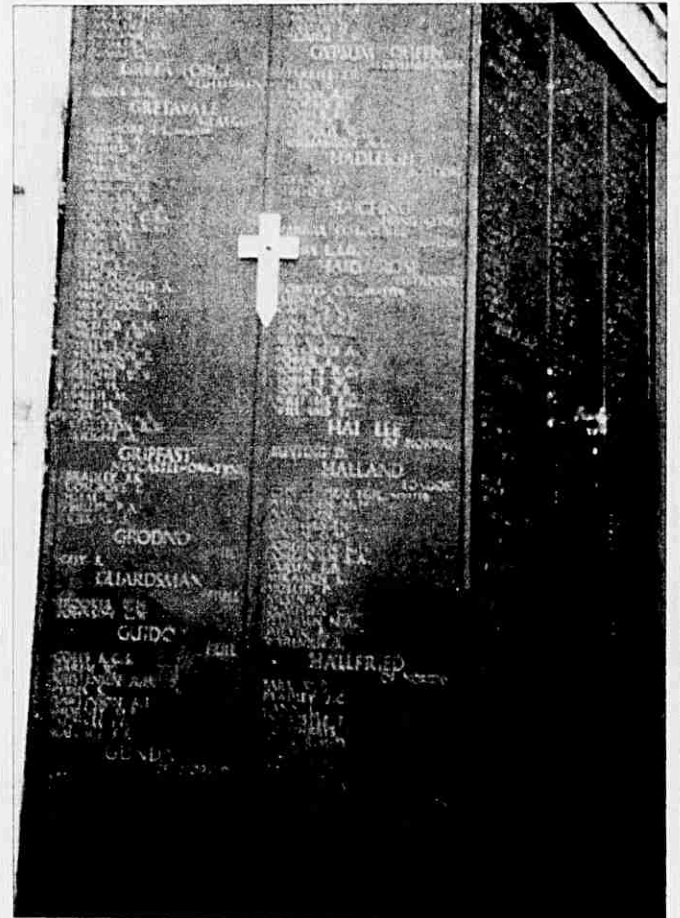
All of this research has been done through the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; and, as the Power name is very common in Dungarvan, we would appreciate co-operation (or contradiction) of the foregoing details from friends or family.



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Jimmy Power was from Patrick Street, Dungarvan and was  
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An Cumann Cuimhne 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, Knockateamore, Dungarvan Tel. 058-43110.

# Locals In Fundraising Trek In Uganda

There was a sizable County Waterford contingent on a recent fund-raising trek to Uganda, thanks largely to the commitment and devotion of a Dungarvan man to the work of an Irish third world development agency.

Con Lane from Dungarvan is a seasoned Self Help trekker, having been on no less than six trips to Africa in support of the organisation.

And he has rallied an array of locals to the cause - with no less than eight volunteers from the county embarking on the most recent trek to the Pearl of Africa.

Con's recent trip to Uganda was in contrast to previous expeditions however, as he recounts that it was 'the first time I have been in Africa and have seen lots and lots of rain'.

No less than four volunteers flew out from Dungarvan to take part, with Con Lane being joined in the effort by Dr. Tom Higgins, Mary Spratt, and Michael Ryan from Kilgobnet.

They travelled to see at first hand the work of Self Help, who have been involved in an array of rural development projects in Uganda since the late 1990's.

Con Lane says of Uganda: 'the potential of the country is mighty, as far as agriculture and tourism are concerned. The soil is brilliant and the moisture content is high because it doesn't get big droughts like in Ethiopia and Malawi, which I have visited previously'.

The north-eastern part of the country, where the Self Help projects in Soroti are based, is a much drier part of the country. The vegetation and crops don't grow as lush, hunger is a constant threat, and to add to the farmers' woes, the rebel activity has been stepped up in recent times.

'It gets dry and arid as you move closer to the borders with Sudan, Kenya, and Ethiopia. But west from Jinja to Entebbe and Kampala and on to the Congolese and Rwandan borders there is a stretch of fantastic land,' says Con, betraying his farming background.

He found most of the people of rural Uganda housed in conditions which were good by African standards. Their cattle, grasslands, and crops were all in great shape and the banana crops, in particular, impressed Con.

Uganda is a relatively young country, given that it is only free of its colonial past and then the oppressive regimes of Idi Amin and Obote for the past 20 years. Con found the emphasis being placed on free universal primary education in the country to be a very positive sign for the future.

'The standard of living is improving, from what we saw, though the current president, Museveni, seems to have put a lot of effort into improving the



Fergal Murphy, Waterford, Mary Lincoln, Ardmore, Con Lane, Dungarvan, Karen Denn, Cappagh, Mary Spratt, Dungarvan, and Mairead Cristoir, Ring, on the recent Self-Help Trek in Uganda. Also taking part in this year's walk were Dr. Tom Higgins from Dungarvan and Michael Ryan from Kilgobnet, Dungarvan.

area he is from and has forgotten the people in the north. But there are signs that are encouraging.'

Con is keenly aware of the controversy that has surrounded Irish aid for Uganda in the recent past but feels it is important that groups like Self Help continue to work for improvement in the country.

'Self Help is non-political. They were asked to go in to help a bunch of farmers in the north-east of Uganda to better their prospects and that is all they are doing. They are helping 30,000 farmers with nothing to become self-sufficient - just the same as Self Help is doing in Malawi, Ethiopia, and Eritrea. One and a half million people in those countries will stand up and say that's the case,' he says.

On a personal note, Con overcame his fear of water in Uganda. On a previous trip to Malawi he nearly drowned in a swimming pool when he unexpectedly found himself out of his depth. Only the quick reactions of fellow trekkers Dr Tom Higgins and Justin Spratt, who noticed his distress, saved him.

In Uganda he didn't want to be left out when the trekkers went white water rafting down the Nile, so he took on his fear and overcame it. 'I had a life jacket and I knew that if I held on to the rope I would be okay. It was exhilarating, absolutely brilliant!'

Dungarvan woman, Mary Spratt, initially found it hard to see why so many people were living below the poverty line in a country as rich and fertile as Uganda, when she visited the country last month to take part in the 2003 Self Help Development International trek to Africa.

As a former teacher, Mary was particularly interested in the educational system and the class room conditions in the schools.

'It's a bit like what we would have had in Ireland 50 years ago. The teacher might have a book but no charts, and there were about 100 children per

teacher. I had a great chat with some of the teachers and they were quite disheartened: they are devoted to their work and all the children get a primary education, but very few go on to achieve very much because the families are so poor,' she said.

She was appalled at the conditions she found in a health clinic at the village of Balit near the Sipi Falls, a short distance outside the country's capital, Kampala.

'I was horrified until some of the other trekkers who had travelled to Ethiopia and Eritrea told me that it was a wonderful thing to have a clinic, even though it was so basic. The staff there had a certain amount of drugs and there was even a child there being treated for malaria. I heard afterwards that he went home that evening,' says Mary.

She found the local people very warm and welcoming and very proud and dignified. Though they are poor they are not starving, growing crops such as aduki beans, corn, cassava, and bananas as staple crops.

'When we met the farmers from the Self Help project in Soroti, I spoke to one lady who explained the project and told me what a difference it had made to their lives. The amount of security the assistance of Self Help gave them was unreal. I was very impressed,' she says.

Self Help has been involved in promoting sustainable community based development projects in Uganda since the late 1990's. The Co. Carlow based organisation also has programmes in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Malawi and Kenya.

The Soroti development project is the latest undertaking by the Self Help group, which has already helped to bring about a remarkable change

in the circumstances and living standards of over 1.5 million people living in the East African countries of Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, and Malawi.

But Self Help has much work to do in Uganda. This is a land that knows dark and terrible secrets, and its people still know huge suffering: most families live on less than one euro per day, drought is a problem in parts of the north, there is no secure supply of food, military unrest is a constant, and upwards of 100,000 people have been displaced from their homes.

Trek leader Eleanor Shanley was shocked to find that so many people had been displaced, and even more shocked to discover that the refugee 'camps' where they live didn't even have the minimum of shelter.

'It is very sad to see,' she said. 'In one camp in Soroti there were 9000 people wandering around aimlessly, waiting to go home. They have been displaced from their homes for five months now. There is nothing for them to do except wait for their one meal per day. They get aid from food agencies, but there is little or no medical assistance and the spread of disease is apparent,' says the singer.

However, Self Help has been working to change the grim outlook of these people. The County Carlow based organisation operates differently to many other development agencies by building capacity among local communities, empowering subsistence farmers, and giving them the wherewithal to become self-sufficient and, ultimately, to produce a surplus which can be sold for additional income.

It's an approach which has proven itself over the 20 years since Self Help was founded in response to the devastating Ethiopian famine of 1984, which claimed the lives of more than one million people.

'It is a very sad situation at present, but the people whom we met were very motivated, were determined that the younger generations should get a proper education, and should be back on their farms as soon as the political situation allows', she said.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### QUESTION

I am about to become unemployed but should qualify for Unemployment Benefit. Will I get a payment for my 19 year old son who is in full-time education?

### ANSWER

Yes you will, but not for the first six months.

Until recently, if you were receiving one of the follow short term social welfare payments.

Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance (for less than 15 months), Disability Benefit, Injury Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

Payment of a Child Dependant Increase (CDI) would cease when the child turned 18 or on the following 30th June if the child was in full-time education. Since October 2003 payment will continue, if the child is in full-time education, until the child turns 22 or up to the end of the academic year after he/she reaches 22, providing you have been receiving your short-term social welfare payment for at least six months.

Periods spent on other social welfare payments may be used in calculation the required 26 weeks providing the interval between such payments does not exceed 13 weeks.

Those getting a pension or long-term social welfare payment are paid a CDI for a child in full-time education up to the age 22. If a child turns 22 while in full-time education the payment continues until the end of the academic year. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

The Citizens Information Database integrates information from various sources. This document is not a stand alone item. Whilst every effort is made to update material Comhairle cannot be held responsible for the currency of material from all sources.

*This column has been compiled by Dungarvan Community Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the citizens at the Courthouse, Dungarvan, office hours 11a.m. - 1p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel. 058-44633.*

## MONEY MATTERS

### BEWARE OF CHEAP CREDIT

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is especially if it involves interest free credit.

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Credit card deals can also be riddled with similar pitfalls: especially the introductory offers that institutions use to lure customers. These offers look ideal on paper: they allow you to get off the credit card merry-go-round where most of your payments can be gobbled by interest charges. The problem arises that once you have made the switch, all the payments you make are automatically set against the transferred balance. The result is that interest is charged immediately on any new purchases you make with the card. The only way this offer could give you a chance is to cut up the new card as soon as you get it and keep make payments to this account without incurring more interest charges for new spending.

However, rather than switching to another credit card the best way to tackle your credit card debt is probably to give your card a "rest", especially during the pre-Christmas spending spree.

*The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is based at Civic Offices, Davitts Quay, Dungarvan (Tel 058-44922) and provides a service throughout the West Waterford area. It is part of the national MABS Service and is free, confidential and independent. Visit our web site at: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie)*




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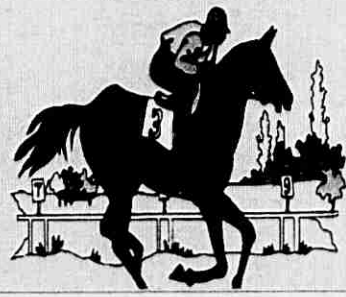
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# HORSE RACING SNIPPETS

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## JP To Keep The Ride

Trainer John Joe O'Neill confirmed last week that young JP Magnier is to keep the ride on Rhinestone Cowboy in the Champion Hurdle next March. JP son of the owner of Rhinestone Cowboy is entitled to claim a seven-pound allowance but he will be unable to claim the valuable seven pounds in the Champion Hurdle, as this event is a Grade 1 contest.

## Irish Trainers

Did you know that there are nearly four hundred trainers in Ireland to choose from ranging from the three figure strings of Aidan O'Brien, John Oxx, Jim Bolger and Dermot Weld to smaller more intimate yards with just a handful of horses.

Irish trainers have proved that they can compete with the best in the world as Dermot Weld demonstrated after becoming the first European trainer to win the prestigious Melbourne Cup when the Michael Smurfit owned Vintage Crop scored in 1993 and incredibly repeated the feat in 2002 with Media Puzzle.

Dermot Weld is one of several trainers based on the Curragh, a natural plateau stretching to many hundreds of acres in Co Kildare with some of the world's finest training grounds.

Aidan O'Brien has continued the tradition started by his predecessor Vincent O'Brien at the world class Balydoyle training establishment in County Tipperary. As well as dominating the domestic scene Aidan O'Brien has also won the British trainers championship in successive years and has also enjoyed a string of International successes with the likes of High Chaparral.

John Oxx enjoyed one of his best ever years in 2003 the highlight being the Irish Derby victory with Alamshar owned by the yards main patron the Aga Khan.

## Edredon Bleu Tops

Edredon Bleu produced a smashing jumping performance to capture the King George V1 Gold Cup at Kempton on St Stephens's day. Despite being headed early in the straight an ultra game Edredon Bleu fought bravely to deny Ticutchiv on the run to the winning line. The winner was given a great ride by Kerry born Jim Culloty who was also aboard this gelding when taking the Clonmel Oil chase at Clonmel in November.

## David On The Mark

County Waterford trainer David Kiely was on the mark at Limerick over the Christmas as he sent out Dyrick Daybreak to an easy victory over hurdles on day one while the same trainer was also successful on day two as he sent out the W Queally owned Roxbury to victory in a three year old hurdle. Gary Hutchinson rode Roxbury and he went on later on that afternoon to complete a double aboard Dygrande in the Novice Chase.

## Equine Flu

Trainer John Joe O'Neill reported over the weekend that a number of his horses are suffering from equine flu and his Keen Leader was withdrawn from last Sunday's Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown.

## Leopardstown Update

The opening day of the Christmas Festival meeting saw County Kilkenny trainer Tony Mullins send out three winners. David Casey enjoyed a nice double while Gary Hutchinson from Tramore rode an impressive hurdle winner for trainer Ted Walsh.

Best Mate had no more than an exercise when cruising to victory in the featured Ericsson Chase on Sunday afternoon. Beef Or Salmon was a major disappointment and was never really traveling or jumping with any great fluency throughout this event and it was left to the Christy Roche trained Le Coudray to chase home this impressive winner who is now certainly on course for three in a row Cheltenham Gold Cups. Nearly 20,000 people attended Leopardstown to see this great horse slam the opposition in emphatic fashion.

John Brennan's Arch Stanton justified favouritism in the opening maiden hurdle under a determined ride from Ruby Walsh.

## Grand Lodge Put Down

Successful twelve-year-old stud horse Grand Lodge was put down on Christmas Eve having failed to recover from a knee injury sustained in a paddock accident last September. During his career Grand Lodge won the 1993 Dewhurst

Stakes while he also captured the St James Palace stakes in 1994. Sinnidar and Grandera were just two of his successful offspring.

## Strong Flow Injured

Although he won the Feltham Novice Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day Hennessy Gold Cup winner Strong Flow made a number of jumping errors and he also cracked a bone in his knee which trainer Paul Nicholls states will keep his gelding out of action for the rest of the National Hunt season.

## A first For Seamie

Some weeks back we informed our readers that jockey Seamie Heffernan had recently taken out a license to ride over jumps and sure enough he enjoyed his first winner over timber at the Limerick three day Christmas meeting guiding the Michael Hourican trained American Duchess to victory.

## This Weeks Racing

Wednesday Punchestown 12.45, Tramore 12.30 Catterick, Cheltenham, Fontwell, Warwick, Wolverhampton

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Saturday: Cork 12.45, Newcastle, Wolverhampton, Lingfield, Sandown

Sunday: Naas 12.45, Southwell, Plumpton

## Marys Winner

County Waterford trainer Mrs Mary O'Connor enjoyed a great victory at Limerick last Saturday when her six-year-old filly Fourstargale (Four Stars Allstars-Sea Gale) ran out a 9/1 winner of a bumper. Top amateur rider John Thomas McNamara was the winning rider on this occasion and those who backed this mare on the tote had a real bonanza as she paid odds of over 38/1 on the old nanny goat.

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Thursday Channel 4 1pm Racing from Cheltenham

## Early Start At Tramore

Racing on Wednesday and Thursday of this week has a starting time of 12.30 on each day. I thought previous course winner Star Storm ran a cracking race at Leopardstown during the week and if saddled by Francie Flood should go close to taking one of the handicap chases.

## Point-To-Point Season

The Irish Point To Point season resumes on New Years Day with the Duhallow Foxhounds staging a meeting at Dromahane, Mallow County Cork with the first race underway at 12.30pm.

United Hunt Foxhounds stage their fixture at Top Cross, Lisgoold, County Cork this coming Sunday with a starting time of 12.30pm.

## Doctors Dispute Settled

The threatened withdrawal of services by Irish racecourse doctors has been averted and its business as usual for the foreseeable future. I wouldn't mind being on their agreed fee of Euro 500 per meeting however..

## Game Victory By Bindaree

The Welsh Grand National at Chepstow produced a memorable contest with the diminutive Bindaree under Carl Llewellyn out battling the giant Sir Rembrandt in a mad dash for the winning line. Bindaree is a cracking little gelding having already tasted victory in the Aintree Grand National for trainer Nigel Twiston Davies.

## Blazing Liss For Cheltenham

The Flynn family from Dungarvan and their trainer John Kiely have a grand type in the four year old mare Blazing Liss who is a home bred daughter of Supreme Leader and Liss De Paor. Now a winner of three races having scored on her latest outing at Navan Blazing Liss will now be prepared for a crack at the bumper at the Cheltenham Festival in March.

## Rich Pickings

When Falbrav raced to victory at Sha Tin racecourse in Hong Kong last week sweeping all before him in the prestigious Hong Kong Cup he took his career earnings to £3.5 Million prompting his trainer Luca Cumani to declare that Falbrav is the best horse in the world. With his racing days now behind him Falbrav can look forward to standing at stud in Japan.

## Jamie Spencer Fined

Jamie Spencer was fined over 3,000 Dollars by the Hong Kong stewards after an altercation with Belgian born, French based jockey Christoph Soumillion. Threatening behavior

was the polite way the stewards called it but in lay mans language Spencer caught his young rival up by the throat and threatened the promising rider who is attached to the Aga Khan stable in France..

## Johnny To Ride Freelance

With Mick Kinane having taken over his job with John Oxx jockey Johnny Murtagh has intimated that he intends riding as a freelance jockey in both Ireland and England in 2004. The 2004 flat season is scheduled to start next March. Johnny Murtagh spent seventeen years working with John Oxx on the Curragh.

## Boyle Sports To Sponsor

Boyle Sports bookmakers announced during the week that they are to sponsor both the 1000 and 2000 Irish Guineas at the Curragh next year. If the same jockey rides the winner of both classics Boyle Sports will make a donation of Euro 10,000 to the injured jockeys fund. In any case they intend making a donation of Euro 5,000 to that fund next year..

## Dress To Thrill

The Moyglare stud owned Dress To Thrill has retired to stud. She won a total of four Grade 1 races and is due to be mated to top stallion Sadlers Wells who along with every other horse in the world celebrates his birthday on January 1st 2004. All horses on that date are one year older and that makes Sadlers Wells a twenty four year old

## Funny Cide For February Outing

The 2003 winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes Funny Cide will have his next outing Stateside sometime during February.

## Two Winners For Martin

It's a long way from the West Country up to Musselburgh in Scotland but Martin Pipe who had his first runners at the Scottish venue came away with a double courtesy of the well-fancied pair of Contraband and Liberman. Bought out of the Paddy Mullins yard earlier this year Liberman went on to taste success in the Cheltenham Festival bumper for owner David Johnson, trainer Martin Pipe and rider Tony McCoy. Liberman did not jump all that well at Musselburgh but his class on the level saw him through. He is sure to improve with experience however.

## Did You Know

Did you know that owning a racehorse in Ireland is a pleasure enjoyed by more and more people every year with Syndicates and Partnerships an especially popular and affordable introduction to the sport.

Many of the world's top owners campaign their horses in Ireland -including the Aga Khan, the Maktoum brothers, John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Lady O'Reilly.-while there are many names better known outside the racing world.

The all conquering Rock Of Gibraltar carrying the colours of Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, while Formula 1 boss Eddie Jordan, Ronnie Wood of the Rolling Stones, actor Albert Finney and film director Jim Sheridan are other racehorse owners in this country.

A permit is not required for ownership in Ireland and anybody interested should contact Irish Thoroughbred Marketing who has a dedicated ownership advisor in former jockey and trainer Martin Lynch.

The following is a guide as to annual ownership costs in this country.

Training Fees	Euro 13,500
HRI Fees	Euro 2,500
Routine Vet/Farrier	Euro 1,200
Transport	Euro 700
Total	Euro 17,900

The training fees are estimated for 12 months, including 4 runs but do not include the purchase price of the horse.

## Irish Racing TV Channel

Hopes are high that Irish horse racing will return to Satellite TV sometime in the New year. It will not be cheap however and the end user will have to fork out somewhere in the region of 20 to 30 Euros for the service.

## Gowran Blues

The stewards at Gowran Park were not impressed with the ride that Point Blank received at the County Kilkenny venue last week and while jockey Sam Curling received a riding ban county Limerick trainer Enda Bolger was fined Euro 800.

## High Strike Rate

When the Francois Doumen trained Barracuda won the Long Walk hurdle at Ascot last Friday it was the geldings fifteenth race success from twenty outings.

## Windsor To Jump

With development work due to start shortly on Ascot racecourse Windsor racecourse are toying with the idea of re-introducing jump races at the London course. Jump races at this track ceased back in late 1998.

# Planning Notices

**Waterford County Council** — Outline planning permission is required for a dwelling and ancillaries at Knockanpower Lower, Colligan, for Ray Bradfield. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application on payment of a fee of €20.

**Waterford County Council** — Padraig O'Gorman and Olive Scanlon are applying for permission to construct two storey dwelling, entrance, garage, septic tank and percolation area at Coolanheen, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application on payment of a fee of €20.

**Waterford County Council** — Philip Dooling am applying for permission to change the front elevation of house at Knockiniska, Ballysaggart (PD00/1395) by adding 3 No. dormer windows in lieu of 2 No. velux windows. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application on payment of a fee of €20.

**Waterford County Council** — Permission is sought for dwelling, septic tank and entrance at Knockaun South, The Pike, Knockanore, Co. Waterford. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application on payment of a fee of €20. Signed: Eithne Aherne and Martina Healy.

**Waterford County Council** — Permission is sought for dwelling, garage, septic tank and entrance at Coolbagh, Clashmore, Co. Waterford. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application on payment of a fee of €20. Signed: Anna and Patrick Foley.

**Waterford County Council** — Permission is sought for dwelling, treatment plant and entrance at Monameean, Old Parish, Co. Waterford. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application on payment of a fee of €20. Signed: Cathy Troy.

**Waterford County Council** — Outline permission is sought for dwelling, garage, septic tank and entrance at Cladagh, Clashmore, Co. Waterford. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application on payment of a fee of €20. Signed: Jane and James Moloney.

**Waterford County Council** — Permission is sought for dwelling, treatment plant and entrance at Curragh, Ardmore, Co. Waterford. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening hours i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application on payment of a fee of €20. Signed: Mr. and Mrs. John Troy.

## Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann

### DUNGARVAN BRANCH

The above Branch held its Annual General Meeting, in the Park Hotel, on Thursday night 4th. December, 2003 at 8 p.m. It was a good meeting even though the crowd was small.

The following are the committee elected for the coming year:- Chair person Mary Rositter, Vice-Chair Maitiu O'Fathaigh, Secretary Micheal O'Hogain, Treasurer Moll Shields, Auditor Paul Duggan, P.R.O John Creed Delegates to Co. Board Micheal O'Hogain and Paul Duggan.

The Branch wishes to congratulate one of its members Sinéad Ni Fhathaigh, on receiving a Student of the Year Award, at University College Cork. She also has received her T.T.C. Diploma from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

While she is still studying at the University she is teaching two music classes a week one in Douglas and another North Monastery Schools in Cork under Comhaltas.

The Branch held its Set Dancing, Christmas party on Tuesday night, 26th. December 2003 in the Park Hotel, this year Mary Murphy' classes from Rathgormack and Bonmahon, joined with us on the night. The four course meal at 7 p.m. served by the management and staff of the hotel was superb, tea or coffee and mince pies were also served at half-time during the dancing.

