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Tallow Survivor Of Tsunami Disaster Returns Home

KEVIN KIRRANE

Twenty-four year old, Tallow woman, Aideen McDonnell, and her boyfriend, Danny McAuliffe, returned home from earthquake and flood devastated South East Asia last Thursday, greeted by relieved and overjoyed family and friends at an emotional reunion at Cor- Airport.

Youngest daughter of former Waterford County Councillor, Willie McDonnell and his wife, Kitty, Aideen and her boyfriend Danny from Mallow, were scuba-diving five miles off Phi Phi beach when the disaster struck.

The couple had been staying at the popular tourist haunt on Thailand's west coast for three days as part of a five-week holiday around Asia.

Danny, a physiotherapist, and Aideen, who runs her own drama school, Centre Stage Drama School in Mallow, were with a party of scuba divers and snorkellers in the Andaman Sea.

WHIRLPOOL

During their dive they "noticed nothing abnormal apart from some odd current behaviour," Aideen told the Dungarvan Leader. "After the first dive we tried to dock at Maya Beach, the famous cove where the film 'The Beach' was made. However, the entire cove

ISLAND DEVASTATED AND FLATTENED SAYS AIDEEN MCDONNELL

resembled a giant washing machine. Three divers were stuck in the whirlpool and a dive boat which was trying to come to their rescue."

However, it wasn't until an injured man on a Thai fishing boat sailed by, and screamed at them not to return to the island that they began to realise the full extent of the devastation ahead. The injured man warned that a huge wave had hit the beach and 90% of the island was gone.

"The man was quite injured so our initial reaction was that he was in shock and exaggerating the situation. However, in hindsight, his description was somewhat modest."

DEVASTATED

"Nothing could have prepared us for our return to shore. The island had been completely devastated, flat-

tened. Dead bodies lay ignored on the beach, houses demolished and rubble strewn everywhere.

"We made to go back to our apartment to check if it had been decimated but on the way there we passed a medical area. We went over to see if we could help and ended staying there all night, helping to get the injured out by helicopter to Krabi.

"Danny, a physiotherapist, was one of four medics on the island that night who worked under indescribable conditions. Major lacerations were being treated with torn sheets as bandages and alcohol strips as disinfectant. The seriously injured were prioritised by the medics and those in most danger got on the helicopters first," Aideen said.

Each helicopter could carry a

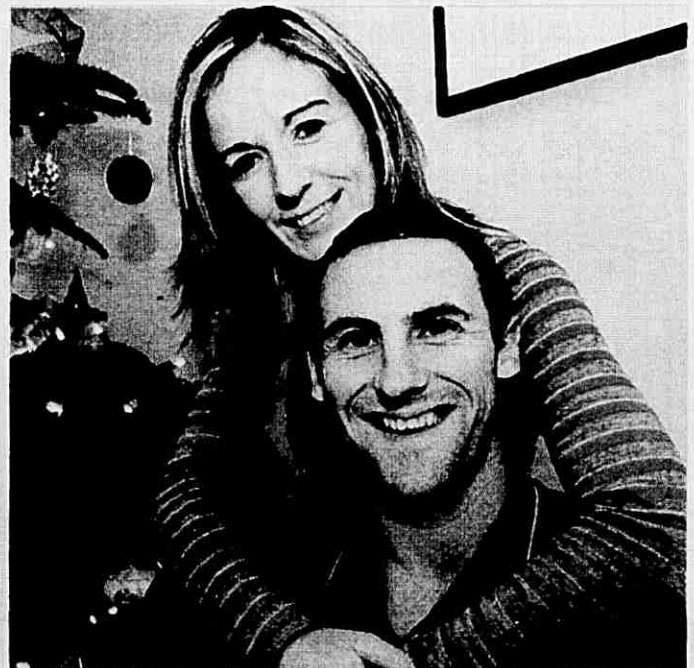
maximum of eight people so prioritising those most injured was essential.

ORGANISED CHAOS

"No words could articulate the organised chaos on Phi Phi that night and of course the fear of a second wave that could wipe out what remained on the island in less than a minute," she said.

"Midnight saw the last helicopter to arrive in Phi Phi as winds grew very strong. We helped all the injured on the beach up into the second floor of a concrete building in the hope that they would survive until the first light when the helicopters would return.

"Danny and I, along with about 50 others made our way through the rubble to find safety on a nearby mountain. CONTINUED ON PAGE 36



Aideen McDonnell, Tallow and her boyfriend Danny McAuliffe, Mallow, safely home from disaster stricken Thailand. (Pic Arthur Ellis/Provision)

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Emer Reid, from Knocknamuck, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, was fatally injured when her car collided with a van at approximately 6.30pm on Monday last.

The accident occurred at the bend on the Dungarvan side of the Cappagh junction.

Ms. Reid was the sole occupant of the car and was travelling towards Cappoquin, while the van was headed in the Dungarvan direction.

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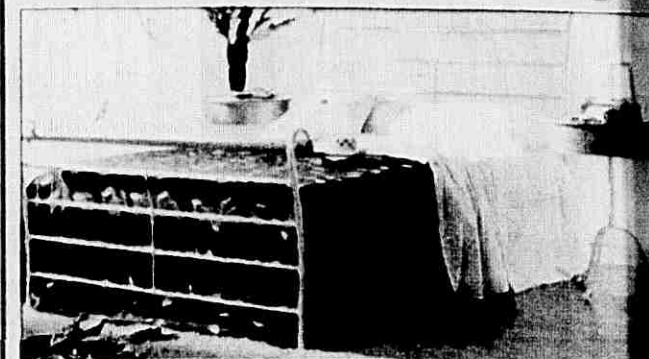


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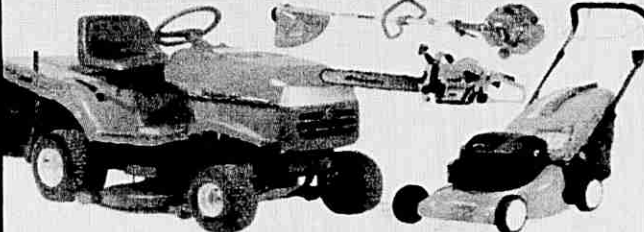
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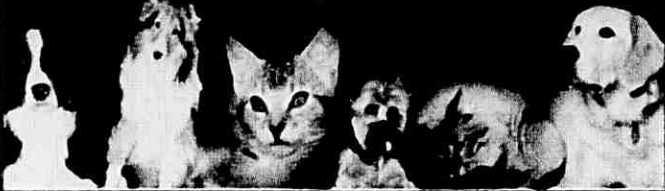
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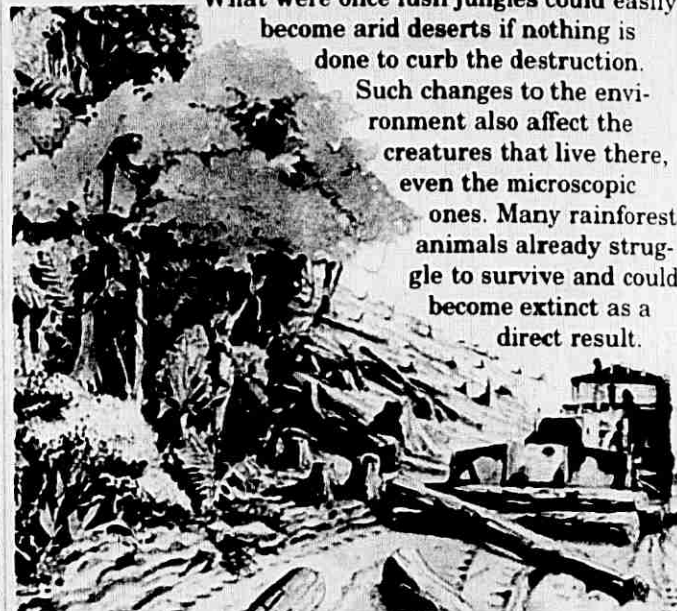
RAINFORESTS

Jungle is an Indian word meaning ‘wild place’. The correct term for those areas of thick forests, where the weather is always hot and rainy, is ‘rainforest’. Plants grow quickly in the rainforest to form a thick canopy of vegetation. The forest floor is a carpet of plants, through which rivers wind. An amazing variety of wildlife lives in the rainforest, ranging from exotic butterflies and snakes to large mammals, such as jaguars. Unfortunately, much of this beautiful habitat is now endangered.

Rainforests Could Become Deserts

Many of the trees in the rainforests are being filled for timber, even more are being chopped down to provide new roads and vast areas have been burned to the ground to make way for farms and cities. Felling trees at such a rate does great harm to the environment. It can lead to soil erosion and changes in the local climate.

What were once lush jungles could easily become arid deserts if nothing is done to curb the destruction. Such changes to the environment also affect the creatures that live there, even the microscopic ones. Many rainforest animals already struggle to survive and could become extinct as a direct result.



Pandas Eat Mainly Bamboo Shoots and Leaves

Pandas look like bears and are often called bears, but they are really members of the racoon family. They live in the bamboo forests of China, where bamboo shoots and leaves are their main food. Unfortunately, bamboo dies after flowering. This makes the bamboo forests fragile because once the trees are cut down, there is little chance of the forest growing again.



Did You Know?

- There can be 200 different species of tree in one acre of rainforest.
- One tree in the rainforest provides the home for 10,000 species of bug.
- Click your fingers. In that moment, an acre of rainforest disappeared.
- Since the 1940's, over half the world's rainforests have been destroyed.
- One hundred species of invertebrate are lost every day due to deforestation!
- In 1999, 50 million acres of rain forest were being destroyed each year.

Leader Crossword

SOLUTIONS Questions on Page 14

ACROSS: 1 Red Brigade, 9 Maine, 10 13 Because it's there, 11 Viceroy, 12 Jilt, 15 HTV, 16 Wahoo, 17 Sea, 18 Surd, 19 Grantham, 22 Introit, 24 Arras, 25 Ninety-nine.
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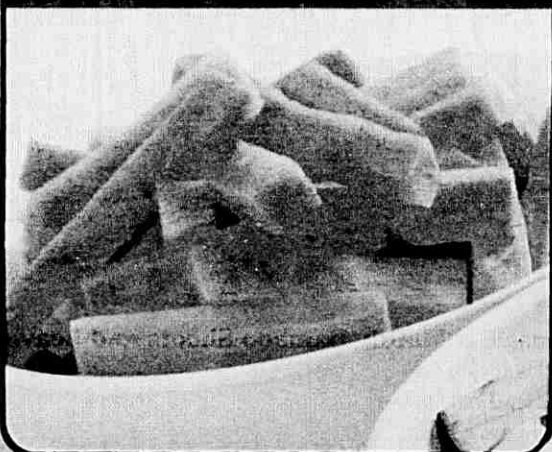
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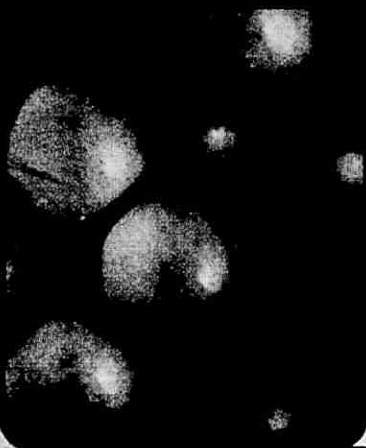
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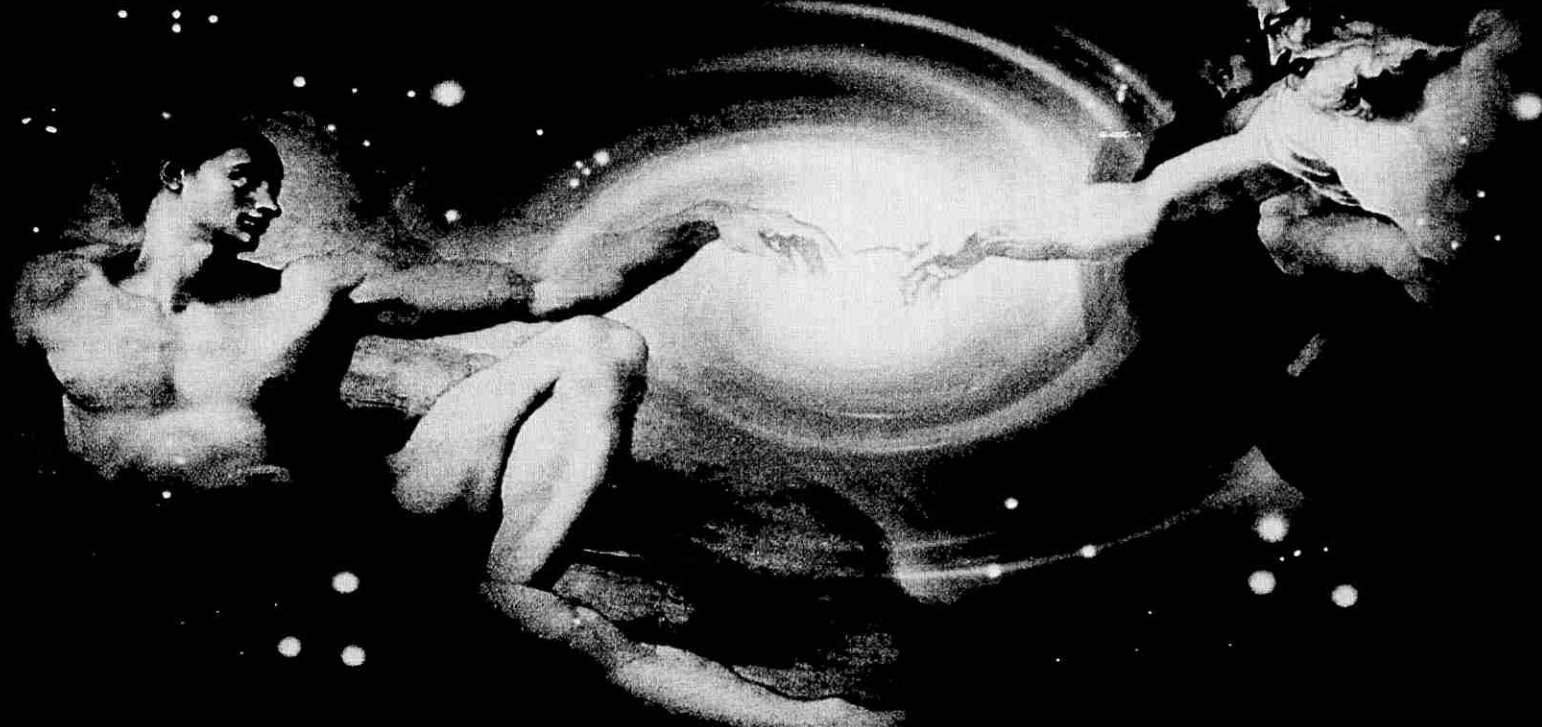
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Sam McCauley

The Sam McCauley Chemists Group has announced a further €7 million investment in the Irish pharmacy sector and of particular note plans a major new store in Dungarvan.

Located in Dungarvan, a large 5,000 sq. ft unit will open in spring 2005 and offer customers the Company's trademark department store style 'One Stop Health and Beauty Shop' formula including prestige cosmetics and perfumery, fashion accessories and a high tech digital One Hour Photo Lab in association with a comprehensive range of traditional pharmacy services.

Nationally, a further three new store openings, the relocation and expansion of one exist-

ing store, and the launch of an e-commerce on-line sales service, culminating in 70 new jobs nationwide.

Another first for the group is their move into Dublin with the first Sam McCauley store located in Newlands Cross (Clon-dalkin), which opened in late November and is currently trading, and on Dublin's North side the second store will open in Finglas next summer. Both stores will offer consumers a traditional pharmacy and healthcare service as well as a state-of-the-art Medical Centre.

This planned expansion is in addition to the recently announced E5 million investment in a new store opening in Mahon Point S.C. (Cork) in February 2005 and the major expansion and redevelopment of the Company's 20,000 sq. ft. flagship store at Redmond Square in Wexford, which is now trading successfully.

The Group's overall investment in 2004 stands at E12.5 million and these new openings will boost the number of Sam McCauley Group outlets to twenty nationally. With over 500 employees this latest expansion will further consolidate the company's position as one of the leading players in the Irish market.

Managing Director Sam McCauley says, "This has been an-

other year of exceptional growth for our Company and will create a strong platform for further rapid growth going forward".

In summer 2005, another large 5,000 sq. ft. Sam McCauley superstore will open in the new Tesco anchored Market Green Shopping Centre in Middleton (Cork) and in Wexford

the well-established Bunclody store will relocate to a new 2,500 sq. ft premises.

The Group is also announcing the launch of a Sam McCauley on-line shopping site, which will be hosted by Buy4Now who are the leading Internet shopping site in Ireland with other members such as Arnotts, Superquinn and Easons.

A Healthy Start to the Year

By Marie Reilly
BSc(hons), MNIMH, MCPP, MIIMH, DipCoun.

January is the time for putting all those New Year's resolutions into action and whether it's losing weight, improving your diet, giving up smoking, or simply aiming for a healthier lifestyle, help is at hand to increase your chances of success.

HERBS AND HEALTH

Herbal medicine is the oldest form of medicine known to humankind and is still the most widely practised form of medicine world wide. In this country there is a strong and ancient tradition of using herbs for health and healing, though this knowledge was nearly lost during the growth of modern medicine.

The medicinal use of plants was originally based on instinct and on knowledge passed from generation to generation, but in more recent times modern research methods have been used to establish the safety and effectiveness of herbal remedies. In the past few years, herbal medicine has again become increasingly popular with more and more Irish people discovering its benefits.

PLANTS AND MEDICINE

Herbal medicine is often described as 'alternative' or 'complementary', however, many of the pharmaceutical drugs used today are based on single plant constituents which have been extracted or synthesised in a laboratory. Herbal remedies, on the other hand, are based on the whole plant which contains many constituents, 'as nature intended'. The medicinal action of the plant is balanced by these other constituents, making it more effective or reducing its side effects.

For example, salicylic acid, a plant chemical better known as aspirin, was originally discovered in the meadowsweet plant (*Spiraea ulmaria*). It has become a very well known and useful drug but it can be extremely irritating to the stomach. This side effect does not occur when using meadowsweet itself due to the more gentle form in which the chemical is present and the other constituents which protect the stomach lining.

MEDICAL HERBALISTS

Herbal remedies for all sorts of health issues are now widely available in pharmacies and health shops. However, a consultation with a professional medical herbalist includes an in-depth look at the problem in question, the medical history, lifestyle and other aspects of the person's health. Medical Herbalists are trained in the same diagnostic techniques as doctors but take a more holistic approach to illness. They are trained to know when a condition is best referred to a doctor or another therapist and to identify any potential interactions between orthodox and herbal medicines.

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Marie Reilly is a qualified medical herbalist practising in Lismore, Co. Waterford. To make an appointment for a private consultation please telephone 058 53200 or 087 934 5910.



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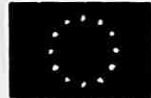
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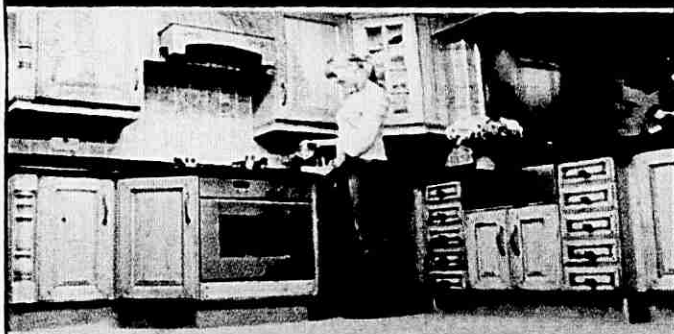
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DUNGARVAN TOWN COUNCIL SNIPPETS

BY KEVIN KIRRANE

Legislation In Place To Move on Traveller Encampments

Town Clerk, Joe O'Flaherty outlined the legislation that is available to the Town Council when moving on illegal traveller encampments.

There are four pieces of legislation available, he said.

However, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan (FG) said that while legislation was in place, this wasn't being enforced.

He said one caravan had remained outside John Foley's Service Station for six months but it was not moved on.

lematic enforcing the legislation is, saying there was one piece of legislation concerning the main roads - which the Gardai must enforce, while it's the Town Council's responsibility if an encampment is located on an area covered by By-Laws such as public spaces.

"Surely, if a notice is served on a group of travellers, it's their responsibility to find accommodation - not our responsibility to find it for them."

He also asked whether a caravan could be moved without consent.

Town Clerk, Joe O'Flaherty said this can be done. But it is unusual for there to be a problem. He said all cases are different. And the biggest problem recently was a group camped at Shandon.

He said there was "nearly a pitched battle" when they tried to remove them.

The problem outside Dungarvan Mart could be solved by

some landscaping similar to the type used outside Cappoquin GAA grounds, he added.

The family were probably coming to that area for many years, he went on to say, but the area was developed now, and the traveller families were being pushed further and further out.

"There are children involved so we would like to deal with this on a case by case basis and talk to people first before taking action."

Cllr. Geoghegan said the summer was when the worst prob-

lems occurred, and this was happening because traveller families were moving out of local authority homes in other counties to move to the side of the road. He said to leave local authority homes elsewhere to disturb a local authority estate in Dungarvan was unacceptable.

Mr. O'Flaherty said the Gardai have been very co-operative in any actions the town council has taken, but said it was sometimes better to negotiate.



Cllr. Damien Geoghegan



Cllr. Michael O'Riordan

"The Gardai seem to want to negotiate rather than enforce," he said.

Mayor of Dungarvan, Michael O'Riordan described how prob-

New Speed Limits Outside Schools

Cllr. Fred Forsey (FG) has asked for new speed limits to be introduced at all schools as a safety precaution.

New speed limit road signs will come into effect on January 20th and more than 58,000 speed signs are to be erected with the new metric speed limit.

The changes are part of the 10 million euros metric changeover.

There are currently 35,000 speed signs on our roads and the changeover will increase this number by 65% to a massive 58,000 on January 20th next. Under the plan the foundation for the extra signs will be installed before January 20th and teams of council employees will be putting the signs in place at midnight on January 19th.

The Government is to ask Gardai to exercise discretion on speeding for the first few days until the motoring public gets used to them.

"This will not mean you will get away with doing 100mph and can tell the Gardai you saw a sign telling the speed was 100. The new signs will have km/h on them so it will read 100km/h which is 62.5 mph," Cllr. Forsey said.

Local authorities can bring in new 30 km/h (18 mph) at schools and other high risk locations.

"I have asked the council to introduce this new 30km/h (18 mph) at all schools as a safety precaution," the Fine Gael councillor said.



Cllr. Fred Forsey

Lighting Needed At Boreenatra

More lighting is needed outside the old protestant graveyard in Dungarvan, according to Sinn Fein councillor, Brendan Mansfield.

He said elderly people were afraid to walk from in front of the Town Park past the old graveyard as its like walking from "light into dark".

He said while the Town Park was lit up it was very dark at the graveyard.

Town Engineer, Dan O'Donovan said he would look at the erection of new lighting in the lighting programme.



Cllr. Brendan Mansfield

Gardai Congratulated On Crackdown On Public Order Offenders

Labour councillor, Fiachra O Ceilleachair congratulated the Gardai for cracking down on people who have committed public order offences.

Cllr. O Ceilleachair said that he had previously congratulated the Gardai on cracking down on drug dealers in the town, and said he wished to thank them for implementing the Town Council bye-laws.

There were a number of recent convictions for public order offences arising out of the enforcement of council bye-laws.



Cllr. Fiachra O'Ceilleachair

Recognition For School Principal



Cllr. Fred Forsey

Cllr. Fred Forsey proposed the Town Council write to the principal of St. Jo's Special School, Anna Kirwan.

Ms. Kirwan is to retire as acting school principal after spending 35 years with the school.

Cllr. Forsey (Fine Gael) wished to thank Ms. Kirwan for her work for the town, the community and her service to education.

No Solution To Flooding At Davitts Quay

Town Engineer, Dan O'Donovan said there is no practical action that can be taken to prevent future flooding at Davitts Quay and Strandside.

"The floods were purely caused by the high tides. The Flood Impact Study does not outline any actions that would prevent flooding of the areas flooded by similar tides in the future," he said in a report to council members.

In the case of Davitts Quay and Strandside the only actions that would be possible would be to significantly raise the road level and provide storage for storm water.

"This is neither practical or economical," he said. Meanwhile, the cost of carrying out coastal protection works to the Landsend/Glendine area is estimated at 2.09 million euros.

This consists of 290 metres of coastal protection costing 1.23 million euros. And reinforcement of existing works consisting of 280 metres costing an estimated 826,000 euros. Mr. O'Donovan went on to recommend the council take a number of steps in the aftermath of the recent flooding.

He recommended circulating a brochure to houses in areas that are prone to flooding indicating the actions that they can take to protect their property. These would include the provision of details of commercially available flood barriers for small buildings.

"In future roads that are flooded and have buildings adjoining them would be closed to traffic in order to avoid the additional flooding caused by vehicles passing," he went on to say.

He also recommended the Town Council provides funding in the coming years for the improvement of coastal protection in the Landsend area. Specialist consultants should be appointed to undertake a detailed design of the works, particularly in the Glendine area.

"I would recommend that the detailed design is carried out in 2005 with a view to commencing the works in 2006."

Town Development Process To Start

The long process of putting together a new Town Development Plan has begun and will be carried out "in-house" this year, Town Manager, Denis McCarthy said. The process began with the publication of a notice that a review is to get underway. The Town Plan will take place over a two-year period finishing in late 2006 or early 2007.

Mr. McCarthy said that in previous years the putting together of the town plan was carried out by consultants, but it is proposed to do this in-house this year. A separate master-plan will be put together for the Knockateamore area.

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NEWS REVIEW OF

2004

WITH KEVIN KIRRANE

2004 brought together highs and lows and triumphs and failures. The opening of the multi-million euros Dungarvan Shopping Centre heralded a new era for the town and created hundreds of new jobs. The town and county suffered the worst flooding in living memory as spring tides, atmospheric pressure and severe storms resulted in damage to infrastructure, homes and businesses. There was political upheaval on a grand scale as Fianna Fail suffered massive losses in the local elections. It was also a year of spiralling crime rates, warnings of a worsening waste crises and so much more...

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Multi-Million Housing Development Planned
PRESENTATION ON 126 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSES

JANUARY

2004 began with news that the Oral Hearing into Garrynagree Superdump was to be delayed after the adjournment of High Court action into the way An Bord Pleanala planned to conduct the hearing. Old Parish man, Tomas O Mathuna undertook the Judicial Hearing in a bid to have the hearing held in Irish and English.

Tara's, the Dungarvan-based quality chocolate makers, announced it was increasing its workforce to 14 people. They achieved the growth in less than 12 months.

An innovative first for Dungarvan's newest school, Colaiste Cathal Naofa: they officially launched the JCSP Library Project run by Ann O'Donnell and Julie Fitzgerald.



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 the walk were Dr. Tom Higgins from Dungarvan and Michael Ryan from Kilgobnet, Dungarvan.

A sizeable County Waterford contingent took part in a fundraising trek to Uganda for Self-Help Development. Organised by Dungarvan man, Con Lane, the trekkers included Mary Lincoln from Dungarvan, Mairead Cristoir, Ring and Dr. Tom Higgins, Dungarvan.



Lions Club/WLRfm Christmas food appeal 2003. Pupils from Ard Scoil na nDeise who raised 2800 euro through a sponsored swim at Clonea Strand Hotel Swimming Pool. Included are Phylis Davis-McGuinness, President Dungarvan Lions Club, Jeff Harris and Elaine Power, WLRfm and Jean O'Donovan (teacher).



Waterford Co. Macra Na Feirme presents a cheque for £1250 to Waterford Maternity Support Group, the proceeds of the Macra's recent Fashion Show. At the presentation were Macra members with seated (l. to r.) Vincent O'Brien, Co. Chairman, Mary Lonergan, WMSG, Tina O'Brien, Macra Treasurer, Sr. Agnus Cooney-Lee, Mary Daly and Nora Gahan, WMSG.

Efforts got underway in earnest to attract Civil Servants to decentralise to Dungarvan. However, serious shortfalls were announced in an internal Ordnance Survey of Ireland survey as Civil Servant Unions fought against the decentralisation plans. Business interests expressed serious concerns over proposed increases in the development contribution scheme. Cllr. Damien Dillon described the levies as "exorbitant" and "anti-development."



HALF-MILLION VISITORS TO DUNGARVAN CENTRAL LIBRARY — Staff at Dungarvan Central Library presenting a Christmas Hamper to Diarmaid Henley, Ballinacourty, who was the half-millionth visitor to the library. Included is Diarmaid's mother Teresa, his brother Barry and sister Catherine.

Waterford County Fire Brigade responded to nineteen house fires in a single week. Thanks to the quick actions of the fire service no one was seriously injured.

A controversial multi-million euro Hotel and Holiday Home development planned for Ballinclammer, Clonea saw a reduced number of houses being proposed in a re-freshed planning application. The developers promised the project would create in excess of one hundred new jobs. Objectors called the project a monstrosity.

Helvick Pier was in a visibly dangerous condition after bad weather weakened it structurally. Sinn Fein's Brendan Mansfield said the money promised for a marina at Helvick should be made available for the pier.

Chris Doran, who went on to win the You're A Star competition and represented Ireland in the Eurovision in Turkey, paid a flying visit to Ard Scoil na Deise in Dungarvan. Chris, who was a regular visitor with Billy O'Sullivan's kick-boxing school, took part in the secondary school's annual concert.

Local election candidate, Gary O'Halloran, warned that Aghlish and Clashmore were being wiped off the map. Finger signs for both villages were removed from back roads, resulting in several tourists getting lost. American and British theme pubs were the suspected destinations for the signs.



Pictured following the unveiling of a plaque in honour of Archbishop Tobias Kirby, outside St. Patrick's community hall, Tallow were Fr. Paddy Barry, Canon Sean Cotter, David Kiely, Kiely's Monumentals, Mons Michael Olden, Jack Fraser, Sean Kirby, Canon Paul Beecher and Fr. Michael Farrell, P.P., Tallow.

As the local election race started to hot up in earnest, Oliver Coffey was the latest to announce his candidacy. But rather than fight the election in the Kilmac' area the Leamybrien-based Fine Gaeler moved to the Dungarvan area, citing his disenchantment with the local party in Kilmac following the loss of his seat in 1999.

John Deasy, the then Justice Spokesperson for Fine Gael, was embroiled in an internal party dispute after making comments about the future direction of the party. Mr. Deasy was on the receiving end of a stern rebuke from party colleague Michael Ring for saying a Sinn Fein-Fine Gael coalition would not happen in his lifetime.

Tallow celebrated the bi-centenary of the day Tobias Kirby was baptised in the West Waterford town. Tobias was to become one of Ireland's most distinguished churchmen of the 19th Century. Deputy, Brian O'Shea, called on the Tanaiste to immediately to put in place measures to help create jobs in Waterford. The Tanaiste said the state agencies would work closely with development agencies in the county to attract in new industries.

FEBRUARY



Local Winners at Irish League of Credit Unions National Art Finals

The Local Election campaign sunk to a new low when "death threats" and sectarian slurs were made in a letter sent to supporters of Independent candidate Rosin O'Shea. Ms. O'Shea said the politically motivated attacks wouldn't stop her from running. A dramatic night at Fine Gael's selection convention saw the opening shots of a divisive campaign in the Lismore electoral area being fired. When Cathy McGrath overcame sitting councillor Nora Flynn by a single vote and was selected as the party's candidate the result sent shockwaves through the party and set the scene for what was to become an ugly campaign of infighting.

A group of local Junior Certificate students met with President, Mary McAleese at the Aras An Uachtaran as part of the special schools encounter programme. Colaiste Chathail Naofa teachers Austin Flynn, and Janice Flynn and ten students were welcomed by the President to the Aras.

Old Parish-based group, Danu, were named Best Group of 2004 at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in London. In the gala ceremony, one of their songs on their latest album was named Best Original Song.

Learner drivers faced one of the longest waits in the country for a driving test. Figures from the Department of Transport showed that drivers faced an almost eleven month backlog.

Cappoquin lady Mary Walsh (nee O'Donghue) celebrated her 100th birthday in New York. Her nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grandnieces from Ireland, England, Australia and the USA joined her for the celebrations.

The development of a new purpose built Community Nursing Unit and Day Care Centre for the elderly at St. Vincent's Hospital Dungarvan took a major step forward. Minister for Health, Michael Martin promised 5 million euros for the project.

Dutch authorities seized containers of kerbside recyclables en route to India. Authorities seized the recyclables as a result of faulty documentation. Thirteen of the thirty containers originated from County Waterford.

County Manager, Donal Connolly acknowledged the need for a CCTV system in Dungarvan. But it emerged the town was no nearer to achieving the goal than when the measures were first proposed a number of years ago.

Independent candidate, Damien Dillon, made the surprise announcement that he was joining the Fianna Fail party ranks. The then sitting councillor said being an independent was a lonely place and he looked forward to working with like-minded people.

Work started on the extension-and-upgrading of Knockanore National School following the granting of 350,000 euros under the Empowering Small and Rural Primary Schools Scheme.

A Welsh Rugby club with longstanding links with Dungarvan was



Pictured above is Mary Walsh being presented with a Letter of Congratulations from Mary McAleese, President of Ireland by her nephew Billy O'Donoghue.

accorded a Civic Reception. Nantylffon Rugby club, regular six-nation championship visitors, were honoured for their loyalty to the town.

Jon Kenny of D'Unbelievables fame launched the 23rd West Waterford-Drama-Festival in Ballyduff. Included on the top-class programme were plays from two of Ireland's leading playwrights Marina Carr and Martin McDonagh.

MARCH

An unusual Dungarvan-based website caught national attention at the start of March. Local businesswoman, Rachel Byrne, set up myfuneralwishes.com – an online service where people can log on with their last wishes. Rachel said it was a service, which could make a difficult time that bit easier.



Local businesswoman Rachel Byrne

Sherry Fitzgerald Reynolds and First-Active hosted an entertaining and informative conference outlining Dungarvan and West Waterford's potential for growth and the challenges lying ahead. Economic, Social and Infrastructural developments were discussed in depth.

Fianna Fail doubled its number of representatives on Lismore Town Council before the local elections. The increase in numbers was said to be akin to the miracle of the loaves and fishes with Cllr. Bernard Leddy and Cllr. Helen O'Sullivan joining the ranks of the "Soldiers of Destiny."

Close to 1,200 of the county's drivers received penalty points for motoring offences in the first twelve months of the systems introduction. However, figures from the South Eastern Regional Assembly showed that Waterford had the second highest number of road accidents in the country with 192 accidents and 12 deaths.

Taliow Credit Unions state-of-the-art area offices were officially opened by the President of the Irish League of Credit Unions, John O'Regan. Mr. O'Regan paid tribute to the local organisation saying it kept the best interests of the community at heart.

A 14-year-old hill walker was airlifted to hospital after sustaining multiple injuries from a fall while trekking near the scenic Mahon Falls. The Irish Coast Guard Helicopter and the South-Eastern Rescue Association were

involved in the successful rescue operation. Twenty-seven Transition Year students from St. Declan's Community College in Kilmac took over the national airwaves for an hour. The students hosted the TY Radio slot on 2FM. They were joined by Waterford hurler, Paul Flynn.

There was a brief flare-up at Lismore Town Council when Cllr. John Campion urged that the town break links with their namesake town of Lismore in New South Wales in Australia. He said the only link with the town was via e-mail and he suggested fostering links with a European town.

Dungarvan schools took top honours at the Munster Final of the National Forum on Europe Public Speaking. Debbie Whelan, Maeve Simons and Mary Ryan from the Ard Scoil won the overall prize, while, Robert Allen, of St. Augustines, won the top individual award.

Dungarvan-based Century Homes donated their ECO house to the Christina Noble Children's Foundation. The 3,000 sq ft ECO house was built in a record two weeks for the worthy cause.

The Walter Raleigh Hotel, Youghal went on the market with a 3 million euro price tag. The hotel had been in family ownership for fifteen years.

Prince Charles received an "overwhelming welcome" when he visited Lismore. A guest of honour at a lavish 60th birthday party for his cousin Lord Hartington, the Prince stayed overnight at Lismore Castle and mingled with over 200 members of the local

community at a pre-dinner reception. A lone banner-carrying republican protested but otherwise opinion deemed it another step forward in British-Irish relations. A large group of travellers were prevented from moving into the Lookout area of Dungarvan after a joint Garda and Council plan swung into action. Cllr. Damien Geoghegan praised the prompt response, which prevented the repeat of scenes at the area a little under a year



Pictured over are the 4A Transition Year Class from St. Declan's Community College, Kilmacthomas who produced the Radio Programme for 2FM with guest interviewee, Paul Flynn.



Prince Charles meets locals Pat Ronayne with her granddaughter Ella after attending a church service in St. Carthages Cathedral, Lismore at the weekend.

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In a fresh twist to an increasingly rancorous Fine Gael Lismore Electoral area contest, retiring councillor, Willie McDonnell's daughter Fiona announced her intention to pull out of the race. Mayor Paddy Power reported a very successful trip to Mount Kisco and New York where he had represented the town over the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Undergoing a hectic schedule of meetings and events, the Mayor hoped his visit would strengthen the links between the towns.

A marina for Dungarvan harbour was discussed at a meeting of Dungarvan Town Council. It was estimated that a marina would cost about 5 million euros and the sole way of financing it was through a land-swap.

A contingent of riders from Kilmolash Riding School, a colour party and an extensive number of floats were involved in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade saw one of the biggest ever gatherings in Gratten Square and the manner the event succeeded was a tribute to the hardworking voluntary committee.

APRIL



Minister Noel Dempsey cutting the ribbon with Mayor of Dungarvan Paddy Power, Chairperson of the VEC, Cllr. Mary Greene, Dean William Beare, Ollie Wilkin son T.D., Senator Brendan Kenneally, Pat Buckley, Principal, Bishop William Lee, Donal Connolly, County Manager, Paddy Lavelle, CEO of Co. Waterford VEC and students Susan Foley, Sarah Daly and Michael Fenton.

Education Minister, Noel Dempsey, officially opened Colaiste Chathal Naofa in an historic and important day for the town. The official opening was a culmination of twenty-years lobbying and one of the proudest days in nearly three-quarters of a century of Vocational Education in County Waterford.

Civil Defence Chief, Colm Bannon, was honoured during the St. Patrick's Day celebrations for forty years of outstanding service to the local St. Patrick's Day Committee and to the community as a whole. Colm was presented with a piece of Waterford Crystal in a surprise presentation made by Deputy Mayor, Billy Kyne.

The successful amateur acting group Kilgobinet Players took to the stage again with an original Hank Regan penned play 'My Papa.' His previous play, "What Do You Expect," meanwhile, was being translated into Irish with a view towards broadcasting it on TG4.

Deputy John Deasy was sacked from the Fine Gael front bench and faced the prospect of a 3,000 euro fine after flouting the ban on smoking in the workplace. The maverick deputy lit up in the Dail bar after being told the door into an outside area was locked. Facing a fierce media backlash in which he was pilloried and lampooned, the deputy refused to apologise.

The way was cleared for the start of construction work on the 45-million euro sewerage scheme. Minister Cullen authorised the signing of contracts, announcing that it would provide a major boost for Dungarvan and West Waterford.

Engineers called for the demolition of an historic O'Connell Street bakery - declaring it unsafe. The demolition order was issued after work behind the gable wall caused a crack to widen.

Lismore Town Councillors sought legal opinion about Helen O'Sullivan's continued presence on the local authority after her decision to join Fianna Fail. Helen O'Sullivan was co-opted as a non-party representative in place of the late Dick Canning. After a drawn out saga it was found there was no legal block to her remaining on the council as an FF despite challenges from councillors, Campion and Hengehan.

Gardai appealed for information about a gang who carried out the armed robbery of the AIB bank at Carrick-On-Suir. Two men attached a battering ram to the rear of their vehicle, and smashed through the door. However, they left empty-handed



Pictured with his painting entitled (The Patio) for which he won second prize in category G of this year's 50th Texaco Children's Art Competition is Dean O'Brien, age 15, a student at St. John's Special School, Dungarvan. With him are his parents Cindy and John and cousin Sean Daly.

after being approached by a member of the Gardai. The Garda was held off at gunpoint and the gang made their get-away in the direction of Dungarvan.

Dungarvan Brass Band claimed the senior title in the Southern Region Championships held at Ballincollig, Co. Cork. They had a convincing victory and took the Johnny McCarthy Memorial Cup as senior champions – the bands first senior award in its 129-year history.

Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern officially opened a new 5 million euro broadcast centre for WLR FM and Beat 102-103. Designed by Oliver Dempsey Architects, the 10,000sq ft facility was the first purpose built radio complex to be developed in Ireland since RTE moved to Montrose over 40-years-ago.

Two thousand euros worth of ladies clothing were stolen and extensive damage was caused to two premises on the Mews,

O'Connell Street, Dungarvan. At least two people gained access to ladies fashion outlet, the Vault Boutique and the adjoining premises, Lorraines Beauty Salon in the early hours of the morning. Both premises were extensively damaged in the break-ins. Dungarvan Town Council revealed plans for 126 social and affordable houses on a site between the Burgery and the Clonea Road. The National Building Authority who were responsible for drawing up the plans said they were confident that their plans brought together the right social integration.

For the first time, tourism interests from around West Waterford came together to display their wares at the first West Waterford Tourism Showcase. Chairperson of Dungarvan Tourism, Teresa O'Connor said the objective was to enable tourism businesses to share knowledge with the public and their colleagues about the fantastic range of products and activities available.

BBC World Folk Music Award winners Danu headlined at Feile na nDeise. It was the group's first performance back in Dungarvan for almost two years. Town Councillor Damien Geoghegan urged Town Council officials to continue with its get-tough policy on tenants who engaged in anti-social behaviour.

Bord Pleanala decided to settle in the Landfill Hearing High Court case. The Bord gave an undertaking to provide complete bilingual translation facilities during the oral hearing.

The founding of the Dungarvan Branch of the ATGWU in 1942 by the workers at the Dickens Leather Company was commemorated with the erection of a plaque at the Lookout in Dungarvan.



At the launch of "Want to be a Thousandaire" a novel fundraiser by St. Mary's Primary School were (l. to r.) Christine Bergin, Pallas Marketing, Ollie Walshe, Chairman Fund Raising Committee, Catherine Coward, Chairperson Parents Council, Marcella McGovern, School Principal, David Reynolds, Sherry Fitzgerald Reynolds (main sponsor) and Teresa Daly, Treasurer Fundraising Committee.

MAY



Large scaffolding erected while demolition work was being carried out on No.6, 7 and 8 O'Connell Street collapsed in an accident that had the potential to be a disaster. Demolition work was being carried out, but as work came to a close the scaffolding collapsed and tragedy was only prevented by a large steel ESB pole which prevented it from completely falling out onto the street.

Waterford's TDs and senators clocked up close to a quarter of a million in expenses between them. Labour's Brian O'Shea claimed the highest expenses totalling 60,787 euros followed by Deputy John Deasy on 55,558.84. Deputy, Ollie Wilkinson, claimed the lowest expenses - 14,265.72 euros.

Family and friends of the Nobel Laureate Ernest Walton gathered in Dungarvan for the ceremonial unveiling of a plaque at the birthplace of one of Ireland's greatest scientists. The plaque was put in place at his birthplace in Strandside South, Abbeyside. Century Homes shipped out the first consignment of a timber-frame extension for a new Orphanage in Belarussia. Dominic's Hope House was planned to provide accommodation on an emergency basis for some of the worst affected children from the Chernobyl disaster.

An Bord Pleanála refused the multi-million-euro redevelopment of the Cliff House Hotel in Ardmore. The owner of the hotel had

been planning to demolish the existing structure and replace it with an "Aparthotel".

Five enterprising students from Blackwater Community School were proclaimed Overall National Winners of the Student Enterprise Award. William Rott, Lorraine McNamara, Aisling O'Rourke, Rebecca Coleman, and Ivan Walsh set up a business making and selling puppets to win the prize ahead of 10,000 of their contemporaries across the country.

Ballyduff Drama group swept to victory in the All-Ireland Drama Finals - the Oscars of the Amateur Dramatic Circuit. Amid wild celebrations in Athlone, Ballyduff became the first Waterford group to achieve the feat and only the fifth Munster group to do so.

A trio of Dungarvan residents organised the shipment of a twenty-foot container brimful of food, clothing, medicines, footwear and toys for the people of strife-torn Zimbabwe. Sr. Martina of Presentation Convent, Eileen Murphy of Western Bay and Mary Fitzgerald of Emmet Street put in an extraordinary effort so the children of the African country could have something positive to look forward to.

Ann Marie Rossiter was named the new Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce President at the body's annual general meeting. Ms. Rossiter who was also a first time candidate in the local elections replaced Michael Colivet in the role, becoming the first female President in the process.

Minister of State with the Dept. of Health, Ivor Callely, officially opened a new purpose-built Alzheimer's Unit in Dungarvan's St. Joseph's Hospital. The unit built at a cost of over 400,000 euros,



Ivor Callely, Minister of State Dept. Health and Children, cuts the tape to officially open the new Alzheimer's Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan. Included are Dr. Sean McCarthy, Chairman S.E. Health Board, Fr. N. O'Mahony P.P., Rev. Wm. Beare, Tony Gyves, Hospital Administrator, members of the Health Board and staff.



Mayor, Paddy Power, turned the first sod on the 12.5 million Retirement Village at the Burgery in Dungarvan.

was designed by the SEHB and would provide residential care for 7 people and a respite bed for short-term stay.

Safety fears mounted in Tallow after a deadly poison meant for cats and dogs was discovered on a green area popular with children from the quiet Woodview Housing estate. The poison was discovered close to where three children were playing.

Mayor, Paddy Power, turned the first sod on the 12.5 million Retirement Village at the Burgery in Dungarvan. Developers, Golden Meadows, described the project as a groundbreaking initiative that would bring in at least 250,000 euros into the local economy and create 65 jobs.

Plans to overhaul Dungarvan's parking were set in motion as the Town Council agreed to purchase a 58 space car-park in the Dungarvan Shopping Centre site and widen the car park spaces in Gratten Square. They also agreed to sell the lease of the Garvey's car park back to the supermarket group in a deal worth up to 1.15 million euros.

Cllr. Nuala Ryan urged the setting up of a new task force to attract high-tech jobs into Dungarvan. The Fianna Fail councillor said the switch-on of the broadband network would allow the town to compete with any other location in the country.

Minister for the Environment, Martin Cullen, officially opened a 1.6 million euros composting facility in Kilmolash, Cappoquin describing the facility as of benefit to all. The 22,500 square metre facility was developed to meet the growing demand for recycling non-hazardous bio-degradable waste from large multinationals, food companies and municipal waste from local authorities.

JUNE

Members of Waterford County Council paid rich tribute to the hard work, diligence and commitment of County Manager, Donal Connolly, after he announced his retirement from the local authority's top job. A surprise presentation was made at the council meeting and each of the twenty-three members paid tribute to his work in turn.



Donal Connolly Retires

A ceremony in the Civic Offices saw the formal switch on of a 1.5 million state of the art Fibre Optic Network, delivering a ring of broadband around Dungarvan. Communications Minister, Dermot Ahern described the project as an important milestone for Dungarvan and an invaluable tool for inward investment.

The property boom was certainly alive in Dungarvan and West Waterford with David Reynolds revealing record sales of in excess of 21 million euros. David Reynolds, head of SherryFitzgerald Reynolds said the overall attractiveness of West Waterford as place to live and work in, low interest rates and good quality housing all contributed to the record sales.

Lismore featured in RTE's regional Nationwide programme. Mayor, Mark Khan took part in the short film documenting the town and its history.

President Mary McAleese officially re-opened Lismore Heritage Centre and launched the Imramma Festival of Travel Writing during a ceremony in the West Waterford town. President McAleese, who arrived by helicopter at the GAA pitch, took a brief tour of the re-opened centre. Later she greeted the large crowd present in the Millennium Park.

Labour leader, Pat Rabbitte was another of those making a visit to the area. He joined members of the local party on the local election campaign trail in Dungarvan.

A new Art Gallery - featuring works by local, national and international artists opened at Harbour Mill, Davitts Quay in Dungarvan. The Jones Art Gallery aimed to become a centre of art education and appreciation and to make art both accessible and enjoyable.

Fianna Fail was left counting the cost of their disastrous local election showing on Waterford County Council. Fine Gael missed

out on a majority on the local authority by just a single seat after Fianna Fail took a battering at the polls - incurring seat losses or a downturn of their first preference share in almost all electoral areas. The count saw elation for Sinn Fein's Brendan Mansfield in the Dungarvan Electoral area - who made a historic breakthrough - while Fine Gael gained three seats. But for Fianna Fail there was only despair with Tom Cunningham, party whip Paddy Kenneally and Nuala Ryan losing their seats in a political purge blamed on the fall out of the failure to locate a radiotherapy unit in WRH.