Music for the night was provided by none other than Ger Murphy, of the Abbey Ceilidhe Band and a friend and it was top class. Dancing continued to 12.30 a.m. All went home happily having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Branch would like to wish all our dancers and to Mary Murphy, her daughters and all their dancers very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The Branch also wishes to convey to the Park Hotel its management and staff, its sincerest thanks for all their help during the year, for the superb meal served on the night and wish them a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## BALLINROAD AFC PITCH DEVELOPMENT DRAW RESULTS

Results of draw held on Sunday 28th December 2003. Numbers Drawn: 05, 06, 12, 16. No Jackpot winner

Winners of Euro 20 each: 1. Marie and Michael O'Mahony, Ballinroad LR, 2. Mgt. Condon Ring, 3. Johnny Morrissey, Ballinroad. Sellers Prize: Pat Flynn; 4 Breeda Fitzgerald 30 Parklane Avenue, Packie Lynch, Kyne Park.

New Jackpot: Euro 4,700. Next Draw will be held in Lord McGurries Pub, Ballinroad, on 11th January 2004, at 9.30 p.m. We thank you for your support.

## DUNGARVAN SOCCER LOTTO

Numbers 4-14-28. No Winner €25 winners — Ber Burke, Gillian Conroy. Jackpot next week EUR900

Draw in Bean a Leanna on Sunday 4th January.

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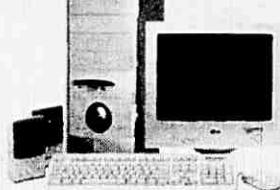
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Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy	6th Jan 2004
Park Hotel, Dungarvan	7th Jan 2004
Hotel Minella, Clonmel	13th Jan 2004
Dolmen Hotel, Carlow	14th Jan 2004
Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny	20th Jan 2004
Tower Hotel, Waterford	21st Jan 2004

Information will be available on regular CAO, Mature and HCA Sponsorship applications. Male attendance positively welcomed. Applications for Nursing in 2004 must be made to the Central Applications Office (CAO) before 1st February 2004 closing date. Tel. 091 509 800 or visit [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)



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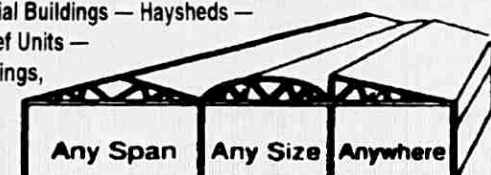
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# IN MEMORIAM



**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear son, Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Parish Church on Monday, January 5, at 7.30 p.m.

A million words could never explain,  
The wonderful son I lost that day,  
The joy that you brought, the laughter we shared,  
I just hope you know how deeply I care.  
I think of you daily, Pius and the happy times we had,  
You are never far from me, for I thought the world of you.  
Look after him, Lord,  
Don't leave him alone,  
For this is his fourteenth year,  
Away from home.  
(Your heart-broken Mam, Pearl.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Look around Your garden,  
Lord,  
For an angel with a smile,  
He won't be hard to recognise,  
He must stand out a mile.  
So put Your arms around him,  
Lord,  
And kiss his smiling face,  
For he is very special,  
And can never be replaced.  
We do not need a special day,  
To bring you back to mind,  
For a day without a thought of you,  
Is very hard to find.  
Wherever life may lead us,  
In everything we do,  
Part of us will always cry,  
For yesterday and you.

(Always remembered by his loving sister Caroline, Eddie, Barry, Dean, Joshua and Jade.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Today we are thinking of someone we love,  
But we know he is happy in heaven above,  
Loving memories are all we have left,  
Of a brother we loved and will never forget.

(Never forgotten by his loving brother Thomas and Jackie, Amy, Dawn, Tammy, Lauren, Lucy and baby Willie.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Have you ever lost a brother who meant the world to you,  
One you loved so very much and miss just like I do,  
If you've never had this feeling, pray you never do,  
For when God takes your brother,  
He takes a part of you.  
I think of you in silence, Pius,  
I often call your name,  
What I'd give to hear your voice,  
And you to call my name.  
You may be out of sight, Pius,  
We may be worlds apart,  
But you're always on my mind  
And forever in my heart.

(Always loved and remembered by your loving sister Mag, Willie, Nicola and Liam.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Your memory is precious and never grows old,  
It is locked in our hearts in letters of gold,  
Your presence we miss and memories we treasure,  
Missing you always, forgetting you never.

(Always remembered by his brother John, Cian, Pius and baby Colm.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear brother, Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Sometimes it's hard to understand, Pius,  
Why certain things must be,  
And the reason why they happened,  
Is so often hard to see.  
We miss you and we mourn you in sorrow unseen,  
And dwell on the memory of days that have been.

Wherever life may lead us,  
In everything we do,  
Part of us will always long,  
For yesterday and you.  
Time and years go swiftly by,  
But love and memories never die,  
Memories are the loveliest things,  
They last from day to day,  
They don't wear out, they don't get lost,  
And can never be taken away.

We never part from those we love,  
No distance can divide us,  
With memories dear, and love sincere,  
You'll always walk beside us.  
So young to die,  
So precious to lose,  
God's will be done,  
We could not choose.

(Always remembered by your loving brother Adrian, Tracy, Jessica and boys.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Every day in some small way,  
Thoughts of you come our way,  
Years may pass, tears may dry,  
But memories of you will never die.  
Will those who think of him today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
(Always remembered by Auntie Mary and family.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, whose anniversary occurs on January 5.

Happy memories last forever,  
Of days when we were all together,  
Each one of us in our own way,  
Have special thoughts of you today.  
Quietly today your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.  
Will those who think of him today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
(From Jimmy, Marion, Pat, Mark, Nicola and Jenny.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

No longer in our lives to share,  
But in our hearts you are always there.  
The way you were, you will always be,  
Very special in our memory,  
No length of time can take away,  
Our thoughts of you from day to day,  
Though absent you are always near,  
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.

(Never forgotten by his aunts and families in the John Crotty family.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, whose anniversary occurs on January 5.

Happy memories last forever,  
Of days when we were all together,  
Each one of us in our own way,  
Have special thoughts of you today.  
Quietly today your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.  
A heart of gold, a life so true,  
Loved and remembered by all he knew,  
Always willing, helpful and kind,  
What beautiful memories he left behind.

(Always remembered by your loving friend and brother-in-law Pat Tutty and family.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of a dear brother, Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

A million times we've missed you,  
A million times we've cried,  
If love could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
Things we feel most deeply,  
Are the hardest things to say,  
Our dearest one we've always loved you,  
In a special way.  
(Never forgotten by his loving sister Michelle, Kiki and baby Robyn.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Beautiful thoughts of a nephew so dear,  
Cherished forever with love sincere,  
Dear is your memory, sweet is your name,  
Close to our hearts you will always remain.  
(Fondly remembered by Sheila, Jimmy and family.)

**O'SHEA** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Pius O'Shea, late of St. Patrick's Crescent, Dungarvan, who died on January 5, 1990.

Gone from us that smiling face,  
The cheerful, pleasant ways,  
The heart that won so many friends,  
In bygone happy days.  
Will those who think of him today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
(Never forgotten by your loving mother-in-law Kitty Tutty.)

**AHEARNE** — In loving memory of Catherine Ahearne, late of Monastery Lodge, Dungarvan, also Gretta Ahearne, Kathleen and Eddie Kafłowski (née Ahearne), also Terry and Jimmy Earley. On their souls sweet Jesus have mercy.  
(Inserted by Ada.)



**CLEARY** — Twelfth 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.)

**CLIFFE** — Eighth Anniversary — In loving memory of a dear mother, Mary Cliffe, Carragaun, Ballinamult, who died on January 1, 1996.

We miss you from your fire-side chair,  
Your loving smile and gentle air,  
Your vacant place no one could fill,  
We miss you mother and always will.  
(Always remembered and loved by your family.)

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Thomas, 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan who left us on January 6th, 2003.

I often lie awake at night,  
When the world is fast asleep,  
I think about the Dad I loved,  
With tears upon my cheeks,  
I wish that I could see your face,  
Just for a minute or two,  
So you could tell me you're happy, Dad,  
Then I would be happy too,  
You left me with a broken heart,  
But precious memories too,  
But I never wanted memories, Dad,  
I only wanted you.  
(Always loved by your loving daughter Bridget, son-in-law Pat and family.)

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Thomas, 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan who left us on January 6th, 2003.

You were always there when we needed you,  
No task too great or small,  
With willing hands and a loving heart,  
For us you did it all,  
We had our laughter,  
We had our tears,  
But most of all,  
We had wonderful years.  
(Sadly missed by your loving son William, daughter-in-law Carmel and family.)

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — Remembrance of my dear father, late of 8 Cloneeey Villas, who passed away on the 6th January.

Some day we'll meet again  
Dad,  
Where sorrow is unknown,  
Some day I hope to hold your hand,  
Before God's heavenly throne,  
No more the secret tears of grief,  
No more the longing sigh,  
I will see again the face I loved,  
So much in days gone by,  
I smile behind my heartaches,  
As you would want me to,  
And often shed a lonely tear,  
No one sees but you,  
I often pause in my daily work,  
And by my side you'd be,  
A million memories bring you back,  
To stay a while with me,  
But among my tears and heartaches,  
There is one thing that makes me glad,  
Is the love and joy you shared with us.  
(Sadly missed by your son Brendan and daughter-in-law Claire.)



**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear husband Thomas, 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan who left us on January 6th 2003. First Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Mary's Parish Church on Tuesday, 6th January at 7.30 pm.

The day I lost you Tom,  
Is the day I can't forget,  
And although time goes on,  
My heart is breaking yet,  
The pain I try to live with,  
The tears I rarely show,  
The emptiness I live with,  
No one will ever know,  
I wish I could see you Tom,  
Sitting in your chair,  
I wish I could go back home,  
And find you waiting there.  
(Always loved by your loving wife Nellie.)

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Tom, late of 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan whose first anniversary occurs on 6th January.

You left us so many memories,  
To us you were our Dad,  
No matter when we needed you,  
We always found you there,  
You gave us all you had to give,  
Gifts both big and small,  
But most of all you gave us love,  
The greatest gift of all,  
Lonely is the home without you,  
Life to us is not the same,  
All the world would be like heaven,  
It we could have you back,  
We will always have memories,  
To cherish and to hold,  
Of a wonderful Dad,  
More precious than gold.  
(Always loved and remembered by your sons Oliver and Damien.)

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Tom, late of 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan whose first anniversary occurs on 6th January.

A father's love is a blessing,  
A gift beyond compare,  
You only know its meaning,  
When you find he is no longer there,  
So put your arms around him,  
Treasure him with care,  
They say he only takes the best,  
And that he surely did.  
(Always loved and remembered by your son Derek.)

# IN MEMORIAMS

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Tom, late of 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan whose first anniversary occurs on 6th January.

Softly in the morning,  
You heard a gentle call,  
You took the hand God offered you,  
And quietly left us all,  
For the rest of our lives,  
We will miss you Dad,  
Our secret tears will flow,  
How much we really loved you,  
No one will ever know,  
I wish I could see you Dad,  
Sitting in your chair,  
And find you waiting there,  
Memories are precious they don't fade away,  
We think of you always, not just today.

(Loved and remembered by your daughter Eileen, son-in-law Charles and grandchildren Anthony, Claire, Jack, Charlotte and Jessica).

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Tom, late of 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan whose first anniversary occurs on 6th January.

Wouldn't it be lovely Dad,  
Your smiling face to see,  
Standing by the doorstep,  
The way it used to be,  
All our lives we loved you,  
To us you were so dear,  
No matter when we needed you,  
We always found you there,  
There are many things to thank you for,  
We don't know where to start,  
Dad,  
Except to say we love you,  
From the bottom of our hearts.

(Always loved and remembered by your daughter Rita, son-in-law James and grandchildren Caroline, John, Aileen and James).

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Tom Drummeey, late of 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan, whose anniversary occurs on January 6th.

I lost a father with a heart of gold,  
How much I miss him can never be told,  
He shared my troubles and helped me along,  
If I follow his footsteps, I will never go wrong,  
I miss you from the fireside chair,  
Your loving smile and gentle air,  
Your vacant place no one can fill,  
I miss you father and always will,  
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 your loving son Thomas, daughter-in-law Rose and grandchildren Simon, Eoin, Aoife and Ciara).

**DRUMMEY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father Tom, late of 8 Cloneeey Villas, Dungarvan whose first anniversary occurs on 6th January.

God chose to take my Dad,  
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 my Dad,  
Made everything worthwhile,  
No length of time will heal my grief,  
With broken heart I whisper,  
God bless you Dad, I miss you so.

(Loved and remembered by your son Mark).



**GEARY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of John Geary, Main Street, Tallow, who died on January 6, 2003. Forever in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Anniversary Mass on Sunday, January 4 in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tallow at 11 a.m. (Always remembered by your wife Mary and family).



**HENNEBRY** — First Anniversary — Treasured memories of my dear brother Sean, late of Sunlawn, Affane, who died on December 29, 2002. There's a special person in heaven,  
So special and so rare,  
That person is my brother Sean,  
The best beyond compare.  
You left me with golden memories,  
Your love is still my guide,  
Although I cannot see you Sean,  
You are always by my side.  
Dear friends and neighbours who'll think of Sean today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
(Always remembered and loved by your brother Tony and sister-in-law Margaret).

**HENNEBRY** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear uncle, Sean Hennebry, late of Sunlawn, Affane, who died on December 29, 2002.

If only we could meet you,  
Just for a little while,  
To tell you how much we miss you,  
Just to see your smile.  
(Always loved and remembered — your niece Rebecca and god-child Chloe).

**HAYES** — Thirty-fourth and Third Anniversaries — In loving memory of Peter and Abbie, late of Caseyville, Dungarvan whose anniversaries occur on 1st and 2nd January. Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 10th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Church.

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.  
(Lovingly remembered — from your sons and daughters, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren).



**LYONS** — Fourth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear husband Michael, late of 2, St. Brigid's Terrace, Dungarvan, who died on January 6th, 2000. Mass offered at St. Mary's Parish Church on Tuesday January 6, at 11 o'clock. Memories are something no one can steal,  
Death is a heartache no one can heal,  
Time slips by and life goes on,  
But from my heart Michael, you are never gone.  
(Lovingly remembered — your wife Kitty).

**LYONS** — In loving memory of my father, Jimmy Lyons and my brother Michael, late of 2, St. Brigid's Terrace, Dungarvan whose anniversaries occur around this time. Will those who think of them today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
(Always remembered by Breda, son-in-law Larry and family Michael, Cora and Cormac).

**NORRIS** — Eighth Anniversary — In loving memory of Paddy Norris, Ballinacourty, Dungarvan who died on 8th January 1996. An empty chair in the hall,  
Your cap still hangs by the door,  
Precious memories of you Pop,  
A wonderful husband and father.  
(Sadly missed by Nellie and family at home and away).



**MORRISSEY** — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of Moss Morrissey, Allen Street, Cappoquin, who died on December 29, 2001. A special day, another year,  
A loving thought, a silent prayer,  
A little prayer to keep in touch,  
With one we loved and miss so much.  
(Sadly missed by your wife Mary and family).



**LEE** (née Conroy) — First Anniversary — In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Mary Ann Lee, late of Mount Odell, Dungarvan whose anniversary occurs on December 31. Little we knew that morning,  
What sorrow the day would bring.  
Will those who think of her today,  
A little prayer to Mary say.  
(Always in our thoughts — Bill, James, Angela and Rachel).



**O'BRIEN** — First Anniversary — In loving memory of Liam O'Brien, St. Garvan's Terrace, Dungarvan who died on January 4, 2003. In heaven you rest, no worries, no pain,  
In God's own time we will meet again,  
Simple words but very true,  
We will always love and remember you.  
God grant that the sick whom you placed in his care may be abundantly blessed.  
(Always remembered by his loving brothers, sisters and families).



**RYAN** — Ninth Anniversary — In loving memory of Jim Ryan, Ballykenedy, Cappagh who died on December 27th 1994. Anniversary Mass on Sunday, January 4th at 10 am in Ballinameela Church. When I am sad and lonely,  
And things are going wrong,  
I seem to hear you whisper,  
Cheer up and carry on,  
And when I see your photo,  
You seem to smile and say,  
Don't cry I am only sleeping,  
We will meet again some day.  
(Always remembered by your loving wife Bridie and family).



**RYAN** — Third Anniversary — In loving memory of a loving husband and a dear father, John (Johnny) Ryan, who died on new year's day, 1st January, 2001, late of Knockacoola, Ballymacarbery. Anniversary Mass in Fourmilewater Church on Saturday, 3rd January, at 8 o'clock. We think of you in silence,  
And often speak your name,  
All we have are memories,  
And a picture in a frame.  
You had a heart of gold,  
You left the dearest memories,  
This world could ever hold.  
We lost a husband and a father,  
With a heart of gold,  
How much we miss you,  
Can never be told.  
You shared our troubles and helped us along.  
If we follow your footsteps,  
We will never go wrong.  
(Sadly missed by your loving wife Alice and family).

**RYAN** — Tenth Anniversary — In fond and loving memory of my dear husband Paddy, 8 Fitzgerald Tce., Dungarvan, who died on December 5, 1993. On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy. Masses offered. Will those who think of him today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
(Inserted by his heartbroken wife Ada).



**RYAN** — Third Anniversary — In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and granny, Maureen Ryan, Curtiswood, Ballymacarbery, who died on January 2, 2001. It isn't what we write,  
Or even what we say,  
It's how we feel inside,  
As we think of you today.  
You always had a smile to share,  
A laugh, a joke, a time to care,  
No longer in our lives to share,  
But in our hearts you are always there.  
A wonderful mother, warm and true,  
Those are the memories we have of you.  
(Always remembered by your husband Tom and family)



**WALL** — Fourteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Ann Wall (née Power), 30, Comeragh Crescent, Dungarvan, whose anniversary occurs on January 4. Anniversary Mass on Friday, 9th January in St. Mary's Church. The ones we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.  
(Inserted by her loving husband Tom and daughter Shirley and grandchildren Thomas, Kellie and Charlotte). We often sit and think of you,  
And think of how you died,  
To think you could not say goodbye,  
Before you closed your eyes.  
Our family chain is broken,  
Nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us, one by one,  
The links shall join again.  
(Sadly missed and always loved — David and Nicola).

# IN MEMORIAMs



**WOODS** — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, Paddy Woods, late of 47, Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986.

A light is from our household gone,

A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home,

That never can be filled.  
In a near and silent grave-  
yard,

Where the trees their branches wave,  
Sleeps a kind and loving father,

In his cold and lonely grave.  
He bade no one a last farewell,

He raised his hand to none,  
His spirit flew before I knew,  
That he from us had gone.

You can only have one father,  
Patient, kind and true,  
No other friend in all the world,

Will be the same to you.  
When other friends forsake you,

To father you will return,  
For all his loving kindness,  
He asks nothing in return.

As we look upon his picture,  
Sweet memories we recall,  
Of a face so full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all.  
Sweet Jesus take this message,

To our dear father up above,  
Tell him how we miss him,  
And give him all our love.

(From your loving daughter Mai, son-in-law Mike, and family.)

**WALSH** — Eleventh Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear mother, Mollie, late of 12 Congress Villas, who died on 23rd December 1992. Mass offered.

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.

(Inserted by your loving daughter Margaret and sons Billy, Denis, John, Joseph and Maurice).

## Death Notice

**O'LEARY** — Mary O'Leary, late of San Francisco and Touraneena, Mary (Maisie) passed away peacefully at her residence on Sunday, 28th December, 2003, aged 93 years. Interment will take place later this week in San Francisco. May she rest in peace.

**WOODS** — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear grandfather, Paddy Woods, late of 47, Caseyville, Dungarvan, who died on December 27, 1986.

Lonely is the home without you,

Life to us is not the same,  
All the world would be like heaven,

If we could have you back again.

What he suffered he told but few,  
He did not deserve what he went through,

Tired and weary he made no fuss,  
But tried so hard to stay with us.

Two tired eyes are sleeping,  
Two willing hands are still,  
The one who did so much for us,

Is resting at God's will.  
Our lips cannot speak how we loved you,

Our hearts cannot tell what to say,  
But God only knows how we miss him,

In our home that is lonely today.  
Pray for us, o dearest father,  
To Jesus Christ our king,

That He may bless our lonely home,  
Where thou once dwelt therein,

And pray that God may give us strength,  
To bear our heavy cross,  
For no one knows but only He,

The treasure we have lost.  
(From your loving grandson Patrick, Mai, Aaron and Amy).

**WALSH** — Twentieth Anniversary — In loving memory of Patricia Walsh, late of Towns Park West, Lismore.

You suffered much in silence,  
Your spirit did not bend,  
You faced each day with courage,

And smiled right to the end,  
Lots of things have happened Pat,  
Since you went away,

Things you could have shared with us,  
If God had let you stay.

(Always remembered your loving Mam).

**WALSH** — Twentieth Anniversary — In loving memory of Patricia Walsh, Towns Park West, Lismore who died on January 4, 1984.

Memories have such lovely ways,  
Of bringing back our yesterdays,

As you were you will always be,  
Very special in my memory.

(Always remembered by your sister Margaret, Clem, Daniel and Trisha).

**WALSH** — Twentieth Anniversary — In loving memory of a dear sister, late of Towns Park West, Lismore.

A special day, another year,  
A loving thought, a silent tear,  
A little prayer to keep in touch,

With one we loved and miss so much.

(Always remembered by Pa, Mag, Nicola and Tanya).

**WALSH** — Twentieth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear sister Patricia Walsh, whose twentieth anniversary occurs on January 4th.

She lived for those she loved,

And those she loved remember,  
Today, tomorrow and all life through,

We will always love and remember you,  
If flowers grow in your garden

Lord,  
Please pick a bunch with care,  
And place them in our Pat's arms,

And tell her we still care.  
(Lovingly remembered by your sister Ann, Bernard and niece Lynne).

**WALSH** — Twentieth Anniversary — In loving memory of my sister Pat, late of Towns Parks West, Lismore whose anniversary occurs on January 4th.

If tears could build a stairway,

And memories a lane,  
We would walk right up to heaven,

And bring you home again,  
Falling tears and heartache,  
Are things we've learned to bear,

But losing you the way we did,  
Will always seem unfair,  
So fold her in your arms dear Lord,

Kiss her smiling face,  
For she is someone special,  
No one can replace.

(Always remembered by Nora, John, Kelly, Shaun and Robert).

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

**BROHAN, Margaret  
SPANCILHILL**



Sean, Bridie, Marie, Claire, Ford and Shannon, her grandmother, and the uncles, aunts and cousins on both the Brohan and Higgins side of the family and the many friends, of the late Margaret Brohan, 19, who died as a result of an unexpected tragic accident in the US on the 12 November last, would like to thank and express their appreciation to all those who sympathised with them on their recent heartbreaking loss. To those that visited our homes, phoned, attended the many services, rosary, removal, funeral Mass and burial. To the hundreds who sent Mass Cards, letters of sympathy and flowers. To those that offered kind words, remembered fond memories and shared a tear, we thank you wholeheartedly.

We would like to thank Fr. Power, Fr. Mc Inerney, Fr. Henehan, Fr. Cullinan, Fr. McCarthy, Fr. McNamara, Fr. Collins, Fr. McGovern, Fr. Whelan, Fr. Carey, Fr. Fitzpatrick and Fr. Taffe for a lovely funeral Mass. All those who read, spoke, sang, danced and played music and made the Mass a wonderful and fitting tribute to Margaret's short but beautiful and enriching life.

To those in County Waterford: all the neighbours of Ballyduff, Ballyheaffy and surrounding areas, Ryan Undertakers and all those who made the preparations in St Michael's Cemetery, local Gardai, the local branch of Comhaltas, those in the Ballyduff and surrounding community that helped on the day of the burial with traffic and parking, the Hall and catering. A special thanks to Fr Cullinan who travelled specially from Ballyduff, and those who travelled the distance to visit our home, to attend the removal and participate in the funeral Mass in Clooney and to all those that accompanied the cortege to Ballyduff. Special thanks also to Margaret's cousin Catherine who travelled to the US so as to accompany Margaret on her last flight home.

The kindness, consideration and thoughtfulness of our dear relatives, neighbors and friends and people, we didn't even know will always be treasured by Bridie, Seanie, Marie, Claire, Ford and Shannon.

As it is impossible to thank everybody individually, we trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our deepest appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions at a Special Memorial Mass for Margaret to be held in St. Michael's Church, Ballyduff on this coming Sunday, the 4th January next at 8.30 a.m.

## Birthday Remembrances



**CROTTY** — Birthday Remembrance of a dear husband, Dad and grandad, Gerald, Congress Villas, Dungarvan whose birthday occurred on December 29. Mass offered.