Clonea was celebrating the retention of their prestigious Blue Flag Status, one of just three beaches in the county to achieve the pristine water quality levels necessary for the award.

The European Commission issued Ireland with its first warning about Waterford Co. Council's plans to site a Superdump at Garrynagree. The Letter of Formal Notice is the first stage of proceedings and came just weeks before the opening salvos of legal argument was fired at the Oral Hearing.

Cork County Council was accused of treating the residents of Tallow with contempt after closing a 3 to 4 kilometre stretch of the N72 and diverting thousands of vehicles through one of the town's narrowest streets. Cllr. James Tobin said the closure came at the height of the tourism season and would create traffic chaos.

Independent Cllr. Michael O'Riordan took the reins as Mayor of Dungarvan with the backing of a six member pact that included two members of Fine Gael, three Labour and Cllr. O'Riordan as



President Mary McAleese and her husband Martin pictured with some local school children after the official ceremony in Lismore.



Official Opening of the Newly Refurbished Literacy Centre

the sole independent. He said he was pleased and honoured to be taking the chains of office once again.

An Bord Pleanála rejected an Ardmore development, proposed to be developed by Hollycourt development, as it "threatened the lifeblood of the village." The company planned to develop a wastewater treatment plant in an area zoned agricultural, and remove it once the municipal treatment plant came on line. But residents feared the development would open the door to the development of a 140 houses previously planned by the developers.

A number of new literacy centres were opened in West Waterford giving a second chance to adults who missed out on education. The free service would help with reading, writing spelling and maths.

Dungarvan Museum Society published a new book called Dungarvan Historic Guide & Town Trail as part of its celebrations to mark the establishment of Dungarvan as a town 800 years ago. The book contained information on historic buildings. Famous Dungarvan personalities, old street names, the arms and seal of Dungarvan, maps, photographs and drawings.

The Office of Tobacco Control announced it would not be prosecuting Fine Gael Deputy John Deasy for smoking in the Dail Bar. The OTC said the reason they had left the Deputy go free of the possible 3,000 euros fine was because he tried to access a smoking area.

Renowned travel writer, Dervla Murphy raised the green flag for environmental awareness at a short ceremony held at Liosmor Mochuda Primary School.

Fr. Richard Doherty celebrated his Golden Jubilee at a celebratory mass at St. Augustines Church in Abbeyside. Ordained in 1954, Fr. Doherty was presented with a plaque at the ceremony.

JULY

Frank and Maurice Drummy in front of one of the pylons An Bord Pleanala have ordered to be removed.



There was surprise in Lismore at Labour Cllr. Mark Khan's decision to go against party policy and join a pact with Fianna Fail. Fianna Fail, Cllr. Peter Ahern was elected Mayor in his second term as a councillor with the Labour councillor's support. Lismore became one of just a handful of council's to switch control from Fine Gael to Fianna Fail throughout the country.

'Waterford Journey's In America', a book co-written by Abbeyside man, John Flynn was launched to great acclaim. The book told the concise life stories of outstanding historical and contemporary figures that embodied the relationship between County Waterford and America.

Radley Engineering of Dungarvan received a Business Excellence Award in the Manufacturing Sector. The quarterly VHI award recognises excellence in business.

France moved a little bit closer to Dungarvan over 3 days in July when Dungarvan Town Council, Continental Marketers and WLRFM brought an open air French market to the town. After some degree of controversy over the location of the market, it was hosted in St. John's Castle rather than the Lookout.

The winner of the County Waterford Arts Office's seventh annual Molly Keane Memorial Creative Writing Award was Jackie Morrissey from Dun Laoghaire in Co. Dublin. Her short story 'A Place For Everything' was a humorous look at an aspect of a librarian's life. The presentation took part during the IMMRAMA celebrations in Lismore.

The election of a Fine Gael Mayor and Deputy Mayor came as no surprise. The party held all the cards after the successful local

elections. Cllr. John Carey was elected Mayor and newcomer to the council Anne Marie Power was rewarded for securing Tramore Town Council and County Council seats, with the post of Deputy Mayor.

Ballymac' company, Pinewood Healthcare announced the creation of 150 new jobs. The mainly high skilled jobs were the central element of a 19 million-euro investment programme by the company. The expansion also saw the construction of a 14,000-sq m extension.

An Bord Pleanala ruled that two ESB pylons must be removed from close to the Ballyneety home of elderly brothers, Frank and Maurice Drummy. Frank said the concerns he expressed in March 2001 had been vindicated. Demanding answers as to why the pylons were allowed to be built there in the first place, he said neither Waterford County Council or the ESB had given any answers. It marked a turning point in the three-year saga.

A Kilmac woman hit the 200,000 euros jackpot in the National Lottery after buying a ticket in the shop where she worked at the time. Gemma Connolly, Newtown, and her husband Ted collected their winnings at Lotto Headquarters in Dublin.

Cappagh-man, Michael Quinlan, published his memoirs - The Man With No Swag - in Australia to great critical acclaim. His book recounted his Cappagh upbringing in Ballinacourty and his life in Western Australia.

July marked the centenary of the Sisters of Bon Sauveur in Carriglea. The historic and momentous occasion was marked with the publication of a centenary book.

The arrival of the 1.6 million state-of-the-art Revenue Customs Cutter created great excitement at the annual Dungarvan Bay Swim. Twenty-swimmers joined by an impressive flotilla of boats were roared across the bay by a sizeable number of spectators.

Waterford County Council celebrated the centenaries of the births of the well-known writer Molly Keane, and the celebrated journalist Claud Cockburn at a ceremony in Dungarvan Library. Dignitaries recalled the legacy of two writers whose lives were shaped by vastly different events but who spent the later years of their lives in Ardmore.

A meeting was held between Supt. Mick Blake and Dungarvan Town Council in a bid to combat a rising tide of anti-social behaviour in areas around the town. A litany of problems that included late-night drinking by teenagers, vandalism and intimidation and the disgusting and reprehensible desecration of the grave of a well-respected Garda. Mindless vandals destroyed a headstone along with most of the paving around the grave of Pat Noctor in St. Mary's Parish Church.

Dungarvan looked set to have its first custom built theatre for a number of years after the town council approved plans to develop a 150 seat theatre in the Town Hall in Friary Street. The devel-

opment, dependent on securing one million euros in funding, was given an unreserved welcome by members of the local authority. The development would include new dressing rooms, stage and seating and other facilities on the first floor. A total of seven objections were lodged against the development of a multi-million euros Hotel and Holiday Home Development in Ballinacourty. The appellants objected on a number of grounds including that it would have a significant adverse affect on the area.

On his last day as County Manager, Donal Connolly laid the foundation stone for the new Golden Meadows Retirement Village located at the Burgery in Dungarvan. Mr. Connolly described the project as a wonderful venture and a major asset for the town.

Mr. Connolly's retirement function made front page headlines the following week. Joined by friends and family and colleagues Mr. Connolly bade farewell to the Civic Offices after ten years as the county's chief executive and forty-two years in the public service.

Two major national retail outlets, including a top brand fashion chain, were expected to open in the new 8 million euros retail development between the Dungarvan Shopping Centre and O'Connell Street. The construction start followed the Town Council's decision to grant permission for the development of a walkway and buildings on numbers 6,7 and 8 O'Connell St.

Deputy John Deasy claimed the long-awaited decentralisation programme would not happen. Deputy Deasy accused the Government of announcing false figures after they first claimed 300 civil servants would decentralise to Dungarvan when only 199 work in the agency's Dublin office.

A new and exciting era in night-time entertainment was launched in Dungarvan with the official opening of Creation. Located at Minnies in Abbeyside, the club was opened by Mayor of Dungarvan, Michael O'Riordan.



Laying of the Foundation Stone at the development of The Golden Meadows Retirement Village at the Burgery, Dungarvan were (left to right): Colin Fives, Donal Connolly, Co. Manager, Maureen Fives, (mother of the land owner), Daniel Lordan and Danny Lordan, M.D. Golden Meadows Retirement Villages.

AUGUST



John Joe Devine, Waterford IFA Chairman, presenting a cheque to Rory Wyley for the Blazing Saddles sponsored cycle in China, in aid of the National Council for the Blind (NCBI). Included is Harry Gray, Waterford IFA Chairman.

Helvick Lifeboat came to the rescue of a man thrown overboard from his vessel in Dungarvan. The rescue was made dangerous by the fact that the small cruiser was still under power and was circling around unmanned. However, thanks to the good work of the RNLI crew, the man was rescued from the water uninjured.

The 88th running of the Dungarvan Show proved to be a massive success as all day long crowds thronged the fields in Cappagh. There was outstanding showjumping, while the cattle, sheep and horse breeders as well producers put on a top-class display.

Over one thousand euros worth of damage was caused to the clubhouse of the All-Ireland and Munster championship winning Cunnigar Pitch and Putt Club. Vandals smashed windows and caused internal damage to the attractive clubhouse and destroyed greens equipment. The night-time rampage was said to have put the very future of the club in doubt.

A Belgian national, holidaying close to Helvick narrowly averted what would have been a major tragedy when he came to the assistance of a local man in his fifties who got into difficulties off Helvick Pier. The accident happened when a local man who was fishing off the pier wall lost his balance and plunged twenty feet into the waster. However, Dirk Depaun on holiday with his Irish wife was on the scene and swam out to his assistance, reaching him within minutes.

Dungarvan born Christian Brother and Missionary, Br. Declan Power returned home from the war and famine ravaged Sudan to give a talk and short presentation on the challenges faced by

missionaries in the country. As well as working to establish a secondary school he also works to raise awareness of HIV/Aids in the country.

A settled traveller family from a Dungarvan housing estate issued an appeal to the local authority to rehouse them after a series of incidents left them living in fear. Ignited firelighters were left under the back wheels of their car, verbal threats, and intimidation of their children was caused they said by a violent but tiny minority in Childers Estate.

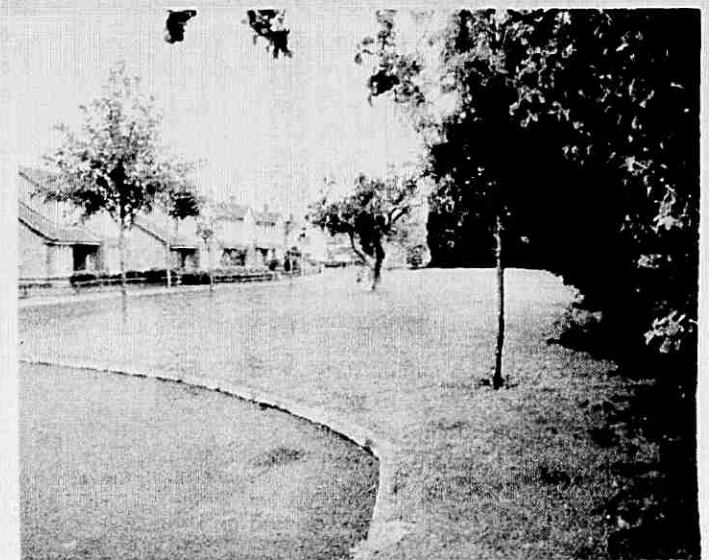
A cancer cure sign on the Youghal Road, claiming the cures sold in a roadside pre-fab cured CJ Haughey and others of cancer was at the centre of controversy. The roadside 'practitioner' was accused of preying on the ill and desperate.

Jamie Costin's Olympic dreams lay in tatters after sustaining serious injuries in a car accident. The West Waterford road walker was due to take part in the following weeks 50km-road race. The accident occurred at Porto Heli about an hour's drive from Athens.

Residents of the Orchard Estate in Dungarvan were outraged at the decision to reduce the size of their green area by up to 50% to make way for a new link road. They said the volume of traffic close to their once peaceful cul de sac would cause severe problems. The council said the road was always in the Town Plan.

Twenty-five households in Lismore were told to boil their water after an amount of E. Coli and Coliform bacteria were found to be present in a private water source. Health Officials described the water - coming from Lismore Castle's supply - as unfit for human consumption.

A multi-million-euro wind farm was planned for the Cappoquin area. The wind farm was to include eight



Residents of the Orchard Estate outraged at green area reduction.

giant wind turbines and would have the capacity to generate power to 15,000 homes. They later held an open day in Aglish to explain their plans to the local community.

Waterford city and county was the only area in the South East region without an after hours service for patients - Caredoc. Deputy John Deasy said Waterford was being left out of the equation again by the Government.

Dungarvan celebrated 21 years of the Sports Centres extremely popular Summer Camp. The longest running Summer Camp in the country, 12,000 children had passed through its doors along with over two hundred leaders drawn mainly from second and third level education. Performing the official functions, Mayor of Dungarvan, Cllr. Michael O'Riordan said the summer camp was the human face of the council's activities.

The nail-biting wait for results finally came to an end for the county's secondary school pupils with the delivery of their Leaving Certificate results. All the local schools reported an extremely positive outcome.

Minister of State, John Browne formally launched Ireland's first wheelchair accessible fishing boat at Twig Bog in Cappoquin. The Wheelyboat project was brought about through the efforts of the Cappoquin salmon and trout anglers association.



Jamie Costin crashes out of Olympics

SEPTEMBER



Martin, Kate, Michael and Shauna Colivet from Dungarvan at a recent collection of heifers which were airlifted to underprivileged families in Kosovo.

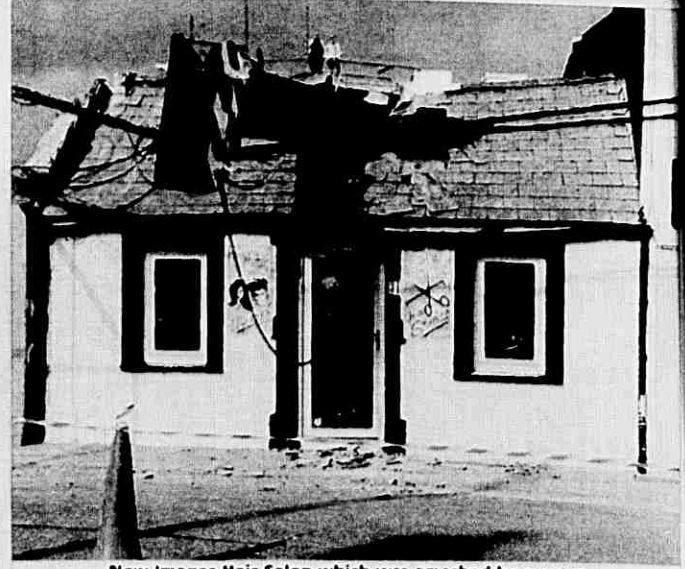
An environmental study assessing the impact of the Dungarvan Outer Bypass located north of a rare and protected species of fern was to be carried out. The study, costing 98,000 euros and funded by the NRA opened the doors again to the prospect of a northern route - plans that looked scotched a year earlier by the discovery of the rare Killarney fern.

The jewel in Co. Waterford's tourism crown shone brightly as Ireland's Tidiest Town with Lismore taking a clean sweep of honours at a ceremony in Dublin Castle. Members of the hard working Lismore Tidy Towns Committee collected five awards including the title of Ireland's Tidiest Town. The town was chosen for the honour out of almost 700 towns around the country and became Co. Waterford's first overall award winners for twelve years. The judges said Lismore was an example to other towns and villages everywhere.

Waterford Crystal announced a raft of swingeing cuts in a bid to "rectify the balance between supply and demand." A new short-time working programme spread over a seven-month period resulted in jobs cuts for those on short-term contracts. Crystal Chief John Foley said the cash to be "freed-up" would be available for marketing and stimulating long-term demand. Customers and staff at a hair salon in O'Connell St, Dungarvan miraculously escaped injury after a crane working on the multi-



Members of the Lismore Tidy Towns committee celebrate their great achievement after the arrival of their delegates from Dublin with the National Tidy Towns winners trophy. Included are Rose Dowd, Chairperson, Mary O'Brien, Secretary, Mary McBride, Treasurer, John Campion, PRO and Cllr. Peter Ahern, Mayor of Lismore.



New Images Hair Salon which was smashed by a crane. Miraculously there was nobody injured.

in Dungarvan harbour went back to the drawing board after submissions from two British based developers were rejected. The councillor opposed the plans due to the land-swap element, which would have seen the developers build the marina in turn for land on Walton's Park.



Maurice Casey (left) and Kevin Cusack presenting cheques to Geraldine Fennell and Marie Donnelly for St. Anne's Alzheimers Unit St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan. The cheques were the proceeds from a table quiz held in Downey's Bar, Main Street. Also included are (l. to r.) John McGrath, Tony Ahearne, Jacque Ahearne and Jim Egan.

million-euro shopping centre toppled over crushing the roof of the single-storey building. Two customers, the proprietor, Nicola Dee and a member of staff, Annie Power, were inside New Images but they dashed to the safety of the street to avoid injury.

Ray O'Dwyer was appointed as the new County Manager. Although a native of Cork, Mr. O'Dwyer was already living in West Waterford for up to twenty years. He said the timing of his appointment could not have been more opportune with the election of a new council and the commencement of the new Co. Development Plan setting out a strategy for the county to move forward over the next five years.

A big turnout attended an ATGWU function, marking the retirement of Tony Mansfield as the unions Regional Industrial Organiser - a post he'd held since 1977. Dungarvan Town Council's efforts to develop a 100-berth marina



Attending the ATGWU retirement function for Tony Mansfield (back, left to right) Kevin Moore, Ger Foley, Brendan Mansfield, Tony Keane, Eamon Lambden, Michael Coleman; front - Jimmy Kelly, Chairman GEC, Tony Mansfield, Catherine Tobin.

OCTOBER



Photo shows Fr. Matt Cooney O.S.A., presenting the Presidential Cheque to Elsie Curran. At back: her son Tom, daughters Mary, Hannah and Carmel-Anne.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate the country's newest centenarian. Elsie Curran, residing with her son Tom, at Strandside North in Dungarvan, celebrated her 100th birthday in some style and the energy befitting a lady who never spent a single day of those one-hundred-years in hospital.

An Bord Pleanála refused a seven turbine Wind Farm planned for an upland area of the Knockmealdown mountains. The appellants said they were glad but not surprised at the decision to refuse, saying it was mystifying why the developer attempted to get permission for a second time on a visually vulnerable site.

With the return of the Dail, Fianna Fail did a start of term cabinet shuffle. One of those celebrating was Waterford City based TD, Martin Cullen, who was elevated from the Environment portfolio to take over as Minister for Transport.

The 20th Anniversary of Self Help was marked with a Civic Reception jointly held by Waterford County Council and Dungarvan Town Council. Organised by local Self-Help trekker,

Cllr. Tom Higgins. The reception also recognised the mammoth efforts of local organiser, Con Lane.

Cappoquin TD Ollie Wilkinson strongly hit back at claims his trip to Zambia on the first week of the Dail's resumption was a champagne junket, saying the reports were utter nonsense and trash. Described in a number of newspaper reports as a secret junket similar to a trip a number of TD's took to Australia recently, the failure to schedule the trip during the Dail's summer recess and instead miss the first week of the Dail's resumption was sharply criticised. Deputy Wilkinson said, "We are constantly being told that Government aid doesn't reach the places it's meant to reach. You are damned if you go there and see and you're damned if you don't."



Pictured at the EIQA's Quality & Excellence Awards 2004 were (l-r) Ruairi O'Connor, CEO, Kathleen Keating, GlaxoSmithKline, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford with her award, seen here with Paul O'Grady, MD, EIQA, GlaxoSmithKline, Dungarvan, received the top award in the 'Quality & Excellence/Committed to Excellence' category in the Quality & Excellence Mark Awards.

Interim measures were to be put in place at Cuscam in a bid to halt the growing numbers of accidents at the notorious bend. The NRA agreed to an 40 Kph speed limit' safety barriers and additional signing.



Waterford County Council's work to encourage recycling of waste has been recognised nationally with their being named as Repak Local Authority of the Year. The award was presented to the Mayor of County Waterford, Cllr. John Carey (centre) in Dublin last night (October 7) by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Mr. Dick Roche TD (left) and Andrew Hetherington, CEO, Repak. In addition to taking the overall award, Waterford County Council was short-listed for the Repak Local Authority Initiative of the Year award.

Waterford County Council's work to encourage the recycling of waste was recognised nationally, with the Repak Local Authority of the Year Award. Mayor of the County, John Carey collected the award from Environment Minister, Dick Roche.

Dungarvan Town Council refused permission for a large-scale housing development proposed to comprise of 125 houses and planned for a site in Monang in Dungarvan. Town Engineer, Dan O'Donovan, said there were a significant number of problems with the application.

A controversial Draft Travellers Accommodation Plan, recommending that three new halting sites should be built around the county, went through the first phase towards its adoption at the end of April. The draft plan was to go through a comprehensive review and submissions process before it was adopted but recommended non-specific sites in the east, west and Greater Dungarvan areas.

NOVEMBER



Firemen sweeping water out of the Dungarvan Motor Tax office which was badly damaged by flood waters.



Clonea Road at Sallybrook which was badly flooded, with the high tide coming in over the sea wall.



Kelleher Printers, Dungarvan, which suffered badly from the flooding.

Dungarvan was left counting the cost of the damage reeked by the worst flooding to hit the area in living memory. The multi-million euros Dungarvan Wastewater Treatment Scheme was worst hit, with engineers saying damage could total over 5 million euros. A number of houses, businesses and vehicles suffered extensive damage as the town bore a heavy toll from the eighty mile-per-hour gusts, heavy rainfall and spring tides that were 1 1/2 ft over the expected maximum.

Gardai believed a professional gang targeting businesses on the edge of towns in West Waterford and East Cork were behind the robbery of around 20,000 euros from a Cappoquin firm. The robbery was thought to be connected to others of a similar type in Rathgormack and Carrigaline.

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A large group of Traveller/ Traders forced the weeklong closure of the Tallow GAA club grounds. The travellers set up an encampment at the club's car park, forcing the club to cancel training and an underage match that was scheduled to take place.

A commemorative plaque marking the birthplace of Mai O'Higgins, Dungarvan's first lady of song, was erected by Dungarvan Town Council the Museum Society and the Millennium Committee. Unveiled by Mayor, Michael O'Riordan, the plaque was only the second marking the birthplace of an honoured native of the town - the other was for noble prize winning scientist, Ernest Walton.



Pictured at the unveiling of the commemorative plaque to Mai O'Higgins, Dungarvan Songwriter and Poet at the house where she was born in Mary Street are (from left) Cllr. Fred Forsey, Deputy Mayor, Tom Keith, Millennium Officer, Cllr. Nuala Ryan, William Whelan, President, Dungarvan Museum Society, Cllr. Ml. O'Riordan, Mayor of Dungarvan, William Fraher, Dungarvan, Museum Society, Mai O'Higgins and Edna Frahill.

Dungarvan Town Council warned they would go down the legal route to move on an unauthorised traveller encampment located close to the new social and affordable housing estate and the 2.8 million euro recycling plant in Shandon. Cllr. Billy Kyne said the encampment had blighted the lives of the local residents since the summer.

Controversial plans to build a two-way road through the centre of a senior citizens estate were rejected by members of Dungarvan Town Council, saying that to allow it slice through the centre of St. Brigid's Well was unacceptable, forcing the planners to go back to the drawing board.

The saga surrounding plans to develop a multi-million euros hotel and holiday home at Kilgrovan ended - for now at least -

with the refusal of planning permission by An Bord Pleanala. The Bord said the development would have an adverse impact on the landscape quality and its character would adversely impact on the coastal zone causing a traffic hazard.

A new era dawned for Dungarvan with the grand opening of the multi-million euros Dungarvan Shopping Centre. Close to one thousand people flocked to the opening ceremony to get their first glimpse of the 21, 000 sq m facility anchored by Dunnes Stores. Mayor of Dungarvan, Michael O'Riordan said the centre would help lift the economic tide to an all-time high.

The Mercy Sisters celebrated 150 years in Dungarvan with a warm and often emotional ceremony. Sisters of Mercy from around the province along with many visiting clergy and religious partook in a Thanksgiving Service to the people of the town and the surrounding areas.

Over hundred and fifty guests in Ballinroad gave a warm and enthusiastic welcome to a new book by one of the county's leading and most prolific authors, Tom Keith. The much-awaited Ballinroad Bi-Centenary book was launched by Fr. Doherty who said the book will be read by future generations. Tom said the book gave a taste of what Ballinroad was like in the past, how it is today, and what it may be like in the future.



VIP Guest, Shannon Quilty cuts the tape to officially open the Dungarvan Shopping Centre. Included is Michael O'Riordan, Mayor of Dungarvan, Shannon's mother, Margaret and Tim Foley, Manager Dungarvan Shopping Centre.

DECEMBER



Orlaith Rafter, from Fair City fame officially opens the Sasha Store in the Dungarvan Shopping Centre. Erin and Marcella Lally are pictured with Orlaith at the opening.

In what appeared to be a scaled down decentralisation plan, Dungarvan was excluded from a list of fifteen towns earmarked for early and priority status. While the Governments constituency TD's insisted they're delighted that the programme has now started, strong criticism was levelled at Minister, Martin Cullen over the failure to bring Dungarvan and Waterford City into the first tranche and the failure of the Government in general to fully implement the plan.



Pictured above are: Charles Chapman (General Manager, ESB Customer Supply), Martin Houlihan (GlaxoSmithKline, Dungarvan) and David Taylor (Chief Executive, Sustainable Energy Ireland).

Bord Pleanala upheld permission for a housing development proposed for a site in Mweelnahorna, Ring. The development, consisting of 16 dwellings, was objected to by a nearby farm family in a third party appeal, but An Bord Pleanala upheld the local authorities decision.

Waterford Co. Council said they would be taking a sympathetic view of Home Carers when accessing deferential rents. Cllr. Nora Flynn asked that the carers allowance be excluded when taking into account the allowance.

The County Waterford VEC was having trouble filling a new committee due to a lack of women coming forward. New rules on the make-up of VEC's require an equal number of males and females but while male nominations were forthcoming from the social, business and community sectors, no female nominations came forward.

Oyster farmers in Dungarvan harbour - the largest area for oyster farming in the country - announced the successful removal of 1,000 disused and mangled trestles for recycling, while a further 20,000 trestles were realigned. The oyster farmers said it was a step closer to exceeding best international practice.



Section of the large crowd at the official blessing and opening of the newly refurbished Knockanore NS.

The ISPCA removed around fifty puppies and fully-grown dogs from the appalling and cramped conditions where they were being bred for sale on a farm at Lissarow, Grange, Ardmore. Supervisors from the ISPCA described conditions as being a quag-



Dungarvan Youth Band Awards Night Prize Recipients: Back Row: Declan Palmer, Killian Power (Instructor), Daniel O'Mahony, James Nagle, Catherine Power, Jessica Haynes, Roisin Caulfield, William Dee (Chairman). Front Row: Lorraine Wyley, Brendan Dwyer, Ciara Whyte, Leo Kavanagh, Matthew Wilson.

mire of muck and faeces.

Major financial backing was needed for Helvick Pier to safeguard the future of the pier and the fishermen who are dependent on it. Cllr. Fiachra O Ceilleachair said that without funding the future for the pier looked grim.

A large crowd of parents, pupils, past-pupils and parishioners gathered to witness Fr. Fitzgerald PP Chairperson of the Board of Management bless the recently upgraded and extended Knockanore National School. Sadh Costello, the youngest pupil at the school cut the tape to declare the building officially open.

Lismore was feted at a reception at Lismore Castle hosted by the South Eastern Regional Assembly. Transport Minister, Martin Cullen presented the award for Ireland's Tidiest Town in front of representatives from 100 tidy towns committees in the region.

Plans to demolish Ardmore's landmark Cliff House Hotel and replace it with a new five-level hotel and an underground Holiday Suite building were lodged with Waterford County Council. Valshan Ltd were seeking to construct a 20-bedroom hotel.

Childcare in Cappoquin received a tremendous financial boost with the grant of 390,000 euros towards a play centre. The centre would include a number of facilities for young children.

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Tsunami Appeal Table Quiz and Auction

Everyone is only too aware at this stage of the terrible tragedy caused in South East Asia by the tidal waves. The urgent need for aid is well documented on all the television and radio news channels and all the relief agencies are pleading for the public for help. With this in mind a quiz and auction will be held in the Diplomat on Thursday night next at 9 p.m. These quizzes have now raised just over E74,000 for various charities and sporting organisations in the area and we are now asking that all the groups, that have benefited in the past, to help us out on this occasion by coming along and helping us to raise as much money as possible. We appreciate that by next Thursday most people will have already contributed in some way, but try and come along any way, you will have a great night's craic and at the same

time helping the most worthy cause that we have ever tried to raise money for. As already stated we will be having an auction on the night. Should anyone wish to donate any item to the auction, you might have an unwanted gift or anything else, it can be dropped in to either Keohan Cleaners or Capital Cleaners or contact Brendan O'Brien at 086-8390871 and collection will be arranged. Also you can make donations at the above places. All the money raised will be handed over to the Garda Síochána, who will forward it to the relief agencies. Please make the effort to be with us on the night. Michael Ryan is kindly sponsoring a fabulous trip to Leopardstown by helicopter and back to Dungarvan with free admission to the Race meeting. This prize will be auctioned during the night.

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Saturday January 8th —

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- (i) Winner of "Voice of Dungarvan" competition held on New Year's Eve - First Prize Bridget Farrell; Runners-up Danny Murray and Joe Pratt
- (ii) The collection for the Tsunami Earthquake Appeal (which was taken up in the pub on Sunday night) came to €705. This has been handed over to the co-ordinating body at the local Garda station.

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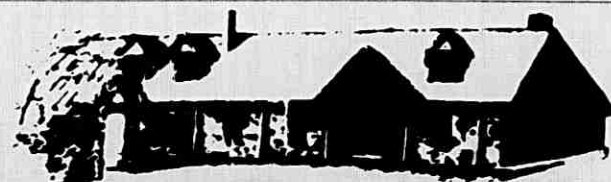
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Waterford County Council — Notice is hereby given that Michael and Denise O'Brien of 7, Glendine Drive, Abbeyside, Dungarvan intend to apply to the above authority for outline planning permission to construct a dormer style dwelling house, vehicular roadside entrance, driveway, proprietary effluent treatment system with percolation areas and all associated works at Ballinacourty North, Ring, Co. Waterford. The application may be inspected or purchased at the Planning Department, Waterford County Council, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed 20 euro fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Waterford County Council — Further Information and Revised Plans for File No. PD 04/1422 — I. M. Kiely, wish to apply for indefinite retention permission for an existing commercial storage shed and entrance piers at Glendalligan, Leamybrien, Co. Waterford. Significant further information and revised plans in relation to the above named application have been furnished to the planning authority. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of the Local Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal opening i.e. hours 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). Submissions or observations in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority upon payment of a prescribed fee for a period of 2 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application.

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TAURUS
April 21 to May 21
Don't become so tangled up in day to day trivia or professional obligations that you tumble out of touch with your passion-packed self. You are the picture of efficiency in everyday life but behind that practical front beats a romantic heart. At the weekend, let your sensuous side come to the fore and make romance your priority. An old friend returns to your scene. ☎ 1550-920-258

GEMINI
May 22 to June 21
Your quicksilver Gemini mind is skipping from plan to plan and it is now time to become focused if you are to find long term success. Charming and always exciting, your Gemini gift of the gab finds an eager audience in a new social setting. Romantically, you have the opportunity to woo and win your perfect heart. Seek out easy methods and stop complicating issues. ☎ 1550-920-259

CANCER
Jun 22 to July 22
Your financial situation has improved so celebrate by splashing out on some of life's luxuries. Enjoy your good fortune but don't invite trouble by spending more than you can afford. At work, you are attracting favourable attention from colleagues and superiors. At home, remember there is always more than one side to any story. Exercise restraint in making strong statements. ☎ 1550-920-260

LEO
July 23 to Aug 22
Your boundless energy and happiness are hard to repress. Don't become frustrated or discouraged by some minor difficulty. Use your Leo sunny disposition to boost your optimism until circumstances change. You have got what it takes to be a success. All you lack is patience! A foreign lad or lass may enter your life. You are attracted to what is exotic. ☎ 1550-920-261

VIRGO
Aug 23 to Sept 22
Your diligence and dedication have impressed everyone around you. All work and no play however makes you dull so pursue pleasure with as much earthy perseverance. Breaking free from routine is your best option. Success lies in unexpected quarters or comes from an unforeseen source. This week, remember, when opportunity knocks, someone has to open the door! ☎ 1550-920-262

LIBRA
Sep 23 to Oct 23
Make an effort to communicate with your partner and you will save yourself from sticky situations or minor misunderstandings. Keep being cash conscious and your financial situation will continue to improve. Pressures in work challenge and give you new incentive. The new year continues to meet your expectations and it is up to you to run with opportunities. ☎ 1550-920-263

SCORPIO
Oct 24 to Nov 21
A matching set of stubborn wills could make for trouble and there are generous portions of jealousy on both sides. Try to accept others opinions without always trying to impose a personal point of view. In work, it is full steam ahead towards success and progression. Teamwork and tactics make all the difference. In love, a competitive edge excites and delights. ☎ 1550-920-264

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Jan 21 to Feb 19
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PISCES
Feb 20 to March 20
Fond memories flood back as you meet someone from the good old days. Financially, this is a time of growth and stability. Concentrate on saving schemes and start building up a solid nest egg. Watch your spending! You are in the mood for a shopping spree. Professionally, you are ready for a change and making plans. ☎ 1550-920-268

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They walk beside us every day.

(Always remembered by Bunty, John, Sharon, Colin and Lauren).

BUCKLEY — Fourth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret Buckley, Chapel Street, Lismore, who died January 8, 2001. R.I.P.

A lot in life has altered,
A lot in life is new,
But things that never alter,
Are memories of you.
It isn't what we write, it isn't what we say,
It's how we feel inside, when we think of you today.

(Always remembered by your daughter Catherine, Tom and family).

BUCKLEY — Fourth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret Buckley, who died January 8, 2001., R.I.P., late of Chapel Street, Lismore.

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.
(Sadly missed by Teresa and son-in-law Eddie).

NANNIE

If roses grow in heaven,
Pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Nannie's arms,
And tell her there from me.

(Love, Evan X X X).

BUCKLEY — Fourth Anniversary — In loving memory of my mother, Margaret Buckley, late of Chapel Street, Lismore, who died January 8, 2001. R.I.P.

Silent memories keep you near,
As time unfolds another year,
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you today.

(Always remembered by your son Denny and Laura).



BUCKLEY — Fourth Anniversary — In loving memory of a dear mother, Margaret Buckley, late of Chapel Street, Lismore, who died January 8, 2001. R.I.P.

January comes with sad regret,
The day, the month, we will never forget,
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,
Will those who think of her today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

(Always remembered by your son Liam, daughter-in-law Ann and grandchildren Aoife, Clodagh and William).

BUCKLEY — Fourth Anniversary — Cherished memories of my dear mother, Margaret Buckley, who died January 8, 2001., R.I.P., late of Chapel Street, Lismore.

Our hearts are full of memories,
We treasure them with care,
The way you had to leave us mother,
Will always seem unfair.
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.
We lost a mother in a million,
We loved you till the end,
We lost two precious things that day,
Our mother and a friend.

(Always remembered by your daughter Margaret and family).



CANTWELL — Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Liam Cantwell, Ballinroad, who died January 6, 1992.

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.

(Never forgotten by his loving father, brothers and sister).

CLIFFE — Ninth Anniversary — In loving memory of Mary Cliffe, Carragaun, Ballinamult, who died on January 1, 1996.

As time goes by without you,
And days turn into years,
They hold a thousand memories,
And many a silent tear.
So close to our hearts each day of the year,
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, and never forget.

(Always remembered and never forgotten by your family).



CONWAY — First Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Conway, Fr. Twomey's Rd., Dungarvan, who died on January 9, 2004. Anniversary Mass in the Parish Church on Sunday, January 9th at 10 o'clock.

No special day is needed,
For us to think of you,
To us you were someone special,
We thought the world of you,
Your memory is our greatest treasure.

To have, to love, to keep forever.
(Fondly remembered by your loving family).



CUMMINS — Twenty-third Anniversary — In loving memory of Martina Cummins, late of Kyne Park and Fermoy, who died on January 7, 1982.

Like falling leaves the years go by,
But memories of you will never die.
Sunshine passes, shadows fall,
But memories of you outlast them all.

In the centre of God's garden,
There is someone special there,
That someone is our daughter,
The best beyond compare.
Will those who think of her today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

(Lovingly remembered from Mam and Dad, brothers and sisters and niece Lorna.)



DRUMMEY — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of my dearest husband Tom who died on January 6, 2003. R.I.P. Mass offered.

When last I looked upon your face,
I tried hard not to cry,
Instead I bent to kiss your cheek,
And whispered Tom goodbye,
May the winds of love blow gently,
And whisper for you to hear,
That I love and miss you dearly.

And wish you were still here.
(Sadly missed by your loving wife Nellie).

DRUMMEY — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father and grandad Tom Drumme, late of 8 Cloneety Villas, Dungarvan who died on 6 January, 2003.

It need not be a special day,
To bring you to our minds,
For a day without a thought of you Dad,
Is very hard to find,
We think of you in silence,
We talk about you too,
We have some lovely memories Dad,
But we wish we still had you,
If memories bring us closer,
Then we are never apart,
For you are always with us,
In our thoughts and in our hearts.

(Sadly missed by your loving daughter Jacqueline, son-in-law Jim and grandchildren XXXX).

DRUMMEY — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of my loving father Tom Drumme, late of 8 Cloneety Villas, Dungarvan who died on 6 January, 2003.

Those of who have a father,
Love him while you may,
I only wish with all my heart,
That mine was here today,
I don't tell people anymore,
Just what you meant to me,
Instead I cry my tears alone,
Where no one else can see,
You often used to say to me,
You'll miss me when I'm gone,
Believe me Dad I never knew,
That heartache lasts so long,
Your memory I treasure,
With thoughts that are clear,
I think of you always,
Not once a year.
(Your loving daughter Gabrielle X).

GRANDAD

Little angels dressed in white,
Kiss our grandad for us tonight.
(Lovingly remembered by your grandchildren Christopher, Brendan and Stephen XXX).

DRUMMEY — Second Anniversary — Remembrance of my dear father, late of 8 Cloneety Villas, Dungarvan who passed away on 6 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 heartache,
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 heartache,
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 — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, Tom Drumme, who died on January 6, 2003. R.I.P. Mass offered.

Silent memories keep you near,
As time unfolds another year,
Deep in our hearts, you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day,
Look after him, Lord,
In your garden of rest,
Because in this life,
He was one of the best.
(Sadly missed by your grandsons, granddaughters and great grandson Jake).

DRUMMEY — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear father Tom who died on January 6, 2003. R.I.P. Mass offered.

There are memories in our hearts today,
That time can never take away,
For us who loved and lost you,
Whose parting brought such pain,
We cherish every memory,
In a world that's not the same,
We miss you so much Dad,
(Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law).

DRUMMEY — Second Anniversary — Precious memories of Tom Drumme, 8 Cloneety Villas, Dungarvan who died on 6 January, 2003.

Memories are like leaves of gold,
They never tarnish or grow old,
No more tomorrows for us to share,
But yesterday memories,
Will always be there,
Will those who think of Tom today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
(Always remembered by Maurice and Frankie).

DRUMMEY — Second Anniversary — In remembrance of my Dad — Tom Drumme, whose anniversary occurs at this time on January 6.

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow,
But remember me in every tomorrow,
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smile,
I've only gone to rest a little while,
Although my leaving causes pain and grief,
My going has eased my hurt and given my relief,
So dry your eyes and remember me,
Not as I am now, but as I used to be,
Because, I will remember you all,
And look on with a smile,
Understand, in your hearts,
I've only gone to rest a little while,
As long as I have the love of each of you,
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

(Remembered by your son Paddy Joe, daughter-in-law Helen and grandsons Justin and Colin).

DRUMMEY — Second Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear father, Tom Drumme, who died on January 6, 2003. R.I.P.

A father is a special gift,
One you think will stay,
You never dream that day will come,
That he will pass away,
Now in Heaven above he rests,
God bless you Dad,
You were one of the best,
Will those who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(From your loving son Thomas, daughter-in-law Rosemary and grandchildren Simon, Eoin, Aoife and Ciara).

HENLEY — First Anniversary — In loving memory of a dear wife, loving mother and grandmother Kathleen Henley, late of Galbertstown, Holy Cross whose anniversary occurs on January 8. Anniversary Mass at Holy Cross Abbey on Saturday 8 at 10 am.

It isn't what we write,
Or even what we say,
It's how we feel inside,
Remembering you today.
(Sadly missed but not forgotten by your loving husband Jimmy and family).

HODNETT — Forty-Second Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear father, Edward Hodnett, Ballyhane, Cappoquin, who died on January 5, 1963. R.I.P. Masses offered.

Will those who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
(Inserted by his daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren).

HOGAN — Twenty Eighth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother Joan who died on New Years Day, 1977.

Days go by, years unfold,
Memories of you will never grow old.
(Always remembered by your loving daughter Eileen and Michael, Owen, Eimear and Shane).

IN MEMORIAM



DUGGAN — First Anniversary — In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, Johnny Duggan, Tacoma, Washington and formerly of 7 Cathal Brugha, Dungarvan. Anniversary Mass for Johnny at 7.30 pm in St. Joseph's Hospital on January 11.
We hold you in a special place,
So deep within our hearts,
And in those loving memories,
We'll never be apart,
You will never be far away,
Your presence we will feel,
We'll wrap ourselves in memories,
And slowly we will heal,
The years we shared,
The little joys, the laughter and the tears,
Our love for you will never die,
But strengthen with the years,
Will those who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(Loved and always remembered, your family at home and away).



GEARY — Second 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 Wednesday, January 5 in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tallow at 7.30 pm.
(Always remembered by your wife Mary and family).

KEANE — Twenty First Anniversary — In loving memory of Bobby Keane, late of 71 O'Connell Street, Dungarvan who died on 4, January 1984. R.I.P. Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Parish Church on Saturday January 15 at 7.30 pm.
Will those who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(From his wife and family).



LYONS — Fifth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear husband Michael, late of 2, St. Brigid's Terrace, Dungarvan, who died on January 6th, 2000. Masses offered.
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).

McGRATH — First Anniversary — Treasured memories of my father Patrick (Sharkey) McGrath whose first anniversary occurs on 10, January 2004.
They say that memories are golden,
Well maybe that is true,
But I never wanted memories,
I only wanted you,
I travel to your resting place,
It's where I feel most near,
To place the flowers around your grave,
And whisper Dad I'm here,
Out of my life you may be gone,
But in my heart you still live on.
(Sadly missed by your daughter Deirdre, James, Craig, Gavin, Jade and Evan).

McGRATH — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dad, Patrick (Sharkey) McGrath, late of Moore Hill, Tallow who died on January 10, 2004. R.I.P.
They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way I feel,
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies beyond my smiles,
No one knows how many times,
I've broken down and cried,
It does not take a special day,
To bring you to mind,
A day without a thought of you,
Is very hard to find.
(Sadly missed by your daughter Louise, Declan, Alan and Shane).



McGRATH — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear husband Patrick (Sharkey) McGrath who died on January 10th, 2004.

AFTER GLOW
I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and bright and sunny days,
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.
(Sadly missed by your loving wife Marie and family).

McGRATH — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my Da, Sharky McGrath who died on the 10 January, 2004.
A heart can feel so many things,
That words can never say,
The sadness this day brings,
Will never go away,
So many times I've needed you,
So many times I've cried,
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died,
I am thinking of you today Da,
That is nothing new,
I thought about you yesterday,
And the day before that too,
Last night I wished upon a star,
I doubt it will come true,
I asked for just an hour,
To sit and talk with you,
When the emptiness of missing you,
Is more than I can bear,
I whisper Dad, I love you,
And always feel you near,
For in the world of memories,
You fill my heart with pride,
I will never walk alone Da,
I know you're by my side,
I often wonder where you are,
I pray you're not alone,
And hope you are truly loved,
Just like you were at home,
I had a Da in a million,
I loved him til the end,
I lost two precious things that day,
My Da and my friend,
The family chain is broken now,
And nothing will be the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The links will join again.
(Sadly missed by his daughter Tina).

First Anniversary of my Grandda Just as you were, you will always be,
Someone special in my memory.
(Sadly missed by your granddaughter Ebony).

McGRATH — First Anniversary — In loving memory of my dad, Patrick (Sharkey) McGrath, late of Moore Hill, Tallow who died on January 10, 2004. R.I.P.
No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.
(Sadly missed by your daughter Claire, Finbarr and Alanah).

McGRATH — First Anniversary — In loving memory of Paddy "Sharkey" McGrath, Moorehill, Tallow, who died on 10 January, 2004.
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you today.
(Sadly missed by Bunty, John, Sharon, Colin and Lauren).

McCARTHY — Sixth Anniversary — In loving memory of James McCarthy, late of Cnty, Cappagh who died on 23 December, 1998. R.I.P.
Time slips by but still you stay,
As near and dear as yesterday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there,
Will those who think of James today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(Always remembered by your loving mother, sisters and brothers).

NORRIS — Ninth Anniversary — In loving memory of Paddy Norris, late of Ballinacourty, Dungarvan who died on 8 January, 1996. R.I.P.
On that day Pop the Lord,
You so many times praised and,
Sang of became your true
Shepherd when he called
You home to be with him in Heaven.
(Nellie and family at home and away).



O'BRIEN — Second 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.
(Always remembered by his loving brothers, sisters and families).

REGAN — Eleventh Anniversary — In loving memory of Lar Regan, late of Sea Park, Abbeyside who died on January 9, 1994. Anniversary Mass on January 9 in Abbeyside Church at 12 noon.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard but always there,
Still loved, still missed, still very near.
(Always remembered by your loving wife Josephine and family).



RYAN — Fourth Anniversary — In loving memory of Maureen Ryan, Curtiswood, Ballymacarbry, who died January 2, 2001. R.I.P.
MAM
You never failed to do your best,
Your heart was warm and tender,
You simply lived for those you loved,
And those you loved remember.
(Lovingly remembered always by your husband Tom and family).

TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Elizabeth Tobin, late of 6, Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.
God chose to take my mother,
He wanted one so fine,
Oh God above, please tell me,
Why it had to be mine.
To know her was to love her,
Her kind and loving smile,
To have her as my mother,
Made everything worthwhile,
No length of time will heal my grief,
My love for you is far too deep,
With broken heart I whisper low,
God bless you, Mam, I miss you so.
(From your loving daughter Betty, grandchildren Eliza, Liam and Tamara.)

TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Elizabeth Tobin, late of Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.
A loving spray of memories,
Tied up with all our love,
Memories we will treasure,
Of the one we dearly loved.
In the centre of God's garden,
There is someone special there,
That someone is our mother,
The best beyond compare.
(From her daughter Ann, son-in-law Christy and grandchildren.)



TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Elizabeth Tobin, late of 6, Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.
They say in time you will forget,
Dear Mam, that isn't true,
For every day in some small way,
I always think of you,
To me you were someone special,
Someone kind and true,
You will never be forgotten,
For I thought the world of you,
Will those who think of her today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
(Always remembered — your loving daughter Breda, son-in-law Martin and family).

TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Elizabeth Tobin, 6, Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.
No matter how we spend our days,
No matter what we do,
There is a longing in our hearts,
For yesterday and you,
Remembering you is easy, Mam,
We do it every day,
But missing you is a heartache,
That never goes away.
(Your loving son John, daughter-in-law Frances, grandchildren Michelle, Siobhain, Deirdre, Lorraine, Jacqueline.)

TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Elizabeth Tobin, late of 6, Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.
As time goes by without you,
And days turn into years,
They hold a thousand memories,
And a million silent tears,
You showed us love and kindness,
You showed us how to care,
You bound us all together,
With a love few families share.
Someday we will meet again,
Where sorrow is unknown,
We will fold our arms around you,
And tell you we've come home.
May the God of love be with you, Mam,
And grant you eternal rest.
(From her loving daughter Margaret, Paddy and Gillian.)

IN MEMORIAM

TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Elizabeth Tobin, late of 6, Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.

The years have passed since we parted Mum,
Our hearts still yearn for you,
We watched you battle till the end,
There was nothing we could do,
We stood around your bedside,
And watched you fade away,
We prayed and prayed to God above,
That He would let you stay,
But no, God came and took your hand,
And whispered from pain you are now free.
You will be with me in paradise,
How happy you will be,
Will those who think of her today,

A little prayer to Jesus say,
(Never forgotten by her loving daughter Marie, son-in-law Denis and grandchildren Barry, Darren and Ross.)

TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear mother, Elizabeth Tobin, late of 6, Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.

Have you ever lost a mother 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 mother, He takes a part of you,
I think of you in silence, Mam,
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, Mam,
We may be worlds apart,
But you're always on my mind,
And forever in my heart.

(Never forgotten by your loving daughter Kathleen, son-in-law John and grandchildren Yvonne, Paul, Tony and Eoin, and great-grandson Lee.)

TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Elizabeth Tobin, late of 6, Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.

A heart of gold, a life so true,
Loved and remembered by all she knew,
Always willing, helpful and kind,
What beautiful memories she left behind.