It isn't what we write,  
Or even what we say,  
It's how we feel inside,  
As we think of you today.  
You always had a smile to share,  
A laugh, a joke, a time to care,  
A wonderful nature, warm and true,  
These are the memories we have of you.

(Always remembered and sadly missed — from your wife Bridie, sons, daughters and families X X).

**ROCHE** — Birthday Remembrance of Ned Roche, 19, Congress Villas, Dungarvan, whose birthday occurred on December 20.

God called your name so softly, that only you could hear,  
And no one heard the footsteps of the angels drawing near,  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

(Missed by Ann, Jo and Edna).

## MONTHS MIND MASS

**LATE MARY FLEMING**

The Months Mind Mass for our good friend Mary Fleming will be celebrated on this Sunday, January 4th at 11 a.m. in St. Cronan's Church, Clashmore.

## GROW Self Help Group

**Panic Attacks - Anxiety - Stress - Shyness - Depression.**

**Recognise any of the above?**

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**No Referral needed. All Welcome! — Free Service**

For more information telephone Anne or Martina 056-61624, 51615.

## NOVENAS

**MIRACULOUS PRAYER** — Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours, but today 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 favour not mine. Say this prayer for three days, promise purification and favour will be granted, never known to fail. — M.C.

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## Bridge Club Results

### DEISE BRIDGE CLUB

Results Christmas Party 15th December — Red Section — 1st Walter Murphy and Sadie Meehan, 2nd Moira Ormond and Ina Considine, 3rd Tom Mulcahy and Justin Spratt, 4th Mary Spratt and Eileen Harty, 5th Alice Butler and Ned Whelan.

Green Section — 1st Joan Mansfield and Mgt O'Donnell, 2nd Tom and Eithne Keever, 3rd Austin and Mary Fenton, 4th Pauline Dempsey and Louise, 5th Paddy Lannen and Kathleen Phelan.

### HARBOUR BRIDGE CLUB

11th December — 1st Gabriel Mullin's and Maeve Fitzgerald, 2nd Nuala Condon and June and James, 3rd Alice Butler and Nellie Moloney, 4th Cait Christopher and Colette Power.

Bridge resumes on January 8th.

### ABBEY BRIDGE CLUB

Results Christmas Party on 9-12-03 — 1st Joan Mansfield and Mgt O'Donnell, 2nd Lily Lineen and Anne Clarke, 3rd Doreen Keane and Sadie Uí Mhiachain, 4th Pat Murphy and Eileen Tinnelly, 5th Cait Christopher and Mgt. Foley, 6th Brid Culloo and Teresa Ryan, 7th Des O'Toole and John Phelan, 8th Austin and Mary Fenton, 9th Sheila Veale and Annabelle Lannen, 10th Bridie McHugh and Eithne Keever.



# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS OF 2003 IN REVIEW





## JANUARY

The winners of the County Awards were announced by the adjudicating committee. Mount Sion were named club of 2002. Paddy Sarsfield received the Jack Furlong Award, while Mount Sions Ken McGrath was named as hurler of the year. Niall Curran of Stradbally was the recipient of the footballer of the year title.

Meanwhile in one of the best U-21 Hurling County Finals played for a very long time, Tallow and Mount Sion played out an epic match with the West Waterford club eventually running out winners by 1-18 to 2-8.

The Gold Coast Golf Club end of season merit awards saw John White named as the recipient. The Lady Golfer of the Year was awarded to Lady Captain Nuala DePaor.

Dungarvan Rugby Club kicked off their New Year's fixture list with a clash against Mallow in the Junior Cup. Dungarvan started the better, but Mallow ended their game in the second half to run out 13-3 winners and ended Dungarvan's involvement in the Cup competition.

While a number of race courses in Ireland and England succumbed to the wet holiday weather, the ever dependable Tramore track was able to stage their two day New Year meeting without any major problems. Dungarvan trainer, John Kiely combined with his jockey Pat Crowley at the meeting to capture the concluding Novice Chase with the Dollar Syndicate owned Ashstrom.

Dungarvan Utd suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at home to bottom club Bolton, missing the chance to go top of the table in the process. Dungarvan were down to ten men for most of the game after Kevin Walsh was sent to the line.

There was a large turnout at Annual Charity fun run organised by Dungarvan GAA Club in aid of St. Joseph's Hospital. The response was remarkable with a great field of runners braving the elements to raise over 2,500 euros for this worthy cause.

Meanwhile, at Kilmoslash Riding Club, members were also getting into the festive spirit. A "Snow White" Christmas Show was held at the Finisk Valley Riding Centre raising 200 euros for the Dungarvan Lions Club Hamper Appeal.

Ken MacGrath was named as the Park Hotel Sports Star of the Month after his magnificent contribution of nine points in Mount Sions victory over Sixmilebridge in the final of the Munster Club Hurling Championship 2002.

In the Red House League, Lismore were clinging onto top spot, as the title chase really began to hot up. Any one of five or six sides

remained in contention for the Championship with just three points separating sixth placed Ardmore from leaders Lismore.

David McCarthy finished best of the Irish in the Reebox International Cross Country series. The West Waterford Athlete finished a very creditable 3rd position between the English duo of Hickey and Burgess.

Dungarvan Boxing Club's "Fight at the Pike" proved to be a tremendous success. The main event of the night was the bout between the "Cappoquin Warrior" Timmy Coughlan and John Mackay of Clonmel. John won the previous bout between the two, but capping off an excellent nights entertainment, Timmy took the decision after boxing with confidence and style.

Ardmore was named as the AIB Waterford Club of the Year at a ceremony held in Croke Park. The award paved the way to the provincial finals.

Valley Rangers and Lismore traded places at the top of the Red House League. Valley secured victory against Accrington Celtic while Lismore played out a thrilling local derby draw against Tallow side Brideview leaving Valley a point ahead in the title race.

Meanwhile in the Oscar Traynor Cup, the Red House League representative side turned in a terrific display against the Limerick & District League only to see the well fancied visitors holding out for victory by 2-1.

Julie and Eithne Skehan made it a family double in All-Ireland Junior B Racquetball Championships. Both won Gold medals in their respective divisions.

Waterford Utd were on their way back to the Premier Division after securing automatic promotion and the First Division title against Monaghan.

Abbeyside turned in a great effort against Wexford Celtic in the SFAI Cup 4th round. Abbeyside dominated the game for long periods, but the lack of clinical finishing cost them dearly and saw Celtic eventually run out the victors by 3-2.

In the McGrath Cup, Waterford Senior Footballers lost by the slimmest possible margin to Tipperary in a ding-dong battle between the sides. Waterford trailed badly at the beginning, but in the closing stages looked set to clinch victory until two late points ruined the party for the young Deise side.

Ken McGrath was named as the Park Hotel Supreme Sports Star for 2002 beating off a strong challenge from the other worthy aspirants in several other codes. Ken McGrath was an integral part of Waterford's Munster Championship winning side, and Mount Sions Munster Club Championship side.

In the WLRFM Lawlors Hotel GAA award the monthly winner was



Ken McGrath wins Park Hotel Supreme Sports Star Award.

Ken McGrath's clubmate Ian O'Regan for his outstanding display in the Munster Club Final against Sixmilebridge.

Co. Waterford jockey Gordon Power was looking forward to joining the Bolger stable in Co. Carlow. Recovered from a nasty eye injury in a fall in Listowel, Gordon was confident of picking up rides from the successful stable, and life as a flat jockey.

St. Declan's advanced to the U-18 Munster Cup Semi-Final after a hard fought victory over St. Clements at Kilrush Park in Dungarvan. The Kilmacthomas school beat the Limerick outfit 1-0 to meet last seasons Munster and All-Ireland Champions Nagle of Cork.

An experimental Waterford S.H. side suffered a nine point defeat to W.I.T. in a challenge match in Ardmore. Without nine regulars Waterford were trailing badly at half time, and played second fiddle to the students throughout.

Lismore GAA club held a special function to honour the clubs three inter county hurlers - James O'Connor, Dave Bennett, and Dan Shanahan. Dick Ahern was given a special award on the night for his contribution to Lismore Club throughout the years.

Brideview Utd put themselves strongly back in contention for Red House League honours after their away defeat of Conna side Valley Rangers 1-0. Lismore went back to the summit of the table, but were only three points clear of Brideview who had two games in hand. In one of the most remarkable series of games in the RHL to date, a total of 43 goals were scored in the 11 games played with 5 hat-tricks while Bally Celtic got their very first point of the season.

It was a red letter day for the West Waterford Athletic Club as Joe Gough smashed the 10 year-old Scottish record for the 800-metres at the Scottish AAA Championships, beating none other than current British AAA Champion, Brian McKay.

## FEBRUARY



Boxing club opens new Peter Crotty Boxing Gym.

Lismore Trout Anglers had the honour of hosting the 1st Munster Fly-tying Championship in Ballyrafter House Hotel, with Brian Berry of Mallow coming out tops.

Kieran Coleman, Abbeyside, helped launch the 'Join the Winning Team' campaign for the Special Olympics. Kieran aged 28 was to compete in the 100 m and the 200 m relay at the World Games in June. The campaign meanwhile raised in excess of 300,000 euros for the Games.

The Waterford Ladies senior team suffered a shock defeat to Donegal. Played out in atrocious conditions better suited to the northerners Waterford fell to a 3-6 to 1-10 defeat.

The first half proved costly also to the men's Senior Football team who lost out to Wexford 0-15 to 1-8 in the N.F.L.

Tony Shalloe of West Waterford AC took first prize in the Kiely Monumental Colligan Cup. A record entry of 175 participated in the event, braving wind, rain and the cold.

West Waterford's Joe Gough rounded off a terrific week when he was announced as the richly deserved winner of the Imokilly People Sports Star of the Week Award.

Cup holders, Ardmore, advanced to the second round of the Dungarvan Tyre Centre Cup by recording a 1-0 victory over Cappoquin in gale force conditions. In one of the matches of the round Gortroe stamped their cup credentials when emerging 7-3 winners over Pre-

mier Division side Accrington Celtic.

Anthony Condon was awarded the 10th Pat Noctor Award. A third generation horseman, Anthony was the first since Francis Connors over twenty years ago to bring home a European medal in showjumping.

There was good news for the Red House League as the growing league attracted a lucrative sponsorship deal with Murphy's Irish Stout. Kevin Cullinane, marketing manager of Murphy's said the Red House League is an excellent local league.

West Waterford Chess team looked unlikely to get promotion to Division 2 after falling to Milford in the Munster League 2-3.

Jimmy McGeogh was the richly deserved recipient of the Park Hotel Sports Star of the Month Award. The Waterford Utd manager, a native of Derry, and a former United player, Jimmy masterminded Waterford Utd's march to the Division 1 title and by winning automatic promotion to the Premier. However, this didn't prove enough to maintain his job later in the year, having being sacked after guiding the blues to sixth places in the Premier Division.

Waterford's Senior Footballers defeated Tipperary in a splendid contest at the Fraher Field in Dungarvan by 1-11 to 1-7 - bridging a gap of 14 years since Waterford last defeated Tipperary.

St. John's Special School Dungarvan travelled to Mary Immaculate College in Limerick to compete in the All Ireland Finals. Having already qualified as Munster Champions for the tournament, they competed in a round robin series against teams from Limerick, and Dublin where they emerged victorious to take the All-Ireland Indoor Soccer title.

The local schools excelled also at the Kit Kat Munster Schools Cross Country Championships where David McCarthy won the Junior Race, Kate Kirwan took the Junior girls title just ahead of her twin sister Julia while St. Declan's took home the team prize.

David McCarthy was named the Supreme Athlete of the Year. David had an outstanding season. The West Waterford AC member had Munster and All-Ireland victories to his name, plus records at the indoor 800m, and a number of Munster Schools medals.

An enthralling game of football saw St. Declan's of Kilmac win through to U18 Munster Cup final after deating Nagle of Cork 1-0 in the semi's. The all important goal was scored by Joey Veale who nipped in between two defenders to steer the ball beyond the advancing keeper.

The highs of defeating Tipperary in the NFL quickly disappointed for

Waterford when they lost heavily to Longford 3-13 to 0-8. In a challenge match against Wexford meanwhile, Waterford hurlers without any of the Mount Sion members suffered a similar fate going down by 4-15 to 1-18.

Abbeyside and Waterford Senior County Footballer, Gary Hurney was the winner of the WLRFM/ Lawlors Hotel GAA Award for January following a series of top-class performances for club and county.

There was shock and disappointment for Mount Sion in the All-Ireland Club semi-finals when they lost out by a point from a controversial free in the dying minutes of the game. The result was said to be a bitter disappointment and a shattering experience for the Waterford and Munster champions.

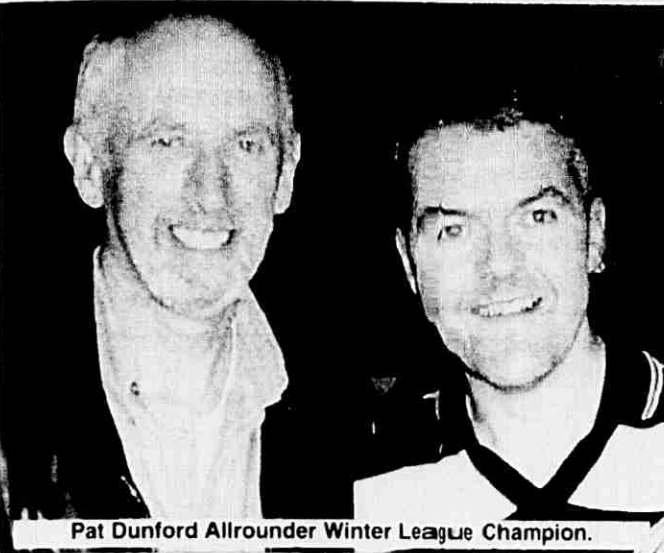
Dungarvan Boxing Club's impressive new premises at Ringnasillogue were officially opened by the Minister for Environment, Martin Cullen. The boxing club had been without a permanent base for some time, and trained in various sports halls. Mayor Nuala Ryan called it the fulfilment of a dream for the boxing fraternity of the town.

Once again the organisation of West Waterford AC brought dividends as one of the largest ever entries for a road race in this area lined up for the starters gun in the Waterford Crystal 10K. A remarkable 223 runners faced the starters gun with large crowds of onlookers cheering on the athletes. West Waterford AC recorded a famous victory in the team event while Philip Harty captured the Senior mens title for KCK.

Lismore who had been vying for the Red House League title from the off, gained a hugely important victory over one of their main title rivals Ardmore. Lismore won 3-1 leaving Ardmore with a mountain to climb to claw their way back into the race. Lismore were two points clear of second placed Valley, but Brideview looked the greatest danger to their aspirations, as the title race looked certain for yet another tight and exciting finish.

The count-down to Cheltenham was also gaining momentum for many Deise owners and riders. At Thurles, David Casey steered the Mouse Morris owned and trained Soul to victory in the Novice Handicap Hurdle. West Waterford trainer, Pat O'Connor sent out the shock 33/1 winner of the chase as Tallow amateur Paul Tobin rode Abitter to victory, Emotional Moment also came good in Down Royal, and headed to Cheltenham with good each way claims.

# MARCH



Pat Dunford Allrounder Winter League Champion.

Pat Dunford was crowned the 2003 All Rounder Winter League Champion at the conclusion of another popular and hugely successful series. The sizeable number of stewards, time-keepers and officials whose mammoth task it was to keep the series on an even keel were also richly deserving of praise. Pat Dunford finished on a total of 456 points, ahead of Thomas Walsh on 524, and Michael Hennessy on 577 in third in Division 1.

Waterford's Senior Footballers battled bravely against Derry but in the end were decisively beaten 1-15 to 2-5 in the NFL.

The Minor Footballers also turned in an impressive but ultimately unsuccessful challenge to neighbours Cork losing 3-14 to 2-2.

The weather proved to be the winner in the Red House League with only four games going ahead, and no Premier matches surviving the elements. However, long time Division 2 leaders Brideview 'B' stretched their lead over nearest rivals Modeligo to eight points.

Joe Gough proved just why he is one of the most talked about athletes on the Irish Masters scene when he captured the European Masters 800 m title having already captured the remarkable trio of Irish, Scottish and English titles in the preceding months.

Waterford's minor footballers collected a first league point in the Munster football round robin championship when for a second year in a row they drew with Clare 1-5 to 0-8.

Old glories were recalled for the counties ladies footballers at the ladies football celebration banquet. The night was held to honour the 54 players who'd participated in the haul of five senior and one Junior All-Ireland finals.

In the National Hurling League, Waterford held on for a deserved win in Laois to record a 1-16 to 2-10 victory in a match in which Waterford showed determination and bravery in abundance.

St. Declan's retained the FAIS U-18 Munster Cup with a dramatic late winner against Borrisokane of Tipperary in Ozier Park to win 2-1 in extra time.

In a remarkable double, St. Declan's girls won the U-15 Munster title by beating defending champs Ennis 3-0 in Kil-



Dungarvan G.A.A. Awards night presentation.



Brideview United win Tony Bolger Cup.

rush Park.

A powerful Kerry side just proved too strong for a brave Waterford team in the Minor Football Championship. Kerry won out on a scoreline of 0-21 to 1-9 but it was the brilliance of Kerry goalkeeper Brendan Keely which denied Waterford at least a couple of goals.

Meanwhile, the WLR FM/Lawlor's Hotel GAA award for the month of February went to Shamrocks and Waterford Senior County Hurler Eoin Murphy. Eoin received the award after his man of the match display against All-Ireland Champions Kilkenny in the National Hurling League. Sadly on the field of play, Waterford fell to Dublin in a shock defeat in the NHL losing by two points and turning in a disappointing display.

Brideview left it late in the final of the Bolger Cup, defeating Ballyduff by a single goal in extra time.

The Cappoquin Warrior Timmy Coughlan was back in the boxing ring. Fighting in front of a massive turn out of home supporters in the Boathouse, Timmy emerged victorious against Jacod Ouigi who was representing Tralee BC.

History was made by Waterford's handballers when Michael Browne and John Kindregan defeated Clare in Galbally to win Waterford's first Minor title.

# APRIL



Pinewood Rangers are promoted.

In the Red House League match of the day Brideview and Cappoquin shared the points in a very entertaining match. The result saw Brideview lose vital ground on leaders Lismore. In Division 1 both Gortroe whose cup form enlivened the competition and Pinewood Rangers were promoted to the Premier Division with both clubs level on points. Pinewood Rangers were named 1st Division champs after beating Gortroe in a play-off 3-0.

The West Waterford ladies took gold at the Munster Road Championships in the team event following a great display by the four lady team members.

The 21st annual Dungarvan 10K Road Race attracted a total of 131 athletes to the eventual winner, a newcomer to the event, Mick Kelly of Gowran AC in Kilkenny.

The venue for the county footballers, Fraher Field had to be closed throughout the summer months for major drainage and surfacing works. Sadly mindless vandals exploited the closure with repeated acts of damage during the year.

In Ennis meanwhile, Waterford suffered defeat at the hands of Clare in the NFL. The result made little difference to the standings of either team as they were both out of the running for the knock out stages, but just the same both sides showed no little character and determination.

In badminton the news was good for Lismore, as the club recorded a superb victory over Touraneena in their league final in Tourin to take the title.

Kevin Harty and Conor McGrath turned in excellent per-

formances at the All-Ireland indoor track and field championships in Nenagh. Kevin took a silver in the High Jump, and Conor bronze.

Former Clare supremo Ger Loughnane and Minister for the Environment, Martin Cullen were in attendance at the WLR FM /Lawlor's Hotel GAA awards in Dungarvan where the overall winner was Waterford and Mount Sion star Ken McGrath.

Three proved to be a magic number for Jamie Costin who pulled off a magnificent hat-trick at the Namburg Grand Prix in Germany. The West Waterford athlete obliterated the Irish 50K walk record, ensuring his passage to the World Championships in Paris and reaching the qualifying standard for the Olympics in Athens in 2004.

Waterford fell to another heavy defeat in the National Hurling League, losing 2-21 to 0-11 to Limerick at Kilmallock. Trailing badly at half time, they recovered in the second but it was too little too late.

In Minor Hurling Waterford were unlucky to lose out in an exciting clash with Tipperary by 1-9 to 0-10 in a game Waterford were unfortunate not to get at least a share of the points.

Conna Trainer, Jimmy Mangan, and his successful Grand National winner Monty's Pass visited Bridgie Terries, to be greeted by members of the Daly family and friends of the trainer.



Ger Loughnane at the WLR/FM/Lawlor's Hotel G.A.A. Awards.



Monty's Pass visits Bridgie Terries.

In the Dungarvan Tyre Centre Cup Quarter Final Valley Rangers had an impressive victory against Brideview Utd winning 2-0. In the other two matches, Gortroe's involvement came to an end going down 4-1 to Ballybridge, while Blackwater Rangers lost out 3-2 to Mogeely.

St. Augustine's once again had a very successful European Superschools competition finishing in third place overall, and coming home with a tally of 21 medals. Br. Patrick Lennon paid tribute to his charges and praised them for their honest and wholehearted commitment.

In squash, Michael Tutty played the biggest match of his career in the final of the West of Ireland Open to win the match 3-1 and take home a Grand Prix circuit title.

Having lost comprehensively to Derry in the National Football League just weeks ago, it was the turn of Waterford's hurlers to take on the Northerner's in the National Hurling League. Waterford demolished Derry in a mismatch on a scoreline of 4-20 to 2-4.

In Senior Football, champions Stradbally scored a three points win over Ardmore in the opening match in defence of their title at Cappoquin.

The final race of the 2003 Copy-Type Spring League took place at St. Augustine's. The winner was popular Kerry man, Johnny O'Connor who became the second person to win the Veale Family Shield and the first non-Waterford man.

West Waterford AC's Joe Gough won his first Park Hotel Sports Star Award for March. Joe was to the fore on the Masters circuit, winning Irish, Scottish, English and European titles in an incredible season.

## MAY



LISMORE ARE RED HOUSE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

Ballinacourty came out on top against Clashmore in a hard fought Senior Football Championship game; winning 1-7 to 0-6. Played out in winterish conditions at Cappoquin there wasn't much between the teams at the finish but a fisted goal from Ian Kiely after a cross from Declan Fives in the 13th minute proved the decisive score in the contest.

Waterford Senior Hurlers showed a return to form against Offaly in a free flowing National hurling League encounter that promised much in the run up to the Championship. The high scoring encounter finished Waterford 4-18 Offaly 2-16.

The first round of the Ger Wyley Nike Summer Series kicked off with a battle royale in the 11th Annual Marine Climb. A total of 123 athletes participated at the event. The first three places filled by the three previous winners of the event William Harty, Peter Duggan and third placed Pat Heffernan who won the inaugural race in 1993.

In the Red House League hat-trick hero Eoin Bennett ensured Lismore of the Premier Division title in a 3-0 defeat of Cappoquin. The title race had gone down to the wire with Brideview Utd needing to win their match in Valley Rangers to tie Lismore on 29 points. In the event, Brideview went down by 2-1 in Conna, prompting great celebrations in Lismore as the final whistle sounded.

Meanwhile, in an exciting weekend in the Red House League, the Tony Bolger Plate final saw Castlebridge Celtic defeat Clashmore Ramblers 2-1.

The Waterford U16 camogie team bridged a gap of close to 60 years when they clinched the Munster title, the first county team to do so since 1945, defeating Clare in an epic encounter 3-9 to 4-5.

In the O'Mahony Cycles Summer Series, Tony O'Mahony posted the quickest time around the famous Whitechurch circuit, but it was experienced and battle hardened RAS man Justin Coonan who won the stage.

Celebrations and ceremony were very much to the fore in Abbeyside/ Ballinacourty as Minister Martin Cullen officially opened the clubs magnificent new Championship 60x30 Handball Alley at Duck's Pool. The new alley also meant Waterford no longer had to cede home advantage to other counties.

Ballinacourty survived a nail biting finish in the U21 Football Final to defeat Nire on a scoreline of 2-7 to 1-9 in a splendid contest between two evenly matched teams.

Waterford gave a master class in hurling to Kerry in the first round of the Munster Senior Hurling Championship in front of an 8,000 strong attendance setting up a semi-final meeting with Limerick in Semple Stadium with their 2-16 to 1-12 win.

Sadly Walsh Park became the latest victim of wanton destruction when damage costing thousands of euros was caused under a stand. The public address system, doors, windows and the kitchen in the stand were all extensively damaged by the thugs.

In the Senior Football Championship, Dungarvan lost out to Kill on a score of 2-12 to 0-13 after a splendid display of football by Kill's wing forward Ray Hennessy at Leamybrien.