(From her loving daughter Rosarie, James, grandchildren and great-grandchild.)

TOBIN — Seventeenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Elizabeth Tobin, late of 6 Connolly Row, Dungarvan, who died on January 11, 1988.

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
(Pat, Annie and family.)

WALSH — Twenty-first Anniversary of our daughter Patricia Walsh who died on January 4, 1984, late of Townspark West, Lismore.

We think of you in silence,
Pat,
We always speak your name,
All we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day,
Missing you is heartache,
That never goes away.
(Sadly missed — your loving Mam.)

WALSH — Twenty-first Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear sister Pat, late of Townspark West, Lismore, who died on January 4, 1984.

We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again,
So rest in peace, dear Pat,
And thanks for all you have done,
We pray the Lord has given you,
The crown you have truly won,
Quietly today your memory is kept,
There's no need for words,
For we will never forget.
(Always remembered by your brother, Pa, Mag, Nicola and Tanya.)

WALSH — Twenty-first Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear sister Pat, late of Townspark West, Lismore, who died on January 4, 1984.

Thank you Pat for the years we shared,
The love you gave, the way you cared,
We love you more than words can say,
And miss you so much, every day,
Your golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best,
So rest in peace dear Pat,
And thanks for all you've done,
And I pray that God has given you,
The crown you've truly won.
(Loved and remembered always — your sister Ann, Bernard and niece Lynne XX.)

WALSH — Twenty-first Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear sister Pat, late of Townspark West, Lismore, who died on January 4, 1984.

Let the winds of love blow gently,
On a quiet and peaceful plot,
Where the one we love lies sleeping,
Will never be forgot,
Memory lane is a lonely place,
Where thoughts are fond and true,
We travel down that road each day,
And always think of you.
(Always remembered by your loving sister Nora, John, Kelly, Shawn and Robert XXXXX.)

WALSH — Twenty-first Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear sister Pat, late of Townspark West, Lismore, who died on January 4, 1984.

Silent memories keep you near,
As time unfolds another year,
Out of my life you may have gone, Pat,
But in my heart you will always live on.
(Always remembered by your sister Mag, Clem, Daniel and Trisha.)

O'SHEA — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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, Lucey, Willie and Bronwyn.)

O'SHEA — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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. Joseph's Hospital on Wednesday, January 5 at 10 am.
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 fifteenth year,
Away from home.
(Your heart-broken Mam, Pearl.)

O'SHEA — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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 — Fifteenth 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.)



WALL — Fifteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Ann Wall (nee Power), late of Fitzgerald Tce., and Comeragh Crescent, Dungarvan whose 15th Anniversary occurs on the 4th January. Anniversary Mass is on the 23rd January at 9 am in the Friary Church.

A bouquet of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears,
Wishing God could have spared you,
If just for a few more years,
(Inserted by her husband Tom, son David, daughter Shirley, daughter-in-law Nicola and grandchildren.)

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES



MANAHAN — Birthday Remembrance — In loving memory of my dear husband Michael Manahan, Ballinagoul, Ring whose birthday occurred on 1st January.

I miss you from the fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
I miss you and always will.
(From your loving wife Mary XXX).

MANAHAN — In loving memory of my dear father, Michael Manahan, Ballinagoul, Ring whose 80th birthday occurred on January 1st. Rest in peace.

Will kind friends who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
(Lovingly remembered by Joan, Seamus and family).

MANAHAN — In loving memory of my father Michael Manahan, Ballinagoul, Ring whose birthday occurred on 1 January.

He was a father so very rare,
Content in his own home and always there,
On earth he toiled, in Heaven he rests,
God bless you father you were one of the best.
(From your loving son Michael, Edel and grandchild Jordan XXX).



POWER — Birthday Remembrance of Grandad, Bobby Power, late of 8, St. Brigid's Terrace, Dungarvan whose 94th birthday is on Tuesday, January 11.

Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday,
Will those who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
(Lovingly remembered — Catherine, Patrick, Cata, Robert, Majella, Mia and baby Robyn).



MCCARTHY — Birthday Remembrance — In loving memory of a dear son, Fergus Allen-McCarthy, late of 5, Huntly Crescent, Southways, Abbeyside, whose birthday occurs on Saturday, January 8.

A bouquet of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears,
Wishing God could have spared you,
If just for a few more years.
A day to remember, sad to recall,
Without farewell you left us all,
Your name is often mentioned,
Our thoughts are with you still,
You haven't been forgotten
What's more you never will.
(His loving parents Francis and Carmel).

MCCARTHY — Birthday Remembrance — In loving memory of a dear brother, Fergus Allen-McCarthy, late of 5, Huntly Crescent, Southways, Abbeyside, whose birthday occurs on Saturday, January 8.

Along the road to yesterday,
That leads us straight to you,
Are memories of happy days,
Together we once knew.
You left those memories, Fergus,
They make us laugh and cry,
But the love that's planted in our hearts,
While we live, will never die.
(Always remembered by Olga, Greg and Fergus).

MCCARTHY — Birthday Remembrance — In loving memory of a dear brother, Fergus Allen-McCarthy, late of 5, Huntly Crescent, Southways, Abbeyside, whose birthday occurs on Saturday, January 8.

Nine years ago I had to part,
With the brother I loved with all my heart,
We shared some laughter and some tears,
But the years we had, were great years.
I keep in my heart the love of the past,
There it is planted forever to last,
As time passes by, you are still by my side,
Ours was a love death can never divide.
(Never forgotten by his loving brother Tim, Amanda, Rachael and Michael).

MCCARTHY — Birthday Remembrance — In loving memory of my dear brother, Fergus Allen-McCarthy, late of 5, Huntly Crescent, Southways, Abbeyside, whose birthday occurs on Saturday, January 8.

Quietly today your memory is kept,
No need for words, we will never forget.
As thoughts go back as they often do,
We treasure the memories we have of you.
(Always remembered by Dan and Linda).

Acknowledgments

LATE BRIDGET (BIDDY) FOLEY Ballycurrane, Clashmore

The family of the late Bridget (Biddy) Foley would like to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with us on the sad bereavement of our mother which occurred recently. We are particularly grateful to all those who attended the rosary, funeral and burial. Our grateful thanks for your expression of sympathy, for your Mass cards, cards of sympathy, letters, phone calls and also those who travelled long distances to be with us. We would like to thank her doctors, especially Dr. J. Meehan and Dr. U. Fick. A special thank you to the matron and staff of St. Carthage's House, Lismore who were always attentive and caring towards Biddy. Sincere thanks to Fr. O'Gorman, Fr. Mulcahy and Canon Nugent for their support and kindness. Many thanks to the Choir, Chapel woman, Altar servers, and grave diggers. To Ryan Funeral Directors, we thank for your efficiency and sympathetic approach. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation and gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

The Months Mind Mass will be held in St. Cronan's Church, Clashmore on Saturday next January 8th at 7.30 pm. Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam.

LATE JIM BROWNE The Bridge, Helvick

The family and relatives of the late Jim Browne, The Bridge, Helvick wish to convey their sincerest thanks to all who shared their recent loss. For your Mass cards, letters, phone calls, floral tributes and your consoling presence at the funeral obsequies our sincerest thanks. A special thank you to Fr. Edmond Cullinan P.P., to Waterford Regional Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin our thanks. The kindness of Jim's neighbours and friends won't be forgotten. To Ann Tobin Home Help our grateful thanks, to Donnacha and Carach your music was deeply appreciated. To the gravedigger, chapel woman, Altar servers and especially to David Kiely, Funeral Director a sincere thank you. We know very many travelled to be with us, we are most grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

As a token of our gratitude the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

LATE ROBERTA DEVEREUX Knockenpower, Colligan

Acknowledgement and First Anniversary
The Devereux family, Noel, Pat, Michelle and Sharon, her mother Mary, her sisters and brother would like to thank you most sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy in their bereavement.

Our grateful thanks for Mass cards, cards of sympathy, letters, phone calls, floral tributes and your attendance at the Funeral. And a special thanks to those who have kept us in their thoughts and supported us over the past year. We would like to thank Fr. P. Moran O.S.A. and those who helped in the removal of the remains and requiem Mass, Fr. Kennedy PP, Fr. Enright PP, Fr. Byrne PP, Fr. Butler PP, Fr. Cooney O.S.A., Fr. O'Donnell O.S.A and Fr. O'Callaghan O.S.A. Thanks to Maire Govers, Dina Walsh, Joanne McKenna, the Colligan Church Choir, Caroline Dalton and Shay Kavanagh for providing music at the services. To the grave diggers, sacristan, Mass servers and to Tom Drohan Funeral Director, a thank you for your services. And finally, sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of Waterford Regional Hospital.

Hoping that this will be accepted by all as a token of our grateful appreciation. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Colligan Church on Saturday 8th January at 7:30 p.m.

NOVENAS

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

NOVENA TO SACRED HEART — Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask for this special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in his merciful eyes, it will become your prayer, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted. Never known to fail — B.O.R. (14-1)

Lidl Plan New Store as Clancy Site Takes Shape

MCDONALD'S DRIVE-THROUGH PLANNED

By Kevin Korrane

Discount store, Lidl, and the fast-food chain, McDonalds, plan to construct new premises close to the roundabout opposite Dungarvan Fire Station as the proposals for the redevelopment of the former Glanbia site begin to take shape.

Outlining progress on the site, Town Clerk, Joe O'Flaherty, said the two internationally known businesses were among those planning new developments.

He said the Cineplex is due to begin construction in February, and next to it, a tourist related development is planned for the former Aras Brugha.

A number of apartment's — described by Town Engineer, Dan O'Donovan as high grade — are to be constructed and completed in Davis Street, a garden centre is also planned on the marshy land near the 'Observer' office.

HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT

Mr. O'Flaherty went on to say that Lawlors Hotel have also lodged an application for the extension and renovation of their premises.

The plans would see the partial demolition of the existing hotel at the rear of the premises, and the alteration and extension of the building.

This would involve the construction of an underground car park, a ground floor bar/lounge and restaurant, and a leisure centre with a swimming pool, and a café that would have its entrance onto the Dungarvan Shopping Centre.

The first floor would comprise 18 new bedrooms, a gym and a café, while a new second floor would contain 22-bedrooms and a further 11 bedrooms on the third floor.

The existing bedroom block would also be refurbished.

Mr. O'Flaherty said discussions are underway with

Moloney's about redeveloping that building at the Gratten Square entrance to the new Shopping Centre.

Another development planned to get underway are the next two phases of development of Curran's Hardware store, which will be extended, the Town Clerk informed members.

However, a significant plot of land in the Clancy site is not likely to be developed anytime soon.

POWER PLANT

Dungarvan Energy Ltd — a consortium led by Rolls Royce International Power Ventures — own a site opposite the Civic Offices.

But the Power Plant project has run into significant problems, and there's "no word about it at the moment," Mr. O'Flaherty said.

"Rolls Royce doesn't look like it's going to go ahead with it at the moment."

Cllr. Fiachra O Ceilleachair (Lab) asked would an assessment on apartments be carried out. He said many apartments had been developed in Dungarvan and he asked wasn't it time to develop town houses in the site.

MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT

He also said, that while the development of McDonald's was very welcome he had concerns about its location.

"It's a drive-through and the entrance into it is very close to the roundabout," he said.

However, Mr. O'Flaherty said the entrance into McDonald's was on the end of the site and wouldn't feed directly onto the roundabout, although he agreed that it was very close.

Director of Services, Denis McCarthy went on to say that the entrance into the Machinery Yard would be closed and a new entrance would be used for the council yard into Dungarvan Business Park.

West Waterford Agriculture Receives Funding Boost

By Kevin Korrane

Deputy Ollie Wilkinson has described new funding totalling over half a million euros for two important grain facilities in the county as a major step forward for the local economy and the farming community.

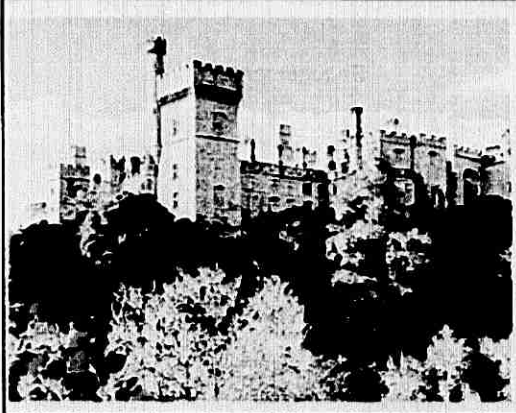
The Minister for Agriculture, Mary Coughlan, allocated 362,696 to Pat Denn (Agriculture) Ltd in Cappoquin to build a grain store while in Dungarvan, Cork Co-Op Mart will receive 145,825 to modernise its livestock marketing facilities and to build a new treatment plant.

"These investments will play a key role in assisting the development of the agriculture sector by improving the storage and handling of grain and put-

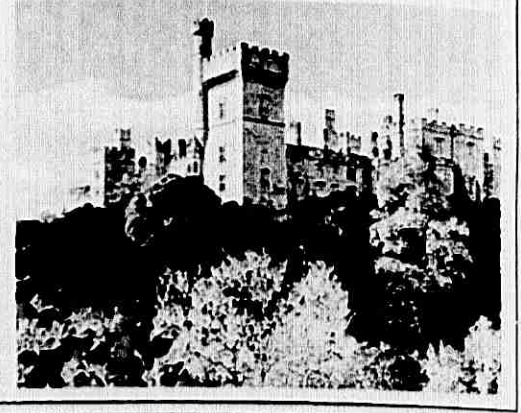
ting livestock at the top of the farming agenda," he said.

"Upgrading there facilities will benefit consumers by increasing output and boosting the food industry. The funding will no doubt play a key role in sustaining these two important local agriculture forums in the years ahead." "I particularly welcome the funding because I know how vital farming is to Waterford — both as a way of life and as a pivotal local economic resource."

The funding comes as part of an aid package totalling 14.65 million for 41 projects under the Departments Capital Investment Scheme for marketing and processing certain agricultural products.



Lismore Notes



LISMORE GAA PRESENTATIONS



Group pictured a special presentation by Lismore GAA Club to their two hurling stars, Dan Shanahan and Dave Bennett. Seated l to r; Dan Shanahan, Paddy Moore, Club President, Billy Cunningham and Dave Bennett. Standing l to r; Michael Foley, Vice President. Collette Whelan, Mary & Brian Shanahan. Emer Barry. Bernard Dooley, Club Chairman, Liz Foley, Marie Bennett, George Howard, Vice Chairman and Joe Bennett. (Photo; Sean Byrne).

LISMORE GOLF CLUB NOTES

Results

Sunday 26th, Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th December 12 Hole Stableford; 1ST M Cahillane (10) 29 Pts. New Years Day Captains Drive in Mixed Competition; 1st P Morrissey, A Bennett, & M Condon, 2nd J O'Mahony, K Moynihan & P McCarthy Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd of January 12 Hole Stableford; 1st Paul McCarthy (9) 29 Pts

Fixtures

Saturday 8th, & Sunday 9th January 12 Hole Stableford. DERMOT O'LEARY AGRI LIMITED SPRING LEAGUE The entry sheet for this years Spring League is now posted on the notice board. Please put your name up ASAP. Closing Date Sun 16th. 1st Round Commences Monday 17th of January.

Lismore Ladies Golf Club

Fixtures

9 Hole Ongoing Stableford — Match Play Ladder, timesheet in Clubhouse to be played before 23rd January. Spring League commencing mid January. Entry list now posted in Clubhouse.

LISMORE CONCERNED RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A Meeting will be held on Friday, 7th January at 8pm in the Community Hall regarding the proposed development of 51 houses via Station Road, Lismore.

The meeting will be to discuss the traffic concerns that this will bring to the area and other concerns that any residents may have.

All are welcome.

Ballysaggart Notes

CARDS RESULTS

30th December. 1st/2nd Mary Whelan and Dan O'Brien. Cassie Hyland and Tess Hale. 3 Jim and James Walsh. Lucky tables Finbarr Byrne and Richard Whelan, Joan Bennett and Bridie O'Brien. Stephen Cunningham and Pa Geoghegan. Raffle; James Walsh x 2. Dick Aherne and Dave Fennessy.

SOUTH EAST ASIA DISASTER

In common with all other communities nationwide, we look on in total disbelief at the awful happenings in Asia. People feel they want to do something. While the collection at Mass on Sunday next will go to help the people, we have decided that we will have buckets in both Roches and Meaghers shops and in the Ballyvera Bar. The buckets will be there for the next two weeks and we appeal to people to be as generous as they can and any contribution big or small will be most welcome.

GAA

AGM of the GAA Club will be held in the Community Centre on this Friday night, 7th at 8 o'clock. All members are invited to attend and new members would be most welcome.

LOTTO

We held no lotto draw on 28th December. Are are back on the road this week 4th. Results next week.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Seamus Lenane on the death of his father which occurred at the weekend. May he rest in peace.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

As these are the first notes of the New Year we wish all our readers at home and away a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



Dick Aherne, Juvenile Coach making a special presentation to Dan Shanahan in recognition of his All Star Award at the Lismore Juvenile GAA Club presentation night. included are Billy Devine, Chairman Juvenile Club, Paddy Moore, President Lismore GAA Club and special guest, Brian Corcoran. (Photo; Sean Byrne).

WEST WATERFORD NOTES



JERSEY PRESENTATION - Clashmore Ramblers go green and white as sponsor Liam O'Donnell of Ui Domhnaill's, Clashmore presents "The Ramblers" Pa O'Rourke, Kieran Allen and Brendan O'Connell with their new kit for 2005.

Collection This Weekend

In response to the urgent appeal for aid for the tsunami stricken people of South East Asia. Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, William Lee has called for collections to be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese next weekend.

In conjunction with the collection already in progress, at each of the three local shops, collections will be taken up at all Masses here in the parish of Clashmore and Piltown on this Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

"We cannot give life back to those who are dead but we can give back to the living by supporting them in every way we can in particular by supporting them financially" - President Mary McAlesse.

Aglish Dart News - The Elephants

Our last two matches before Christmas against the Marine and the Red House B team resulted in two good wins 5-3 against the Marine and 7-1 against an inexperienced Red House team. We are scheduled to play Deckies in Modeligo next Friday night but the match will be played on Monday night, January 10th instead.

Aglish Card Results

No cards last week, cards again on tonight, Wednesday, January 5th for all our 45 drive players and Poker classic on Thursday night, January 6th starting at 9:15pm sharp.

Asia Disaster Fund

Please note the proceeds of next Monday nights Clashmore/Kinsalebeg G.A.A. club lotto draw will be donated to Asia Disaster Fund. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Poker Classic

Our 2005 Poker Classic at Ui Domhnaill's resumes for the new year on tonight, Wednesday, January 5th. All welcome.

Ui Domhnaill's Darts

As we resume our darts season the fixtures for this week for the Ui Domhnaill's darts team are as follows. Team A play Lukies in Tallow on Tuesday, January 4th. Team A also play Lyndsey's of Ballyduff in Ballyduff on Friday night. Meanwhile Team B play the Swallow Inn, Araglen on Friday night.

Liam, Anne and family wish all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Clashmore 45 Drive

The results of our 45 drive in Clashmore on Monday, December 27th were winners on twelve games Dan and Margaret Leahy with joint second on eight games each Maura McGrath and John Connery, James Ledingham and Edmond Ledingham. Best of the last five were Michael and Mairead Fahy, Bernard Moloney and Billy Allen. Lucky table winners were Mary Dower and Nell

Foley, Gabriel Hynes and Tony Keane, Tomas and Seamus Allen. Well done all.

Cards again on Bank Holiday Monday night, January 3rd and a good start to the New Year for Bernard Moloney (Lucky) and Billy Allen, winners on eleven games. Again here the other prizes were won jointly by Margaret Dower and Jack Douris on eight games each. Best of the last five were won by Maura McGrath and John Connery, Liam Curran and Tomas Allen, James Ledingham and Edmond Ledingham, Nell and Paddy Foley, Aine Curran and Pat, Mickey Ryan and Padraig Connery, John Cliffe and Paddy Lynch. Well done to all our winner and a Happy New Year to each and everyone of our players.

Clashmore/Kinsalebeg G.A.A. Lotto

Our final lotto draw of 2004 took place on Monday, December 27th and the following were the numbers out 3, 14, 16, 20. We had no match four winners to claim the jackpot of €1,540. Congratulations to each of the following who

were winners of €15 each: Tom Walsh, Grange; Paddy Murphy, Summerhill; Pat Collins, Kilgabriell; Billy Allen, Village View; Denis Hurton, Ballyheaney.

The first draw of the New Year took place on Monday night at the Rising Sun, again there was no jackpot winner. The numbers out were 2-4-7-12. Well done to each of the following who were winners of €15 consolation prizes: Caroline Carden; Tony Hickey, Cross; Kieran Connery, Clashmore; Rita Dalton, Modeligo; Aidan Trihy, Kinsalebeg.

We'll done to each of you. Next weeks lotto draw takes place at the Decies bar. There will be a jackpot of €1,670 and on this occasion we will be donating the proceeds of our draw to the Asia Disaster Fund. Your support will be very much appreciated.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is being extended to the Barry family, Rhinencrew on the death of Martin Barry whose death occurred during the past week. May he rest in peace.

MODELIGO NOTES

ASIA DISASTER APPEAL

Unfortunately the New Year began with a horrific humanitarian disaster in several Southeast Asian Nations. As everyone knows the consequences of the tsunamis, resulting from the worlds biggest undersea earthquake in over 40 years, will have far reaching effects for generations to come. Agencies the world over are gathering and pledging monetary support as well as physical presence to help alleviate some of the immediate problems the survivors are experiencing. Irish charities confirmed the public's unprecedented response had pushed the amount raised to date for disaster relief efforts to near 10m, but more is needed in order to build the countries back for the future survival of its peoples.

At all masses throughout the diocese this weekend, 8th/9th January, your regular parish envelope contribution will be given to the Asia Appeal through Trócaire. A special plea is being made to everyone to do the best they can on this occasion. People have been very generous in past appeals and it is expected this Disaster Appeal will be no different. Please give as much as you can.

LOTTO

Christmas Eve Draw: Numbers were 4, 17 and 22. No jackpot winner.

€15 Winners: Seán and Aoife O'Donovan, Carrigan; Pat Collins, Clashmore; Catherine Kenneally, Lyrratin; Michael Phelan, Cappagh; Paddy Walsh, Lyrratin.

The first draw of the New Year took place on 1st January 2005 with a jackpot of €750 waiting to be claimed. Unfortunately we had no winner, so the total is increased and we offer you €900 on Saturday night. Last weeks numbers were 6, 17 and 22, but what will the lucky numbers be this weekend. Go and chose your numbers carefully. It could be the start of a great new year for you!

€15 Winners: Catherine Cullinane, Newcastle; James Ryan, Modeligo; Siobhan Troy, Graigue-more; Nicholas Dalton, Lower Glen; Carmel Buckley, Carrowgar-riffe.

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 2004 and let us hope we continue to build a stronger community in 2005.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Christmas celebrations got underway with a very special concelebrated mass in Modeligo church on Christmas Eve. It was wonderful to see a packed church join with Fr Paddy O'Brien, Fr Larry Walsh and Fr Ned Hassett, to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It was the first occasion in 57 years that both Fr Paddy and Fr Larry were present, together, in their native parish to share Christmas mass, as both served overseas in the ministry of The Lords work.

On this special occasion we also rejoiced in the gift bestowed on the parish, by an extremely kind anonymous benefactor, of a set of Nativity statues. To do justice to these beautiful figurines it was decided to create a new crib setting which has received many words of praise from far and near.

Mile buíochas to David Fitzgerald, Joe Cunningham and James Cotter who did a magnificent job on constructing the new crib. A special word of thanks is extended to Mai Kearney, Clonmel, the talented artist who painted the background scene. Thanks to Elaine Scanlon and Affane Choir who joined our own choir for the night, and to everyone who took part and helped in any way. Happy New Year!

KILROSSANTY NOTES

Engagements

Congratulations to Alan Kiely, Ballingown and Tasha Hennebry, Rathgormack who announced their engagement recently. Also to Glen Norris, Glendaligan and Ann Marie Norris, Kilmacthomas who announced their engagement recently. Best wishes to both couples.

Fund

Collection this weekend for the Asian Fund Appeal will be taken up at all Masses. Please be as generous as you can for this very worthy cause.

€1,270 was given to the fund last Saturday at a dance in Crotty's Inn. Thanks to the generosity of the Kilrossanty G.A.A club who gave the proceeds instead of going towards the club.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Barry family, Garryhalish on the unexpected death of Billy Barry last week. To his wife Joan, sons, daughters, sisters and brother, sympathy is extended.

Sympathy also to Joan Maher, Shanbally on the death of her brother-in-law Pat Talty, Westown who died over the weekend. May he rest in peace.

Retired

Best wishes for a happy retirement to Anna Kirwan, Knockeysn who has retired from her teaching post in St. John's School, Dungarvan.

Benefit

Benefit night for Asian Disaster Fund will be held in Micilins this Friday night, 7th January at 9:30pm. Fund raising auction will take place on the night. Music by Mark Ansboro.

KILROSSANTY G.A.A. NOTES

Draw: Results of draw, for members of the Deise Draw, held within the club recently. €50 to each of the following: Mick Hearne, Kildarmody; John Power, Gortnalaght; Pa Walsh, Glendaligan and Pat Whyte, Cutteen.

Promoters: Richard Cotter, Gortnalaght; Dick and Mary Hennebry, Bellaheen; Eddie Keating, Comeragh; Richard Houlihan, Crough; Nora-Anne Houlihan, Crough; Nora and Nadine Kirwan, Kealfoun.

Thanks to all who subscribed to the draw and to the promoters. The new draw will start again in March.

A.G.M.

The club will hold their Annual General Meeting this Friday night in the clubhouse at 8pm. Hope to see all members present and also new members are very welcome.

Birth

Congratulations to Alfie and Biddy Ann Kirwan, Kealfoun on the birth of their baby boy recently.

Presentation

Presentation of medals to the Minor panel to take place in Crotty's in February. More details at a later stage.

Congrats

Congratulations to our Chairman John Kiely, on being appointed as manager of the Waterford Football team for the coming year. Also to Pierce Whyte as being one of the selectors on the Waterford Under 21 Football team for the coming year.

Dance

New Years Eve dance proceeds which was to go to the club was given to the Asian Fund on the night to help them rebuild after the terrible tragedy out there. €1,270 was given to the fund.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to Susan Whyte, Curraun on the death of her father Billy Barry, Garryhalish who died suddenly last week. Sympathy to Billy's wife, sons and daughters, sisters and brother on their sad loss. Burial took place in Faha Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

DUNGARVAN DRAMATIC CLUB

Readings for Dungarvan Dramatic Club's upcoming production of "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" will take place at 8pm on Thursday, 13th January in the Park Hotel. Produced and directed by Pat O'Halloran, this play features two male parts (20 years and 40 years) and two female parts (aged 40 and 70). Scripts are available from the reception in the Park Hotel.



THANK YOU

Dungarvan Lions Club and WLRfm would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all who supported the Christmas Appeal of 2004. Many businesses donated quality items for on-air auctions; others organised fundraisers, while we received some very generous donations. Thank you, also, to those who supported the various collections and events, and those who purchased items in the auctions.

In conjunction with the various conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we were in a position to assist deserving individuals, and families in our area. All funds raised by Dungarvan Lions Club are redistributed into the community in West Waterford.

Again, this year, the people of West Waterford demonstrated that we have a community that is generous, and caring of one another.

We wish all a happy and peaceful 2005.

Eamonn Moore,
President,
Dungarvan Lions Club.

Abbeyside Church on RTE Radio 1

RTE will broadcast 10am mass live from Abbeyside Church on the next two Sundays. Sunday 9th January, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the Celebrant will be Rev F. Richard Doherty PP, and Abbeyside and Garranbane Choirs will provide the liturgical Music with Choir Director, Deirdre Collender.

Sunday 16th January the celebrant will be Fr Martin Keogh CC and the choir will be the Abbeyside, Ballinroad and Garranbane Childrens Liturgy Group with Musical Director Deirdre Moore and Organist Francie Kenneally.

All are welcome to attend both celebrations. To facilitate RTE, if you would like to attend either of these Masses, please be no later than 9.45am.

There will be no 10.30 Mass on these two Sundays. If you would like to hear these Masses on the Radio, tune to Radio 1 Long Wave 252 and Medium Wave (R1)

MELLERAY NOTES

MELLERAY COMMUNITY AREA - ASIAN DISASTER APPEAL FUND

The local community are organising a Monster Table Quiz in support of the people of South East Asia who have suffered such devastation in their respective countries which also included a number of Irish people. The Quiz takes place on Saturday, January 15th at 8 pm in the Sportsman's Bar in Cappoquin. All proceeds will go to the Appeal Fund but people are welcome to donate prizes if they wish. Music and light refreshments will follow. For anyone seeking further details please contact Michael O'Rourke at 058-54963.

SCOR NA NOG

The County Final of this competition takes place in Toura-neena on this Thursday night, January 6th at 7 pm. Melleray will be represented in five sections of competition. Best of luck to all.

Tallow Notes

BRIDEVIEW UNITED A.F.C. NOTES

West Waterford/East Cork Junior Soccer League Easy Win For United

The weather did not prove too kind over the Christmas period with the result that many games were cancelled.

Our Premier div did have a big win on New Years Day over neighbours Valley Rangers of Conna.

Our U12 side went down to Castlebridge Celtic but our U14 side defeated Celtic.

Lotto Winner
We congratulate our big lotto winner over the Christmas season namely Donna Buckley who won the jackpot of €6,450. Congratulations Donna and spend it wisely like us lads known the girls do ahem! ahem!

Results
Premier Division
Brideview Utd 5 Valley Rangers 2

United proved to be in sparkling form on New Years Day and apart from the opening 10 minutes looked to be the most likely winners. This was only United's third league game as they head into the New Year. A full match report on the League notes.

United's scorers were William Curley, Eoin Murphy (2), Paul O'Brien (1) and William Henley. Well done lads.

United: B. Sheehan, B. Henley, T. McSweeney, S. Barry, D. Martin, W. Murphy, J.P. Grey, E. Murphy, W. Curley, P. O'Brien and W. Henley.

Res all used: S. McCarthy (Finn), G. O'Neill and M. Curley.

Back In Action
It was good to see injured players like Graham O'Neill and Michael Curley back in action again after their injuries. However, we still have players like Ian Farmer, Andy McCarthy and Tim Lenihan out injured. Get well soon lads. Also out of action is of course John Doyle.

Happy New Year
All in Brideview Utd would like to wish our players, their families, supporters, sponsors, lotto sellers and buyers, our friends and our referees a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Sympathy
The club extends its deepest sympathy to the Henley family, Limekill Close on the sad passing of Mary O'Donnell. May she rest in peace.

The club also extends its deepest sympathy to the Burke family on the tragic passing of Paddy. May he rest in peace.

Sympathy also to the Aherne family, Gallows Hill on the passing of Alice. May she rest in peace.

Sympathy also to the Landers family, Lismore on the sad passing of Michael. May he rest in peace.

Deepest sympathy to the Barry family, Rhincrew on the sad passing of Martin. May he rest in peace.

Birthday Corner
Birthday greetings to Niamh Condon, who celebrated her first birthday on 17th December. Well done Niamh.

Calendars
The club calendars are now being distributed and most homes should have them by the end of this week.

Fixtures For This Weekend
Saturday, January 8th
Youths League - Brideview Utd v Cappoquin. Kick off 2:30pm.

Sunday, January 9th
Premier Division - Brideview Utd v Ardmore. Kick off 11:30am.
U14 League - Brideview Utd

v Ballybridge Utd. Kick off 12noon.

Lotto Jackpot
Last weeks numbers were 5-7-8-21. No winner. Match 3 winners were Colette Power, Ann Daly, Denise Sheehan, James Kenneally, Anthony and Liz Cronin. Draw this Friday night in the Corner House.

C.L.G. TULACH AN IARAINN

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Teddy is on Board

We're delighted to announce that Teddy McCarthy will be staying on this year as coach to our senior hurling team. Now that he knows the lie of the land we could see a new regime this year. We wish himself and co selectors Johnny Gear and Timmy Sheehan the best. Players will be informed when training resumes.

Development Fund

The response we have received has exceeded all expectations and money is still coming in. People have appreciated the magnitude of the task the club has taken on and responded magnificently. We thank sincerely the many individuals, families, businesses and local organisations who have contributed to date. Full details will be given over the coming weeks as we submit our application for funding. We haven't quite hit our target yet and we would encourage anyone who intends contributing to make the effort this week with application date fast approaching. The account no. in the Credit Union is 5454.

Club Dinner

As well as GAA president Sean Kelly the members of the 1980 senior panel will be special guests at the club dinner in the Walter Raleigh Hotel on February 11th. I'm reminded also that our minors won the county that year as well. A minor/senior double is a rare achievement.

To my mind Sean Kelly has been a progressive president (we've had a few dinosaurs in the position). He speaks his mind and more often than not reflects real grass roots thinking. The president has limited powers when it comes to bringing about reform in the workings of the association but Sean Kelly has made a positive contribution.

Tickets for the evening can be booked through club runai Lindsay Murphy @ 56015.

Northern Alliance

Old friendships with our friends in Tyrone will be renewed when a number of club members travel to Cookstown on February 5th for the Naomh Columcille Dinner.

You have heard me often enough (maybe too often) talk about this little club in East Tyrone based around the lough shore and Coalisland area. The hurling club (because it is strictly a hurling club) is now almost 20 years in existence and has survived against all the odds. At the time they were given two years. Having depended on the good will of local football clubs for years to play their games, Naomh Columcille has finally secured its own pitch which will be opened this year. This is the first hurling ground in Tyrone as the half dozen or so other teams in Tyrone are attached to football clubs and use their facilities.

It's a proud achievement for these lads who refused to lie down. The GAA is not interested in hurling in Ulster. People like Dinny Cahill, Ned Power and Liam Griffin have always made themselves available for the cause up there but there has been no real concerted effort by the GAA as an organisation to develop the game beyond the established counties. They are more interested in going to Perth than Pomeroy. The Columcille lads will hurl on regardless and we will give them whatever bit of moral support we can.

The dinner is on Saturday the 5th in the Glenavon Hse. Hotel in Cookstown where accommodation has been booked for those travelling from Tallow, returning next day. Anybody interested should contact this PRO.

SPECIAL MASS

Special Mass on Thursday, 6th January at 7:30pm just for parents and young children. Special blessing given to both parents and children during Mass.

You are invited to come to receive this blessing as we start the New Year.

Stradbally News

CHURCH NEWS

Faha - The final part of the bi-centenary celebrations in Faha took place after Mass on Sunday morning, 26th December. It was felt that the year should not pass without planting two trees for prosperity. Thanks for the generosity of Monnie Foley, two dwarf golden pines were made available and the honour of planting the trees was given to Kitty Clarke and John Keane, the two people who also made the presentations to Dr. Martin and President McAleese on 3rd June 2004. Thus ended a year that will be spoken about whenever people from Faha gather in the year ahead.

TROCAIRE

The Tsunami appeal has already received a great response from so many people touched by the disaster which caused such havoc with the loss of thousands of lives. Please be generous at the weekend Masses when the collection will be given to the appeal fund and there is no apology for asking for a really generous response.

HOLY DAY

The feast of the Epiphany which falls on the 6th January is a Holy Day of obligation to celebrate the arrival of the three wise men. There will be a vigil Mass in Ballylaneen at 6:30pm and Stradbally 7:30pm on Wednesday, 5th January. The Masses on the 6th January will be at 9am in Faha, 10am in Stradbally and 11am in Ballylaneen.

THE CHAMP

One of the floral tributes at the funeral Mass for Billy Barry of Garrahalish just read "The Champ" and it summed up the life of the man who endeared himself to so many people. The sudden departure of Billy Barry from this life caused great shock to all who knew him especially to his wife Joan nee Power of Fahafelagh, daughters Susan, Mary, Linda, Helen and Paula, sons Ger, Noel, Liam, Tom, Tony and David, sisters Eileen and Mary, brother Ned, in-laws, nieces and nephews and the extended Barry and Power families. Billy had been out and about pursuing his favourite pastimes in Doneraile on 26th December and Tommy Power's in Dungarvan the following day. Little did anyone realise that they were the last two full days of Billy's hectic life as the following day on 28th December he died suddenly at his residence.

Probably the biggest crowds ever seen in Faha for a funeral were present for the removal of the remains on 30th December and they were received and blessed by Fr. Michael Enright assisted by Fr. Brendan Crowley and Fr. John Delaney. Requiem Mass on New Year's Eve was concelebrated by Fr. Enright, Fr. Finbarr Lucey, who played with Billy for Stradbally for a number of years, Fr. Alan Sullivan O.P. and Fr. Michael Collender O.S.A. The readings were shared by Stephen and Angela with the psalm sung by Mala Raggett. The Prayers of the Faithful were shared by Jacinta, Katie, Paula, Rosemary, Niall and Marcella. The gifts of the Offertory were brought to the altar by Helen, Mary, Linda and Susan. At the beginning of Mass Sean brought a Stradbally jersey, Katie brought a deck of cards, Niamh brought the Cork Examiner, Stephen a cap and a pair of glasses, Jack a Volvo dumper and Tony a family photograph. Tom Foley spoke in glowing terms about Billy, the footballer, the card player and most of all the family man. Billy's granddaughter Katie composed her own tribute and read it out at the end of Mass.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Noel Costelloe of Rockville, Stradbally on the death of his mother Peg who was buried in Freshford, Co. Kilkenny on 31st December.

The death has also taken place in Brighton, England of Kathleen Hardy nee Walsh, late of Knockadrumalea. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family in Brighton and also to the Carroll family of Knock.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The Christmas season brought wonderful news to the Phelan family of Cove Lodge, Stradbally when Sara-Jane was informed that she had got a place in Oxford. Congratulations and best wishes to Sara-Jane from all her neighbours and friends for a bright and brilliant future.

STRADBALLY TOURISM AND ENTERPRISE

Stradbally Tourism and Enterprise will hold their AGM on Monday night 17th January in GAA centre at 7PM. All persons living in the parish are entitled to attend.

An open meeting will be held on Monday 17th January at 7.30 pm, in GAA centre, (after Tourism and Enterprise AGM) to discuss and formulate a submission for inclusion in "The Waterford Development Plan 2005-2012". Suggestions at the moment include: Water, Sewage, Planning, Library, Garda presence, Sheltered housing (retired) Alternative Energy. If you are interested in having your say in how Stradbally develops, you are invited to this meeting.



AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CATTLE: Improving Performance

If performance is judged to be below expectation there must be a reason. Intake, environmental conditions and animal health factors are among the possible causes.

Intake

The single biggest influence on performance is feed intake. It is also very difficult to estimate in the absence of a diet feeder. Finishing cattle on silage/concentrate diets should consume about 1.7% to 1.8% of their body weight in dry matter daily, or 10kgs to 11kgs of dry matter for a 600 kgs steer. 6 kgs of concentrate supplies just over 5 kgs of dry matter leaving 5 - 6 kgs to come from silage. At a dry matter of 17% this means the animal must eat 30 to 36 kgs of wet silage each day. But is he? How many grabs of silage daily to how many cattle? Easy to answer! But what weight per grab? The only answer is weigh it, possibly by taking 3 typical grabs on a trailer to a local weighbridge. It would be very useful information and worth a little hassle to get. If the intake is low performance cannot be good.

Environment

Cattle need lying space, feed space and fresh air in correct amounts for performance. The minimum lying area on slats for finishing steers of 600 kgs is 2.3 square metres (25 sq.ft.), while many sheds are still stocked at densities appropriate for much smaller cattle. For suckled weanlings (300 kgs) 1.65 sq. metres (18 sq. ft.) is the minimum.

Good ventilation is essential for all cattle but particularly for high performance finishing animals. Sweating and rapid breathing can indicate difficulties in this area. In mild weather allow as much airflow as possible by opening doors, shutters etc. Many sheds have ridge caps placed over central vents, which greatly restrict the escape of foul air. Lifting occasional sheets can help.

Suckler Cow

In suckler cows condition score at calving is the single most important factor in determining the time taken to come in heat again and, therefore, calving interval. In contrast to cattle weights it is fairly easy to monitor cow condition, but again it should not be done on a group basis. Looking at 40 or 50 cows it is very easy to focus on the strongest and miss the problem animals, and these are the ones requiring attention.

A condition score of around 3 at calving is ideal. At this score you need to exert some pressure to detect the tips of the lateral processes in front of the hip bones. They should feel well rounded and covered. If these can be felt easily and if they feel sharp the cow is too thin and requires feeding. Where cows need to gain condition it is preferable that they do so well in advance of calving time. Reasonably good silage ad-lib will restore condition on dry cows, where silage is poor up to 2 kgs of concentrate will be required.

Hedgelaying

Trees and shrubs have a natural lifespan. With limited natural regeneration or seeding within hedgerows, over time they can die. Given time, space and absence of management, they grow up, mature and die. Their lifespan can be extended by rejuvenation.

Rejuvenation

This is major surgery. It should only be carried out on relatively healthy hedgerows. If in doubt, try an occasional stem and assess the response. All hedgerow maintenance including rejuvenation should be carried out between 1st September and the end of February. Hedgelaying is the preferred method.

Stems are partially cut through near the ground and bent over or laid to form a living barrier, which continues to grow. New growth comes from the cut stump at ground level, eventually taking over from the laid stems, thickening the hedge from the base.

Procedure for Hedgelaying

Remove rubbish, wire and unwanted excess material. Using a bill-hook, axe or chainsaw, make a downward angled cut near to ground level, approximately three-quarters through the stem. The stem must be thinned sufficiently to allow it to bend. It is surprising how thin a contact keeps the stem alive. Next, lay the stem over. Older wood is more brittle and needs more care. Stems are a bit more flexible in autumn while there is still some movement of sap. Laid stems can be woven between driven stakes. Secure with a hooked stick or gabhlóg, natural or sisal twine, a stone or sod of earth. This protects against the effects of strong winds or livestock rubbing. Cut off the remaining heel or stub at a sloping angle near to the ground. This allows water to run off, encourages regrowth at ground level and prevents injury to livestock.

Why not practice on a gap in a hedge?

National Reserve

The closing date for receipt of applications for Single Farm Payment from the National Reserve is Friday January 14.

The categories of farmers who are entitled to make an application to the National Reserve for free entitlements include:

- a) Farmers who inherited land that was leased out during the reference period.
- b) Farmers who made investments in production capacity between 1 January 2000 and 19 October 2003.
- c) Farmers who participated in the milk quota restructuring scheme between 1 January 2000 and 19 October 2003.
- d) New entrants to farming after 31 December 2002.

Applications are available from the Department website www.agriculture.gov.ie and from Teagasc offices.

Important Event

A 20 Hour Course in Horse Production will be held by Teagasc Tipperary South at the Teagasc Centre, Clonmel, from 13th of January 2005 to 17th February 2005.

The course is a minimum educational requirement for grant aid for investment in housing/handling facilities for horses. Contact Teagasc, Clonmel at 052-21300



FARMING LEADER

Waterford Macra na Feirme Notes

Happy New Year to all in Waterford Macra na Feirme hope 2005 will be as good and as successful for the county as 2004 was.

Over the Christmas Ballyduff Macra held a successful table Quiz and had a great turn out from the county and raised alot for their club.

Also we had a successful Christmas party in Meaghers pub of Ballysaggart and again a great crowd came and their was plenty of song and enjoyment on the night.

Well to kick off the New Year the county is being represented

by the Ballyduff Female indoor soccer team and the Kilmacthomas male indoor soccer team in Gormanstown in Co. Meath on Sunday the 9th of January, best of luck to all taking part from the county.

The first county executive of the New Year will take place on the 5th of January and clubs are asked to have teams for Basketball and The Dublin City Talent Show.

So heres to another busy year for the County and hopefully successful and best of wishes to all clubs and members for a prosperous 2005!

Touraneena Notes

FOUND

A small puppy dog with brown spots was recently found in Reanadampaun area. For further details please contact (087) 9546081.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Cathal and Cathy who were married recently in Abbeyside Church. Cathal is son of Tom and Nuala Dunne, Touraneena. We wish Cathal and Cathy many years of health and happiness.

Congratulations also to Ned and Noirin O'Rourke, Melleray on the recent birth of their new baby girl.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Molly Finn, Dungarvan who recently reached the grand age of 94 years. Molly is still in fine health and we wish her the best of health for 2005 and for many more years.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas passed peacefully for many in the parish with large congregations attending all Masses. The church was beautifully decorated by Alice Burke and her daughter Veronica Troy. Thanks is also extended to Liam Cahill and the Cullinans for providing the Christmas crib. However, during the Christmas period there were also a number of deaths in the Parish and we would like to extend sympathy to the following families.

To the Looby family on the death of their father, Tommy Looby, Sleady, Ballinamult. To Josie Hackett and family on the death of her husband Joe Hackett, Lickoran. To Maggie McGrath on the death of her brother, Roger McGrath, Boolavounteen. We would like to extend sympathy to the nieces, nephews, many relatives and friends of all these families.

THANKS

Alice Burke would like to thank all her wheelie bin customers for their support during 2004. The winners of the Christmas raffle for those cus-

tomers were as follows; 1st Mary Lonergan - Basket of toiletries. 2nd Jemma Cliffe - Pair of candle holders. 3rd Betty Condon - Christmas Ornament. 4th Mary Dunford - Teapot Stand. 5th Mary Dunford - Box of chocolates. 6th Fr. C. Kelleher P.P. - Tin of biscuits. 7th Christine Cliffe - Christmas wine holder.

Alice, the writer of these notes takes this opportunity to wish all readers and families a happy, trouble-free new year. Our thoughts are with parishioners who are ill at present, those who have lost loved ones throughout the year and especially with the thousands of people who have suffered directly or indirectly from the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. There will be a church collection held in St. Mary's Church, Touraneena on Sunday next in aid of this extremely worthy cause. Fr. Kelleher P.P. asks that any person wishing to donate should place their donations in an envelope and put it in the collection basket during Mass. (Placing donations in the envelope will enable us to differentiate it from the normal church collection).

IRISH WILDLIFE TRUST OUTING

The IWT is having its next outing Sunday 9th of January. We will walk the back strand and the sand dunes of Tramore. Depending on the weather, there might be a good chance for watching overwintering birds. Ray McGrath will lead the walk. Starting point: car park, at the end of the promenade (beyond the public toilets). Starting time: 1.30 p.m. For more details and in case of weather doubts, ring Ray at 051 382629.

CAPPOQUIN MACRA NOTES

Wishing all club members, past and present and our sponsors all the best for 2005. Hope the New Year is a very happy and peaceful one for everyone.

The first County Executive of 2005 will be held tonight 5th January. All club officers are asked to attend.

THE SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME 2005 NATIONAL RESERVE

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 2005

Ms Mary Coughlan TD, Minister for Agriculture and Food has announced the setting up of the Single Payment Scheme 2005 National Reserve.

Mandatory categories

The categories of farmers who are automatically entitled to make an application to the National Reserve are as follows:

- (i) *Farmers who inherit, lease or otherwise receive free of charge, from a farmer who retired or died as the case may be before the closing date for receipt of Single Payment applications in 2005, a holding that was leased to a third party during the reference period 2000, 2001 and 2002. (Category A on application form)*
- (ii) *Farmers who between 1 January 2000 and 19 October 2003, made investments in production capacity or who purchased or leased land (long-term) before 19 October 2003. (Category B on application form)*
- (iii) *Farmers who between 1 January 2000 and 19 October 2003 participated in the milk quota restructuring scheme and who converted to a farming sector for which a direct payment under the Livestock Premia and/or Arable Aid schemes would have been payable during the period 2000 - 2002. (Category C on application form)*
- (iv) *Active dairy farmers who, because of force majeure, will be unable to supply milk during the 2004/2005 milk quota year.*

Farmers in this situation will, subject to the Department's approval, be entitled to temporarily lease all or part of their milk quota and benefit from the decoupled Dairy Premium. While the cost of accommodating these farmers must be taken out of the National Reserve, they are being treated separately from the other categories and a separate application form SPS/2/FMD is already available from Local Offices or from the Department's website. The closing date of 14 January 2005 **does not** apply to this category.

The following non-mandatory category is also included in the 2005 National Reserve:

Farmers who commenced farming after 31 December 2002 or who, while farming in 2002, did not receive any direct payments in that year. (Category D on application form).


A detailed explanatory guide and application forms are now available from any Local Office of the Department or from the Department's website at www.agriculture.gov.ie

The closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 14 January 2005.



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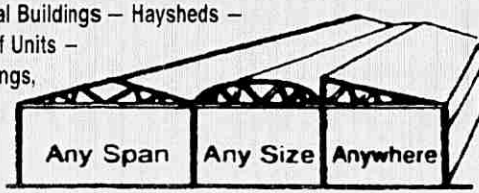


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Aideen McDonnell (Tallow) and her boyfriend Danny McAuliffe at home after just returned from disaster stricken Thailand pictured with Aideen's 7 month old nephew Bill Kingston. Pic Arthur Ellis/Provision

Tallow Survivor Of Tsunami Disaster Returns Home

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

We got about 1 to 2 hours rest that night, warming ourselves by a fire lit by some local Thais.