Abbeyside FC U15 team made history when annexing the Wolfson Cup with a stirring and nailbiting victory over hotly fancied Ferrybank at Ozier Park. Two goals from Mark Ferncombe saw the Villagers overcome a one goal deficit to clinch the cup.

West Waterford Juveniles took the RSC by storm in the first round of the county juvenile track and field championships with some superb performances. Pride of place went to Sarah O'Brien who won an incredible 5 gold medals and one silver in a great all-round display. West Waterford AC's Michael Murray had a superb county championships

setting Irish bests in the Long Jump and the Triple Jump.

Local greyhound trainer Tony Ryan had his runners in top form for the confined 700 yard marathon stake in Kilcohan. He recorded a smashing long priced double courtesy of the Lucky Syndicate owned Hilldun Joe and Hilldun Harry.

The Waterford schoolboy Kennedy Cup team took part in a representative tournament in Scotland, where they achieved a number of extremely good results. Under the direction of Cappoquin man, Tom Browne, they defeated the Scottish National team 3-0, drew with the Northern Ireland National team 2-2, and defeated the Aberdeen schools 6-0.

Jim Quinn won the JF Rawlins trophy in great style with a great score of 41 pts. Jim had a steady front nine of 18pts and came to life on the back nine with a super 23pts helped by a birdie on the 18th. In second place was popular PRO Dermot Walsh with another excellent score of 40pts. The gross was won by up and coming Kevin Stack with a 2 over par round.

West Waterford Bord na nOg made a presentation to Peter Power for his many years of loyal service to underage hurling in the area.

Waterford's involvement in the Senior Football Championship came to a conclusion at the hands of Tipperary losing on a scoreline of 0-18 to 1-12. The huge impact of All-Star Declan Browne who contributed eleven of Tipperary's eighteen points was the deciding factor in a keenly contested game.

Araglen Celtic collected the Dungarvan Tyre Centre Cup when they defeated East Cork side Mogeely in Lismore 2-0. The opening goal came courtesy of a 44th minute free kick from James Kearney who curled the ball around the wall and past the stranded Mogeely keeper. The second was from another Kearney set-piece. This time his corner kick was headed home by captain Brendan O'Brien rounding off an impressive victory.



Abbeyside Under-15 side who won the Wolfson Cup.

## JUNE



John O'Shea received his Park Hotel Sports Star Award.

Waterford and Limerick finished all square in a thriller at Semple Stadium in the Munster Final drawing 4-13 apiece in a game epitomising Munster hurling at its best. Clouded in controversy even before the throw in when television coverage of the match was denied, the Carlow referee became one of the pivotal figures in the game outraging Waterford supporters with some of his decisions.

Mercurial cup specialists Gortroe, who already achieved promotion to the Premier Division, collected the Liam Fitzgerald Trophy after a penalty shoot out with Ballyduff. The sides had drawn three apiece with the shoot-out going Gortroe's way 4-2.

The Park Hotel Sports Star of the Month was Ferrybank native and Manchester Utd full back John O'Shea. He

played over 50 games in three positions and was outstanding in Man Utd's Champion's League and Premiership campaigns.

Dungarvan Golf Club held their fifth and most successful ever Golf International. The club played host to 80 teams who vied for over 160 prizes in an event which has seen it ascend to one of the premier golfing events in the south east, and saw an influx of 350 visitors descend on the area from America, England, Scotland and Wales.

In the Intermediate Football Championship, Shamrocks ran out comfortable winners against An Rinn. Played in Ardmore before a large crowd in a tough uncompromising game. Shamrocks emerged clear winners by a ten point margin.

In Senior Football, Waterford faced Armagh in a backdoor clash in Walsh Park. Armagh who won their first All-Ireland the previous year, were taking nothing for granted and sent out a full strength 15, eventually overpowering a spirited Waterford 2-21 to 0-8.

Abbeyside FC were celebrating more glory when their Division Four side annexed the Div 4 Cup in an emphatic manner by beating Portlaw 3-0.

In cricket, Lismore crashed out of the MCU Junior Cup at the Castle Farm grounds losing to a strong UCC side after all the hard work seemed to have been done. An excellent display in field was negated by a poor showing with the bat, and the students ran out winners by 18 runs.

St. John's School achieved a remarkable treble in the All-Ireland Schools final when defeating St. Lasers of Carlow 5-4 at Kilkenny City's impressive Buckley Park ground.

The year just continued getting better for Joe Gough, who added to an already hugely impressive haul of titles by winning the British Masters AAA championships in Derby. Not

only did he win the title but he won it in considerable style by covering the ground in his fastest time in over two years.

Another of the progressive club's charges, Michael Murray (23) was well on the way to stamping his authority on the international stage at the long jump event in the Europa Cup.

Lismore man, Paddy Pollard - one of the leading lights behind the Red House League for a number of years, was re-elected to the FAI as one of the Munster representatives on the Junior Council.

A splendid display by the county's U-21 hurlers was not enough against Limerick. Waterford lost out by four points to a very determined Limerick side at Kilmallock.

Cathal O'Connell showed the way in the Ger Wyley Nike Summer Series race 5. The race - the Old Still Bar 5 miles with a great field of over 110 runners taking part. Cathal virtually lead from start to finish in an impressive display.



St. John's School win All Schools Final.

# JULY

The Special Olympics provided a feast of colour and pageantry, and no little local success in the sporting area too. Hanna Guina won a silver medal for table tennis doubles while Richard Lennon won silver for softball together with bronze for the 100 metres walk. Kieran Coleman, and the local members of the basketball team brought the tally of medals from Dungarvan athletes to seven. Mayor Paddy Power said the athletes had done Dungarvan proud.

Waterford Schoolboy soccer team captured the coveted Kennedy cup after defeating Tipperary, Kildare, Donegal, Sligo, Cork in the lead up to the Cup final. In the final itself, they met and beat Kerry 2-0 with Miko Casey also crucially saving a penalty.

Waterford surrendered their Munster title after an epic battle in Semple Stadium. Waterford got off to a magnificent start leading by seven points after just twenty minutes. But the second half was Cork's leaving Waterford's hopes lying in the qualifiers. Cork 3-16 Waterford 3-12.

David McCarthy took gold at the Munster track & field Championships in Cork, winning the boys u16 1,500 metres. He broke one of the three longest standing records in Munster schools track and field in the process.

Anthony Condon from Cappagh won the 148A Equestrian World of Maynooth RDS Pony Qualifiers in Walslough Equestrian Centre in Kilkenny. The victory ensured a place at the Equestrian World of Maynooth RDS Pony Event.

Jeremy O'Mahony brought home a bronze medal from Liverpool's Everton Sports Arena where the Four Nations Junior Championships took place. Jeremy became the club's first boxer to hold an international record.

Ballinacourty emerged as U21 county champions after comprehensively defeating Gaultier 4-12 to 1-7. Mark Gorman and Patrick Hurney netted the goals with John Hurney making both goals. In the U21B County Final, Kilgobnet came out on top against Ferrybank - winning by 2-9 to 0-2.

Kilgobnet completely dominated the match, with Ferrybank failing to register a single point in the opening half.

Waterford Ladies football team turned in a superb performance, destroying Kerry in the process in the first round of the Munster Championship. Waterford ran their opponents ragged in a dazzling second half which saw them advance with a 2-17 to 2-8 victory.

The county and the country was celebrating the success of the Special Olympics which had 17 local participants representing Ireland. Among them athlete Kieran Coleman of McCarthyville in Abbeyside ran personal bests in both the 100m and the 200m, and received the award for Athlete of the Games. He was presented with a specially designed trophy and water colour painting of Abbeyside Church on his arrival back in Dungarvan. Kilmolash Riding Club welcomed home Theresa White, volunteer at the World Games whose Olympic Hero "Flash" proudly helped his athletes to a gold and two bronze medals.

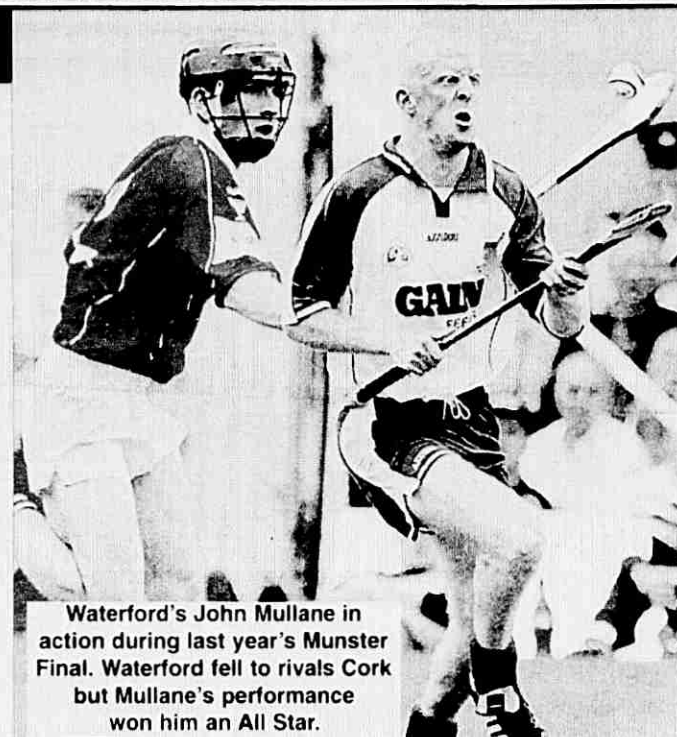
Twenty-nine athletes from West Waterford collected a total of sixty-four medals between them at the Munster B Championships. Among them were doubles for Shona Curran, Mide Duff, David Earley and Jason Nagle.

In Greyhound news, local owner, Frank McCarthy's faith in his pacey dog McCarthy's Boy was rewarded as he captured a 500 yard race at the 13th time of asking at Kilcohan Park defeating the next up Sober Pride by two lengths.

Waterford ladies breezed into the Munster Final for the 17th consecutive season, defeating Cork by 2-18 to 2-6.

Race walker, Jamie Costin won his first National 20K title at a Grand Prix race held in the Phoenix Park. After winning silver on five previous occasions, Jamie, who holds the Irish record over 50K, deservedly took the Gold medal that had eluded him for so long.

Joe Gough won silver at the World Masters Athletic Championships held in Carolina, Puerto Rico. Joe took his and



Waterford's John Mullane in action during last year's Munster Final. Waterford fell to rivals Cork but Mullane's performance won him an All Star.

West Waterford's first World Championship medal in the over 50 Master 800 metres, rounding off Joe's finest year in his long athletics career.

Touraneena duo Niamh Coffey and Triston Hickey were crowned champions of Europe after victories in the European Racquetball Championships held in Holland.

It was disappointment in the Senior Hurling Qualifier at Nowlan Park, as Waterford crashed out to Wexford 1-20 to 0-18. Having again started strongly - leading by six points after 25 minutes - Waterford fell away, and failing to cope with the introduction of substitute Larry Murphy at full forward, and the loss of John Mullane, Waterford played below form to lose out by three points.

There was disappointment also for the Intermediate Hurlers and the U16 team who lost out in the Munster Final and Plate Finals to Cork and Tipperary respectively.

# AUGUST



Deise delight as Waterford Under-16 girls take home first All Ireland Title.

Special Olympics Team Coaches, Tom Scanlon, Dungarvan, and Susan McGill from Waterford City were justly recognised for their involvement in the games with a joint Park Hotel Sports Star of the Month Award.

In the Senior County Football Championships favourites Ardmore held out in a tight contest against Clashmore in an entertaining and exciting match at Cappoquin in the losers group - Ardmore won 0-12 to 0-9. However, it was Stradbally who remained in the driving seat for their third title in a row with a 3-9 to 3-6 victory over the Nire.

The Deise U-16 girls took home the counties first national intercounty camogie title in the most emphatic style defeating Ulster Champions Armagh by 6-11 to 1-4. The winning margin reflected the dominance the Deise girls showed in every sector of the pitch in the final at Nowlan Park.

Sadly in the Senior Ladies Munster Championship final, Waterford went down to Kerry 2-12 to 2-10, despite a whirlwind start by the side.

Doocey's were named as champions of the 2003 Amstel Pubs League after defeating the Local 1-0. In a game of high drama, a goal eleven minutes into the second half by Ger Walsh saw Dooceys claim victory and the cup at Stucco Lane.

Jamie Costin claimed his second track title over 10,000m defeating National Junior Record holder Colm Griffin from Ballinamore by some distance.

In the Intermediate Football Championships, Kilgobnet successfully overcame the challenge of Geraldines in a thriller in the losers group in Cappoquin. Geraldines lived to regret missing a couple of gilt edged chances, and on two occasions were unlucky to see goal-bound chances rebound back off the woodwork. Kilgobnet eventually won on a scoreline of 0-11 to 1-7.

At the Community Games National Finals at Mosney, Kilmacthomas Girls U15 soccer team proved themselves best in the country with a resounding victory over Mayo in the final winning the match 2-0.

Waterford's juveniles took bronze at the National Inter County in pitch and putt by beating Cork on home ground. The gold went to Kerry, with the silver to Tipperary.

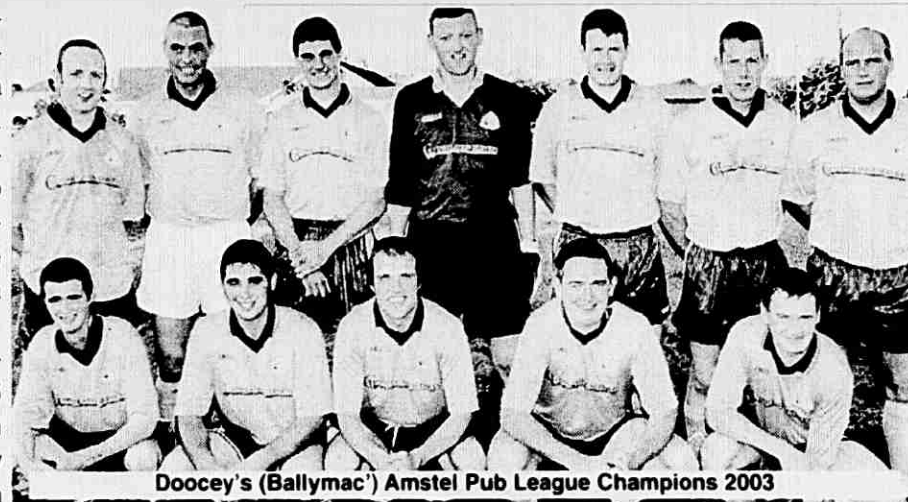
Lismore showed their class when defeating eastern side Portlaoigh 3-15 to 1-5. Sean Daly contributed two goals and five points in their sixteen point victory. Meanwhile Fourmilewater beat Ballyduff by two points in a tight encounter.

In the clash of the day, Mount Sion just did enough to defeat a gallant Ardmore side who showed great skill and determination but just lost out by a single point to the Munster Club Champions 0-12 to 1-8.

In the Senior Football Championship, Ballinacourty overcame Kill by four points, with the dismissal of Ray Hennessy of Kill proving one of the turning points in an exciting clash. Ballinacourty 1-12 Kill 1-8.

Dungarvan Golf Club's Presidents Prize was won in supreme style by Michael O'Connor with 81pts. The race was very tight for the prize. Second placed Micheal O'Brien was only defeated by a better last day from Michael O'Connor.

The locally based Deise Archery Club had good reason to celebrate. Stephen and Cian Power returned as National title holders. Stephen took the Junior Hunting Tackle title and Cian won the Cubs Longbow.



Doocey's (Ballymac) Amstel Pub League Champions 2003

The 2003/04 Red House League Season kicked off this month with the opening round of the Bolger Cup. The result of the opening round saw Melleray side Glen View trounced 8-0 by Ballyduff. Even more remarkably all the goals came in the second half, with a five-goal salvo from John Twomey coming after the floodgates opened.

Tallow retained their Western U21 title after a superb contest with Abbeyside. The match burst into life from the off with a third minute goal from Brian Harnedy setting the tone for a breathtaking display of hurling from both sides. Tallow emerged victorious by 3-11 to 2-10.

In the Senior Football Championship Kilrossanty defeated Dungarvan 2-17 to 0-9. Matty Kiely was top scorer for Kilrossanty.

The final day of the Tramore Festival saw a powerful performance from Tou Charming the charge of Dungarvan owner Tom Harty and trainer John Queally. Leading commentators speculated that the Toulon gelding is a certainty to make his mark over jumps after a fine race finishing runner up to Galtee View.

Touraneena racquetball duo, Niamh Coffey and Triston Hickey picked up the Park Hotel Sports Star of the month for July after their tremendous achievement in winning gold medals at the Senior Ladies and Mens European Racquetball Championships.

# SEPTEMBER



West Waterford athletes who competed in the Blackwater Homes National Half Marathon

Lismore Cricketers narrowly lost the Munster Cricket Union Towns Cup Final to Tralee in Midleton in a game that went down to the very last ball. Needing nine to win off the last two overs with two wickets in hand, the Lismore Tail couldn't do it, and Tralee stole victory by three runs.

There was no finish for Jamie Costin at the World Championships in Paris, but no disgrace either in difficult conditions, and a performance which promised better things are to come for the West Waterford athlete. Jamie was in 17th at the 32k mark before things started to go wrong and after 35 laps on a remote part of the course Jamie's race came to an end. However, Ireland's top ranked athlete still had the Athens Olympics on the horizon.

It was sadly the end of this years involvement in the Ladies Football Championships for Waterford with defeat against Mayo in the quarter finals. Mayo's All-Ireland semi-final berth was booked with a devastating burst in the final 15 minutes at Ennis.

Munster Champions Mount Sion and Lismore produced the best hurling of the County Championships in a rip-roaring game at Leamybrien. But, in a nailbiting conclusion Mount Sion won by a single point to go into the county semi-finals.

Waterford's U21 footballers shocked Cork in the Munster Semi-Final, with a remarkable performance which saw them

rewards too for the host club. The local mens team won the National Teams Title, while Phyliss Flynn had a super win to claim the Ladies Masters Title. The West Waterford Masters captured silver in their team event behind the highly regarded St. Finbarrs of Cork.

Waterford U-21 Footballers made history at Walsh Park, when they shocked football kingpins Kerry to win the Munster title, and progressed to the All-Ireland semi-finals. A goal from Mark Power in the first half left Waterford leading by four points at half time, and although the Kingdom attempted to claw back the deficit, Waterford's magnificent victory was sealed with a fisted goal from Shane Walsh to leave the score 2-8 to 1-9.

Kiladangan based horse breeder, John P. Kiely achieved a notable landmark at the Goresbridge Sales All-Ireland Thoroughbred Broodmare Championships. Mr. Kiely's Saddlers Hall was

judged the best filly foal at the prestigious show. Fourmilewater minor hurlers won the Western Minor B final, defeating the Brickeys in Colligan. The Ballymac club emerged 1-09 to 1-06 winners.

judged the best filly foal at the prestigious show.

Fourmilewater minor hurlers won the Western Minor B final, defeating the Brickeys in Colligan. The Ballymac club emerged 1-09 to 1-06 winners.

Tallow lost out to De La Salle in the Senior Hurling Championship in a tight and entertaining game. County Star John Mullane was on fire and his contribution of 1-9 helped swing the match in De La Salle's favour. Better news for the Stradbally Senior hurlers who overcame Ballyduff by 2-17 to 1-13.

Legions of family, friends, and fans of the late great Peter Crotty gathered in Dungarvan Boxing Club to remember one of Dungarvan's greatest sporting legends. The Boxing Club also decided to name their boxing gymnasium The Peter Crotty Ironman Gym in his honour.

Tramore's Hilton Hincks was named as the August winner of the Park Hotel Sports Star of the Month. The Irish Superbike rider took a major step towards winning the inaugural Superbike title by taking the four chequered flags in the month.

Dungarvan Utd defeated RHL side Lismore 2-0 to advance in the FAI Junior Cup. Goals from Aidan Landers and Ronan Keating were enough to see the Blues through this tough encounter.

Waterford displayed tremendous spirit and skill in their All-Ireland u21 Semi-Final but they were forced to give second best to a stronger and more physical Dublin team. Waterford were trailing by just four points with 15 minutes remaining but Dublin went on to the Final with a 3-10 to 1-7 victory.



Waterford Under-21 footballers win first ever Munster title.

# OCTOBER



Lismore senior hurling team who easily beat Stradbally in the championship but in the latter stages of the competition went out to Mount Sion.

The ever improving and developing Red House League, saw their Oscar Traynor Cup representatives turn in a powerful performance against the Desmond League. The RHL found themselves trailing by a goal after 11 minutes, but concerted pressure saw them grab a goal to tie the match.

In the Senior Hurling Championship, Lismore ran riot against Stradbally at Cappoquin. Outstanding displays from Shanahan, Daly and Bennett among others saw Lismore win comfortably.

West Waterford Juvenile Athletic Club athletes David Earley, Mark Shalloe and Niamh Moloney took home medals from the opening cross country fixture of the season at Kilmacow.

Ardmore secured their Senior Hurling status for another year with victory over Ballyduff East. Ardmore was aided by a splendid Johnnie Hennessy goal in the 23rd minute of the clash. In the Losers Group Final Lismore defeated De La Salle by 2-17 to 1-12 at a re-opened Fraher Field.

One of the worlds top snooker players Jimmy White played an exhibition match against local players in Lawlors Hotel. The exhibition was organised by Michael Bumster of Cappagh.

Old Parish Ladies Junior Football 7 a side team took home the All-Ireland title with victory over Limerick side, St. Pauls. On the path to victory, Old Parish defeated teams from

Kilkenny, Tipperary and Galway among others to lay claim to their historic title success.

Brideview Utd overcame all the odds to defeat Garda in the FAI Junior Cup 4-3. The Tallow's side second string team defeated the leading Waterford City team to progress through to the next round. Abbeyside defeated Mooncoin and Dungarvan secured a good victory over Piltown to keep plenty of local interest in the Cup.

In Munster College Senior B Hurling Dungarvan CBS earned a thrilling draw against Scariff Community College of Clare. Jamie Nagle with five points was top scorer for the CBS side.

Abbeyside and Fourmilewater brought off a Western Double in the Co Minor Hurling Finals. Abbeyside defeated De La Salle in the A final while Fourmilewater overcame Dunhill in the B clash.

In Western Junior Football meanwhile, Stradbally defeated Tallow to win the Doocey Cup, taking a step closer to a Junior and Senior double.

In Racquetball Triston Hickey continued his amazing year by adding two more titles. He took Munster titles in the U18 grade and doubles events.

St. Augustines College was the venue for a hugely successful Century Homes 5 miles cross country race. North Cork took the team event, with West Waterford's James



The "Whirlwind" Jimmy White and Michael Bumster

Ledingham taking the Junior Prize, while Corinna Walsh fresh from winning the county novice championships put in another massive performance to claim the Ladies title.

Meanwhile, West Waterford AC's Autumn League came to a conclusion. An incredible 218 people took part over five weeks, surely making the event one of the largest of its kind. The club reaped the dividend from their hard graft, as the club set a new record entry for the Dublin City Marathon, with a total of 44 athletes from the club taking part.

Lismore's Senior Hurling Championship quest met with disappointment against a strong Mount Sion outfit. Mount Sions half time lead proved insurmountable despite a brave second half fightback from the Western side.

The RHL turned in what was being hailed as one of their best performances ever in the Oscar Traynor Cup. Playing champions and red hot favourites South Tipp DL, they produced a gutsy and skillful effort, which saw the Champions only escape with victory by the skin of their teeth.



Abbeyside/Ballinacourty minor hurling team who captured the county title.

# NOVEMBER



Local Manchester United Supporters Club celebrate their tenth anniversary with John O'Shea and Rio Ferdinand.

Manchester UTD stars John O'Shea and Rio Ferdinand visited Dungarvan to take part in the local Man Utd Supporters Club celebrations. The supporters club were celebrating their tenth anniversary.

KCK athletic club took home an incredible haul of 39 Munster Championship medals from the Munster Juvenile Cross Country Championships held in Rathgormack.

The new RHL season kicked off in fine style as champions Lismore took an opening win in defence of their title against Accrington Celtic. Cappoquin also recorded a good result, defeating Pinewood Rangers 5-1.

In the Intermediate Hurling Final, Abbeyside took the honours against the Shamrocks, winning by 1-12 to 1-9 in what was a splendid contest that produced some outstanding individual performances. In a great contest in the Intermediate divisional football clash, a last gasp goal secured victory for Ballinameela against the Brickey Rangers.



West Waterford A.C. ladies novice team who captured the Munster Cross Country title for the third time.

The Senior Hurling encounter between Mt. Sion and Ballygunner, meanwhile, ended in a thrilling draw.

Abbeyside produced more giant killing exploits in the FAI Junior Cup by defeating a highly regarded Portlaw side 2-2.

Dungarvan Kickboxing Club made its mark on the National Circuit with club members Sean Knoble and Liz Fitzgibbon both taking Irish Novice titles.

West Waterford AC teams proved to be the masters of the Masters Championships held at Duckspool. Joe Gough was in superb form again as his second placed finish, and James Veale's fifth place helped the team to gold.

Ballinacourty won their 14th county title in a win described as the icing on the cake as far as the clubs underage efforts were concerned in 2003, by defeating De La Salle 2-8 to 2-3. In the Senior Football Semi-Final, meanwhile, Stradbally produced another great performance to defeat the Nire 1-11 to 0-6.

The RHL rubberstamped their incredible development in a few short years, with their representative team coming out of the group section of the prestigious Oscar Traynor Cup competition for the very first time, and entering the open draw.

It was celebration time for Waterford's Lady Footballers. The 2003 Ladies Football All Star awards were presented at a glittering function at the City West Hotel with Waterford receiving three out of four All-Stars. Annalisa Crotty, winning her seventh award, Mary O'Donnell winning her third and Mary O'Rourke receiving her first All-Star got their just rewards for the great football they played throughout the year.

Unlucky County Champions Mount Sion lost out to Patrickswell in a thriller in the Munster Club Semi-finals. Patrickswell won by five points in what was a tremendous game of top class and extremely close game of hurling.

Abbeyside reined supreme in a pulsating contest at Walsh Park in the Intermediate Hurling County Final. They defeated the highly rated Erins Own on a score of 3-12 to 4-8, with a remarkable 2-3 from Gary Hurney paving



Abbeyside/Ballinacourty are crowned Intermediate hurling county champions

the wave for captain John Paul Keohan to receive the cup.

The West Waterford AC Ladies team dominated at the Munster Intermediate Championships at Killarney. Fresh from their winning performance just two weeks previous in the Munster Novice, they added the Intermediate crown to their role of honour for 2003.

There was also success at the Munster A Juvenile Championships as the West Waterford AC u14 girls took gold, and the u18 girls team took bronze, while the boys U10 team were named Munster Club champions.

Stradbally took a deserved third Senior Football County Championship in a row by convincingly defeating Tramore by 1-11 to 0-8. Stradbally lived up to their pre-match tag of red hot favorites with an outstanding display.

It was a bad weekend for Dungarvan, however. Dungarvan, the most title laden club in Senior football records were relegated to the Intermediate ranks with defeat to Kilmac-thomas.

Ardmore and reining Champions Lismore were making the early running in the RHL title race. Both sides recorded comprehensive victories over Gortroe and Valley Rangers respectively leaving them all square on nine points although Ardmore had a game in hand over their rivals.

The Park Hotel Monthly Award winner was named as former Waterford Utd player Alan Kirby, who won his first FAI Cup winners medal with Longford Town.



Tallow/Shamrocks retain Under-21 county title.

# DECEMBER



Ballinameela just lost out in their bid for the County Intermediate title and elevation to the senior ranks with defeat to John Mitchells. Ballinameela put up a heroic fight against the Eastern side, losing in the by just two points, in a close fought and keenly contested game.

De La Salle man, John Mullane was chosen at right half forward in the All-Star team at the City West. He said the award was a great honour for him and his family.

Seasame pre-School benefited to the tune of eur1,100 from the record turnout at the Brickey 3 and 5 mile road races. Two Kilkenny athletes took the top awards over the famous canal course. Mick Kelly of Gowran, and Sinead cummins of St. Josephs took the mens and ladies titles.

Tallow/Shamrocks retained their u21 County

Hurling title in a terrific contest against Mount Sion. Tallow emerged the victors on a score of 3-7 to 2-8, with Colm Geary top scorer on 1-3.

There was delight for Cumann Na mBunscoil Port Lairge towards years end at the Roadstone Awards. Tim O'Byrne,

principal of Fenor NS was recognised for his project on this years Football Initiative in Waterford Primary Schools.

Kilgobnet earned the Junior Hurling County Championship by defeating Tramore in a close hard fought encounter at Fraher Field to bring down the curtain in fine style on the 2003 Championships. Thomas Fahy scored eight of Kilgobnets ten points in their 0-10 to 1-6 victory.



Kilgobnet are junior hurling county champions.

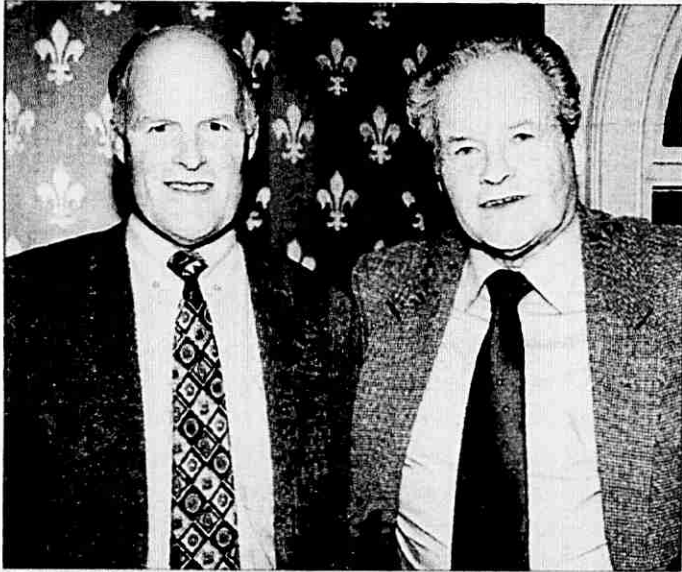


**Brilliant Stradbally win third senior football county title in a row**

G.A.A. NOTES

BY "COMMENTATOR"

# Uneventful County Convention



Tommy Hennessy and Jimmy O'Gorman at the Convention



Nire delegates at the Convention



Kill delegates at the County Convention



Sean Phobal delegates Micheal Toibin, Sean Wade and Michael Hogan at the convention.

I suppose it is old news now and in many G.A.A. quarters it is a forgotten event. There was very little by which it will be remembered. One delegate commented afterwards that "we are indebted to the wise old men on the executive committee who fixed it for a Monday evening and did not waste a good Sunday on the affair". There was nothing that could be considered "Earth Shattering" in the meeting which lasted for approximately 3 hours.

#### Routine Business

When the delegates had been welcomed, the financial Report was presented by Maurice Fitzgerald on behalf of his firm of auditors.

A few questions that had little relevance to the financial state of affairs in the county, were answered to the satisfaction of everyone. county Treasurer thanked everyone who had helped in managing the finances, gatemen etc. etc. and the members of his own family.

#### Secretary's Report

As always this comprehensive account of what happened on the G.A.A. front in Waterford during the year was described in great detail by county secretary Seamus Grant

A few questions on certain topics in the report, were answered and Munster Council delegate Jimmy O'Gorman who came in at an early stage of the report made a strong address featuring the role of the club and the many problems being encountered in trying to keep clubs alive. He said the increasing intercounty activity was pushing clubs into the background and players and officials were being frustrated at not knowing when their next match would take place.

#### Guest Speakers

His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. William Lee, Patron of the Association in the county and Pdraigh O Fainin, Honorary President, both addressed the Convention.

#### Chairman's Address

In his very comprehensive ad-

dress, County Chairman P.S. O' Riain touched on every topic relating to board activities in 2003.

He spoke about the need to strike a proper balance between Club and County commitments pointing out that the club is the G.A.A.'s greatest asset. He called for a reduction in county panels from 30 to a more realistic figure of 23 and he also saw the need to curtail training for county panels, particularly during the summer months in order to allow the club championships to continue.

Referring to the proposed new structures for senior intercounty hurling and football, he said "I feel it is time to ask ourselves why the proposed structures are considered necessary. There have been no serious complaints at the manner in which the senior championships have been programmed over the past few years. Have not the massive increases in attendance at our intercounty games shown a huge increase in public interest and satisfaction with the way in which they are being organised and causing further problems with the running of club championships, which are already in need of help in most counties. I see the proposed changes as somewhat confusing for the public

#### Opening Our Grounds To Other Sports

This issue is the subject of a motion here tonight and is also listed for debate at other conventions around the country and while I am fully aware that many of our units throughout the Association feel that the time is ripe for the opening of Croke Park for other sports and other games for commercial reasons and also as a gesture of goodwill in a quickly changing world, I also know that many of our clubs and members feel very deeply, probably for traditional reasons, about changing our rules to lease out our stadium at headquarters. I feel it is of the utmost importance that a firm decision one way or another, should now be taken to settle the controversial issue and not having it visited on a year in and year out basis, as it is at the present time. I feel it to be in the interest of the whole Association that the controversial issue should now be debated, decided and whatever the result should be, accepted by all shades of opinion and put to bed for once and for all.

#### Other Issues

The chairman was critical of the policy of allowing alcoholic drinks to be advertised by the Association and referring to the national football league he was very critical of the arrangement whereby Waterford footballers have to travel north to Derry, Down and Louth, etc for games before Easter.

#### Elections

With the exception of the County Secretary, Seamus Grant all the nominated officers were unopposed.

Timmy O'Keeffe, Clashmore allowed his name to stand for the post of county secretary and here the result of 119 to 35 votes showed a clear majority for Seamus Grant who was commencing his 34th. year in office.

Timmy was very gracious in defeat and warmly congratulated the Runai.

As reported in our previous issue, John Jackson replaced the retiring Paddy Dunphy as county P.R.O.

Emer Barry, who is the Lismore club P.R.O. and a member of the County Communications committee was nominated but did not stand.

#### Motions

About an hour was devoted to the motions the majority of these were referred back to county board.

#### Motion 1

This was sponsored by Tallow and called for the appointment of a full time county secretary, with details, etc. to be worked out by a committee.

The motion was moved by Liam Moroney who said that the workload was now so great, that it is impossible for an unpaid person to attend to everything that needs to be done. The motion was seconded and referred to the County Executive.

#### Motion 2

This asked that the G.A.C. be responsible for all adult competitions including under 21 in hurling and football. This to include competitions being run by Western and Eastern Boards.

The motion from Clashmore club was moved by Timmy O'Keeffe and was overwhelmingly defeated. It was described as an attempt to circumvent the decision of the October meeting of the county board who had rejected the S.R.C. report;

#### Motion 3

This motion sought to give authority to Central Council to open up Croke Park to other sports on a commercial basis and as they see fit.

It was sponsored by Clashmore/Kinsalebeg club and was

debated at length. Some clubs spoke strongly in favour of the motion and several delegates referred to the "Ban, Rule 27" which was rescinded over 30 years ago. Several delegates spoke strongly against allowing other organisations into Croke Park. When a vote was taken 50 voted for the motion and nearly twice that number opposed the proposal. The county chairman stated that he would not be in favour of the motion.

#### Motion 4

This motion from the Erin's Own club asked that a special sub committee consisting of the Auditor, the county and the two Divisional Secretaries, be appointed to make recommendations on the distribution of match tickets to all groups who are entitled to tickets, to the April meeting of the County board.

As conventions do not have the right to set up sub committees and as the issue was one for the county board, the motion was referred to the body.

#### Other Motions

The remaining 14 motions on the agenda all related to championship structures, etc. they were referred to county board, but in all cases the sponsoring clubs were allowed to make a brief submission.

The message coming from all quarters showed very clearly that clubs were annoyed to the point of being angry with the delay in running the championships last year and that under no circumstances can there be a repeat this time round

The outstanding speaker at Convention, Patrick Dunphy, Tramore, spoke about the huge problems associated with keeping a junior club in business in these times when a proper programme of matches cannot be adhered to because of the interruptions created by intercounty activity.

#### 2003 Awards

When these were announced at the end of convention, they were greeted with applause, probably as a signal that delegates were well pleased with their selections. The county chairman complimented the committee on having maintained silence on the matter until the envelope giving details, was opened.

The convention ended at

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Dungarvan delegates Paddy Fitzgerald and Michael Lyons

**G.A.A. NOTES**

**BY "COMMENTATOR"**



Ardmore GAA Club representatives at the convention



Ballysaggart GAA Club delegates at the convention

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The Shamrocks delegation at the convention



Stradbally representatives at the County Convention



John Mitchels delegates at the County Convention

**FOOTBALLERS PREPARE**

The new senior football management team of Billy Harty, Peter Queally, Liam Dalton and Pat Curran, who were appointed on Monday December 15th, certainly did not waste time on getting together and preparing a schedule taking them up to February 1st, which is the date of their first national league match against Wicklow. They have named Fraher field

as the venue for this 'opener' but as the ground is closed until April the game may see a Lemybrien or Stradbally setting. As part of their forward planning, each member of the panel will receive a printed programme for the month ahead, giving dates, times and venues for matches and training. They met with the panel in Dunhill on December 18th.

Their programme includes matches against U.C.C. at the Mardyke on Sunday January 11th, and the McGrath Cup first round match against Tipperary at Clonmel on Sunday January 18th. Newtown, Clashmore, Dunhill and Kill are the venues being used for training. It does look as if this new committee mean business.

**County Year Book**

It was yet another excellent publication and was a 'sell out' at most of the regular outlets over the Christmas period. The photographic section is excellent and clubs will be delighted to have a record in colour of their champions. Pride of place in the publication must go to the delightful article "It's my Opinion" written by Bob Rocket of Fenor. The article is one that should be read by everyone.

Well done again to the editor, John Jackson and the members of the County Communications committee who are responsible for the annual.

**Special Meetings**

In an effort to speed up the arrangements for the 2004 championships and leagues, a special meeting is arranged for Monday January 19th at 7-30 p.m.

The attendance will include all clubs, team managers, Divisional and County Board officers and the sole topic for discussion will be the championships and leagues.

Each club has been supplied with the proposed formula (as referred from county convention) but all clubs will have the right and the opportunity of proposing different formula, if they so wish.

The county executive committee will meet on Wednesday, January 7th, to discuss all matters relevant to championships, etc. and to prepare for the special meeting on January 19th.

The first meeting of the county board, which is normally held in February, has been brought forward to Monday January 26th.

**WESTERN BOARD MEETING**

The Western Board will hold their first full meeting of delegates on Thursday January 15th at Lawlors Hotel.

This is a special session to give clubs an opportunity of making proposals regarding the championship structures.

A second meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 29th. At this second meeting a final decision will be taken on championship structures and the meeting will also deal with transfers, regradings, etc.

**Leagues And Championships**

The unsuitability of Tuesdays and Thursdays for county leagues was spelt out very clearly over the past several weeks at meetings and conventions and it now looks certain that these will become weekend events.

But this is a case of the cure being as bad if not worse than the disease as it will likely choke up whatever programme is planned for the championship and leagues.

In fact, having researched the planned intercounty programme involving Waterford teams, I see big problems out in front for everyone.

The McGrath Cup and the A.I.B. tournaments which are due to be played in January are not included, in the list which I have compiled and is published hereunder. Neither does it cater for replays, etc.

- February 1st. N.F.L. Waterford (home) v Wicklow;
- February 8th. N.F.L. Waterford (away) v Tipperary;
- February 15th. N.F.L. Waterford (home) v Antrim.
- February 22nd. N.H.L. Waterford v Kilkenny in Nolan Park;
- February 29th. N.H.L. Waterford (home) v Laois;
- March 7th. N.F.L. Waterford (away) to Derry;
- March 14th. N.H.L. Waterford (away) to Dublin.
- N/F/L. Waterford (away) to Down;
- March 21st. N.H.L. Waterford (home) to Galway;
- March 20th. (Saturday) N/F/L. Waterford (away) to Kildare
- March 28th. N.H.L. Waterford (away) to Clare;
- March 31st. Minor Football 1st. Round, Waterford v Cork
- April 4th. N.F.L. Waterford (away) to Louth;
- April 7th. Minor Hurling versus Cork (extra time).
- April 11th. N.H.L. Round 6 (series 2).
- April 14th. Minor football- second round;
- April 18th. N.H.L. Round 7 (series 2);
- April 21st. Minor Hurling, game number 2, with extra time.
- April 28th. N.H.L. Round 8 (series 2).
- May 16th. Munster S.H.C and I.H.C. Waterford v Clare in Thurles;
- June 6th. Munster S.H.C. Semi-Final Waterford /Clare v Tipperary at Limerick or Cork.
- June 13th. Munster S.F.C. Semi-final, Waterford v Tipperary or Limerick
- June 26th. First Senior Hurling Qualifier
- July 7th. Under 21 hurling, Waterford v Clare or Cork
- July 28th. Under 21 Munster football semi-final, Waterford v Clare or Kerry.

In preparing the above I have not taken into account the possibility that Waterford teams will progress to the finals in the league or championship.

**Brickey Rangers GAA Notes**

**Brickey Mini Lotto**

The lotto draw was held in the Tudor House Bar on Saturday night last numbers drawn were 5,15, 28.

There was no jackpot winner Euro20. Winners: Pa Curran, Carmel Carty, Canice Brophy, Joe Keane, Joan Whelan.

This weeks draw will take place in Tommy Powers Bar on Saturday night and the jackpot will be Euro 1,800. Tickets just Euro1-50 each available from any promoter.

**Trip to Wexford**

Anyone wishing to go on the bus-trip to Wexford, on Saturday 17th January, are asked to have the money paid before 3rd January.

**Happy 2004.**

New Years Wishes, to all our readers and supporters.





Waterford County Board officers Tony Morrissey, Treasurer, Paddy Joe Ryan, Chairman and Seamus Grant, Secretary, pictured in deep concentration at the Waterford County Convention on Monday Night. —(Photo by Kiely Photography).

## ABBEYSIDE/BALLINACOURTY G.A.A. CLUB NOTES

### Successful Annual General Meeting

A very successful AGM was held in Ballinroad Hall on Friday night, 19th December last when our club reviewed an outstanding year and laid out its plans for 2004.

Club Secretary Bernard Shields' comprehensive report covered in detail our five county title successes in Intermediate and Minor Hurling and U21, Minor and U16 football not forgetting the divisional titles inclusive of the JHC (B) title. He congratulated John Hurney on winning a Munster U21 F.C. medal, Patrick Lynch on being selected as Under age Footballer of the year and Gary Hurney and Mark Ferncombe on winning monthly awards, while 'The Club Of The Year' award which climaxed 2003 had rounded off a truly marvellous year for each and every person associated with the club.

#### Treasurers Report

Pakie Hurney's report showed a surplus on the years winnings and the meeting complimented Pakie on the manner in which our financial details were clearly set out. It's worth noting that the total turnover of monies for which our dedicated and efficient treasurer was responsible for came to 218,219 while the actual cost of administrating all our affairs in 2003 came to approximately 60,000.

The meeting resolved that for the future the clubs accounts would close on the 31st of October each year in order to allow more time to prepare for the A.G.M.

#### Planning For The Future

Club Chairman Tony Mansfield updated the meeting on the state of play in respect of our Development Project at our club grounds and outlined the clubs financial targets for 2004 which the committee felt were achievable.

He stated that 'The Club Of The Year Award' had been a great achievement for all those

who worked so hard throughout 2003 to help achieve that coveted objective for the fourth time in our clubs history.

2002 and 2003 had been great years for our club he stated, and he urged all concerned - players, team mentors, club officers and supporters to keep the momentum going in 2004. The Chairman advised that the initiative in respect of coaching in the National Schools in the Parish would reap benefits in the long term and they were grateful to Frank Sweeney for his efforts.

#### Best Wishes

The meeting extended best wishes to joint life President Paddy Joe Dwane and Fr. Doherty PP, both of whom are currently hospitalised.

#### Officers Elected For 2004

Joint Presidents - Mrs. Margaret Cashin, Mrs. Breda Lennon, Mr. Paddy Joe Dwane.

Joint Vice Presidents - Fr. C. Fives (OSA), Fr. Keogh (CC), Fr. M. Brennock (OSA).

Chairman - Tony Mansfield; Vice Chairman - Tom Whelan; Secretary: Bernard Shields; Treasurer: Pakie Hurney; P.R.O.: Michael Briggs; Membership Officer: Greg Fives.

Committee: Seamus O'Brien, John Foley, Noel Fleming, Matthew Hogan, Frank Sweeney, Joe Cleary, Christy Phelan, Seamus Fitzgerald, Joseph 'Tuckey' Organ, Willie Kiely, Billy Hickey, Jonathan Donovan, Kevin Tobin along with the club officers.

#### Committee Meeting

The new committee then held a short meeting and it was resolved to hold the first committee meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 8th in the Parish Office at 8pm sharp.

#### Victory Banquet

The club's victory banquet goes ahead at Clonea Strand Hotel on Saturday, 31st January next at 8pm sharp. The organis-

ing sub committee will meet at Minnies on Friday, 2nd January next at 7:30pm and team managers John Foley, Greg Fives and Bernard Gorman are requested to have all player returns to Paudie Donnelly by then. Tickets will go on sale on the second week in January.

#### Juvenile Section AGM

Our Juvenile sections annual general meeting went ahead at Scoil Mhuire, Abbeyside on Tuesday, 16th September last when Neil Moore's excellent report was one of the highlights of the meeting.

The meeting elected a new secretary in Jonathan Donovan while outgoing Chairman Billy Hickey and treasurer Kevin Tobin were again returned to office.

Kevin Tobin's report showed that it cost approximately 20,000 to administer the juvenile section in 2003, yet a healthy credit balance of 1,464 was on hands at the close of the accounts on the 30th November last, while the 'Race Night' returns which will go into next years accounts will get the section off to a flying start in 2004.

Billy Hickey in his informative address touched on all the highlights of the year, not forgetting the wonderful occasion at our club grounds when we hosted the 'Special Olympics' Athletes.

#### Officers/Committee for 2004.

Chairman- Billy Hickey; Secretary - Jonathan Donovan; Treasurer: Kevin Tobin.

Committee - Tom Whelan, Michael Collins, Larry Cliffe, Bernard Gorman, Jim Mahoney, Seamus Murray, Patrick Donnelly, Eddie O'Halloran, Kieran O'Connor, Matty Kiely, Ray Moloney, Tomas Kiely and Frank Sweeney.

#### Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas raffle was held in Minnies on Saturday, 20th

December and the following were the lucky winners

1st prize: Eoin Cunningham, Stradbally; 2nd prize: Aisling O'Donovan, 11 Meadowlands, Abbeyside; 3rd prize: Pa Enright, 8 Parklane Green, Abbeyside; 4th prize: Eamon Landers, c/o Dungarvan Crystal; 5th prize: Patrick Lanigan, 10 Garabane Green, Ballinroad; 6th prize: Joseph 'Tuckey' Organ, Abbeyside; 7th prize: Danny McGrath, 76 Springmeadows, Dungarvan; 8th prize: Paul Drohan, c/o Frank Sweeney; 9th prize: Simon Hanrahan, Ballinroad.

Again our raffle produced a fine club effort and our thanks is extended to all sellers and supporters and in particular to overall co-ordinator Seamus Fitzgerald for his efforts.

#### Best Wishes

All in the club extend best wishes to our sterling dual defender Brian Hayes who was hospitalised over Christmas as a result of an accident. Brian is a player who always give 100%.

#### Seasonal Greetings

New Years greetings are extended to all club supporters at home and abroad, with special thanks to the editor and staff of the 'Dungarvan Leader' for their help in 2003.

## St. Oliver's GAA Notes

#### Indoor Hurling

The indoor hurling is in full swing again on Friday nights in the Hall, Aghlish. Times are as follows - 6and 7 year olds - 6.30pm to 7.15pm 8, 9 and 10 year olds - 7.15pm to 8pm

If your child has not attended before, don't worry. All newcomers are most welcome. They must, however, have a proper helmet and track suit. Indoor hurleys and sliotars will be provided.

## SHAMROCKS G.A.A. CLUB NOTES

**Club Lotto:** In the weekly draw at the Shamrock Inn, Knockanore on Saturday night, December 20th the numbers drawn were - 2-4-23-24 and there was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes of €25 each were won by: Liam Aherne, Maura Walsh, Martha Allen, Maura Lyons, Bernadette Keane.

A special draw for club members of the Deise Draw also took place with €50 each as prizes and the following were winners: John O'Donovan, Colin O'Regan, Aidan Sexton, Liam Murphy, Ann Moloney/Doyle. Promoters prize: Ann O'Keefe.

Special prizewinners of chocolates and biscuits were - Brian Farrell, Paul Hickey, Jim Barry, Battie McGrath, Carmel O'Donovan. €15 to each of the following: Emma O'Neill, Noel Tobin, Eileen Kelly, Gerard Heffernan, Mike Keane.