"Danny was particularly cold as he had waded through chest high water trying to carry an injured girl to the ferry. People sat in silence listening for any sign of a second wave or of others trapped or in pain."

Returning to the centre at first light they continued assisting the injured until about 3pm that afternoon.

"All the walking wounded and other tourists were ferried back to Krabi throughout the morning. We got the last helicopter out of the island at about

3pm that afternoon with the rest of the rescue team."

KRABI

They reached Krabi and there they went on to Phuket where they stayed for a day, helping Dan Mulhall, the Irish Ambassador to Thailand, search hospitals for Irish survivors. Eventually they got a flight from Phuket to Kuala Lumpur, and from there to home, arriving back on Thursday, 30th of December to Cork Airport.

One of those to greet Aideen and Danny on arrival in Cork was Aideen's father, Willie McDonnell. He spoke of his and Kitty, Aideen's mother's, relief when news came through that their youngest daughter and Danny were safe and well.

"The wait for any news was nerve wrenching," Mr. McDonnell said. "We were waiting for a phone call from St. Stephen's Day morning - when we saw the reports on Sky News - until 4 o'clock the following day. We couldn't do anything except stay by the phone and wait for news."

He said they were thrilled and relieved when the phone call telling them that Aideen was safe came.

"Our hearts go out to those families who are still in the terrible situation of finding out the fate of their loved ones," he added.

Waterford To Forge Charitable Twin Link With Tamil Nadu

BAG PACKING DAYS IN AID OF TAMIL AT DUNNES STORES DUNGARVAN

Sr. Sinead Browne, the Waterford nun who is the over seas director for the Irish based charity, The Hope Foundation (who work in India) has come up with a unique and positive fundraising idea to help rebuild the lives of the coastal victims of the South Indian Tsunami disaster.

Sr. Sinead Browne and a team from the Hope Foundation travelled down to the coastal villages of India immediately after the tragedy to help.

Maureen Forrest, director of the Hope Foundation in Ireland said, "We have been getting updates from Sr. Sinead several times each day, she has asked us to appeal to the Irish people to help begin rebuilding the lives of the local fishing villages. With County Waterford being very close to Sr. Sinead's heart and being a coastal county we have come up with the novel idea to 'twin' and link the Decies county with the fishing area of Tamil Nadu, which was severely affected by the terrible tsunami disaster last week.

"We are depending on the people of Waterford to come up with their own fundraising events, whether it's a raffle in your local bar, a coffee morning or organising a bag packing day in your local supermarket."

As the Hope Foundation is a registered charity in India all donations raised in county Waterford will go directly to the area of Tamil Nadu so that the local people can begin to rebuild their homes and their livelihoods with the replacement of fishing boats and nets."

Dungarvan people who are interested in giving a little of their time to help can take part in the Bag Packing days in the new Dunnes Stores in Dungarvan Shopping centre on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th, Saturday 15th.

"We are looking for volunteers to do a couple of hours of bag packing to help raise money for the town of Tamil Nadu. If you are interested please contact the Hope Foundation."

"We are appealing to the people of Waterford to come up with their own fundraising events we will supply you with any fundraising material, posters, t-shirts etc."

For further details please contact Viki in the Hope Foundation on 021-4292990. Donations towards the purchase of fishing nets and boats can be made by credit card donations over the phone, on line www.hopefoundation.info or postal cheque to Hope Foundation, 1 Clover Lawn, Skehard Road, Cork. Thank you.

Lismore Man Joins GOALs Emergency Relief Programmes

Seamus Clancy, from Lismore, is to leave for Sri Lanka this week, where he will join GOALs team of volunteers in the disaster stricken country.

Seamus, who works as an accountant in Lismore, will join other GOAL relief workers, including doctors, nurses and engineers, in Sri Lanka.

GOAL has already set up emergency feeding, public health, engineering, water and sanitation programmes in the country.

Seamus will be a member of one of the number of teams of experienced aid workers GOAL is sending to the Tamil Nadu province of Southern India, to Sri Lanka and to the remote Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean.

Seamus is an experienced aid worker who has just returned from Angola, where he worked with GOAL for a year.

He also worked with GOAL in Ethiopia from 2002 to 2003, when the country was going through a devastating famine.

GOAL desperately needs experienced aid workers to join its growing teams in Sri Lanka and India and although Seamus has just returned from a year overseas, he was only too keen to pack his bags again after seeing the footage of the death and destruction that the tsunami brought.

GOAL has established emergency programmes in three districts of Sri Lanka - Ampara on the West Coast, Hambantota on the South East of the island and Matara on the island's tip.

In Ampara district alone, more than 42,000 people have been displaced and are in urgent need of assistance. GOAL is responding by implementing public health and engineering programmes in Ampara and also in Hambantota and Matara. The team is also clearing debris left behind by the tsunami and is retrieving bodies from the beaches to reduce the risk of waterborne diseases spreading.

In Tamil Nadu, Southern India, GOAL and its local partner organisation, the Child in Need Institute (CINI), are working in 75 villages along 120kms of coastline in the Nagappattinam district. Many of the villages have been abandoned by their populations, who are seeking shelter further inland.

GOAL is currently feeding approximately 65,000 people and has plans to increase the feeding programme in the coming days. A medical camp has also been conducted, where survivors receive vital medical supplies. GOAL is



SEAMUS CLANCY

also setting up community kitchens in the region, where people will receive three meals a day.

Between 3,000 and 10,000 people have died on the remote Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean. The inhabitants of Nicobar, the worst affected island, have been evacuated to Andaman and are now living in schools, temples and other buildings.

GOAL has established a feeding programme in Port Blair, the islands capital and is also travelling to the more remote villages to assess the needs of those who have not come to the capital. Non food items are being distributed to those who have lost everything.

GOAL has received tremendous support from the Irish public, who have donated in excess of 1 million since the tidal wave struck on St. Stephen's Day. Individuals have organised fundraising events around the country, from walks and collections to hairdressing in aid of the SE Asia emergency appeal.

In addition, all funds raised from the 30 GOAL Miles which took place nationwide on Christmas Day will go towards GOALs work in SE Asia.

This weekend is GOAL Sport Aid Weekend, when the entire Irish sporting community will unite in support of the victims. Sporting organisations across the country are being asked to support the efforts of GOAL.

John O'Shea, GOAL CEO said, "We are asking that a collection be taken up at all sporting venues by participants and spectators alike next weekend. People can use their own initiative to think of ways of raising funds," he said.

If you would like to make a donation to GOALs SE Asia emergency appeal or to organise a collection at a sporting event contact GOAL at PO Box 19, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, 01 2809779 or www.goal.ie

Meanwhile, Oxfam Shops say they've been inundated with donations on an unprecedented scale.

"We did not think we would ever see a bigger response than we got during the 1984 Ethiopia Famine Appeal, but the Asia Earthquake Floods Appeal has surpassed even that," Trevor Anderson, Oxfam Ireland, retail manager said.

To donate to Oxfam Ireland's emergency appeal telephone 1890 60 60 65, call into one of Oxfam's shops or donate online at www.oxfamireland.org

Waterford Mayoral Appeal For Tsunami Tragedy



Mayor John Carey

Following the devastating disaster in South East Asia on the 26th of December last, the Mayors of Waterford City and County launched an appeal for the victims of the disaster.

Mayor of County Waterford, John Carey, Mayor of Dungarvan, Michael O'Riordan, City Mayor Seamus Ryan, and Paddy O'Callaghan, Mayor of Tramore, appealed to the people of Waterford to once again give as generously as possible.

Expressing the sentiments of the people of the county at the devastation, Co. Mayor, John Carey said: "I am numbed at the magnitude of this disaster which has wiped out not just entire communities but entire population centres."

"It is impossible to watch the news or read the papers without becoming personally affected by this tragedy. Never, in my lifetime have I seen so much devastation over such a wide area, as a result of a force of nature."

"The citizens of the county are subdued by the horror of the images which are unfolding and are anxious to do something positive to assist. I would encourage anyone who is in a position to do so, to contribute to the agencies who are bringing food, water, medical supplies and personnel to the affected areas."

"A UN aid agency" he said "estimated a cost of 75 million to provide food alone, over the next six months, for two million people in countries hit by the earthquake and tsunamis." Mayor of Dungarvan, Michael O'Riordan

adds: "The cost of food is only the tip of the iceberg. The threat of infection from diseases such as cholera, typhoid, meningitis and malaria are very real. Livelihoods of the fishing communities have been destroyed and the destruction of the tourism industry, which has been the mainstay of the economy in many of the regions, will have a devastating impact for years to come."

Mayor O'Riordan joins with Mayor Carey in encouraging the people of County Waterford and Dungarvan town to give generously. "A tragedy, such as we've just witnessed is particularly poignant during the Christmas Season and I know that the people of Waterford will not be found wanting in their generosity."

The appeal will be a 'house to house' collection on Friday 14th of January between the times of 5.30pm and 9pm. Every house in the city and as many as possible in the county will be visited, and we appeal to you to give as generously as possible.

A Tsunami Appeal Centre will also be open in John Roberts Square, Waterford from 10am on Thursday 6th of January to enable any groups who may wish to contribute to do so, and this office will remain open throughout the duration of the appeal. We have also opened a Bank Account in the name of "Waterford Mayoral Appeal for Tsunami Tragedy" at AIB Account No: 66666189 Sort Code: 934119

"We have every confidence that once again the people of Waterford will show their generosity of spirit and make this appeal a resounding success."



Mayor M. O'Riordan

BALLYMACARBRY NEWS

Ballymacarbry Community Centre

Introduction

2005 has seen the formation of Ballymacarbry Community Centre Development Group. The purpose of this group is to facilitate the construction of a new Community Centre in Ballymacarbry in line with the wishes and desires of the local community. This newsletter is intended to review the first years achievements and to outline the next steps.

Achievements

The year began by carrying out a land registry search on St. Patrick's Hall. This resulted in the legal owners being the diocese of Waterford and Lismore. The group met Bishop Lee who gave a commitment to bring up the matter with his board of trustees and his legal representatives. The group then spoke to Mr. Bryan McGuire (Clonmel) who was willing to represent the community on this matter and any other legal aspects of the project. While there has been some correspondence between both legal teams during the year, no concrete position has been established to date regarding the transfer of St.

Patrick's Hall to the community.

Public meetings were held to inform the public on progress. First draft plans were drawn up and displayed and illustrated at a public meeting.

Fund raising was high on the agenda of the group. First contact for funding was Waterford Leader Partnership. Following several meetings with Leader it became apparent that funding may be available for specific aspects of the project on condition that the group would undergo a training course on project management, prepare detailed plans for the proposed building, submit a detailed application and have matched funding in place. All these demands have been met and the application is now with Leaders financial board awaiting acceptance.

Matching funding, and lots of it, was seen as a vital ingredient. Following several public meetings a decision was taken, go door to door to get the members of the community to commit to a five year funding plan. This fund raising took place

during March and April with a view to start up on May first. A 30 person finance committee assisted in this giant undertaking and with the tremendous community support this has proved to be a great success and to date has raised E50,000.

As part of the fundraising and on the advice of Leader a questionnaire was issued to all members of the community. The results of this questionnaire highlighted concerns about the site at St. Patrick's Hall as this site has poor parking facilities, no potential for expansion, very close to the public road and if demolished would leave the community without a Hall while the new Community Centre would be under construction. This promoted the group to approach local landowners to source a new site. Agreement was reached with the Melody family on a one and three quarter acre site located between the Garda barracks and the cross at a cost of E4,000. A decision was taken at a public meeting to buy the site. This site is currently zoned as a green area and must be re-zoned for community use and planning permission granted prior to completing the purchase. This work is presently on going.

A 'Holiday Draw' was organised for Halloween. The aim of this draw was to target the wider communities and people who had left the community. Again the 30 person finance committee was called on and with tremendous dedication and hard work, the draw was a great success raising E20,803 profit.

In order to maximise draw down of Government funds and to avail of tax rebates, it is a requirement of all agencies that groups have voluntary status and form a limited company by guarantee. This work is on going and is expected to be completed early in the New Year.

Lotto funds are another source of funds for this project. The group has attended meetings and have spoken to public representatives regarding the application and distribution of Lotto funds. The rules are that the limited company must own the site and be in possession of full planning permission prior to submitting an application for Lotto funds. The next closing date for Lotto applications is February 2005 and while the group are trying to have everything in place for this deadline it is unlikely the site ownership and full planning will be granted by February 2005.

Where To From Here

The group intends working towards applying for Lotto funds as soon as possible. The February deadline is fast approaching and may be too tight,

failing that we will have to work towards the next application date, not yet known.

Liase with Waterford Leader Partnership regarding funding.

Review the proposed plans and draw up final version.

Build on the success of the fund raisings to date. Next planned function is a golf classic for Easter 2005.

Continue to have public meetings to seek the views and desires of the community and to provide feedback on progress.

Acknowledgements

Ballymacarbry Community Centre Development Group would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a prosperous New Year. Your commitment, dedication and especially your support have been greatly appreciated during 2004 and we look forward to this continued support in the years to come.

Ballymacarbry Community Centre Development Group.

Sean Guiry, Danny O'Rourke, Pat Ryan, Mick Fenton, Richard Guiry.

Fourmilewater Hurling Club Lotto

Christmas Draw

Numbers drawn 9-10-21. No winners. 5 x E30 winners: Dolores P. Guiry, c/o T. Kelly; John Molloy, Ballymacarbry; Nellie Moore, c/o Oriel Bar; Sweeney Kids, c/o T. Halpin; Jamie P. Grant, Mollough, Newcastle.

Christmas extra prizes - Ann Desmond, Deerpark; Aisling Kelly, Nire Road; Pat Power, St. Martin's Place; Phil Byrne, Newcastle; Alana Quirke/Marie Corbett.

Jackpot this week E750.

Fourmilewater 45 Card Game Results

1st 10 games: Michael Power, Scart and Richard Harte, Knocknaree; 2nd: Billy Carroll and Jimmy Quinn, Clonmel; 3rd: Mary Quarry and Babs Murray, Dungarvan.

Lucky tables: Maurice Condon, Coolabeason and Kitty Fenton, Clonanav; John Kiely, Ballinaguckee and Eileen Ryan, Clonanav.

Cards each Friday night 8:45pm sharp.

LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2-13-17. No winners. 5 x E30 winners: Ann Danaher, Ballymacarbry; Walsh family (B), St. Martin's Place; Shane Hayes, Clonanav; Paul Devaney, Rossmore; Mick O'Grady, Lyre East.

Jackpot this week E900.

RECENT DEATHS

Late Mrs. Rose Anne Fennessy

It is with deep and sincere regret we record the death of Mrs. Rose Anne Fennessy (nee Hynes), Sarsfield Street, Clonmel. Her passing has caused much sadness to her family and friends evoking too nostalgic memories of a bygone age in Clonmel town, when Larry Tobins, where she met her husband, was the hub of commerce and social activity. Voicing the sentiments of all the family, her son Richie, said of her that she was a true romantic, who only saw beauty and truth in everything she touched or heard, a gentle, soft and trusting lady who never raised her voice in anger.

Rose Anne was born in 1925, in a lovely part of the country, Moneck, Blacklion at the Western end of County Cavan near the Fermanagh border. Her parents Pat and Celia, farmed on the Ben Mountain, Moneck, which held some of the happiest memories for Rose. Growing up in such idyllic surroundings and having such simple fun was a joy to her and something which she reminisced about over the years. As a young lass, she used to walk the two miles or so to Barren Primary School and she used to recall the excitement she felt subsequently on taking up her first job, at the age of fourteen in her grand uncle Hughie Dolan's Grocery and Hardware store, some fifteen miles away in Manorhamilton.

Living over the premises with her grand uncles' family she worked in the shop by day and attended the Technical College by night, learning typing and book keeping, which she used to good advantage in Hughie's shop and late in Benson's Grocers in the lovely town of Killeshandra.

About 1947 when she would have been about 22, she came to Clonmel, where she was engaged in the bar and grocery at the prestigious premises of Larry Tobin's in Parnell Street, later known as the Slievenamon Hotel, and which is currently the Coachman. It was an exciting time and place to work in those halcyon days, all the more so for Rose, of course she met Dick Fennessy there who hailed from Bohadon, Kilbrien in the County of Waterford.

Dick, whose aunt was married to Larry Tobin and Rose Anne married him in 1951 in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin, a happy event she often liked to recall. They took up residence at 8 Sarsfield Street, rearing four children, Seamus now living outside Waterford, Richie of Fennessy's Hotel, Gladstone Street, Celia living in Marlfield and Vinnie in England.

After their marriage, all continued to be fun and laughter at Tobin's Hotel where Rose was noted for her great pints and her good looks. In the late forties she worked in Bob Campion's at the top of Irishtown, subsequently known as the Princess Bar and now Clarkes. More than anything she was a wonderful mother, who so enjoyed brining her family on long walks around Clonmel, one of her favourite walks being down the banks of the Suir to Two Mile Bridge and back home to Coleville Road. Her husband's brother, Johnny Fennessy and his wife Kathleen lived around the corner in Bank Lane. The Friary was virtually on her door step and she used to say it was like a second home to her, as she wouldn't let a day pass without visiting it and she was a lifelong member of the Third Order of St. Francis.

She and Dick loved dancing, their favourite haunt having been the Collins Hall, in the heyday of the legendary Mick Delahunty. Rose came from a household in County Cavan where there was always music. Her mother having been an accomplished melodeon and concertina player who enjoyed many a late night and early morning tapping it out on the flagstones of Moneck, where twenty dancers would take the floor at a time for a full hour non stop session. Carrying on the tradition of her youth, Rose who loved company, would frequently have neighbours and friends in the house at 8 Sarsfield Street, for an evening of song and dance, invariably giving a beautiful rendering of Come Back Paddy Reilly to BallyJamesduff.

Rose Anne's family are happy in the knowledge that their mother died peacefully and was well cared for in South Tipperary General Hospital and in Milview Nursing Home. Her remains were removed to S.S. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Clonmel where they were blessed and received by Rev. Fr. Brian Power C.C. On the following morning, requiem Mass was celebrated the celebrant was Rev. Fr. Brian Power C.C. Hymns were sung by Gillian Fennessy accompanied on the organ by Pat McNamara. After Mass the funeral took place to St. Patrick's Cemetery where she was laid to rest.

To her sons, daughter, brother, sisters and her many relatives we extend our sympathy.

Faoi bhrair Mhuire na nGaedheal go raibh a hanam uasal.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy of the district is extended to Michael Finbarr Melligan, Griagnagower, Ballymacarbry and his sisters Bridget, Kathleen, Veronica, Beatrice and Mary on the death of their uncle David O'Sullivan, Ballinspittle and late of Ballydonis, Kilbrittan, Bandon, Co. Cork whose death occurred at Cork University Hospital on Tuesday, 28th December.

On Wednesday evening his remains were removed to the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, Ballinspittle.

On Thursday at 2pm, the feast of St. Sabinus (martyr), requiem Mass was celebrated for the happy repose of his eternal soul after which the burial took place in Clogagh Cemetery, Co. Cork.

A chroide ro Naomhta losa dean trocaire uirthi.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

At the Oriel Bar, Ballymacarbry on Sunday night last, January 2nd the Nire Football club presented to its players the County and Western (A) Football medals. The presentations were made by Jimmy O'Gorman, Vice Chairman Munster Council. Presentations were also made to Michael Byrne, Captain Waterford Junior Football All Ireland team and to David Ryan, Brian Wall and Liam Lawlor, members of the Waterford Senior Hurling team who are Munster Champions. There was a large crowd in attendance.

Nire Valley Lady Nominated To V.E.C. Committee

Congratulations to Anna Long, Knockaunbrandaun, Ballymacarbry who was recently nominated to the new V.E.C. Committee, County Waterford Vocational Educational Committee. For the post of four, there was a total of seventeen nominations, Anna who is a staunch member of the Fine Gael party and a former teacher of Ballymacarbry Central School.

BUCKLEY CUP HURLING GAMES

The Buckley Cup Hurling competition for underage hurlers took place at the Millfield, Ballymacarbry on Monday, 27th December. In the competition were four evenly matched teams who gave a display of quality hurling that kept the spectators on their toes. In the end the team captained by Shane Ryan became the winners. After the game the Buckley Cup (which was presented to Fourmilewater Hurling Club by the late Willie Buckley, one of the founder members of the club in 1926. Willie Buckley passed to his reward on the 12th August and is laid to rest in the New Cemetery, Couragunee, Roscrea) by Brian Wall, one of Waterford's Senior team and the medals were presented to the players by Liam Lawlor, another member of the Waterford team of '04.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Congratulations are extended to John Walsh, Curraghateskin, Ballymacarbry who recently celebrated his 80th birthday with a family and friends get together at Melody's Bar, Ballymacarbry on Monday night, 27th December.

RECENT DEATHS

LATE TOM LOOBY

We write with sadness and regret on the passing of Tom Looby, Steady, Ballinamult on Saturday, 18th December after a short illness at Waterford Regional Hospital. A native of Steady, Ballinamult, aged 76 years, Tom worked the land all his life.

One of nature's gentlemen, he was a keen gardener, and was a great family man. Predeceased by his wives Breda in 1966, Maureen 1995 and infant daughter Mary, in 2001 Tom mourned the loss of his grandson Ray McCarthy.

Reposing at the Kiely Funeral Home family rosary was led by V. Rev. Fr. R. O'Doherty P.P. on the Monday evening. Rev. Fr. C. O'Donnell O.S.A. was present for prayers and rosary on Tuesday after which the removal took place to Touraneena Church where Tom's remains were blessed and received by Fr. Kelleher P.P., assisted by Fr. Hallahan P.E.

On Wednesday funeral Mass was offered for the happy repose of his soul by V. Rev. Fr. Kelleher P.P. with concelebrants Canon O'Mahony P.P., Rev. Fr. Keogh C.C., Fr. P. Hallahan P.E. The lessons were read by daughters-in-law Joan and Mary Looby. Prayers of the Faithful were shared by granddaughter Claire Flahavan, grandsons James and Aidan Flahavan, nephew Gerry Looby and son Alan Looby. Much appreciated music was provided by Kieran McCabe (neighbour). We gathered in the adjoining cemetery for final prayers and blessings as Tom Looby was laid to rest.

We sympathise with Tom's

many relatives on their loss, to his sons Liam and Alan, daughters Maria, Carmel and Laura, his brother Dan Looby (Clonea), daughters-in-law Mary and Joan, sons-in-law Jim and Raymond, sister-in-law Mary, brothers-in-law Paddy Joe and Kevin Dwane, Tom and Jim McGrath, mother-in-law Molly McGrath, his grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

'We trust in God, to meet again'.

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

LATE ROGER McGRATH

Monday 20th December brought the sad news of the passing at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan of Roger McGrath, Boolavaunteen, who hadn't enjoyed the best of health for some time. Our condolences we extend to his sister Catherine Power, his nephews Maurice, James and Joe, other relatives and friends. R.I.P.

Funeral obsequies took place from the Kiely Funeral Home to Touraneena Church. Fr. Kelleher P.P. was Mass celebrant and also officiated at the graveside.

(Full obituary next issue).

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

LATE PATRICK WALSH

With sadness we record the passing of Patrick Walsh, Fr. Twomey's Road, Dungarvan and late of Carriganonshagh, Kilmacthomas, which sad event

occurred on Christmas Day.

Removal was from Drohan's Funeral Home on Monday, 27th December to Newtown Church. Following funeral Mass on Tuesday morning, burial took place in the adjoining cemetery.

To his daughter Marie, son Kevin and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

(Full obituary next issue).

Funeral arrangements were by Tom Drohan, Funeral Director, Dungarvan.

LATE FRANK AHEARNE



With profound feelings of sadness we write on the passing at Waterford Regional Hospital on December 20th of Frank Ahearne who hailed from Ballintaylor. Born on 16th June 1927 the youngest of a family of eight (5 boys and 3 girls), he was educated at Glenbeg and Carriglea. Interested in farming, he also bred hunting horses over the years.

For over half a century his work took him to the town of Dungarvan where he gave sterling and admirable service to Lawlor's Hotel. From his work he became well known, highly respected and always put the name of Lawlor's Hotel to the fore. Frank was a loyal and sincere worker who gave of his best at all times, and his dedication to his duties and vision in carrying out his responsibilities were always spoken of in glowing terms. He was a man of exemplary character who will be sorely missed by his own and also by Michael and Mary Burke and family and all at Lawlor's Hotel.

Gach rud a ndearna Frank, rinne sé a ndíceall, is cinnte ní bheidh a leitheid ann arís. Do chuir imeacht Frank isteach ar a lán, a ghaolta agus Clann de Burea agus an foireann go léir ag Ostán Lawlor's. Beidh

cúimhne air go deo.

Predeceased by his parents Jack and Ann, his brothers John, Michael and Seamus, his sisters Mamie Cotter, Nancy Walsh and Alice O'Brien, we offer our sympathies to his brother Pat, sisters-in-law Molly and Kathleen, his nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Reposing at the Kiely Funeral Home, Fr. Finbarr Lucey P.P. was present for prayers and rosary before the removal took place through the town centre. Staff at Lawlor's Hotel stood in a prayerful and deserved tribute as the hearse made its way to the bypass road with a Garda Escort provided to Ballinacoola Church. Fr. Lucey P.P. led all in prayer at the service.

On Wednesday Fr. Lucey P.P. offered Mass in thanksgiving for Frank's life. The lessons were shared by Pat (brother) and Dermot Irwin (grand-nephew). Prayers of the Faithful were read by Michael Burke (Lawlor's Hotel), his daughter Elizabeth Burke, Declan Hodman and Olive Kiely. Offertory gifts were carried to the Altar by Ceara Irwin, Aidan Walsh and James Burke. Lorna Jane Murray played and sang the musical tributes while after Holy Communion brother Pat who had travelled from Ros-trevor, Co. Down shared personal and moving memories of Frank and of their native place. Thug sé cuntas gairid ar stair a chlann agus Ballintaylor go ginearalta. Thug sé freisin duinn versaí as an dán nó amhrán Cill Chais mar críoch. Oráid thar barr a bhí ann.

In the adjoining cemetery, despite the heavy mist we gathered to bade our farewells and lay Frank to rest. To have known Frank is much to be grateful for, his absence from our midst has left us all the poorer.

Frank, slán go fóill, ach I líontaibh De go gceastar orainn le chéile lá eile. Suaimhneas siarraí tabhair do a Thiarna.

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

LATE THOMAS (GUSTY) TOBIN

With deep regret we record the passing of Gusty Tobin, Shandon Street, Dungarvan which sad event occurred on New Year's Day.

Removal was from Drohan's Funeral Home on Sunday evening to St. Mary's Parish

Church, Dungarvan. Following funeral Mass on Monday morning burial took place in Kilbrien Cemetery.

To his brothers, sister, nieces, nephews and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

(Full obituary next issue)

Funeral arrangements were by Tom Drohan, Funeral Director, Dungarvan.

LATE JAMES YOUNG

With profound sorrow we record the passing of James Young, Monica's Terrace, Abbeyside which sad event occurred on January, 2nd 2005.

Removal was from Drohan's Funeral Home on Monday evening to Abbeyside Church. Following funeral Mass on Tuesday morning, burial took place in Ballinroad Cemetery.

To his wife Madge and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

(Full obituary next issue)

Funeral arrangements were by Tom Drohan, Funeral Directors, Dungarvan.

LATE JAMES (JIMMY) LENANE

With deep regret we record the passing of Jimmy Lenane, Mullinahorna, Ring which sad event occurred on New Year's Day.

Removal was from his resi-

dence on Monday evening to Ring Church. Following funeral Mass on Tuesday morning, burial took place in the New Cemetery, Ring.

To his wife Eileen and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

(Full obituary next issue)

Funeral arrangements were by Tom Drohan, Funeral Director, Dungarvan.

LATE MICHAEL HOGAN

Last evening we received the sad news of the unexpected passing of Michael Hogan at his residence in Ballinacourty. Well known in GAA circles, Michael hurled with Sarsfields and Abbeyside and was a member of the 1948 All-Ireland Minor Hurling winning team. We sympathise with brothers Patrick, Thomas and John, his sisters Chrissie, Kathleen, Mary and Annie, sisters-in-law Margaret, Mary and Joan, brothers-in-law Mossie, George and Michael, his nieces and nephews.

Removal on Thursday at 8 p.m. from the Kiely Funeral Home to Abbeyside Church. Funeral Mass on Friday at 10 a.m. Interment afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

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

KILL HAPPENINGS

MICHAEL POWER MEMORIAL SWIM

Over 250 swimmers from around the county braved the icy cold waters of Kilmurrin in this year's swim. The road between Boat-strand and Bonmahon was alive with spectators for the event. The swim committee would like to thank all who came along with hot refreshments and the lifeguards who stood by, while the swim was taking place. Even the local Councillors took off their boxing gloves to swim for the mentally ill in our County. (By the way they were Cllrs. Pat Hayes, Pat Leahy and Liam Brazil) fairplay to the lads. The committee have asked that all cards be returned as soon as possible. A special thanks to the 250 swimmers who took to the waters. On speaking to Tom Power regarding this year's swim he said that 2004 was the biggest swim recorded in 21 years. He would like to wish everyone that took part a very happy and prosperous new year.

LONG PUCK

Congratulations to Kill GAA Club on holding another very successful long puck. The organisers and the club deserve great credit for their efforts. All money raised will go to the Oncology Unit in WRH.

KILL GAA CLUB AGM

The Kill GAA Club AGM will take place on Friday night at 7.30 pm sharp in the Kill Community Centre. All members and players are asked to attend.

SAFE AND WELL

We are very glad to report that local man Warren Power of Knockaun is safe and well following the tragic events in the Indian Ocean. Warren is living on an Island called Koh Tao which is approx. 45 miles from where the disaster happened in Thailand. Warren is a fully qualified diving instructor who works for a company called Crystal Dive. Warren is the son of Tom and Hannah Power of Knockaun.

BEST WISHES

To Siobhan Power of Kilbeg who suffered a broken hand while shopping in Waterford over the Christmas period. It was hard luck on her as she was recovering from a hip operation. Hope you will be better soon.

HUNTING SCENE

On Wednesday last the 29th December Senior members of the Kill Harriers Hunting Club brought out approx. 50 new horses and riders for their first trek in the Countryside. The meet took place at Ballyvolohane wood. The weather was ideal for the occasion. Early morning drizzle had lifted to give a nice bright day. Although no fox runs were recorded on the day there was lots of excitement with jumping and galloping. There was a few fallers but none too serious. Well done to Martin, Francis, Geraldine, Fidelma, Gene and anyone else who gave up their time to coach the youngones for the day. They all returned satisfied with the outing.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Crib Maker in Kill Church. Just like other years it was beautiful and helped make the Christmas festivities special. Well done.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

A fundraising took place on Monday evening last in the Kill Community Centre to raise badly needed funds for the Indian Ocean Disaster Appeal. The event was co-ordinated by members of the Gaelach Gorm Theatre Group.

NEWS FROM KIRWANS

On Friday 14th January a benefit night in aid of the Indian Ocean Disaster will take place in Kirwan's. The Bottle Brothers will take the stage for the night. Finger food will be provided.

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WEATHER A SPOILSPORT FOR THE HOLIDAY FIXTURES

Mogeely won the Liam Fitzgerald cup last weekend while over the Christmas and New Year most fixtures had to be postponed due to water logged grounds and the shortage of referees due to sickness. Overall a disappointing return for fixture secretary Noel Hegarty who had hoped for most teams to be level on games played at the start of 2005. Looking at our fixture list we see most teams playing into late April/early May.

MOGEELY 2 BLACKWATER RGS 0

The final of The Liam Fitzgerald Cup (sponsored by Bertie O'Mahony Fitted Furniture) had to be switched from St Stephen's Day, due to the ground being too soft, to last Sunday in Tallow. Great credit is due to the Bride View Club for having the ground in such excellent condition especially after a premier division game played 24 hours previously.

The pitch made for fast open football which suited Mogeely in the opening half. After 10 mins. play a fine move by the Cork side saw Jake O'Shea hit a post and the rebound fell to Tim McGann who brought a wonderful save out of Alan Ronayne at the expense of a corner. Blackwater were under constant pressure with Dave Cullinane and Johnny Healy keeping the Mogeely attack at bay with John O'Donovan and Colin Mottelibi playing attacking direct football from midfield which suited Alan Collins and Jake O'Shea.

The pressure finally paid off when Mogeely were awarded a penalty on the half hour which O'Shea dispatched expertly to the net to give them a deserved lead. At the other end Tobin and Cotter saw their efforts go wide and then disaster struck for the Waterford

side when an Alan Collins free was missed by the keeper to give Ron Barrett the simplest of headers to find an empty net and shortly afterwards the best move of the game saw a four man Mogeely move end with Ronayne saving from Mottelibi.

After the break we saw a different Blackwater as they attacked down the flanks with Healy, Cullinane, Cotter and Dee beginning to make inroads into the Mogeely defence and cracks started to appear giving the boys in blue plenty of chances. On 23 mins. Radley latched onto a poor clearance from keeper Hayes and with an empty goal the striker put the ball the wrong side of the post. This was a real let off for the Cork team who attacked immediately with O'Donovan forcing a good save from Ronayne at the expense of a corner. With 7 mins. remaining Radley was put through and with only the keeper to beat he put his effort over the bar. Kieran Cotter saw his effort go over the bar from a Jason McGrath pass, and the final effort was a shot from Garry Ronayne which went wide.

The final whistle blew shortly afterwards to bring relief to a Mogeely side who were under constant pressure in the second half and who sat back on their two goal cushion and could have paid the penalty if

the chances were taken by the opposition. For Mogeely John O'Donovan gave a man of the match performance and was the outstanding player on the field. Also to shine for the winners were Ron Barrett in defence, Declan Collins, Garry Sweetman, Tim McGann and the Mottelibi brothers at midfield while Alan Collins, especially in the first half, and Jake O'Shea were always a threat to the Blackwater defence. Blackwater will rue the many chances they missed in the second half, chances that could have won this game for them as they played a totally different game to the opening 45 mins. David Cullinane and Johnny Healy were outstanding all through.

While Cotter and Ken McGrath were on top at midfield in the second period but up front Canon Radley, so often the goal scorer, just could not find the net on the day, while Dee and Tobin tried hard but to no avail.

Mogeely — L Hayes, D Collins, D O Sullivan, R Barrett, G Sweetman, J O'Donovan, T McGann, C Mottelibi, J O'Shea, C Mottelibi, A Collins. Subs. — P Ansbro, M Ansbro, M Wallace, T Barrett, G Barry.

Blackwater Rgs — A Ronayne, J Healy, R Ronayne, D Cullinane, G Ronayne, K Cotter, K McGrath, F Cotter, J Tobin, C Radley, J Dono-

van. Subs. — J McGrath, E Donovan, D Cotter, J Corkery.

Referee Willie Collins, who had an excellent game, ably supported by his assistants E. Cusack and P. Browne.

After the game Ml. McBride Chairman of The W.W.E.C. thanked the sponsor Bertie O'Mahony, and welcomed Ann Fitzgerald wife of the late Liam, in whose memory the cup competition is played. He also welcomed Ger Delaney, Hon Secretary MFA who selected the man of the match. Michael thanked Bride View for the use of their wonderful facilities, the referee and his assistants and finally both teams for a very sporting final and especially both sets of supporters who added a marvellous atmosphere to the game.

Bertie O'Mahony (sponsor) then presented the man of the match award to John O'Donovan of Mogeely, and Ann Fitzgerald presented the cup to Mogeely captain Jake O'Shea who suitably replied.

Finally on our own behalf we enjoyed the game and the atmosphere of the two sets of supporters on a very cold afternoon and we cannot let the occasion pass without thanking the tea man for the cuppa at half time to keep the old bones warm. Well that's what we were told anyway!

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy on behalf of the League is extended to the Landers family Townparks Lismore on the death of Mick which sad event occurred last weekend. The Landers family have been associated with Lismore FC for many many years with both Billy and Dave giving years of service as players and Dave as manager of league and cup success until his retirement.

DELEGATE MEETING

A delegate meeting will take place this Monday 10th January in the Red House Bar at 9 p.m. sharp. It is imperative that all clubs are represented as the draw for the Tyre Centre Cup will be made, and with a backlog of fixtures due to the bad weather, a discussion on same and games rescheduled for the coming weeks will also be held.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Through our notes we wish everyone connected with the W.W.E.C. committee, clubs, players, sponsors and of course you our readers a very happy peaceful and prosperous 2005. This scribe would like to say a special thanks to those clubs who phoned us over the festive season wishing us seasons greetings. We sincerely appreciated the gesture.

DUNGARVAN TYRE CENTRE CUP WRAP

It is that time of year again when the draw for the Dungarvan Tyre Centre Cup will take place.

The draw will be made at the delegate meeting on Monday night next 10th January. All clubs must be present.

MEETING OF OLD FRIENDS

At the cup final in Tallow last Sunday we met Sean Kerins who paid us a visit. Sean was on the committee for many years and also refereed in our league as well as being PRO for many years. We recalled the many years he was with us and he went on to say the standard of playing has definitely improved. He did say the menu for the tea could be better. Now Liam we wouldn't say that.

W.W.E.C. League Tables

PREMIER LEAGUE — 2/1/05

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cappoquin	5	3	2	0	17	6	11
Ardmore	4	2	2	0	12	6	8
Kilworth	6	2	2	2	10	9	8
Brideview	3	2	1	0	11	5	7
Accrington	5	1	2	2	9	16	5
Lismore	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
Valley Rangers	3	0	0	3	4	11	0
Ballyduff	4	0	0	4	4	16	0

DIVISION ONE

Gortroe	5	5	0	0	13	2	15
Castlebridge	7	2	4	1	13	11	10
Araglen	7	2	3	2	13	13	9
Inch	4	2	2	0	8	1	8
Blackwater	6	2	1	3	5	11	7
Modeligo	7	2	0	5	4	18	6
Pinewood	7	2	0	5	11	13	6
Mogeely	5	1	2	2	10	8	5

DIVISION TWO

An Gaeltacht	7	7	0	0	27	10	21
Inch	8	5	2	1	21	14	17
Lismore	7	4	0	3	24	19	12
Clashmore	6	3	2	1	13	8	11
Affane	8	2	1	5	15	29	7
Glenview	6	1	2	3	6	11	5
Cappoquin	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Bride View	7	1	1	5	4	10	4
Valley Rangers	5	0	1	4	6	14	1

RESULTS FROM CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

RED HOUSE BAR PREMIER DIVISION

Bride View 5 Valley Rgs 2
Ballyduff 1 Accrington Celtic 3

KENNEALLY ROCHFORD ASSOCIATES 1ST DIVISION

Araglen 2 Castlebridge Celtic 2
Modeligo 1 Pinewood Rgs 6

EAST CORK OIL 2ND DIVISION

Inch 6 Valley Rgs 1
An Gaeltacht 3 Cappoquin 1

W.W.E.C. FIXTURES

SUNDAY NEXT 9TH JANUARY

Red House Bar Premier Division

Bride View v Ardmore 11.30 A Horgan
Ballyduff v Cappoquin 11.30 P Pearson
Accrington Celtic v Lismore 11.30 T Griffin
Kilworth v Valley Rgs 11.30 M Hartnett

Kenneally Rochford Associates 1ST Division

Blackwater Rgs v Araglen 11.30 E Mc Carthy
Pinewood Rgs v Gortroe 11.30 W Collins
Modeligo v Castlebridge Celtic 11.30 P Marks
Mogeely v Inch 11.30 M Condon
Lismore v Glen View 11.30 J Mc Mahon
An Gaeltacht v Clashmore 11.30 N O Donoghue
Cappoquin v Valley Rgs 11.30 P Browne

YOUTH LEAGUE

(Sponsored by Mari Mina Pharmacy, Lismore)

Games Again Cancelled

The poor weather played havoc once again with this youth league but hopefully the worst may now be over and the games can continue.

SATURDAY NEXT, JANUARY 8TH

Brideview Utd v Cappoquin. Kick off 2:30pm. Ref: P. Marks.
Castlebridge Celtic v Inch. Kick off 2:30pm. Ref: E. Cusack.

LEAGUE MATCH REPORTS

BALLYDUFF 1 ACCRINGTON CELTIC 3

Played on a very soft glue like pitch the visitors took the lead through Eltin Pearce and Owen Corcoran equalised before the break. In the second half goals from Pearce and Richard O'Brien ensured the points went to Fermoy.

BRIDE VIEW 5 VALLEY RGS 2

See report of this local derby elsewhere in our notes.

MODELIGO 1 PINWOOD RGS 6

This game was over at half time when the visitors led by 4 goals and ran out very easy winners. Pa Walsh scored a hat-trick with Tom Flynn, Shane Walsh, and Sean Dempsey scoring once each. Patrick Harrington scored a consolation goal for the home side.

ARAGLEN 2 CASTLEBRIDGE 2

A very important game for both sides especially with Gortroe not playing. Neither team could afford to lose so a draw was a fair result. Paddy Kenneally gave the home side the lead after 10 mins but goals from Barry O'Connell and Owen Murphy had the visitors in the lead at the break. Tom Kenneally equalised late in the game for the home side.

INCH 6 VALLEY RGS 1

A very easy win here for the home team with James Fogarty and Mark Foley scoring a hat-trick each. Dave Barry scored for the visitors.

AN GHAELTACHT 3 CAPPOQUIN 1

A Timmy Power goal had the home side in the lead at the break. The visitors equalised through Barry only for the table toppers to score twice through Darragh Hurley and Sean Wade to increase their lead at the top of the table.



RED HOUSE BAR PREMIER DIVISION MATCH REPORT

Brideview Come From Behind

BRIDEVIEW UTD 5 VALLEY RANGERS 2

Utd had to come from behind here in this local derby played in Tallow on New Years Day. On a bitterly cold and at times very wet afternoon it was not a day for fancy football.

Having said this both sides did their best to serve up a good game of football. The visitors got off to a flying start when Donal Caples had them in front after just one minute. Rangers followed up this great start by keeping the pressure on the homeside. Richard O'Connell, Damien O'Farrell and Diarmuid Hogan all went close to increasing Rangers lead and the visitors looked very dangerous in this opening 15 minutes.

It proved to be their best period because once William Curley (a cracker) equalised for United, the visitors were seldom in the game afterwards except for a brief period in the second half.

Rangers had only one other chance during the opening half. This came after 25 minutes when an in-swinging corner back by Damien O'Farrell saw United's keeper fist the ball clear.

At the other end a William Murphy cross saw William Henley somehow head wide when a goal looked certain in the 31st minute. Two minutes later a great run by Stuart Barry saw his volley well saved by Dineen in the Rangers goal.

Before the half time whistle Eoin Murphy, Stuart Barry and Paul O'Brien all wasted good scoring chances. At the break the sides were level at 1-1.

Rangers again took the game to United from the kick off and a fine header from Diarmuid Hogan saw Billy Sheehan bring off a fine save after just 2 minutes. At the other end a minute later Paul O'Brien was through but shot wide.

United then got a penalty in the 4th minute for a

hand ball and Eoin Murphy stepped up and shot the homeside into the lead. Caoilín Hogan in the 52nd minute and again from a free in the 55th minute went close to equalising for Rangers. Damien O'Farrell tested United's keeper Billy Sheehan in the 59th minute but United still remained in front 2-1.

Then United went 3-1 in front when a Graham O'Neill cross found Paul O'Brien and he made no mistake from close range after 68 minutes. However, two minutes later Rangers were back in the game when some slack marking by United's defenders saw Donal Caples step in to score.

Now just a goal separated the sides but United stretched their lead to two goals again in the 75th minute when William Henley raced through Rangers defence and shot low past the advancing Aidan Dineen. Eoin Murphy wrapped up the points for the Tallow side when he chipped Rangers keeper Dineen in the 87th minute.

William Murphy shot a terrific volley just wide in the 89th minute but Rangers twice tested Billy Sheehan just before the final whistle. The first from Diarmuid Hogan and the rebound fell to Billy Carr but once again Sheehan denied him. So another valuable three points to United.

United: B. Sheehan, B. Henley, T. McSweeney, D. Martin, S. Barry, W. Murphy, J.P. Grey, E. Murphy, W. Curley, P. O'Brien, W. Henley. Res all used: S. McCarthy, G. O'Neill, M. Curley.

Valley Rangers: A. Dineen, B. Hogan, S. Hogan, P. O'Donovan, B. Carr, C. Hogan, J. Noonan, D. O'Farrell, D. Hogan, D. Caples, R. O'Connell. Res: D. Walsh, A. O'Connor.

Ref: Maurice Condon.

PREVIEWS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Bride View v Ardmore

The league champions will be favourites here but the Tallow side are always difficult to beat on their own patch. This has the makings of a cracker of a tie.

Ballyduff v Cappoquin

The league leaders visit a side without a win and another defeat for the village could see relegation starting them so early in the season. The visitors must be favourites on current form.

Accrington v Lismore

The visitors have only played 2 league games so far due to their involvement in national cup competitions and need the points to stay in touch with the leaders. The home side had a good win last week in Ballyduff and in Eltin Pearce they have one of the best strikers in the league. A game that could end in a draw but Lismore with their experience will probably be favourites.

Kilworth v Valley Rgs

The visitors are having their worst start ever to the league and we cannot see them in this form taking anything from their trip to Kilworth who must be favourites to take the three points.

Blackwater Rgs v Araglen

The home side must pick themselves up after their cup final defeat and tighten their defence against an Araglen team who are finding the net regularly. On form a win for the visitors.

Pinewood Rgs v Gortroe

When they met earlier in the season the east Cork side came out on top and they have been setting a

strong pace winning all their games and conceding just two goals. The home side had a good win last week but we think the visitors will remain undefeated after this game.

Modeligo v Castlebridge

Not a good season so far for the home side and with the visitors the form team it is difficult to see the Cork side dropping points as they chase Gortroe.

Mogeely v Inch

Could be match of the day with Inch chasing promotion against an inform Mogeely on a high after their cup success last week. This could be the game to see and we tip the visitors to win, only just.

Lismore v Glen View

Lismore must win this clash if they want to keep their promotion hopes alive, as the top two are starting to pull away. Lismore to win.

An Ghaeltacht v Clashmore

The league leaders will not take this tie lightly as the visitors are one of the danger sides to their promotion prospects and the village side fancy their own chances of playing 1st division football next season. On form the home side to win.

Inch v Affane

The East Cork side should continue their good run with another win even though Affane have picked up points lately.

Cappoquin v Valley Rgs

The home side will be expected to collect all three points here.

DUNGARVAN UNITED A.F.C.

LOTTO

Our lotto draw will resume as normal on Sunday, 9th January. Draw will take place in Mountain's bar, the Square, at 10pm.

VANDALISM

Due to the continuing vandalism at our club grounds the main gates to Kilrush Park will be closed in future. Anyone entering our grounds without a valid reason for doing so is liable to prosecution. Would all dog owners please keep your dogs off our playing fields. There is a serious health hazard with animals using our fields as a toilet. Thank you.

RACE NIGHT

Would anyone owing money for the race night please make an effort to get this money to your card holder or sponsor as quickly as possible as we need to put closure to this event.

ASTRO TURF

Anyone interested in managing the Astro Turf would you please contact 087-7769125. Anyone wishing to book time on Saturday or Sundays please contact the above number.

ASTRO TURF BOOKINGS

At this moment in time all slots, bar two have been filled for the Winter period, which is a very good sign indeed. Any group wishing to look for a slot will be put on a waiting list for any slot that becomes available. Also we are now looking for any group to take up the slots that are available during Saturday/Sunday.

Any parents of kids whose birthday is coming up in the near future contact Thomas @ 2620698.

WELCOME BACK

To all officials, managers, players after a welcome break for Christmas. We hope that everyone has returned safe and sound and that you are ready to work off the pounds gained during the break.

UNWANTED GEAR

Over the last few weeks people using the Astro Turf or players involved have left various items behind on the day. They are asked to contact 087-6489251 for any assistance in re-claiming these items.

TRAINING TIMES

Now the time of year has come when our pitches suffer ongoing wear an tear from the volume of games that are played each weekend. So we ask all managers and players to trash off the main pitches, a little co-operation from all concerned will make our groundsman's life a little easier. Thank you.

WEEKEND RESULT

Premier: Dungarvan 3 v Tramore 0.

WATERFORD DEVELOPMENTS

We had a few players involved in the Kennedy Cup Development squad over the weekend. More details in next weeks notes.

SPONSORED SIGNS

There are spaces available for any business wishing to put their company or shop in the public light. Prices for the signs are reasonable which will suit all. Contact Michael at 087 9185871.

West Waterford/ East Cork Schoolboys Soccer

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RESULTS OVER CHRISTMAS

U12 League — Cappoquin 7 Valley Rangers 0

Brideview 0 Castlebridge 4

U14 League — Cappoquin 4 Valley 3

Brideview 2 Castlebridge 0

A number of other games were played but results are not to hand. Therefore up to date League tables will not appear until next week.

Results should be phoned to 024-94335 after games.

MEETING REMINDER

All clubs are asked to note that the next Schoolboy delegate meeting will take place on Thursday the 13th of January in Devonshire Arms Hotel in Tallow. All clubs are expected to attend, as some important matters will be on the agenda.

KENNEDY CUP

Training will take place on Sunday January 9th at the Ballybridge venue. All players are to be present at 11.00.am with full playing gear.

Clubs are responsible for having the players at the venue. Anyone who has a problem contact Declan Baron 024-94335 or Joe Hartnett 025-36928.

Ardmore: Kenny Murphy, Shane Leahy, Damien McCarthy, Cori Roche. Clashmore: Brian O'Halloran, John Prendergast, Donal O'Connor. Castlebridge: Aidan O' Sullivan, Darren Tobin. Watergrasshill: Gavin Daly, Anthony Cronin, Kevin Field. Ballybridge: Barry Hayes, Mark Hayes. Cappoquin: Fionnan Murray, Colm Looby. Pinewood: Patrick Horkan, Keith Guiry. Valley: John Hurley, Kevin Walsh, John Cashman, Brian Mulcahy Paul England, Steven O'Brien. Brideview: David Hartnett, Evan Sheehan. Tourig Rovers: Paul Keniry

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas Holidays and New Year Festivities and that all will now be looking forward to a return to League action. Clubs who have back games to play will be given fixtures for Saturday and Sunday to catch up as we cannot afford any delay in completing the Leagues if we are to finish on time.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY

Under-12 League

Castlebridge vs. Valley 11.00.am. Eamon Cusack

Watergrasshill vs. Tourig Rovers 2.30.pm. Maurice Condon

Under-14 League

Castlebridge vs. Valley 12.15.pm. Eamon Cusack

Clashmore vs. Ardmore 2.00.pm. Johnny McMahon

Cappoquin vs. Pinewood 2.00.pm. Paul Browne

Brideview vs. Ballybridge 12.00.pm. Willie Collins

Under-16 League

Watergrasshill vs. Mogeely 12.30.pm. Maurice Condon

SUNDAY JULY 9TH

Under-12 League

Ballybridge vs. Ardmore 1.30.pm. Johnny McMahon

Watergrasshill vs. Lismore T.B.A.

LEAGUE TABLES

Under-12 League

Club	Pld	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts
Ardmore	8	8	0	0	24
Cappoquin	7	7	0	0	21
Castlebridge	8	3	2	3	11
Lismore	7	2	3	2	9
Pinewood	6	3	0	3	9
Brideview	7	3	0	4	9
Gaeltacht	7	2	1	4	7
Watergrasshill	5	2	0	3	6
Ballybridge	7	1	1	5	4
Tourig Rovers	7	1	1	5	4
Valley Rangers	5	1	0	4	3

Under-14 League

Cappoquin	6	5	0	1	15
Watergrasshill	7	3	1	3	10
Ballybridge	4	3	1	0	10
Pinewood	4	3	0	1	9
Clashmore	4	2	1	1	7
Brideview	5	2	1	2	7
Valley	3	1	0	2	3
Ardmore	4	1	0	3	3
Castlebridge	5	0	0	5	0

Under-16 League

Cappoquin	6	5	1	0	16
Ardmore	5	4	0	1	12
Pinewood	5	5	0	0	15
Mogeely	6	3	1	2	10
Brideview	4	2	0	2	6
Watergrasshill	6	2	0	4	6
Valley Rangers	12	0	0	12	0

MANCHESTER UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB WATERFORD BRANCH

First Meeting Of 2005

The first general meeting will take place on Friday, 14th January at 8:15pm sharp. This meeting will be preceded by a committee meeting at 7:30pm sharp.

Unfortunate O'Shea

Just as it seemed that Branch President John O'Shea was set for a run in the team he picked up a minor injury to keep him out again. Here's hoping he can get fit and get another chance.

Newcastle In April

Unfortunately we are not certain about the date for this match yet which hinders the booking of flights. As soon as we know we

will let people know. Anyone travelling to this game is requested to be at the next meeting as there are a few issues to be clarified with regard to trips.

Spending Over-Time To Save

Now that Christmas and the New Year are out of the way it is time to start saving for your next trip. Why not avail of the free savings scheme available to branch members at any meeting.

Champions League Versus A.C. Milan

The application has been forwarded for this match on 23rd February so fingers crossed all can get that much sought after ticket.

Celtic Supporters Club Notes

OLD FIRM CUP SHOWDOWN!

Next Sunday will see Celtic take on Rangers in the Scottish cup. As always much is at stake, and Sunday will be no different. All Celtic supporters are invited to join us for the game in MI O'Riordan's Sports Bar. A big crowd is expected for the game, so come early. Music has been arranged for the afternoon, so come along and make a day out of it.

Celtic were top of the table for the new year and have increased their lead. This is where we want to see our team, now and more importantly at the end of the season.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the children's Xmas party, especially Jonathon and his staff.

Congratulations to club member Robert Power and his wife Majella, on their new addition to the family. Is the Celtic jersey ready!

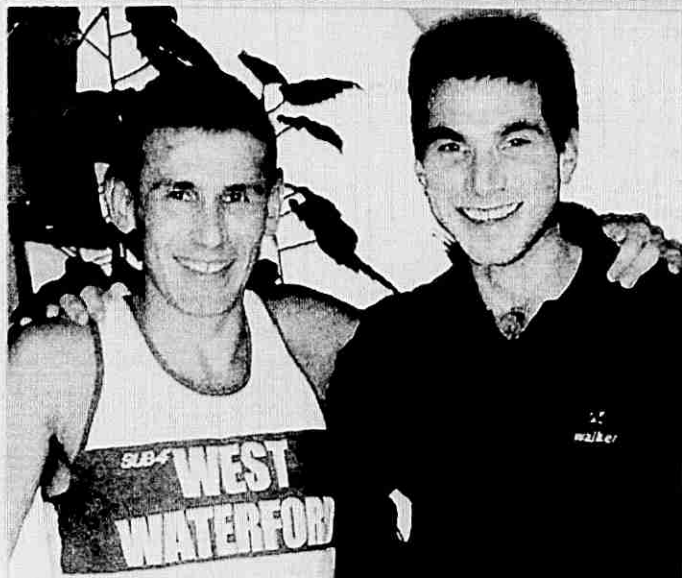
Well done to all the prize winners in our Christmas Draw — 1st Eoin Fitzgeard; 2nd Megan Dunford; 3rd Johnny Lynch; 4th Paudie Morrissey; 5th Dick McGrath; 6th Paul Casey.



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS OF 2004 IN REVIEW



JANUARY



West Waterford's Jamie Costin swaps jerseys with Olympic, World and European Champion Robert Korzeniowski, the Polish race walking legend. Robert was guest of honour at the Allrounder Winter League on Wednesday, January 21st 2004.

The destiny of the Red House League's Premier Division title looked likely to go down to the wire as Lismore missed out on the chance to go to top. Ardmore remained a point ahead when Lismore drew 3-3 with Brideview Utd.

Joe Gough was named the Masters Athlete of the Year after an outstanding year in which he won silver at the World Track Championships in Porto Rico. A few short weeks later he was again grabbing all the headlines when he smashed the Irish 1,500 metres indoor record. Joe took an incredible 8 seconds off his previous best time.

An uneventful GAA County Convention in Lawlors Hotel, Dungarvan threw up one item of special interest – the opening

of the GAA's grounds to other sports. County Chairman PJ Ryan urged for a firm decision to be taken one way or the other on the controversial issue.

Dungarvan Ladies Hockey club made a great start to the year with a fantastic 6-0 victory over Mallow in the Munster League as the dream of the league title and promotion looked within grasp.

Rumours of perks being offered to players to transfer from their home GAA clubs were circulating around the county. The near record number of transfers put the very survival of many clubs in doubt.

A successful trip was undertaken by the Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty Handball Club to California with players travelling to take part in the American Junior Championships. Despite being pitted against top international players they performed extremely well.

Pace-setters in RHL Premier Division, Ardmore and Lismore, both stayed clear of the pack with the reigning champions and the impressive Seaside's looking the most likely to fight it out between them for the honours. In the 1st Division, Ballyduff's lead was cut to five points after going down by a single goal in a seven-goal cracker with Araglen.

Dungarvan Rugby Club went down to Waterpark in the first round of the Munster Junior Cup. Despite finishing the game the stronger side and after being within inches of the Waterpark try-line on no less than three occasions they lost by an undeservedly heavy scoreline of 22-5.

John O'Shea, superstar of Man Utd and gentleman on and off the pitch was a worthy recipient of the highest accolade in Waterford Sport – the Park Hotel Sports Star of the Year. Hector O hEochagain made the presentation at a star-studded ceremony.

Waterford County Football winners Stradbally GAA club were honoured as the top GAA club championship team. The club was presented with a development grant of 1,600 euros as part of



Pierce Flynn presenting the Park Hotel Supreme Sports Star 2003 Award to Mary O'Shea who accepted it on behalf of son John. Included are Jim O'Shea and Hector O hEochagain M.C. for the night.

their prize. Limerick edged out Waterford Senior Footballers in a thriller in the McGrath Cup semi-final. Waterford led as they went into injury-time before Limerick were awarded a penalty and, with Waterford down two players, Limerick went on to win 1-9 (12) to 2-5 (11).

The East Cork/West Waterford Schoolboys side produced a four-star performance in defeating their Limerick County counterparts 4-1. The Inter-League side advanced to the semi-final of the competition.

The RHL Premier Division produced a top of the table thriller as first and second in the division faced each other in a crunch encounter. Lismore came out on top in a game that produced non-stop excitement, and a total of five goals to savour. Lismore went to the top of the table with two points to spare over title rivals Ardmore.

FEBRUARY

A good-sized crowd braved the chilly conditions to attend a week's racing in Tramore. Among the big winners were Denis Paul Murphy, winning owner of the Saltan Properties Flat Race. A night to remember was had by Abbeyside/Ballinacourty GAA club who celebrated five county and six western titles – a feat that may never be equalled.

There was heartbreak for the RHL in Sligo as they were unlucky to go down to a strong Sligo/Leitrim selection in the prestigious Oscar Traynor Cup. With cruel timing, Sligo/Leitrim scored with just seven minutes remaining to put the RHL out of the Cup 2-1. In the National Football League, Waterford were well beaten by an improving Wicklow side. While the Garden County were clearly the better side, two terrible misses gave an exaggerated appearance to the scoreline at the finish.



David Kiely of Kiely Monumental Works presenting the Colligan Cup to 2004 winner Michael Dwyer. Also included are Liam Sandford (3rd), John Clarke (6th), Con Kelleher (4th) and Tony Shalloe (2nd).

In one of the best Colligan Cups in recent years, Sarah Flavin, finished at the top of a group of 86 runners by completing the race in the exact time she'd predicted. David McCarthy was first to cross the finishing line, finishing six seconds ahead of Ferdia O hAodha. In the senior cup, Michael Dwyer, clinched the Kiely Monumental Colligan Cup 2004 title.

Ciara O'Connor was one of a number of U17's who took winners medal at the Ballyrafter Winter Tournament in Lismore.

West Waterford AC Ladies struck gold in the All-Ireland Cross-Country Championships at St. Augustines College. The West Waterford Intermediate Team brought home the ultimate honour by capturing the team championship in style. The men's team also did well at the same championships but missed out on the medals positions in a very competitive field.

Tipperary All-Star Declan Brown tormented Waterford in the National Football League kicking a dozen points in a masterful display that proved the difference between the sides. Tipperary ended the winners by 0-17 to 1-8.



Pictured above are the St. John's School Indoor Soccer team who captured the All Ireland title in Limerick recently. Back row (l. to r.) Colin Walsh (coach), Henry Morrissey, Anna Kirwan (Principal St. John's School), Eric Duggan, Sean Stilwell, George Hamilton (coach). Front (l. to r.) Bryan O'Regan, John Daly, Ian Duggan (capt.), Dean O'Brien.

St. John's Special School, Dungarvan retained their All-Ireland U-18 Indoor title. Having qualified from the Munster finals they competed in a round robin series before facing St. Augustines of Blackrock in the final. Eoin and Ian Duggan scored the goals in St. John's 2-0 victory.

St. Augustines College in Abbeyside took home three Munster Handball titles. Michael Browne and Patrick Hurney won the Senior Doubles, Jason O'Brien and David Hickey won the Intermediate Doubles, while John and David Walsh took home the junior title.

Colin Coleman retained his hold on the Donal Barry Badminton Cup with his partner Sarah Cass to bring the title to Lismore BC after an exciting final in Tourin.

Dungarvan Utd produced a superb display against Dublin giants Shelbourne in the last 32 of the SFAI U16 cup but just lost out. Shel's went ahead courtesy of a dubious free-kick after a quarter of an hour and despite dominating proceedings in the second half, Shel's killed the game with a second with just eight minutes left on the clock.

The shock of the week in the RHL's Tyre Centre Cup 2nd Round saw Second Division minnows Blackwater Rangers claim the scalp of Premier high-flyers Brideview. Colin Cotter scored the all-important goal.

Waterford were unlucky not to take at least a share of the spoils against Antrim in the National Football League, when late points gave the Northern side a scarcely deserved victory at Walsh Park on a 1-16 to 3-8 scoreline.

The county senior hurlers scored a decisive victory over Tipperary in the AIB Hurling Tournament. Scoring three splendid goals in the second half they took the trophy back to Waterford after a gap of seven years, winning 4-18 to 3-14.

Dungarvan Ladies Hockey Club were right in with a shout with just two matches to play in the Munster Senior League after defeating Church of Ireland Cork 3-0. The excellent victory secured the title as the club looked forward to promotion from Division 6.

The annual Waterford Crystal 10-mile road race reached anew milestone for roadrunning in the Dungarvan area when a huge field of over 328 athletes competed over a new look 10-mile course. It was the largest field ever assembled in Dungarvan (outside of championship events) and was a just reward for the efforts of the hardworking committee. For the record, the race was a thriller with George Murray of North Cork and St. Finbar's Cathal O'Connell crossing the line together in a sprint finish with the nod ending up going to Murray.

The Ard Scoil and St. Augustine's struck gold at the Kit-Kat Munster Schools Championships. Ard Scoil won the girls minor event while David McCarthy took the individual title and led St. Augustine's to team gold.

Ballinroad FC clinched their first league title since 1996 with a hard fought victory over Portlaw to claim the Division 2 honours. In the RHL, Ardmore went to the top of the table with a stylish victory over Cappoquin – a defeat which saw the Cappoquin side slide into the relegation zone.

Waterford scored a deserved victory over Kilkenny at Nowlan Park in National Hurling League. Despite being the outsiders against the All-Ireland Champions, Waterford pulled off a two-point win.

Joe Gough, who, just a week earlier, was ranked the world's leading Masters runner, was in action at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff for the AAA Indoor Championships. He ran a great race to take bronze in a faster time than his European gold winning time of the previous season.



Pictured above are the gallant Dungarvan United Under-16's who played Shelbourne in Dublin. Also included are managers Paul Landy and Michael Curran.

MARCH



▲ Pictured above are the Blackwater Community School team with mentors Mrs Jo Jo Tobin Mrs Anne Fitzgerald and Mr Denis Ring

Eoin Whyte of Dungarvan Credit Union Cycling Club took the Junior Section honours at the first day of the 2004 Racing Season in Kerry. He finished 13th of the 85 riders to take the junior title. Lismore's Red House League title aspirations looked increasingly shaky after they drew a blank against Gortroe. With Ardmore winning at home to third placed Accrington Celtic, Lismore were three points behind with one more game played.

In the Gaelic code, Lismore clubman, Jimmy O'Gorman was elected Munster Council Vice-Chairman securing a comfortable majority over his two opponents at a convention in Thurles. Jimmy pledged himself to promote the council at every opportunity and to work in close co-operation with his fellow officers.

Waterford survived a strong challenge from Laois in the National Hurling League. Without a goal during the entire campaign, they did, however, notch up a record points tally against the Leinster side, winning 0-25 to 3-11.

West Waterford AC's incredibly successful Winter League came to a conclusion with top honours going to Tony Shalloe in the 5.7 ml event for the second year running. Cordelia Burke was the overall winner of the 2.7-ml series.

West Waterford AC's Athlete Of The Year title went to Norma Wall, with just two points to spare over the second-placed, Ann Dunford. Michael Deegan finished in third. Meanwhile, the club had the largest representation at the Ballycotton 10 ml Road Race. Two Kenyan athletes took the top two positions. The first West Waterford Athlete home was Mark Langford - the worthy recipient of the PJ Delaney Memorial Shield.

Blackwater Community School won the Intermediate Camogie Munster Championship after a resounding victory over Limerick's Laurel Hill. Captain, Niamh Ryan, was presented with the schools

first-ever championship trophy.

Claire Morrissey and Steffie Power took Gold and Silver medals back home to Dungarvan after great performances in the Scottish Juvenile Indoor Track and Field Championships. Another KCK athlete, Niamh McGrath, took bronze in the U15 long jump. In the RHL Lismore maintained their push to retain their Premier Division title. They defeated Pinewood 4-0 but Ardmore defeated Gortroe 2-1 to keep the gap at the top of the table to three points.

West Waterford AC's David McCarthy once again made his mark on the national scene when he cruised to victory at the Kit-Kat All-Ireland Schools Cross Country championships. Running in the colours of St. Augustine's College his teammates were well in support and helped the school to their first ever team title.

Mercurial Lismore FC suffered an early Dungarvan Tyre Centre Cup exit at the hands of Pinewood Rangers. Just a week earlier they'd easily put struggling Rangers to the sword in the league. With the cup favourites tepid departure the door was left open for a historic Ardmore treble after the Seasiders team defeated Division 2 minnows Blackwater Rangers to progress to the semi-finals. Meanwhile defeat for Inch away to Araglen secured Ballyduff's promotion to the Premier Division.

Paddy Joe Ryan was honoured at a celebration for the enormous contribution he had made over the years to the Nire and Fourmilewater clubs as a player and administrator. Among the dignitaries present was the President of the GAA, Sean Kelly.

There was no joy in the Harty Cup Final for Colaisti Na nDeise against St. Flannans. The West Waterford College lost out against the Ennis kingpins 3-15 to 1-8.

Waterford picked up two valuable points and earned revenge for two previous defeats against Dublin in the National Hurling League with a brilliant display to win 6-17 to 2-12.

West Waterford AC's master athlete, Joe Gough smashed the 800 m Irish record at the World Masters Championships in Germany. Joe took more than a second off the previous Irish record to finish fourth.

Dungarvan Ladies Hockey Club were smashing records of their own as they cruised to the league title - finishing an incredible nine points ahead of their closest challengers with victory over Belvedere 5-1.

As the RHL season approached its climax, Ardmore cemented their place at the top of the Premier Division. With just two games remaining, Ardmore were six points clear of Lismore after a 4-0 win over Pinewood Rangers. Meanwhile, Kilworth secured the second promotion place in the First Division behind Ballyduff. In Division 2, Castlebridge were promoted as champi-

ons of their division.

In the National Football League, a strong Kildare outfit at Walsh Park outclassed Waterford. A mismatch after the first fifteen minutes against the Division leaders, Kildare ran out comprehensive winners by 3-22 to 0-6.

A miserable weekend for the county teams' supporters, Waterford were on the receiving end of trouncing by Galway in the National Hurling. In their first league defeat, Waterford went down to the Tribesmen by 5-13 to 1-14.

The St. Augustine's senior footballers bounced back from a shattering Harty Cup final defeat with a stunning victory in the Munster Colleges B Football Final with a display of tremendous grit and determination to defeat championship favourites Colasite an Spioroid Naoimh at New Inn. In a high quality game St. Augustine's defeated the Cork side on a scoreline of 4-7 to 2-8.

The U16 Football Championship produced more success for St. Augustine's, as they proved too strong for De La Salle eventually winning out on a 3-8 to 0-11 scoreline.

West Waterford AC athletes Shona Curran and Ferdia O hAodha were selected for the Irish Schools Cross Country team for the championships in Ayr Scotland joining David McCarthy in the Irish selection.

The ever-popular Tramore races went ahead despite high winds. And there was an all Waterford win in the Handicap Hurdle as the William Queally owned Roxbury obliged at the rewarding odds of 7/1. Trained in Dungarvan by David Kiely and ridden by local jockey Gary Hutchinson Roxbury stayed on strongly in the closing stages to beat the Shay Barry ridden Lohort Castle.



Lar Nanlon presenting the Des Nanlon Perpetual Memorial Trophy to Rory Wyley, Cidona Carrick Wheelers, following his win in the Carlow Classic. Included is Rory's team mate John O'Shea who finished third.

APRIL

Sinead Crotty and Shona Curran led the Ard Scoil Na Deise to the All-Ireland title in the Mountain running championships. In the senior group, Sinead Crotty was second and helped the Ard Scoil to the senior girls teams title, while Shona Curran led home the juniors to the team title.

The 25th anniversary of John Treacy's famous World Cross-Country title was celebrated in Lawlors Hotel. A very large turn out watched some rare athletics footage of the Villierstown's native's famous victories and a talk was given on the life of Ireland's great distance runner.

West Waterford AC ladies did the double at the Munster Road Championships - they won the Senior and Novice titles.

Waterford suffered defeat at the hands of Clare in the National Hurling League but their bid for honours took a serious dent. In the immediate aftermath of defeat they learned they were still to be involved in the play-offs after Dublin's defeat of Kilkenny left the door open for Waterford to advance.

Lismore remained three points adrift off the top of the Red House League Premier Division. Lismore defeated Valley Rangers by a single goal, but with a game less played Ardmore remained in pole position.

Cappagh showjumping star, Anthony Condon, was one of Ireland's twenty leading young sporting talents honoured at the 20th annual Irish Examiner National Junior Sports Stars Awards. The 17-year-old showjumper could already boast two European Championship medals along with a host of other awards.

St. Declan's Community College won the top individual awards in the Interschools Huntertrials in Co. Laois. Michael Maloney finished with the fastest clear round to be named Irish Champion.

In a 'Super Sunday' in the RHL, Ardmore were named league champions as Lismore spectacularly imploded in their final league game against Brideview. Lismore needed to win by a large margin against Tallow and hope Ardmore lost heavily in both of their remaining games. Defeat for Lismore, however, saw them relinquish their title to Ardmore. In the other divisions Ballyduff were named 1st Division Champions while in the 2nd Division Blackwater Rangers were promoted.

The local horse racing world was devastated by the news that the promising Co. Waterford jockey was forced into retirement after damaging an eye in an incident at Listowel races. A plastic rail damaged by a horse in front of him, sprung back up and hit Gordon in the eye.

The Deise Ladies advanced to the semi-finals of the National League with victory over Kerry. Waterford edged the match by just a single point, setting up an appetising clash with Mayo.

Waterford Minor Footballers suffered a heavy defeat at the



Ardmore A.F.C. who had a fantastic year in 2004

hands of Cork in the Minor Football Championships. Despite the disparity in standards, Waterford never gave up trying right up to the final whistle in a David and Goliath type contest at Leamybrien but ended up on the wrong side of a 19 point defeat.

Dungarvan man Conor Murray raised 7,778.22 euros for the Waterford & Lismore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Conor raised the money in sponsorship for taking part in the Dublin City Marathon.

The 22k annual Parrish Bar Dungarvan 10k-road race saw a large field of 104 finishers with the winner coming from the Ratharnham Club in Dublin, Geroid O'Connor. West Waterford' Mark Langford came home third just pipping Pat Heffernan of Fethard.

David Shanley secured a national title and brought honour to Dungarvan BC when he beat Sean Munnely from Co. Mayo in the Youth One 86 kg class on an 8-1 scoreline. In a determined performance Shanley was a clear winner much to the delight of cornermen Gerry O'Mahoney and Gary Collins.

History was made in O'Loughlin's Handball Court when Laura Keever and Marianne Meehan became the girls to bring home to Co. Waterford an All-Ireland title in the u-17 singles and doubles. Jason Healy and David Power also claimed gold in the U-15 doubles, while St. Augustine's senior handball players Michael Browne and Patrick Hurney added the 40x20 title to the 60x30 title they won the previous year.

Dungarvan Ladies Hockey Club won the Munster League in style. Denied a cup and league double by Fermoy, the league victory saw the club promoted to Division Five winning twelve of their fourteen league matches.

In the RHL, Ardmore - already champions - finished out their sea-

son with an emphatic dismissal of Cappoquin. The Seasiders won out 5-0 in a one sided affair in a display that confirmed their status as this seasons kingpins.

Late Cork scores in the Minor Hurling Championship denied Waterford the opportunity to take the game to a replay. With little to choose between the sides, Cork were slightly flattered to advance to the next round by four clear points.

However, the senior side continued to advance in the National Hurling League, this time defeated a tigerish Limerick side. Despite enjoying an eleven points lead after 33 minutes Waterford were pushed hard in the end, surviving to win by just four points. Waterford 1-20 Limerick 4-7.

A goal after just 10 minutes was enough to give Ardmore their 4th Dungarvan Tyre Centre Cup and complete the League and Cup double - only the second team in RHL history to complete the feat.

Two Waterford jockeys, David Casey and Robert Widger jointly shared the Park Hotel Sports Star of the month award after both secured impressive wins at Cheltenham. David rode Rule Supreme to victory in the Sun Alliance Chase, while Robert had a good win on Native Emperor in the 4 mile National Hunt Chase Challenge Cup.

Dungarvan trainer John Kiely was amongst the winners at Leopardstown when he teamed up with Waterford City jockey Danny Grant to lift the one and a half-mile handicap with Leos Shuil.

In the National Hurling League, Waterford defeated Cork in a thriller at Pairc Ui Rinn, leaving the Deise side well-placed to win a place in the league final. Waterford won out on a scoreline of 0-14 to 0-13.

For the second year in succession, Johnny O'Connor claimed the West Waterford AC Spring League title. Second in Division 1 was one of the clubs up and coming young athletes, Shane Power.



Valley Rangers 1-0 winners over Brideview in the final of the Tony Bolger Cup played in Lismore.

MAY

Young jockey, Tom Queally who put Cappagh, Co. Waterford on the horseracing map over a number of years, was joined by his brother Declan Jnr in the winners enclosure. In his first ever ride, the fifteen-year-old steered Poor Witness to victory in a winners of two event at the Muskerry Foxhounds meeting in Dromohane near Mallow in Co. Cork.

Ardmore created RHL history by becoming the first side to win the treble. They added the Bolger Plate Cup to their League and Tyre Centre honours with an impressive victory over Glenview. The gap in class between the Mellerary side, Glenview – a middle of the table Division Two outfit – and the Premier Division Champions Ardmore was cruelly exposed with Ardmore winning out 5-0.



Pat Kelly, Secretary Waterford Schoolboy League pictured presenting Colm Curran, Dungarvan's Captain with the Under-11A cup. After his teams victory over Waterford Crystal in the Final in Ozier Park.

Meanwhile, in the U18 Walsh Cup Final, Brideview defeated Cappoquin on penalties after extra-time failed to separate the sides. In a game which lived up to its billing, a big crowd turned for the Youth Cup final, with Brideview eventually winning out 3-2 on a shootout after the teams finished all square during normal time 2-2.

There was a huge gathering of Shamrock club members as well as a fair number of friends and well wishers at the official launch of their history in the Knockanore Inn. The publication by club member Edmond Murphy was described as an excellent record of all their club activity since 1953 when the club was founded.

Dungarvan Utd's U11 side produced a remarkable performance to defeat Waterford Crystal in the A Cup Final. Both sides were level during normal time, but Dungarvan stepped up to the mark in the shootout to win 4-2.

Valley Rangers were proving to be Brideview Utd's bogie team as, for the second time in as many weeks, Rangers inflicted a defeat on the Tallow side. Valley won out on penalties to advance to the semi-finals of the Liam Fitzgerald Cup.

Waterford's Minor footballers defeated Clare in extra time of a Fraher Field thriller. Waterford pulled clear of Clare with three extra time points to claim a place in the Munster semi-final.

The eagerly awaited National Hurling League Final clash between Waterford and Galway ended disappointedly with Waterford put up a lacklustre display in Limerick. Waterford, from whom so much was expected gave one of their poorer displays of the entire campaign and the five-point deficit at the end was no more than Galway deserved.

The 50th anniversary of Roger Bannister's sub-four minute mile, was celebrated locally with ten graded mile races involving West Waterford AC athletes and athletes from three other clubs. Fastest on the night was James Leddingham who finished in 4 minutes and 31 seconds.

The Irish Racquetball Open in Arklow proved to be a happy hunting ground for the Tournaneena based teenager, Julie Skehan. Julie captured two Irish titles (U18 grade and Division 2).

At the same tournament Triston Hickey – a rising young star of the game – and likely to be a challenger to the national supremacy to Noel O'Callaghan in the future, lost out in the semi's to the Dutch star Michael Van Der Hoist.

Cup fever gripped the Cappoquin/ Affane schoolboy's soccer club after two of their sides brought home silverware. The U16 were the first to bring home honours with victory in the Youth Cup quickly followed by the U11's cup win against Blackstone on penalties.

Cup success was also being celebrated in Abbesside. The Villagers U16 outfit were presented with the honour by David Cullen of Waterford Schoolboys League.

After an indifferent League Final display against Galway, Waterford turned in a dazzling display against Clare in the Munster Hurling Championship. Waterford turned on the style



What A Year For "Dan The Man" Shanahan seen here in action against Clare in the Munster Championships. Dan went on to score 3-1 in the same game.

from the throw in and a bewildered Clare did not know how to cope. Ken McGrath, Eoin Kelly and Dan Shanahan who scored Waterford's three goals could all rightly lay claim the man of the match award as the Deise progressed to the next round and a game against Tipperary in Pairc Ui Caoimh. Waterford 3-21 Clare 1-8.

The Park Hotel Sports Star of the Month Award went to Dungarvan based trainer, John Queally. The Queally trained Al Elie became the first Irish-trained winner of the 2004 Aintree beating 18 runners from Ireland, England, France, Germany, USA and Japan. Meanwhile the Granville Hotel GAA Award Winner for the month was named as Dave Bennett of Lismore GAA Club. As the Senior Hurling Championship got underway, Lismore were deserving winners of an exciting match-up with Stradbally while Hartley proved Tallow's stumbling block when they lost out to Ballygunner. For the Comeragh Gaels a goal from Brian Greene in the 54th minute killed off any hopes they had of putting Mount Sion to the sword.

JUNE



Ballyduff soccer team, who defeated Valley Rangers in the Fitzgerald Cup Final.

Ballyduff captured the Fitzgerald Cup in an exciting and competitive game against Valley Rangers. Played at the Lismore venue Ballyduff triumphed by 3-1.

In the Intermediate Hurling Championship, Dungarvan lost out to St. Mary's in a match that was spoiled by an ugly incident with just two minutes remaining. A player on either side was red-carded with two minutes remaining following by a scuffle which led to the referee blowing up the game early.



St. Mary's who defeated Dungarvan in the Intermediate Hurling Championship at Cappoquin.

West Waterford AC had a very successful Munster Track and Field Championships for Masters in Kerry winning a hat full of medals. Joe Gough won gold and silver in the over 50's 400 m and 200 m, while Ailish ni hAodha also put in a great run to take gold in the 800 m over 45. Brendan Moran proved way too strong for his opposition in the over 45 100 metres while Gerry

McCormack and club co-ordinator, Danny McGrath both took bronze medals.

David Shanley of Dungarvan Boxing Club made history by becoming the towns first Four Nations Gold Medallist, David defeated a Welsh boxer in the last bout on the ticket on a weekend when Ireland took a record 14 gold's to finish ahead of England's eight.

Ardmore man John Mulcahy surprised the field in the West Waterford Golf and Country Club's Captain prize to take the first major of the year.

In the Munster Senior Hurling Championship, Waterford pipped Tipperary in a nerve-shattering thriller at Pairc Ui Caoimh by just a single point. After their all-star performance against Clare three weeks earlier, thousands of white and blue clad supporters were delirious with joy at having reached their third Munster Senior Hurling Final in three years.

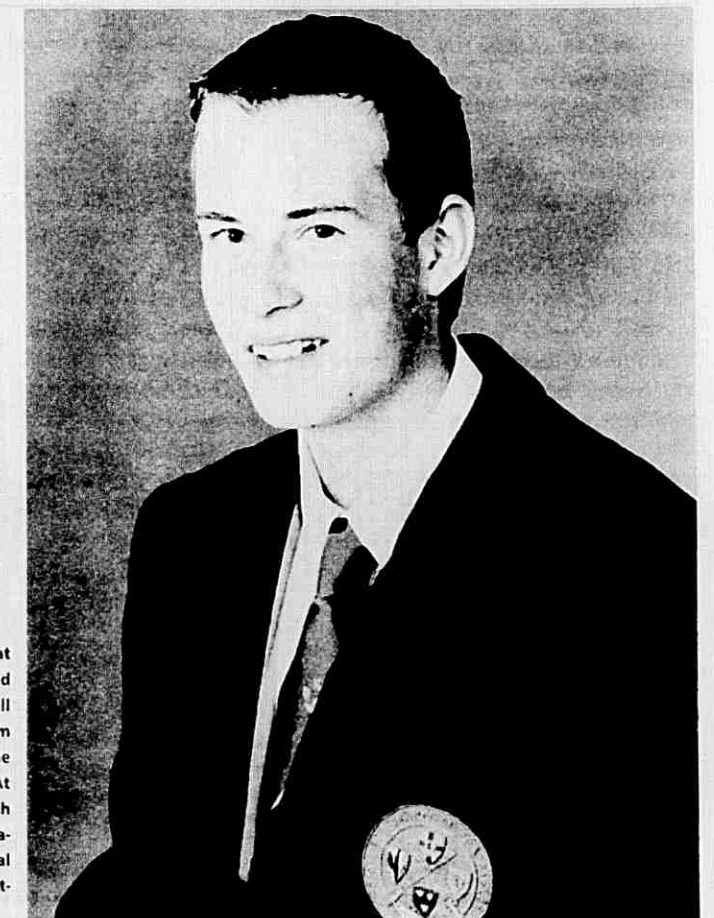
West Waterford Juvenile AC athletes took home a gold and two silvers at the Munster Championships. Zoe Scalon took gold in the Shot and silver in the Putt while David Earley captured silver in the 600m.

Waterford's involvement in the Munster Senior Football Championship came to an end at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds, when the gap in standards was clearly exposed against last seasons beaten Munster Finalists, Limerick, eventually losing out 1-18 to 0-7. Better luck for the juniors against the same opposition defeating Limerick by three points to go-forward to the provincial final.

Adam Crowe, Abbesside, became interested in angling at the age of five when he attended competitions with his father. They started off together at the various competitions in Dungarvan and then travelled all over Ireland. As his father Tony became a Master angler, he watched him closely to gather all the information he could in the skills of the sport. At the age of ten he began to fish in local competitions and had many successes. At the age of sixteen and for the last two years he was selected on the Irish team and travelled to Yorkshire and Achill, Co. Mayo for the Home Internationals. He travelled to Dover on Wednesday morning for an international competition involving Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. He has represented Ireland three times and hopes to get on the Irish Senior team.



Waterford senior hurling panel who defeated Tipperary by a single point in the Munster senior hurling semi final at Pairc Ui Caoimh.



JULY



Sean Fogarty, Chairman Munster Council, presenting the cup to Waterford's captain, Ken McGrath. Also included is Waterford's Jimmy O'Gorman, Vice Chairman Munster Council.

Waterford erupted in celebration at the close of an epic Munster senior Hurling final as the reigning champions eventually won out 3-16 to 1-21.

The glory doubled for the Deise just five days later with a sensational Munster Junior Football Final victory over Cork. Played out in atrocious conditions in front of 1,500 supporters in Fraher Field Waterford saw off the red-hot favourites by a single point to record a 1-7 to 0-9 victory.

In rugby, Waterford Vikings outmanoeuvred the Kerry Kings in a top of the table clash, recording an impressive 40-22 victory.

Tony Elsted won the final race of the 2004 O'Mahony Cycles & Nursery Summer series in dramatic fashion as he powered to victory in Ballinamuck in a tense sprint finish with Anthony Dwyer.

The Joe Fitzgerald Cup was presented to Tony who said he was truly honoured by the prize.

West Waterford juvenile athletics club reaped the rewards at All-Ireland Juvenile 14-19 Championships held in Tullamore. Siobhan Brackett took gold in the U16 pole vault, in the U18 event Suzie Lonergan took silver and Una Power was one place behind taking bronze. Rounding off the day, the U12 mixed relay team also picked bronze medals.

In the Senior Hurling Championship, Lismore lost out to Ardmore by two points, leaving Lismore attempting to get through the losers section while Ardmore were already being touted as emerging challengers were to play Ballygunner.

The gap between Intermediate and Senior County Championship hurling was exposed as Intermediate Champions, Abbeyside struggled against relegation in the senior ranks. In a tough tight and entertaining encounter with Stradbally at Fraher Field they lost out by 2-13 to 1-10 shaking off the threat of relegation in the process and proceeding to the losers group.



Delighted Team captain, Michael Byrne holds the cup high after the presentation by Sean Fogarty, Chairman Munster Council.



Mary Fitzgerald presenting the Joe Fitzgerald Memorial Cup to Tony Elsted, winner of the O'Mahony Cycles and Nursery Summer League. Included are Antoinette Fitzgerald, Renee and Caoimhe Brennan.

In the Senior Football Championship, an extraordinary game ensued between two teams, Kilrossanty and John Mitchell's, who are both from the same parish. John Mitchell's raced into a commanding 1-3 to no-score lead by the 15th minute and incredibly didn't score again for the rest of the match with Kilrossanty winning out 0-13 to 1-3.

There was an All-Ireland title for Dungarvan and the Cunnigar Pitch and Pitch Club when Donna Cockwell, who is only playing the game with two years, took home an All-Ireland national title. Waterford qualified for their second-ever Junior Football All-Ireland Final when they decisively dispatched Lancashire in Birmingham 1-17 to 0-9 to go forward to meet Leitrim.

The Nire claimed the U-21 Football title after a close and tight contest with Ballinacourty winning by just a single point.

A small but elite group of West Waterford athletes stormed to the top of the race categories during the Annual Clogheen 5k-road race. James Leddingham continued his winning sequence with another fine performance when he outsprinted the Latvian athlete, Sandis Bralitis to take the win.

AUGUST



Cork's Catriona Foley in a determined mood against Waterford's Linda Wall and Mary O'Donnell during the Waterford v Cork ladies senior football match.

Waterford's Ladies Football team crashed out of the Senior Championship, failed to make the Munster Final for the first time in 17 years, and lost to Cork for the first time in a championship game since 1985 with the rebels proving just too strong for the Deise girls and winning out on a scoreline of 1-11 to 0-10.

It took two games to decide who would be All-Ireland Junior football champions. After drawing the first game in a pulsating encounter, Waterford put in a grandstand finish to gain a well-deserved second All-Ireland title in the grade. Coming from behind against Leitrim they scored 5 unanswered points to clinch

the title.

Waterford's dream of a Senior All-Ireland hurling Championship win just fell short with the agony of semi-final defeat to Kilkenny. With no John Mullane in the ranks to supplement the huge input from Paul Flynn; no real answer to Henry Shefflin and the concession of three first half goals, the Deise went down to unfortunate defeat to the Cats after a grand stand finish at a wet and windy Croke Park. However the display of gallantry and guts right to the finish from this Waterford side deserved a better reward on a day when luck did not favour the brave, with the Deise eventually going down by 3-13 to 0-18.

The Dungarvan Golf Club hosted a tremendous weekend of gold with the clubs Presidents Prize ultimately going to deserved winner Jerry Whelan.

The Brickey's made history by claiming their first ever underage county hurling title winning the U-21 "B" Hurling County Final against Passage. The victory was an overdue reward for many years of painstaking coaching and training, and in the celebrations, which greeted the victory, the years of disappointment and frustration were soon forgotten. Played out in atrocious conditions the Brickey's were the hungrier side, eventually winning out by 2-8 to 0-7.

Ballygunner were lucky winners over an Ardmore side that shot 10 wides in the Senior Hurling Championships. The class of Seamus Prendergast had the favourites worried early on but with Paul Flynn adopting the role of poacher, Ballygunner won out in the end. In the other championship games over the weekend, Tallow outscored WIT in a splendid and skilful contest to win 3-14 to book a meeting with Ardmore; while Lismore stormed through in the second half of their game against Ballyduff to secure a meeting with De La Salle.



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In athletics, Peter Duggan from Kilkenny was the winner of the Veronica Ryan memorial Cup in the Paddy Mac's Ardmore 5. The next two placing's were filled by runners from West Waterford AC with Mark Langford very close to taking the win.



Michael Byrne receives the All Ireland Junior Football trophy from G.A.A. President Sean Kelly amid scenes of great jubilation after last Saturday's victory over Leitrim.

After almost 30 years of Red House League football, the league took the unprecedented step of changing it's name to the West Waterford/ Easy Cork Junior League. The League took this decision at its first delegate meeting at a packed Red House Bar in Lismore.

Dungarvan trainer, John Kiely was on the mark in the bumper at Tramore as Derek O'Connor brought the 9/4 chance Calie Old Vic with a steady run from the rear beating a large field in the process.

A Dan Shanahan goal proved decisive for Lismore in the Senior Hurling Championship against De La Salle by 1-8 to 0-10, which was enough to allow Lismore to advance. Tallow advanced to the final of the losers group winning out against Ardmore by three points.

Faith struck a cruel blow for West Waterford's Olympic hopeful, Jamie Costin. While finishing his preparations south of Athens in Porto Heli for the 50k walk, Jamie was involved in an accident with a truck, which left him with a broken toe and a compression fracture in his back. Jamie was brought to hospital in Porto Heli and was later transferred to a hospital in Athens itself. He was then transferred back to Ireland by Air Ambulance for treatment at the Mater Hospital. Even straight after the accident his courageous first words were: "will I be able to compete?" Tragically after putting his life on hold in preparation the answer was no.

SEPTEMBER



Pictured are a group of West Waterford athletes who competed in Castlebar, Co. Mayo at the Irish National Half Marathon Championships.

A fortuitous goal within 10-seconds of the start of the Senior Football Championship clash between Stradbally and Ballinacourty proved a life-saver for three in a row champions, Stradbally and helped them book a place in the semi-finals with a 2-6 to 1-7 win.

It was kick-off time for the re-named W.W.E.C. Junior League, starting with a veritable goals bonanza in the Tony Bolger Cup. There were a total of 38-goals scored in seven-cup ties setting an exciting trend for the season to come. In the highest scoring clash of the round Kilworth defeated Mogeely 5-3, while fancied Lismore were on the wrong side of a seven-goal-thriller against Gortroe.



Lismore 0-16 to 0-11 winners over Roanmore in the losers group of the Top Oil Co. Senior Hurling Championship.

The Nire were crowned U21 Football Champions after the comprehensive defeat of Portlaw Mollerans. The Nire notched up 1-13 to Portlaw-Mollerans 0-2. The difference in standards was obvious from the start and by half-time the western champions were leading comfortably, with the gap widening in a second half that saw Portlaw score just a single point.

Lismore progressed to a quarter-final encounter with Tallow after defeating Roanmore by 0-16 to 0-11. In the Senior Football Championship, there was no holding Ardmore as they secured a 3-12 to 0-5 win over Kilmac in the losers group.

It was 'Super Sunday' in the WWEC's Bolger Cup with more goals and more action. Mogeely went top of their section with a 7-3 dismissal of Blackwater Rangers, while Castlebridge notched up a second big scoreline in Inch winning 7-4 and Ardmore defeated Clashmore 6-0.



Ardmore 3-12 to 0-5 winners over Kilmacthomas in the losers group of the Lawlors Hotel senior football championship.

There was great excitement in Italy when Irish pony riders scored a fabulous Nations Cup win. Fiona Beecher, Cailin Power and Benny Kuehnle helped Ireland take the honours ahead of Belgium.

Described as probably the best senior hurling championship game played at Fraher field this season, Lismore were deserving winners over Tallow, with Lismore producing their best hurling to finish seven points the better, winning out in the end by 2-12 to 1-8.

St. Augustine's came close to attaining glory in Sweden after recording another fine performance in the European Superschools competition. Despite their best efforts they took fourth place in the well-established and demanding tournament amongst some of the top colleges in Europe. Just some of the



John Kiely, the Kilrossanty clubman who guided Waterford to an historic second All-Ireland junior football title with a famous victory over Leitrim in a replay, is the Park Hotel/ Waterford Sports Star of the month for August. At the Award presentation were (left to right) Jim McGrath, John Kiely (award recipient), Pierce Flynn, Park Hotel, Theresa Kiely and Fr. P. Moran (Adjudicator Panel).

medal winners included the silver medal winning football team, the basketball team claimed bronze while the girl's table tennis team took silver.

The Minor Hurling Final between Abbeyside and Ballyduff came to a premature end, when Ballyduff corner back, Mark Feeney sustained an unfortunate knee injury, which necessitated the calling of an ambulance to the ground. The referee called the game up early, but Abbeyside were well in control, winning out 3-13 to 0-9.



Pictured above in the Parrish Bar are a group who participated in the Dungarvan Charter Boats Inter Pub Competition. Also included are Johnny and Imelda Lynch, Parrish Bar.

OCTOBER



Brickeys Celebrate As They Become Western Minor (B) Champions Paddy Walsh, Chairman Western GAA Board presents the minor "B" Hurling Cup to the Brickeys captain, Tommy Lynch. Included is Greg Fives, joint sponsor.

Brideview Utd defeated red-hot favourites St. Saviours from Waterford City in the Munster Cup with a remarkable 3-1 victory. In the Bolger Cup, meanwhile, Ardmore forced a play-off when they finished all-square with Gortroe in Group B, while Castlebridge, Ballyduff, and Valley Rangers all progressed as

group toppers. Lucky Ballygunner snatched semi-final victory over Lismore in an explosive Senior Hurling Championship. Lismore were reduced to 12 men when three of their players including goalkeeper Brendan Landers were red-carded after 22 minutes of the second half contributing to their defeat 2-15 to 2-13. In other games, Ardmore qualified for the Senior Football semi-final defeating Clashmore by three points while the Junior Hurling Western



Winning Professionals — Back Row (l. to r.) John Reynolds, Captain, Dungarvan Golf Club, Damien McGrane, Wexford (joint 3rd), Gerry Burke, Curragh Golf Club (joint 3rd), Brendan McGovern, PGA Captain, Brendan O'Brien, Captain GoldCoast Golf Club. Front Row (l. to r.) Neil Manchip, Royal Dublin Golf Club, joint winner, David and Gardine Reynolds (sponsors), Don MacFarlane, East Cork Golf Club, joint winner.

Final, Tourin pulled out all the stops during a sporting encounter with Dungarvan, to secure victory and the western title by two points.

The Inaugural Sherry Fitzgerald Reynolds Pro-Am proved a huge success with former Ryder Cup hero, Philip Walton, current European Tour Player, Damien McGrane, captain of the Irish PGA, Brendan McGovern joined

with local players to make up a field of 60 professionals for the Dungarvan pro-am. Neil Manchip and Don MacFarlane headed up the professional leader board.

Abbeyside captured the Minor Hurling County Final after a thriller clash with Mt. Sion. It was Abbeyside's fourth county title. They held on to a strong lead they'd built in the first half and despite failing to notch a second half score they retained their title with two points to spare over Mt. Sion.

West Waterford AC teams captured a host of silverware at the County Championships. The girls Under-18 team secured gold. Diarmuid O Foghlu got silver, Lorraine McCarthy silver while the boys U12 team captured a bronze at the championships.

It was Super Sunday at St. Augustine's College in Abbeyside for the Century Homes sponsored Cross Country Challenge which attracted 10999 runners from all over the Southern part of the country. It was a clean sweep for the host club West Waterford in the Senior Ladies event, with Diane Behan taking the title while in the mens senior club awards, West Waterford took bronze.

In the Minor Football County Final, Kilrossanty snatched a last gasp winner over De La Salle by the slimmest margin with a Michael Kirwan goal at the death overhauling the city sides two point lead to give the Comeragh club a historic win.



Photo shows (l. to r.) Jason Healy and David Power, All-Ireland U-15 Handball, 60x30, Doubles Champions 2004.



Pictured above shows a huge group of athletes who participated in the Century Homes County Cross Country Championships in St. Augustine's College last Sunday.