Promoters prizewinners: Kitty O'Callaghan, Brian Harnedy, John O'Callaghan, Noel Tobin, Eileen Coade. The next draw will be on Saturday night next, January 3rd 2004 when the jackpot will be €3,875 and tickets at 1.50 each from the usual promoters.

**Best Wishes For 2004** - To everybody connected with our club we extend best wishes for 2004. All our players' members, supporters, and everybody who helped the club in any way during 2003. Finally our thanks to the Editor and staff of the 'Leader' for their co-operation at all times and we wish them continued success in the coming year.

Our club AGM will take place on Friday night, January 9th at the Shamrock Inn, Knockanore. A full attendance is expected.

## BALLINAMEELA GAA CLUB NOTES

I suppose since these are the last notes of '03 I should look back on the year-gone bye. In many aspects this has been quite a successful year for the club and most would look obviously to our Intermediate footballers but there has been many other successful aspects to our club in the year 2003. We were delighted earlier this year to be able to contribute €30000 to the community center committee to help in the building of the community center and the development of the sports field. This was no mean achievement for a small club like ourselves and it took some considerable effort from members present and past. I would like to thank all of those people again for their generosity and foresight. Another successful aspect to the club this year was the work the players themselves took on in raising funds. Usually it's left to a few to go out and sell tickets and so on but this year or players made an extra effort and raised a lot of money through our Munster final forecast and the race night we held later on in the year. We also held a very enjoyable social where we celebrated the winning of our first junior and intermediate titles in '78 and '79 and also the clubs first county title success with the minor hurling team of 1960. What a great night this was reflecting back on the beginning's of this club and the successful decades which have gone bye. Then I suppose finally we have our Intermediate football team who won the western title and came oh so close to being crowned county champions. This was a superb effort buy one and all and there is no doubt special thanks must go to Pierre Whyte for the time and effort he put into this team. Maybe with the same effort and commitment we might be able to go that one step further next year.

I would also like to thank everyone who has helped out the club in any way this year. Your help has been greatly appreciated and I will finish up wishing all our members and supporters a happy and prosperous New Year.

## KILL G.A.A. NOTES

#### LONG PUCK

The long puck which took place last Sunday was a great success. 47 teams turned out for the event. This event was the brainchild of Ray Hennessy which first took place in 2002 and the goal for this year was to double the numbers taking part in the event. So this year Ray in association with the Kill GAA club began planning for the puck in November. A lot of work was done by individual members such as Michael Casey, Jack Power, Tommy Hennessy, Sinead Hennessy, Brendan and Tracey Gallagher, Theresa Keane, Tom and Hannah Power as well as Chairman Mick Aherne. Thanks to Richie Galvin and Billy Lonergan who looked after the stewarding.

Thanks to Pdraig Dunphy who made his premises available as headquarters this year and sponsoring a prize, finally a special thank you to Peter and Eileen Qually for making the ground of GardenMorris available for the puck. We were very lucky with the day as the sunshine beamed down as All Stars Ken and Eoin McGrath, Colm Bonner, John Galavin, John Mullane, James McGarry, Declan and Seamus Prendergast, Paul Foley, Liam Fennelly, Mickey Mahoney, Colin Keogh, Damien Bryne and many others too numerous to mention. We would especially like to thank all the clubs that made an effort to be with us and some that gave donations that couldn't be with us, we are grateful. A special thanks to Liam Fennelly who brought with him a signed hurley of the Kilkenny team which was raffled later on in the evening.

Thanks to the people who sponsored the event Tara Crystal who sponsored first prize, Dawn Meats, Dawn foods, Curran Frozen Foods and Pdraig Dunphy. Finally thanks to all the hurlers who gave so generously of their time and money to make this years event a great success.

The overall winners of the puck were Mount Sions McGrath brothers who covered the course in 67 shots. The brothers received a beautiful piece of cut crystal designed by Eamonn Flynn M.D. Tara Crystal. A total amount of €1,700 was raised in the two and a half hour period. A presentation night will be held in Pdraigs soon. Date to be decided. All monies will go to Medical 4 Oncology unit, Waterford Regional Hospital. As Ray and the members of the Kill GAA club make plans to make next years puck even bigger.

# An Ghaeltacht Abú On TG4

Saturday 3/1/2004 ag 8.05pm & repeat Monday 5/12/2004 ag 8.00pm

From mythological times the Gaeltacht areas have had a special part in Celtic History. Many of these areas have experienced extreme hardship and poverty with emigration widespread and falling population the norm. It was in these adverse conditions that many people clung to their culture- their language and GAA.

In 1996, the Ring Gaeltacht won the Intermediate Football Championship for the first time beating De La Salle. This year also saw An Cheathrú Rua from the Galway Gaeltacht of Conemara win the County Senior Football Championship which set up huge celebrations in both counties.

In 1998 it was the turn of An Ghaeltacht in West Kerry to win the Club's first Intermediate Championship and would subsequently lead to 2 Senior Championship Medals in 2001 and 2003. An Ghaeltacht took the Munster Club title in 2003 and a possible All-Ireland win could be around the corner in 2004.

1999 saw Naomh Abán from Ballyvourney in Co. Cork win the Intermediate Club title and in 2000 and 2002 it was the turn of the Donegal Gaeltachts when Ardara and Gweedore won their first Senior Football County titles.

The huge achievement experienced by these Gaeltacht clubs is one of the common denominators among these teams. The love of their Culture and Irish language is the other. This programme explores these achievements and tells us the story of their success.

## Cois Bhride Juvenile G.A.A. Club Notes

### ANNUAL POC FADA.

St. Stephen's Day arrived mercifully dry overhead, and a good crowd gathered at Coolbeggan Wood in Knockanore for our annual Poc Fada. The course was set out, the teams were picked, and all 17 teams set out to cover the 2 1/2 mile route in the fewest shots possible. It was all over an hour later, with Eamonn Lonergan's team bringing up the rear (in more ways than one!), and in first place, with a very respectable 34 shots were Kevin Henley, Shane Roche, and Eoin Condon. Second, only a shot more, came Mike Smith, Joe Leahy, and Eoin Ahearne. In third place, with a very fine performance, came the only all-female team of Aine Condon, Grace O'Keeffe, Aine McCarthy, and Maeve Condon to round off a very productive day for the Condon clan with 37 shots. And in 4th place, a shot more, came John Smith, Brian McCarthy, and Mike Curley. Once again, this was a most enjoyable way to pass an hour, and once teams were moving, the cold was quickly forgotten, even if hot whiskies were the order of the day in the Shamrock Inn afterwards.

### CHRISTMAS SWIM

Well done to all who participated in the Christmas Day Swim in aid of M.S. to raise funds. Finn did join in but alas, without the thong. (He said Johnny Geary wouldn't lend it to him!)

### SELECTORS

Once again selectors are almost finalised for 2004, but anyone interested can still contact Liam at 058-56757, or Raymond at 058-56196.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the Shamrocks who rounded off the year in style by defeating Co. Intermediate Champions Abbeyside in the final of the Div.3 Hurling League recently. Liam Deane showed impeccable timing to score the winning point (was it the first this year??) and claim the cup as captain. Well done Dollar!

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

We've come to the end of another year. Tyrone are football champions for the first time, Kilkenny the top cats in hurling for the umpteenth time, Waterford U-21 football Munster Champions, Senior Hurlers dethroned in Munster, and Tallow/Shamrocks u-21 Champions on the double. Not a bad year at all. We wish all our players, selectors, mentors, helpers, trainers and supporters a very Happy New Year, and may health and success be yours in the coming year.

### SEANFHOCAL AN SEACHTAIN

Mol an Oige, agus tiocfaidh se. (Praise the Youth, and it will come).



Breda & James Veale presents a set of jerseys to Garranbane N.S. At the presentation were (l. to r.) Michael Raheer, Rachel Walsh, Breda Veale, Kate Veale, Don Sheil, School Principal, Maria Delahunty, James Veale and Cian O'Connell. (Photo: Sean Byrne)

### Tourin GAA SEASONS GREETINGS

On behalf of the club, I would like to wish our many friends in Ireland and across the world a very Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

### AGM

Remember the date. Sat. Jan 10th at 8.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, Tourin, all member's and intending members are invited to attend.

### COMMITTEE MEETING

A very important Committee meeting will be held at the Community Centre on Monday January 5th at 9 p.m.

All members expected to be there.

## WATERFORD LADIES FOOTBALL NOTES

### SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

Waterford Ladies Football AGM took place on the 15th of December. Opening the meeting secretary Pat Toomey gave a short and comprehensive report on the years happenings. This was followed by a very precise outline of the financial state of the county board by treasurer Eleanor Hickey. Fol-

lowing this PRO Brendan Gallagher gave his report and thanked all his fellow officers for their support over the years as this year Brendan was stepping down from the PRO position. Development officer George Young spoke of the many courses which had taken place throughout the year and the benefits they had to individual clubs. He said many more courses would take place in 2004 to ensure a continuation of the work that needed to be done.

Registrar Marian Cliffe thanked the many clubs that sent in their registrations especially the ones that had all their paperwork done properly. Peter Jordan spoke briefly on the accident fund and explained to the delegates the best way to make a claim.

This was followed by the chairman's address. Michael spoke on all aspects of Ladies Football throughout 2003. He thanked the many mentors and young ladies that had committed themselves to County teams as he said sometimes it can be a thankless job. He also congratulated Marian Cliffe on behalf of the Munster Council on the way she presented her books in her first year as registrar of the County. Marian was singled out for praise at the recent meeting of Munster Council. Michael offered sympathies to all those who had bereavements throughout 2003.

He thanked his fellow officers for their commitment to ladies football and he hoped that 2004 would bring much more to the ladies throughout the County. Michael spoke at length of the tremendous sponsorship ladies football receives from Michael Ryan of Saltan Properties. Words couldn't express the gratitude felt by all delegates and members throughout the board for the support in which

Saltan Properties would continue with their most generous sponsorship. He also thanked the many small sponsors who also help out. And on wrapping up his speech, Michael was delighted that a new fixtures committee would be set in place for 2004. He offered all clubs and members throughout the County a Happy New Year.

This was followed by the election of officers. The results of the elections as follows:

President: Noel Murray; Chairman: Michael Ryan; Vice Chairman: Brendan Gallagher; Secretary: Pat Toomey; Asst. Secretary: Peter Jordan; Treasurer: Nora Kirwan; Asst. Treasurer: Eleanor Hickey; PRO: to be filled; Registrar: Marian Cliffe; Accident Fund: Peter Jordan; Development Officer: George Young; Referees co-ordinator: Brendan Gallagher; Disciplinary committee: Anthony Raheer, Johnny Landers, Jimmy O'Rourke, Sean Power, Marian Cliffe, Terry Power, Carmel Buckley; New fixtures committee: Jimmy O'Rourke, Peter Jordan, Seamus Skeehan; Irish Language Officer: Sylvia Shanley; Finance Committee: Michael Ryan, Eleanor Hickey, Nora Kirwan, Nell Dalton, George Young, Noel Murray, Nuala Murphy and Brendan Gallagher. This concluded the election of officers for 2004.

### COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Next County Board meeting will take place on Monday, 19th January 2004 at Lawlor's Hotel at 8pm sharp. All clubs are asked to attend. Registration fees will be due at this meeting also a list of all officers elected at club AGM's which should be finalised by this date. The list of officers is to be presented to secretary Pat Toomey.

## Primary Schools GAA



Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern's address at Roadstone Awards Banquet — Tá an — áthas orm a bheith in bhur deantna ar ócaid bhliantúil Chumann na mBunscol anocht.

I am delighted to be here this evening at this great Cumann na mBunscol event. These awards are a fantastic opportunity to reward the people who have worked so hard during the year to promote Gaelic Games in Primary Schools. I know that the panel of assessors and their Chairman Marty Morrissey, have been working very hard to ensure that the high standard of adjudication has continued this year. I would also like to congratulate all those in the Primary Schools throughout the country who continue to bring Gaelic Games to the lives of their pupils, year after year, with tireless dedication.

The great work of Cumann na mBunscol has continued this year.

There have been some exciting new developments, in particular, the McDonald's "Catch and Kick Programme". This new programme is a very welcome initiative that will encourage a sense of achievement, fun and fair play for the participants.

I am delighted to hear that this programme will continue next year with a focus on hurling and camogie. This programme is a great example of the important work of Cumann na mBunscol. It will encourage more children to develop their skills and to join in the fun of Gaelic Games in their schools. Let me remind you that the work you are doing is giving these children a gift for life.

All of us who have been given a love of Gaelic Games as children, know what I am talking about. Through your work, you are also preserving our sporting heritage. What our children value will be preserved by them in the future.

By passing on a passion for Gaelic Games to young children you are ensuring that our national sports will endure and will continue to bring great pride and joy to the people of Ireland for generations to come.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Know Your Game — If a player from either side stands nearer than 13 metres to the player who is taking the side - line puck, the opposing team shall be awarded a free puck from where the foul occurred.

True/False? Answer next week.

# WEST WATERFORD ATHLETICS NEWS

## ALLROUNDER WINTER LEAGUE

# The Two Jasons

We have reached the Christmas break and its the two Jasons' that lead their respective leagues. Jason Kirwan in the 2.7ml and Jason O'Mahony in the 5.7ml event. There was a great turn out for the pre-christmas run. The entry fees for the night were going to charity and on the night many of the runners made donations to the charity, which this year was Dunabbeey.

In the 2.7 mile race, which had a mass start, it was Mary Harney (where have we heard that name) who was first home when the individual handicaps were taken off. In second place was Vincent O'Flynn, followed by Deirdre Tobin in third. Jason Kirwan remains at the top of the table, Cordelia Burke has moved up into 2nd position and P.J. Curran has overtaken Kevin Kenneally and moved into the top three for the Xmas break.

In the 5.7ml race, Padraig Healy was first past the post in a time of 33.07, followed by Aidan Ahearn and Jim Fleming who was returning to action after injury. Jason O'Mahony holds onto top spot with Eamon Flanagan and Tony Shalloe filling the next two positions over the Xmas. Thanks to Minnies for their top class hospitality for our pre-xmas night out. Happy New Year to all runners, stewards and officials and to our sponsor Pearse Moloney.

It's not too late to get out the running shoes and join the Wednesday night run, anyone over 16 can take part, there are 8 weeks left. So come along to the Sports Centre before 7.15 p.m. on a Wednesday night. League restarts on January 7.

### WEST WATERFORD AC 2.7MILE WINTER LEAGUE DIVISIONS

Pos	Division 1A	Pts	Pos	Division 1D	Pts	Pos	Division 1G	Pts
1	684 Jason Kirwan	251	1	581 Anne Sheehan	528	1	676 Clionadh Morrissey	701
2	618 Cordelia Burke	309	2	671 Christy Connolly	528	2	611 Moira Burke	708
3	603 PJ Curran	314	3	629 John Kelly	529	3	620 Linda Bradfield	708
4	666 Kevin Kenneally	329	4	650 Anthony Fitzgerald	534	4	641 Claire Long	716
5	665 Mary Dunford	337	5	673 Leonie O'Brien	535	5	615 Richard Hayes	718
6	668 Conor Lannon	351	6	572 Helen Frost	544	6	523 Breda Hunt	721
7	589 Billy Coleman	360	7	580 Emmet Walsh	546	7	547 Maggie Phelan	725
8	635 Sarah Young	360	8	612 Sheila O'Sullivan	547	8	500 Dora Kinsella	742
9	606 Ray Power	368	9	692 Mary Whyte	547	9	642 Brian Curtin	745
10	636 Brigid Coffey	374	10	637 Vincent O'Flynn	551	10	659 Mary Curran	752
11	568 Seamus Casey	378	11	633 Claire Connors	552	11	632 Vinny O'Brien	755
12	556 Jason Duhig	380	12	677 Kim Coates	557	12	543 Christine McCarthy	768
13	607 Brendan Morrissey	381	13	602 John Lucey	562	13	622 Niamh Murphy	770
14	689 Siobhan Collins	390	14	645 Ann-Marie Hallihan	563	14	688 Jillian O'Riordan	780
15	597 Margaret Collins	392	15	582 Betty Sheehan	573	15	524 Michelle McCarthy	782
16	680 Martin Quinlan	399	16	658 Deirdre Whelan	574	16	656 Sinéad Crowther	788
			17	674 Denise Nugent	576	17	550 Siobhán Hickey	789
			18	687 Vincent Donovan	576	18	519 Trevor Galvin	790
			19	626 Ray Moore	582	19	691 Pat Whyte	791
			20	563 Lisa Conroy	584	20	675 Nicola Moroney	793

Pos	Division 1B	Pts	Pos	Division 1E	Pts
1	660 Dan McGrath (Cap)	411	1	672 John Walsh (s)	586
2	592 Colm Nagle	414	2	545 Sinéad Crotty	588
3	528 Carol Whelan	416	3	538 Barbara Dwyer	594
4	683 Brendan Tobin	417	4	566 Rosanne Ryan	596
5	593 Michael Cummins	419	5	594 Padraig Conroy	596
6	605 Eileen Power	420	6	562 Aine Daly	599
7	655 Eamonn Lambden	422	7	649 Pat O'Brien	602
8	682 Pat Curran	423	8	501 Séan Stillwell	602
9	567 Margarite Walsh	427	9	530 Muriel Ni Aodha	607
10	627 Richie Power	430	10	599 Walter Drohan	610
11	598 Onra Power	431	11	514 Linda Butler	611
12	667 Keith Kenneally	436	12	529 Sandra Hogan	613
13	549 Teresa Thornton	439	13	534 Mary Lannon	615
14	525 Mary Harney	442	14	634 Deirdre Tobin	615
15	586 Séan Young	445	15	570 Mary Walsh	616
16	646 Mark Cliffe	445	16	546 Aisling Fraher	616
17	535 Danny McGrath(Tal)	446	17	631 Austin Cooney	617
18	617 Angeline Drennan	451	18	536 Annelisa Crotty	630
19	664 Liam O'Brien	458	19	610 Maria Hyslop	633
20	596 Liam Kavanagh	462	20	657 Chloe Light	633

Pos	Division 1C	Pts	Pos	Division 1F	Pts
1	577 Laura Hyslop	464	1	526 John Dunphy	642
2	591 Grace Scanlon	464	2	513 Pa Reilly	644
3	661 Thomas Duggan	465	3	503 Maurice Boland	646
4	544 Annette Whelan	472	4	585 Carol Bell	649
5	613 Colette O'Sullivan	473	5	640 Gráinne Earley	649
6	679 Darren Hamilton	479	6	624 Deirdre Cunningham	661
7	560 Patricia Mulcahy	480	7	527 Tony Fitzgerald	666
8	690 Pat Christopher	481	8	625 John Dillon	667
9	584 Yvonne Meehan	485	9	694 John Ducey	669
10	639 Paula Dunne	488	10	520 Paul Hansbury	670
11	663 Paul McGrath	492	11	644 John Young	674
12	569 Eoin O'Brien	493	12	511 Derrick Power	674
13	574 Paula Nugent	501	13	516 Jennie Mulcahy	675
14	552 Gail Wade	504	14	638 Treasa Milmoe	682
15	554 Jason O'Riordan	506	15	542 Jonathan Regan	682
16	693 Paul Veale	507	16	548 Shane Tobin	685
17	590 Denise Regan	509	17	561 Regina Byrne	686
18	553 John O'Shea	510	18	609 Fiona Crossan	688
19	575 Johnny Cooney	521	19	614 Séan Walsh	692
20	619 Kieran Coleman	527	20	573 Marie Coyne	693

### WEST WATERFORD AC 5.7MILE WINTER LEAGUE DIVISIONS

DIVISION 1A			DIVISION 1D			DIVISION 1G		
1	74 Jason O' Mahoney	254	1	146 Eileen Carroll	520	1	21 Pat Morrissey	688
2	147 Eamonn Flanagan	294	2	114 Seamus Manahan	522	2	60 Nicola Dee	688
3	97 Tony Shalloe	324	3	101 Paddy Street	523	3	12 Fiona Hickey	692
4	56 Tony Murray	345	4	66 Jennifer Kirwan	524	4	139 David Sheehan	698
5	70 Brett Lynam	347	5	41 Damien Tutty	525	5	157 Mark Boland	702
6	23 Tom Scanlan	348	6	123 Michael Dwyer	528	6	58 Fionnuala Murphy	706
7	81 Trevor Mason	360	7	48 Patrick Lannen	530	7	119 Eugene Twomey	714
8	113 Pat Earley	373	8	110 Noel Drohan	533	8	54 Leonie Mulcahy	715
9	124 Joe Salmon	373	9	38 Joanne Dunford	534	9	53 Claire Ahearne	718
10	32 Paul Keating	384	10	55 Gerry Cantwell	535	10	87 Triona Wall	718
11	128 Shane Power	384	11	62 Rachel Walsh	537	11	181 Colin Cunningham	722
12	73 Michael Hallihan	387	12	96 Josie Curran	537	12	3 Aidan Dillon	724
13	163 Toby Bedel	393	13	167 Bryan Kirwan	537	13	183 Bryan Hallihan	724
14	126 Des Feeney	398	14	118 Pat Tutty	538	14	2 Geraldine O'Connor	728
			15	39 Paul O' Gorman	539	15	86 Ann Moroney	728
			16	141 Johnny Clarke	544	16	151 Tim Toomey	732
			17	168 Tom Shanley	547	17	175 Sean Walsh	738
			18	50 Brid Veale	549	18	78 Geoffrey Halley	739
			19	159 Colin Lyons	549	19	134 Rosaleen Ryan	742
			20	31 Alan Setford	550	20	71 Martina Murphy	823

DIVISION 1B		
1	4 Ray Burke	415
2	121 Patrick Riordan	424
3	161 Ray Dwyer	425
4	72 Eamon Phelan	426
5	1 Pat Dunford	428
6	92 Brian Collins	431
7	100 Anthony Dwyer	438
8	63 Tomas Walsh	440
9	59 Michael Dee	443
10	24 George Tutty	445
11	33 Aisling O'Shea	447
12	112 Jim Maher	447
13	133 Gary McCormack	449
14	170 John Dee	450
15	29 Donnacha Tobin	451
16	105 Jimmy Fitzgerald	452
17	117 Martin Curran	454

DIVISION 1E		
1	98 Nicola Costin	554
2	127 John Flynn	555
3	44 Kevin Moroney	556
4	7 Tom Byrne	558
5	13 Aisling Bannon	560
6	46 Eoin Mansfield	561
7	103 Alice Fitzgerald	564
8	155 Owen Hallahan	572
9	61 Rosarie Kealy	577
10	95 Eoin Fitzgerald	577
11	43 Michael Deegan	580
12	138 Paul Brunnock	581
13	116 Luke O'Brien	586
14	28 Brendan Donnelly	587
15	18 Jan Walsh	602
16	35 Helene Hayes	605
17	6 Liam Moore	606
18	90 Jacinta Sheil	609
19	184 Martin Houlihan	611
20	180 Tom Hally	612

DIVISION 1C		
1	49 Michael Callaghan	455
2	102 Tom Condon (B)	468
3	115 Derek Lyons	470
4	120 Liam Waters	470
5	160 Ger Howley	472
6	19 Benny Flynn	477
7	25 Jason Travers	479
8	152 Christopher Coughlan	482
9	36 Keith Hughes	484
10	154 Liam Dolan	494
11	9 Thomas O'Grady	498
12	137 Kevin Gough	498
13	107 Michael Tobin	500
14	20 Shay Young	501
15	145 Michael Meleady	502
16	45 Michael Whelan	505
17	144 Liam O'Reilly	508
18	166 Pat Lennon	508
19	16 Padraig De Burca	515
20	47 John Keane	517

DIVISION 1F		
1	65 Anne Whelan	619
2	156 Ger Wyley	619
3	187 Paudie Crotty	621
4	91 Albert McGrath	631
5	99 Orla Costin	631
6	182 John Broderick	634
7	130 Owen O'Grady	636
8	153 Philip Dee	645
9	122 Marie Dwyer	648
10	57 Tim Foley	651
11	108 Gerry Byrne	657
12	148 Alan Phelan	657
13	30 Gearoid Fraher	660
14	15 Brendan Mansfield	667
15	171 David Power	672
16	186 Tony Hamilton	672
17	142 Breda Hayes	676
18	143 Edward Hayes	677
19	165 Damien Travers	682
20	10 Ray Curran	683
21	67 Justin Coonan	684



# West Waterford Juvenile Athletic Notes

Things are quiet on the athletic front over the next few weeks. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our athletes and their families, coaches, sponsors and all who helped us in any way during the year a very Happy New Year.