NOVEMBER



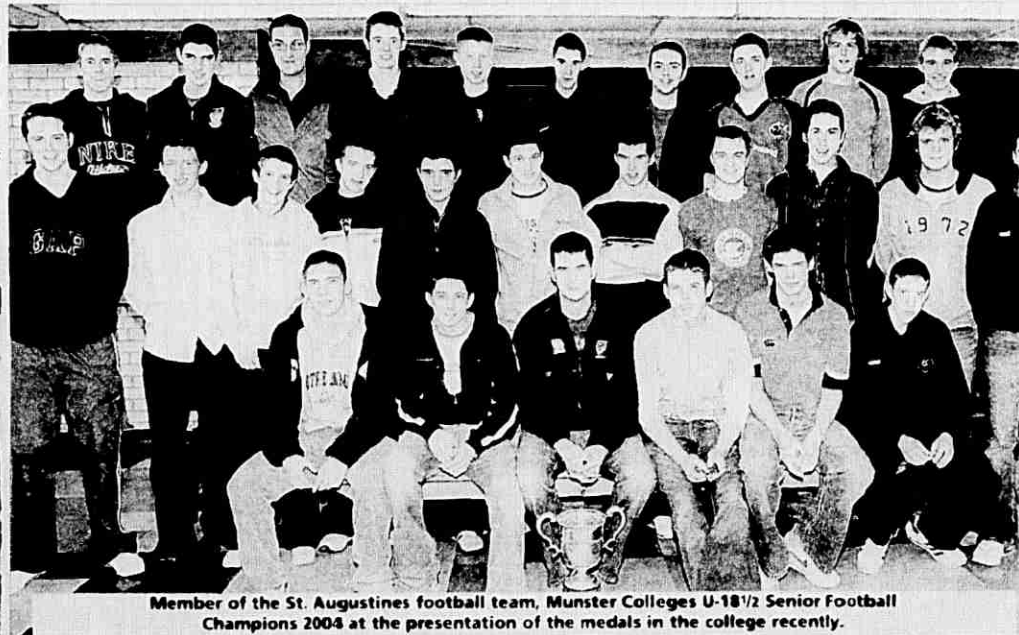
STRADBALLY SENIOR FOOTBALLERS MAKE IT FOUR COUNTY TITLES IN A ROW.

After drawing the previous Sunday, mighty Stradbally turned on the style in the Senior Football County Final to beat the Nire, and secure the four in a row for the reds in the process. In a masterful performance, Stradbally won out 2-8 to 1-4. The Brickeys took their second ever underage title and their first Minor Hurling County title with an historic victory over Clonea (2-9 to 3-3) while in the Intermediate Hurling Co. Final, Portlawn showed their class in defeating Shamrocks by 0-18 to 1-2. West Waterford AC ladies team were celebrating a four in a row of their own, having captured their fourth cross country title in successive seasons at Skibbereen.

WWEC kingpins cemented their status as the leagues leading team after adding the Bolger Cup crown to last season's triple. They defeated Valley Rangers 2-0 while in the Plate Final, Ballyduff defeated Castlebridge Celtic 3-2. It was triple success and triple celebrations for the Brickey's as they rounded off an history making year with a Western Intermediate Football title by defeating Sliabh gCua with a second half blitz. Dungarvan Utd bowed out of



Brickeys, winners of the County Minor 'B' Hurling Title. They beat Clonea/Power in the final 2-9 to 3-3 at Fraher Field.



Member of the St. Augustines football team, Munster Colleges U-18/2 Senior Football Champions 2004 at the presentation of the medals in the college recently.

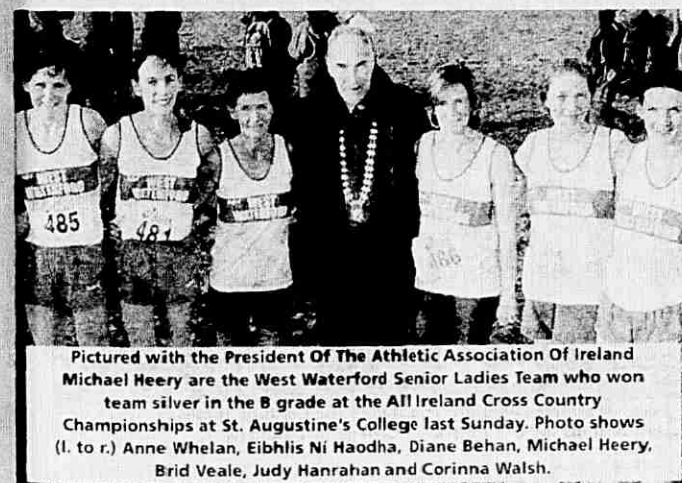
DECEMBER



Waterford Vodafone All-Star award winners Paul Flynn, Dan Shanahan and Ken McGrath at the 2004 Vodafone GAA All-Star Awards. Citywest, Dublin.

Three Waterford Senior Hurlers picked up three Vodafone All-Stars. Ken McGrath, Dan Shanahan and Paul Flynn were all honoured out of the eight nominees from the team. Paul Flynn commented afterwards that his determination was to go on to win an All-Ireland medal.

The All Ireland Inter Counties Cross-Country Championships held at St. Augustines College proved one of the best national cross



Pictured with the President Of The Athletic Association Of Ireland Michael Heery are the West Waterford Senior Ladies Team who won team silver in the B grade at the All Ireland Cross Country Championships at St. Augustines College last Sunday. Photo shows (l. to r.) Anne Whelan, Eibhlis Ni Haodha, Diane Behan, Michael Heery, Brid Veale, Judy Hanrahan and Corinna Walsh.

country events in recent years. Maria McCambridge of Dublin won the ladies race while Vincent Mulvey of Dublin won the mens race.

In the Munster Senior Football Club Championship Final, Stradbally and Kilmurray/ Ilbrickane finished all square in a game described as a classic display of modern day football. Stradbally missed two good goal chances and had a total of 12 wides and after 35 minutes the Waterford champions were five points behind. However, the history making Stradbally side were not to be denied easily and fought back to tie the game on a scoreline of nine points each in a courageous display.

In the Junior Football County Final, St. Mollerans proved too strong for Ballinacourty. The eastern champions led at half time by eight points and despite a spirited second half fight back they lost out by 2-13 to 1-8.

In the WWEC, Ardmore recovered from a jittery start to the defence of their Premier Division championship crown by putting four past Ballyduff. The early season pace-setters Kilworth and Cappoquin met in Fermoy but drew a blank while Lismore started their season with a draw against old foes Brideview.

West Waterford AC athlete, Diane Behan took gold in the Munster Masters Championships in Rathgormack, helping her over-35 team to a silver medal in the process. The club's over-45 ladies team also celebrated with a Munster Gold medal; the mens over-50's took silver while the over-40's were just out of luck finishing in 6th.

The Blackwater Community School were crowned All-Ireland Volleyball champions after defeating Elphin from Roscommon. The Lismore School lifted the title with a nail-biting third set win sparking scenes of jubilation.

West Waterford AC Ladies captured bronze at the All-Ireland Novice Cross-Country Championships, in Mullingar. The team was led home by Diane Behan, who is having her best year ever, once again she pulled out a top-class performance to finish in 7th place overall in what was a very fast and intense race.

For the West Waterford Juveniles Club, Deirdre Duff won her

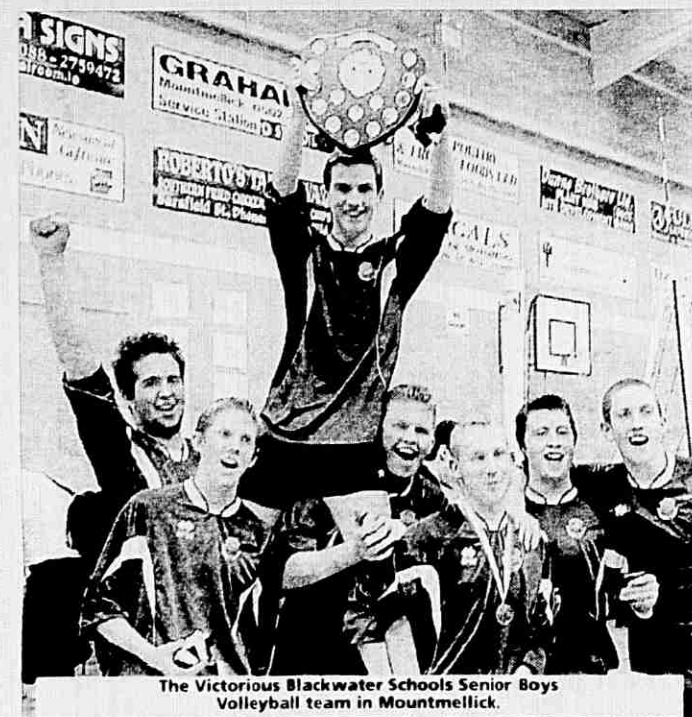
the FAI Youth Cup despite a superb display against Bunclody. Leading 1-0 at half time they eventually lost out to the Wexford side 2-1.

Conor Skehan from Tournaneena was named Munster Racquetball Champion after winning his first ever provincial title, qualifying along with six others from the Tournaneena club for the National finals.

An ambitious development fundraiser which would provide funding for Tallow GAA club to give the club some of the best sporting facilities in the county was launched. Club PRO Liam Mulcahy said the funding secured would help construct facilities that would be of benefit to the entire community in Tallow.

County Champions, Stradbally caused a huge shock when they secured a glorious victory over Bishopstown in the Munster Club Football semi-final by 1-12 to 0-12. Despite playing with a man down from the 50th minute they held on to gain passage into what was only the clubs second ever Munster Club Final. Team Manager, Tom Ahearne described the victory as one of the sweetest ever.

Niamh Kennedy took her first-ever Munster title in Piltown for West Waterford Juvenile AC. The girl's team took second in the same race as did the boys U18 and girls U16 teams.



The Victorious Blackwater Schools Senior Boys Volleyball team in Mountmellick.

first individual medal in the under-18 race in the Cross Country Championships.

Stradbally suffered an agonising defeat against the Co. Clare champions, Kilmurray in the Munster Club Football Final replay. Stradbally dominated the tight contest played in Kilmallock. But, Stradbally lost out at the end by a single point on a scoreline of Kilmurray 9 Stradbally 8.

St. Olivers made no mistake in the Minor B Football County Final replay against Kilmac' winning comprehensively 3-6 to 1-4 in an entertaining game at Fraher Field.

Cappoquin continued to set the pace in the Premier Division of the WWEC defeating Accrington Celtic 3-1 to maintain a three-point lead over champions, Ardmore. Both sides looked like set to go into the New Year neck-and-neck with Brideview, Lismore and Kilworth all closely following and setting the stall out for a fascinating title contest.

HORSE RACING SNIPPETS

BY MARK
PHILLIPS



The Dreaded Cough

In common with a number of other horses and humans Best Mate did not enjoy the testing conditions at Leopardstown on Lexus Chase day and duly returned with a cough to Henrietta Knights stable during the week.

Welsh Grand National

Chepstow racecourse in Wales is always a tough course and it took its toll after Ruby Walsh guided the well backed Silver Birch to victory in the Welsh Grand National when Asparagus dropped dead just after the winning line. Blazing Liss Delights

Blazing Liss is finally getting the hang of jumping and after her maiden hurdle victory she also won again for the Flynn family and Dungarvan trainer John Kiely when stepped up in class at Leopardstown over Christmas.

Interesting Statistic

A recent report by the business analysis firm Mintel showed that Bookmaker Betting Shops pay back 86% of what they take in whereas the returns from the Lottery are only 53%.

Did You Know

Did you know that Irish people are spending almost Euro 1,000 per adult per annum on gambling?

This Weeks Racing

Wednesday

Hereford, Lingfield and Southwell

Thursday

Thurles 12.30pm, Ludlow, Wincanton and Wolverhampton

Friday

Musselburgh, Towcester and Wolverhampton

Saturday

Navan 12.55pm, Haydock, Uttoxeter, Lingfield and Sandown

Sunday

Leopardstown 12.50pm

JP Spreads The Load

Leading owner JP McManus has in recent times begun to spread his horses over a large team of trainers. Here are some of those trainers.

Johnjoe O Neill

Charlie Swan

Ronnie O Leary

Christy Roche

Niall Madden

John Kiely

Francois Doumen

Eddie O Grady

Enda Bolger

Tom Taaffe

With Johnjoe O Neill forced to close his stable temporarily because of an equine virus it's easy to understand JP's policy in spreading the load among a number of trainers rather than keeping them all in the one yard.

Did You Know

Did you know that the first meeting in Ireland to enjoy Tote facilities was Baldoyle in County Dublin back on January 1st 1932? Baldoyle is no longer with us having been sold to a property developer who later built houses on the site.

Point-To-Point Fixtures

The Irish Point To Point season is back in full swing and the following are some upcoming fixtures

Sunday March 9th

Muskerry Foxhounds, Aghabullugue, Co Cork 12.30pm

Stonehall Harriers, Askeaton, Co Limerick 12.30pm

Beef Or Salmon Update

County Limerick based trainer Michael Hourigan reports his Lexus chase winner Beef Or Salmon in top form and the horse will return to Leopardstown on Sunday February 6th to contest the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup.

Tramore Update

A very decent sized crowd turned up at Tramore on day 1 of the two-day fixture. Ruby Walsh decided to give Punctestown a miss and headed straight for Tramore where he recorded a first and second race double aboard the Pat Fahy trained duo of Jakers 6/4 and Allaboveboard 3/1. Ruby was expected to record a treble aboard Mile High City for his dad Ted in the handicap chase but while he joined the Michael Darcy ridden Jordans Lad over the last Mile High City failed to quicken as young Darcy got every last ounce out of Jordans Lad to triumph by a head. Limerick winner Carrowdown Storm was well fancied to take this contest but he appeared to break down on the

backstretch and was quickly pulled up by John Thomas McNamara.

Lismore rider Ken Whelan had an armchair ride aboard the Leslie Young trained Cafaygusulla in a maiden hurdle to easily account for Johnsboro Lad.

It was wet and bitterly cold in Tramore on New Years Day where the showcase event of the session was the Listed Will Dooly Chase. In this contest the front running Cloudy Bays basically burned off the opposition from the outset. Satco Express cried enough after one circuit while the hugely disappointing Nil Desperandum was destined for third spot at best when slipping up on the downhill run. Cloudy Bays nearest rival Over The First crashed out at the penultimate fence as the Andrew McNamara ridden Cloudy Bays was left a distance clear of the runner up Satco Express.

Young Andrew McNamara went on to complete a double aboard Tobeornottobe in the novice chase.

The next fixture for Tramore is on Sunday January 30th where Michael Ryan's Saltan Properties are the main sponsors.

v7-Day Ban For Tony

The current jump season is going from bad to worse for jockey Tony McCoy. His main employer Johnjoe O Neill was forced to close his stable temporarily due to a virus while the Cheltenham stewards slapped a 7-day ban on McCoy for careless riding in the concluding bumper last Saturday.

Nice Gesture By Coolmore.

Coolmore stud boss John Magnier is offering one nomination to all of their stud horses around the world as a donation to the Red Cross for their ongoing work to aid the disaster victims in Asia. With 51 horses at stud around the world the donation could well exceed Euro 1 million.

Geraghty Family Success

The Geraghty family from County Meath enjoyed a great day at Fairyhouse on New Years day. Established brothers Barry and Ross rode a winner apiece while younger sister Jill rode her first winner in the bumper and to crown a great day for the Geraghty family their father Tucker rowed in with a training double.

John Joe Closes Yard

Jackdaws Castle based trainer John Joe O Neill was forced to close his hundred plus stables over the Xmas period after a mystery bug swept through the yard. The stable will remain closed until such time as the horses are back to full health.

New Stable For Dean

Dean Gallagher has moved on from the Francois Doumen training establishment to take up a new post with French National Hint trainer Francois Cottin. Trainer Cottin recently married former Irish based trainer Irene Oakes

Double Century For Kieran

Jockey Kieran Fallon notched his 200th winner of the season on Mistral Sky at Wolverhampton just before Christmas. It is the fifth time that Kieran has ridden over two hundred winners in the one season.

Facts And Figures

Did you know that there are 89 stud farms registered in Ireland, which house 390 stallions between them? Those stallions cover 13,000 mares in any one-year. Some of the pricier stallions include Rock Of Gibraltar Euro 55,000 and Montjeu Euro 45,000.

E.C. Complaint

The E.C. have received complaints about the fact that Stud Fees enjoy a tax-free status in Ireland. This could all change however in the next couple of years where earnings from Stud Fees could be taxed at the Corporation Tax rate of 12.5 %.

H.R.I.

Horse Racing Ireland was very pleased with the returns from Thurles the week before Christmas. The Tote aggregate figure of Euro 81,513 was a record for the venue and surpassed the previous record set back in 1982 by Euro 11,000.

Danny Down Under

Waterford born rider Danny Grant is riding in Australia for the winter and he recently rode two winners over a weekend.

Go Racing Back

The Brian Gleeson hosted Go Racing programme is back on our screens as and from January 20th. The new series on TV 3 will run for 16 weeks. In the summer of 2004 the programme attracted upwards of 1.4 million viewers.

Vinnie Home

Jump jockey Vinnie Keane was home in Portlaw over Christmas. He was however nursing a broken arm, which will sideline him for a number of weeks



At the Tramore Races over the New Year's Weekend were (l. to r.) Bernard and Christy Sheehan.



At the Tramore Races over the New Year's Weekend were (l. to r.) Willie, Paul and Brid Henry.



Brothers Shane and David Kiely at the Tramore Races over the New Year's Weekend. (Photos by Sean Byrne)



Vinny receives his ham kindly sponsored by "Garveys Supervalu" for hitting Rudolph's Nose in our Christmas Shoot with Ben Brittain in attendance.

Dungarvan Credit Union Cycling Club Notes



CHRISTMAS SPINS

Dungarvan Cycling Club operated a busy leisure programme over the Christmas period, and we were blessed with mild dry weather on most days. The St. Stephen's Day spin is usually our biggest group of the year, and this year was no exception. Members anxious to shed a pound or two after the Christmas festivities headed off to Lismore and Tallow. Road conditions were dangerous in places, but by 10:15 the thaw had set in, and an easy spin was enjoyed by all. On Wednesday, December 29th we set off once again from Kilrush to Lismore and Deerpark, while on Friday, December 31st, a small group cycled the 40 miles to Cappoquin, Villierstown, Clashmore and back home from Piltown Cross with a nice tailwind. On Sunday last, January 2nd, a terrific group proceeded leisurely to Cappoquin, and veered left along the Blackwater towards Knockanore and down to Youghal Bridge. A really sensible pace was set on the 5k climb to Knockanore, and later as we passed Piltown Cross on the return journey a faster pace was the order of the day. It has been quite a while since

thing for everybody. We will have more details on all these events over the coming weeks. The "big one" for 2005 will be the Donegal to Dungarvan Charity Trip at the end of May. We will provide all our members with full details of this event as soon as possible in order that they will be in a position as early as possible to decide about participating. This event will require considerable training.



David Cummins in foreground, prior to a recent leisure spin.

this route was cycled together, and many in the group were pleased at the change.

CHANGEOVER TO KILOMETRES

The proposed road-sign changes will come into effect on January 19th. All road-signs will be changed to Kilometres (K's is the mod. Term) This should be a good opportunity for all cycling members to reset the bike clock to K's. Some of our more international cyclists have done so already, but now is the time to make the change. Just for the record: Whitechurch is 25k, Lismore is 50k, Top of Tallow and back is 60k, Ballyduff Circuit (loved by many) is 70k. Looking at average speeds, the following might be seen as about right: Leisurely 25kmph; Fast: 27kmph and Very Fast 29kmph and above.

BIKING TIPS

Other than a helmet, cycling gloves may be the most important safety item you can wear. They provide a non-slip grip, enable you to brush debris from spinning tires, allow you to wipe stinging sweat from your eyes, cushion your hands against road shock, and protect your palms when you reach out during a fall.

TRY CYCLING IN 2005

Would you like to try a new sport in 2005? You will probably have noticed our regular weekly spins, or have met us somewhere on the roads of West Waterford. If you are seriously thinking of trying something new, why not invest in a bicycle, and take the plunge? You will be most welcome among us. Your fitness level will increase very quickly, and you will enjoy the experience. Winter spins leave the Square on Sundays, and John Foley's Garage, Kilrush on Saturdays, at 10am on both days. Please take note that it is our intention that all spins leave exactly at the stated time, and you are asked to be in attendance promptly.

PLANS FOR 2005

The current committee has put the final touches to our 2005 calendar of events and it is clear, looking through it, that there is some-

- 26 Feb: Canaries Trip (Saturday to Saturday)
- 6 Apr: Individual Predict-your-Time Competition, 4 Wednesdays, finishing 27th April
- 11 May: O'Mahony Cycles & Nursery Summer Series, 8 Wednesdays, finishing 29th June
- 15 May: Kelly Pharmacy Road Race (Sunday) 12 pm
- 27 - 29 May: Donegal to Dungarvan Alzheimer's Charity Tour (Friday - Sunday)
- 12 June: Wicklow 200k (Sunday)
- 2 July: Ring of Kerry Cycle (Saturday),
- 24 July: Club Day (Sunday)
- 17 Aug: Team Predict-your-Time Competition, 4 Wednesdays, finishing 7th September
- 10 Sept MS Cycle (Saturday)
- 17-18 Sept: End-of-Season Trip (Saturday-Sunday) Destination to be finalised.

GOALS FOR 2005

Why do we make New Years' resolutions? Well, it's a great way to set out for yourself what you would like to achieve during the year. Whether it be any of our planned Club events, such as Canaries Trip in February, Donegal in May, Wicklow in June, Kerry in July, or other Club events such as our 8-week Summer Series, our individual 4-week Whitechurch Circuit in April, our Kelly Pharmacy Race in May, our Whitechurch Team Competition in August, or racing / leisure events here in West Waterford or in other regional locations, you will achieve your goals by finalising your intentions as early as possible.

Perhaps, on the other hand, as a beginner cyclist, you might set out to cycle shorter distances on a regular basis. Whatever the case make your plans for the year and set out to achieve your goals.

COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Club Committee will be held on Monday night next, January 10th, at 8:30pm in Bean A Leana on the Square. Please note change of venue. Full attendance requested for this first meeting of the New Year.



Deise Archery Club Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR

And a Happy New Year to all, so all the turkey has been eaten, and the last echoes of Auld Land Syne can no longer be heard. Its time to make a few New Years Resolutions while these aren't always easy I have come up with a few ideas that members can pick from:

- Mend those arrows that you have broken in your quiver or better still if they have become too small donate them to the club for training arrows.
- By now everyone should have received his or her shoot calendar. Please note which team you are on, and try to turn up for set up (those not allocated a team should contact Bob Greaney)
- That we desist from kidnapping the Warriors of Queen Mauve mascot i.e. C.Y.R.I.L. the piglet (see latest copy of The Wooden Arrow for more details)
- That we make an attempt to attend ITFAS shoots around the country throughout the year.
- We continue to encourage new members to join and participate in a fun sport for all the family (that's right folks there's no dropping off little Johnny or Jane you have to give it a go yourself ...you won't regret it)
- That we resurrect the forum on the website which is nearly dead
<http://homepage.eircom.net/~dac/>
That's enough to be getting on with... right people lets make the effort

ROVING MARK SERIES 2005: 1ST LEG

The first leg of our Roving Mark series will take place next Sunday 9th January in Chavasse's the off time for this event is 11.00am Now that people have seen the Waterford Crystal Perpetual Trophy, serious competition and cheating can be expected, Archers beware !!!

HISTORY OF ARCHERY

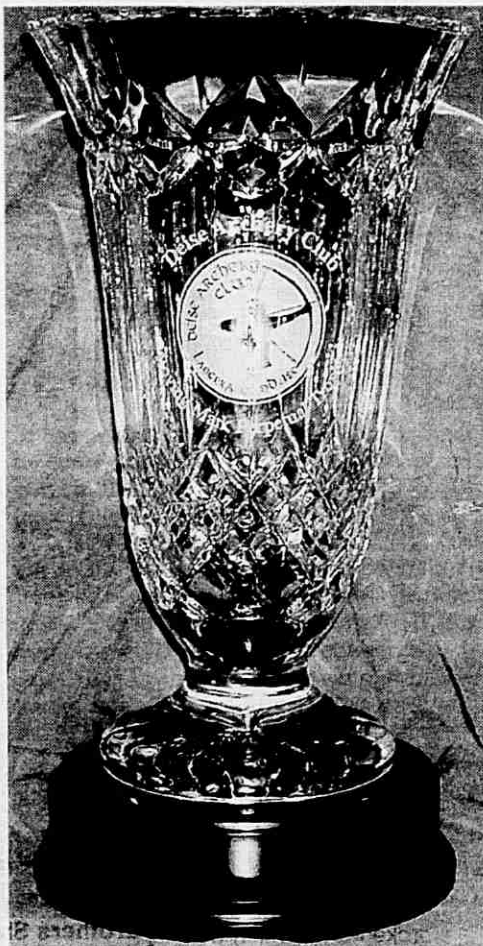
1066 AD - The Battle of Hastings — King Harold of England was waiting for the invasion of William of Normandy. It is believed that King Harold was killed by an arrow through the eye, which resulted in victory for William.

1099 AD - Crusades — English knights and crossbowmen attack the Mohammedan army

that mainly consisted of archers on horses armed with composite bows.

1100 AD - 2nd. August — An arrow shot by Sir Walter Tyrel while hunting in the new forest kills William II, King of England. Sir Walter flees the country. Also in the hunting party is William's brother who succeeds him as Henry I and immediately takes possession of the treasury. There is suspicion that this may not have been an accidental shooting to gain the throne of England.

1100-1135 AD - Henry I proclaimed that an archer would be absolved of murder, if he killed a man during archery practise. (An ironic touch.)



Roving Mark Perpetual Trophy

Gaelic Games Coaching Corner

WEST WATERFORD AREA COACHING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a meeting held in Lawlors Hotel last week the following officers were elected to the above committee:

Chairman, Eamon Lonergan
Secretary/Treasurer, Ann Hogan
Area G.P.O. Michelle Power

Committee Members Michael Phealan, Pat Moore, Pat Morrissey, Anne-Marie O'Gorman, Lar Looby, Michael Murray.

The committee will address the coaching needs of the following clubs — Dungarvan, An Gaeltacht, Ardmore, Clashmore, The Nire, Fourmilewater, The Brickey's, Naomh Brid/ St. Pat's, Ballyduff, Lismore, Cois Brid, Cappoquin, St. Oliver's.

After a lengthy and positive discussion it was decided to run the following events as part of our ongoing coaching programme: indoor hurling, indoor football, floodlit football, specialised hurling & football goalkeeping skills coaching, fun hurling events, u-11 hurling town & country leagues. These events will be notified to your club as they are due to happen.

The events are of course in addition to existing events i.e. summer camps, Fraher Field Friday games, skills competitions, club/ school coaching project, foundation level and level one coach education programme, equipment subsidy, club na nog comhairle course, post primary school 1st year blitz, transition year courses, primary school coaching programme, Under-12 and Under-13 intensive coaching, Under-14 and Under-15 schools of excellence, Under-16 and Under-17 development squads in both hurling and football.

SOUND ADVICE

Secretaries of juvenile clubs are advised to deal with all coaching correspondence promptly as any delay could mean missing out on any one of our projects. All clubs listed above are included in our programme.

QUALITY COACHING IS THE WAY FORWARD

In the meantime Pat Moore is leading our team of coach tutors who will be delighted to deliver coaching courses to your club at your request and at your convenience. Contact Pat for course details.

First into action are The Brickey Rangers who are taking a foundation course in the first weeks of January 2005.

If your club has any query on any coaching issue do not hesitate to contact Michelle Power who is our games promotion officer in your area, Ann Hogan who is secretary of our area committee or Pat Moore who is our Coach Education Project Leader and Chairman of the County Coaching Committee.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Wednesday 02.02.05.

SCHOOL COACHING VISITS:

For Tuesday 11/01/05 to Friday 14/01/05

Tuesday	11/01/05	Knockanore/Lismore St. Carthages
Wednesday	12/01/05	Piltown/Grange
Thursday	13/01/05	Glenbeg/Carriglea
Friday	14/01/05	Clashmore/Ballycurrane

PRIMARY SCHOOLS HANDBALL

Devereux Cup And Friary Shield Finals

Scoil Mhuire National School and Garranbane National School played the final of the Devereux Cup on December 1st at St. Augustine's College Handball Club Alley. This was a great sporting occasion for both schools. They had a full turnout with ten players from each school — girls and boys.

Scoil Mhuire put on a great performance to retain the Cup. Garranbane has a very young team and the experience will stand to them next year.

The Friary Shield final, reserved for schools with less numbers was played between Kilbrien National School and Coolnasmear National School on November 30th. This is a

new competition and we hope that more schools in this category will get into the action next year.

The Coolnasmear team were that bit stronger than Kilbrien and this proved to be a great help to them in overcoming them this. final was another very good sporting occasion. Our thanks to Fr. P. Moran, OSA who did his usual excellent work of putting all the players on camera. Our thanks also go to Babs Kiely and her staff who supplied all with lovely refreshments. We would like also to thank the Principals of the participating schools and their staff for the continued support of handball. We would

STRADBALLY G.A.A. CLUB NOTES

Late Billy Barry

An air of shock and deep sadness was cast over the entire area last week following the sudden death of Billy Barry. Billy was one of life's true characters and was a loyal supporter of our club. In his younger days, Billy was an outstanding footballer and was part of many a great Stradbally victory. Only a few short years ago, Billy was made a President of our club, an honour he was delighted to receive.

To Joan and the extended Barry family, we send our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Thanks

Thanks to Ballinroad Hall Committee for the use of their chairs and the Tourism and Enterprise Group for the tables, and also to the committee members and anybody who helped out following the funeral.

Sympathy

Our club would like to extend deepest sympathy to the Costelloe family on the death of Noel's mother, Peg in Freshford last week and also to Bridgid Clancy on the death of her aunt Mary Healy in Grangemoekler.

A.G.M. Dates

Underage A.G.M. on Friday, January 14th at 7:30pm. Adult A.G.M. on Sunday, January 16th at 2pm.

Weekend Away

Our club is organising a weekend away for players and supporters. The destination is Amsterdam and the date is Friday to Sunday, 4th to 6th February. Anyone interested in travelling contact Pat Fennell.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lar Walsh and Aine Cummins who were married last week in Kenya. We wish them many happy years together.

Omitted

I would like to mention a few people who were omitted from the review of the year a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to Noel Costelloe for all the work he put in with the Under 16 hurlers on their way to capturing the County title.

Thanks to Betty O'Reilly for all her work with the club jerseys during the year.

Well done to our ladies football team who recorded a few wins before making their exit in the semi final, to eventual winners Na Deise.

Celebration Night

Our Senior Football panel travelled to the Bally Inn on Monday week last for a celebration night. A great night was had by all.

Sympathy

Our Ladies Football club would like to send sincere sympathy to the Costelloe family on the death of Noel's mother, also to the Barry family on the death of Billy.

Brickey Rangers G.A.A. Club Notes

INTERNATIONAL RULES FOOTBALL

On Sunday, 26th December we played Clashmore in a very entertaining match. The match was played in four quarters. Each team consisted of 15 players and five interchange players. The match was a good clean, hard physical game of football. Two referees Pat Moore and Maurice Condon, one in each half of the field officiated the game. The Brickeys were slow to start scoring and at the end of the first quarter we trailed by Clashmore 14 points to the Brickeys no score. However as the game went on they found the net and exchanged scores and by the end of the 3rd quarter the score was more even as Clashmore had 31 points to the Brickeys 30 points.

As the final quarter ended the fitter Brickey side won on a score of Brickeys 55 points to Clashmore's 46 points.

The match played in Clashmore was well supported by both sides and over E10,000 was raised. All proceeds were in aid of the Oncology Unit at the Mercy Hospital, Cork. This was a brilliant idea and by the amount of support, it may be an idea to make it an annual event, especially with proceeds going to a good cause.

The match also was very entertaining and was enjoyed by all. Maybe G.A.A. football could benefit from some of the rules in the future.

The draw results were as follows: 1st prize: Weekend away for Two: Eileen Fitzgerald; 2nd prize: Meal for two: Tom Fitzgerald, Ballinamuck.

Team: Tommy Lynch, Shane Nugent, Jimmy Sheehan, Willie Queally, Richard Halpin, David Hickey, Conor Phelan, Olan Casey, Vinny McCarthy, Cathach Shalloe, James Cooney, Kieran O'Brien, Shane McGrath, Dermot O'Neill, Mark Nugent.

Interchange players: Anthony Murphy, Darren Cooney, Sean Condon, Matt Kiely, Ian McCarthy, Tony Keane, Padraic Nugent, Andrew Murphy, Conor McGrath.

Man of the match went to Brickey Rangers player Dermot O'Neill.

Selectors: Jim (Bimbo) McGrath, John O'Connell.

BRICKEY MINI LOTTO

Draw took place in Tommy Power's bar on Thursday, 23rd December. Numbers drawn were 15-16-20. No jackpot winner. E20 winners were Emma Whelan, Toby Whelan, Marie Barry, Gerard McGrath, Paddy Roche, Elsie Hickey, Carol Whelan, Thomas Lynch.

Results of draw on 30th December. Numbers drawn were 5-12-28. There was no jackpot winner. E20 winners were Louise Barrett, Patricia McGrath, Marie Walsh, John Harnedy.

This weeks draw will take place in the Tudor House bar on Thursday, 6th January and the jackpot will be E600. Tickets only E1.50 each available from any promoter.

RESULTS OF CHRISTMAS DRAW

The above draw was held on Monday, 20th December. The Juvenile club would like to thank all who bought tickets for the draw and also to all the sellers. 1st prize: Christmas Hamper — Dean O'Donnell, Toor North, Aghlish; 2nd prize: Bottle of Brandy — Elma Nugent, Ballyguiry; 3rd prize: Red and White Wine — Pat Nugent, Ballyguiry; 4th prize: Bottle of Whiskey — Paul McGrath, Mount Odell; 5th prize: Biscuits — Ciara Sheehan, Ballyduff.

SYMPATHY

The club extends sincere sympathy to the family of Frank Ahearne, Ballintaylor, also to Eileen Lenane and family, Ring on the death of Jimmy. Also to Kay Murray, Ballintaylor on the death of her mother Mrs. Healy, Grangemoekler. May they rest in peace.

Waterford County Badminton Association Notes

Most of our Mens and Ladies Leagues have now finished. The following are some of the winners:

Mens	Ladies
A Lismore B.C.	N.A.
B Melleray B.C.	Ballymacgarry B.C.
C Lismore B.C.	Dunmore B.C.
D Dunmore B.C.	Tallon B.C.
E Modeligo B.C.	Lismore B.C.
F Waterford B.C.	Ballymacgarry B.C.

Our Mixed Leagues are due to start early in January 2005.

In the Under 15 Munster Championships played in Limerick earlier this year, Gemma Tobin of Lismore B.C. won the Plate in the Girls singles. In December, our Under 16 Inter-County team played in the Munster Inter-County Competition. The Waterford team included: Boys - Terrence McSweeney (Waterford B.C.), Dean Pratt (Lismore B.C.), Sean O'Sullivan (Lismore B.C.), Kevin O'Byrne (Waterford B.C.); Girls - Gemma Tobin (Lismore B.C.), Kate Dowling, Dion Chang and Liz Sexton (all Waterford B.C.). The Waterford team played extremely well and most of the players will be eligible to play again next year.

The Munster Under 17 Championships will take place in the University of Limerick, next Sunday, 9th January, starting at 10 am. Entry fee is 6 per event. Entries close Thursday 6th January 2005. All entries to: Mr Martin Morrissey, 143 Viewmount Park, Waterford. We look forward to seeing as many of our juveniles as possible playing in the Championships.

Kilgobnet Sports Centre

Now that all the excitement is over it's back to reality.

VOLLEYBALL

Are you interested in learning how to play volleyball. If so come along on Thursday night, 6th January at 7 pm for 10, 11, 12, 13 year olds, boys and girls. 8 pm for 14 year olds and upwards.

GYM

The gym is now open after the holidays. If you would like to become a member contact Mary at 087-2813935.

INDOOR HURLING

We're back in action on Wednesday 12th January for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class pupils at 7 pm. 4th, 5th, 6th class boys/girls watch this space as we will be running an indoor hurling competition for your age group in a few weeks.

BADMINTON

Badminton is back on Thursday 13th January. Secondary school students check with your individual schools with regard to the up and coming Secondary schools Badminton championships.

INDOOR SOCCER

4th, 5th, 6th class boys soccer back on Friday 14th at 7 pm. Our adult soccer competition was a great success last year. So we're hoping for the same this year. The competition will be run in February. Entries to 087-6594871. 50 euro per team of 6.

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Circuit training returns with Michelle on Tuesday 11th at 7 pm sharp. Everyone welcome, ladies, gents 5 euro.

PILATES

This is a relatively new form of exercise well worth giving a try. Classes start on Thursday 13th January at 8 pm. Numbers limited. Names can be placed on list in Gym or to Mary at 087-2813935.

WLRfm/GRANVILLE HOTEL G.A.A. AWARD



The WLRfm/Granville Hotel GAA Award was presented to Michael 'Brick' Walsh of Stradbally G.A.A. Club. Michael is pictured at the Granville Hotel with Liz Reddy, WLRfm; Liam Cusack, The Granville Hotel and Stephen Frampton.

St. Anne's Ladies Football and Camogie Club Christmas Raffle Winners

Hamper – Jack Deegan. Meat Voucher – Charlotte Rafter. Bottle of Whiskey – Maura Kirwan. Bottle of Whiskey – Nessa Murphy. Tin of Biscuits – Kevin Daly. Hammer Drill – Gillian Moore. Toaster – Tony Whelan. Holy Cross Lunch Voucher – Breda Kennedy. Mini Hamper – Martin Kirwan. Bottle of Whiskey – Pat Power. First Aid Kit – Michael Kavanagh. Dunhill Sports Centre Voucher – Esther Murray. Dog Food – Carmel Rockett. White Wine and CD – Olive Duggan. Pauline Kiely. Breda Kennedy. Paddy Cunningham. Jimmy Behan. Dermot McGrath. Red Wine – Willie Bloomer. Niamh Kavanagh. David Walsh Bloomers. Catherine Coffey.

Special thanks to our following sponsors: Peter Kirwan, Glanbia, Brendan Keane, Oliver Lennon, James Cusack, Keith Kirwan, Tom Kirwan, Carrigeen, Pat Brennan, Morris's Builders Providers, Tom Kirwan, Waterford Hire Martin Kirwan, South East Teleporter & Plant Hire, Barry Murphy, Becky Bohill, Holy Cross Dawn Pork & Bacon, Kitty Murphy.

Best wishes for 2005.

KILL G.A.A. NOTES

ANNUAL CHARITY LONG PUCK

Last Monday, 27th December, saw the running of our third annual charity long puck. The benefactors this year were the Oncology Ward in WRH. The aim this year was 60 to 70 teams and on the day, this was well exceeded with 86 teams turning out. That translates into 258 hurlers, participants, call them what you like, but they travelled from everywhere. From the County to the east and we had teams from outside the County as well, notably Ireland's most famous number one of them all, Davey Fitzgerald travelled with a team from Clare, James McGarry, the most unlucky goalie never to receive an All Star award, had a team from Kilkenny, as had that tricky corner forward Liam Fennelly from Ballyhale and that slow corner back Willie O'Connor from Glenmore had a team.

The day itself was overcast but stayed dry and only the last two teams managed to get a small bit wet. There was a great air of anticipation around the village from early morning as the hard working committee were kept on their toes, with the course being decorated with flags and sponsors banners. There was also the matter of setting up the pit stop at the halfway mark which was brilliantly run by Tom and Hannah Power on the day. Kirwan's Bar which had a marquee attached to cater for the large crowds plus the entry point, was starting to hum and by 12:30pm a sizeable crowd had gathered. Then the teams started to roll out after their customary hot toddy to warm them up, on the tough three mile route.

On return, they were treated to soup, sandwiches, teas, coffees and later in the evening some hot food. By 4:00pm that evening all 86 teams had completed the course and were settled in the village for a long evening of music and craic. Come 5:00pm it was time for the presentation of the prizes and MC Michael Casey had the house in silence as he thanked everyone for turning up plus their sponsors for their generosity, not to mention all the people who made the day possible.

The results were as follows: Overall winners – Paul Flynn, Tommy Power and Johnny Kearney (Ballygunner) with a fantastic 49 shots; Second: Colm and Ailbe Bonnar and Dixie Looby (Cashel); Joint Third: Ken, Eoin and Pat McGrath (Mount Sion); Brian Cleary, Jerry Wall and Garry Moran (Bonmahon).

Ladies Section – Winners: Lynsey Harty, Lisa Prendergast and Ciara Queally; Second: Lorena Mooney, Rachel Ahearne and G. Mooney; Third: Emma Wall, Carolyn and Ruth Ahearne.

Overall it was a fantastic day for the club, area and the charity involved as over E5,000 was raised. There will be a presentation night in January, this date will be clarified in the days to come. The Club would like to thank many people and these include our sponsors Tara Crystal for a magnificent first prize of Crystal lamps, Senan Cooke and Declan O'Meara of Waterford Glass, Seamus Dunphy of the Sweep Bar and Kasbar for his contributions, Peter Kirwan Physio, Three Rivers Oil, Glanbia, AIB Kilmacthomas, Ger Taylor Fast Food, Photographs, Johnny Troy and Keith Fitzgerald, Padraig Dunphy Publican, host publicans Johnny Troy and Maureen Kirwan, Roches Centra Lismore, Dave Landers Pork and Bacon Lismore and John O'Connor Welding Supplies. We would also like to thank all the stewards for their great work and organisation, especially Nick Power. Brendan Gallagher must also get a special mention for his trojan work with signage and the scoreboard, all the ladies in the area for helping out with the refreshments served on the day. Local and National media must be thanked for plugging the event and most of all a big thank you to all the clubs, players, supporters and public who made it a great day. Finally, we have to thank the long puck committee of Ray Hennessy, Michael Casey, John Power, Peter Kirwan, Martin Kennedy and Sinead Murphy who did all the spade work to make the day a complete success. Looking forward to 2005 already.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kill G.A.A. A.G.M. will take place on Friday, 7th January at 7:30pm in the Kill Community Centre. All members and players are asked to attend.

BEATING THE BANNER '04

Some stayed away when we played Clare,
But our boys were on a mission.
They said: "Revenge for ninety eight,
We'll give a hurling lesson".

Mullane is tearing for the ball,
He has it on his stick,
The umpire now is bending low,
Mullane had done the trick.

He shows his geansai to the crowd,
They raise a might roar;
True Deise people won't forget,
The year of zero four.

Big Dan is showing his true colours now,
He's counting "One, two three".
The goals are coming hard and fast,
We're hurling pure and free.

Eoin Kelly's slotting o'er the points,
And Bennett is on song.
Flynn and Prendergast and Walshe
Score points to tag along.

The Banner are gone silent now,
They're heading for the gate.
And Tony Browne is happy
It's revenge for ninety eight.

The Blue and White is such a sight,
Like waves upon the ocean,
We will enjoy a drink tonight,
And tea won't be the potion.

Our dignity is back again,
We'll hurl with the best;
And if some one wants to clobber us,
We'll be ready for that test.

— Paddy Phelan, Ballymacarbry

Cois Bhride Juvenile G.A.A. Club Notes

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY POC FADA

A smaller than usual crowd turned out on St. Stephen's Day last to take part in this annual event which alternates between Tallow and Knockanore each year, and is always good therapy following the excesses of Christmas.

There is a mixture of young and young-at-heart, with fun the main ingredient, and because there is no financial commitment required, the rules are generally fairly relaxed too. Off they went, with the juveniles by and large showing the adults how to propel a sliothar most efficiently along the road. Some of the younger lads really had the knack of it, young Jack O'Donoghue was sending the sliothar a long long ways in his own unique style. Brian McCarthy and Eoin Roche were hitting the middle of the road very consistently and going well. By the halfway mark, Padraig Ahearne's team seemed to be going really well, but Shane Harnedy's team were also making up lots of ground.

At the Grotto the tallies were made up, and the winners, by a margin of three shots with a total of 42, were Brian McCarthy, Eoin Roche, and Frank Roche.

In second place with 45 shots were Shane Harnedy, Jason Ahearne, and Mark Smith. And in third position were the Poc Fada specialists, Padraig Ahearne, Shane Roche, and Joe Leahy.

A special prize was given to the all female team of Eve Ryan, Maeve Condon, and Aine McCarthy who completed the roughly two-mile route in a very respectable amount of shots. Well done to all who competed.

COBHRON

Cois Bhride would like to offer our sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of the late Tommy Geary, Sapperton, who passed away last Saturday. His Grandson Kieran is a very promising player for the club who was outstanding in two grades last year. Ar Dheis De go raibh anam.

INDOOR HURLING RESUMES

Friday week 14th January will see the indoor training for the Primary School players resuming in Tallow and Kilwatermoy halls. All aspiring hurlers are welcome.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To all our players, mentors, supporters, and everyone associated with Cois Bhride, may you all have a happy and successful 2005, and for the club, continued success on and off the field.

KILGOBNET G.A.A. CLUB NOTES

At the beginning of another year we would like to wish all our players and supporters a happy and prosperous New Year.

We are holding our A.G.M. on Friday next, 7th January in Bohadon, all players and members are requested to attend.

On the following Friday, 14th January we are holding our club social in Lawlor's Hotel. Tickets are available from all club officers.

The club would like to extend it's sympathies to Noel Costello and family on the death of his mother last week in Kilkenny.

G.A.A. NOTES

BY "COMMENTATOR"

Memories of 2004

I suppose our first thoughts are of the many great GAA people who passed away during the year. A number of these gave outstanding service to the GAA here in Waterford, great players and great members. All were given a traditional GAA send off. Unfortunately among them were young 16 year old

budding star Shane Gleeson who died tragically in an unfortunate accident and Mary Walsh, wife of well known footballer Pa, who was murdered. These deaths numbed the community.

On the playing side, there were highlights and lowlights, ecstasy and anguish, heartbreak

and jubilation.

Defeating All-Ireland champions Kilkenny in the opening round of the 2004 hurling league in Nolan Park gave us an early taste of what was to come. In the end "Houdini" came to our assistance and we qualified for the league final against Galway in Limerick.

We came home downcast and despairing about what would happen seven days later when we met Clare in the opening round of the championship.

No one is ever likely to forget the hammering inflicted on Clare that day in Thurles and Clare will never forget either.

We defeated Tipperary in

Cork and then came the highlight of the year 2004 when we defeated the holders, Cork by a single point in a never to be forgotten Munster final. It had everything. Paul Fynn's spectacular second half goal was probably the most thrilling score of the entire championship as far as we were concerned and coming at a time when we had our backs to the wall made it all the more exciting. The sending off of John Mullane and reducing us to 14 players very early in the second half was the drama of the final and the celebrations which took place out on the field after the final whistle was something to be remembered and cherished.

The defeat by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final left the county dejected and we came home almost in despair.

The winning of the Munster junior football title and following up with the second All-Ireland title in five years gave us more cause for celebration and gave us a taste of what can be achieved with a proper approach and dedication.

In the overall, we fared disappointingly in the other grades at intercounty level.

On the club championship front the application by WIT to be allowed play in the county championship gave rise to some controversy but was eventually approved by a big majority.

Apart from just a few matches, the championship gave very little reason for excitement and it was evident that the massive transfer of interest from the club to the intercounty scene, was effecting their club matches.

The number of good matches were in the minority and the 'burst-up' in the county senior hurling semi-final involving Lismore and Ballygunner attracted more coverage in the media than many of the games themselves.

The county senior hurling final was quite a contest for a long spell, but the result was always predictable with the 'Gunners having to field without target man Paul Flynn.

The football final saw early predictions come true as Stradbally and the Nire qualified and played a draw before Stradbally won decisively in the replay to capture a 'four in-a-row.'

In the Munster Club championships, both Mount Sion and Stradbally reached the provincial finals having played splendid hurling and football. The Mount Sion defeat by a single point after surrendering a 7 points lead against Toomevara in Thurles was sickening and heartbreaking, but on the football front, our champions, Stradbally were to suffer a similar fate when losing by a single point in a replay of the Munster final in Kilmallock - another heartbreak for club and county.

News from the boardroom last year told of two major events. The election in April of Jimmy O'Gorman to the office of Munster Council vice-chairman, It was the first such ap-

pointment for a Waterford man in over 30 years and was hailed as a tribute to the popularity of an outstanding Lismore and county official.

At the close of the year, County chairman Paddy Joe Ryan announced that having completed a full decade in office, he would be standing down at County Convention.

There followed very many tributes to the Nire/Fourmilewater man's ten years of leadership and achievements which were listed as the highlights of his tenure of office and were given prominence by speakers in many forums including Divisional Conventions and Bord na nOg annual meetings, etc. At County Convention, His Lordship Bishop Lee, County Secretary, Seamus Grant, Jimmy O'Gorman and the new incumbent of the office, Pat Flynn, in paying tribute, all prioritised what they felt were his achievements, and praised him for his role in our intercounty success, development, fund raising, etc.

Ten years ago when Paddy Joe Ryan was elected to office he took over as chairman of a county that was bitterly divided and in my opinion a county almost in crisis. In his acceptance address he announced that the unification of the county would be his priority and that he would immediately set about bringing peace and harmony back into the administration. The campaign got underway immediately and in a relatively short time the bitterness that existed began to dissipate and relationships were on a friendly footing. Some of the decisions to bring about this situation took courage.

Paddy Joe also set about turning a 165,000 deficit in county board accounts into a credit situation, to achieve this, he received full co-operation from all clubs even though some found it financially painful.

This is not an "obituary" as he will be remaining on as a member of the County Executive and in the role of Munster Council representative.

It should not be forgotten that well deserved tributes were paid to Paddy Joe's wife, Helen and family for their support. Helen in particular was of enormous help and her advice and encouragement must have helped Paddy Joe along the way.

We now enter a new era with Pat Flynn at the helm probably for a five year period and the county will look forward to his input and to what his leadership will bring.

e-mail

As and from Saturday January 1st all correspondence including minutes of meetings etc., intended for County Secretaries will transmit through e-mail.

Later in the year this method of communication will extend to practically all units.

Primary Schools Boys Football Championship



Bunscoil Bothar Na Naomh, Lismore beaten by St. Declans in the Co. final of the Primary Schools Boys "A" Football Championship. —(Photos: Sean Byrne).



Glenbeg NS beaten by Scoil Lorcaín in the Co. final of the Primary Schools Boys "B" Football Championship.

G.A.A. NOTES

BOARD MEETINGS

All three adult boards as well as the three juvenile boards have set dates for their first meetings of the new season and it will be mid February before all the necessary administrative details will have been taken care of.

The first Western Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 20th and here, affiliations, transfers, regradings, declarations, etc. will be dealt with.

All units have been notified about the financial implications, i.e. 13 euro per club and 13 euro per adult team participating in the championship. 5 euro for each minor team.

A fee of 125 euro must be paid for Coaching (250 for both) and 125 per team playing in the leagues. The WLR Lions Club Hamper appeal is 40 euro.

All this does not include Accident Scheme, Public Liability and Property Insurance and membership fees. This is a whole area that needs to be examined.

TRANSFERS

Clubs have been notified that all transfer applications must be with the board secretary by Friday January 14th. Applications not submitted by this date will not be processed.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

A new Disciplinary Committee will be elected and sadly two of the outgoing members, Noel Fleming, Abbeyside and Tom Browne, Ballinameela have passed away. The remaining four members are Paddy Fitzgerald, Breda Kiely, Michael Mernin and Matty Fahy.

A Divisional Fixture Committee will also be appointed

CHAMPIONSHIPS

A discussion will take place on championship format, but no final decisions will be made until the second meeting of the board which takes place on Thursday February 3rd.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING

The first meeting of the senior board will take place on Monday January 31st. This is one week earlier than had been expected and the change of date may be an indication that the championships will commence a bit earlier than usual. The agenda for this meeting will circulate within the next week or two.

**St. Marys
Dungarvan
Win Primary
Schools
Girls "B"
Football
County Title**



Ann Marie O'Gorman, Chairperson Co. Primary Schools Board presents the Girls "B" Football Shield to St. Mary's captain, Fawn Duggan.



St. Marys, Dungarvan (above) who beat Kilrossanty (below) in the Co. Final of the Primary Schools girls "B" football championship. —(Photos: Sean Byrne).



Roll of Honour 2004

- Senior Hurling: Mount Sion 4-14 Ballygunner 4-7
- Senior Football: Stradbally: 2-8 Nire 1-4 (Replay)
- Inter Hurling: Portlaw 0-18 Shamrocks 1-2
- Inter Football: Gaultier 3-6 Brickey Rangers 1-4
- Junior Hurling: Tramore 3-7 Tourin 1-9
- Junior Football: St. Mollerans 0-14 Ballinacourty 1-9
- Minor Hurling: Abbeyside 1-11 Mount Sion 1-9
- Minor Hurling "B": Brickeys 2-9 Clonea 2-3
- Minor Football: Kilrossanty 1-4 De La Salle 1-3
- Minor Football "B": St Olivers 3-6 Kilmacthomas 1-4 (replay)
- Under 21 Hurling: Abbeyside 1-13 Ballygunner 1-6 (Replay)
- Under 21 Hurling "B": Brickeys 2-8 Passage 0-7
- Under 21 Football: Nire 1-13 St Mollerans 0-2
- Under 21 Football "B": Dungarvan 3-5 St. Marys 2-3

The Betting Odds

Stanley Bookmakers are early off the mark in publishing their odds against counties winning the McCarthy Cup and Sam Maguire.

Cork and Kilkenny both at 9/4, Waterford are third favourites being quoted at 11/2. Tipperary are given odds of 7/1, Galway 8/1, Clare 18/1 and Limerick at 20/1.

Wexford, Offaly and others are not quoted.

Sam Maguire - Kerry at 11/4 are clear favourites with Armagh and Tyrone quoted at 5/1, Galway at 9/1, Cork at 12/1 and Dublin at 14/1, etc.

No quotations have been given for the provincial finals.

G.A.A. NOTES

BY "COMMENTATOR"

THE NEW YEAR?

What it will bring for the whole Association and for us here in the Deise, are matters that will soon begin to occupy our thoughts and I suppose, especially in the weeks and months ahead when the Media gets to speculating on the major events that will have to be debated and decided in the various forums in the very near future.

A NEW PRESIDENT

It is now an odds-on certainty that either Christy Cooney, Cork or Nicky Brennan, Kilkenny will be chosen as the President Elect at Congress on April 12th.

It is virtually certain that no other candidate will want to challenge these two very strong front runners. It seems to be popular opinion that the successful one of these will make an excellent President. We will hear and read a lot more on this topic between now and Congress.

RULE 42

And apart from this election, Congress will be a momentous event as the fate of Rule 42, one way or another will be decided. It is expected that up to a dozen counties will have motions on the Congress floor, proposing an amendment to the rule. All counties, so far, want the rule amended. In a way that will allow Central Council decide on applications for the use of Croke Park (only) by outside sporting bodies.

None seem to want the rule abolished as such a decision would have other sports use all our venues. Something that is just not on.

It is also pretty certain that motions to introduce rule changes in the football playing rules will be on the agenda. They having been experimented with in the several secondary competitions during January, etc.

Decisions on all the above must be taken by the Waterford County Board before delegates to Congress can be briefed.

Clubs will have to debate some of these issues and not place the responsibility on their club delegate to make a decision. More on all this later.

GROUP TEAMS

By unanimous decision, the recent Special Congress decided that group teams can no longer adopt a name that would in any way identify any of the sides constituting the group, with a club. This means that clubs who intend entering a group team must agree on a name that will identify them as an independent team.

Clubs are reminded that they must register under the new name at affiliation time in each Division.

REGISTRATION

Members who become registered members of the Association (through their clubs) this year will be given a number (from headquarters) and they will retain this unless they resign as a member. As a massive number of these will have to be processed, the operation is sure to take months to complete.

McGrath Cup Senior Football

The opening game in this competition will involve Waterford and Tipperary and it is hoped to have it staged at Ardmore in two weeks time. This is a semi-final, as the National football league is scheduled to commence on January 30th.

It is important to have the final played a week or two earlier. With the experimental rules being given an airing here, the games will be interesting as a spectacle.

SYMPATHY

Our very sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Madge Young, Abbeyside and family on the death of James who passed away on Sunday morning last.

In his playing days, James very popularly known as "Happy" played a leading role with the Abbeyside junior hurling team of the period and was acknowledged as being an outstanding defender. James unfortunately received a serious facial injury while playing with Abbeyside against Butlerstown in the 1946 county final and subsequently retired.

Our very sincere sympathy is also extended to the Lenane family of An Rinn on the death of Jimmy who was an outstandingly popular personality throughout the Gaeltacht area. As an entertainer his unique style made Jimmy very welcome in every company. His family have always been involved in the playing side of the clubs activities.

May they rest in peace.

Players On Holidays

Over the coming weekend a party of 44 players, officials and back room personnel will leave for Capetown, South Africa where they will spend an eight day holiday before returning to prepare for another very and hopefully, successful season.

The holiday is being funded by the Supporters Club who raised considerable finance from a successful raffle of a racehorse and a race day in Tramore. There was also a subvention from Central Council of 20,000 euro.

Wearing of Helmets

As and from Saturday last helmets must be worn by age groups from under 18 downwards for hurling. This new general rule will apply to all under 18 competitions from January 1st. It will be illegal to play without a helmet, so here all referees will have an added responsibility.



Breda Cleary, Chairperson Western Primary Schools Board presents the Girls Div. C Trophy to Clashmore's captain, Andrea Cunningham.



Clashmore (above) winners of Div. C of the Western Primary Schools girls football championship. They beat Modeligo (below) in the final. — (Photos: Sean Byrne).



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Dungarvan GAA Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well it's that time of Year again when we can put another Christmas behind us and look forward to another busy Year. We wish everyone in the club and all our supporters a happy New Year and hopefully we can build on the successes of last Year.

ST. STEPHENS DAY FUN RUN/WALK

This event proved to be very successful again this year, both in terms of turnout and the money raised. Last I heard we were close on €2,000.00 and if we can reach this magical figure it will be great. The money will go towards the Lourdes Invalid Fund, which is of course, a great cause. I think it costs something like €600 to send a person to Lourdes so I'm sure this money will be much appreciated. Well done to everyone that participated and supported the cause. A particular thanks to our Ladies Committee who provided much appreciated refreshments on the day, Paddy Fitzgerald who organised dressing rooms, showers, spot prizes etc and also Tony Ryan who took entries on the day. It was nice to see some of our adult players taking part this year but needless to say this event would be a "non runner" (pardon the pun) without the support of West Waterford A.C. so go raibh mile maith agaibh go leir.

WEEKLY LOTTO

No winner of the big money this week. Numbers drawn were 2, 3, 18 and 20. Next week the Jackpot goes up to €7,200 and the draw will take place in the Park House. Two winners of €35.00 were Linda Scurry of Graigue, Kilmac and Betty & Margaret of Tooraneena.

ADULT CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Adult Club A.G.M. will take place on Friday 14th of January in the Clubhouse. It is hoped that anyone that may have an interest in getting involved with any of our adult club teams i.e. minor upwards, would declare their interest in advance of the AGM to one of the outgoing committee. This will give the executive committee some time to seek out managers/selectors if needs be. Hopefully there will be enough interest out there between existing selectors and potential new ones to look after all our teams. I would encourage as many people as possible to come out to the meeting, whether you are coming as a spectator, a potential team manager/selector or as someone that wants to get involved on a committee. Are will be welcome. More on this next week

JUVENILE CLUB HURLING TEAM OF THE YEAR 2004

We hope to be in a position soon to announce this much awaited team selection. The votes are due back from the players next week and the adjudicating committee will then finalise the team. It is our intention to announce the team at a function to be held later in January where we will also present medals to some of our underage teams who were successful in last year's championships. The club has secured a sponsor for this award night and each player selected will receive a trophy to commemorate the occasion. More on this next week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Christmas is always a special time but it was made even more special for one of our long serving committee members namely Kieran Curran. (the Post Office one that is). Kieran and Sharon got engaged during the festive season and news has it that they are planning a Christmas wedding later on this year. We wish them the best for the future.

NEW ARRIVAL

Or should I say EARLY arrivals. I am of course referring to the early arrival (6 weeks I think) of Chris and Clair Meehan's baby girl. Thankfully all is well and they are all at home, safe and well, at this stage. Congrats from all in the club and may ye have many a sleepless night - only joking!!!

SYMPATHY

The club would like to extend its deepest sympathies to the family of the late Gusty Tobin of Shandon who passed away recently. Ar dheis de go raibh sé.



Pat Grant, Chairman of County Bord na nOg, presenting a watch to Paddy Joe Ryan to mark his retirement as Chairman of the County Board. Included are the officers of County Bord na nOg (l. to r.) John O'Leary, PRO, Joe Cleary Treasurer, Robert Grace, Secretary and Seamus O'Brien. (Photo Robert Power)

ABBEYSIDE/BALLINACOURTY G.A.A. CLUB NOTES

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Club would like to sincerely extend best wishes to all our players, mentors supporters, sponsors and their families for the New Year. Also to thank everyone for YOU'RE continued support in the year just pass.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The first meeting of the new Committee will take place on Wednesday the 5th of January at the Diplomat Bar and Restaurant at 8pm.

CLUB CALENDAR

Our excellent Club Calendar is currently on sale at Frank Nugent's Centra, David Walsh's Book Shop in Dungarvan, Ger Enright's Eurospar and Carmel Hurney's Village Flower Shop. If you haven't got your calendar yet my advice is to do so quickly as this wonderful souvenir of the past and the present are selling like hot cakes. This is a marvellous production and is on sale for only €5 so get out there and get your 2005 calendar. Also see can you tell us how many individuals are pictured in the calendar. Remember individuals not total people. We know the answer, do you? Answer to dunballin@hotmail.com.

NEIL MOORE

We wish the very best to Neil Moore as he takes up his position as a selector with the Deise's under 21 Football Team. We wish success to Neil, Manager Pierie Whyte and fellow selector John Sheehan for the coming season.

NEW FOOTBALL MANAGER

We also wish the very best to the new Waterford Senior Football Manager John "Jackson" Kiely and his team of selectors Pat Curran and Tom Condon for the year 2005. Let's hope we see Jackson's army on the march again. As always the selectors for the senior and the under 21 team will receive full support from the Abbeyside/ Ballinacourty club.

SYMPATHIES

The club would like to extend sympathies to our long serving secretary Bernard Shields on the death of his Aunt Mrs. Betty MacAlinden a sister of

Bernard's father Paddy who was long time treasurer of our club. The club would also like to extend sincere sympathies to the Hogan family of Ballinacourty on the death of their brother Mikey. We would like also to extend sincere sympathies to Mrs. Young and family of Monaco's Terrace on the death of James Young who played in our first county junior final of 1946 and to James's son Kieran who won several titles with our club. The club also offers sincere sympathies to Mrs. Tobin of Sexton Street on the death of her brother-in-law Gusty Tobin. Ar dheis de a raibh a ainm.

E-MAIL

Remember folks for the New Year our club e-mail is always open for your continued comments.

Dunballin@hotmail.com. Also our new website will be coming on stream early in the New Year as www.Abbeycourty.com.

SHAMROCKS G.A.A. CLUB NOTES

CLUB LOTTO

On last Monday night, January 3rd, the first draw of the New Year took place and the numbers drawn were 4-15-16-24.

There was no jackpot winner. €15 consolation prizes were won by Kieran Beecher, Tallow; Aine Ormonde, Ballyhamlet; Deirdre Foley, Youghal; Geraldine Hartigan, Limerick; Peggy Carrig, Killenagh. The next draw will be on this Saturday night when the jackpot will be a record €10,250 and tickets at €1.50 each can be had from the usual promoters.

A.G.M.

Will be held at the Shamrock Inn, Knockanore on Friday night, January 21st 2005. More about that later.

NEW YEAR WISHES

To all members, players and supporters of the club for 2005, also to the editor and staff of the 'Leader' continued success.

WEST WATERFORD A.C. JUVENILE NOTES

SILVER FOR NIAMH MCGRATH

The new year started well for West Waterford's Niamh McGrath. Competing in the Munster U16 Multi Event in Nenagh on New Years Day she took home a silver medal to get 2005 off to a winning start.

REEBOK CROSS CHALLENGE

Some of our cross country athletes have been working off the Christmas pudding with a few trips around Colligan woods in preparation for their run in Belfast next weekend. We will have competitions in the Boys U13, Girls U15, Boys and Girls U17 and Junior Mens races at the Reebok International that takes place in the grounds of Stormount Castle. Last year David McCarthy finished 5th in this event but after his recent win in Liverpool he will be looking for a top three place here.

ALL IRELAND B CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event will be held in Athlone on the 23rd January. The following athletes have been entered: U11 - Kate Veale.

U13 boys - Daniel McCarthy, Tom Curran, Jim Curran, Lughaidh O'Mahoney, Darragh O'Riordan, Declan Palmer.

U15 - Stacey Lyons, Jenny Hurley, Julia Buest, Ciara Dwyer, Niamh Looby.

U15 boys - Patrick Palmer, Hugh O'Mahoney.

We take this opportunity to wish all the athletes and their families all the best in 2005.



Niamh McGrath who won silver in Nenagh on New Year's Day.

St. Olivers G.A.A. Notes

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

Best wishes to all our players, supporters and mentors for a happy and healthy 2005. Hopefully we will have plenty of enjoyable action on the playing fields in the year ahead.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Saint Olivers AGM will be held in Aglish at 8.00 p.m. on tonight January 5th. There is an appeal out this year for more parents to please come along to the AGM this year and help in the running of our club in any way that you can.

DUNGARVAN GOLF CLUB NOTES

Golfnet Cards: At the recent ADM of the GUI Munster Branch, a motion was passed that "from 1st January 2005, the use of Golfnet Member Cards will be mandatory for entry to competitions". Members should carry their own individual card with them and must use the card for entry to all competitions both at home and away.

Mon 27th Open 18h Singles S'Ford 1st John Walsh (15) 42 2nd Michael McNamara (12) 42 pts Gross K.Stack (1) 34 3rd John Queally (Gold Coast) (19) 41 4th Pat Daniels (Williamstown) (19) 41 CSS 40 pts

29/30/31 Dec On going 11h Open S'Ford 1st J.Fahey (20) 27 2nd C.Power (19) 26 3rd M.Drummy (5) 25 4th N.Brennan (10) 25 5th J.Franklin (14) 25

02.01.05 18h Cross Cards V Par 1st E.Slater (8) M.Morrissey (8) +7 2nd E.Slater (8) S.Slater (9) +7

Dungarvan Gents Fixtures Jan 2005: Thurs/Fri/Sat /Sun 6th -10th 18h S'Ford Mahon Bridge Winter League

Dungarvan Ladies Results: Tues 21st Dec 16h S'Ford 1st M. Kindregan (19) 35 2nd A.Twomey (25) 30 Tues 28th 1st M.Kindregan (19) 35 2nd C.O'Brien (13) 30 pts

Dungarvan Ladies Fixtures New Year: Sat 8th Jan 18h S'Ford Tues 11th 16h S'Ford

Next Round of Winter league Tues/ Weds 18th & 19th Jan Sat Sun 22nd / 23rd Jan

45 Drive: Winners : Winners Colm Bannon & Rogie O'Connor Pakie McCarthy & M.Hennessey Last 5 J.P. Hayes & Tom Melody Lucky Table Frankie Ryan & Tom Coffey

Sixty.Com Wednesday 29th December 1st Frankie Ryan (16) 22 pts 2nd Ita Fahey (23) 13 pts Best Gent Rogie O'Connor (9) 17 pts Next Competition 5th Jan (Scramble) Draw for partners at 1.30.

POKER CLASSIC: Friday 7th Jan 05 in the Clubhouse at 8.15 p.m sharp. All are welcome

CHARITY NIGHT: Please note that there will be a charity card night on Thursday 13th January 2005 in aid of the Tsunami Disaster Fund in the clubhouse at 8.30 p.m. Members are asked to support this worthy event. Raffle tickets are also available in the clubhouse to win a hamper with funds going towards the appeal. Tickets are 5 euro a strip.

DUNGARVAN GOLF CLUB MINI LOTTO Week Ending: 26/12/04 Winning numbers: 1 .2 .3 .15 Jackpot Winner: No Winner 15.00 Winners:

- Dermot Kelly Kilgobinet
- Donal Considine Pro shop
- Ann Power c/o Cyril
- L & E Fleming
- M. Martin Stradbally

Next Weeks Jackpot 11,850. Next Draw: 09.01.05 Thank you for your support



Dungarvan Golf Club Autumn Open Week - Golfer of the Week (left to right) John Reynolds (Captain), Pat Norris (winner), Diarmaid O'Hare (2nd), Donal Verling (President). —(Photo: Pat Crowley).



Dungarvan Golf Club Autumn Open Week - 18 Hole Stroke Competition (Sponsored by David Hayes PGA Professional). (Left to right) Kate Buckley (2nd), Marion Moloney (winner), David Hayes (sponsor), Owen O'Mahoney (winner), Maeve O'Riordan (3rd); back row: John Reynolds (Captain), Paul O'Riordan (3rd), Alan O'Donnell (gross), J. P. Hayes (4th), Ita Faher (Lady Captain). —(Photo: Pat Crowley).

GoldCoast Golf Club Notes



Gold Coast Golf Club. End of Aseason Awards Presentations. Willie Barron Perpetual Trophy. Liam Barron presenting the Trophy to Pat Murphy. Included are Club Captain, Brendan O'Brien and Club President, Kieran Cullinan.



Gold Coast Golf Club. End of Season Awards Presentations. Juvenile Awards. 1 to r, Kieran Cullinan, Club President. Mark O'Keeffe, (2nd) Dave Clark, Juvenile Committee. Austin Kiely, Matchplay winner and Juvenile Golfer of the Year and Brendan O'Brien, Club Captain. —(Photos: Sean Byrne).

Results

Christmas 10 Hole:
1st: Tony Hearne (12) 24 pts
2nd: Willie Moore (21) 24 pts.

3rd: Tom Power (19) 24 pts.
Fri - Sun 26th Dec:
1st: Karl O'Callaghan (3) 40 pts.

2nd: Pat Bagge (17) 39 pts.
Christmas Day, 3 Club 9 Hole Stableford: Conan Watt (7) 21 pts.

Thursday/Friday 31st Dec: 18 Hole Stableford. CSS 40 pts.
1st: Jimmy O'Dwyer (9) 45 pts.

2nd: John Queally (19) 45 pts.
Gross: Joe Murphy (3) 39 pts.
3rd: Freddie McGuchian (15) 42 pts.

Sat/Sun 2nd Jan: 18 Hole Stableford. CSS 40 pts.
1st: Patsy Walsh (19) 43 pts.
2nd: Thomas Larkin (8) 43 pts.

Gross Conan Watt (7) 35 pts.

Fixtures

Mon to Fri 7th Jan: 10 Hole Stableford

Thursday/Friday 7th Jan: Round 7 Mansfield EBS Winter League.

Friday 7th Jan: Open 18 Hole Stableford.

Sat/Sun 9th Jan: Round 7 Mansfield EBS Winter League.

Happy New Year

Our President, Conor Clancy

and Captain, Tony Sheehan would like to wish all the members a very happy New Year.

Mansfield EBS Winter League

The turkey has finally been finished, a few pints have been drank, New Year resolutions have been made (and some broken), the holiday period has now come to an end and it's time to get back to the business of the Winter League. Five weekends to go to decide who will play in the matchplay stages and who will sit it out. The league resumes this coming weekend with some cracking matches. Ballinacourty take on Cork in the top of the table clash, while Dungarvan take on Dunhill A. Dunhill B take on local rivals Kill. Mid County play Old Boro and Nire/Touraneena play Waterford. Abbey-side have a rest week.

Nice Touch

Thanks to Kill and Bunmahon and the organisers, Michael Kavanagh and Nicholas Fitzgerald, for their very generous contribution to the Tsunami Appeal.

Membership

Members are reminded that the first half of the Annual membership is now due, with the second half being due on 1st March.

WEST WATERFORD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB NOTES

COMPETITION RESULTS

Friday 31st December, Saturday 1st January and Sunday 2nd January - Club competition, 16-hole Stableford.

1st: Michael O'Brien (11) 38pts. 2nd: Ger Flahavin (16) 37pts. Gross: Mark Shanahan (+2) 35pts. 3rd: Jim Meaney (16) 36pts. 4th: Tommy Butler (10) 36pts. 5th: Conor French (15) 34pts. High handicap: Kieran Curtin (20) 31pts.

Sunday 26th, Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December. Junior fundraising competition kindly sponsored by Mahers Golf Emporium Cork, 16 Holes Stableford.

Results for this competition in next issue. Autumn / Winter Open Wednesday Competition. Result from the Final Autumn/Winter Open Wednesday Competition held on 22nd December

13-hole Stableford
1st: Philip Walsh (W.W.G.C.C.) (13) 30pts
2nd: Donal O'Brien (W.W.G.C.C.) (14) 29pts
3rd: Finbar Hallahan (W.W.G.C.C.) (18) 28pts

FIXTURES

Winter League 2004/5 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 first round of the competition will start on Wednesday 5th January to Sunday 9th January.

The Competition format until further notice is 16 - Hole Stableford. A full list of our fixtures and other information is available on our website:

CONGRATULATIONS

The heartiest of congratulations go to Mark Shanahan on winning the Senior Alliance Competition at Rosslare GC on Thursday 30th December. Mark has been in fine form throughout the past year recording some fine performances in many of the prestigious amateur events throughout the country and he has been justly rewarded with his selection on the Ireland under 25 panel for 2005. All at West Waterford wish Mark all the very best for the coming year.

CARE OF THE COURSE

Repairing of pitch/plug marks on greens, replacing of divots on tees and fairways and raking bunkers are all-important aspects of care of the course. It is also essential to use the bins provided for discarded soft drink containers and other waste items. Numerous visitors to our club in recent months have been complimentary on the quality and appearance of our golf course. It is in everyone's interest to keep it that way.

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West Waterford Golf & Country Club, End of Season Awards. Golfer of the Year, kindly sponsored by Saltan Properties: Seated (left to right) Reena O'Donnell, Lady Captain, Donal O'Reagan, representing the sponsor and Ollie Broderick for John Flynn, winner. Standing: John Murphy, President, Austin Spratt (3rd), Pat Condon (2nd) and Eddie Stack (4th). —(Photo: Sean Byrne).



Prizewinners in the West Waterford Golf Club Lions Club Christmas Appeal competition, kindly sponsored by Glanbia. Seated (left to right) Kieran O'Connor, Glanbia, Frank Murphy (2nd), Vera Nugent (Ladies winner), Justin Spratt (winner), Tommy Butler (3rd) and Alicia Browne, Lady Captain. Standing: Derry Twomey, Lions Club, Eamon Moore, President Dungarvan Lions Club, John Flynn, Captain WWGC, Bridget Spratt and Tom Whelan, WWGC and Patrick Kennedy, Lions Club.—(Photo: Sean Byrne).

Dungarvan Hillwalking Club

Well, Dungarvan Hillwalking Club got over the Christmas alright; but with two late nights and alcoholic beverages being sprung on unsuspecting hillwalkers on both festive walks, it was touch and go at times. A new year finds members taking to the hills with renewed vigour as they show off their latest bits of kit, courtesy of Santa, and work off the extra bit of condition acquired over the holiday.

The Club will run a map-reading and navigation course this month. For the first time the syllabus includes the use of the Global Positioning System (GPS). Interested members should contact Sean O'Connor (087 9233888). Evening classes will take place from 8pm to 10.30 pm on Wednesday 19th January and Wednesday 26th January at The Park Hotel, Dungarvan, followed by a practical session on the hills on Sunday 30th January. Sean would like to reassure prospective scholars that they do not need to possess a map, compass or experience to attend, as he will furnish maps and is hoping to borrow compasses from club members. Members with a compass to spare, please note!

A series of night navigation exercises will also run in January; interested members should contact Michael J Power (058 42412).

Members may be interested in a forthcoming course on the Geology of South-East Ireland being run by Copper Coast European Geopark. The course will run at Dunhill Multimedia Centre over eight Saturday morning sessions from January 22nd. Contact Margaret Cosgrove at 051-292828, email ccgeopark@eircom.net.

As part of celebrations for the Club's forthcoming tenth anniversary, we intend to climb the highest mountain in each of the four provinces. This Four Peaks Challenge, the brainchild of Michael J Power, entails three weekends away and a day-trip to Kerry.

The schedule is as follows:

Mweelrea (Connaught) April 1-3

Carrauntoohil (Munster) May 15

Slieve Donard (Ulster) June 3-6

Lugnaquilla (Leinster) July 29-August 1

Let anyone feel left out, C walks will be organised to run in tandem.

Pre-planning for the trip to Connemara is already at an advanced stage. Interested members are asked to contact Tom Fitzgerald (058 44649) before January 15th and to have a 20Euro deposit in to Reenie Palmer by February 15th.

The next big event in the social calendar takes place at 8pm on Saturday night, 26th February, at Lawlors Hotel, when an Irish Night will mark the inaugural meeting of Dungarvan Walking Club, which took place at the same venue ten years before. Given the prevalence of set-dancers in the Club, and the fact that the entertainment comes courtesy of Cul Ceoil, that marvellous group of talented people who operate out of Coolinasmear, we are in for a cracking night of it. Admission is just 7euro and you are advised to contact Peter Mangan (058 41248) for tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Good luck to Clare Kirwan who is heading for South America on a 116km sponsored trek from Argentina into Chile, 1800m up in the Andes. Clare who works at Aye Aye Opticians, hopes to raise 4000Euro for Fighting Blindness, an Irish voluntary self-help group. Fighting Blindness is committed to finding treatments and cures for all forms of blindness and related sensory loss through the funding and promotion of Irish research. They provide support to those who are affected by degenerative blinding conditions and information to all interested parties. Any offers of help with sponsorship would be very much appreciated by Clare who may be contacted at work at (056) 45844.

Congratulations to Club members, Mary O'Shea and Patricia Power who were recently honoured by Glanbia for their sterling service.

Dungarvan Hillwalking Club extends its deepest sympathy to Jenny Richardson on the death of her mother and to Chrissie Byrne on the death of her brother.

Organised walks for the coming month are as follows:

Date	Grade	Time	Location	Leader
9th Jan.	B	1000hrs	Glanpatnck	Ned Cullinan Kevin Houlihan
	C	1330hrs	Lickey Valley	Liam Sandford
16th Jan.	B	** 0900hrs **	Galtys	Kevin Moore
	C	1330hrs	Glenary	Sean O'Connor
23th Jan.	B	1000hrs	Nire Valley- Knockanafin	Geoff Bullen
	C	1330hrs	Portlaw	Jim Roles Norman Graham
30th Jan.	B	1000hrs	Comeraghs	Michael Mallee
	C	1330hrs	Glenshelane North	Fintan Strain

Meeting point for all walks is the TSB Car Park, 10 minutes before walk time listed.

Thursday Afternoon walks: - Meet outside Park Hotel at 1pm.

Contact Reenie Palmer: (058) 54828, or Jenny Richardson: (024) 91775, to ensure walk is on.

Night walks - Monday, Tuesday, & Thursdays at 8pm from outside Lawlors Hotel. Contact Mary Harney: (058) 43279.

For information on A Grade walks, contact George Tutty (058) 42927, or Earl Navin: (058) 41697

Please note changed time of Galtys walk on Sunday 16th, 9am.



Pictured above is Dungarvan R.F.C. Mini-Rugby Under-12 squad.

DUNGARVAN RFC MINI-RUGBY NOTES

Training for Under-8s, Under-10s and Under-12s on Saturday morning January 8th at 1030 as usual.

UNDER-14S

The under-14's travelled to Waterford to play a strong Waterpark team and despite being a few key players short put up a fine performance. By half time we were two converted tries behind, some strong words about the tackling at the interval seemed to inspire a much better second half. We managed to score two converted tries ourselves but a couple more scores by Waterpark resulted in a final score of 27-14. With the return to a full squad we look forward with confidence to WaterPark's return on the 16th January. Training as usual on January 8th.

Our Under-8's, Under-10's and Under-12's played Youghal away on Sunday 19 December.

UNDER-8'S

The Under-8's played their best rugby of the season to date when they beat Youghal convincingly by 8 tries to 5 tries. This was a terrific turnaround from two weeks previously when the same opposition won on an 11-4 scoreline. Biggest improvement was in tackling and support play allowing Dungarvan to beat a heavier and more experienced team.

UNDER-10'S

The Under-10's had another incredibly tight game. The previous meeting between these two side resulted in a 2-2 draw. This time neither side was again willing to give away. The tackling was ferocious and both teams contributed to a thrilling game. At the end a 4-4 scoreline was a fair outcome. This team continues to develop with new comers and more experienced players contributing to a strong squad.

UNDER-12'S

Unfortunately the home team could not muster a full team so 3 Dungarvan players changed colours to make two even teams and allow all players to play a full game. Both teams gave their all with particular creditworthy performances from the Dungarvan players on loan. Dungarvan took an early lead 2 tries to nil but Youghal rallied well and it needed a last minute score from Dungarvan to end the game 7 tries all. The fact that Dungarvan players scored 11 of the 14 tries indicates the strength and depth of this squad.

FUTURE MATCHES

Matches against Waterpark, Clonmel, Ferthard, Carrick-On-Suir and others will take place in 2005 commencing with Waterpark at home on January 23rd.



Photo shows our Under-10's in action recently.



Pictured above is Dungarvan R.F.C. Mini-Rugby Under-10 squad.

WEST WATERFORD ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS



Pictured above are the organising committee of the Dungarvan G.A.A. Club St. Stephen's Day Charity Run. Photo shows (l. to r.) Michael Curran, Paddy Fitzgerald, Derek Lyons, Maura Curran, Joanne Daly, Kevin Daly and Kieran Curran.

Allrounder Sports Winter League Resumes Tonight

All right I know most of us have over indulged the last two weeks, but we got to make the start back some time, and there's no time like the present time, so have a root and find the number, pull on the runners, get the bib and make your way to the Sports Center tonight for the resumption of our Allrounder Sports Winter League. We have now reached the halfway point in this year's league and it's time to spin the dice and break up both leagues into their various divisions.

There are many interesting duels to be fought and much running to do before our winners for this year's league's will be decided. Many of them will indeed go right down to the final night. Our hope now is that the weather will continue in the same vein that we experienced before the Christmas break and we can enjoy the second half of this year's Allrounder Sports Winter League.

WHO WILL IT BE?

The big question in the 6 mile league is who will be the overall winner, anyone of 20 runners are in with a shout. There are two who have previously won this league even, could Pat Dunford or Tony Shalloe become the first runners to win it twice, either could do it you know? Pat is made of hardy stuff and one things for certain he will battle right up till the final night. Tony as we know is the king of pacing, and he proved it when winning this league last year and also taking the Colligan Cup previously. The last could be first you know by league end! Will Ea-

monn Lambden hold on to his current top position, or did he peak too early, how about Sheila O'Sullivan the only lady who could win the overall title this year. Will she do it for the ladies, she has improved hugely from week one, what's left? Many are putting their money on her. There's Tomás Walsh second to Pat Dunford two years ago, he knows a thing or two about what's required to take this year's title. No ones taking notice of the another Tomás, that's former Stradbally stalwart now residing in Ballinroad, Tomás Gough, who's another that was runner up way back when Dan Dineen took the title some years ago. Speaking of Stradbally how about Eoin O'Brien current senior football team selector with the county champions, could he be the first to pull off a win over both distances having won a division of the 3 mile league last year, could he turn around and take the 6 miler this year. Former winner of the said 3 mile league P. J. Curran is hotly tipped for the 6 miler this year in many quarters and one punter say's this is where the safe money will be laid. But I say rule out Brian Kirwan at your peril, the dark horse for the title in my book, remember the name. Joe Salmon who was in the shake up right to the end last year but received an injury with a couple of nights to go which ruled him out, he would love to make amends and take this year's title, will the trophy go Clashmore side? There's Micheal Whelan who this year is injury free and another whom I think has plenty more

in the tank a cunning campaigner. Pat Earley is well in with a shout too and ran his fastest time last year on the final night he may well improve more over the second half of the league. What about Noel Drohan making steady progress this year is in an ideal league position presently and will have plenty of sound advice from those he works with. Pat Christopher has made his way into the top division on merit this year and cannot be ruled out he is nicely poised around mid table. George didn't made the top division this time out but Tony Hamilton his brother is keeping the family flag flying, a former great of Dungarvan G.A.A. he will have all the assistance available from his sister Helene an experienced campaigner when it comes to winning titles. There's John Flynn who is running very well, I feel he has plenty in the tank too. John will be well motivated by Trio his personal coach when the going gets tough. Tom Scanlon fresh back from altitude training on the snowy peaks, if the old knees hold out there's non who will give it a better go than Tom come on the Scan you can do it

Martin Hayes a revelation in the club this past year seems to improve with age had a superb marathon and has set himself up for a crack at the league but is almost at his fastest one feels, go on prove me wrong Martin! A famous name in athletics circles Edward Moore a name which once held the position of Dungarvan Athletic Club chairman, but this Ed-

ward is the junior one in the family, an athlete of great talent some years ago as a juvenile, and was rated among the best around, he's back after quite a few years ciesta, his father would certainly be delighted to see him do the business. How about Eoin McGarry presently second last in the table, but remember were only half way there it could prove to be the best position to be in at this stage. Time will tell won't it. Best of luck to all for the remainder of the league may the best man or woman win but remember the bottom line — it's the taking part that matters or is it?

WILL THE LADIES HOLD OUT FOR A FAMOUS VICTORY

Thirteen of the twenty five places in the first division are held by the ladies in the 2.7 mile league, and its likely that our overall winner could come from one of these, but we have some able bodied men lurking there too and I feel you could not rule out one of these snatching the league title at the death come the end of February. The only thing we know for certain is that we will have a new holder of the crown this year as non of the top 25 have in the top division have previously taken the title. You will note that the 2.7 mile run is broken into divisions of twenty five, predicting a winner this year would be a really difficult task as you will appreciate from the table.

(See page 59 for 2.6 mile league tables)

Allrounder Winter League League Tables (6ml.)

DIVISION 1		
Pos	No.	Name
1	124	LAMB DEN, Eamonn
2	097	DUNFORD, Pat
3	083	O'SULLIVAN, Sheila
4	118	KIRWAN, Bryan
5	135	WALSH, Tomas
6	148	SALMON, Joe
7	053	GOUGH, Thomas
8	100	WHELAN, Michael
9	068	O'BRIEN, Eoin
10	057	CURRAN, P.J.
11	082	DROHAN, Noel
12	175	CHRISTOPHER, Pat
13	042	HAMILTON, Tony
14	167	EARLEY, Pat
15	018	FLYNN, John
16	050	SCANLAN, Tom
17	163	MOORE, Edward
18	048	HAYES, Martin
19	174	MCGARRY, Eoin
20	001	Tony Shalloe

DIVISION 2		
Pos	No.	Name
1	069	ZAKIS, Ravis
2	113	MAHER, Jim
3	182	BRENNAN, Luke
4	119	CURRAN, Martin
5	045	KENNEALLY, Declan
6	073	KEANE, Tony
7	166	HAMILTON, George
8	176	HEFFERNAN, John
9	030	YOUNG, Shay
10	248	McCARTHY, Shane
11	102	MURRAY, Tony
12	188	LOOBY, Donal
13	035	FOLEY, Maurice
14	103	MOORE, Ray
15	002	CONDON, Tom
16	049	TUTTY, Pat
17	114	CROTTY, Oliver
18	109	DWYER, Dermot
19	005	WALSH, Corinna
20	032	WALSH, Sharon

DIVISION 3		
Pos	No.	Name
1	044	HOU LIHAN, Martin
2	058	CURRAN, Alan (D)
3	162	O'ROURKE, Sinead
4	022	CONNAUGHTON, Pa
5	086	KAVANAGH, Liam
6	084	UI DHUIBHIR, Je
7	095	SANDFORD, Martin
8	172	HAYES, Seamus
9	061	BANNON, Ray
10	024	CROTTY, Sinead
11	169	HANSBURY, Paul
12	025	FLYNN, Benny
13	161	HUNT, Brenda
14	059	EARLEY, Grainne
15	129	FITZGERALD, Eoin
16	036	LYONS, Derek
17	094	SHEEHAN, Betty
18	092	UI CHUIRRIN, Jo
19	193	SHANLEY, Tom
20	120	MOORE, Liam

DIVISION 4		
Pos	No.	Name
1	121	HANRAHAN, Judy
2	029	COLEMAN, Billy
3	039	YOUNG, Sean
4	009	BURKE, Ray
5	013	TRAVERS, Jason
6	187	VEALE, Brid
7	116	RIORDAN, Patrick
8	186	KINSELLA, Alan
9	111	PHELAN, Eamon
10	091	BUTLER, Linda
11	021	CURRAN, Ray
12	104	TUTTY, Michael
13	159	MCCARTHY, E
14	067	O'GRADY, Thomas
15	070	MCCORMACK, Gary
16	128	WHELAN, Annette
17	003	WYLEY, Ger
18	093	DE SIUN, Jacqui
19	171	DUNFORD, Joanne
20	101	MCGRATH, Paul

DIVISION 5		
Pos	No.	Name
1	137	LANNEN, Patrick
2	008	VEALE, James
3	168	O'RIORDAN, Eoin
4	064	FOLEY, Tim
5	108	DEEGAN, Michael
6	145	DWYER, Michael
7	107	DWYER, Ray
8	011	COLLINS, Gary
9	153	O'REILLY, Liam
10	065	LYNAM, Brett
11	133	HALLAHAN, Owen
12	147	FITZGERALD, Aic
13	151	DEE, Thomas
14	156	KELLY, Joe
15	112	O'GORMAN, Maria
16	125	DEE, Michael
17	019	BRUNNOCK, Paul
18	126	HENNESSEY, Michael
19	079	KENNEALLY, Kevin
20	183	BEDELL, Tobey

DIVISION 6			
Pos	No.	Name	Total
1	099	LENNON, Pat	665
2	144	MURRAY, Michael	666
3	189	KIELY, ROSARIE	667
4	106	RUSSELL, Kieran	667
5	043	HALLY, Tom	671
6	074	O'GRADY, Owen	677
7	078	KENNEALLY, Keith	678
8	142	MCGRATH, Conor	682
9	096	UI SHEANLAOICH	683
10	139	PHELAN, Conor	683
11	143	TOBIN, Donnacha	684
12	017	WALSH, Emmet	685
13	080	O'DONNELL, John	686
14	055	NUGENT, Denise	688
15	085	DUNFORD, Ann	689
16	132	DALTON, Pat	689
17	072	HEARNE, Nuala	691
18	060	BANNON, Aisling	693
19	034	CURTIN, Kevin	696
20	014	PROCTOR, Pascal	697

DIVISION 7			
Pos	No.	Name	Total
1	152	CONNORS, Claire	698
2	194	O'LEARY, Ted	699
3	004	WALL, Norma	700
4	023	HARTY, Ritchie	701
5	130	DONNELLY, Brenda	704
6	138	DEE, Philip (C'm)	712
7	141	CLARKE, John	714
8	157	O'HALLAHAN, Sean	714
9	177	KELLY, Finbar	714
10	047	POWER, Shane	714
11	117	FEENEY, Des	715
12	037	MORRISSEY, Pat	716
13	140	DEE, John	717
14	203	CAHILL, Kieran	718
15	066	COONAN, Justin	720
16	098	MORONEY, Kevin	721
17	006	STREET, Paddy	721
18	056	NUGENT, Paula	721
19	178	O'MAHONY, Tony	724
20	031	NAGLE, Colm	727

DIVISION 8			
Pos	No.	Name	Total
1	195	WALL, Triona	729
2	131	McCARTHY, Ian	730
3	088	WALSH, Mark	732
4	115	MANSFIELD, Brend	740
5	127	O'DONOGHUE, Alban	742
6	110	O'GORMAN, Paul	749
7	054	LYONS, Colin	754
8	089	CURRAN, Mark	754
9	015	FRAHER, Gerard	761
10	075	CROSSAN, Fiona	768
11	155	AHEARNE, Alan	769
12	041	COLLINS, Kevin	770
13	071	TRAVERS, Damian	770
14	204	FITZGERALD, Bren	781
15	090	COLEMAN, Kieran	785
16	016	DWYER, Anthony	787
17	038	HICKEY, Dermot	788
18	164	COONEY, Johnny	790
19	249	ANSELL, Michael	790
20	052	WHELAN, Anne	791

DIVISION 9			
Pos	No.	Name	Total
1	146	STILLWELL, Sean	791
2	201	WAKERLEY, Kevin	802
3	197	NI AODHA, Ellis	808
4	026	POWER, Richard	810
5	150	DEE, Richard	812
6	012	HARNEY, Alan	814
7	198	KIELY, Derry	823
8	196	KEARNS, John	824
9	040	KAVANAGH, Aine	827
10	063	KEATING, Paul	831
11	046	ROSSITER, Liam	833
12	154	DOOLEY, Lawrence	840
13	051	MURPHY, Jackie	840
14	190	BRUNNOCK, JOHNNY	856
15	200	O'SHEA, Geoff	859
16	192	COLLINS, Michael	871
17	010	WATERS, Liam	876
18	033	MCCARTHY, Eugene	876
19	020	WALSH, Killian	882
20	207	MCDONNELL, Liam	886
21	122	CLIFFE, Mark	890
22	076	SHIELDS, Noddi	894
23	087	ALLEN, Marie	900
24	165	FOLEY, RONAN	912
25	136	HUMPHREYS, Colm	915
26	149	LEARY, Stephanie	926
27	170	WHELAN, Cormac	934
28	181	O'ROURKE, DEIRDRE	934
29	180	DUNNE, BRIAN	939
30	205	SCHUBERT, Alexan	944
31	185	MURPHY, Fimnuala	945
32	199	HALLAHAN, Austin	947
33	062	MCMAHAN, Alice	950
34	206	O'Droma Seamus	952
35	202	HOGAN, Laura	953
36	158	PROVOT, Julia	955
37	134	LONERGAN, Eamon	958
38	184	WHELAN, John	970
39	105	O'BRIEN, Pat	1016
40	028	WHELAN, Damien	1019
41	191	WALSHE, John	1064
42	027	LIGHT, Chloé	1066
43	081	O'SULLIVAN, Col	1067
44	123	DEE, Nicola	1067
45	179	DRUMMY, Michael	1068
46	160	FLAHAVAN, Sean	1072

**Allrounder Winter League
League Tables (2.6ml.)**

Division A			
Pos.	No.	Name	Time
1	542	TUTTY, George	276
2	541	BULLEN, Geoff	301
3	570	HEALY, Ann	316
4	535	FITZGERALD, Pat	360
5	582	BANNON, Colette	360
6	686	KEANE, Greg	366
7	510	COFFEY, Kim	377
8	660	CONNORS, Eamon	401
9	525	TUTTY, Kevin	403
10	697	PHELAN, Neil	425
11	619	BRADFIELD, Linda	432
12	519	STACK, Stephen	438
13	590	MCCARTHY, Christine	467
14	658	MOORE, Liam	470
15	631	BARRON, Marie	474
16	514	PHELAN, Joy	489
17	521	CURRAN, Ed	489
18	518	RYAN, Dermot	494
19	593	KIELY, Karen	495
20	532	O'ROURKE, Fiona	496
21	620	MCCARTHY, Anne	501
22	594	SHANLEY, Alice	507
23	661	TUTTY, Sarah	512
24	695	SHASBY, Anthony	523
25	544	FITZGERALD, Trisha	526

Division B			
Pos.	No.	Name	Time
1	662	CASSIDY, Bernard	540
2	682	KIELY, Mary Kathryn	542
3	689	MULCAHY, Patricia	542
4	573	WHELAN, Carol	558
5	651	LANNEN, Conor	563
6	608	POWER, Onra	568
7	670	KELLY, John	568
8	690	O'RIORDAN, Lynn	570
9	597	CORCORAN, Ursula	571
10	528	SULLIVAN, Barry	573
11	680	HARTY, Kevin	576
12	694	SHASBY, Stephen	576
13	511	POWER, Paddy	579
14	523	CONROY, Sinead	579
15	567	HARNEY, Mary	581
16	678	POWER, Ray	582
17	603	KIELY, Thomas	590
18	640	HALLIHAN, Ann-Marie	593
19	659	HARTY, Trevor	594
20	617	DRENNAN, Angeline	595
21	607	KAVANAGH, Matt	598
22	719	PRENDERGAST, Patric	600
23	706	HEHIR, Sinead	601
24	684	MCCARTHY, Stephanie	602
25	594	CUNNINGHAM, Deirdre	607

Division C			
Pos.	No.	Name	Time
1	636	POWER, Eileen	612
2	561	WALSH, Clare	622
3	504	MURRAY, Elizabeth	623
4	540	FLAVIN, Eamon	627
5	556	YOUNG, Deirdre	627
6	615	O'SUILLEABHAIN, M.	627
7	713	BARRY, Peter	627
8	517	O'RIORDAN, Jason	629
9	571	O'DWYER, Claire	631
10	637	RIELLY, Pa	634
11	545	QUINLAN, Martin	643
12	639	CASEY, Seamus	644
13	669	COONEY, Justin	646
14	700	NOLAN, Pádraig	647
15	647	MCGRATH, Dan	651
16	630	CURRAN, Pat	653
17	505	GAFFNEY, David	658
18	509	FAHEY, Anna	658
19	501	BURKE, Michael	660
20	711	LONGAN, Tom	661
21	712	LONGAN, John	662
22	537	SINNOTT, Fiona	663
23	503	QUINN, Mossie	664
24	616	JENNINGS, Rhoda	664
25	733	MCCARTHY, Anthony	664