**REMINDER**  
To those who are competing in the All Ireland B at the end of January or those who will be competing in the schools cross country that Tony will be back in action in Colligan on Sunday, January 4th at 11am.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
The AGM of the Juvenile section of West Waterford A.C. will be held in the Park Hotel on Monday, January 5th at 8:30pm. All are welcome.



Santa visits the Allrounder Winter League pictured welcoming him are Ger Howley and Kim Coates

WEST WATERFORD ATHLETICS NEWS

Big Turnout For Local Charity Run

There was a big turn out on St. Stephen's Day for the annual charity fun run and walk organised by Dungarvan G.A.A. club. The run this year was again in aid of the local St. Joseph's Hospital and the response to the fun run was terrific with a sum of over 2,500 Euro collected.

The run was got under way by Derek Lyons and Paddy Fitzgerald of Dungarvan G.A.A. club with over 100 participating. This run was held in true Christmas spirit with many turning out on the morning

some were jogging, some running, some walking, there were those who even brought the family dog along for a gallop and others were just clearing the head from all the festivities, but most important we were all supporting a worthwhile local charity. Many thanks to all who participated, to the local organisers Dungarvan G.A.A. club and to all the ladies who looked after the catering and those who were stewarding the course as well. There were spot prizes drawn among all those who participated.



Some of the runners pictured before the start of the St. Stephen's Day Dungarvan G.A.A. Club Charity Run in aid of St. Joseph's Hospital. Included are Paddy Fitzgerald and Derek Lyons, Dungarvan G.A.A. Club.

Denise Regan and her dog Buster who participated in the St. Stephen's Day Charity Run and Walk in aid of St. Joseph's Hospital.



GlaxoSmithKline Turkey Trot A Great Success

The first Glaxo Smithkline 5 mile turkey trot saw a great sum of 1,000 Euro collected for the W.L.R. Christmas Hamper Appeal. 90 runners and walkers participated in the event and our thanks to all who came along to support this very worthy cause. Our thanks also to those who looked after the stewarding, etc., and to Michael Dwyer and his team at G.S.K. for their novel idea for this years hamper appeal and for the huge amount of spot prizes they had for almost every one who took part. Well done to all.

BALDY MAN

The annual Baldy Man Run in Tramore last Sunday saw well over 200 taking part. Organised by well known local business man Michael Flynn the run was in aid of the Tramore Order of Malta, and the main sponsors were F.L.I. Environment.

The race was won by Mick Kelly Gowran who received the Pierce Dower Memorial Trophy. Peter Duggan, St Joseph's was second with Waterford man Mark Sherman now living in Canada but home for the Christmas period taking third.

The ladies section went to Marie Hally, Ferrybank from Mary Jennings, Waterford with West Waterford's Diane Behan third.

As this race was the last local race of 2003 we can now announce that our athlete of the year competition is over and this years winner elect is Norma Wall. We will carry a full report on this competition next week.

WEST WATERFORD TEAMS SELECTED FOR INDOORS

The Munster Masters Indoors are being held in Nenagh on this Saturday, January 3rd and the following West Waterford athletes have been selected to compete by team managers Joe Gough and Ann Dunford.

Mens: Brendan Moran 60 metres and 200 metres, Con Kelleher 3,000 metres, Danny McGrath 800 metres, Richie Power 800 metres, Tim Foley 3,000 metres and Joe Gough 1,500 metres. The above will also compete in the 4 x 200 relays.

Ladies: Ann Dunford 200 metres and 800 metres, Ailish Hayes 3,000 metres, Ann Whelan 1,500 metres, Siobhan O Mahony 1,500 metres and Brid Veale 800 metres. The above will also compete in the 4 x 200 metres relay.

Best of luck to everyone its fantastic to see our club competing at Masters Indoors.

Waterford Senior Cross Country

A reminder to all our athletes that the County Senior and Junior Cross Country Championships for men and ladies will be held in St. Augustine's College next Sunday, January 4th where it is hoped that West Waterford will play a major part in the destination of the medals on offer. First race gets under way at 1 p.m.

JUNIOR ATHLETES TAKE NOTE

All Junior athletes who are eligible to participate in the county cross country on Sunday next at St. Augustine's please take note that your regular Colligan training session with coach Tony Shalloe will not take place this Sunday. Instead Tony requests that all athletes eligible are requested to be at St. Augustine's College no later than 12.30 to take part in the county Junior Cross Country Championship which gets under way at 1 p.m.

BALLYCOTTON '10' Sunday March 7th 2004 ENTRIES CLOSED

At the close of entries on Tuesday December 16th, a record number of over 2,250 had been received. This is the biggest ever in the history of the race. With another 150 to be added from Sports Travel International & Sports Tours International, along with a number of elite, the final total will be around 2,400.

Apart from the above, all entries received after December 16th will, unfortunately, have to be returned. Do not send in an entry in the hope that you might get in - the closing date (by post only) was clearly stated on the entry form. It will be the New Year before all the successful applicants are up on the Ballycotton website.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

All at the club wish a speedy recovery to one of our elite athletes Jamie Costin, unfortunately Jamie has that dreaded injury that all athletes hate to even talk about, a stress fracture. But the good news is that he is well on the road to recovery. With next year being an Olympic year and Jamie selected to compete in the 50k walk we hope that by the middle of January he will be back to full training and that he will be fit to compete in Athens. Keep the faith Jamie.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

On behalf of all at West Waterford we wish all our members, sponsors, friends and supporters a prosperous new year and may 2004 bring all that you wish for. May I take the opportunity also to thank the editor and staff of this paper for all their help and the tremendous coverage they have afforded our club during the past year and we hope that we will have plenty to fill the athletics pages again in 2004.

THE WHEELS OF THE BUS

The start of the Spring Classics gets underway on Sunday January 11th next with the annual Mallow 10. This is part of the four 10 mile Munster Classic races which is sponsored again this year by Buckley Sports Cork and includes our own Waterford Crystal 10 on 15th February. We will have more details on all four races in next weeks notes. Please note for the first race a bus will travel to Mallow and is bookable through club secretary Tony Ryan on a first come first served bases.

SYMPATHY

West Waterford Athletic Club extends its sincere sympathy to the McCarthy family on the death of their mother Mrs. Nellie McCarthy, Ballymacarbray. Also to the Whelan family on the death of their father Joe Whelan, Ballincoush. Nellie and Joe went to their eternal reward over the Christmas period. May they rest in peace.

JOE GOUGH MASTERS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Word has come through from the Munster Council of A.A.I. that West Waterford's Joe Gough has

been named as Munster Masters Athlete of the year 2003. Every one associated with athletics in the region will welcome this news as Joe is truly one of the sports true gentlemen, and is most worthy of this accolade as he has had an absolutely outstanding year, with the highlight being his silver medal performance at the world track championships during the summer in Porto Rico. Well done Joe on another great achievement in your athletics career. Life does begin at 40 something after all!



Mick Verling, West Waterford A.C., makes a cheque presentation to Jenny Cashman, accepting it on behalf of Dunabney House. Also included are Norma Wall, West Waterford A.C. and Phil Barry. The cheque was the proceeds from the Allrounder Winter League charity run which raised €850 for the fund. Well done to all for your generosity once again.

RED HOUSE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

# Ardmore On Top

## Brideview/Lismore A Thriller

### BALLYDUFF WIN AGAIN AND BLACKWATER HAMMER GLENVIEW

**BRIDEVIEW 3  
LISMORE 3**

Tradition has it that there is never anything between those neighbours when they meet, be it league or cup. Once again last Sunday morning both sides served up the proverbial thriller. Goals by Dan Shanahan and Martin Ormonde gave the visitors an early lead but Paul O'Brien then stepped in for Brideview and scored twice before the break to leave the sides level. Lismore gained the initiative early in the second half when Shanahan scored again but with 20 minutes remaining O'Brien struck again for his hat trick. Both sides will be glad to have got something from this very entertaining game.

**PINEWOOD RANGERS 1  
ARDMORE 2**

The seashiders will be very pleased with result as they maintain their 100% record in the league and they are now the only side in the entire league not to have dropped a point so far. Pinewood had been on a brilliant run and needed a result here to keep their challenge going. All three goals were scored in the opening half, with Clinton Hennessy and Johnny Hennessy scoring for Ardmore and Shane Walsh netting for Pinewood. Both sides had chances in the 2nd half but could not convert them and so Ardmore go top of the table at the start of 2004.

**GORTROE 3 CAPPOQUIN 2**

At long last Gortroe got 3 points when they defeated Cappoquin. This was the homesides first win in the league having lost 4 games. Michael John Hennessy scored twice and Derek Murphy once while Cappoquin had their goals from Martin Lacey. This was yet another disappointing result for Cappoquin who cannot seem to find the form of two years ago when they won the league. Gortroe on the other hand will be delighted that at long last they achieved the victory they have been threatening since the commencement of the league.

**ACCRINGTON 4  
VALLEY RANGERS 3**

This game was played on St. Stephen's Day and the homeside as a result of this win have moved up into 3rd place. Valley led by 2 goals to 1 at half time but the homeside got the all important goals that guaranteed them the points. Joe Cahill scored twice while Leonard Ryan and Sean Casey one each were the Accrington scorers. We do not know who scored for Accrington.

**CLASHMORE 1 INCH 6**

The homeside continued their dismal run with yet another defeat against a very strong Inch outfit. They did lead when Pat O'Rourke found the net but the visitors equalised minutes later through Martin Coleman. 10 minutes later the same player

had Inch ahead and from a goal mouth header Rob Cronin scored number three. In the 2nd half it was all one way traffic with Paul Ryan two goals and Garry Dunlea one, scoring for Inch. The score could have been doubled only for the heroics of Clashmore goalkeeper Peter Fitzgerald who brought off at least six top class saves and would be Man of the Match for his display.

**ARAGLEN 4 MODELIGO 0**

The homeside had a comprehensive victory at home to a very disappointing Modeligo side leading by a Martin Finn goal at the break. The North Cork side had no bother in the second half ensuring the points would go to Araglen when Paddy Kenneally scored twice and Tom Kenneally once for an easy victory and pushes them up the league table.

**BALLYDUFF 2 BALLYBRIDGE 1**

The visitors took the lead here through Aidan Ryan after just six minutes play but within 2 minutes the homeside were level when John Twomey converted a penalty. This was the score at half time and the all important winner arrived from Brendan Hannon. This as a game either side could have won but the village will be glad to have got all 3 points.

**GLENVIEW 0 BLACKWATER 6**

A weak Glenview had no answer to the visitors. As we write our notes we have not been contacted by Blackwater for their goal scorers.

# Red House League Tables



**PREMIER DIVISION**

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ardmore	5	5	0	0	14	6	15
Lismore	7	4	2	1	17	10	14
Accrington	6	3	1	2	13	13	10
Pinewood	7	1	1	5	14	13	4
Brideview	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Valley Rangers	6	1	1	4	15	15	4
Cappoquin	6	1	1	4	10	17	4
Gortroe	6	1	1	4	10	20	4

**1ST DIVISION**

Ballyduff	7	6	1	0	16	5	19
Kilworth	5	4	0	1	6	2	12
Inch	7	3	2	2	15	6	11
Araglen	7	2	3	2	9	6	9
Ballybridge	6	2	2	2	11	11	8
Clashmore	7	0	3	4	11	19	3
Modeligo	6	0	2	3	4	15	2
Brideview	3	0	1	2	2	10	1

**2ND DIVISION**

Castlebridge	7	6	0	1	15	3	18
Blackwater	7	5	1	1	16	4	16
Mogeely	7	5	0	2	19	5	15
Affane	7	4	2	1	14	8	14
An Ghaeltacht	7	3	1	3	17	18	10
Valley Rangers	7	1	1	5	6	14	4
Glenview	7	1	1	5	6	25	4
Bally Celtic	7	0	0	7	0	16	0

## PREVIEWS PREVIEWS PREVIEWS

**Accrington v Lismore**

When they met at the start of the league, Lismore got full points with a one goal victory but since then Accrington have played some very good football and have been unlucky on some occasions. In their last two games they collected six points. A game that could go either way, a draw is our forecast.

**Pinewood v Cappoquin**

Both sides were beaten last Sunday and both need points. Cappoquin have failed last season and the season so far to regain the form of two years ago when they won the league. We think Pinewood should collect all points on Sunday.

**Brideview v Ardmore**

Has to be match of the day. High flying Ardmore will start favourites but again Brideview nothing can be taken for granted. The Tallow side showed their determination last Sunday when coming from behind twice against Lismore, but current form deems Ardmore to win.

**Valley Rangers v Gortroe**

When both sides met in early November they shared 6 goals and the points in Gortroe. Since then both sides have recorded one win each and four losses. Gortroe had their first win last Sunday in the league and Valley lost. So we have two teams who badly need points to get away from the bottom of the league.

**Ballybridge v Brideview**

Ballybridge were bitterly disappointed with their defeat last Sunday in Ballyduff. Brideview on the other hand will enter this with a lack of match practice, so a home win has to be on the cards.

**Clashmore v Modeligo**

A bottom of the table clash. Neither side have recorded a league victory yet and at the halfway stage both will be

fighting to avoid the drop to the 2nd Division. A toss up here for prediction, but both sides need a win badly and maybe the homeside might come out on top.

But only maybe.

**Inch v Kilworth**

This has the makings of a cracker. The visitors won when both sides met in November by the only goal of the game. Inch have improved since but Kilworth have lost just one in five outings so it is anyone's game on Sunday. We give the nod to Inch being the home side, but a draw might be the result.

**Araglen v Ballyduff**

Top of the table Ballyduff will not have it too easy on Sunday especially as the homeside scored four times last Sunday. However, Araglen are 10 points a drift at present and need to win if they have any hope of promotion. It is difficult to go against Ballyduff even though they got a fright last Sunday. Still they should be able to hold their record of not being beaten all season.

**Mogeely v Valley Rangers**

The homeside will be expected to collect all points in this tie. Valley have just one win so Mogeely third in the table will be hot favourites to win.

**Glenview v Castlebridge**

Anything but a Castlebridge victory will be a shock. The visitors are top of the table having lost just one game while Glenview have won only one game. This is top against bottom and Castlebridge should maintain their push for promotion.

**Affane v Ballyceltic**

Not the happiest of Christmases for Ballyceltic, they are still pointless as they end 2003. Affane should collect all points here and keep the pressure on the leaders.

# Red House League Fixtures

SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY

**Premier —**

Accrington v Lismore at 11.30 am. (W. Collins)  
Pinewood Rangers v Cappoquin at 11.30 am (M. Condon)  
Brideview v Ardmore at 11.30 am. (T. O'Sullivan)  
Valley Rangers v Gortroe at 2.30 pm (T. O'Sullivan)

**1st Division —**

Ballybridge v Brideview at 11.30 am (P. Marks)  
Clashmore v Modeligo at 11.30 am (T. Griffin)  
Inch v Kilworth at 2.30 pm (W. Collins)  
Araglen v Ballyduff at 11.30 am (N. O'Donoghue)

**2nd Division —**

Mogeely v Valley Rangers at 11.30 am (P. Browne)  
An Ghaeltacht v Blackwater at 2.30 pm. (M. Condon)  
Glenview v Castlebridge at 11.30 am (M. Hartnett)  
Affane v Bally Celtic at 11.30 am (E. McCarthy)

## Delegate Meeting

The delegate meeting of the Red House League will take place this Monday, January 5th in the Red House, Lismore at 9 pm sharp. League Chairman, Ml. McBride informed us that the meeting will start at 9 pm sharp as he has a lengthy agenda to get through in hopefully 60 minutes. Michael told us he has some very good news, it does appear "Santa" came to the league!!

# RED HOUSE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

PREMIER DIVISION — MARCH REPORT

# Six Goal Thriller In Tallow

**BRIDEVIEW 3  
LISMORE 3**

What a cracker of a local derby we got in Tallow on Sunday morning last. These games are usually very entertaining games and Sunday's game proved to be no different. Paul O'Brien grabbed a hat trick for Utd while Dan Shanahan scored twice for Lismore.

The game got off to a thrilling start after 5 minutes when the visitors took the lead thanks to a fine header from Dan Shanahan. Sheehan Utd's keeper denied Billy Walsh in the 10th.

The visitors were well on top at this stage and Aidan Roche burst through Utd's defence in the 13th minute but he somehow hooked the ball just outside the post. Martin Ormonde shot wide from close range after 15 minutes.

James Beecher cleared from Dave Howard in the 17th

minute. Sheehan was in action in the 19th minute when he got down well to deny Martin Ormonde. Sheehan could do nothing a minute later when Ormonde got in to score from close range. So 2-0 to the visitors and the game looked to be slipping for Utd.

However, Paul O'Brien upped his game and his overhead kick after 23 minutes saw the ball end up in the Lismore net. This lifted the homeside. James Beecher saw his fine header well saved by Michael Shanahan in the 27th minute.

At the other end Sheehan saved well from Dan Shanahan in the 30th minute. William Murphy rescued Utd in the 35th minute when he headed off the goal line when it looked as if Walsh had scored.

Paul O'Brien shot wide for

Utd after 37 minutes. Graham O'Neill shot over in the 40th minute before Paul O'Brien scored again for Utd when he chipped Shanahan two minutes before the break. At the break the sides were level at 2-2.

The second half proved to be every bit as entertaining as the first Dan Shanahan put Lismore back in front 7 minutes into the second half. After the ball was bubbling around Utd's box.

Utd tried hard to get back again on level terms. Michael Curley shot over in the 59th minute while Eoin Murphy shot wide in the 64th minute. Lismore created some chances as well with Walsh, Howard and Ormonde all going close.

With just 12 minutes remaining and Lismore still leading 3-2 up popped Paul O'Brien again to grab his hat trick and

put back on level terms once again.

Utd could have taken all three points after this when twice Terence McSweeney went close to giving the Tallow side victory. It was not to be and both sides had to settle for a share of the points after a real thriller.

Utd B. Sheehan, G. O'Neill, W. Murphy, J. Beecher, B. Henley, M. Curley, S. Pratt, J. Doyle, W. Curley, P. O'Brien, E. Murphy, Res used: J. P. Grey, M. O'Brien, T. McSweeney.

Lismore: M. Shanahan, K. Homibrook, A. Roche, S. Daly, S. Ormonde, E. Bennett, D. Howard, B. Walsh, A. Landers, M. Ormonde, D. Shanahan. Res: J. Dalton, W. Rotte, N. Hegarty.

Ref: M. Condon.

## OSCAR TRAYNOR CUP FRIENDLY GAME

# A Game We Should Have Won

RED HOUSE LEAGUE 1  
CORK BUSINESS AND SHIPPING LEAGUE 1

This game was used by both sides to get rid of the cobwebs as it were. Both leagues were short players but the managers of the R.H.L. were well pleased with this performance, as we were short many of our regulars for this one.

We got off to a terrific start when we scored after just 2 minutes. A long ball out of defence by Joe Mangan found Alan Collins and he made no mistake when he shot high into the net.

We should have added a few more goals in this half as Cayman Radley, Pat Walsh and Matthew Cashman all went close to adding to our opening goal. At the break Collins goal still separated the sides.

We started the second half well but then our visitors got on top only to find our keeper Conor Hurley in top form. Hurley brought off three terrific saves in this half. After 75 minutes the visitors grabbed an equaliser.

A good result here for the Red House League, especially with so many of their regulars missing.

**R.H.L. Panel** — C. Hurley, A. Roche, A. Landers, S. Ormonde, J. Mangan, A. Collins, S. Pratt, P. Quinn, P. Walsh, M. Cashman, C. Radley, C. Kearney.

### TRAINING

Training for the Oscar Traynor Cup team continues on this Friday night in the Youghal Utd all weather pitch. All players will be notified.

It's important that as many players as possible turn up for the training sessions as Sligo is now less than a month away. We also have at least one other friendly game lined up before our trip to Sligo.

Plans are already in place for the trip to Sligo and Paddy Pollard stated he was pleased with the way things are going. Everyone is putting in a terrific effort both on and off the field and it's marvellous to see, stated Pollard.

No doubt we are moving in the right direction and let's hope we do our league proud on the day.

## REFEREES

Clubs are reminded that they are expected to nominate a club member to act as a club referee to help the league with the referee shortage at present. So we hope to hear at next Monday night's delegate meeting that there will be no problems to the end of the season with plenty of club referees to help fixture secretary Jim Foley get his fixtures played each Sunday. We await with breathless trepidation.

## DUNGARVAN TYRE CENTRE CUP

It is that time of year again. The delegate meeting of January is traditionally the night of the draw for Philip O'Flynn's Dungarvan Tyre Centre Cup.

This is the Cup competition in our League when all teams (24) start with an equal chance. Everything depending on the draw, which can see the 2nd division sides drawing the Premier boys.

Last years Cup winners Araglen will be defending their title while all other clubs will want to win the Blue Riband of Cup competitions.

## MATCH TIME REQUESTS

Once again we wish to remind clubs that if there is a preference for a kick off time on any given Sunday please contact Jim Foley on the Sunday night before a delegate meeting.

Fixtures are made out from delegate meeting to delegate meeting, and it is almost impossible to switch kick off times, especially as referees are doubling up on Sundays.

## YOUTHS LEAGUE: RED HOUSE LEAGUE

# Big Games During January

Same big games take place during this month with the league title very much up for grabs and all clubs still in the hunt. A couple of wins for any club could swing it for them.

### Fixtures for Saturday Next, January 3rd

Brideview Utd v Ardmore, kick off 2.30 pm.  
Ref. J. Sullivan.  
Mogeely v Kilworth Celtic, kick off 2.30 pm.  
Ref. M. Hartnett.

### Saturday, January 10th

Kilworth Celtic v Cappoquin, kick off 2.30 pm.  
Ref. M. Hartnett.  
Mogeely v Brideview Utd, kick off 2.30 pm.  
Ref. E. McCarthy.

# Red House League Results



SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

**Premier**  
Gortroe 2 Accrington 3

**1st Division**  
Kilworth 1 Araglen 0

**2nd Division**  
Bally Celtic 0 Valley Rangers 3  
Castlebridge 1 Blackwater 0

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

**Premier**  
Pinewood 1 Ardmore 2  
Brideview 3 Lismore 3  
Accrington 4 Valley Rangers 3  
Gortroe 3 Cappoquin 2

**1st Division**  
Ballyduff 2 Ballybridge 1  
Araglen 4 Modeligo 0  
Clashmore 1 Inch 6

**2nd Division**  
Glenview 0 Blackwater 6

# K.C.K. Athletic Club

We made the long trip to Killybegs, Co. Donegal on Sunday last for the All Ireland Even Age Group Juvenile Cross Country Championships. We only had seven athletes that travelled and all seven did their club proud.

In the girls U.14 Laura Behan again moving up a year had a super run to finish in 19th place and took another gold medal as Waterford won the Inter County Championships. Laura had a super cross country season and ended up with five All Ireland medals.

In the boys U.14 Niall Browne had a fine run to finish 68th out of 123 finishers. In the girls U.16 Aoife McCormack had her best run of the season to come away with an All Ireland medal finishing in 27th place and was the third scoring member of the Waterford team that took second place in the Inter County Championship.

In the boys U.16 Kevin Harty collected another All Ireland medal as he was a scoring member of the Waterford team that took second place in the Inter County Championship.

In the girls U.18 Sara Flavin competing in her first All Ireland Cross Country Championship as a member of the Waterford team was the fourth scoring member of the Waterford team that finished in fifth.

In the boys U.18 Sean Stilwell back after an injury did not have the best of days as he finished well down the field which is unusual for Sean. There will be better days ahead.

Training has now stopped until after Christmas.

### RACE NIGHT

The clubs Race Night will take place in Dannels, Kilmacthomas on Saturday night, January 17th. All promoters are asked to have their cards, money and ads for the printer not later than January 2nd so that the programme can be printed.

### QUIZ NIGHTS

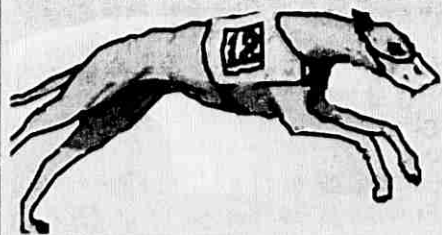
The club will hold their two quiz nights in Lawlors Hotel on Thursday, February 5th and 12th.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The clubs annual general meeting will take place in Lawlors Hotel on Monday night, January 19th at 8 p.m.

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to the management and staff of the Dungarvan Leader for printing the clubs weekly notes and photos each week - a New Year to all.