Division D			
Pos.	No.	Name	Time
1	565	WALSH, Sinead	665
2	586	POWER, Richie	666
3	526	SHEEHAN, Claire	670
4	642	KIRWAN, Jenny	671
5	569	BRENNAN, Jean	673
6	609	MURPHY, Niamh	673
7	693	HEALY, Emma	676
8	732	MOLONEY, Michael	678
9	576	MULCAHY, Catriona	685
10	563	O'CONNELL, Aisling	687
11	687	O'DONOVAN, Vincent	687
12	562	ASHE, Eadaoin	690
13	592	NI AODHA, Muriel	698
14	588	BLACKWELL, Sinead	705
15	644	CURTIN, Brian	709
16	628	CROTTY, Rose	710
17	612	BARRY, James	712
18	702	CURRAN, Alan	715
19	602	CUNNINGHAM, Regina	716
20	629	LANDERS, Rachel	717
21	671	NIELSEN, Siobhan	717
22	673	COYNE, Marie	717
23	541	RYAN, Martina	723
24	558	MOORE, Sobhain	725
25	559	MCCARTHY, Gillian	725

Division E			
Pos.	No.	Name	Time
1	723	POWER, Kilian	726
2	578	POWER, Rosie	726
3	704	DENMEAD, Eric	729
4	618	DEE, Philip (Kil)	730
5	502	MORRISSEY, Brendan	738
6	741	O'DONOGHUE, Tony	740
7	527	CLIFFE, Sandra	741
8	584	FITZGERALD, Tony	741
9	507	MCGRATH, Albert	742
10	550	TOBIN, Jackie	756
11	516	HEALY, Barry	757
12	625	O'BRIEN, Nan	757
13	547	FOLEY, Lorna	759
14	606	FROST, Helen	759
15	546	FERNCOMBE, Suzanne	760
16	709	POLLOZA, Dane	762
17	643	COLLINS, Margaret	763
18	557	SHEIL, Nicola	764
19	506	MOORE, Liam	765
20	591	COLLENDER, Mary	765
21	548	O'MAHONY, Deirdre	768
22	652	CLANCY, Rayleen	768
23	624	SCANLAN, Ned	769
24	646	COONEY, Antonette	772
25	632	QUINLAN, Theresa	782

Division F			
Pos.	No.	Name	Time
1	522	CONROY, Aisling	784
2	560	BURKE, Cordelia	785
3	613	DOBBYN, Kathy	786
4	657	MANNIX, Michelle	787
5	648	HOGAN, Sandra	789
6	667	BYRNE, Gerry	792
7	703	HAYES, Kevin	795
8	554	RYAN, Rosaleen	796
9	705	POWER, Shane	796
10	627	DWYER, Tracy	797
11	650	SHEEHAN, Eithne	799
12	740	RYAN, Michael	799
13	600	CONNORS, Yvonne	807
14	601	BERESFORD, Jene	809
15	524	FRAHER, Helen	810
16	520	QUILTY, Maire	811
17	549	BEATY, Brian	811
18	572	KILLIGREW, Mary	811
19	699	HEARNE, Emily	811
20	574	HEARTY, Angela	812
21	688	MURPHY, Martin	812
22	655	DWYER, Barbara	820
23	645	WHYTE, Mary	821
24	580	WELDON, Ashling	824
25	720	O'REILLY, Claire	825

Division G			
Pos.	No.	Name	Time
1	515	MAXWELL, Triona	827
2	665	CASHMAN, Julie	830
3	744	LONGAN, Mary	834
4	696	DALY, Edward	836
5	611	MULHEARNE, Jim	837
6	566	WALSH, Fiona	838
7	724	POWER, Rosemary	846
8	530	HARTY, Richard	848
9	534	MCGRATH, Ursula	848
10	634	COATES, Kim	850
11	583	CAREY, Catherine	855
12	635	O'CONNOR, Geraldine	856
13	656	FLAVIN, Eimear	856
14	551	ENRIGHT, Joan	858
15	716	O'BRIEN, William	864
16	743	COWMING, Craig	864
17	633	BROWNE, Alan	869
18	585	LYNAM, Mary	870
19	605	NORRIS, Margaret	870
20	726	POWER, John	876
21	538	HARTY, Niamh	879
22	581	HEARNE, Joy	879
23	677	NUGENT, Gillan	879
24	672	BREATHNACH, F'nuala	881
25	621	DUGGAN, Thomas	882

Division H			
Pos.	No.	Name	Time
1	663	WALSHE, Jack	884
2	539	VEALE, Breda	887
3	649	COFFEY, Brigid	892
4	614	DUNPHY, Janet	894
5	589	FLAVIN, Sarah	900
6	653	DROHAN, Walter	901
7	707	SHEEHY, Carol	901
8	714	HAYES, Mary	902
9	715	GENTZ, Melanie	902
10	721	DE PAOR, Una	905
11	579	RYAN, Mary	907
12	668	BROWNE, Fiona	908
13	508	NAGLE, Linda	910
14	610	MULHEARNE, Sandra	911
15	746	RUSSELL, Caroline	912
16	683	YOUNG, Joan	917
17	623	FITZGERALD, Anthony	919
18	676	VEALE, Jackie	920
19	596	O'BRIEN, Leonie	924
20	555	FRAHER, Ashling	937
21	604	RYAN, Mary	942
22	552	O'NEILL, Hilary	950
23	554	MULCAHY, Jennie	950
24	564	CROKE, Olive	950
25	710	O'DONNELL, Joe	950
26	513	MASON, Mark	951
27	626	DEE, Eileen	959
28	701	WALSH, Nicholas	959
29	575	O'CONNOR, Anne	960
30	691	RADLEY, Mark	963
31	692	FALLON, Vincent	964
32	679	O'DONOVAN, Odrhna	968
33	664	WALSH, Angie	970
34	717	GRIFFIN, Sinead	970
35	725	TWOMEY, Breda	976
36	685	ENRIGHT, Liam	979
37	708	FOLEY, Anne	982
38	737	O'DONNELL, Eamonn	985
39	739	SHIELDS, Nodlaig	989
40	742	NI MHUIRIL, Niamh	990
41	748	CURRAN, Aisling	991
42	735	MULCAHY, Leonie	993
43	745	DENMEAD, Adele	993
44	568	MCGRATH, Mary	997
45	722	DUNPHY, John	997
46	730	VEALE, Louise	1000
47	749	SCHUBERT, Alexander	1003
48	698	HEARNE, Anna	1004
49	747	COFFEY, Michele	1005
50	638	MELEADY, Michael	1008
51	727	MCGUIRE, James	1008
52	536	HICKEY, Siobhan	1009
53	731	VEALE, Bridget	1011
54	807	GLEESON, Karl	1016
55	812	POWER, Niall	1017
56	806	HEHIR, David	1018
57	810	CASEY, Ronan	1019
58	553	ENRIGHT, Ger	1020
59	718	KENNEDY, Niamh	1020
60	804	KEANE, Pat	1021
61	813	GOUGH, Joe	1022
62	814	KILLIGREW, Adrian	1023
63	734	O'SULLIVAN, Collett	1025
64	533	MCGRATH, Tina	1026
65	529	O'ROURKE, Sinead	1040
66	738	NEE, John	1042
67	531	MCGRATH, Susan	1046
68	577	WALSH, Mary	1046
69	728	CLANCY, Rosemary	1048
70	595	RYAN, Rosanne	1049
71	598	YOUNG, Kathleen	1070
72	622	FLYNN, Michelle	1070
73	674	HAYES, Elizabeth	1074
74	666	BURKE, Moira	1095
75	587	KEANE, Kathleen	1109
76	512	LYNCH, Jackie	1120
77	736	O'KEEFE, Carol	1124
78	543	REYNOLDS, Bernie	1130
79	675	WALSH, Majella	1138
80	681	KIELY, Sharon	1145
81	729	CANDELARIA, Rhode	1145

WEST WATERFORD ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS



Pictured are Gillian and Margaret McNamara and Onra Power who took part in the Dungarvan G.A.A. Club Annual St. Stephen's Day Charity Run with all proceeds this year going to the Dungarvan Lourdes Invalid Fund.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13TH AT 2 P.M.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL 10

Formally a 10km race, the move to ten miles a few years ago proved to be a very successful one. A new course was introduced last year which resulted in the biggest ever number of 328 finishers, and this is also a course with potential for fast times.

Starting and finishing near the excellent facilities of the Dungarvan Crystal Sports Centre, the course uses mainly country roads. One of many races held in the area, the event is also part of the Michael Roche Carpets Spring Series. Last year, George Murray triumphed again, although both himself and second-placed Cathal O'Connell were credited with the same time of 52:57. Well-known international runner Rosemary Ryan, ran a fast 59:28 to take the women's title. Please note all local runners, for this race we ask you to pre enter the race, entry forms can be down loaded from our club web-site on www.westwaterfordathletics.org

It is most important that all local runners enter through this system as to make life much easier at race registration on the day of the race. Thanks for your co-operation with this.



First three finishers in the McGrath Newsagents Brickey 3 mile run recently were (l. to r.) Pat Curran 3rd, Johnny Cooney 1st and Tom Longan 2nd.

West Waterford Success At Masters Indoors

While most of us were still enjoying the new years festivities five of our Masters were in Nenagh for the Munster Indoors Championships on January 1st. These five at the out set are to be congratulated for making the journey to Nenagh and to Track and Field Co-ordinator Danny McGrath for his efforts in fielding a club team.

A total of 11 championship medals were taken home by them which was outstanding. Our only lady competitor on the day Diane Behan along with all the other success she is having of late in competition on the road and cross country, has now been crowned Munster champion over 35 over 3,000 metres. Joe Gough was also competing, he doubled up in the 200 metres over 50 finishing 2nd after a slight mishap when winning easily, he made up for any mistakes in the 800 meters coming home to take the title and another Munster gold for his vast collection. Con Kelleher was competing in the over 50 3,000 and once again the reliable Con ran impressively to take silver. He too later in the day doubled up and was winner of the bronze medal in the 1,500 metres.

Richie Power who was just off a plane at Shannon after his training stint in the sun was competing in the over 45 800 metres and recorded a solid silver winning performance. Richie is solely concentrating on the track this year and he now has a great start to what we hope will be a successful one for him.

Our final individual competitor was Danny McGrath himself who competed in the high jump and took a deserving bronze medal.

Finally our mens team competed in the 4x200 and finished in silver medal position, Con, Richie, Joe and Danny were the team members here.

Also competing in Nenagh we had a sole juvenile in the combined events young Niamh McGrath took silver in the under 16 girls well done to all.

The Munster Senior and Junior Indoors will be held this coming Sunday also in Nenagh. Anyone travelling are asked to contact Danny McGrath if you already haven't done so.

WEST WATERFORD ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS

The John Buckley Sports/Munster Ten Mile Spring Classics!

For the third successive year runners have the opportunity to partake in the John Buckley Sports/Munster Ten-Mile Spring Classics Series as the four races in the area from January to April combine forces in this unique Series. In the cycling world, the 'Spring Classics' are an integral part of the competitive year and seen as instrumental in the build-up to the more arduous Tours later in the season. The aim of this ten-mile Series is to promote each race at the classic distance of ten miles, while rewarding each runner who complete the four races a specially commissioned T-shirt (of the long-sleeved variety). As well, there will be prizes for the leading male and female runners, which will be decided on the cumulative times over the four races. Once again, John Buckley Sports has agreed to be overall sponsor of the Spring Series and if you wish to view their excellent website go to:

www.johnbuckleysports.com

There is no additional entry fee for the Series - just run the four races (however - your entry must have been accepted for Ballycotton!).

IRISH SUGAR MALLOWS 10 — Sunday January 9th. Start time: 12.30pm

WATERFORD CRYSTAL DUNGARVAN 10 — Sunday February 13th. Start time: 2.00pm

NIKE BALLYCOTTON 10 — Sunday March 6th. Start time: 1.30pm

THE SONNY MURPHY MEMORIAL KILNABOY 10 — Sunday April 10th. Start time: 2.00pm.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

Your club membership for the coming year is now due, at 20 Euro you will have to agree its great value with a huge array of races over the 12 month period with something to suit everyone. Its most important if you intend taking part in any of our up coming events that you are a registered member of a club, to cover insurances etc, so please don't put it on the long finger register now with West Waterford AC and enjoy your running with Ireland's largest running club.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee members please note first meeting of the new year will be held at the Park Hotel on Thursday January 13th at 8.30 pm.

TRANSPORT TO MALLOWS 10

The first race in this years John Buckley Sports Munster 10 mile Classic Series takes place this coming Sunday 9th January with the MalloWS 10 (see details of race in these notes) anyone interested in travelling to MalloWS please note transport will leave the Park Hotel at 10 a.m. sharp. The race gets under way at 12.30 p.m.

WEST WATERFORD CLUB ANNUAL IN ASSOCIATION WITH BLACKWATER HOMES

Hopefully at this stage you will have your thoughts together on your article for your club Annual. Time will shortly be running out with all articles having to be submitted by January 30th next at the latest if you want it to be included in this years publication. Yes its time to put pen to paper, we have received many pieces already but theirs plenty room for yours, go on don't leave it to others give it a go you'd be amazed when you sit down to write how the words will flow. Any articles on the club or running in general, training, your experience at a particular race, if your using a computer you might save it on a floppy or better still e-mail it to the club e-mail address jveale@cablesurf.com who in turn will pass it on to the Annual Editor Dermot Dwyer. Come on just do it, how about all you young Juveniles out there we would love to include your articles too, show us what you can do, if ye can write as well as ye can run we will have a master piece come the end of the month.

THE TONY O'CONNELL 4 MILES

The Tony O'Connell 4 mile was held in Clonmel on St. Stephen's Day and was hosted by Clonmel AC. six athletes from our club made the journey with some among the prizewinners. Mark Langford finished a strong 6th in a time of 20.09. The race was won by Brian Maher, Kilkenny, in a fast of 19.31. Brian, of course, no stranger to us down here as he is the current Century Homes Cross Country champion. Con Kelleher continued his winning form in his age category when taking the over 50 title in a time of 23.30 finishing 39th overall. Having another fine run was Diane Behan who was 2nd Senior Lady in 24.07 giving her 48th place overall, the Ladies race was won by Joan Hough St. Finbarrs in 23.36. Next was Jim Fleming in 56th place in a time of 24.41 with Michael Wade 69th in 25.35. Joanne Jackman was 4th lady overall in 71st place 25.45. 146 runners took part, well done to all.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended on behalf of West Waterford Athletic Club to the family of James Young, St. Monica's Terrace, Abbeyside, who's death occurred last weekend, may he rest in peace.

IRISH SUGAR MALLOWS 10

Sunday January 9th at 12.30 p.m.

Contact: John Holland 022-21280.

Mallows AC have been promoting a 10-mile race for a number of years, although this course has only been used since 2001. A nice flat loop, comprising of town and country roads, it has met with unanimous approval. MalloWS is also well served with a good roads network, making the venue very central for people travelling from any part of the country. Last year a record total of 284 finished with victories going to George Murray (52:50) and Teresa Tuohy (64:54). Both would go on to take overall honours in the Series. MalloWS also offers a 10km walk starting at 12.00 noon.

NIKE BALLYCOTTON 10

Sunday March 6th. Start time: 1.30pm

Contact: John Walshe 021 4646064.

The oldest 10 mile road race in the country and voted the most popular, the Nike Ballycotton Ten is now in its 28th year and the numbers taking part are still growing. By the time you read this all entries will be closed, so be on time with your entry for 2006. A fast course overall, with just the last mile back to the village undulating. Last year's race was won by Kenyan Charles Kiplagat in 48 minutes with the ladies title going to Valerie Vaughan 56:36. Ballycotton is a must in any road runners diary, one of the most frequently questions asked in the athletic fraternity is what's your best time for Ballycotton. You can be sure of a very well organised event by John Walshe and the crew in Ballycotton every year, but one bit of advice is be early.

SONNY MURPHY MEMORIAL KILNABOY 10

Sunday, April 10th at 2 p.m.

Contact: Vincent McCarthy 065-6837875.

One of the oldest 'tens' in the country, outside of Ballycotton. Usually held on Easter Sunday, it now has settled on the second Sunday of April. The introduction of the Spring Series has also benefited this 'Clare Classic' as last year a record 242 finished. Winners were Gearoid O'Connor (53:22) and Mary O'Leary (63:05).

The slightly undulating circuit on the outskirts of The Burren contains some stunning early spring scenery, passing through the tourist village of Corrofin. The race is also an idea opportunity to enjoy an early-season break in ideal outdoor surroundings. Also, like MalloWS, there is a 10km walk starting at 1.30pm. The three races featured above are all organised by enthusiastic runners themselves, so you can be sure of a warm welcome and a well-organised race, with free refreshments and free results afterwards. Give them your support, they deserve it.



Group pictured after completing the Dungarvan G.A.A. Club Annual Charity Run on St. Stephen's Day. This year's chosen charity was the Dungarvan Lourdes Invalid Fund.

BIG TURN OUT FOR THE BALDY MAN

A big turn out of over 300 runners and walkers were reported at the Baldy Man Run in Tramore last Tuesday week last where a substantial amount of money was raised for the Tramore Chernobyl Children's Group Fund. A favorite with many over the festive season the Tramore race under organiser in chief Michael Flynn is attracting very big fields since its foundation a short few of years ago. It was yet again another successful race for our club with many among the prizewinners. Diane Behan kept her incredible sequence of success going with another fine victory in the ladies race taking the title in a time of 36.05 from Muriel Cummins 36.50. Corinna Walsh also had a great run finishing third in 39.35. In the junior ladies section Sinead Crotty who is one of our top All-rounder Winter League campaigners was second in 40.35. Joe Gough kept the flag flying for our men with another victory in the over 50 section in a time of 34.48 while Sean Stillwell was second junior men in 34.05.

The full results to hand were — Senior Men: 1st Philip Conway, Ferrybank 30.46; 2nd Raivis Zakis, Ballynony 31.25; 3rd Peter Duggan, St. Joseph's 32.30. Over 40: John Dalton, Waterford 32.40. Over 50: Joe Gough, West Waterford 34.48. Junior Men: Peter Francis Ferrybank 44.50; Sean Stillwell West Waterford 34.05

Senior Ladies: 1st Diane Behan, West Waterford 36.05; 2nd Muriel Cummins (Ind.) 36.50; 3rd Corinna Walsh, West Waterford 39.35. Over 35: Siobhain O'Reilly, Thomastown 41.40. Over 40: Mary Ryan Jennings, Waterford 41.50. Junior Ladies: 1st Marie Hally, Ferrybank 37.50; 2nd Sinead Crotty, West Waterford 40.35. Club team Ferrybank and non club team winners were the Sands Hotel, Tramore.

OTHER WEST WATERFORD FINISHERS AT THE BALDY MAN RUN.

17th Jason Travers 34.40. 35th Tom O'Brien 35.55. 48th Davy Wade 37.10. 50th Billy Maguire 38.20. 52nd Colin Lyons 38.42. 60th Alban O'Donoghue 39.36. 65th Mark Langford 41.20. 77th Liam Cuddihy 41.30. 82nd Joanne Jackman 41.40. 90th John Heffernan 42.00. 98th Paul Mooney 43.07. 111th Triona Shalloe 44.01. 132nd Judy Hanrahan 45.59. 196th Terri Gough 53.20.

BEST OF LUCK TO OUR JUVENILES

All in the senior club send best wishes to our young juvenile athletes who make the long journey to Belfast next weekend for the Reebok International Cross Country series at Stormount. With over 30 traveling the experience will be fantastic for them competing at this level, competition of course will be stiff with the best from England, Scotland, Wales and of course Ireland competing. We wish an enjoyable weekend to all athletes and coaches.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Club Cross Country Co-ordinator Tony Ryan has announced the following club teams for the Munster Senior and Junior Cross Country Championships which are being held in Clare on Sunday January 16th. Please note transport will leave the Park Hotel at 9.30 a.m. sharp on this day.

SENIOR MEN

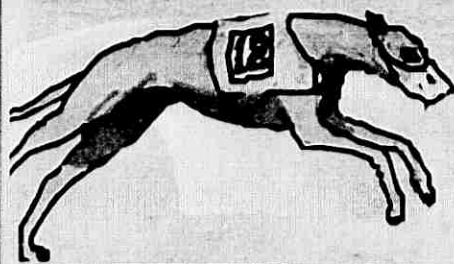
Mark Langford
James Ledingham
Flory Wyley
Joe Kelly
Johnny O'Connor
Jason Travers
Garry McCormack
Trevor Mason
Con Kelleher
Dermot Dwyer

SENIOR LADIES

Diane Behan
Corinna Walsh
Ann Dunford
Joanne Jackman
Brid Veale
Anne Whelan
Judy Hanrahan
Norma Wall
Eibhlis Ni hAodha

JUNIOR MEN

Sean Stillwell
Shane Power
Stephen Shasby
Kevin Hartly
Padraig Healy
Brendan Walsh
Diarmuid O Foghlú
Ferdia O hAodha



GREYHOUND NEWS

BY MARK PHILLIPS

Tuesday Dec 21st 2004
Impressive Run From Glencarra Lady

The top performance on last Tuesday nights card came in the ninth contest as the David Murphy and Trevor Swift owned Glencarra Lady a May 03 daughter of Droopys Kewell and Cu Cara Kate posted an impressive front running effort to oblige in a sweet 28.92. Packing to much early dash for her rivals Glencarra Kate motored into a handy lead over Chris Kewell and in a one sided contest the strong running Glencarra Lady was never in the slightest danger of defeat coasting to a clear cut seven lengths win over Chris Kewell.

In the opening novice contest Snoopy Blue and Distant Tina battled it out up front for much of the trip but regaining his composure after a first bend bump the Master Gerard O Connor owned Vieri Pass (Droopy Vieri-Gerards Choice) 6/4 finished full of running to outstay a slow starting but fast finishing Dizzy Spell by half a length in 30.01.

In a two bend sprint Blackandamberdog set the pace on the run to the first bend but coming with a well timed run on the wide outside the Hopeful Four Syndicate owned Killaspy Podge (Droopys Merson-Sallys Chill) 5/4 finished with a flourish to defeat Parkhill Tiger by half a length in 16.82.

Just three lengths separated the entire field at the winning line in the third contest with the Joseph Kearns owned Shunters Flame (Tirlough Jerry-Walls First) 3/1 overcoming a rough ride around the first bend before swooping late to defeat a front running Mooncoin Rose by a head in 30.97.

The third contest was devoted to first timers and powering into an early lead the Frances McCarthy owned Ivys Class (Top Honcho-Miss Ivy) made every post a winning one in 29.23. Dashing straight into an early lead over Skilful Charm Ivys Class held the call throughout and despite a late rally from Lil Bow Wow Ivys Class held firm to triumph by five and a half lengths in 29.23.

In a second sprint contest the James Dempsey owned and Johnny Kavanagh trained Good Boolavogue (Mustang Yank-Boolavogue June) 2/1 enjoyed a good battle with Tory Dubh but staying on nicely up the rails Good Boolavogue kept on strongly to record a length and a half win over Tory Dubh in 16.70.

Lady Ryan at 4/7 was sent off the warm favourite to capture the sixth race but while she joined the front running Dawstown Pride 2/1 on the back stretch it was the latter trained by Jude Hennessy who battled back in fine style up the rails to beat Crossogue Star by two and a half lengths in 29.69. The winner Dawstown Pride (Petes Boss-Call Me Jill) was purchased as an early Christmas present for her young owner Laura Power from Avondale in Waterford City.

The seventh contest was dominated by the front running pair of Rorys Forest and Fine Cut. This pair locked horns throughout but it was the Lyndsey Walsh owned Fine Cut (Rio Riccardo-Jumbos Jess) 3/1 who quickened the pace on the run to the winning line to win out by one and a half lengths in 29.59.

In the eighth event Shunters Banker led to halfway down the back stretch where 4/1 shot The Other Cool (Cool Performance-The Other Top) powered into the lead on the wide outside. Maintaining a strong gallop up front the Matt O Donnell owned The Other Cool made the best of his way home to run out a clear cut seven lengths winner over Shunters Banker in a career best 29.29.

In the final race of the night Draw Your Gun led to the penultimate turn where Stage Spark joined him. Biding his time however the Martin O Meara owned Moonvoy Ash (Droopys Vieri-Brigids Charm) 4/1 raced around the leaders off the final turn to forge clear for a two lengths success over Stage Spark in 29.39.

Wednesday December 22nd 2004
Graders Out In Force

The graded verity of greyhound was well catered for on this eleven race card. The Thomas Henneby owned and Harry Boyle trained Duckys Dream (Top Condition-Lewagh Heather) was a warm order at 4/7 to capture race one and the jolly duly delivered posting an emphatic 29.48 victory. Gliding by a fast starting Tanyard Reef out of the second bend Duckys Dream was soon in the clear from Mtaugh Eingoem before beating a staying on Lord Nia by seven lengths.

The FCW Syndicate and trainer Paul Coady teamed up to send out the easy winner of the second race as Molls Flyer (Droopys Woods-Droopys Caroline) 5/2 shed her maiden tag at the third time of asking in 29.79. Skipping into a first bend lead as Aughermon Buddy steered a wide course hampering a number of his opponents on his outside Molls Flyer encountered little difficulty in running out a three lengths winner over Aughermon Buddy.

County Wexford trainer Aidan Roche boasts a solid strike rate with his runners at this venue and his track newcomer Oceanic (Pacific Mile-Callaway Susie) ran out a well-backed 5/4 winner of the third contest in 29.15. Easing her way into the lead from main market rival Dysert Ralph Oceanic quickly capitalised on that advantage to stretch clear for an easy six lengths win over the always-prominent Clonconny Best.

Cloud Above was despatched as the evens favourite in the fourth contest but after hauling himself into contention he was badly impeded by a wide running Fly Dasher. Meanwhile the Sean Power owned Top Agenda (Top Honcho-Newlawn Atlantic) 2/1 took full advantage of the situation to motor into a clear lead with the Wexford entry running out a cosy five lengths winner over a slow starting Lough Lass. Time 29.26.

In a three hundred yard dash Na Bhfeair Pride and Good Enjoyment went on at the first bend from the early leader Vancouver Honcho and after a ding dong struggle the Kelly Ryan owned Good Enjoyment (Jamaican Hero-Monmahogue Rose) 4/1 came out on top by a length in 16.47.

After a number of near misses the Declan Power owned Son Of Rita (Larkhill Jo-Lisnakill Rita) the 6/4 favourite set the record straight in the

sixth event with a well deserved 29.59 success. Utilising his early pace to forge clear of Non Stop Son Of Rita kept on well in the closing stages to run out a length winner over Non Stop.

The Benny Fox owned Determined Tiger (Jamella Tiger-Cheese Denise) 2/1 displayed improved form to capture the seventh contest in 29.25. Driving into a first bend lead over a fast starting Kilbunny Vieri Determined Tiger moved up a gear down the back stretch to gallop clear for an easy four lengths win over a running on Bongo Rebel.

County Wexford trainer Nick Turner completed a double in races eight and ten courtesy of More Rubbish (Cahumore Cross-Widows Walk) and Decoy Bill (Split The Bill-Rockmount Queen). The Gerard Leahy owned More Rubbish 2/1 took over at the halfway mark on the back stretch from Rather Gum and despite a late challenge from Finns First More Rubbish held firm to triumph by a length in 29.36.

The PD Band owned Decoy Bill got the better of an early duel with Jumbos Princess and striding out nicely on the back stretch Decoy Bill was full value for his one and a half lengths win over Jumbos Princess in a career best time of 29.15.

Sandwiched in between Nick Turner's double was a victory for the Joseph Anglim owned Precious Fantasy who upstaged the evens favourite Glenbrien Judge in 29.31. The fast starting Precious Fantasy 3/1 was pushed all the way by Glenbrien Judge but finding that bit extra Precious Fantasy went on to triumph by half a length.

Owner Brian Cass and trainer Jimmy Frisby combined forces to send out the 5/1 winner of the final race with Flashing Jo (Frisby Flashing-Go Arrow Go) leading all the way in 29.26. Listolin Kitty was the winners nearest challenger early on and while Five For Forty was noted doing all his best work in the closing stages Flashing Jo prevailed by two and a half lengths.

Thursday December 23rd
Lawlors Bull In Command

The Kilcohan Park Christmas festival of racing drew to a successful conclusion on Thursday Dec 23rd when a well-supported card produced some exciting fare.

The showcase event of the night was the final of the Track Bookmakers Marathon Stake and as expected this event proved easy pickings for the Lingstown Syndicate owned and Joseph Lawlor trained Lawlors Bull (Bull Rush-Ross Gee) this 2/5 favourite posting a very easy 40.76 success. Having shaken off the early challenge of Dalcash Okee Lawlors Bull made the long break for home and preserving his one hundred per cent record in this event the Wexford black came home five and a half lengths clear of Dalcash Okee.

The consolation final saw the Thomas Fitzgerald and Pat O Farrell owned Orange Squash (Ricky The Spark-Orange Breeze) 3/1 come from near last to first in 40.88. Whaah cut out the early running from Brendas Beauty and when Savana Sahara appeared to pick up an injury the aforementioned duo appeared all set to fight out the finish. Making eye catching late headway however Orange Squash produced a flying late challenge over the final two bends and once he hit the front the Mitchelstown dog quickened clear to beat Whaah by seven lengths.

The final of the Tote Retention Christmas Cracker event produced a 6/1 winner with the Aiden Denton owned Pades Rio (Rio Riccardo-Alex Pride) producing a determined display to score in a brisk 29.08. A fast starting Sara Dara led to midway on the back stretch where Pades Rio went to the front. Seeing the trip out well Pades Rio galloped on to a cosy four and a half lengths success over Sara Dara.

Cork Airport Munster Oaks winner Abbeyside Blonde and Michael Meade Bookmakers Masters hero Valentia Citrate were the main players in the Open 550 yard event and they served up a real Christmas Cracker of a race. Abbeyside Blonde came away smartly from trap five and did ever so well to lead around the first bend from a challenging Dairyland Bandit and Valentia Citrate. Producing his customary dash of back stretch pace however the Maurice Jackson and Tom Smyth owned and Frances O Donnell trained Valentia Citrate (Larkhill Jo-Ullid Citrate) 4/6 cruised into the lead between the final two bends and to be fair to Abbeyside Blonde she never stopped trying thereafter but a free flowing Valentia Citrate was gone beyond recall obliging by three lengths in a smart 29.82.

The DJE Syndicate owned and Dick Dunphy trained Dry Kewell (Droopys Kewell-Doctor Tinrah) 5/2 made a pleasing debut in the first contest leading all the way in 29.30. Treanaree Jill gave chase throughout but Dry Kewell was not stopping in front going on to score by two lengths.

The much-improved Kilmeaden Woods (Droopys Woods-Kilmeaden Mary) made light of his 4/1 starting price in the second contest over 550 yards making all the running in 30.31. Toriel pushed the winner all the way but the Tom Coffey owned Kilmeaden Woods battled on tenaciously up the home stretch to last out by a head.

In the third race Finchogue Sally cut an early dash but running down to the third bend the Liam Walsh owned and Peter Cronin trained Aine Dubh (Kiowa Shawnee So-Ciabatta) closed right up on the leader and staying on strongly over the final two bends 3/1 shot Aine Dubh bounded into the lead to gallop on for a two and a half lengths win over a fast finishing Lorraines Black in 29.10.

The X Men Syndicate owned and Gerry Kiely trained Mulgrave Prince (Spiral Nikita-Global Velvet) 3/1 came from behind to capture the fifth contest in 29.00. The highly consistent Mulgrave Prince took over in the lead from the front running Seaview Lass between the final two bends and while Stage Ernie produced a strong finish after an early bump a determined Mulgrave Prince dug deep in the final thirty yards to triumph by a length.

The Eamon Henebery owned and Harry Boyle trained Duckys Diamond (Millstream Lad-Lewagh Heather) 3/1 made maximum use of his early pace to capture the ninth contest in a fast 28.97. Showing good early pace to lead from Nikkis Tillie and Stage Dunphy Duckys Diamond had to be at his very best in the closing stages to defeat a fast finishing Stage Dunphy by half a length.

The Mark Robert Currell owned and Paul Hennessy trained Blonde Charm (Kiowa Shawnee So-Jabilish) dropped back in distance in the tenth contest and this 4/1 shot was full value for a 30.17 winning effort over the 550 yard trip. The early paced Blonde Charm was pushed all the way by Sorrento Jack but sticking to the task in hand Blonde Charm kept finding that bit extra to win out by a length.

In the final race of the night over the 550 yard distance Windgap Carlton was backed as if defeat was out of the question and while the favourite sparked early on leading to halfway down the back stretch he had no answer to the back stretch pace of the 5/2 chance Peters Blue. Coming into this contest as reserve Z the George Roche owned Peters Blue (Larkhill Jo-Peters Dog) turned on the style in the latter half of this contest as he stayed on strongly to beat Windgap Carlton by one and a half lengths in a speedy 29.91.

Saturday January 1st 2005
Swahili Blue Tops

2005 got off to a low key start with an eleven race all graded card last Saturday night.

Footballer turned actor Vinnie Jones started the year off on a winning note as his Smoking Hewitt (Top Honcho-Smoking Barrel) 3/1 whom he owns in partnership with trainer Nick Turner made every post a winning one in the first race in 29.44. Coilmhor Saifir gave chase throughout but the early paced Smoking Hewitt went on to triumph by one and a half lengths.

The Willie Finn owned Finns First (Powerful Flash-Nosila) 2/1 led all the way from trap five in the second race to triumph in 29.49. Leading early on from Deeper In Debt and Savana Lisa Finns First had to be at his strongest in the closing stages to beat a fast finishing Bishops Tess by half a length.

Declan Catch made a brave effort to lead all the way in the third race but Lapto Lolly joined the leader off the home turn. Switching his challenge to the outside the Mrs P Holt owned Lapto Lolly (Small Fortune UK-Decisive Action) 5/2 produced the superior turn of finishing speed on the run to the winning line to register a length success in 29.19.

Trap six also housed the winner of the fourth contest as Phil O Neills home bred Fahee Droopys (Droopys Vieri-Fahee Lantern) 4/1 did the business to win out in 29.31. Striking the front off the second bend from a fast starting Top Agenda Fahee Droopys was never in any subsequent danger motoring on for a two and a half lengths victory.

The quietly supported Fighter Pilot made a bright start from trap four in the fourth but he failed to clear Oh So Precious rounding the first bend. Toss Right joined in the action over the closing two bends but to her credit the Bernadette Delaney owned Oh So Precious (Droopys Kewell-Charming Jill) 3/1 kept on in fine style to deny Fighter Pilot by two lengths in 29.21.

The Paul Keating owned Creswick Vieri (Droopys Vieri-Droopys Marsha) 5/2 got back to winning ways in the sixth contest over 550 yards coming from off the pace to score in a decent 30.21. In the early stages Hamford Spark the 6/4 hot pot showed the way to Fryvush Finkel and Glenmill Star but picking off the opposition with ease Creswick Vieri forged to the front off the home turn to win going away by five and a half lengths over Hamford Spark.

The winner of race seven produced the fastest return of the session as the Lonergans Quartet Syndicate owned and Phil Gough trained Swahili Blue (Droopys Vieri-Making Merry) 5/2 ran riot over the opposition in a speedy 28.89. Taking a flyer from trap five Swahili Blue was being hailed the winner from a long way out as he cruised to a comfortable six lengths success over a hampered Decoy Bill.

Seaview Lass cut an early dash from trap two in the eight but she was closely attended to by Stage Spark and Forest Jo on the run to the third bend. The Siobhan Kehoe owned Forest Jo (Larkhill Jo-Whitefort Jude) 3/1 made his move off the final turn and staying on well Forest Jo went on to beat Stage Spark by a length in a smart 28.94.

In the ninth contest the Kevin Cashman owned and Jude Hennessy trained Ballyverry Rio (Rio Ricardo-Jumbos Jess) 4/1 came from behind to post his third race win in 29.10. Led early on by Jays Chieftan who took a hefty bump at the first bend Ballyverry Rio displayed plenty of determination to motor into a third bend lead on the fence and once in front Ballyverry Rio freewheeled to a two and a half lengths win over Pitstop Boy.

The Martin Butcher owned Saltee Tee Jay (Hotshow Ben-Saltee Nell) 4/1 did very well to emerge with an early lead from a tightly packed bunch in the tenth race and although pushed throughout by Stage Dunphy Saltee Tee Jay did well to protect his lead before crossing the winning line with a neck to spare over a fast finishing Stage Dunphy in 29.00.

In the final race of the night the Pat Morrissey owned and Jimmy Scully trained Pet Shop Honcho (Top Honcho-Pollerton Lass) 3/1 made every yard of the running to win out in 30.34. Seeing off the back stretch challenge of Sacred Style Pet Shop Honcho remained glued to the rails to run out a cosy three lengths winner over Sorrento Jack.

Minutes Silence

A minute's silence was observed in Kilcohan Park last Saturday night as a mark of respect to the late Benny Fox, Gaullsmills, Ferrybank Waterford. Benny enjoyed many a victory at both Kilcohan Park and Enniscorthy and it was fitting that his last ever runner Determined Tiger should register a win in Kilcohan just prior to Christmas. Benny also enjoyed the horses where he also used the Determined prefix sending out winners in Point To Points and on the track proper. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.

Kilcohan Park Statistics for 2004

- Top canine money earners**
Valentia Citrate Euro 27,125
Mineola Farloe Euro 10,200
Droopys Cahill Euro 7,500
- Top canine winners**
The Other Arnie -7 Wins
Killag Stove -6 Wins
Prestige Dympha -6 Wins
Nikkis Tillie -6 Wins
Seventh Gear -6 Wins
- Leading Owners**
The late Bernard Fox-12 Winners
Maurice Jackson -13 Winners
George Roche -12 Winners
- Leading Public Trainers**
Nick Turner -40 Winners

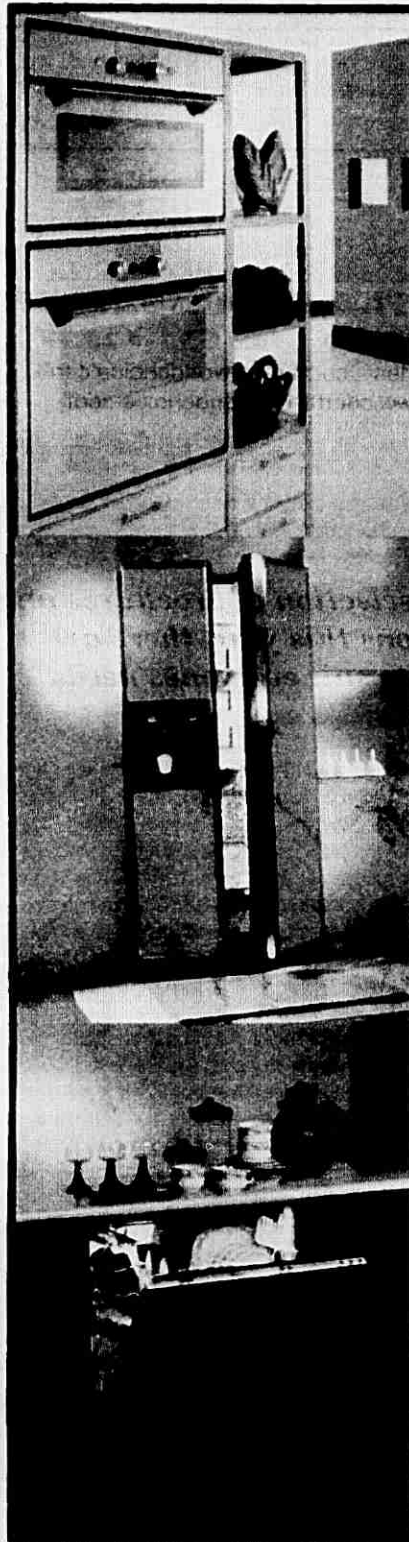
- Jim Scully -38 Winners
Frances O Donnell -24 Winners
Leading Private Trainers
Jimmy Frisby -16 Winners
Paul Kiely -12 Winners
Michael Power -12 Winners

POST RACE ENTERTAINMENT

Bill Kavanagh provides the post race music on Saturday night next.

EARLY START

For the immediate future racing in Kilcohan Park on Friday and Saturday nights will start at 7.30pm to facilitate the running of 12 race cards.



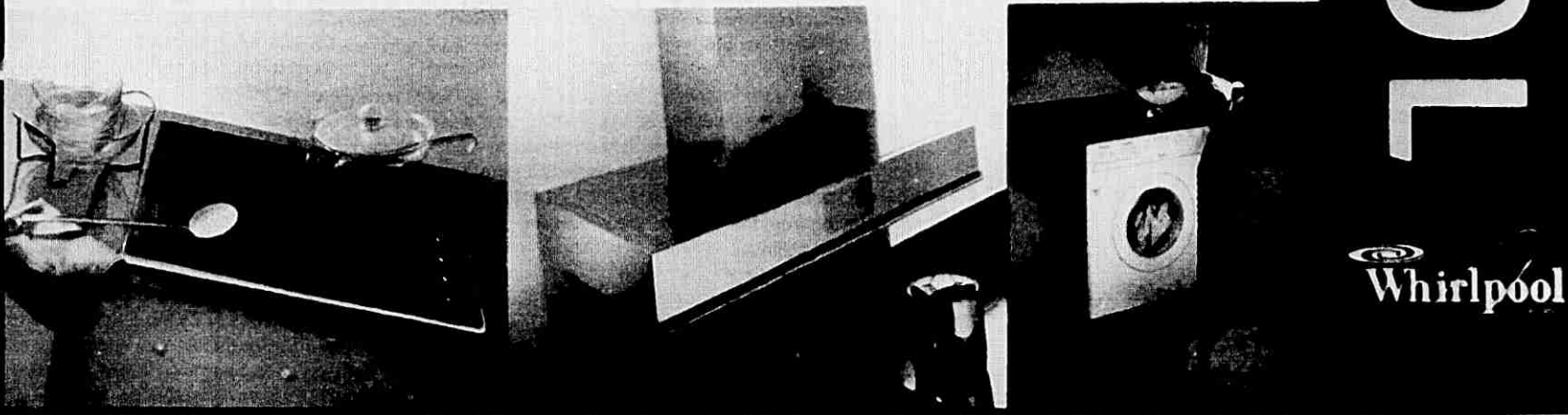
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CAPPOQUIN/AFFANE GAA CLUB NOTES

Lotto Double

At the Sportsman's Bar on Monday 20th December the numbers drawn out in the first lotto draw were 8-12-14-17. There was no jackpot winner. The numbers drawn out in the second club lotto draw were 6-12-17-20 and again there was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes of 20 euro went to each of the following: Margaret O'Donoghue, Silversprings, Dungarvan; Nora Crotty, Affane; Johnny Buckley, Ballyhane; Liam Conway, c/o Pat Cullen and Dean Morrissey, Castle Street.

At the Central Bar on Tuesday, December 28th the numbers drawn in the first club lotto draw were 4-9-22-28. There was no jackpot winner. In the second club lotto draw the numbers drawn out were 9-11-16-28 and again there was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes of 20 euro went to each of the following: Marie Morrissey, Barrack Street; Dean Mor-

rissey, Castle Street; Lidia Veale, Affane Hunter; Aidan McGrath, Boherboyrea and Paul McCormack, Killahala.

This weeks draw was held in Fawly's Bar last night, Tuesday 4th January, and both jackpots stood at 10,000 euro and 6,800 euro respectively. Results will appear in this section next week.

Three to Answer

1 Dublin have won the All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship on six occasions. But only one Dublin born player was on any of the teams, can you name him?

2 What county in New York did Tony Keady play for in 1989 which caused him to be suspended for the All-Ireland Semi Final against Tipp?

3 Rule 27 the rule which became known as "The Ban" was introduced in 1902 but what year was it abolished and under what GAA president?

Answers will appear in this section next week.

Last Weeks Answers

1 The 1947 All-Ireland Senior Football final was held in the Polo Grounds, New York where Cavan defeated Kerry 2-11 to 2-7.

2 The clubs that the following famous footballers played with are Mick O'Dwyer (Watterville), Sean O'Neill (Newry Mitchels), John Joe O'Reilly (Conna Fean), Sean Purcell (Quan Stars), Matt Connor (Walsh Island), Kevin Hefferman (St. Vincent's), Mikey Sheehy (Austin Stacks).

3 The clubs of the following famous hurling families are the Bennises (Patrick's Well), The Connolly's (Castlegar), The Dooley's (St. Keirins), The Fennelly's (Ballyhale, Shamrock's), The Lohans (Wolfe Tones, Shannon), The Quigley's and Rackards (Rathnure) and the Donnelly's (Ballycastle).

Bon Voyage

Best wishes to "Daimo" McCarthy who headed off to Australia last Wednesday for the

year. More than likely Daimo will run into one of our stalwarts, Paul Landers. So they should be able to get a bit of training done in the good weather conditions.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Cora Cummins "The Bookies" and Vinny Lombard, the Geraldine man who recently announced their engagement during the festive season.

CONGRATULATIONS

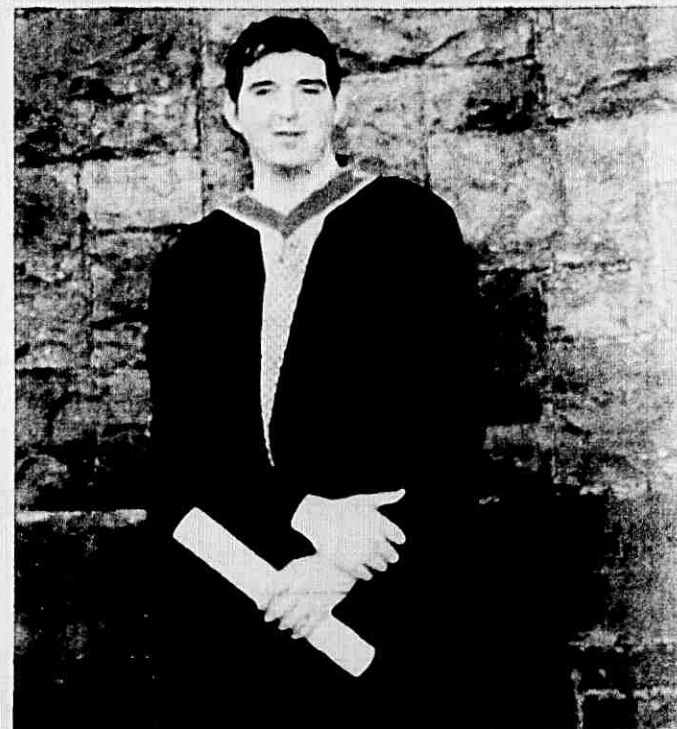
Congratulations to Gráinne and Gary Hannon on the birth of a baby boy Cian, a brother for Séan.

CAPPOQUIN KARATE

CLUB NOTES

Cappoquin Karate Club will resume training on Wednesday 12th at 8 pm sharp after the Christmas break.

GRADUATION



Jamie McGrath, Crenaughtane, Cappoquin, son of Andrew and Cathy McGrath who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computing from W.I.T.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to John and Michael Costin, Sheskin and brother Edmond Costin, Mount Melleray Abbey on the death of their aunt, Miss Bridie O'Gorman.




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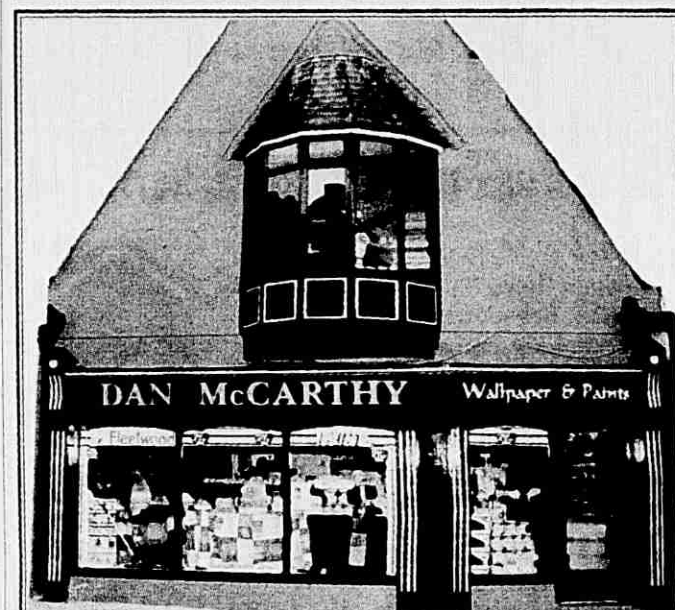
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Pictured above are (back) Ruth Hallissey, Balycoe, who was awarded a gold medal from the Royal Irish Academy of Music for her classical flute performance at the R.I.A.M. exams this year. Ruth achieved a distinction in this exam. Front left is Brian Hughes, Ballinacourty who won the U15 piano (confined) competition at the Feis Maitin this year in Cork. Front right is Lorraine Wyley, Kilrush who was presented with a TSB higher achiever award for her piano playing from the Royal Irish Academy of Music. The Permanent TSB higher achiever awards were introduced to recognise outstanding students and results in R.I.A.M. exams. Lorraine was presented with her award at a concert in the Gior Theatre, Ennis, Co. Clare of which she was asked to perform in also. Incidentally, Brian Hughes (left) was presented with the same award the previous year. Congratulations to all three musicians. All are students of Maria Condon, Dungarvan. —(Photo: Rory Wyley).



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