# GREYHOUND NEWS

BY MARK PHILLIPS

FRIDAY DECEMBER 26

## Fast Finish By Torcan Joey

South Kilkenny trainer Jimmy Frisby completely dominated the twelve dog Christmas Cracker Unraced Stake for as well as capturing the semi finals with Torcan Joey and Newtown Frisby he also sent out these two greyhounds to fill the first two places home in the final proper. As this final run a fast starting Newtown Frisby made a brave effort to lead all the way from Sheeragh's Fletcher but producing a well timed challenge on the wide outside Torcan Joey (Staplers Jo-Robins Rebecca) 3/1 owned by Maeve Phelan from Ballyhale came through in exciting fashion to defeat his kennel mate Newtown Frisby by a head in 29.50 the fastest return of the session.

Dunmore East born but South Kilkenny based trainer Leo Dunphy was the trainer in form sending out Ballyquilty Lady (Top Honcho-Derryhogan Madam) 3/1 and Spinner Honcho (Top Honcho-Jungle Crisis) 6/4 to hard earned but deserved victories. In the opening contest the Edward Norris owned Ballyquilty Lady did well to shake off the persistent challenge of Larkspur George before running out a length winner over a running on Princess Of Nore in 31.23.

The early paced Spinner Honcho running for the Garret Greyhound Syndicate raced up with the pace throughout the sixth contest and despite being joined in the home stretch by Dinan Tom wide seed Spinner Honcho dipped his head at the right time to short head Dinan Tom in 29.88.

In a 300 yard sprint the Martin O'Sullivan owned Another Toby (Whitefort Judge-Glencroft Gem) 3/1 was to the fore throughout and despite edging to the outside Another Toby proved a neck to fast for Pure Puzzle with a well backed Monmahogue Ned just behind in third. Time 16.96.

Killure Baby and Jeanie Jane were sent off 6/4 joint favourites in the third event and making maximum use of her early pace the John Keams owned and John O'Mahony trained Jeanie Jane (Droopys Kewell-Sister Jane) made every post a winning one in 30.18. In pole position throughout Jeanie Jane kept on well to beat the persistent Tomas Vieri by a length.

In a race of changing fortunes the fourth event on the card went to Dick Cullinane's Non Stop (Prince Of Tinrah-No Butler) this 4/1 shot coming good in 29.93. Summer Days ASB and Saved Again were also in the firing line throughout but Non Stop quickened the tempo on the run to the winning line to triumph by the minimum distance.

The Eamon Faulkner and Paraic McDonagh owned Giglis Magic (Roanokee-Giglis Tornado) posted back to back victories capturing the fifth contest in 29.62. Relishing her trap one draw Giglis Magic 4/1 quickly sprinted into an early lead over a hampered Monmahogue Hero and despite a late run by the 6/4 favourite Mustang Motive Giglis Magic scampered clear for an easy five and a half lengths victory.

A fast starting Fahee Tiny made the best of her way home from a middle draw in the final race of the night from Sadlers Wells but the latter a winner over six bends for Bill Marlin brought his stamina into play over the final fifty yards this July 2001 son of He Knows and Sadlers Surprise staying on stoutly at odds of 3/1 to run out a length and a quarter winner over a gallant Fahee Tiny in 29.51.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27TH

## Garden Stormed To Victory

A competitive ten race card drew a fine sized post Christmas attendance to Kilcohan Park last Saturday night where for the second night in a row the results went in favour of the bookmakers.

In the opening graded contest Padges Pet took a flyer from trap two to motor into a clear lead over Valentia Lover but the leader tired dramatically over the final two bends as the Desna Hattemore owned and Peter Hattemore trained Southlodge Lisa (Raging Prince-South Lodge Lady) 2/1 stormed into the lead to defeat a slow starting Seagrave Flash by two and a half lengths. Time 29.80.

In a graded 300 yard sprint the Ber Drennan owned Parkill Rose (Prince Of Tinrah-Browneshill Sue) 3/1 quickly took control of matters from trap six leading early on from Cockle Lane before registering her first race win by three and a half lengths over Cockle Lane in a career best 16.72.

Local owner Michael Gater teamed up with his trainer Phil Gough to capture the third event with a fast starting Persistent Jim (Droopys Merson-Persistent Chill) this 2/1 chance leading all the way in 29.42. Quickly into his stride from trap four Persistent Jim forged clear early on from Bevtic Emma and main-

taining a strong gallop at the head of affairs Persistent Jim romped to a clear cut two and a half defeat of Bevtic Emma.

The Cockers Syndicate owned and Ned Murphy trained Jo Nell (Mr Pickwick-Oldcastle Lady) came from last to first to capture the fourth contest at the rewarding odds of 4/1. Narabane Honey broke smartly from trap five but the early paced Derwent Rover was soon at the head of matters to lead down the back from the favourite Larkhill Rose. The latter failed in her attempt to drive up the inside of Derwent Rover and switched her challenge to the outside. When a gap did materialize on the fence it was Jo Nell who drove into the lead to race on for a length success over Derwent Rover in 29.48.

In the final of an open 300-yard sprint a well drawn Lyndell Sunshine was all the rage at 4/6 but the favourite dwelt at the start as Derwent Storm dashed into an early lead from trap five. Having only his third race outing however the Denis Wilson owned Garden Storm (Roanokee-Dessies Pride) 7/2 accelerated into a first bend lead on the fence and making the best of his way home the Dromina dog went on to triumph by one and a half lengths over Derwent Storm in an excellent winning time of 16.28.

The punters rowed in with impressive semi final winner Loclar Minnie in the Masters Restaurant confined 29.60-stake final but like so many other market leaders on the night she fluffed her break. The early paced Gentle Mary forged into an early lead over Miss Society but running down to the third bend the leader was joined on the fence by Wilcox Jet and Loclar Minnie. Displaying the greater determination at this point the Irene Bolton Lee owned Wilcox Jet (Mustang Jack-Deenside Jet) 5/1 barged his way into the lead and staying on strongly Wilcox Jet drew clear up the home stretch to register a well deserved two lengths success over a running on On Stage Roisin in 29.53.

Lay Down Daisy's winning run came to an end in the final of the Stripes Bar 500 yard final with victory going to the Thomas Murphy owned Kilkenny Live in 27.97. All the early pace was on the inside in this decider and Lay Down Daisy and Connollys Honcho were both in the wars over the opening two bends as Derwent Josie quickly set about the task of making all the running from trap one. Running to the penultimate turn the leader left a gap on her inside and Kilkenny Live (Top Honcho-Pollerton Lass) 5/1 duly flashed into the lead and providing trainer Peter Hattemore with his second winner of the session Kilkenny Live stayed on stoutly to beat a gallant Derwent Josie by a length and three quarters in 27.97.

Races eight and nine were semi finals of the Hugh Smyth Memorial Stake. The Mary Roche and Tom Foley owned Short Holiday (Vintage Prince-Side Trend) was a raging hot 4/5 favourite in the first semi final but the favourite did not enjoy the best of starts as Star Prince from trap four made his bid for glory. To be fair to Short Holiday he displayed plenty of back stretch pace to overtake Star Prince between the final two bends but a gutsy Star Prince was not going down without a fight and in a pulsating finish the Andrew Roche trained Short Holiday held out by a short head from Star Prince with a fast finishing Savana Snowstorm just behind in third. Time 29.18.

The expected hot favourite Bookie Burglar was an absentee in the second semi final opting to chase a bigger pot in Shelbourne Park. Never Give Up was dispatched as the uneasy 6/4 favourite but he was badly baulked at the first bend by a rails seeking Rabras Banjo and found himself lying a remote fourth on the back stretch as Take Me Back cut an early dash over McCarthys Boy. Owned by the Lookalikes Syndicate and trained by Wexford based Nick Turner Take Me Back (Jamaican Hero-Six With Rice) 5/2 was tested to the limit on the run to the winning line as Never Give Up made eye catching late headway only to go down by a neck to Take Me Back with McCarthys Boy just behind in third. The winning time of 29.11 was the fastest return over the standard trip on the night.

Racing concluded with a graded 550 yard contest which saw Big Flash and Savana Sahara dispute the early running. The latter owned by Raymond Waters and trained by Dave Malby Baker went for home off the second turn and getting every yard of this trip 2/1 shot Savana Sahara (Larkhill Jo-Mystical Cracker) kept going in fine style to beat Oreama Classic by three and a half lengths in 30.40.

SATURDAY JANUARY 3RD 2004

## Hugh Smyth Memorial Final (525 Yds)

- 1 Savana Snowstorm
- 2 Never Give Up
- 3 Take Me Back
- 4 Short Holiday
- 5 Star Prince
- 6 McCarthys Boy (W)

Selection — Never Give U

Dangers — Take Me Back, Savana Snowstorm

# CORK AND WATERFORD POINT TO POINT ASSOCIATION

A FEAST of horse-racing action kicks off for point to point fans in Cork and Waterford, on New Years Day.

The Kanturk/Duhallow meeting (first race at 12.30 pm) is the first of 28 fixtures taking place up until June.

The region's four meetings in the autumn concluded with Bouлта in West Waterford, where 190 horses ran in the 12 races.

Value for money is assured too at Kanturk on New Years Day, where there are 130 entries, promising at least six events for the racegoer's 6 euro admission fee.

At Lisgould on Sunday, January 4, there are 139 entries (you can review entries and programmes on websites such as

[www.cork-waterford-pt-to-pt.com](http://www.cork-waterford-pt-to-pt.com) or [www.form-card.com](http://www.form-card.com) or [www.turfclub.ie](http://www.turfclub.ie)).

With increased funding from Horseracing Ireland, every Irish Point-to-Point is now worth a minimum of 1,000, promising an even higher standard of racing.

Already, Irish point to points are well established as the venue to see future National Hunt stars in action. Four of the last five Gold Cup winners (Mr Mulligan in 1997, Cool Dawn in 1998, Looks Like Trouble in 2000 and Best Mate in 2002 and 2003) began their path to success in Irish Point-to-Points.

The fixtures in Cos Cork and Waterford for 2004 are as follows:

### JANUARY

Thursday Jan 1, Duhallow at Kanturk  
 Sunday Jan 4, United Hunt at Lisgould  
 Sunday Jan 1, Muskerry at Aghabullogue  
 Sunday Jan 18 at Killeagh  
 Sunday Jan 25 at Dungarvan (H)

### FEBRUARY

Sunday Feb 1, United Hunt at Carrigtwohill  
 Sunday Feb 8, West Waterford at Tallow  
 Sunday Feb 15 at Avondhu  
 Sunday Feb 22, Duhallow at Kildorrery

### MARCH 2004

Sunday Mar 7, West Carbery at Skibbereen  
 Sunday, Mar 14 at Cloyne  
 Sunday Mar 21, Duhallow at Liscarroll

### APRIL 2004

Friday Apr 2 at Killeady  
 Sunday Apr 4, United Hunt at Ballynoe  
 Thursday, Apr 8, Killeagh at Inch  
 Sunday, April 18 at Doneraile  
 Sunday April 25, Waterford at Butlerstown

### MAY 2004

Sunday May 2, Muskerry at Dromahane  
 Monday May 3, Muskerry at Dawstown  
 Sunday May 9, United Hunt at Ballindenisk  
 Sunday May 16, United Hunt at Bartlemy  
 Sunday May 23, Duhallow at Dromahane  
 Sunday May 30, Carbery at Clonakilty

### JUNE 2004

Saturday June 5, South Union at Kinsale, continues  
 Sunday, June 6.

Dates have not yet been confirmed for the West Waterford meeting at Lismore; the Kilworth and Araglen meeting; and the Carbery meeting at Bandon.

# GOLD COAST GOLF CLUB NOTES

## Results:

Mon to Fri 26th Dec: Tom Power (20) 25 pts.

Christmas Day:

1st: Andy Travers (20) 20 pts.

2nd: Norman Hall (16) 19 pts.

3rd: Mattie Kiely (17) 19 pts.

St. Stephens Day: Open 18 Hole Stableford. CSS 40 pts.

Sean De Burca (24) Macroom 36 pts.

Sat/Sun 28th Dec: 18 Hole Stableford. CSS 40 pts.

1st: Nicholas P. Abbott (16) 42 pts.

2nd: Jack Moore (14) 41 pts.

Gross: John White (5) 35 pts.

3rd: John Queally (20) 40 pts.

## Fixtures:

Mon to Fri 2nd Jan: 10 Hole Stableford.

Thurs/Fri 2nd Jan: Winter League Round Seven.

Friday 2nd Jan: Open 18 Hole Stableford.

Sat/ Sun 4th Jan: Winter League Round Seven.

The following are the pairings for Round Seven of the Mansfield EBS Winter League:

Dunhill B v Waterford

Old Boro v Mid County

Abbeyside v Kill

Nire/Touraneena v Dunhill A

Dungarvan v Cork

Burgery v Ballinacourty

**Question 1** - If a player's ball at rest is moved by an outside agency the player shall incur a one stroke penalty and the ball shall be replaced. False

**Question 2** - A player's ball is unplayable behind a tree and so he drops the ball, under penalty of one stroke, within two club-lengths of where it lay not nearer the hole. The ball rolls back into the same unplayable lie as where it originally lay. What is the ruling?

The player may play the ball as it lies or take another penalty drop for an unplayable ball.

**Question 3** - In stroke play, a player has interference to his stance from an immovable obstruction and he is entitled to free relief under Rule 24-2. He determines his nearest point of relief with his five iron as that is the club he intends to play his next stroke with and drops the ball within one club-length of that nearest point of relief. The ball settles down in the rough and the player changes his mind and plays the ball with a sand wedge out onto the fairway. What is the ruling?

The player incurs no penalty.

**Question 4** - When, in a foursomes competition, a side is required to drop a ball, who may drop the ball?

The player whose turn it is to play.

**Question 5** - A player makes a practice swing and accidentally moves his ball in play with his club. What is the ruling?

The player incurs a penalty of one stroke and must replace the ball.

**Question 6** - In match play, a player mistakenly believing he has won a hole, picks up his ball-marker. What is the ruling?

The player incurs a one stroke penalty and must replace his ball or ball-marker.

**Question 7** - In stroke play, a competitor's ball in a bunker moves due to his removal of a loose impediment in the bunker. What is the ruling?

The competitor incurs a penalty of three strokes and the ball must be replaced.

**Question 8** - A ball is unfit for play if its surface is scratched or scraped. False

**Question 9** - A player may remove a half eaten apple lying next to his ball in a bunker without penalty. False

**Question 10** - In stroke play, A looks into B's bag to determine which club B used for his last stroke. What is the ruling?

There is no penalty.

# DUNGARVAN GOLF CLUB NOTES

## Lions/WLR Christmas Appeal

"We at Dungarvan Golf Club are always delighted to contribute to such a worthy cause as the Lions Club Christmas Appeal" said Club Captain John Reynolds at the presentation of prizes on Sunday 21st. Lions President Phyllis Mc Guinness spoke very fondly of the clubs and societies in the area who contribute each year. She mentioned the great work of Dungarvan G.C. (and indeed the other golf clubs in the area) and the many members who braved the elements on a cold weekend. Worthy winner Jimmy O' Donnell, with a level par round accepted his packed hamper, as did Joe Curran for his efforts on Saturday.

Results (Men) 18th/19th Dec 18H S/ford Winner K. Coleman(17) 40 pts.

Sat 20th 1st J. Curran (12) 38pts. 2nd J Nagle (12) 38. Sun 21st 1st J O' Donnell (5) 41pts

2nd J Moroney (6) 38. Gross T. Melody Jr. (2) 34, 3rd J Harty(8) 38 CSS40

Fixtures: New Year's Day Captains' Drive-in and 3-person Scramble

Ladies Dec 16th 15H 1st M Flahavan (22) 28pts 2nd T. Baumann (11) 28

3rd P O' Brien(18) 27. 20th Dec 15H Winner M A Coffey (16) 25 pts

Fixtures 9H Rumble up to 7th Jan.

## Popping the question!

So you thought that John Deasy's connection with the Aran Islands was about the native tongue. Not so, says his mother: congrats John!

And Seamus informed the club PRO that he is running for the local elections in 2004 "to bring honesty back to the party".

Who is using the Rosary Beads in the office? Ria's grannie was an Irish Catholic, so it must be Ria.

## Management AGM

A very well attended AGM was treated to an excellent report from outgoing Hon. Treasurer Jimmy Wemyss on the healthy state of the club finances. Pages of written data supplemented Jimmy's detailed balance sheet. "We had a great year", he said, "with management funds supplemented by monies from the Ladies' and Men's Clubs". Jimmy calmly answered many questions from the floor and later handed over the books to Hon. Treasurer elect Paschal Phelan. It was encouraging and affirming for the management committee to hear so many members airing their views on a range of issues. Members used the opportunity to question drainage policy, strategic planning, operations within the clubhouse and on the course, and many other areas. Outgoing Chairman Nicholas Norris chaired the meeting and there was an excellent and comprehensive report from out-

going Hon. Sec. Tom Conway. Later Jim Harty (Ballinacourty) was elected Chairman and Michael Brackett is our new Hon. Sec. Donal Verling continues as President and the other committee members are the Captain and Vice-captain of both Ladies' and Men's Clubs. Jim Harty, in taking on the role of Chairman, spoke briefly but eloquently about his view for the club: "Dungarvan Golf Club is held in very high esteem by members and our many visitors; perhaps we must change our mind-set and realize fully what is involved in running such a business, especially by members who give their time voluntarily. Let us consider during the coming years how we can turn this excellent club into an outstanding one"

## Going Wild

Much credit is due to Tony Keane for all his work over the years to encourage and protect the fauna in the area. His effort at 'ducks and drakes' is commented on favourably; most of the hundred ducklings are still there and looking much sturdier and well fed. With the backing of many members Tony has attended to their welfare and protected them from the fox and the heron. His problem now is that the drakes outnumber the ducks - a bit like our membership. When they pair off (the ducks and drakes that is!) Tony fears that the extra drakes will wreak havoc. Jack suggests that some might look in the other direction for their conjugal rights! Seriously, we have lovely, colourful and interesting wildlife in the vicinity, including egrets, foxes, stoats, herons, hedgehogs, mink and the many small birds and sea birds that inhabit the wetlands.

## Rules Revision

The Rules of Golf - all 34 of them- are revised every four years. The most revised edition for twenty years of the Rules of Golf, according to the GUI website (www.gui.ie), will be in force on January 1st 2004. A welcome change, this time round the rules will be written in plain language! (idiot proof says "The Daffodil Power!"). The new rulebooks will be available free of charge in all clubs. There are several changes, e.g. Rule 18 - 2c will be dropped after 100 years; this rule is about the removal of loose impediments. There will be a new ruling about club length and club head size. The value of a prize that an amateur golfer may accept has been increased. For those interested, a new version of "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" will also be available, at EUR22 approx. in January.

## Cards

Joint winners last week were Sheila Carroll and Hannah Walsh, along with Tom Melody and Michael Kelleher. There will be cards again on Thursday 8th Jan. 2004

# West Waterford Golf & Country Club Notes

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Christmas day 9-hole

Late night or early morning Santa Claus duties must have handicapped the otherwise handicapped golfers on Christmas morning as the competition was won by scratch player Seamus Power.

Seamus with 19Pts won the traditional bottle of Brandy.

### Weekend Club Competition

Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th December. Fundraising competition for juniors kindly sponsored by Mahers Golf Emporium Cork, 16 Holes Stableford.

A late start due to frost did not bother the Club competition winner on Sunday. Pat Lennon showing his usual good form before winter league time, won the 16hole competition with a fine score of 39Pts, and Mark Shanahan chalks up yet another gross prize win.

### Results

1st: Pat Lennon (21) 39pts

2nd: Chris Gough (10) 38pts

Gross: Mark Shanahan (Scratch) 36pPts

3rd: Maurice Halahan (11) 37pts

### FIXTURES

Winter League 2003/4 sponsored by Comeragh Oil

It is now all systems go for the Winter League which following the success of last year's event is bound to develop into another great contest. The teams are now posted and the league will commence on Wednesday 31st December.

The first round will take in the weekend competitions of Wednesday 31st December to Sunday 4th January and Wednesday 7th January to Sunday 11th January. Subsequent rounds of the Winter League will be played over 1 weekend only, weather permitting.

The Competition format until further notice is 16 - Hole Stableford.

### JUNIOR NOTES

The next junior competition will take place on Tuesday 30th December. Tee off time is 9am to 9.30am.

A full list of our fixtures and other information is available on our Website: Time sheets are in operation for each day of the Christmas program.

### COACHING

The following players have been nominated to receive coaching from Liam Burns (PGA Professional at Youghal Golf Club) under the coaching scheme in operation by the Golfing Union of Ireland: Shane Kearney, Mark Shalloe, Philip Spratt, Aidan Walsh and Philip Walsh. The coaching will take place at West Waterford Golf and Country Club on Monday 29th December at 9am sharp. All the above players should be at West Waterford no later than 8.45am

### TIMESHEETS

Please remember: -

● Players with their names on the timesheet have priority on the 1st Tee. This is especially appropriate throughout the Christmas and New Year period with increased playing numbers and of course the shorter playing time available.

● Owing to increased playing numbers, the practice of putting down a name +1 or +2 is no longer acceptable. Only individual names will suffice as this facilitates the smooth running of the timesheet, by identifying who is actually booked in to play with whom.

### CARE OF THE COURSE

Repairing of pitch/plug marks on greens is absolutely essential and the replacing of divots on tees and fairways is also very important with regard to care of the course. This is especially important now that the summer and dry conditions are a distant memory. Numerous visitors to our club during the summer months have been complimentary on the quality and appearance of our golf course, please do your level best to keep it this way.

### LOCKER ALLOCATION

The locker fee for 2004 is EUR 15 and if this and any arrears are not paid by mid-January 2004, the relevant locker will be forfeited and be made available for hire to members on the waiting list.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscriptions for 2004 are now due. A draw for free membership for 2005 will take place in January. Only paid-up members' names will be in the hat for the draw.

### CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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# FRIARY DEBS BALL 2003

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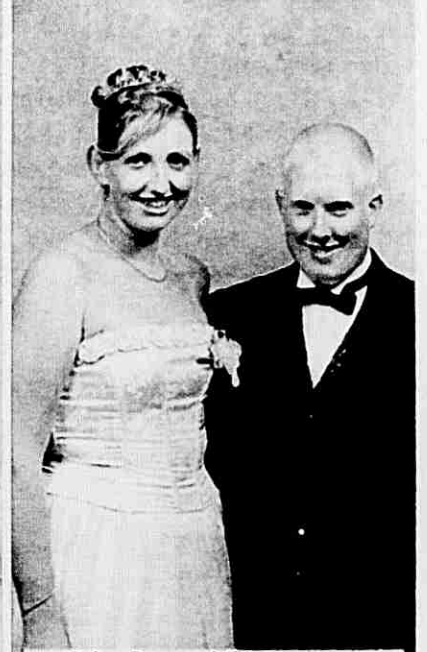
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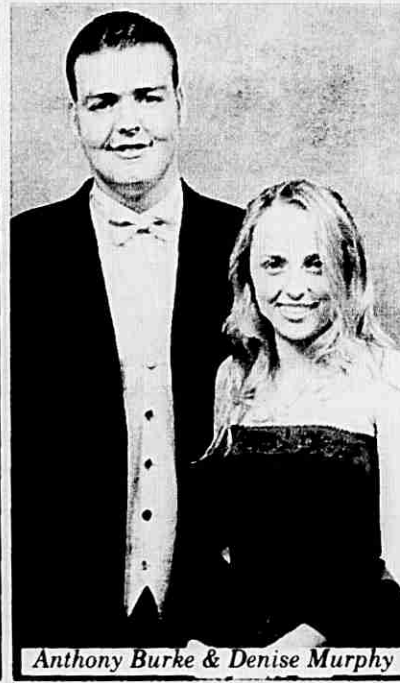
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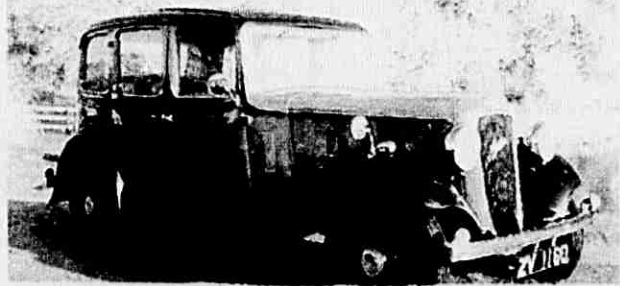


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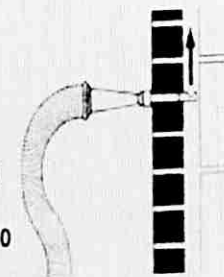
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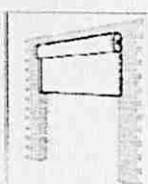
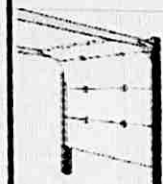
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